

TOWER TALK

May 29 and 30, 2010

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Summer Camp Applications

Summer Camp is just around the corner and is a great experience that you don't want to miss! There are three different sessions all listed below. For more information or to print off a registration form please visit www.episcopal-ks.org/youth. You can also find registration forms in the downstairs youth room. Scholarships are available, so please contact Katie Knoll Lenon for more information. **Camp Dates: High School Session (Grades 9-12) June 6-12; Jr. High Session (Grades 6th-8th) June 13-19; Intermediate Session (Grades 3-5) June 20-26**

Reaching Out to the Community

Grades 3rd-5th (Fall 2010) - June 7-11, 7:30AM-5:30PM

Please consider signing them up for this fun summer day camp put on by St. Thomas. During this week your child will have the opportunity to serve others in need in a safe and loving way. We also will enjoy various activities in the afternoons like swimming, games, maybe going to the zoo and doing other fun things around Kansas City. The cost will be \$50 per student which covers transportation and most of the afternoon activities. Children will bring a sack lunch with them everyday, and we will start and end each day at St. Thomas. For more information or registration packet please contact Katie Knoll Lenon at 913-451-0512.

kklenon@stthomasop.org.

Reaching Out to the Community for Grades 6th-9th (Fall 2010), June 28-July 2, 7:30AM-5:30PM

Same information as above, except cost is a little higher based on our afternoon activities, and transportation to and from. Cost per youth is \$100.

Summer Movie Sundays

How about we take a break from the heat this summer and all catch a movie together now and then. We can meet together on a couple of Sundays in the months of June, July, and August. Sometimes we will meet at church to watch a movie and other times we will meet at the movie theatre. We will probably always go see a movie around 1pm or 2pm in the afternoon. You can look forward to seeing movies like **Toy Story 3** and **Despicable Me** in theatres. The dates for these Movie Sundays are **June 6th, June 20th, July 11th, July 25th, Aug 1st and Aug 15th**. I will keep you posted on times and places as we approach the Movie Sunday.

Missionpalooza

Missionpalooza is a youth event for students in 8th through 12th grade this year. It is an event put on by both the Diocese of Kansas and the Diocese of West Missouri. We spend a week living out of St. Paul's on the Missouri side and each day we go out to a work site of the youths' choice. There are a lot of different choices like Habitat for Humanity, Wayside Waifs, Operation Breakthrough, and more. You can work with children, animals, the elderly, the homeless and hungry, or building and construction. In the evening there are fun things to do like go to the pool or go to the plaza. The food is often very good. You will meet and make many new friends. The dates are **July 13th-18th**. Cost and registration is coming soon. Scholarships available.

Summer Camping Trip

We thought we would end our summer this year with a weekend in the wilderness. We are planning a camping trip to some places pretty close to St. Thomas. This is for our youth in **grades 6th-12th** starting in the fall and for our graduated seniors before they head off to college. More information about this event, like location, cost, and what to bring, will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars for **August 6th-8th**.



July 11-15, 6-8:30 p.m.

"Renew," St. Thomas' 2010 Vacation Bible School, revolves around caring for our Earth and each other. We have an exciting opportunity to create a fun-filled week for kids with Bible stories, planting and recycled crafts! Registration forms will be available this weekend, and can also be found on our website home page.

ST. THOMAS YOUTH: Will you be in 6th or 7th grade during the upcoming school year (2010-2011)? If so, we would like to invite you to help with Vacation Bible School this summer. We will need all kinds of volunteers, from assistance with games to assisting group leaders. If you are interested and will be around during the week of July 11-15, please call Laura Taylor Wiltanger (302-1424). College students—you are invited, too! This is a great way to fulfill volunteer hours.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are free the week of July 11-15 in the evening from 6-8:30, please consider assisting with Vacation Bible school. We are putting together a great team of people and want you on board as well! We are especially in need of adults to assist group leaders (you would be working directly with our wonderful St. Thomas children). Call Laura Taylor Wiltanger (302-1424) if you are interested.

Donations needed:

There are green donation boxes at St. Thomas for items we will need for various projects. Please save the following: GARDENING MAGAZINES, OATMEAL CONTAINERS, SHOE BOXES and CEREAL BOXES. We also need an assortment of SEEDS, large and small. We may add to this list as we get closer to finalizing our projects, so continue to watch this spot in Tower Talk!

Finally, if you are handy with a SEWING MACHINE, we would love your help putting together a "recycled garden" to decorate our church during VBS. Please contact Laura Taylor Wiltanger (302-1424) if you might be interested in sewing flowers with recycled or leftover fabric. Patterns will be provided, but you'll need to provide the fabric.

JUST FOR FUN !!!

"Gals' Garden Gathering"

Saturday, June 5, 2010

1:00—3:00 p.m.

The Apostle's Garden **



Please join us for a "gab-fest" and goodies in the garden. Come as you are... casual attire. Sorry guys... gals only!!
Sign up: Bulletin board in hallway
Any questions? Call Linda Manuel, 438-7407, or Sharon Moorhead, 851-1899.

