

**The Historic African Episcopal Church
Of St. Thomas**

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The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw
The 17th Rector

The Rev. Fr. Daren E. Evans
Associate Rector

The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins
Associate Priest

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



Please join Judge Dumas and members of the Judiciary
in Anderson Hall after service for a reception
sponsored by Mincey Fitzpatrick Ross, LLC, Tucker Law
Group, LLC, and Ballard Spahr, LLP.

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost,
Annual Judicial Sunday.**

**This morning, we welcome The Honorable Judge
Lori Dumas, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, members
of the Judiciary and other members of the legal community
worshiping with us this morning.**

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



The Honorable Lori A. Dumas was elected Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in 2021. She is the only person of color to serve on the nine-member court. During her 20 years of service in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Judge Dumas presided in every major trial division of the court.

Her commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania is personified through her extensive contributions to women, children, and victims, while leading many innovative initiatives, such as the nationally renown First Judicial District's Human Trafficking Court.

Her work with victims has been both locally and nationally recognized. Judge Dumas has held memberships in numerous organizations, including, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, The Mann Center, Dream Camp Foundation, Penn's Village, and the National Campaign to Stop Violence. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the LINKS. Inc.

Since being elected to the Commonwealth Court, she has been appointed by the PA Supreme Court as a member of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Board and has had several notable judicial opinions published. Judge Dumas is a graduate of North Carolina Central University School of Law and Duke University. She holds Executive Certificates from Georgetown, the University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell University.



**St. Thomas, can we be St. James School's
Sweet Potato Church Again?**

The Sisterhood Guild is collecting cans of sweet potatoes to help the families of the St. James School.

**The deadline is Sunday, November 17th
and we are still 175 cans short.**

Please help us by bringing in cans of sweet potatoes by Sunday so that we can make sure the families have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thank you in advance for all of your support in this effort.

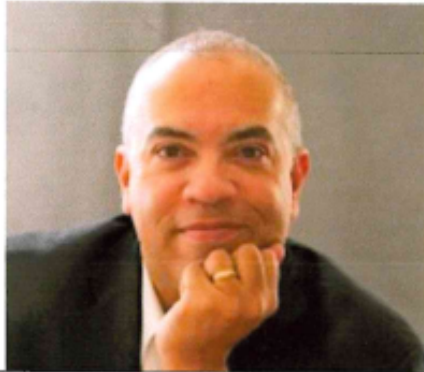
FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR:

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.

Everyone is invited to join the Men's Ministry & Fellowship
on **Saturday, November 16 at 8:30 AM.**

Men's Ministry & Fellowship
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas



Rod Colon Executive Coach

“Managing Your Career”

Unemployed, Under Employed, Looking to Change Careers, The Men's Ministry and Fellowship of St. Thomas is offering a workshop on how to find a job, improve your career, and learn to network for greater professional success. Come and hear Rod Colon speak an Executive Coach who teaches on how to manage your career for professional success and how to navigate in today's job market.

Saturday November 16, 2024 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151

If you are unemployed, a new grad looking for a job, looking to change careers, want to know how to improve your professional career, retired and looking to get back into the workforce, or retired and looking to help someone with their career come, join in, and share the experience.

FREE TO ATTEND and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**To register send email to brock.man@verizon.net with your name with subject line “Career Day” – Registration is for food preparation only
Registration is not required to attend**

With 32 years of experience in Human Resources, recruitment, networking, and career architect, Rodrigo “Rod” Colón possesses a unique perspective on navigating the complexities of the global job market. A sought-after Executive Coach and speaker, Rod leverages his considerable career management experience to share his insights and wisdom gained over the years. He reframes networking as a collaborative process of giving and sharing, urging professionals to relentlessly hone their networking skills and manage their careers with the same dedication as one would their own company: “ME, Inc.” A published author, Rod champions the importance of networking and building strong relationships through his book, “Win the Race for 21st Century Jobs,” and by hosting the interactive weekly webinar, “Own Your Career Workshop,” for the past decade.

IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP NEWS - From the Rector

Our **Annual Stewardship Drive** has begun. 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](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sunday, November 24th - Youth and Young Adult Sunday

Sunday, December 1st - First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 8th - Second Sunday in Advent
Men's Day-Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Mark Kelly Tyler,
Former Pastor, Mother Bethel A.M.E Church

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

NOVEMBER IS

GIFT *of* LIFE

DONOR SABBATH

JOIN OUR INTERFAITH MISSION to Save Lives



Join our interfaith mission to help save lives in your community. Leave a legacy of love by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor and encourage others to do the same.

