

Second Sunday of Advent

We light a second candle  
as a symbol of  
Christ the Way.

May the Word  
sent from God  
through the prophets  
lead us to  
the way of salvation.



*Christ...  
The Way*

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR:**

This is a reminder that the Mass ends following the Closing Hymn and Dismissal. Please make an extra effort to refrain from leaving the Service before the conclusion.

This request is being made in order to respect others gathered for worship.

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Please click on the link provided for the [Order of Service](#) for this Sunday.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 8, 2024**

**“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name”.

Psalm 100:4

Grace and Peace to you from God on **the Second Sunday of Advent and our Annual Men’s Day Celebration.**

We welcome the **Rev. Dr. Mark Kelly Tyler**, former Pastor of Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church and Historiographer of the A.M.E. Church.

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and People of God, welcome to the historic **African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas**, founded in 1792 as the first Black Episcopal Church in the USA. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first Black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas’ Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus’ message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed and revived. Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life’s journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you. Again, welcome!

Faithfully,  
*Martini Shaw*+

(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw, 17th Rector  
and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

## **IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP NEWS - From the Rector**

Please prayerfully consider an increase in your 2025 Faithful Giving toward the vibrant ministries of St. Thomas.

Remember that our individual goal should be to become a biblical tither (10% of one's earnings).

Are you working toward that spiritual goal? A chart to assist with Faithful Giving may be found [here](#).

**The Faithful Giving Form** may be found using the following link or when you come to church on Sunday please place your Faithful Giving card on the Altar of God.

Thank you to the individuals who have submitted their 2025 Faithful Giving cards. The list of names may be found [here](#).

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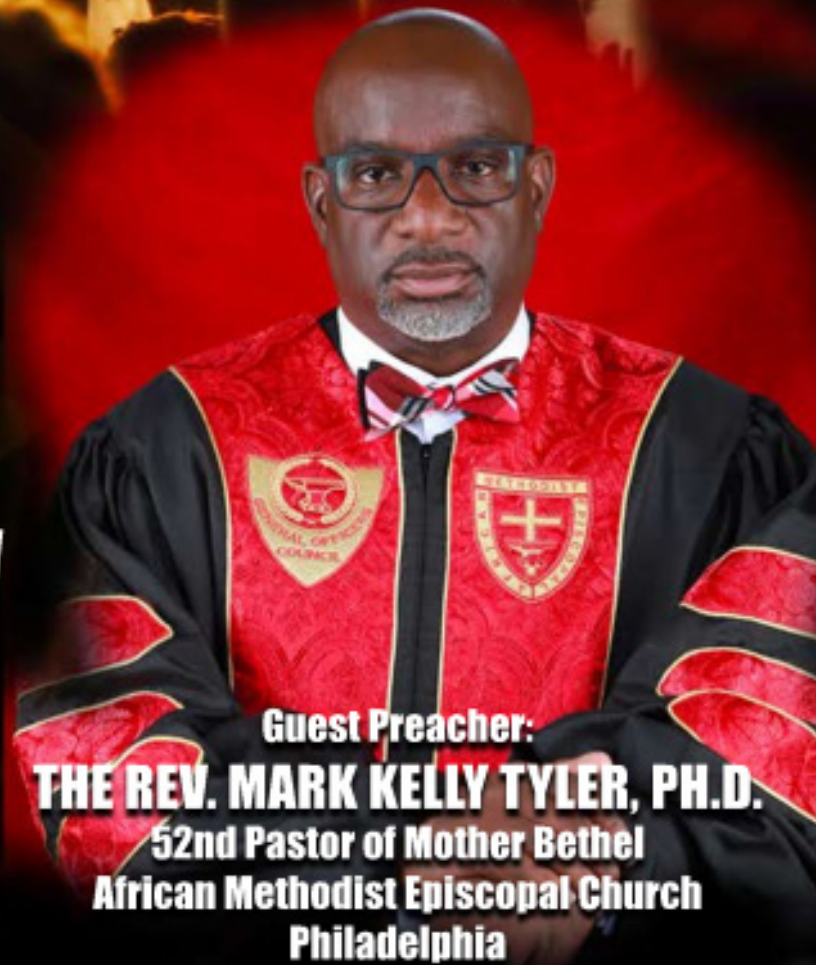
### **Please assist the Vestry**

in planning and providing for making the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the best it can be in response to your Christian journey, by completing this [questionnaire](#) by **December 15**. You can respond online or use a paper questionnaire provided on a table at the back of the church. (We love online responses!)





