

The APOSTLE

Lent/Easter 2016

"There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in."

"You cannot conceive, nor can I, of the appalling strangeness of the mercy of God."

—Quotes by Graham Greene

Dear Parishioners,

"Do you remember..." is a phrase that is often said around a table with family or friends. Memory, or story, is one of the many ways we anchor ourselves to a place or person. So much of our identity is tied to the past even as we look forward. What are the memories that most form who you are? How do others remember you?

Next week we begin the season of Lent. During the services for Ash Wednesday, we will be admonished to remember our sins and our need to forgive and be forgiven. This is not a place we really want to go at times, but it is ever so necessary. We will remember that God is merciful and kind, slow to anger, and will love us through the sin and broken heartedness. Ultimately, we have no fault that is beyond God's mercy to forgive and restore us fully.

What does the church look like when we truly embrace God's incredible gift of grace and mercy? That church won't be perfect. It will not only be filled with sinners and the broken, but it will also be a place of hope and dreams. The truth of the matter is that when we venture into our real selves and open up all of our selves to God—God can lift us up "out of the mire and clay." The church that embraces this is also a place where one can tell his/her story and remember it out loud. That church is alive and teeming with God's love and possibility.

Over the last few weeks, our family has been through a difficult and confusing time. We simply didn't have control or know what was coming. In the sharpening focus of a difficult diagnosis and a sudden shift of reality, something was stirring us. In all that time, there was never a moment when we doubted God or God's mercy for us. Memories and stories filled the air, and in a quiet moment, God's dreams for us became a little closer. In a time when our story was changing, we remembered the dream.

Lent is a time for all of us to open ourselves up to God. God's memory never fails, and we can trust in God's unfailing mercy. It is hard to do this work. However, when we do this individually and as a community, new doors are opened. Do you remember the dream God has for you? for us?

Blessings,
GRL

MUSIC MINISTRIES

“For the Love of”

Calling all amateurs. . . . You heard me. Calling all amateurs!!!

Yes, it is that time of year when we prepare for the most important season of the church year. We are preparing our Lenten musical offerings for Holy Week. We are not seeking professional musical services at this time. Rather, we are looking for people who will give of their amateur talents because they love making music for the church.

Did you know that the etymology of our word “amateur” is related to an Old French word, “*amateur*” or “lover of” and, ultimately, comes from the Latin origin, “*amator*?”

An “amateur” works on projects because he or she derives pleasure in doing the task rather than seeking a financial gain. We have many talented people at St. Thomas who fit that *amateur* category.

These musicians are members of ensembles of every age and every musical taste including: the Children’s Chapel Choir, the Children’s Choir, Youth Instrumental Ensemble, Praise Ensemble, and the traditional Choir. These ensembles rehearse during the entire Fall—Winter—Spring seasons, taking a little time off during the summer.

However, the groups lead the music of worship during the entire year since worship is “always in season.” Our musicians share time and talent all year long. We always need folks to share the responsibility. It is fun.

As in the past, the groups share the responsibility of leading worship during the seasons of Lent and Easter. The Children’s choir will sing for services during the third Sunday

of Lent (February 28th) and again on Maundy Thursday (March 24th).

Our young folks are learning new music with an additional component of music theory as they learn chords, solfege [ed. note: sight reading using sol-fa syllables], and ring bells. They are truly amateur musicians; they also love to play musical games, have treats, and enjoy the friendships with the other kids in choir.

The Arts Camp last summer elicited two new opportunities for participation at St. Thomas.

The *dance* section of the camp, under the direction of **Taryn Layne-Mulhern**, continues to interest youngsters, and we plan to incorporate dance and movement opportunities in many of our new musical offerings.

The second group that continued to develop during the camp was the *youth instrumental ensemble*. This group of young players played and sang at the 7 pm. Christmas Eve service.

The group will play on the last Sunday of Epiphany, the day the church celebrates the Transfiguration of Christ. This ensemble will also contribute to musical offerings during Lent and Easter.

These students have continued to bless St. Thomas with their gifts during this school year.

As Holy Week approaches, both the Praise Ensemble and the traditional choir work together to provide meaningful music for this special time.

The Praise Band leads Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and the traditional choir supports these

Footnotes

Dr. Beth L. Elswick,
Director of
Music
Ministries



services. Likewise, many members of the Praise Ensemble will join the choir to sing the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure’ which will be presented at the 10:45 service on Palm Sunday.

