



# THE SALTY SAINT

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Wishing You  
a New Year filled  
with new Hope,  
new Joy &  
new Beginnings.

All the best from,  
Diane, Clay and Barbara

### *GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Having an outpatient procedure?*

*Please call or email the office to let us know. We really, really want to pray for you, visit you, and support you and those you love, but we cannot do that unless you tell us first.*

# St Thomas Angels Read (STAR)

— by Judi Miller

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas the 2nd graders at Northeast Elementary read Random Acts of Kindness. with Patti Phelps reading aloud. These books were provided for each student by St Thomas. Because the plot is about a school who has a Kindness Week we decided to copy that for the month. Each week students would bring in slips of paper with their random acts of kindness. These included: " helping my mom do the dishes" "folding laundry" "separating the mamas from the babies (for clarification I found out it was the cows), and "picking up trash on the school bus" "sharing my crayons". The last week of school we finished reading the book and gave each student their own copy of a Magic Tree House book from St Thomas for Christmas. The highlight of the day was when we all went in the hallway to hang up their Kindness Chain. Some of the students wrote thank you notes one of which is the letter I've attached. St Thomas has made a difference in the children's lives. Many of them have never owned their own book and now they have 2. And the volunteers add to their appreciation of reading and their ability to read.



## Upcoming Birthdays

### January

- 2 – Mack Simpson
- 4 – Jack Piland
- 6 – Doug LeFevre
- 10 – Jane Capps
- 14 – Carter Deaton
- 18 – Ann Flanagan
- 22 – Robert Tankard
- 23 – Lou Mallard
- 25 – Bill Axness
- 31 – Josie Hookway

### February

- 2 – Ruth Petersen, Carolyn Hampson
- 3 – Barry Wester
- 7 – Linda Betham
- 10 – Carolyn Wetmore
- 11 – Garland Radford
- 13 – Joan Long
- 14 – Jane Lenhardt
- 24 – Sue Brown
- 29 – Laura McNair



## The Treasurer's Corner

— by Mickey Cochran, Treasurer



— On December 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Thomas will close out its biggest budget year in recent memory, if ever. The 2018 budget calls for a total income level of \$213,529.00. As of December 16<sup>th</sup>, and with the last two Sundays of the month yet to be recorded, total receipts received from all sources totaled \$211,282.54 or 98.95% of projected budget receipts. There is no doubt that the projected budget level will be exceeded. St. Thomas parishioners should heartily congratulate ourselves at achieving this important milestone. These results reflect our decision when the 2018 budget was adopted, to “right size” our budget. In many cases, bigger is not better. In this case, it is.

— Expenses paid to date total \$203,707.22, 96.11% of projected amounts.

— Please refer to the chart below for detailed information.

	2018 Actual Results	2018 Budget Estimate	2018 Annual Budget Remaining	Actual % of Annual Budget Realized
Pledges	\$179,331.36	\$177,301.00	(\$2,030.36)	101.15%
Non-Pledge Receipts	\$16,097.75	\$19,000.00	\$2,902.25	84.72%
Plate Cash	\$4,140.00	\$5,000.00	\$860.00	82.80%
Endowment	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Prior Year's Pledge Paid 2018	\$0.00	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
Misc. Income	\$444.22	\$1,000.00	\$555.78	44.42%
Checking/Savings Account Interest	\$69.21	\$28.00	(\$41.21)	247.18%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$211,282.54</b>	<b>\$213,529.00</b>	<b>\$2,246.46</b>	<b>98.95%</b>

— [X] = No Budget Estimate



Thank you so much for the generous love offering.

St. Thomas Staff  
Diane, Barbara & Clay

### *Coffee Hosts Needed*

*We are in need of coffee hosts for Sundays.*

*While it may seem intimidating to do all that is needed are a few treat, coffee and either water or lemondade for after the service.*

*As a sign of hospitality to visitors and parishioners we need your help.*

*Please call the office to sign up for a turn in the rotation.*





## FLOWER GUILD NEWS

We are sure most of you noticed the beautiful simplicity of the flowers during the Christmas season. Although the timing of Advent presented a challenge to the Flower Guild, with the ideas of our December leaders (Diane and Pat) we were able to honor the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with the traditional pointsettias and the timeless beauty of greenery. Thank you to everyone who remembered a loved one with a donation to the Flower Fund at Christmas. It is only with those donations that we are able to provide flowers, not only on special Holy Days, but throughout the year. As we have relayed on several occasions, it is our goal to have flowers or greenery on the Altar every Sunday. Some weeks we choose not to use flowers, but rather greens, cotton and sometimes even weeds! We believe that there is beauty in all of God's creation. We hope that you will agree. Thank you to all Flower Guild members as well as others who came out in numbers to help green the church and dress it for Christmas Eve

