

# The St. Thomas Times and Tidings

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## ***Advent, Christmas, and the Kingdom of God***

We hear a lot about the Kingdom of God throughout the year. It's in many of our Gospel and New Testament readings, and is implicit in much of the Book of Common Prayer. In fact, notions of the kingdom can become so familiar that we might unwittingly allow it to become part of the background of our worship rather than standing out an essential element of our faith.

The Kingdom of God is a place and a thing and a belief. It is God's sovereign rule in the world that extends to all aspects of God's presence in our lives now and in the future. As we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we become members of the Christian community that identifies itself with God's unfolding kingdom.

"Unfolding kingdom?" Does this mean that the kingdom is changing? Was it something else earlier? Will it be something else later? The answer is "yes" to all three questions.

Here is a way to think about the kingdom. A little more than two thousand years ago the known world was full of idolatry, terror, and oppression. Harsh Roman law was the only restraint upon chaos. Faith was repressed as the people of God endured subjugation and persecution. The world was broken by sin, disobedience, and the unrighteous exercise of power.

And then God's kingdom appeared when Jesus was born in Bethlehem with a promise that God's reign on earth was beginning. (Lk.1:31-33). We celebrate this during the Christmas season. But the kingdom is not yet complete. It still is a work in progress. God's kingdom will not fully be here until Jesus comes again in the clouds in power and Glory as we hear on the first Sunday in Advent (Lk. 21:27-28).

And in the meantime the world remains broken, and broken things happen. Even so, the kingdom has progressively become more evident as centuries have passed. We live better now than people did two thousand years ago. Peace is more prevalent although war still threatens. Hunger, disease, and poverty have been reduced although many still suffer. Most people are free to practice their faith although pockets of persecution endure.

Some people attribute these improvements to technological advances in science and medicine, and the fruits of an uplifted human intellect. I agree that those are the end results. But the underlying agent is God's continuing revelation of the glories of his plan for humanity as that inevitable day comes closer. God cannot be separated from our human progress.

But it all will come to pass in God's time, not ours. Figuratively speaking a thousand years are like a day for the Lord, and if we think he is delaying it is merely to give all a chance to come to him (2 Pe. 3:8-9).

So we live in a time in between times. It is a time of already but not yet. The incomplete revelation of God's kingdom that we have today competes with a world still broken by sin and disobedience. And that world will not be completely fixed until we see our Lord once more.

Therein lies our challenge. We are called by God to find ways to live in the meantime, in between times. Through our community at St. Thomas we can find comfort and support as we live in faith in the midst of this contemporary culture of pressures, temptations, and distractions.

*Fr. Bill*



## Senior Warden's Report

One of the most important and fulfilling outreach ministries we do at the church is our work at the Woodland Village Nursing Center behind the church on Gex Road.

Each Friday at 3:00 pm a team of four to five people goes to Woodland Village to celebrate a worship service. Fr. Bill is there for the Eucharist on the fourth Friday of each month, but all the other services are completely conducted by lay people in the church, several of whom are being trained as Diocesan Lay

Worship Leaders.

Those services are based on the Order for Evening Worship and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, and include brief readings from Scripture. We recently have been providing recorded Gospel music consisting of old favorites that the residents recognize.

As you probably know, Woodland Village is a nursing home that offers high levels of care. Many residents are mostly confined to their beds, and virtually all who are able to move around do so by wheelchair. Most of the residents will be in Woodland or a similar facility for the rest of their lives, and no longer are able to experience the simple joys that most of us take for granted.

That's why our ministry is so important. This is front-line outreach. We are bringing God to people who clearly know the Lord from their younger days, but no longer can experience him in a church-like setting.

Please consider joining this ministry. You might accompany one of the teams on Friday just to get a feel for the needs of the residents and our efforts to fulfill them. It truly is a worthwhile activity.

*Patty*



*Receiving Through Grace,  
Giving In Faith*

## Stewardship Update

Although the official 2010 stewardship campaign is now over, we hope that everyone will continue during the coming year to serve God and the church through stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure.

It has been a wonderful experience for us to work with everyone in the church during these last few months. Special thanks go out to our partners the Stewardship Committee, the hosts and hostesses for our Stewardship Socials, and Fr. Bill and Debbye. We have been members of St. Thomas from the beginning, and this has been one of our most fulfilling experiences.

