

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we will enjoy some fellowship and FUN!



A GROVE GATHERING

THIS SATURDAY!

August 14th 6:30-8:30pm

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



A sign up went out via email for donations for our service project. Please contact the office with any questions. We are so excited to see everyone!

SCHEDULE UPDATE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

Over the summer, we have enjoyed two Sunday services: both in-person with precautions, and live on YouTube. That same format will continue this fall, however the second service will be held at it's traditional time, 10:30. This will allow time for adult ed, novel theology and other programming between services.

The Rite II service will remain at 9:30 for the remainder of August, with the first 10:30am service on September 5th.

**ALL are
Welcome!**



**Look for updates soon
about our
fall educational offerings!**

Sunday

Rite 1 spoken
8:00 am

Sunday

Rite 2 with music
10:30 am

Wednesday

12 noon
Intercessory Prayer

Thursday

7 pm
Evening Compline



Our New Sexton

Kenneth Hansen-Jones

Prayers may be powerful, but they can't clean floors. That's why churches employ sextons to manage day-to-day maintenance tasks. Sextons have worked in churches for many centuries - for example, the gravedigger in "Hamlet" describes himself as a sexton, although the tasks of a modern sexton may vary significantly from those performed by their predecessors. Today, a sexton is much more likely to spend his days cleaning and dusting than digging graves.

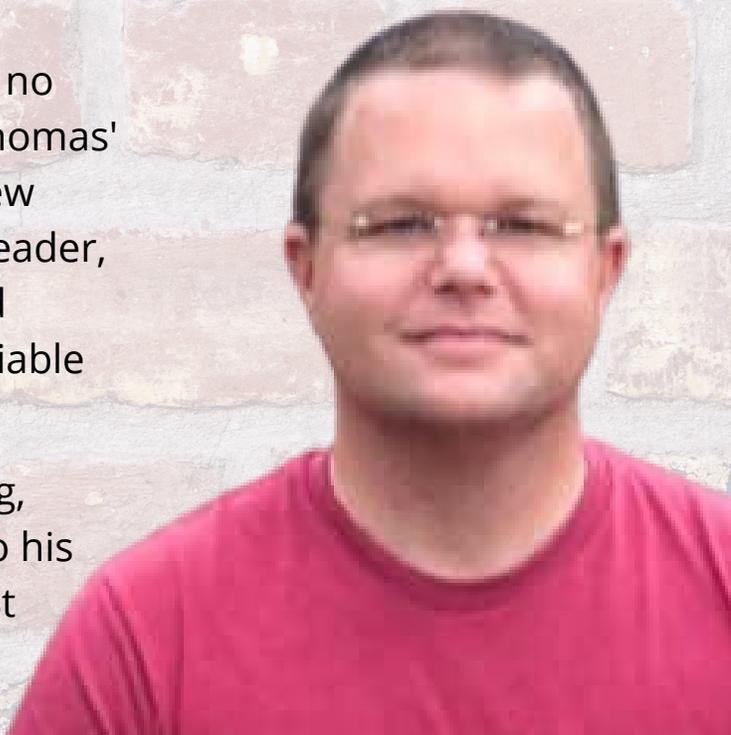
The term sexton is thought to derive from the Anglo-Saxon word *segerstein* which comes from the Latin word *sacristanus*. Literally, *sacristanus* is used to designate an individual who is responsible for the care of objects that are considered to be sacred. A sexton doesn't necessarily have to be a devout follower of the faith practiced in the church but he does have to be respectful of church traditions and congregants. Here at St Thomas, we are blessed with a new sexton who is also a member of our faith family.

So, you know that he is invested in honoring the church's history and in building the future.

Kenneth was born in Germany to Army parents (who met just down the road at Aberdeen Proving Grounds!), but did most of his growing up in Mississippi. He is a self-identified Anglophile whose spiritual awakening occurred in the Church of England during his Fulbright year in Leicester, UK, which is how he came to be a member of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.

After a difficult year of Covid isolation, he has no words to express how happy he is to be St. Thomas' new sexton: for him, it is a chance to make new friends and contribute to his community. A reader, an avid movie-goer, and a lover of history and travel, Kenneth likes to think he's always a reliable source of good conversation.

When you see him around the church building, please take a moment to welcome Kenneth to his new role of sexton, and as a member of our St Thomas faith family!



Novel Theology

2021-2022

9/12 September

Beneath the Scarlet Sky

by Mark Sullivan

10/10 October

Small Great Things

by Jody Piccoult

11/14 November

Redhead by the Side of the Road

by Anne Tyler

12/12 December

Gift From The Sea

by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

1/9 January

The Runaway Quilt

by Jennifer Chiaverini

2/13 February

The Little Bookstore of Bigstone Gap

by Wendy Welch

3/13 March

Mary Called Magdelene

by Margaret George

4/10 April

The Long Flight Home

by Alan Hlad

5/8 May

The Hero With a Thousand Faces

by Joseph Campbell

LIVE via ZOOM

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Are you interested in participating in a Women's Retreat?

Why do people need a retreat?

Because:

It's hard to hear God's voice above the hubub of everyday life
Faith is contagious and we need each other for faith to spread

Being together encourages us to
"love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24).

Worshiping, praying, and learning with our siblings in Christ
makes us stronger.

If you are interested in spending time in reflection, renewal,
fellowship, and connecting with and listening for what God may have
planned for you, then let us hear from you. We are imagining a
retreat for women of all ages at Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach.
To express your interest, please email either of the individuals listed
below:

Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry, sqkingsberry1@verizon.net
Caroline Coolidge Brown, mail@CarolineCBrown.com

If sufficient interest is expressed, a retreat will be planned for winter
2022. When you respond, please indicate:

Your first and last name.

The name of your parish.

Your age range (20-30, 50-60, etc.)

Whether you would prefer a weekday or weekend retreat.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!