Listen for brass and special music at the Easter Vigil and Easter services.

Make no mistake; the music of this season requires much diligent practice and sincere preparation. These notes are labors of love by the musicians of St. Thomas.



As my encore, I leave you with this special thought: did you know that the word “encore” is related to the French word, “*cour*,” from the Latin word, “*cor*,” meaning heart?

Our *amateur* musicians offer their music as notes of *encouragement* hoping that our music touches your hearts as we journey through Lent.

REFLECTIONS

Rules of Life

As I have been preparing for the coming Lenten season, one resource I came across focused on the idea of growing a “Rule of Life.”

This resource, from Virginia Theological Seminary and Society for St. John the Evangelist, encourages its users to reflect upon one’s relationship with self, God, others, and Creation, over the course of the season.

When I served with the Episcopal Service Corps before seminary, the community with which I served developed a common Rule of Life. We decided how we would spend our money; we devoted ourselves to common prayer and reflection; we committed to service in the community, and several other places.

I can remember at some moments feeling grateful for the structure and support I received from this common Rule had as I went through that year. At other times, I remember feeling as though all I wanted to do was go against what we had agreed upon as a community. As I have come back to this idea during this season of Lent, I am reminded of the value of considering how we order our lives, our time, and our relationships. And, I am reminded how Lent can be a time that we set aside to consider these things as well.

One of the people who developed this resource, Brother Curtis Almquist, SSJE, shares about Rules of Life:

“Having a Rule of Life is a way of sizing up, getting the right kind of measurements and proportions...for you to live a life that allows us to be fully and freely alive.”

In other words, what may be out of balance for you? What parts of your life receive more attention than you would rather give them? How might you seek to re-order the way you spend your time to allow yourself to feel more “fully and freely” connected to God?

To spend time in this kind of reflection and prayer not only helps us to prepare our hearts and minds during Lent for the coming Easter season, but also it re-directs our hearts and minds to God’s constant presence with us each day throughout our lives.

A Rule of Life is not so much about rules that we break or keep. Instead, it is about a constant process of guiding our lives to be connected with our Creator and to better enable us to serve God’s people in the world.

King’s Corner



The Rev.
Steven King,
Assistant
Rector

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

A potluck bbq supper was shared prior to the 2016 annual meeting on January 27, 2016.

The highlight of the meeting was a very humorous St. Thomas video “Star Wars Episode XXVI” starring Father Gar Demo, Father Steven King, co-starring Meribeth Risebig and Beth Elswick with special guest appearance by Fr. Ben Varnum and a cameo by Bishop Wolfe.

Elections were held for five open vestry positions. The new vestry members are **Dan Elman, Ron Pena, Jennifer Barrington, Bruce Henricks, and Nyakio Lake.**

Don McArthur, Sr. Warden, issued a big ‘thank you’ to the body of St. Thomas as well as reviewed the highlights of 2015.

Ashley Fleischaker and **Miles Yakre** shared the big news of a balanced budget for 2015 and the St. Thomas financials are in good shape for 2016.

Father Steven reminded us about the *Invite/Welcome/Connect* program we have started at St. Thomas. It will become a bigger part of the parish as we grow. **Barbara McCall**, who took over Children’s Ministry this fall, gave an overview of this year’s events and what is to come in the future. **Bill Gintzel**, Junior Warden, will be making a ‘to-do’ list for the building as well as finding ways to reduce utility costs.

The staff was thanked just before the Vestry presented Fr. Gar with an I-Grill as a thank you gift to him.

He reflected about his call to St. Thomas 10 years ago and the challenges the parish has faced. His hope is to focus on serving those in our community.

—Jean Adam, Secretary

IHN MINISTRY

2015 IHN Holiday Party Thanks

St. Thomas hosted the 11th annual Jo County IHN Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12, 2015. The event was a huge success due to the loving support of our St. Thomas family. We celebrated with 105 guests from 33 current and graduated IHN families and 85 volunteers from St. Thomas and other congregations/organizations.

The IHN families are so very thankful for the love and support St. Thomas provides them by hosting the party. The families come back each year, not only for the gifts they receive, but also for the love of Christ that flows through the entire church. The families know they are not forgotten. One of the mothers from a graduate family plans to go through the IHN training session and become a trained volunteer, so she can serve others. Really understanding the homeless situation will make her a very special volunteer for IHN.