The results of the stewardship campaign are encouraging. We are running substantially ahead of our pace for this time last year, and we will be even more uplifted as pledge cards that are still outstanding are returned

With your help we are getting closer to placing St. Thomas on a sound financial footing. We have been operating on a budget that provided for transfers of \$42,000 from reserves in 2009, but it turns out that only \$27,000 in transfers will be required. The draft budget for 2010 estimates transfers at about \$15,000, but could be less if there is a good return of the remaining pledge cards. We are going in the right direction, and you can make a difference.

We urge everyone to return their pledge cards as soon as possible so that information will be available for the December Vestry meeting. We sincerely appreciate the pledges that have been made and look forward to a successful conclusion of the stewardship campaign. Thanks to all.

*Sid and Mary*

**Dates To Remember**

- Dec 06 Adult Education, Revelation, Part VII
- Dec 12 ECW—Gourmet-to-Go
- Dec 13 Adult Education, Revelation, Part VIII
- Dec 13 Service of Lessons and Carols,  
10:00 am (regular service at  
8:00 am)
- Dec 13 Tree Trimming Party
- Dec 15 Vestry Meeting
- Dec 19 Men’s Breakfast
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services, 5:00 pm  
and 10:00 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day service, 10:00 am
- Dec 27 First Sunday after Christmas,  
Baptism at 10:00 am service



**The St. Thomas Budget for 2010**

A draft budget for 2010 was submitted to the Vestry at its October meeting based on data through September. An updated version is now available in the church office. The plan is to approve a final version at the vestry meeting on December 15. Copies are available in the church office. Members of the church are invited to offer comments and suggestions about programs or other budgetary items. Please submit comments and suggestions to Fr. Bill, Lou Crowe, Patty Hourin, or Debbye Jones.

**Silver Screen Movie Night**



The St. Thomas Silver Screen theater will be dark in December.

The next movie will be at our regularly scheduled time (third Friday of the month), January 15, 2010. The title will be announced later.

**Pledge Receipts Still Behind**

We continue to be a little behind in receiving our 2009 pledges. If you are not current on your pledge for this year, we ask that you catch up as soon as possible. To receive credit for donations in the year 2009 the IRS states that monies must be deposited in our account by end of business on December 31, 2009. Our final deposit of 2009 will be made the morning of December 31.

**Men’s Breakfast**



Men’s Breakfast Group meets the third Saturday of each month, at 8:30 am, in Johnson Hall. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 19; for information, contact Gary Gilmore (255- 4396).

**Tree Trimming Party**



A tree trimming party for the children and young people will happen after the Service of Lessons and Music on December 13, in Johnson Hall, after the coffee hour. Please invite friends and their children to participate with us for this fun event!

**Vestry Elections**



The annual meeting of the parish will be held in January 2010 at a date and time to be announced. One of the agenda items will be the election or reelection of three vestry members. Members whose terms expire are Jack Allen, Darlene Park, and Bob Saucier. Darlene is eligible to seek re-election as she was appointed to fill an unexpired term. Vestry members must be confirmed communicants whose membership letters are on file at St. Thomas or can be moved to St. Thomas. Members whose terms expire by tradition serve as a committee to help recruit candidates for the Vestry. Please contact one of them or Fr. Bill or Patty Hourin if you think you might be called to service in this way.

**December Birthdays**



- Dec 2 Penny Edwards
- Dec 8 Catherine Flynt
- Dec 9 Susan White
- Dec 10 Robert Eddy
- Dec 11 Alan Bruce
- Dec 13 Katie Montjoy  
Arva Kyger
- Dec 14 Rose Rybiski
- Dec 20 Maria Frallic
- Dec 20 Dick Park
- Dec 24 Mary Mizell
- Dec 26 Jack Allen
- Dec 30 Jim Hourin



**Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service**



The Wednesday Eucharist and Healing services are held at 6:00 pm. Please consider attending either or both parts of this service. The Eucharist is celebrated first, followed by a dismissal. The healing service begins shortly thereafter.

