



ST. THOMAS HUNTSVILLE, AL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:30 AM, CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 6 PM, CHAPEL

HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY 11 AM, CHAPEL

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM
WEDNESDAY 12:15 PM

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THE EPISTLE

OUR VISION

IS TO OFFER GOD OUR VERY SELVES,
EACH OF US WITH DIFFERENT GIFTS,
SO THAT UNITED IN CHRIST,
WE FORM ONE BODY-
ONE THAT PROCLAIMS THE LOVE OF GOD
THROUGH OUR WORKS AND WORSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY
JANUARY 4, 2009

The Holy Name of Our Lord

The Collect for the feast of "The Holy Name of Our Lord", celebrated on January 1st, is:

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen* (Lesser Feasts and Fasts, p.115).

The Law of Moses required that every male child be circumcised on the eighth day from his birth; and it had long been the custom to make it a festive occasion, when family and friends came together to witness the naming of the child. The significance for Christians is found in the early church that preached the earthly name of Jesus to show that he was a man of flesh and blood, though also the Son of God, who died a human death, and whom God raised from death to be the Savior of the world. The name was given to Jesus, as the angel explained to Joseph, because he would "save his people from their sins". People through out the ages have longed to be freed from sin and death. Today, as in ages past, the name of Jesus calls to mind the true freedom which is ours through Jesus the Christ.

Celebrating The Holy Name of Our Lord on New Year's Day reminds all of us that God has given us salvation and true freedom to be people who live the grace filled life.

Happy New Year!

Blessinas. Dex

"Alleluia II" books are Missing

St. Thomas has quite a collection of the "Alleluia II" books and we are not able to find any of them. Please if you have any church copies of this book return them immediately to the church. We would like to use them during Advent and upcoming Cursillo events. Thank you so much.

YOUTH NEWS

NO EYC and YP this week!

Please watch for the new 2009 schedule. Vestry Youth Ministry Group - (Julia Erwin 883-4221, Kelly Evans 882-9518, Bob Harwell 880-2073, or Tod Taylor 883-8845)

Don't miss the ULTREYA meeting!

Come Friday, January 16, at 6:30. At this time we will have a group reunion, discuss plans for the future, and, of course, have refreshments, so please bring a small snack if you have time. Every Christian is welcome to attend, even if you haven't been to Cursillo. This is a great way to find out more about this lay ministry. Contact person is Patty Moy.

Newcomer's Dinner, January 31, 2009 starting at 5:30 PM with a social and dinner at 6:00 PM– Invitations will be sent.

We are working on the information for the new 2009 Directory – please send the office an email, stthomas@stthomashuntsville.org or call 880-0247 with any corrections and/or additions.

Annual Parish Meeting

January 11, 2009 starting at 12:45 PM

The Annual Parish Meeting will consist of Parish Reports, election of new Vestry members, and a Chili lunch (along with other soups). This is a very important meeting in the life of St. Thomas and we urge all of you to attend. We will serve lunch as part of the meeting. We will need pots of chili and soup (non-spicy) along with breads, salads, and cookies. This is a fun way of showing off your favorite chili or soup recipe to 100s of friendly judges!! Join the fun and sign up today or call Evie Wilson, 679-7928. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Information Hall. Nursery will be provided.

A local photographer is trying to find a member of Garland and Elsie Lotz's family because he has discovered negatives of their wedding when he was cleaning out his studio. If you know how to get in touch with any of them, please let Susan Smith know via email (sjsmith50@comcast.net) or phone (881-4197).

Vestry Retreat– The Vestry Retreat will be held at Camp McDowell **January 16 and 17, 2009**. You will receive a letter inviting you to the retreat that will explain its purpose and what to bring. All vestry members are encouraged to come for these two days.

FINANCIAL NEWS

December 21, 2008

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,192.31
Budget Receipts	\$ 8,925.00
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 120.00
Designated Receipts	\$ 870.00
Total Receipts	\$ 9,915.00

December 28, 2008

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,192.31
Budget Receipts	\$ 19,262.60
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 10.00
Designated Receipts	\$ 4,310.42
Total Receipts	\$ 23,583.02

November

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Pledge \$	35,831.90	\$ 48,076.00	\$ (12,244.10)
Plate	3,887.40	2,884.00	1,003.40
Total \$	39,719.30	\$ 50,960.00	\$ (11,240.70)

Year To Date

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Pledge \$	425,079.41	\$ 461,538.00	\$ (36,458.59)
Plate	39,631.65	27,692.00	11,939.65
Total \$	464,711.06	\$ 489,230.00	\$ (24,518.94)

Lay Ministers for the Week of January 4, 2008

Altar Guild Kay Strobel, Rosemary Roberts, Claire Pickett

Flower Guild Barbara Meyer, Jane Williams

Meals on Wheels Jane and Burt Williams, Cindy Atkins, Marge Roberts, Gloria Ives, Diane Parker, Barbara Rackley and Nancy Willisson