January – Becky Enzor, Allison Smith

February – Sharon Britt, Maree Benson

March – Flower Guild – Lent March 6

April – Flower Guild – Easter – April 21

May – Sharon Britt, Barbara Lawrence

June – Kay Leager, Susan Stewart

July – Sue Brown, Terri Bergevin

August – Flower Guild – 4<sup>th</sup> (Linda Betham – Susan Tankard), 11<sup>th</sup> (LaRue Chuman – Donna Francis), 18<sup>th</sup> (Maryanne Adam – Pat Axness), 25<sup>th</sup> (Diane Tomlinson – Betty Eschenbauch)

Faithfully,  
Sue and Sharon

## Music at St. Thomas

by Clay Whittington, Organist/Choirmaster

One month before taking a seat on the organ bench at St. Thomas, I stepped off the Carnival Pride in Baltimore after two and a half years with the company. I performed in their piano bars nightly and spent my days either at sea or on the beach of some Caribbean island. I got to visit many places I had never seen before and would have otherwise never had the opportunity to go to. I felt a strong calling to return to sacred and choral music. Prior to my time with Carnival, I spent over a decade with the United Methodist Church as music director for a few congregations, joining the Episcopal Church three years ago. Making music in a group setting is rewarding in a way you can't experience in solo performance. It removes the spotlight from you and places it on the music and the offering created. I am excited to join the staff at St. Thomas and look forward to exploring the many ways music can be an offering through this parish.



*Join us for an afternoon of romance*

*February 17, 2019 4-6pm*

*\$15 per person*

*Clay Whittington pianist*

*Bring your friends appetizers and  
drinks will be served*



## Rector's Column

— by Diane+

I have been reading lately of the new updated view of resolutions. As one who believes life is one long self-improvement project I eagerly read these articles looking for insight on all my failings.

2019 though seems to be filled with stories and ideas around building small habits. Yes there is an app for that called “Let’s get fabulous!” Well who doesn’t want that? And in the words of PT Barnum, “There is a sucker born every minute.” I purchased it. It reminds me to do the small things that will lead to bigger changes in my life. Done every day over time, they become ingrained in my daily routine.

What has attracted me to this way of thinking is it is easier to do small tasks throughout the day than to try and do it all at once only to fail and either walk away or start over. There is a gentleness to this approach which I appreciate. The word of the moment is mindfulness. Paying attention to the small things will bring greater rewards. It is not just about habits though, it is about a way of being. It is a light foot on the earth; seeing everyone and everything as of value to God. It is making every day in some way a small offering to God for having the unique gift and privilege of living here in this place and time.

So my friends, may all your new year’s intentions come to fruition.

Diane+



## Outreach News

Thank you to everyone who made Christmas brighter for 29 disabled adults ranging in age from 20 to 92. These adults have no one who is able or willing to support them they are extremely grateful to St. Thomas' willingness to help.

## Grant Recipients

In 2018 the Outreach Committee awarded the following organizations grants totaling \$10,000.

Eagle's Wings \$2,000

The Salvation Army \$2,000

Bath Library \$2,540

Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County \$700

Pet Pantry of Eastern North Carolina \$1,250

Zion Men's Shelter \$1,000

The vestry has approved the amount \$11,000 for Outreach in 2019. A small percentage of funds are held back for emergency needs in the community.

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### 2019 Vestry

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 Tom Chuman  
 Kay Leager  
 Ginger Morrison  
 Mary Ellen Adams  
 Johnie Williams  
 Sylvia Sutter

### Ministry Chairs

Fritz Morrison, *Outreach*  
 Betty Eschenbauch,  
*Altar Guild*  
 Annie Griffin, *Food Groups*  
 Sue Brown & Sharon Britt,  
*Flower Guild*  
 Dick Haar,  
*Endowment Fund*  
 Barbara Owens,  
*Communications*

Communication Ministry  
*This committee is responsible  
 for the Salty Saint, weekly  
 Fishnet and the website.*

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