**Sunday  
December 8, 2024  
10:00 am  
Please join us for  
The Annual Men's Day  
Celebration  
"Embracing  
Our Call"**



**Guest Preacher:  
THE REV. MARK KELLY TYLER, PH.D.  
52nd Pastor of Mother Bethel  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Philadelphia**

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**Men's Day is Sunday, December 8, 2024.**  
The Men's Chorus will rehearse on Saturday,  
December 7, 2024, at 12:00 PM and Sunday,  
December 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Anderson Hall.  
All men are invited.



**A CALL TO LEADERSHIP**  
**Share your leadership ability.**

Nominations for Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Positions, Delegates to the Schuylkill Deanery, Delegates, and an alternate delegate to the 2025 Diocesan Convention will be accepted from December 15, 2024, until January 19, 2025. Election information can be found [here](#) and nomination information may be found [here](#).



# THE CHRIST-MASS

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7:00 PM**

**Festive Music and Dance;  
Inspiring preaching;  
Distribution of Holy Communion.**

Hot Cider served following service



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We are saddened to announce the death of **Deborah “Binky” Seay**. Her memorial service will be held at St. Thomas on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**, at **10:00 AM**. Please pray for the family.  
May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our condolences to the family of **Dorothy Willis**. Funeral arrangements are pending. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

Condolences to Clarice Grant and her family on the death of her cousin, **Harold L. Burnett**. His memorial service will be held in Winston Salem, NC on **Saturday, December 14, 2024**. Please pray for the family. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Condolences and prayers for Ronnie H. Collins on the death of her friend/companion the Honorable **Charles H. Cuffeld**, President Judge Emeritus, Philadelphia Traffic Court. He will be inurned on **Sunday, December 15th** at the end of the service. May the soul of Charles rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.





## **Christmas Poinsettias, Christmas Trees, and Altar Greenery**

Your gift of Christmas poinsettias, Christmas Tree adoption and a donation to the purchase of altar greenery, will help beautify the church for the holidays and will be a beautiful tribute to your loved ones, or a token of Thanksgiving for a blessing received. To order flowers, please use this [link](#).

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024**

To order flowers for the High Altar, Absalom Jones Altar, or Columbarium, please use this [link](#).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY**

**Sunday, December 15th**

Third Sunday in Advent

Tree of Life Angel Tree Party - after service in Anderson Hall

**Sunday, December 22nd**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Youth and Young Adult Sunday

Annual Church School Christmas Presentation

**Sunday, December 29th**

First Sunday of Christmas

**Sunday, January 5th**

Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany

Congregational Toast to the New Year - 2025

**Sunday, January 12th**

The Baptism of our Lord

**Sunday, January 19th**

Observance and Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sunday, January 26th**

Welcome and Fellowship to new members of 2024



## **This Week at AECST - December 9, 2024**

### **Tuesday, December 10th**

Advocacy Outreach Group Meeting - 6:00 PM

Bible Study with Fr. Jay via Zoom - 7:00 PM

### **Wednesday, December 12th**

Young Adult Bible Study with Fr. Daren  
6:00 PM in the Absalom Jones House

Angels in Motion Dance rehearsal  
6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

St. Thomas Gospel Choir rehearsal  
7:30 PM in Anderson Hall

### **Friday, December 13th**

Retired Persons Ministry  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in Anderson Hall





**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

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**“It’s beginning to look a lot like” Advent at the Administrative Parish Offices of the AJ House. Thank you Pentecost Committee member Arlene Gray.**







## **An Advent Theological Series**

### **“Re-imagining Advent: Journeying with the Prophets.”**

Facilitated by David King

Join facilitator David King, as we explore the season of Advent as both a past and present reality for the church, applying the prophetic texts of the liturgical season to the present day.

The prophets spoke in the past about God’s reign, but what do they have to say to us today? Using the prophets as our guides, we will re-engage Advent in all its political, social, and theological importance.

The series will be part lecture, part discussion so that folks can listen and engage with the material themselves. Each session will be immediately after service in the nave of the church for 1 hour.

**Sunday, December 1st** - Advent 1: Jeremiah

**Sunday, December 8th** - Advent 2: Malachi

**Sunday, December 15th** - Advent 3: Zephaniah

**Sunday, December 22nd** - Advent 4: Micah

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"The New Members Manual" has finally arrived!  
Please use the [link](#) to access it.

# A BUSY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Advent Series with David King



More pictures may be found on our [Facebook](#) page.



# ACOLYTE REHEARSAL





### **TREE OF LIFE PRISON MINISTRY,**

Angel Tree project is back once again. The congregation may select Angels (names of children) for gift-giving today after service in Anderson Hall.

