

TOWER TALK

October 1 and 2, 2011

UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM

Sunday School - 9:45 am in classrooms end of hall
Adult Forum - 9:50 am in the Assembly Room

This weekend Bill Tammeus, Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn and Fr. Gar Demo will present: "Israel Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." This presentation will include some information about the trip that these three are leading next spring. However, the conversation will focus on the theological, historical and political significance of the Holy Land. The class will begin at 9:50 in the Assembly Room. Please join us for this important conversation!

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING
October 16, 5:30 pm

- YOUTH NEWS! -

Youth Camping Trip

October 21st-22nd at Shawnee Mission Park, Camp Site 2
Cost \$30 per youth

Registration available online and at church office

Come enjoy the outdoors with your youth group. Any and all youth from 6th- 12th grade are invited. Turn in registration before October 17th. For more information contact Katie Knoll Lenon kklenon@stthomasop.org, 913-396-2922

Children & Youth Building Fund Project

All St. Thomas young people, children, and youth are invited to join in on a fun surprise fundraiser to help raise funds for the church's building project. We will gather at St. Thomas on Saturday, October 8th at 3pm to help set up for this event. The actual fundraising event will take place Oct. 8 and 9 at all services. Please let Katie Knoll Lenon know if you can attend. Kklenon@stthomasop.org or 913-396-2922.

Please come with checks in hand to make our church beautiful for the Bishop's visit (Oct. 16).
Watch your email for more details!

Boo Bash Setup

We will have another **Boo Bash** this year with a Haunted House provided by the Youth Group. We will begin building that Haunted House on all Tuesday evenings in October from 6-8pm, starting on Oct. 4th. If you are a youth or parent of a youth, please consider attending one or more of these creative evenings to provide a fun night for our congregation. Boo Bash will be October 30th at 4pm at St. Thomas.

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



- ♦ in loving memory of Caroline Rose Mahoney whose birthday would have been October 1
—Francis Ames
- ♦ in celebration of our wedding anniversary—Jay Lehnertz and Helen Macdonald



To express a celebration, thanksgiving, special event, or remembrance, sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway, contact the church office (913-451-0512) or email mrisebig@stthomasop.org.

BLESSING OF PETS

This Sunday, October 2nd, 4 pm



Come one, come all, with creatures great and small, for the annual "Blessing of the Animals." Pets of all faiths, denominations, breeds, sizes, healthy or ill, are welcome. There will be a short service to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi and a blessing prayer over each animal. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Reflect...Give thanks...Celebrate...

On October 22nd and 23rd St. Thomas will hold its annual Consecration Weekend---a special gathering of our parish family to reflect, pray, and celebrate God's abundance in our lives. We will give thanks at two worship services, Saturday at 5:30 and Sunday at 10:00. Each service will be followed by fellowship as we enjoy a catered meal from Culinary Cornerstone featuring barbecue with two sides, drinks and dessert. This year's entertainment will feature a balloonist to entertain young and old alike.

Help us plan this special celebration of time, talent and treasure by completing a reservation card which will be distributed this weekend at all services. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We will observe our custom of remembering the faithful departed at all services **November 5 at 5:30 and November 6 at 8:45 and 10:45 am.**

A notebook has been placed in the narthex to list the names of your loved ones. We ask that you **print legibly** so we can properly announce their names in the service. **The deadline to submit names is Sunday, October 30.** You may also bring pictures of your "special saints" on Nov. 5 and 6 to be placed on a table set up in the narthex.



St. Thomas Nursery Now Offering Wednesday Night Hours

We are now offering childcare in our Nursery on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm for those attending music rehearsals!

The Nursery is available for all children birth through 3 years of age. It is open every Sunday from 8:30-12, and for most all-parish events.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

October 6, 9:30 am

Our 1st study will be on the Old Testament books of AMOS & HOSEA, two of the minor prophets. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board along with a brief sketch of these writings. Everyone will have a resource book from Kerygma Studies which are very informative. This study will conclude the Thursday before Thanksgiving. We will take part in Advent studies and do another study beginning in January, 2012. Any questions, call Marge 492-3305.

Outreach at St. Thomas

EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK

A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

Breakfast at St. Paul's Outreach Program

Wow! Did summer fly by or was it just us? We cannot believe it is October already!

Once again, it is time for another opportunity to share the gifts God has blessed you with by volunteering at the "Breakfast at St. Paul's" Outreach Program. Saturday, October 29th, is the fifth Saturday of the month and St. Thomas the Apostle has committed to Volunteer at the "Breakfast at St. Paul's" Outreach Program on this day. The gift of your joyous smile while serving the Guests at this breakfast can make a world of difference to those less fortunate and will help cheer them up during this scary time of year!

