

# St. Thomas' Episcopal Church



**July 2019**

## ***From the Senior Warden:***

The vestry and I are pleased to announce that as of Sunday, July 14, 2019, Reverend Canon Elizabeth Habecker ("Reverend Liz") will be joining St. Thomas' as our interim rector, serving us through (tentatively) the end of November. Although it had previously been announced that Rev. Liz would begin at St. Thomas' on August 1, a change in her schedule has allowed her to join us a few weeks earlier than planned.

As things stand now, Rev. Liz will conduct the Sunday Eucharists and will have office hours on Wednesdays. The vestry continues to discuss how to handle Saturday services, and it has been proposed that they consist of Evening Prayer, with inclusion of Celtic service themes. Father Don will continue to celebrate the Healing Services on Wednesday mornings. If changes occur, parishioners will be notified through the Newsletter and Constant Contact.

A brief autobiography of Rev. Liz follows. Let's give her a warm St. Thomas' welcome on July 14!

Rick Kyte, Senior Warden

## **Biographical Sketch**

A proud native of New Jersey, I was born and raised in Montclair, New Jersey. My University days were spent in Ohio, where I lived afterward and taught high school English.

When I made the decision to seek to serve the Episcopal Church as an ordained minister, it was at the beginning of the new opportunity for women to be ordained to the priesthood. In 1977 I was among the first women to be ordained, at the Cathedral in Portland, Maine. I have led congregations in Maine, New Jersey, and California.

I have three children. Sarah and her family live in Arizona, Bill lives in Los Angeles (but wants to move to Bristol!), and Katie lives in Yarmouth, Maine. I am thrilled to be the grandmother of six and great-grandmother of two!

After serving the church in the Diocese of Los Angeles for over 20 years, I retired in 2013 and moved back to the East Coast. I am happily a resident of Bristol, RI. As a sign in one of the shops there reads, "I wasn't born in Bristol, but I got here as soon as I could." I very much enjoy being part of this community and hope to be an active resident for many years.

Reverend Liz



## BITS AND PIECES

--WELCOME TO REV LIZ HABECKER!!

--We wish our organist, Brian Larkin, a wonderful summer rest! Thanks, Brian, for your faithful service each week and for shepherding our treasured choir. The organ certainly gets a workout under your hands! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

--Just a reminder that summer hours at St. Thomas' begin on Sunday, July 7. Services on Sunday mornings will now be held at 8:00am and **9:30am**. We will return to our regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 8, the Sunday after Labor Day.

--Our neighbor Anderson-Winfield will be repaving our parking lot on the weekend of **July 6 and 7**. The church parking lot will NOT be available on those days! Alternate parking suggestions include the medical building on Smith Ave. (next to the rectory) and on the street.

### A THOUGHT ABOUT TRANSITIONS...

(Taken from "Good Transitions by Hope Eakins in Vestry Papers for May 2018)



"...Trust that God is on the journey with you and that God has something new in store for you. Don't forget to say your prayers and to listen to God and to others. Continuing to pray purposefully and intentionally during an interim period embodies the conviction that you are living out God's word and that you are part of God's mission."

(thanks to Margaret Noel for suggesting this)

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## GIFT CARD RAFFLE COMING (Time is running short!)

A raffle of gift cards with total value of \$750 will end on Sunday, July 14, after the 9:30 service, when the **grand prize** will be drawn. Tickets cost \$25 each and we will sell only 80, increasing your chances of winning! Tickets may be purchased after church services at the ministry table and at the church office in the rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9am to 1pm. Thanks to all who donated cards!

Some of the merchants represented in the drawing are Greenville Inn, Amazon, Lowe's, Lindy's Tavern, Laura's Diner, Wright's Chicken Farm, Dave's Marketplace, Dunkin' Donuts, Wright's Dairy Farm, Stop & Shop, Mai Thai Cuisine Restaurant, and Newport Creamery.



## CITY CAMP REMINDER

In a few short weeks, starting on Tuesday, July 16, our first City Camp campers will arrive at St. Thomas', ready for a day of activity, food, and fellowship! Sign-up sheets for parishioners who are offering to help with food preparation and serving, as well as the important role of hosting, will be on the ministry table on Sunday, June 30. Our final dates for City Camp are Tuesday, July 30 and Tuesday, August 13. Sign-up sheets for these dates will be available two weeks before each event.