Today is the last day to do so.

All donations and Christmas gifts should be valued from \$25-\$50 per child.

On December 14th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM you can return your wrapped gifts to Anderson Hall.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider selecting an Angel from the TOLPM Christmas tree to help make the holiday for children of incarcerated a little brighter

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### **AECST LIVE STREAM**

Please join us for worship on the [St. Thomas website](#), the [Live Service](#), or on our [Facebook](#) page or [Youtube](#) every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. You can also watch [Past Services](#).



# Chat and Chew in celebration 70 years of membership for Loretta Ferguson







More pictures may be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

### **THANK YOU!**

To Fr. Shaw and my church family:  
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful reception I received to celebrate my 70 years “Down Memory Lane” with the Historic St. Thomas Church. I am so proud to be a member of such a wonderful and spiritually inspired congregation.  
With love and God’s blessings, Loretta Ferguson.

## **WHERE IS THE ST. THOMAS MUSIC MINISTRY?**

### **GOSPEL CHOIR?**

**Saturday, December 14th, 2:00 PM**

Christmas Spectacular with The No Name Pops Orchestra  
at the Kimmel Center Broad and Spruce Street.

### **DR. ROLLO DILWORTH**

**Sunday, December 15th, 3:00 PM**

Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Artistic and Music Director, Presents:  
Singing City-Holiday Concert- A Season of Song at Tindley  
Temple, 750 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

Celebrating the 125th anniversary of Francis Poulenc's birth  
with "O Magnum Mysterium" and "Hodie Christus natus est"  
and songs of the season representing many religious and  
secular traditions, featuring Vivaldi's Gloria with a chamber  
orchestra and works by Yoni Fogelman, Nell Shaw Cohen,  
Raymond Wise, and Shireen Abu-Khader.

Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$20 for students,  
free for children 12 and under.

### **DR. JAY**

**Saturday, December 21nd**

Dr. Jay Fluellen presents The Marian Anderson Historical  
Society Winter Concert.

Tickets for both can be acquired on the  
Tindley Temple [website](#).

### **THE GOSPEL CHOIR?**

**Monday, December 23rd**

throughout the day broadcasted on CBS Christmas Musical  
featuring the Philadelphia Boys Choir, the Philadelphia Girls  
Choir and the St Thomas Gospel Choir.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



During the Season of Advent, flowers are only placed on the Altar for **Rose Sunday, December 15, 2024.**

### **Christmas Flowers:**

Flowers on the High Altar -\$125.00 each

Flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$85.00 each

Flowers on the Columbarium - \$60.00 each



### **CALLING ALL DANCERS!!!!**

Opportunity awaits if you want to praise the Lord in dance and worship. The “Angels in Motion” dance ministry, a multi-generational ministry welcomes all ages, and skill levels in ballet, modern, jazz, and African dance to join! Interested? Please contact, Director, [Pamela Johnson](#).





# REVIVED RENEWED RESTORED FINDING STRENGTH IN FAITH

Hosted by

**The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas**

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

**8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**6063 Lancaster Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19131**

**Ticket Prices:**

**\$50 for Adults (21 and older) | \$25 for Youth (under 21)**

Join us for a day of empowerment and spiritual growth!  
Enjoy a continental breakfast, a delicious lunch, and participate  
in engaging workshops designed to  
*uplift your spirit and strengthen your faith.*

**Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others  
and explore the strength found in our faith!**

**For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:  
Cynthia Muse at [musecyn@aol.com](mailto:musecyn@aol.com)**



**We are so grateful for our new acolytes serving  
Sunday, November 24, 2024.**



## RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

-to lift their voices on the **Comfort Choir** during funeral services at St. Thomas. Please contact [D. Lynn Joell](#) if interested.

-to serve with the **Sound Ministry** for Sunday morning service and weekday funeral services. If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office.

-to serve on the **Altar Guild**. This amazing group of individuals prepares our altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact [Alfreda Brockman](#).

-to serve as **Readers and Intercessors** to read the Holy Scripture during our weekly services. Interested persons should contact Gladyce in the Parish Office to sign up.

-to join the **Transportation Ministry**. The main mission of the ministry is to provide transportation to parishioners who attend Sunday Service. Please contact Gladyce in the office if you are interested.

-as **Acolytes** to serve on the altar. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) if you are interested.

-**Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).

**The Shepherds Ministry** is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).





## **EXCITING NEWS!!! SPREAD IT!!!**

Our new and exciting Family Podcast Series is **ALIVE!!**  
Two series are now available for your listening enjoyment.