Our sincere thanks goes to those who donated gift cards, food



Our gift basket crew did a splendid job of packing all the IHN baskets with plenty of goodies. Thank you to **Blair Adam, Brian Geary, Don McArthur, Brett Parker** and **Bill Kidder** for your help.



Thanks to donations for the Kids' Gift room, the kids had plenty of items from which to pick gifts for family members.

for the lunch, gifts for the kids shopping room, and your time as volunteers. We are grateful to Father Steven who led us in pray before the party.

I would especially like to thank: *Dola McNown, Jenny Palmer, Cathy McCormick, Steve Leftwich, Bill Kidder, Margaret Walkenshaw, Patricia Barley, Dan & Donna Kopp, Kay Childress, Steve & Tracie Glasscock, Debbie Lang, Ann Clements, Ginger Shields, Bill Gintzel, and Connie Snider.* A thanks goes out to our photography team of *John McNown, Bill Werner and Nyla Howard.*

A special thank you to our "Thom's Helpers" for setting up the tables in parish hall 1 & 2.

We look forward to hosting the 12th annual party next December.

—*Jean Adam*, IHN Holiday Party Coordinator



What is a Christmas party without a visit from Santa and the Mrs.? **Connie Snider** and **Bill Gintzel** filled in as Mr. and Mrs. Claus to the delight of the young children.

IHN MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 23, 2016!

JoCo IHN AUCTION

at the Overland Park Convention Center

As one of the founding congregations, St. Thomas has a strong commitment to the local ministry of **JoCo Interfaith Hospitality Network**. As most of you know, IHN holds an annual auction in June. The IHN auction is a major fund-raiser through which a large portion of the Network's services to Johnson County homeless families and unattached females are covered. Plans are already evolving for the June 23, 2016, auction.



Five ways YOU can help make this fundraiser a successful event:

- **SPONSORSHIP:** When you “Buy a Table” you can invite a group of friends or business associates as your guests. It’s a great opportunity to introduce people to IHN and your support of this local organization. Different sponsorship levels are available.
- **DONATE LIVE AUCTION ITEMS:** Examples: Vacation Home (1 week stay), Passes to Disney Theme Parks, Season Tickets to National Geographic Live + Dinner at Webster House, Royals Tickets, Chiefs Tickets, Condo at Beaver Creek in CO, one week stay in deluxe dream home in Florida Keys! These are just a few examples of Live Auction items at previous IHN auctions. *Be Creative—What Can You Donate?*
- **DONATE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:** Gift cards to your favorite restaurant—with a minimum amount of \$25.00. *These are favorite items!* Gift cards for shopping or fun—like American Girl store, Pinstripes, theatres, etc. “Baskets” like wine baskets, or a “Date Night Package;” Services like car detailing, or for lawn renovation.
- **ATTEND THE AUCTION:** It’s a fun, casual atmosphere with delicious food and wine PLUS the opportunity to get great auction items, including signed Royals memorabilia. Our returning stars are MC **Joe Lauria**, Fox4 weatherman, along with The Nigro Brothers, KC’s most famous and fun auctioneers.
- **VOLUNTEER:** Pre-auction opportunities as well as auction positions are available. To volunteer or get more information contact:

Dola McNown at 541-9226 or dolamcnown49@gmail.com or

Margaret Walkenshaw at 897-4766 or mwalkenshaw@kc.surewest.net.

ST. THOMAS WILL HOST IHN TRAINING TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Understanding how IHN operates and the role of volunteers is critical to the success of the homeless families and single, unaccompanied women we serve. IHN conducts training sessions which are hosted by the 35 Network congregations.

St. Thomas will host training on Tuesday, March 29, 6:30-8:30 pm. Sessions are open to all and no reservations are needed. IHN requires trained volunteers to attend a refresher every two years so this session is an opportunity for refresher also. Punctual arrival and attendance until 8:30 is important to complete the training session.

THOM'S HELPERS MINISTRY

New Volunteers Forge Bond with Thom's Helpers

With the addition of volunteers **Peggy Henricks**, **Gerry Miller** and **Steve Rimmer**, *Thom's Helpers*, the St. Thomas outreach program to young adults with special needs, is positioned for future expansion.

