



THE SALTY SAINT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

Fall into life at St. Thomas



Welcome Back!

This program year features new and returning opportunities for worship, education and fellowship.

Join us.

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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.

The Treasurer's Corner

by Mickey Cochran, Treasurer



The financial condition of St Thomas remains strong. Through the first eight months or 66.67% of the budget year (with one Sunday yet to go in August), the church has received \$160,129.69 from all sources, which represents 72.87% of the anticipated revenue for the entire budget year. Accordingly, receipts are running 6.20% ahead of anticipated needs. Pledge receipts received during the period, by far the largest source of funds, stand at 75.12% of anticipated amounts; non-pledge but regular contributions are at 56.21% of anticipated amounts, and plate cash received is at 58.82% of anticipated amounts. To date, funds disbursed for normal operating expenses, total \$134,887.01 or 61.52% of budget amounts.

Please review the chart below for detailed information.

	2019 Actual Results	2019 Budget Estimate	2019 Budget Remaining	Actual % of Annual Budget Realized
Pledges	\$143,475.33	\$191,000.00	\$47,524.67	75.12%
Non-Pledge Receipts	\$8,993.00	\$16,000.00	\$7,007.00	56.21%
Plate Cash	\$2,941.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,059.00	58.82%
Endowment	\$3,600.00	\$7,200.00	\$3,600.00	50.00%
Prior Year's Pledge Paid 2019	\$390.00	XXXXXXXXXX	(\$390.00)	XXXXXXXXXX
Misc. Income	\$697.85	\$500.00	(\$97.85)	139.57%
Checking/Savings Account Interest	\$32.51	\$40.00	\$7.51	81.28%
TOTALS	\$160,129.69	\$219,740.00	\$59,610.31	72.87%

[X] = No Budget Estimate



Stewardship Dinner

Wednesday October 16th

5:30 pm cocktail reception

6 pm dinner

Short program to follow

Please join us!

*Dinner sponsored by
Stewardship Committee
Ginger Morrison, Joe Tomaini, co-chairs
Noonie Crabtree
Roberta Kincheloe*

St. Thomas/Bill Pruitt Scholarship Fund

It is hard to believe but the fall semester is about to begin. Students are registering for classes and anxious to fulfill their goals and dreams to be successful in their lives. The Bill Pruitt/St Thomas Scholarship Committee has selected one student who was recommended by the BCCC staff to receive our financial support.

1. **Kendall Watkins** was awarded our scholarship last year and has been very successful with a gpa of 3.78.

We wish Kendall well and feel good about her reaching her goals with our help.

Please continue your support so our church can continue to help many more students in the future. Beaufort County is in need of trade school graduates like electricians, plumbers, welders, computer geeks, nurses, etc. We all may need one one day!

Thank you for your continued support.

Scholarship Committee

Betty Pruitt
Susan Simpson
Jack Chesson
Mark Tomlinson



St. Thomas Inclement Weather Reminder

In the event of inclement weather, if Beaufort County Schools are closed, there will be no church activities. If you have any questions, please contact Diane or the vestry members.



Upcoming Birthdays

September

3 – Susan Stewart
7 – Ginger Morrison
11 – Bill Monroe,
Linda Thornton
22 – Harry Wetmore
25 – Kay Leager
26 – Betty Wheeler

October

1 – Mike Baker
3 – Jim Bowman,
Mike Farschon
26 – Kathy Sutter
29 - Carole Deaton
30 – Jack Whichard



Potluck Suppers

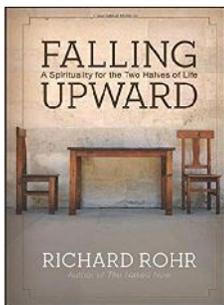
September 18th

Education Opportunities for the Fall

Adult Education

Sundays 8:50am – Beginning in September

For more information, please contact Susan Stewart.



The Tuesday Book Group begins September 10

Book Discussion

The Tuesday book group will begin meeting September 10th at 3:30. The book chosen for the fall is “Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life” by Richard Rohr. Read Introduction and Chapter 1.

In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or “gone down” are the only ones who understand “up.” Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as “falling upward.” In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness.

Centering Prayer

Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10

Building. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Phelps, email frankandpatti@yahoo.com.