#1 - Fr. Daren introduces the Series with **Fr. Shaw** as his guest. “Creating a Culture of Conversation”. The podcast can be found using this [link](#).

#2 - Fr. Daren welcomes **Pamela Johnson** as his guest. “Body Image: Good Enough for Jesus”. The podcast can be found using this [link](#).

#3 - Fr. Daren welcomes **Tynecia Wilson** as his guest. Conversation: “The Adultification of Black Girls”.  
The podcast can be found using this [link](#):



## CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Are you willing to serve, at least one Sunday per month, as a church school teacher? Please prayerfully consider this call. We are especially looking for young adults, men, and anyone who loves children. Please speak with [Fr. Daren](#) ASAP if you are interested.

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At St. Thomas, we embrace and celebrate our youth. If you have children in your family or neighborhood, please invite or bring them to be a part of our amazing Church School program. When was the last time you invited someone to church?



Church School begins at 10:00 AM on Sundays in the Undercroft. Please use the QR Code to register your child.



## ATTENTION ALL ACOLYTES

Rehearsals are EACH SUNDAY immediately following service. For more information, please speak with Fr. Daren.

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## A REMINDER TO ALL GUILDS, ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRIES, AND INDIVIDUALS:

**ANY** and **ALL** Activities using the church facilities (i.e., Anderson Hall, the Undercroft, the church) or the Absalom Jones House **MUST** be scheduled and approved by the Parish Administrator: [Gladyce DuBrey](#) or call (215-473-3065) and **NOT the SEXTON** beforehand.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all activities are listed on the calendar of the Parish Office.



## **DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS**

### **READINGS FOR the Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024**

The First Lesson - [Malachi 3:1-4](#)  
[Canticle 16 \(Luke 1:68-79\)](#)

The Second Lesson - [Philippians 1:3-11](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Luke 3:1-6](#)

### **The Gospel Readings for the Week of December 9, 2024**

Monday - [Matthew 22:23-33](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 22:34-46](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 23:13-26](#)

Friday - [Matthew 23:27-39](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 24:1-14](#)



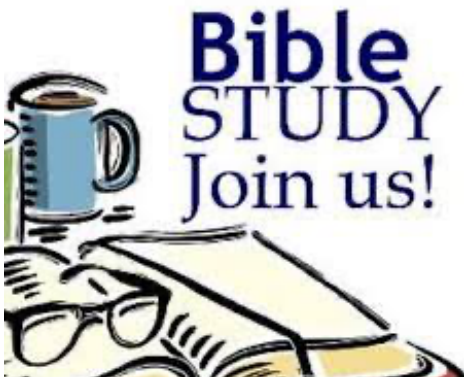


## **VERGERS NEEDED!**

Are you being called to this exciting ministry?  
Want to know more about what a Verger does?

The Verger Guide may be found [here](#)

Please speak with Karen Ragland or the Rector  
for more details.



**Bible**  
**STUDY**  
Join us!

## **The Adult Bible Study Group**

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

Please contact [Fr. Jay](#)  
for more information.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:**

### **IN THE HOSPITAL:**

Kenneth Dow - Presbyterian; Virginia DuBrey-Lankenau;  
Karen Ragland-Abington

### **IN REHAB:**

Helena Allen - Simpson House; Leotta Griffith, Linda Holmes  
Saunders House; Inez Turner, Veger Stephen Hannum -  
St. Francis Rehab; Gwendolyn Langford-Arden Courts of  
Cherry Hill

### **AT HOME:**

Robert Brown, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Alletta Parris-Olday,  
Ola Bass, Ronald Coleman, Shirley Winkfield,  
Thelma Silvers, Lemont Johnson, Patricia Ellison,  
Mary Ann Jones, Shirley Caldwell, Terry Corson,  
Barbara Douglas, Wendell Whitlock, Cornelia Camp,  
Kenneth Dow, Yvonne Syndor, Donald Hunt, Jr.,  
Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden, Yvonne Syndor; Waltier Blocker

### **KEEP IN PRAYER:**

Justin Trotman, Cathy Stafford, Teri Taylor, Lisa Woodley,  
Adinah Edwards, Carl Dean, Patricia Holmes, Ann Stewart,  
Sandra Bryant Miller, Autumn Simmons, Daryn Stewart

### **WE PRAY FOR**

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as  
those affected by their actions.

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### **Our Wednesday in-person Bible Study**

meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

We continue our journey through  
Acts of the Apostles.



## **YOUTH COUNCIL**

Do you feel called to work with Youth? Do you have great ideas that will help the church to connect with the youth of today (and vice versa)? You are invited to be a part of our parish Youth Council. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) for more details.