With the added volunteers, the only thing standing in our way of being able to add more young people is the ability to transport them to and from St. Thomas. Peggy, Gerry and Steve have really stepped up and earned the trust of Michael, Morgan, Shauna, Sawyer, Sam, Erik & Blake.

These are all amazing people showing that no matter what your gifts God can find a place for you in His Kingdom.

If you stopped by Parish Hall 1 on December 23rd, you had the chance to really see the love and excitement that the Thom's Helpers ministry generates both from the young people and the volunteers. It was time to party and celebrate the success of this past year with the "World Premiere" of the video "**All Are Welcome: 2015 with Thom's Helpers.**" There was a red carpet for the stars, a concession stand and special world premiere tickets designed by Deacon Fran Wheeler. A feast of all the Thom's favorite dishes was laid out with plenty of that most necessary of food groups "Ranch" for dipping.

While the visit from St. Nick didn't turn out so well, finding out that it was Barbara McCall's birthday sent the Helpers down the hall in search of Barbara so she could join in the festivities.



Thom's Helpers: Back row—Deacon Fran, John McNown, Sawyer Stern, Shauna Magnan, Michael Findling, Eric Kling, Father Steven, Sam Charpentier and Morgen Diaz. Front row—Gerry Miller, Cathy McCormick, Dola McNown, Sue Elliott, Blake Docking, Peggy Henricks, and Steve Rimmer.

photo/John McNown

SMALL GROUPS



Exploring Hollywood Through the Eyes of Thomas Hart Benton

The St. Thomas Small Group, **Explorers**, decided to travel to Hollywood by touring the Nelson Art Gallery in November. With their navigation devices opened, they soon found themselves at the Thomas Hart Benton home and studio where they were given an in-depth tour of how THB lived and painted. Both informative and funny, the tour guides gave the Explorers plenty to talk about once they sat down for lunch at the Rozelle Court restaurant at the Gallery.

Following lunch the Explorers joined Nelson docent, **Kathy Tombs**, sister-in-law of Explorer member Joe Bob Lake, for a fascinating look at the "Thomas Hart Benton and Hollywood" exhibition.

Kathy guided us through the many different periods of Benton's paintings ending with the story of Life magazine sending Benton to Hollywood to do a Life cover. The now famous painting never appeared in Life as the editors didn't think it would set well with their reading public.

At the Explorer's regular meetings at 7 PM on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, the group continued to use the Nooma video series along with Biblical passages to explore how faith impacts our lives.

Easter week and beyond!

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Our Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
at 9:30 am.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY weekend
Saturday at 5:30 pm;
Sunday at 8:45 & 10:45 am

March 24, 2016

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Stripping of altar and foot washing
7 pm

March 25, 2016

GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross at noon
Service at 7 pm

March 26, 2016

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL & Baptisms
7 pm

March 27, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Service at 6 am
Holy Eucharist at 8:45 am and 10:45 am

Save the Date

The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

Women's Summit

Friday & Saturday, April 22-23, 2016

4:00 pm Friday-4:00 pm Saturday (approx.)

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

Mission, KS (Kansas City area)

Special Guest Speaker:

The Reverend Becca Stevens

Priest, author & founder of Magdalene House,

Thistle Farms, and Thistle Stop Cafe

Nashville, Tennessee

Watch for additional information in the near future!

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Sunday, April 3, 2016
is our
Annual Celebration Sunday
when we honor all our
high school, college and
other degreed grads.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

When we talk about Lent at youth group, the topic that frequently arises is what everyone is “giving up.”

For some, it is their yearly effort at abstaining from chocolate; for others it’s a new and creative way of trying out this practice.

For some, it is something they hold private and personal, while others want to share with all. Even still there are others who prefer the idea of trying on a new practice or discipline instead of giving something up.

In all of these conversations, we seek to remind our students (and ourselves) that Lent is not another thing to add to the already full schedules we all seek to maintain. It is not something that carries with it more stress at the thought of not keeping our discipline.

Instead, in seeking to maintain these disciplines we seek to remove the distractions that take us away from God or shift our priorities. We regularly spend time at each youth group reflecting on how our faith can be lived out in our everyday contexts. In Lent, we will continue to do so while also considering how we maintain our own relationship with God.