CLICK HERE or scan the QR code for materials, speakers, program ideas and our inspiring faith video. Contact Naja Killebrew at nkillebrew@donors1.org for more information.



Communicate, educate and advocate to save lives in your

COMMUNITY

BE INSPIRED AND UPLIFTED!

Join us for a joyful evening of music and unity as we come together to celebrate the life-saving power of organ and tissue donation.

GIFT_{of} LIFE DONOR SABBATH CONCERT

featuring the acclaimed

ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR & SPECIAL GUESTS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia

CLICK HERE TO RESERVE FREE TICKETS

Seating is limited! Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

DON'T MISS THIS SOULFUL CELEBRATION OF HOPE AND FAITH!
For more information, contact Naja Killebrew at nkillebrew@donors1.org.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
Please join us and invite/share with others.
Join Zoom Meeting - use this [link](#) for the meeting
Meeting ID: 995 6382 2979
Passcode: 467932.



**The African Episcopal Church
of St. Thomas
HEALTH MINISTRY
SPONSORS**

**AN INTERACTIVE ZOOM PANEL DISCUSSION
How do you feel following the recent
2024 Election?**

**THE IMPACT OF THE 2024 ELECTION:
Spiritually, Mentally, Physically,
and Politically**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, 6PM

PARTICIPANTS:

THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW

DR. TIM BARKSDALE

DR. NIKKI FRANKE

MS. LISA SHARON HARPER

DR. MICHAEL MCINTOSH

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://merakey.zoom.us/j/99563822979?pwd=fF5EH-JaPZGVUEHTbbeEn8VWntSQAWU.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 995 6382 2979

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Please view the Homily Highlights from our Veterans Day Observance on Sunday, November 10, 2024



**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Observance of Veterans Day
November 10, 2024**









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



St. Thomas celebrates partnership with St. James School



THE WEEK AT AECST - November 18, 2024

Tuesday, November 19th

Advocacy Outreach Group Meeting-6:00 PM

A Post Election Zoom Gathering-7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 20th

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

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

Thursday, November 21st

Vestry meeting via Zoom-6 pm

Please contact the Vestry Clerk if you would like to attend.

Friday, November 22nd

Retired Peoples Ministry-11:30 am -1:30 pm in Anderson Hall

Daughters of the King Thanksgiving Distribution-11 am-2 pm in the Undercroft

Saturday, November 23rd

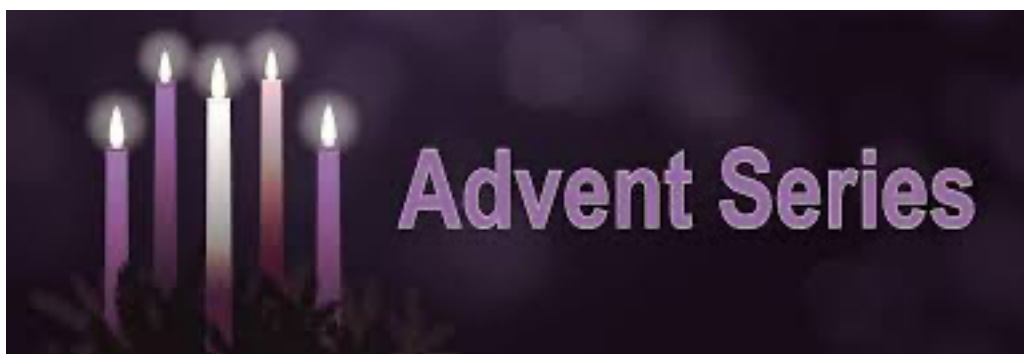
Daughters of the King Diocesan Event in Anderson Hall
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Daughters of the King Thanksgiving Distribution-
1:30 pm - 3:00 PM

CHAT AND CHEW

Have you ever considered hosting a
Coffee Hour (Chat ad Chew) following Service in
thanksgiving for a blessing received, or in memory of a
departed loved one?

Please contact [Gladyce](#) for further details.



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

A Celebration of 70 years at St. Thomas

Please join Loretta Ferguson on Sunday, December 1, 2024, after service, for a Chat & Chew “Trip Down Memory Lane” celebrating her 70 years as a member of St. Thomas.

She is dedicating the fellowship to her church family who inspired her spiritual growth over the years. She thanks God for directing her to this Episcopal denomination through her loving mentors, Mrs. Jessie Morris, her school teacher, and Mrs. Katheryn Evans, her first employer.

She has been anointed with spiritual food from her church family since 1952. She also acknowledges all the rectors, interim ministers, associates, Vestry and guild leaders, and her Church family.