Each breakfast includes fun and fellowship as well as a short Eucharist before breakfast is served as we share the loving and giving spirit of St. Thomas the Apostle. There are two shifts to choose from where your time and assistance would be very much appreciated. Ideally, the first shift needs a minimum of six volunteers and the second shift needs a minimum of seven volunteers. Anyone is welcome to stay for both shifts and no experience is necessary!

The first shift should meet at St. Paul's around 7:15-7:30am to help set-up, prepare and cook food until about 9:30am. The second shift should meet at St. Paul's around 9:00-9:15am to help greet, serve food and clean up until about 11:30am. St. Paul's is located at 1300 N. 18th Street in Kansas City, Kansas approximately five miles north of I-35 Highway & US-69 N/18th Street Expressway/Roe Avenue Exit (Exit # 232B.)

A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Elman via e-mail at dan.elman@yahoo.com or via mobile at: 913.620.5100 or Lynn Elman via mobile at: 913.908.0465

St. Paul's Food Pantry

The 2nd Saturday of every month St. Thomas helps at St. Paul's Food Pantry in KCK. If you are available on Saturday, October 8th, we need help with sorting food, stocking shelves, breaking down bulk items, shopping with the neighbors, checking in neighbors and registration. No experience is necessary and training is available by all the experienced volunteers and neighbors that come through the pantry. The pantry is open from 10am-1pm but we need everyone there at 9:30 to get assigned a job, or even earlier at 9am to help unload the ECS van with donated food from Whole Foods. Contact Donna Fye if you have any questions at 913-963-5815 or djfyee@gmail.com

The pantry is in desperate need of toilet paper and soups. They can also use canned fruit, canned meals (like chili, ravioli, stew, spaghetti O's), spaghetti sauce (in cans) and we have lots of empty bottles that need to be filled with cooking oil, shampoo, dish soap (not dishwasher soap), laundry soap and bar bath soap or liquid bath soap.

HOST Update

(Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas)

**Part of JoCo Interfaith Hospitality Network-
a ministry to homeless families**

Have you seen these notices and Tower Talk articles before and wondered about our "homeless" ministry in Johnson Co? Check out the St. Thomas bulletin board beside the office. There's an article about a family that recently graduated from our IHN program.

Want to know more about "situationally" homeless families in our community? Want to help us make a difference? Plan to attend the next IHN training session on Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:30-12 at Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W. 75th Street, OP. New volunteers are needed and always welcome. Pre-Registration is not required.

Thanks to all who helped out with the VBS Trash to Treasure activity. We were able to repurpose a wide variety of materials (think frames, bulletin boards, game pieces, seashells, Legos, to name a few) and made \$90 by selling our creations. The money made has been donated to the Capital Campaign building fund.



at St. Thomas

Sunday, 10/02/2011

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice-nave
8:45 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Choir Practice-nave loft
Sunday School-all classrooms
Youth Confirmation-Rm 137
9:50 AM Adult Forum-Assembly Rm
10:45 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM Financial Peace Univ-Asbly Rm
6:30 PM AA-Asbly Rm

Monday, 10/03/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143
5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Tuesday, 10/04/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143
1:30 PM Staff Meeting-Asbly Rm

Wednesday, 10/05/2011

4:00 PM Childrens' Choir-Asbly Rm
5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL
7:00 PM Praise Band Practice-nave
7:45 PM Adult Choir-nave loft
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Thursday, 10/06/2011

7:00 PM Al-Anon Family Grp-LL

Friday, 10/07/2011

Rector's Day Off
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Saturday, 10/08/2011

10:30 AM AA-Women's Grp-LL
5:30 PM Holy Communion
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Asbly Rm =
Assembly Room
LL = Lower Level

Childcare provided
7-9pm during
music rehearsals.

Church Calendar

To view more events on our calendar, go online to the website (www.stthomasop.org) and click on "Calendar." To add a meeting or event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 913-451-0512 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.

Change of Address & Phone

- ♦ Joseph & Isabel Rodriguez—6741 W 138th Ter, #1417, Overland Park, KS 66223
- ♦ Tracie & Steve Glasscock—11652 S. Carriage St, Olathe, KS 66062; new home phone: 913-888-1244 (Tracie's maiden name was Hume)
- ♦ Caroline Travis email—amcdt@aol.com

Capital Campaign Thank You in the Narthex

If you made a commitment to the Capital Campaign but have not picked up your keepsake gift, please check the table in the Narthex. The ornament is a "thank you" gift and recognizes the importance of every commitment to help St. Thomas continue the work God has given us. Through our Capital Campaign pledges, we will have an expanded building which will allow us more opportunities for spiritual growth and additional Christian education programs; provide space for outreach ministries, office space for new ministries, an office for our associate rector, and room for fellowship gatherings. Every gift, no matter the size, will help make this possible.

Gift boxes have names so please check if you aren't sure if you picked up your gift. If you didn't find your box, please let Donna Fye know at 913.963.5815. If you would still like to make a commitment to the Capital Campaign, please contact the St. Thomas office for a pledge card—913.451.0512.