As we continue our journey through the Beatitudes this Lenten season as a youth group, we will use this lens to consider how we enact our faith each day. In particular, we will consider being peacemakers (*Matthew 5:9*) and what it means to be “persecuted for righteousness’ sake” (*Matthew 5:10*). We will also consider how the disciplines we take on in Lent guide us to a deeper connection with the God who calls us to be and live in the teachings of the Beatitudes.

This Lenten season may we all consider how we might connect (or re-connect) with God as well as how we may live out our faith each day.

*We can't wait to
Snow Tube at
Snow Creek!*



*The Rev.
Steven King,
Assistant
Rector*



**Save
these
Dates!**

Summer @ St. Thomas 2016

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS

MEGA CAMP:

June 5-11, 2016

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

June 12-16, 2016

ARTS CAMP:

June 27-July 1, 2016

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY:

July 11-15, 2016 (3rd-5th grade) &

July 25-29, 2016 (6th-8th grade)

MISSION TRIP:

July 17-22, 2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What will we DO for Lent?

Advent was awesome, wasn't it? The anticipation, the excitement? Christmas...even better! The birth of Baby Jesus, the gifts, the family, the friends, the FOOD! Epiphany? Pretty cool...kings bringing fancy gifts.

Now what?

Oh, Lent.

The truth is, Lent is hard. Lent is hard for grownups. Lent can be really hard for kids. Although the miracle of the risen Christ at the end of our Lenten road is just as exciting as the end of our Advent road with the miracle of the Christ Child, the Lenten journey takes us through some places and events that can be very hard for children to connect with and understand.

Barbara McCall,
Director of
Children's
Formation



When paired with the idea that they often hear of having to "give up" something they enjoy, Lent can be a season that children (of all ages) often approach with a sense of dread or apprehension.

Yet Lent provides a valuable opportunity for our children to begin to understand self-reflection and self-discipline as they grow in their life in Christ and begin to develop an understanding of the miracle of the cross. Although a Lenten sacrifice can be a very special way to connect with and prepare for the events of Holy Week, another option can be to approach Lent as a time for our children to DO SOMETHING to practice being more loving, more compassionate and more appreciative of the blessings that we have as children of God.

On February 14th, our Sunday School children will enter the season of Lent together in the Assembly Room with **Jo Ho** the Storyteller. Jo will present a program called "My World, Your World" that will encourage us to become more aware of "the beauty and delicacy" of God's Creation.

This activity can provide a wonderful starting point for establishing a simple Lenten discipline for your child or family to DO SOMETHING related to caring for Creation. What might you do...make or decorate a recycling box for your home, commit to using a reusable water bottle instead of plastic ones, use real dishes instead of paper or plastic ware? Or perhaps there is another area, in your home, with your family or in your community where you can DO SOMETHING to be more loving, more compassionate or more appreciative of God's blessings?

When we actually sit down to think of it, the list of things we can DO during Lent to spread the Love of Christ is often much longer than the list of things we can do without, and visible actions and experiences can provide a great deal of meaning and understanding for our little ones during this more somber time.

For more information or ideas on how you and your family can establish a simple Lenten discipline in your home (some "giving up" and some "doing"), try visiting one of the following websites.

<http://www.yourmodernfamily.com/10-lent-ideas/>

<http://rachelheldevans.com/blog/40-ideas-lent-2013>

<http://www.plantingdandelions.com/40-days-of-lent-ideas-for-kids-and-parents/>

Ms. Barbara's "Lent" Board on Pinterest at www.pinterest.com/msbarbaraSTA

Blessings to you and your little ones during this holy season!

OTHER CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Parent's Day Out

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 is coming!

The Parent's Day Out program has experienced continual growth. Thirty children are enrolled in our program, half of whom attend multiple days. We are currently full and have a wait list for both age groups. We have started to receive inquiries for next year's enrollment.

In February, we will be distributing surveys to currently enrolled families to request feedback on the program as well as to determine their needs for next year. We will continue to offer care for two age groups.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be starting in March. Please refer to the *Tower Talk* for specific dates.

If you are interested in our program, please contact Michelle Beeler at 626-1492 or mbeeler@stthomasop.org.

—Michelle



Nursery News



Wow, I can't believe it's almost Lent! The little ones have had an amazing fall and winter and are so excited to move into the new year.

