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St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish
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weekly newsletter

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we will be blessed with a special guest preacher!

A GROVE GATHERING

Saturday, August 14th
6:30-8:30pm

- ICE CREAM
- LIVE MUSIC
- SMORES
- SERVICE PROJECT: GO BAGS
- LAWN GAMES
- FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Summer Worship Schedule

Wednesday, 12 noon
Intercessory Prayer

Thursday, 7 pm
Evening Compline



Sunday

Rite 1 spoken
8:00 am

Rite 2 with music
9:30 am

Dear St. Thomas's Community,

With the rising Covid-19 case numbers in New Castle County, the Vestry would like to recommend that everyone over the age of 2, vaccinated or unvaccinated, wear a mask when they are attending services or other indoor activities at St. Thomas's, effective immediately. This is not a requirement, but we strongly encourage it, along with maintaining a safe distance, hand washing, and staying home when you don't feel well.

Unfortunately, the delta variant of Covid-19 is extremely contagious, and we are learning that even vaccinated people can contract it and spread it if they aren't wearing masks. Also, New Castle County is now an area of "substantial" transmission, which is when the recent CDC recommendation that vaccinated people wear masks kicks in.

Our few weeks of freedom were wonderful. We don't like to be returning to restrictions, but it's where we are right now and we must do what we can to protect ourselves and others, both individually and as a community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Connie Cooper
Senior Warden





A Guest Preacher

This Sunday, we are in for a real treat! We will have a guest preacher. You should recognize this bright youth, as she is a life-long member of our faith family: **Laura Houghton**.

Laura was born and raised in Newark, Delaware and has been at St. Thomas's her entire life. An active member of the church, she enjoys being part of both the acolyte guild and the counting committee. She is now fifteen years old and looking forward to starting her sophomore year in high school, where her favorite subjects are math and French. Outside of school and church, her biggest passion is gymnastics. This will be her fourth year competing and her tenth year in the sport. She could probably talk about it for hours on end. She plays both piano and violin, although, if she had to pick one, it would most certainly be piano. Some of her other hobbies include American Ninja Warrior, house design, movie making, letter writing, and cooking. As far as future careers go, she is trying to keep her options open: actuary, lawyer, statistician, biochemist, priest, or maybe something else entirely. Only God knows, and Laura firmly believes that He will guide her to where she needs to be.

Laura, and the youth of our parish can give inspiration to us all. Thank you to the adults who support these kids- they are the future! Please reach out to Fr Howie or the office to learn how you can be a part of Children's ministry at St Thomas.

You will not want to miss this Sunday. Please join us at 8am or 9:30am, in-person with precautions or live on YouTube.



The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David."

But the leaders were indignant. They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'"

-Matthew 21:15-16