



St. Thomas's
Episcopal Parish
Newark, DE

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we thank those who keep watch over our parish finances

Last week's helper was all about physical health: the health fair, pet CPR/first aid, and human CPR/AED. This week, we take a look at our financial health, and by "our" I am speaking about the parish of St. Thomas. It is the stewardship and finance ministries intention to share periodic check-ins with the congregation. You will see more of these updates, here in the Helper, throughout this year.

The Stewardship Ministry is responsible for the ongoing education and encouragement to the congregation to embrace the gifts of God we each are given, and be good stewards for the greater glory of God to the same. This is done through annual pledges of time, money, and talent to the mission and ministry of St. Thomas's Parish. This requires strategic planning, writing letters, making announcements, and keeping the parishioners up-to-date on the progress being made toward meeting the budget goals throughout the year.

They work hand in hand with The Finance Ministry. This group is responsible for working with the Vestry in developing the annual budget, monitoring monthly financial status of the parish to report to the vestry, advising the vestry on budgetary, expenditure, asset acquisition, borrowing as requested, and monitoring parish financial control to maintain our good stewardship of the gifts of the people. Additionally, the parish Fund Management Committee maintains details on St. Thomas's endowment funds which are managed at the diocesan level.

So, as you can tell, there are many caring and competent individuals in our faith family, who give of their time and talents to ensure that all the monetary gifts received, are used to the best of our ability and to the greater glory of God. Join me in a prayer of thanks for their important work:

**God, our heavenly Father,
You provide and sustain us in life.
You gave us Jesus, our priceless treasure.
May our counting and recording procedures
promote good stewardship.
Help us to fairly share our resources with others.
May we respect all matters of confidentiality
and do all in Your spirit of generosity.
Bless us with wise discretion both now and forever.
Amen.**

ALL are Welcome!

Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:00am	10:30am	Noon	7:00pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite I traditional wording	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music	Holy Eucharist intercessory prayer	Compline evening prayer



SAVE THE DATE ...

St Thomas Immunization and Health Fair

Saturday August 27th 2022, 10am - 2pm

The newly-formed St Thomas Health group is planning our inaugural Health Fair. The fair is an outreach, service, and education event for our members and the local community. We will be offering Back-to-School Immunizations, Narcan training (sign up coming soon), and have a variety of organizations providing health and safety education and information.

If you are interested in helping or know of any health-affiliated organization that would be interested in participating, please reach out to Philippa Sunnergren 302-643-2111, phil@sunnergren.com.



St Thomas's Parish is excited to offer CPR/AED training!

(Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Automated External Defibrillator (AED))

Saturday, June 4th at 9am

Please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/324965248807>
to register

*if the class fills up, there will be a waiting list and potentially additional sessions

This AHA CPR/AED Course is designed for anyone with limited or no medical training who wants to be prepared to save a life

What does this course teach?

- Describe how high-quality CPR improves survival
- Explain the concepts of the Chain of Survival
- Recognize when someone needs CPR
- Perform high-quality CPR for an adult
- Describe how to perform CPR with help from others
- Give effective breaths using mouth-to-mouth or a mask for all age groups
- Demonstrate how to use an AED on an adult
- Perform high-quality CPR for a child*
- Demonstrate how to use an AED on a child*
- Perform high-quality CPR for an infant*
- Describe when and how to help a choking adult or child
- Demonstrate how to help a choking infant*

Upon completion of all course requirements, participants receive a Heartsaver CPR AED Course Completion Card which is valid for two years.

The Christopher Donoho Medical Assistance fund was established in 2006 in memory of Chris Donoho, a Newark physician, whose office was next door to the church. This fund provides income to support the prescription drug outreach program and has been expanded to include medical expenses such as eyeglasses, dental treatment, and medical equipment.

At the end of 2021, the investment fund was worth just over \$34,000 which generated approximately \$1,200 last year to be used for Newarkers. The spending account currently holds just over \$4,300.

If you or someone you know is not seeking medical treatment due to the expense, please contact Teresa Coons on (610) 585-1238.

**St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish
First quarter 2022 budget report with narration**

Mission Statement

Nourished at Christ's table and stepping forward in faith, we are instruments of God's love, serving our parish family, the University of Delaware, our community, and God's creation.

This report is intended to update the parish on our current financial status. Actual financial reports are run each month and are available on request. The Finance Committee meets the Tuesday before each vestry meeting and in true Episcopal fashion, all are welcome.

Funding source	2022 projection	First quarter actual	% of the annual budget
Facility use gifts	\$500	\$340	68%
Pledges	\$250,000	\$82,800	33%
Plate offerings	\$7,000	\$1,800	25%
Special offerings	\$6,000	\$750	13%
Unrestricted endowment fund income	\$14,600	\$3,700	25%

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge for 2022. Pledges help us create a budget for the year which is a projection for what we expect to spend. Thank you also to everyone donates whether it is a pledge, plate, or special offering. No donation is too small. After the first quarter of the year, pledges are slightly ahead of pace which is normal because some donors give in a lump-sum at the first of the year.

Many people ask “where does the money go?” and a similar summary for our expense categories is below. We have descriptions of what each category encompasses, and you will see that they “spell” SWEEP.

	2022 projection	First quarter actual	% of the annual budget
Stewardship	\$105,600	\$26,400	25%
Worship	\$135,000	\$32,300	24%
Education	\$3,100	\$35	1%
Evangelism	\$39,000	\$8,800	23%
Pastoral Care	\$2,000	\$100	7%

Stewardship

Include office expenses, our parish administrator, technology expenses, our sexton, utilities, and property maintenance and repairs.

Worship

Includes our rector and associated clergy costs and our music director, altar guild, and liturgy guild.

Education

Includes the children’s and youth programs, confirmation, and adult education.

Evangelism

Includes Episcopal Campus Ministry, evangelism, and diocesan acceptance.

Pastoral Care

Includes parish events, budgeted outreach expenses, hospitality, and pastoral care.

For more information about the many ministries and committees doing great work at St Thomas, visit StThomasNewarkDE.church/vestry-ministries/

And, thank you again to all those behind the scenes, doing their best to make sure all of these great works are financially supported.