As we look towards the spring, with Lent and Easter coming so soon, we're coordinating with Barb McCall and Fr. Steven to find a way to make the Stations of the Cross come alive for the preschoolers. Watch the newsletter for that date, likely Palm Sunday.

We've welcomed a new member to our staff, **Kim Lewis**. Kim worked with Barb McCall in the public schools as her student teacher. She's been an amazing addition to our staff and has been active in working with both the nursery kiddos and the preschool Sunday school class. The kids LOVE her!

Remember also, we still have two more Parents' Nights Out on February 6th and March 5th from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. We'd love to see you then, too. Please come and join us!

As always, we love seeing your little ones and look forward to every Sunday.

—Kelly
with Katie, Megan, and Kim

Children are happy because they don't have a file in their minds that says "All the things that could go wrong."

—Marianne Williamson

EVENTS CELEBRATED

Scrumptious Cookie Sale 2015

This year's cookie sale was without a doubt our best cookie sale ever! We had the cookies and the baked goods; the cookie sellers and the cookie buyers.

When we opened for business, our Parish Hall was redolent with yummy scents of sugar, cinnamon, chocolate, and vanilla. Our tables were laden with plate after plate of luscious, mouth-watering cookies. We had an outstanding collection of cookies to sell. Quickly, buyers came and purchased. All totaled, we sold 160 pounds of cookies and baked goods.

- *Thanks to all of you who baked and donated to the sale;*
- *Thank you to all who attended, made purchases, and supported us;*
- *Thank you to our Thom's Helpers who set up our tables and cleaned them and gave us some of their famous salsa to sell;*
- *Thanks to those parishioners who let us put a sign in their yard.*

We saw many new faces at our sale and made some new friends, too.

The \$1673.00 made at this sale was donated to our Youth Group to help them with their expenses for future events as well as for their summer mission trip to Washington, DC.

Saint Thomas-
You Rock!

Pet Sitting service offered at cookie sale



Leslie Byrnes cheerfully offered to pet sit while this dog's owner shopped for cookies. While it looks like he was anxiously watching for his owner to come out, we all thought he was hoping to get a dog treat! Sorry, Bowser, not this year.



PARISH NOTES

Births

Welcome to the world!

Harrison Jeffrey McCaslin was born on February 3, 2016. His parents are *Jeff & Rachel McCaslin*.

Baptisms

Nathan Alexander Baggenstoss was baptized on January 3, 2016. His mom and dad are *Robert & Leslie Baggenstoss*. His big brother is Aron.

Deaths

We mourn the loss of these parishioners:

Ralph Lundell who is survived by his wife Jean. Ralph passed away on November 20, 2015; and **Barbara Glover**, who is survived by her husband John. Barbara passed away on December 8, 2015.

The St. Thomas family offers its heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Leaders of Vestry named

Congratulations to **Tom Palmer** who has been appointed Senior Warden. **Bill Gintzel** is our Junior Warden; **Jean Adam** is Secretary and **Ashley Fleischaker** is Treasurer of our Vestry.

Congratulations all!



Our Services

Saturdays

5:30 Holy Communion

Sundays

8:45 Holy Communion
with praise music & band

9:45 *Sunday School/
Adult/Christian Formation*

10:45 Holy Communion
with traditional music



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The next Apostle deadline is
Sunday, April 3, 2016.

STEWARDSHIP reminder

It is never too late to pick up a pledge card and offer your thanks to God by helping St. Thomas have the means to do His work in Overland Park, Kansas City, KS, Kenya and all the other places where our outreach ministries provide help, food, hope and love to people in need.

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." —John Wesley

Giving allows us to practice what Wesley taught by reaching beyond ourselves.

—John McNown for the
Stewardship committee

CALENDAR IN BRIEF

February

14: 1st of Lent
17: CPR class from 6 to 8 pm.
20: **All-Parish Outreach** day
CPR class from 9 to 11 am.
21: 2nd of Lent
28: 3rd of Lent

March

6: 4th of Lent
12: St. Paul's Food Pantry
13: 5th of Lent
20: **Palm Sunday weekend**
21-26: **Holy Week, see page 9 for details**
27: **EASTER SUNDAY**

April

3: **Annual Easter Egg hunt/Celebration Sunday**