**Woodland Village Ministry**



Nursing Home Ministry Each Friday we conduct a worship service at the Woodland Village Nursing Center on Gex Road south of the church. There is a service of Evening Prayer, with Eucharist on the fourth Friday of each month. Much of this work is done by Lay Worship Leaders, Lay Readers, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the elderly in our community in their own setting. Please see Fr. Bill if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on December 6**



Everyone with a birthday or anniversary is invited to come forward and receive a blessing at both services the first Sunday of each month. This will be done just before The Peace. A special church bank will be available so that everyone who receives a blessing may deposit one penny for each year of age or marriage.

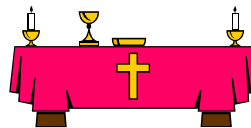
**Flower Guild**



There will be a meeting of the Flower Guild on Saturday, December 5, at 11:00 am.

Anyone interested in joining the Flower Guild is invited to come to this meeting.

**Altar Guild**



There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, to prepare for Christmas. If you are not a member and would like to join, this is a good time to begin. Any questions, call Patty Hourin, 255-1203.

**Christmas Holiday Office Hours**



The church office (Debbye) will be closed December 24—January 1, 2010.

Fr. Bill will be in his office at various times during the week following Christmas, and will be available to anyone that may need him.

**Brown Bag Sunday** will be December 6 as we collect nonperishable food items for delivery to the Hancock Food Pantry for distribution before Christmas. The need is great,



and we hope you will share your bounty with those who are less fortunate. Please place your items in or near the box in the foyer under Bishop Gray's picture.

## Adult Education

Dec 6 The Book of Revelation (Part VII)  
 Dec 13 The Book of Revelation (Part VIII)  
 Dec 20 TBA  
 Dec 27 No Class

Confirmation classes are continuing and offer a good survey of the church and our faith. All are invited to visit.

## Sunday School



**Additional Sunday School teachers are needed** who will be asked to commit for one month (four weeks) of Sundays. The curriculum is user friendly and leads

teachers through the lessons. With enough teachers, the one-month rotation would come up infrequently. Please seriously consider being a Sunday School teacher. Contact Penny Edwards (255-2984) or Fr. Bill.

There are two rooms: Ages 3 through Kindergarten, and First through Fifth Grades.

## Bible Study



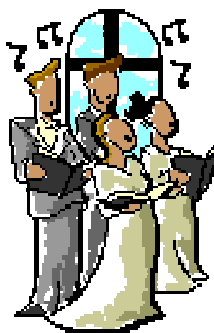
We are now studying the book of 1 Kings. The Bible is a wonderful adventure, and we would love you to join us in our study. We meet every Monday from 3:00—4:30 p.m. at the church.

## Ministry Sign-Up Sheets



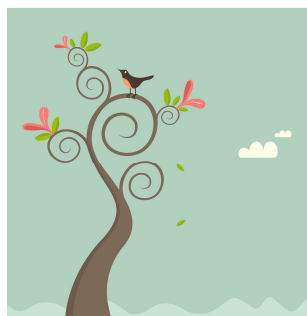
Sign-Up sheets for St. Thomas ministries and programs are on the table in the foyer under Bishop Gray's picture. Please consider areas in which you might be interested.

## Service of Lessons and Music



Our annual Service of Lessons and Music will be Sunday, December 13, at the 10:00 a.m. service. Traditional readings will be offered by adults and youth, and the St. Thomas choir will lead us in seasonal music. Lessons and Music will replace the usual readings, sermon, creed, and prayers of the people. There will still be a Eucharist. Please invite a friend to enjoy this service with us.

## Quiet Day Retreat



Mark your calendars for the annual Quiet Day retreat, to be held Saturday, January 9, 2010. After all the rushing during the holidays, we all might need to catch our collective breaths, sit and reflect; and what better way than to "*be still and know that He is God.*" This year, we're so excited to have our speaker and leader, The Rev. Liz Jones, from Coast Episcopal School. You might remember her as the interim priest at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea before they called their permanent rector. The day will begin with fellowship at 8:30, along with coffee, juice and sweet rolls, followed by Holy Eucharist and presentations by Rev. Jones, then reflection times. Participants will bring their own bag lunches (drinks will be provided). The day will end around 1:30pm. More information will be provided in the January newsletter.



### Amazing Praisers

The Amazing Praisers soon will begin rehearsals for our Christmas pageant at the 5:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. We are looking for angels of all sizes and ages, as well as other cast members. Please contact Susan White (255-2568) if you are interested in being in the pageant.