The greatest need is for individuals and families to sit at the table and share lunch with the children, to help them feel welcome, get to know them a bit, and maybe teach them how to spread butter on bread! Because counselors are there to supervise the children's activities, volunteers bear no responsibility other than helping the children feel at home. You are guaranteed to go home with a smile on your face and joy in your heart!

You can also help by donating healthy snacks (see Outreach board for list) or by contributing monetarily to purchase them. (See Marty Brown with cash or checks made out to St. Thomas' with City Camp in the memo line.)

## WINGS PLANS SUMMER BARBECUE

All St. Thomas' women are cordially invited to enjoy the summer sun as WINGS (Women In Need of Growing Spiritually) hosts a barbecue on Monday, July 22 at the home of member Jan Boyd, 79 Lake Drive, Chepachet, on Echo Lake. The fun starts at 2 pm, but come when you can! Bring something to cook on the grill and a side dish (salad, dessert, etc.) for all to share. We plan a relaxing afternoon of fellowship and fun, with swimming and a ride on Jan's pontoon boat if you want a more active time.



There will be a sign-up sheet on the ministry table, so you can indicate that you are coming and to let Jan know what you will bring. Jan's street is located to the right off Route 44, shortly after passing Echo Lake and the ECC turnoff. Second house on the right. We hope to see you there!



## NEXT CBW DATE IS JULY 27

St. Thomas' volunteers' next scheduled date to help create this outdoor worship experience in Downtown Providence is Saturday, July 27, from 11:30 am (food prep time) to 3:30 pm (end of service, meal, and fellowship). As always, your help at any time during this period is appreciated. Your efforts enable this street-church community to "build solidarity among people from all walks of life--housed and unhoused, poor and privileged, churched and unchurched." A mission of our diocese, in partnership with the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Church Beyond the Walls also offers a weekly Bible Study and free group and individual counseling through the RI Interfaith Counseling Center. The personal reward of giving this way is **beyond measure!** Please call Tom Mulvey at (401) 219-9089 with questions, or to volunteer on this or future dates.

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Albert Robinson 2	Claudia Amaral 20	Samantha Gales 25
Barbara Plouffe 6	Joseph D'Angelo 20	Tiffani Herchen 25
Peter Grace 7	Joshua North 21	Jessica Hodgins 25
Justin Turcotte 7	Olivia Turcotte 21	Sarah Thompson 26
Lisa Coleman 8	Rowena Pouliot 22	Carol Derosier 29
Riley Whitten 10	Dillon Turcotte 22	Deborah Farrar 29
Samuel Placido 13	Lilianna Grace Turcotte 22	Marisa Catanzaro 31
Zachary Wedda 16	Michelle Kelley 23	Russell Couture 31
	Donald Boulais 25	



## JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Maurice and Kelly Sarette 9
Kevin and Joelle Fournier 13
Samuel and Deborah Ciotola 14
Russell and Julia Couture 14
Phil and Nicole Larkin 17
Bob and Sandi Williams 25
Charlie and Nancy Miller 26
John and Janice Crouse 30
Robert and Ashley Fiske 30
Roger and Judith Teixeira 30

## IN MEMORIAM

The St. Thomas' community was saddened by the death of parishioner Pauline Carpenter, age 99, on June 20. Pauline was a Cradle Episcopalian who transferred to St. Thomas' from Calvary after Calvary's closing. She had worked for the former Stillwater Worsted Mill and for Zambarano Hospital. Pauline is survived by her sons Michael and David, as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. Her memorial service was conducted by Rev. Jennifer West at Brown Funeral Home in Burrillville on June 25. Our deepest condolences are extended to Pauline's family.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:00am Healing Service & HE  9:30am-2:00pm Crafting group	4  Happy 4th of July!	5	6 5:30 HE
7 8:00 HE 9:30 HE	8	9	10 9:00am Healing Service & HE  9:30am-2:00pm Crafting group	11 6-8:00pm Knitting  6:30pm Vestry	12	13 4:00pm Caregiver Support Group  5:30—HE
14 8:00 HE 9:30 HE	15	16 11:00am- 3:00pm City Camp	17 9:00 Healing Service & HE  9:30am-2:00pm Crafting group	18 6-8:00pm Knitting	19	20 Dollar Weekend  5:30—HE
21 8:00 HE 9:30 HE  Dollar Weekend	22 2:00pm Wings Barbecue  6:30-8:00 pm Order of St. Luke  	23	24 9:00 Healing Service & HE  9:30am-2:00pm Crafting group	25 6-8:00pm Knitting	26	27 5:30—HE
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A Prayer for the Search Process



Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so Guide the minds of those who shall call a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*