The Centering Prayer group is starting up again after summer vacation, on Monday, Labor Day, September 2nd and we're inviting anyone interested in this method of contemplative prayer to join us. It's easy to do and pretty much follow the Psalm "Be Still and Know that I am God". With our busy lives this 20 minutes spent in quiet can change your prayer life in many ways. Come join us. We meet on Monday afternoon at 1:00 pm in the Garzia



St Thomas Angels Read (STAR)

— by Judi Miller

The school year is about to begin and our own St. Thomas Angels Read program is looking for volunteers to listen to children practice their reading skills at Bath Elementary and Northeast Elementary. We need volunteers for 1 hour a week. We also need substitutes once in a while. If you would like to try this please contact Judi Miller (judim5river@gmail.com) or 252-717-2755.

Thank you for your consideration.



Music at St. Thomas

The choir will resume rehearsals, Sunday, September 15th and will be singing beginning Sunday, October 6th on St. Francis Sunday. If you would like to join the choir or have any questions, please contact Billy. Also, Sunday, October 6th, we will formally welcome Billy with a special coffee hour.

On Sunday, September 22nd at 2:00 pm, Heidi Souza will perform an organ concert at St. George's Episcopal Church in Engelhard, NC (43.1 miles from the Food Lion in Belhaven, East on 264) Music by Handel, Bach, Buxtehude and audience participation for "How Great Thou Art" and "Seek Ye First".

Rector's Column



In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression – everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship god in his own way – everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want...everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear...anywhere in the world. That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation.

I pondered these words when I stood on Roosevelt Island, one of my favorite places to visit in New York. One of the ends of the island is Roosevelt Park, a tribute to FDR and in particular, the Four Freedoms speech his State of the Union address delivered January 6, 1941. It was a rallying cry to Americans to stand up to the tyranny of Nazi Germany and support Britain and the Allies. The Four Freedoms became a symbol of hope for the world in our darkest hour and are the basis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

FDR's vision is one we all share for a just world, where all are respected and cared for no matter who they are or where they called home. The beacon of hope we give to the world is one which people still flock to in the hope of making a better life for them and their families. We are so fortunate to call this beautiful country home, no matter where we grew up or who our parents were. As the child of an immigrant, married to an immigrant, I know first hand why these ideals are essential to us. I felt hope as I stood reading them once again in the park, which is across from the United Nations. Its symbolism was not lost on me that day.

As our hearts and minds turn to fall, I look forward to seeing you all at our Wednesday night gatherings, education, and formation courses.

Diane+

Outreach Initiatives

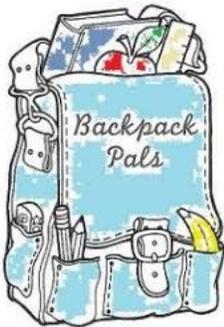
Special thanks to all St. Thomas parishioners who actively participate throughout the year in our ongoing Outreach efforts. For our new congregation members, we are outlining below our monthly collections.

FIRST Sunday - Salvation Army - Non perishable easy to prepare food is needed. You may also make a tax deductible donation by check made payable to the Salvation Army. This December we will participate in the Christmas bell ringing.

SECOND Sunday - Back Pack Pals food collection for Northeast and Bath Elementary provides weekend nourishment for school selected disadvantaged children. 40% of our Outreach budget is designated to Back Pack, but we also rely on individual parishioner's contributions to supplement the program. Bath Christian Church also participates with an annual contribution.

THIRD Sunday - Martha's Project - St. Thomas is one of several church sponsors of Martha's Project in Belhaven. Beans, rice, and protein are always needed. We also provide manpower on designated distribution days for unloading the truck, packing individual boxes and distributing boxes to Martha's clients.

FOURTH Sunday - Pet Food Pantry of Eastern North Carolina, the new addition to our fourth Sunday designation. St. Thomas can help by donating dry or wet dog and/or cat food. This program is dedicated to helping prevent the surrender of pets when families cannot afford to feed them. It also provides pet food through Meals on Wheels and to military families who are unable to afford it. The Pantry also provides disaster assistance to those affected by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and fires. Participants in the program must agree to not add any additional pets when applying to the program. Editor's note: Fourth Sunday in August and First Sunday in September will be "Back to School Supplies" and normal rotation will resume on the Second Sunday in September.



Backpack Pals

Backpack Pals is a nationally recognized program designed to meet the needs of children, identified by school staff, who have little to eat over the weekend. During the 2018-19 school year, the BPP committee members packed 25 bags of food for children at Bath and Northeast Elementary Schools and delivered the bags to the schools on Wednesday or Thursday. The school staff transferred the bags of food to backpacks that are free of logos to protect the dignity and anonymity of the children and sent the backpacks home with the children on Friday. The backpacks are returned to the schools on Monday to be refilled. With your help, we are preparing to do the same for the 2019-2020 school. Your monetary and food donations are gratefully received and make it possible for us to continue this valuable outreach service to our community.

