

TOWER TALK

January 16 and 17, 2010

- HOST-**(Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas)****Part of JoCo IHN—a ministry to homeless families****IHN TRAINING LOCATION
CORRECTION!!!**

The address for Jan. 20 training has previously been listed incorrectly. The **correct address** for Ascension Catholic Church is **127th & GRANT**. Training is from 6:30-9PM on Wed., Jan. 20. Anyone interested in IHN is welcome. RSVPs are not necessary. For more information, see www.jocoihn.org. If you have questions, contact Dola McNown, 913-541-9226, Suzanne Hicks, 913-768-0940 or Becky Bullock, 913-338-1573.

**EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK
A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services****News from St. Paul's**

Kansas City, KS schools were closed on Wednesday, January 6, so the Pantry was also. It was COLD Saturday morning the 9th, but our hearts were warm. We combined again with the Breakfast team to be able to distribute the Whole Foods perishables to departing guests. About 100 came to Breakfast. With better weather (hopefully!), we hope to be "back to normal" for awhile. Please join us and bring grocery bags! We need jelly and syrup in normal sizes, and Sam's sizes of ground coffee, cooking oil, laundry detergent, and dish washing soap. We don't need empty bottles larger than 8 oz.

Breakfast at St. Paul's Program

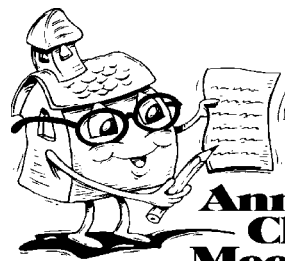
Happy New Year to ALL !! It is amazing that another New Year is upon us. With the New Year comes a new opportunity to volunteer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, KS. In case you are unfamiliar with the Breakfast Program, every Saturday for over ten years, more than 200 Kansas City residents visit St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 1300 N 18th Street in Kansas City, KS to eat a hot breakfast provided by volunteers from local churches. In 2009, volunteers from St. Thomas served almost 900 hot breakfasts to Guests on four weekends!!

Saturday, January 30th is the fifth Saturday of the month and St. Thomas the Apostle's volunteer day helping with the "Breakfast at St. Paul's" Outreach Program. There are two shifts to choose from where your time and assistance would be very much appreciated. Anyone is welcome to stay for both shifts and no experience is necessary! The first shift can drive to St. Paul's or meet at St. Thomas at 7:15 AM and drive/carpool to St. Paul's to arrive around 7:45 AM to help set-up, prepare and cook food until about 9:30 AM. The second shift should drive to St. Paul's and arrive around 9:00 AM to help greet, serve food and clean up until about 11:30 AM. Each breakfast includes fun and fellowship as well as a short Eucharist shared before breakfast is served. This is truly a wonderful opportunity to share in God's work by being a part of the "Breakfast at St. Paul's" Outreach Program. As this New Year begins, please consider sharing your time and joining us as we gather, share the spirit of St. Thomas the Apostle members and reach out to the community.

A signup sheet can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn or Dan Elman at dan.elman@yahoo.com or call: 913.908.0465 (Lynn) or 913.620.5100 (Dan).

Backsnack Program

This is a reminder that we still need helpers to clean the backsnacks—Sundays through Wednesdays. This is a program for children in need of food over the weekends at Comanche Elementary School in Overland Park. We give all supplies and assistance if needed. Call Denis or Ellen Peters at 913-681-8642.

**Annual
Church
Meeting****Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

Dinner at 6:00 in the Assembly Room
Meeting at 7:00 in the nave

Please sign up on the bulletin board
outside the office to bring food to share.

**The deadline for articles for
the next "Apostle" is
this Sunday, January 17th**

Please send your articles to Rosemary Abbott via e-mail - rnrse71@kc.rr.com or put it in her mailbox in the Communication Room.

News from the FLOWER GUILD

Just a reminder that we are at the beginning of the New Year and our flower calendar is located on the beautiful new bulletin boards just past the office. Please feel free to sign up for any special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or memorial. Your special day will be recognized with altar flowers and announced in the Tower Talk each week. The suggested donation for flowers is \$50.00. All donations are welcome.



*We wish to express our
thanks for the
generous gifts given to
us at Christmas!*

*Barbara Adam, Fr. Gar Demo,
Ann Clements, Beth Elswick, Katie Knoll Lenon, Kevin
Schmidt, Ed Sisk, Anne Thompson*

**The pictorial directories have arrived and
will be in the narthex. One directory is
available per family. For those whose
photos are included—your directory will
be labeled and placed in alphabetical order
in a separate box.**

Outreach, cont.**CFCA POTLUCK
Sunday, January 24 - 12 o'clock**

All CFCA sponsors and anyone interested in learning more about CFCA are invited to a potluck on Jan. 24, at 12noon. We will meet in the Assembly Room.