Daughters of the King - Thanksgiving Gift of Joy

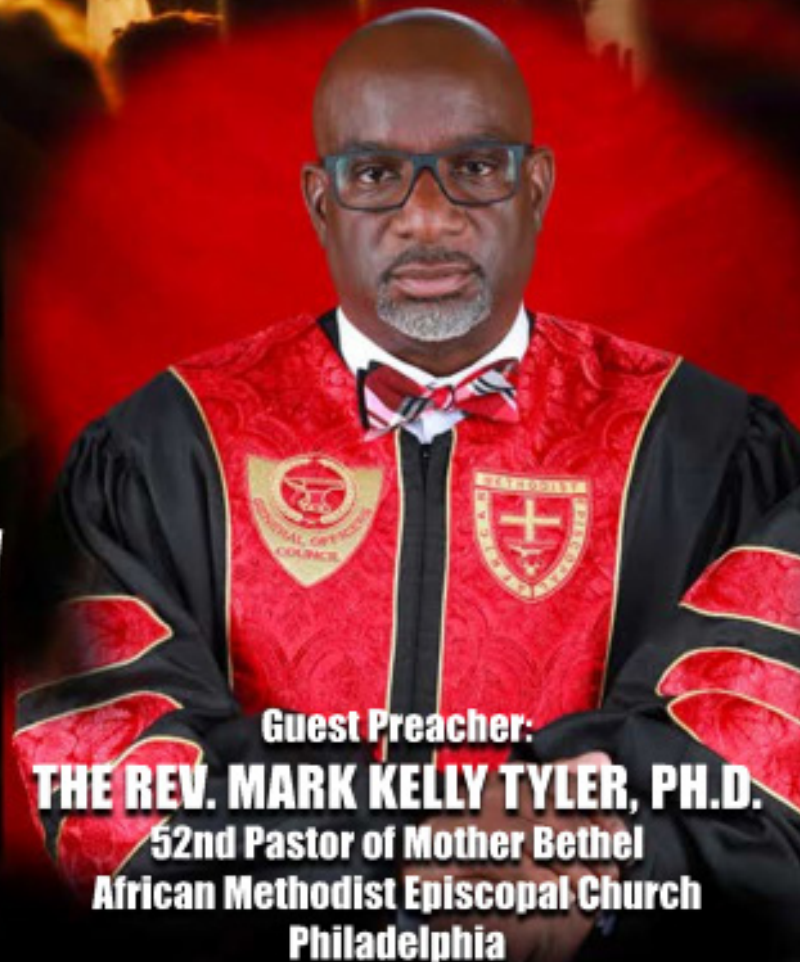
Each year the Daughters of the King collect donations for our Thanksgiving Project. The money collected will help individuals in need. We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a donation.

Members will be at the church entrance, to receive donations today through **Sunday, November 17th.**

Thank you



**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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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**

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ALTAR FLOWERS

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



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](#).

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 who may be parked in a nearby remote parking lot. 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 for 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.



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.



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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024

The First Lesson - [Daniel 12:1-3](#)
[Psalm 16](#)

The Second Lesson - [Hebrews 10:11-25](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 13:1-8](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of November 18, 2024

Monday - [Matthew 17:1-13](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 17:17-21](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 17:22-27](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 18:1-9](#)

Friday - [Matthew 18:10-20](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

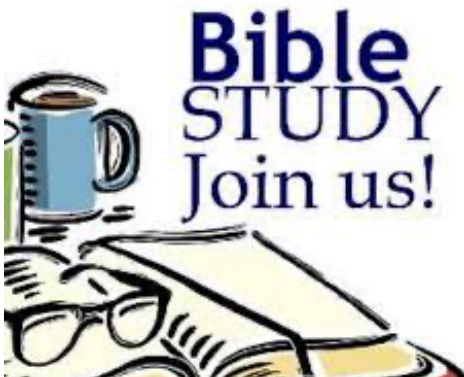


VERGERS NEEDED!

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.



The Adult Bible Study Group
will Not meet this Tuesday. It will
resume next Tuesday, November 26th.
Please contact [Fr. Jay](#) for
more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Waltier Blocker-Methodist Hospital;
Fr. Darryl James-Chestnut Hill Hospital

IN REHAB:

Helena Allen - Simpson House; Leotta Griffith, Linda Holmes -
Saunders House; Deborah "Binky" Seay - Broomall Manor;
Inez Turner, Veger Stephen - St. Francis Rehab

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, Grace Wetzel, Yvonne Syndor

KEEP IN PRAYER:

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

WE PRAY FOR

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

Our Wednesday in-person Bible Study

is 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.

GIRLS FRIENDLY

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

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](#).

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.

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](#).

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** website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**.
Thank you so much to all who have return them.

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