Food donations for BPP are collected the second Sunday of each month. Nonperishable, individually wrapped single servings of the following items are most needed. Each child receives a total of 17 items weekly. They are: 2 hot chocolates/cocoas; 2 100% Fruit juices; 3 snacks (pretzels, pudding, granola bars); 2 breakfast bars or cereal (grits, oatmeal, individual boxes of sugar-free cereal); 4 protein items (canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter packs, macaroni & cheese, soup); and, 4 fruit cups (applesauce, Mandarin oranges, mixed fruit, peaches, pears).

During the 2018-2019 school year the approximate food cost per child was: \$4.50 a week; \$19 a month; \$58 for three months; \$116 for six months; and, \$175 for the whole school year. BPP is a community effort. Bath Christian donates money to the program and Bath Methodist prepares food for half of the students in need at Bath Elementary. Throughout the school year we also receive some food donations from St. Thomas congregants, from Martha's Kitchen, and from the American Red Cross.

THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF BPP shows up as improved student behavior, attendance and academic achievement. We are frequently told how much the students look forward to getting their backpacks and how much they count on it.

If you are interested in getting involved in the work of this important committee, please contact Ginger Morrison at 919-760-9982 or gingermorrison@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Eastern NC
Presented by Eastern Radiologists Breast Imaging.**

Walk with us to raise awareness and funds to end breast cancer.

October 12, 2019 – Greenville Town Common – Registration: 8:00 am – Walk: 9:30 am

For more information: Teyonna Nixon – 252-695-9081 – teyonna.nixon@cancer.org

www.makingstrideswalk.org/easternnc

St. Francis Sunday October 6th

St. Francis Sunday is October 6th.

At the 8 and 10 am services we will give thanks to God for His creation remembering we are to care for it all its inhabitants. At 12:30 our traditional pet blessing will take place at in the field on the other side of the driveway. There will be a short service with individual pet blessings.

All pets are welcome!

St Francis, who founded the Catholic Church's Franciscan order, lived in Italy during the late 12th and 13th centuries. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is remembered for his love for animals and nature. St Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy on October 4, 1226.

Pope Gregory IX pronounced St Francis a saint in 1228. The pope also laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, Italy.

Symbols associated with St Francis of Assisi are:

- Birds and animals.
- A bag of gold and rich raiment at St Francis' (of Assisi) feet.
- A winged crucifix with five rays.
- Stigmata.
- A crown of thorns.
- A lighted lamp.
- A fiery chariot.
- Animals such as birds, deer, and a wolf.
- Fire.
- A skull.

Some of these symbols are seen around the time of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.



ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET

Please use the Altar Flower Sign Up Sheet. These forms will be available in the Noe Building and the Church Office.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Bath, North Carolina

Date of request _____

Name of person requesting: _____

Date requested for Altar Flowers placement _____

Choose one: 1. Given in honor of _____

2. Given in memory of _____

3. Given in celebration of _____

Name of person(s) being memorialized:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Notes: _____

Signature of person making request

Date

**BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS
2019-2020 CALENDAR**

M	T	W	T	F
JULY 2019				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

M	T	W	T	F
AUGUST 2019				
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
*26	27	28	29	30

M	T	W	T	F
SEPTEMBER 2019				
HOL 2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER 2019				
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2019				
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HOL 11	12	13	14	15
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25	26	27	HOL 28	HOL 29

DECEMBER 2019				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
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23	HOL 24	HOL 25	HOL 26	27
30	31			

JANUARY 2020				
		HOL 1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
HOL 20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY 2020				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MARCH 2020				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL 2020				
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27	28	29	30	

MAY 2020				
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18	19	20	21	22
HOL 25	26	27	28	29

JUNE 2020				
1	2	3	4	*5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

HOLIDAYS:

- July 4, 2019 – Independence Day (summer employment)
- September 2, 2019 – Labor Day
- November 11, 2019 – Veteran’s Day
- November 28 & 29, 2019 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 24, 25 & 26, 2019 – Christmas Holidays
- January 1, 2020 – New Year’s Holiday
- January 20, 2020 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
- April 10, 2020 – Good Friday
- May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day

LEGEND:

- 12 Holidays
- 9 Required Work Days
- 7 Optional Work Days
- 10 Annual Leave Days
- 5 Early Release Days – Entire District
- *First & Last Day of School for Students

MAKE-UP DAYS: In the event of school cancellation, the following options to schedule student make-up days may be utilized:
(1) Early Release Days (2) Teacher Workdays (3) Christmas and/or Spring Break (4) Saturdays