

TOWER TALK

October 8 and 9, 2011

SUNDAY EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM

Sunday School - 9:45 am in classrooms end of hall

Adult Forum - 9:50 am in the Assembly Room

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING

October 16, 5:30 pm

Join Bishop Dean Wolfe for a groundbreaking ceremony for our new parish hall, kitchen, expanded narthex, & sacristy. An all-parish party sponsored by the Stewardship Team will follow the ceremony.

CONSECRATION WEEKEND

October 22nd and 23rd

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

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!

BOO BASH!

October 30, 2011 4:00 pm
at St. Thomas

FOR ALL AGES!

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.



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.

- 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

St. Thomas young people, children, and youth have prepared a fun surprise fundraiser to help raise funds for the church’s building project. **The fundraising event will take place Oct. 8 and 9 at all services.** 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.

How to Sign up for Flowers on the Altar

Would you like to remember a special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or memorial? Your special day can be recognized with beautiful flowers on the altar and announced in this newsletter and the e-mail newsletter. The signup calendar is on the bulletin board down the hallway past the office. You will receive a letter with a form in the mail (or e-mail) about a month in advance asking for details about your commemoration. The suggested donation for flowers is \$50.00. Please return the form with your check to the office or place it in the offering plate a week or more before the date you signed up.



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



From Vicki Dercher, Executive Director of Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network:

*Dear St. Thomas,
Interfaith Hospitality would not exist without the loving support of our congregations. Although you did not have a family the week of Sept. 11 to support, we remain grateful to all the volunteers of St. Thomas who were standing by to help at a moment's notice.*

We know that being ready and willing to help require a big commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved and let them know that their willingness to assist continues to be important to our mission.

*Dear Outreach Committee,
IHN of Johnson County is very grateful for your \$400 Hole Sponsorship, on behalf of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, for our 5th Annual Golf Tournament held Sept. 10, 2011. Thanks to your support, and the support of many other sponsors, golfers and volunteers, we were able to raise over \$36,000 during this event!*

For those in our community that are in need of shelter, food and guidance to turn their life situation around, these dollars will make a HUGE difference. Please know that your contribution to this awesome ministry is truly appreciated.

Thanks for the support of you and all of our generous donors, we can continue to grow and help more people in need—right here in our community.



at St. Thomas

Sunday, 10/09/2011

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
6:00 PM **AA-Rm 137?**
6:30 PM Youth Group-LL/Rm 137?
CC Leadership Mtg-Rm 133/134
Stewardship/Leadership Event-Asbly Rm

Asbly Rm =
Assembly Room
LL = Lower Level

Monday, 10/10/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143
5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm
6:30 PM Westmont Neighborhood Board Mtg-Asbly Rm
Small Group Equipper Mtg-Rm 137
AA-Women's Grp-LL
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Tuesday, 10/11/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143
1:30 PM Staff Meeting-Asbly Rm
6:00 PM Haunted House prep-LL

Wednesday, 10/12/2011

4:00 PM Childrens' Choir-Asbly Rm
Daisy Girl Scout Troop-Rms 133/134
5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm
6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL
7:00 PM IHN Development-Rm 137
Praise Band Practice-nave
7:45 PM Adult Choir-nave loft
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Childcare provided
7-9pm during
music rehearsals.

Thursday, 10/13/2011

7:00 PM Semi Retired Men's Small Grp-Asbly Rm
Al-Anon Family Grp-LL

Friday, 10/14/2011

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

Saturday, 10/15/2011

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

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.

Updated Church Directories

If you would like to have an updated church directory (no pictures), just contact the church office and we'll run a copy for you or send it to you in e-mail. 913-451-0512 or mrisebig@stthomasop.org.

REMINDER:

DEADLINE for articles in the
next issue of
THE APOSTLE
October 30

Please send your articles via e-mail to Rosemary Abbott, Editor, at rnrs71@kc.rr.com, or leave in her mailbox.