## **YOUNG ADULT GATHERING**

All young adults (those in their 20's and 30's) are invited to a time of fellowship on the 4th Sunday of every month in Anderson Hall immediately following worship.

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## **GIRLS FRIENDLY**

Girls Friendly will begin on **Saturday, October 5th**. Please contact [Nikkol Simms](#) for more information.

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## **DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?**

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble, St. Thomas Chancel Choir or St. Thomas Gospel Choir. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

## Calling for Youth Acolytes!



All youth of our church are invited to serve in the AECST Acolyte Ministry. No prior experience is needed as training will be provided. This is an excellent way for our children and youth to be involved in the life of the church. For more information please speak with [Fr. Daren](#).

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**Scout Troop #133** - Our Cub Scout Program is open to children grades 1-5. The Cub program meets at **2:00 PM. on Saturdays.**

Our Scout Program is open to children aged 11-17 years old. The Scout Program meets at **3:00 PM on Saturdays.**

Please contact Scout [Master Howard Chapman](#) for more information.

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## **HOW CAN I BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP?**

**“To whom much is given, much is required.” -Luke 12:48**

The Stewardship Committee of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas recognizes that stewardship may take form in several ways, your time, your talent or your treasures. The one commonality is that each of us must prayerfully ask God to guide us in making the right choices and have faith that He will guide us to the right decision.

Our church has a tremendous congregation that is thriving and growing. The ministries that we have serve all of God’s children near and far. These endeavors require all three forms of stewardship: but especially your sharing of treasures. Prayerfully consider donating to one or all of the special requests below.

### **FAITHFUL GIVING CARD (PLEDGE)**

Please pray for your Faithful Giving for 2024 and 2025. You’ll be able to complete your [Faithful Giving Card](#) on the [church website](#), or by using the paper Faithful Giving Card. Strong support is needed to meet the budget, our many endeavors and outreach projects at St. Thomas. Your Faithful Giving Card can also be placed in the Alms Basin or mailed to the church office.

**THE BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES** have been placed in Anderson Hall beside the Offering Envelopes. Please pick them up with your offering envelopes. If you’ve already picked your offering envelopes up, please pick up your Building Fund envelopes. You can also do your Building Fund offering [online](#). Each box of Building Fund envelopes will include twelve envelopes, one for each month.

Thank you.



## **CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND**

If you are actively contributing, thank you! Your gifts are truly appreciated. Everyone is asked to make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. The Building Fund Envelopes are located in Anderson Hall beside the Offering envelopes. When using electronic payments select "Building Fund." If using checks write "Building Fund" on the memo line of your check.

## **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

The church has received many "undeliverable" mailings. If you have moved, please update your mailing address with the church office by [email](#) or phone 215-473-3065.

Can you help deliver offertory envelopes to our sick and shut-in parishioners? If you live near a parishioner who is unable to come to church, it would be much appreciated if you would bring their envelopes to them. A list of our sick and shut-in parishioners is located next to the offertory envelopes in Anderson Hall.

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure your name, envelope #, and amount are included on the front of your offering envelope. This is critical for bookkeeping accuracy. Help is just an email away. Contact [Judy Tillman](#).

## **RECTOR'S PRAYERFUL WISH LIST**

\$100,000.00. Our air conditioning units have provided over 30 years of comfort. They are now in need of being replaced. Please prayerfully consider donating toward the replacement and use the [link](#) provided. Thank you to those who have already given toward the new air-conditioning units.

There are several ways to submit your offering and tithes: church service offertory, use the QR code, website donations, download the Givi app, U.S. Mail or hand deliver it to the fiscal office.



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## WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

“To whom much is given, much is required.” Luke 12:48

- 1) **Sunday Offering Plate.**
- 2) **Mail in** your check or money order to the church.  
Please use the following address:  
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas  
c/o Fiscal Administrator.  
6361 Lancaster Avenue, (Absalom Jones Way).Philadelphia,  
PA 19151
- 3) **Use the Givi app.** If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain. Please download the Givi app, (**givi IOS App**) for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or (**givi Android App**) for your Android device. If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon**, 215-844-6115.
- 4) **Bring your check** directly to the Fiscal Office during regular business hours ( Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM) **After business hours**, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 5) **Church website - [Online Giving](#)**  
Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, the AJ House, Easter, etc. **NOTE:** Please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St.Thomas when filling out your online giving information.)
- 6) **Pledge Cards** - Please send them via the US mail to the church or fill out the form **electronically** through the [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org) website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**.  
Thank you so much to all who have return them.



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