** Inclement weather—narthex



Sunday School for children and Adult Forum will begin again next Sunday, June 6 and will meet through July.

OUTREACH AT ST. THOMAS

- EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK - A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

Tuesday, June 8 from Noon to 1:00 PM
Episcopal Community Services
A Brief Introduction to Hunger Relief

*We would like your help to introduce more people to our mission.
How? Simple: Bring a Friend to Lunch
(even better, a free lunch)*

Founders Hall at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
13th and Broadway
Downtown Kansas City, Missouri, across from Bartle Hall

Please RSVP to
RSVP@EpiscopalCommunity.org
or (816) 561-8920

ST. PAUL'S EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Thank you all for your continued support of St. Paul's Emergency Food Pantry whether it be in the way of donations, volunteers or prayers of support - all is appreciated. The hosting churches who will be volunteering the next two Saturdays are: May 29th - St. Paul's and St. Thomas; June 5th - St. Peters

... and as always, our Faithful Regular volunteers.

We have key positions that must be filled during our operating hours. Please contact Kim Palmer if you have any questions.

We continuously need cooking oil, laundry and dish soap and personal toiletry items (i.e. deodorant, feminine hygiene items, bar soap), coffee (regular and especially instant) or tea bags, disposable diapers to stock the pantry shelves.

- HOST - (Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas)

LIVE LOBSTERS—Lobster order forms are available on the IHN table in the Narthex. Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our fundraiser and give them a copy of the order form. **All orders are due by Thursday June 10**, with payment, and lobsters will be ready on the afternoon of June 19, 2010 at St. Thomas. Please place your orders in the IHN house on the IHN table or in the Outreach mailbox in our mail room. Contact Donna Fye at djfye@yahoo.com if you have questions.

IHN FUNDRAISERS - Save this Date

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 - **4th Annual Golf Tournament** @ Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Lenexa, 8 am tee time.

Flowers on the Altar have been given to
the Glory of God by

Jim and Mary Birkhead in thanksgiving for their son, John, on his birthday, June 3, and their granddaughter, Annie, on her birthday, May 31.

Congratulations!

Paul Shinn, our former pianist, has been selected as a semi-finalist in an international jazz competition in solo jazz piano. The finals will be held in July in Montreaux, Switzerland. Paul has been awarded a jazz scholarship to North Texas State University to pursue his master of music degree this fall.

Please say thank you and goodbye to Jeff Bubb. Jeff has been selected to play tuba in an army post band. We thank him for playing and singing at St. Thomas for the past four and a half years.

Danielle Bernadette Roever and Andrew Jonathan Roever are being baptized at the 5:30 Saturday service this weekend. They were born on April 16, 2010. Parents are John and Therese Roever.



CLOTHING NEEDED

The Christ Care Small Group Leadership Training class is planning a missional service project. We will be collecting good, clean clothing for the St. Paul Thrift Store. Details will follow soon but wanted you to have a "heads up" so that as you clean out your closets you will save the clothes for the drive. If you have any questions, contact Katie Knoll Lenon at the church or Linda Bemis, 913-856-4689. Thank you.

Daytime Bridge

A reminder to sign up today for Bridge—Thursday, June 3, 12:30—2:30 p.m. There are always places for more. A signup sheet is on the board by the office.

“The Apostle” to Be Online Soon

Please note that the newsletter was mailed on Thursday 5/27, but with recent cutbacks at the US Postal service, the Shawnee Mission branch no longer processes bulk mail. All bulk mail is sent to either Kansas City, MO or Des Moines, IA. This means that our newsletter will not arrive in your mailboxes in a timely fashion. Now it takes up to 2 weeks for our news to arrive in your mailboxes from the time the newsletters are mailed in Shawnee Mission.

The newsletter will soon be posted on our STA website under "News." Read it there, or print and read at your leisure.

Prayer Chain Requests

For all prayer chain requests, please call Therese Greene, 913-338-2952 or email - thgreene@everestkc.net; or Diane Monteen, 913-268-7788 or dmonteen@hotmail.com. Include your phone number in case they have any questions. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain to receive prayer requests, call the church at 451-0512.

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.

This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday, 05/30/2010

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice-nave
8:45 AM Hoy Communion
9:45 AM Choir Practice-nave loft
10:45 AM Holy Communion
1:00 PM Financial Peace-Asbly Rm
6:00 PM AA-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM EFM-Rm 133/134
No Youth Group this week

Monday, 05/31/2010

Memorial Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, 06/01/2010

6:30 PM ChristCare Training-Asbly Rm

Wednesday, 06/02/2010

11:30 AM Office Volunteer Lunch-narthex
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, 06/03/2010

Friday, 06/04/2010

Rector's Day Off

7:00 PM SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism)-Asbly Rm

Saturday, 06/05/2010

1-3 PM Gals' Garden Gathering-Apostle's Garden
5:30 PM Holy Communion

Asbly Rm =
Assembly Room

For a listing of more dates, go online to the website (www.stthomasop.org) and click on "Calendar." To add a mtg. or event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 451-0512 or calen-dar@stthomasop.org.