

TOWER TALK

January 23 and 24, 2010

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

We continue to see record numbers of neighbors coming to the Pantry doors seeking food and we are thrilled to be able to help them. Thanks for the wonderful donations that fill up the red wagons! Please remember that St. Thomas is trying to staff the Pantry on the second Saturday of each month. Sign up on the bulletin board and be a part of this great ministry.

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.

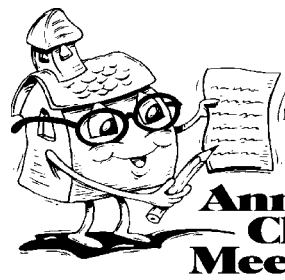
A signup sheet can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn or Dan Elman at dan.elman@yahoo.com or call: 913.908.0465 (Lynn) or 913.620.5100 (Dan).

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.

CFCA POTLUCK—This Sunday

CFCA sponsors and anyone interested in learning more about CFCA are invited to a potluck this Sunday, Jan. 24, noon. 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.

**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.

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.



You may pick up your pictorial directory 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.

*10th Annual**Café St. Thomas... presents*

**"At the Hop" Breakfast
& White Elephant Exchange**
Saturday, February 6 - 9-11:30 in the Asbly Rm

Dust off your poodle skirt or roll up your jeans, comb that duck tail or beehive and bop on over to St. Thomas for a trip down memory lane (or not)... for you youngsters...

Please bring a non-perishable food item for St. Paul's Food Pantry and your most prized "white elephant" gaily wrapped to exchange - one per person.

FYI... this will be our tenth year—chasing away the winter blahs. Some say "the most fun activity during the year"! Come see for yourself!!

Any questions? Give Linda Manual, 438-7407 or Sharon Moorhead, 851-1899 a call.

"L—7" ... "Daddy-O" ... "Cool Cat"





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 throughout 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed

Tuesday, February 16th, 2010

for the Youth and their Summer Mission Programs
Mission Trip and ROTC

from 6-8pm

\$5 per plate, \$10 for family

Our Dixie Land Band will be there!

This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday, 01/24/2010

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice –nave
8:45 AM Holy Communion
9:50 AM Choir Practice-loft
Sunday School-all classrooms
Adult Formation-Asbly Rm
10:45AM Holy Communion
12:00 PM CFCA Lunch-Asbly Rm
6:00 PM AA-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM Youth Group-LL/Rm 137
EFM-Rm 133/134

Asbly Rm =
Assembly Room

Monday, 01/25/2010

1:30 PM Staff Mtg-Asbly Rm
5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
5:45 PM Finance Committee-Rm 137
6:45 PM Vestry Mtg-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM Explorers-Rm 134

Tuesday, 01/26/2010

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

Wednesday, 01/27/2010

4:00 PM Children's Choir-nave
5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
6:00 PM Annual Mtg potluck-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM Annual Mtg-nave

Thursday, 01/28/2010

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

Friday 01/29/2010

Rector's Day Off
7:00 PM Bridge-Asbly Rm

Saturday, 01/30/2010

5:30 PM Holy Communion

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*