### ECW News

by Dee Daigle

We had a great attendance for our November meeting. Mary Ann McRaney, the author of *Friends Forever*, gave a very inspirational talk on how she came to write her book. Thanks to all who attended.

We would like to give a special thanks to everyone who contributed with the Rouse's Market stamp program which enabled us to get the new flat-ware set for the church.

We will not have a regular meeting in December since we have planned our fundraiser, "Gourmet-to-Go" and which we hope *everyone* will support. See below for details.



### Newcomers Committee and Greeters Ministry

The Greeters Ministry led by Paul Montjoy and the Newcomers Committee coordinated by Dick Park are carrying forth the church's ministry of hospitality, welcoming, and evangelism. Greeters are the important point of first contact for visitors to the church, and also are responsible for introducing them to others in the church and ensuring that they are made known to the Newcomers Committee for follow-up later in the week. Follow-up will include delivery of a loaf of bread baked by Sue Stewart, and mailing or delivery of other welcoming materials. The Newcomers Committee also will reach out to new residents of the community and others who have not come to St. Thomas on their own initiative, but who might respond to an invitation. If you are interested in helping with these important ministries, please call Paul (255-4321) or Dick (255-0241).

### Gourmet-To-Go



The St. Thomas ECW, as well as men who enjoy cooking, will break out their best and most secret recipes to prepare gourmet dishes for sale in the church on Saturday, December 12, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. These will be great taste treats, and can come in handy for Christmas entertaining. Sign-up sheets are in Johnson Hall for you to tell us what you would like to donate, and instructions will be available as to how to label your food items. Please help us make this event a memorable one again this year. If you have any questions, please call Lynda Gilmore (228-255-4396 or 228-332-0212).



### Serious Call for Help with Sunday Hospitality

Helpers really are needed to organize hospitality for the coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays. This is an important ministry that gives us an opportunity to have fellowship with each other after worship. You would be part of a team that would serve on specific Sundays, and your turn would come up infrequently. Contact Corny Swayze, 255-6573, cornyswayze7@aol.com.



## Congratulations to James DeDeaux

James DeDeaux has expressed a call to the Sacred Order of Deacons, and has completed the first steps in that process. A Discernment Committee was formed within St. Thomas under the leadership of Paul Montjoy to meet with James on several occasions over the last few months (and with Ella once) to explore his sense of call. That committee has recommended James for the Diaconate, and the Vestry approved the recommendation at its November meeting. Fr. Bill now will recommend James to the Bishop. Upon approval by the Bishop, James would begin a three year course of study next September, and upon its successful completion he would be ordained as a Deacon.

## Great Decisions Gulf Coast

St. Thomas will again be sponsoring our foreign policy discussion series for the second year. Mailings about the 2010 Great Decisions Gulf Coast registration will be going out the week after Thanksgiving to those who have expressed an interest. If you are interested in registering for the series but have not received an announcement and registration form, please contact Ali Grady as soon as possible at 228-255-9262 or [agra-dy1070@aol.com](mailto:agra-dy1070@aol.com).

Topics for the 2010 eight-month series are: *Special Envoys, Kenya and R2P (Responsibility to Protect), Global Crime, U.S. – China Security Relations, Global Financial Crisis, Russia and Its Neighbors, The Persian Gulf and Peace building, and Conflict Resolution.*

The group will meet the second Thursday of the month, beginning in February of the coming year at 6:30 p.m. in Johnson Hall. Cost is \$22 per person which includes the briefing book. The discussions are nonpartisan and educational in nature, and each monthly meeting is preceded by an excellent briefing on DVD from the Foreign Policy Association.

## Angel Tree



This year's ECW "Angel Tree" will benefit the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence. We have "adopted" a group which consists of a mother and three children. The first Sunday's response by our congregation was excellent! At this writing, two outstanding items would especially be appreciated: a car seat and a baby bed for the 4-month old baby girl. Perhaps you and a friend would like to join in providing one of these items. If you know of a family who no longer needs their crib, that would probably be fine.

Our deadline for bringing the unwrapped gifts to St. Thomas is December 14. Please come by Johnson Hall and check the tree to see if any gifts are still needed. Call Bobbie Stephens (255-1241) if you have questions.



## Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm—Holy Eucharist, II

And Christmas Pageant

10:00 pm—Holy Eucharist, II

## Christmas Day Service

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, II



## Choose Prayer

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

St. Thomas is a praying church and committed to bringing requests from His people to Him through members of the St. Thomas Prayer Team. You are invited to seek and offer prayers for yourselves and others.

Prayers are essential in our Christian life, and gathering others to pray with you and for you is very powerful.

The prayer team is also committed to confidentiality and to respect each other's privacy. Prayers can be offered for a need, a request, for protection, healing, or in thanksgiving, a revelation, and intercessory prayer — or anything else that needs to be supported by others.

*"For when two or three come together in My name, there am I with them."*

*Matthew 18:10 NIV*



As we experience the Holy Spirit together when we pray, His power is released to enhance our prayers, bring us peace and comfort, and to encourage the joy of this life.

The Prayer Ministry has three ways of offering and lifting to the Lord our requests:

† **The Prayer Chapel** ~ a team of two people from the Prayer Team will pray for you each Sunday. The team will be in the Prayer Chapel (the columbarium) during communion and after services;

† **The Prayer Box** ~ a black box with forms next to it is located in the foyer. These forms are used for prayer requests which are sent out by e-mail to others in the Prayer Team. There is no need to sign the requests or to name others.

† **24-Hour Emergency Prayer Requests** ~ members of the Prayer Team are alerted should a situation arise that needs immediate prayer.


On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., there is a Holy Eucharist and a Healing Service at St. Thomas. At the healing service, Fr. Bill prays with each person as they kneel at the altar. He also offers Holy Unction for those wishing to be anointed. Also at this time, when requested, members can gather around and lay hands on a person for a need.

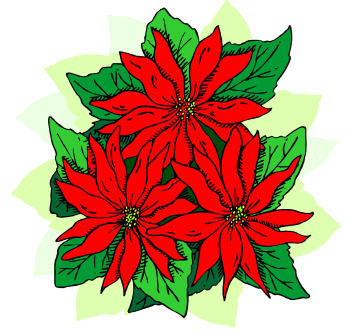
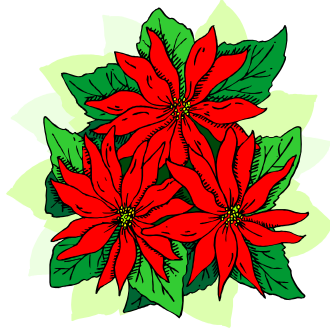
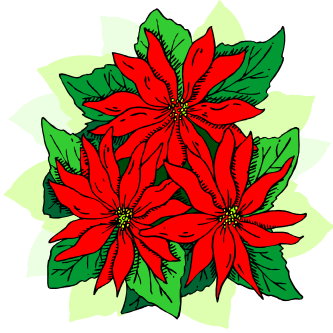
Please make use of these powerful prayer ministries. We are here to serve and to minister to each other.