Bring a dish – enough to serve about 4 people. Sponsors will have time to share the latest news from their sponsored person. We'll have letter-writing materials available and a camera and printer so sponsors can include a photo of themselves when mailing their letter.

Everyone is welcome. Contact John or Dola McNown with any questions. 913-541-9226



Parents' Night Out

February 6th, 2010 6-11pm

We are pleased to invite you to our next Parents' Night Out that is taking place February 6th from 6 to 11 in the evening. We have such a good time with playing games, coloring and crafts, watching movies and eating snacks together. Our youth look forward to being with your kids and enjoy the relationships they form with them. Our nursery is also open for our younger children.

This fundraiser is a great way for us to be able to provide our students with scholarships to youth events and activities. It also gives us a chance to interact with the younger students and to form good relationships between our young and older children here at St. Thomas.

We provide a couple different snacks through out the evening for everyone, but we do not provide a full meal. We do, however, understand if a child needs to be dropped off with a meal we will provide a place for them to enjoy their dinner.

There will be a signup sheet in the hall. We do not ask for a specific charge for this evening—we just ask for a free-will donation. Thank you for your support and participation.

Katie Knoll Lenon—Director of Youth Ministry

Bridge 2010

Friday, January 29, 7:00 PM

Assembly Room at St. Thomas

Sign up now for Bridge on the 29th. The sheet is on the bulletin board by the office. If you want/need a reminder, leave a phone number.

The St. Thomas Nursery

The nursery offers TLC to all children from birth through 3 years of age. The nursery is open every Sunday from 8:30 to 12:00 and for most all parish events. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Anne Thompson @ 913-231-9701 or athompson@stthomasop.org.



Café St. Thomas

Saturday, February 6 - 9-11:30

More info to follow...

This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday, 01/17/2010

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice –nave
 8:45 AM Holy Communion
 9:50 AM Choir Practice-loft
 Sunday School-all classrooms
 Adult Forum-Asbly Rm
 10:45AM Holy Communion & Baptism
 6:00 PM AA-Asbly Rm
 7:00 PM Youth Group-LL/Rm 137
 EFM-Rm 133/134

Asbly Rm =
 Assembly Room

Monday, 01/18/2010

Office Closed in honor of Martin Luther King Day
 5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
 6:00 PM Parish Council at Demo's
 7:00 PM Explorers-Rm 134

Tuesday, 01/19/2010

9AM-1PM Parents' Day Out-Nursery
 6:30 PM ChristCare Grp Ldr Trng-Rm 137
 7:00 PM Pathway to Hope (families), Rm 133/134
 Book Club-Asbly Rm

Wednesday, 01/20/2010

11:00 AM Lunch Bunch-Asbly Rm
 4:00 PM Children's Choir-nave
 5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice-nave
 8:00 PM Adult Choir-nave loft

Thursday, 01/21/2010

11:00 AM Bible Study-Asbly Rm
 6:30 PM Eagle Scouts-all rooms except nave/Asbly

Friday 01/22/2010

Rector's Day Off

Saturday, 01/23/2010

5:30 PM Holy Communion (Pastoral Care hosts coffee)

For a listing of more dates, go online to the website (www.stthomasop.org) and click on "Calendar." You may also refer to the calendar on the bulletin board in the main hallway next to the office. To add an event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 451-0512 or calendar@stthomasop.org.

Articles for "Tower Talk" are due by NOON EVERY MONDAY. Articles will only run for a duration of two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth by e-mail mrisebig@stthomasop.org, put a note in her box in the Communication Room, call her at 913-451-0512, or hand it to her directly.

FREE! 12 rolls of 3 in. adding machine paper (not thermal). Free to anyone who can use it. Contact Therese Greene at thgreene@everestkc.net or 913/338-2952.

If your e-mail address has changed recently, you've just gotten e-mail, or if you'd like to join our e-mail list online, please register this information on the special sheet on the signup bulletin board in the main hallway.

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, *Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas*; The Rev. Gar Demo, *Rector*; The Rev. Kevin Schmidt, and The Rev. Edwin Sisk, *Associated Priests*; The Rev. Barbara Adam, *Deacon*; Ann Clements, *Director of Children's Ministry*; Dr. Beth Elswick, *Director of Music Ministry*; Katie Knoll Lenon, *Director of Youth Ministry and Small Groups*; Anne Thompson, *Director of Nursery*; Meribeth Risebig, *Administrative Assistant*

The Vestry: Sue Elliott, *Senior Warden* 913-302-2086; Weldon Fate, *Junior Warden* 913-402-6855; Emily Barnes; Bob Beeler; Ted Bemis; Judy Dutra; Brad Eldridge; Brian Geary; Jim Kahlfeldt; Deb McArthur; Jan Summers; Mary Lynn Swafford; Kathy Townley, *Treasurer*; Jack Swafford, *Co-Treasurer*; Beth Anderson, *Clerk*