Sunday Readings Isaiah 60:1-6 ; Ephesians 3:1-12 ; Matthew 2:1-12 ; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8am - HE Service @ Church 8:45am - Breakfast @ Parish 9am - Cherub Choir @ Choir 9:30am - No Sunday School @ 10:30am - HE Service @ 5pm - EYC and YP	29	30	31 9:30am - Bible Study @ 11am - HE & Healing @ 12pm - Office Closes 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - No HE Service @	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
4 Food Pantry Sunday 8am - HE Service @ Church 8:45am - Breakfast @ Parish 9am - Cherub Choir @ Choir 9:30am - Sunday School @ 10:30am - HE Service @ 5pm - EYC and YP	5 6:30pm - Outreach Meeting @	6 Deadline for Epistle Articles	7 9:30am - Bible Study @ 11am - HE & Healing @ 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - HE Service @ Chapel	8 5:30pm - EFM meeting @	9	10 9am - DOK @ Parlor 1pm - St. Anne's @ Parlor
11 Baptism Sunday 8am - HE Service @ Church 9am - Cherub Choir @ Choir 9:30am - Sunday School @ 10:30am - HE Service @ 12:45pm - Annual Meeting - 5pm - EYC and YP	12	13 Deadline for Epistle Articles	14 9:30am - Bible Study @ 11am - HE & Healing @ 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - HE Service @ Chapel	15 5:30pm - EFM meeting @	16 7am - Vestry Retreat @ Camp McDowell	17
18 8am - HE Service @ Church 8:45am - Breakfast @ Parish 9am - Cherub Choir @ Choir 9:30am - Sunday School @ 10:30am - HE Service @ 5pm - EYC and YP	19 6pm - Vestry @ Vestry	20 Deadline for Epistle Articles	21 9:30am - Bible Study @ 11am - HE & Healing @ 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - HE Service @ Chapel	22 5:30pm - EFM meeting @	23	24
25 8am - HE Service @ Church 8:45am - Breakfast @ Parish 9am - Cherub Choir @ Choir 9:30am - Sunday School @ 10:30am - HE Service @ 5pm - EYC and YP	26	27 Deadline for Epistle Articles	28 9:30am - Bible Study @ 11am - HE & Healing @ 12:15pm - Bible Study 6pm - HE Service @ Chapel	29 5:30pm - EFM meeting @	30	31 5:30pm - Newcomer's Dinner

January Birthdays

- 01-Jan** - Virginia Crump, James Graham, Leslie Avant, William Avant, Connor Gossage, Logan Freeman
- 02-Jan** Kelli Conover, Ryann Roberts, Polly Bjelke, William Bjelke, Fia Bjelke, Carson Tinsley
- 03-Jan** Bill Lightfoot, Bryan Dodson, **04-Jan** Tyler Harvey, **06-Jan** Pamela Lloyd, Shannon Walters, Robert Walters, Mallory Tannehill
- 07-Jan** Jane Williams, **08-Jan** John Chandler, Jan Suggs, William Crump, Ann Cochran, Dick Strobel, Kaytlin Herbert,
- 10-Jan** Whitney Holcomb, Amy Beth Mayfield, **12-Jan** Clint Bestor, Jocelyn Vetter, Kristin Hanson,
- 13-Jan** Claire Pickett, Jim Teasdale, Sarah Hines, **14-Jan** Woodie Zeigler, Tod Taylor, **15-Jan** Jennifer Hurt, Peter Jones
- 17-Jan** Kimberly Garnett, **18-Jan** Kyle Samples, Haddon Hines, **19-Jan** Judie Hammond, Bruce Reynolds, Betsy Gant, Emily Harwell,
- 20-Jan** Jerry Poplin, **21-Jan** Lee Ann Bryant, **23-Jan** Gene Lawson, Emily Willis, **24-Jan** Jack Stokes, **26-Jan** George Burt
- 27-Jan** Jay Fryman, Melinda Seigler, Savanna Shaw, **28-Jan** Colette McGill, Lauren Marshall, **29-Jan** Brett Gossage, Karen Allison
- 30-Jan** Robert Hunziker, Lloyd Walker

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharist Ministers	Ann Bayruns, Tod Taylor	Tom Atkins, Gretchen Mauldin
Lectors	Cricket Grilliot	Linda Mixon, Clark Meyers
Acolytes	Ed Johnson, Hudson Robb	Emma Davis, Hayley Morris, Porter Steel, Ben Jacobson, Kaitlyn Morris
Ushers	Al and Pat Johnson	Rob Robb, Preston McGill
Greeter	Kay Strobel	Carol Roy
Vestry on Duty	Norman Bradley	Brenda Smith

Sunday	8:00 AM till 8:00 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Food Pantry Sunday Holy Eucharist Service, Church Hot Breakfast, Parish Hall Cherub Choir Practice, Hudson Hall Sunday School Holy Eucharist Service, Church
Monday	6:30 PM	Outreach Meeting, Parlor
Wednesday	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:00 PM	Bible Study Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel Bible Study Holy Eucharist Service, Chapel
Thursday	5:30 PM	EFM, Conference Room
Saturday	9:00 AM 1:00 PM	DOK, Parlor St. Anne's, Parlor

As committees and groups set dates for events and meetings in 2009 please notify the office so we can post it on the web page calendar and/or facility calendar.

2009 Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes will be available for pick up this Sunday, January 4 in the Narthex and during regular business hours in the Finance Office. If you did not pre-request offering envelopes you may still do so by contacting Terri at 880-0247.

HAPPY NEW YEAR