# December Serving Schedule

	<b>The 2nd Sunday of Advent  December 6</b>	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Advent Lessons &amp; Music December 13</b>	<b>The 4th Sunday Of Advent  December 20</b>	<b>Christmas Eve &amp; Christmas Day December 24 5 &amp; 10 pm December 25 10 am</b>	<b>The First Sunday after Christmas (Baptism) December 27</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Team 3</b> Boos, Crowe, Pickens, Swayze	<b>Team 4</b> Allen, Fairchild, Floyd, Giffin	<b>Team 1</b> Ball, Bentson, Breen, Hourin	<b>Team 1</b> Ball, Bentson, Breen, Hourin	<b>Team 2</b> Casano, Gaupp Gilmore, Park
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Rusty Cobb	Bobbie Stephens	Barbara Mueller	Rusty Cobb	Garlands & Poinsettias Still Up
<b>8 am Chalices— Reader—</b>	Chalice—Weidlich Reader—K. Allen	Chalice—DeDeaux Reader— Calvert	Chalice—Weidlich Reader—K. Allen	<b>24th at 5 pm</b> Chalice— Giffin Gaupp Reader—T. Sartin	Chalice—Weidlich Reader—Calvert
<b>10 am Chalice Readers</b>	Chalice— Gaupp DeDeaux Reader—Don Ball	Chalice— Floyd, Park Readers—TBA by Fr. Bill <i>Lessons &amp; Music</i>	Chalice— F. Cuervo, Giffin Reader— M. Sartin	<b>24th at 10 pm</b> Chalice-DeDeaux Stephens Reader— Cuervo <b>25th at 10am</b> Chalice— S. White Reader—?	Chalice—Cuervo Stephens Reader—Williams
<b>Acolytes</b>	Heather Haines Ciara Ford	Reagan Edwards Allie Edwards	Alan Bruce David Hector	<b>24th at 5pm</b> Matthew Saucier Allie Edwards Reagan Edwards <b>24th at 10pm</b> Alan Bruce, David Hector, Ciara Ford, Heather Haines	Reagan Edwards Allie Edwards
<b>Usher—8 Usher—10</b>	<b>8am—Young</b> <b>10am—</b> Eddy, Floyd	<b>8 am—Frallic</b> <b>10am—</b> Eddy, Boos	<b>8 am—Young</b> <b>10am—</b> Eddy, Crowe	<b>24th at 5pm</b> Crowe, Eddy <b>24th at 10 pm</b> ?	<b>8 am—Frallic</b> <b>10 am—</b> Eddy, Crowe
<b>Greeter- 10am</b>	Paul Montjoy	Paul Montjoy	Paul Montjoy		Paul Montjoy
<b>Oblations 10 am</b>	John & Barbara Boos	Bruce & Betty Pennington	Lou & Charlotte Crowe		Nell Frisbie
<b>Hospitality</b>	Karen & David Hector	Georgia Pickens	Corny Swayze		Mary & Sid Mizell
<b>Bulletin Helpers</b>	For Thursday Dec 3 Pris Williams	For Thursday Dec 10 Barbara Ford	For Thursday Dec 17 Mary Sartin	For Wednesday Dec 23 Georgia Pickens	

# December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 7pm—Choir 7:30—AI- Anon	<b>2</b> 12:15—AA 6pm—HE and Healing Service	<b>3</b> 10—Samaritan Guild 4:30—Finn & Feathers	<b>4</b> 12:15—AA 3pm—Woodland Village Service	<b>5</b> 12:15—AA
<b>6</b> 8 am— HE I 9 am— Sunday School 9 am—Adult Ed. 10 am— HE II	<b>7</b> 9:30— Weight Watchers 12:15— AA 1:30— Shawl Ministry 3:00 —Bible Study 4:30— Weight Watchers	<b>8</b> 7pm—Choir 7:30—AI- Anon	<b>9</b> 12:15—AA 6pm—HE and Healing Service	<b>10</b> 10—Samaritan Guild	<b>11</b> 12:15—AA 3pm—Woodland Village Service	<b>12</b> 10 am—1pm <b>ECW</b> <i>Gourmet-to-Go</i> 12:15—AA
<b>13</b> 8 am— HE I 9 am— Sunday School 9 am— Adult Ed. 10 am— HE II Service of Lessons & Music Tree Trimming Party after 10:00 service	<b>14</b> 9:30— Weight Watchers 12:15— AA 1:30— Shawl Ministry 3:00 —Bible Study 4:30— Weight Watchers	<b>15</b> 6pm—Vestry 7pm—Choir 7:30—AI- Anon	<b>16</b> 12:15—AA 6pm—HE and Healing Service	<b>17</b> 10—Samaritan Guild	<b>18</b> 12:15—AA 3pm—Woodland Village Service	<b>19</b> 8:30 am—Mens Breakfast 12:15—AA
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ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH offering for CHRISTMAS 2009  
Poinsettias and Garlands.

Please complete form (please print) and return to the Church Office or place in offering plate by noon on December 21st with a check for \$25.00:

*Given by:*

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*In Memory of:*

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*In Thanksgiving for:*

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## Newsletter Distribution

In an ongoing effort to reduce expenses, we will make newsletter copies available in the foyer and on the website: [www.stthomasdiamondhead.org/](http://www.stthomasdiamondhead.org/).

Serving schedules and church calendars for each month, as well as the weekly News and Announcements in the Sunday service bulletins will also be on the website.

We will use snail mail for the few out of town copies we send, and for anyone in the parish who specifically requests it. Please contact Debbye in the church office for this service.

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