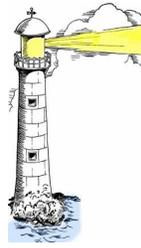


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ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Lindy Moore, Editor

From the Rector's Desk

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I would like to offer you one of my very favorite poems, a poem that I believe expresses the spirit of the Easter season:

i thank You God for most this amazing

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day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any - lifted from the no
of all nothing - human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

- e.e. cummings

Peace and many blessings,

Ann +

New Titles in the St. Thomas Library



Here are some suggestions about how the church can remain relevant in an unchurched world. - Paco Schiraldi

We have added new titles to the library. Mostly they are on the theme of how to bring Christ into the world rather than just lighting the lights and keeping up the formalities until the world find its way to our door. Surprise. They are not showing up.

God is not dead so it is no longer necessary to hold a wake for him each week. Sorry.

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Bass, Diana Butler

Christianity for the Rest of Us - "How the neighborhood church is transforming the faith."

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Guder, Darrell L.

The Missional Church - "Vision for sending out of the church in North America"

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Tickle, Phyllis

The Great Emergence - How Christianity is changing and why. "It's been 500 years since the protestant Reformation. It's time for the church to have another rummage sale."

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The Agile Church - "Spirit led innovation in an uncertain age."

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Renewing Episcopal Identity - "Remember the transfiguration when Christ's disciples wanted to build booths and keep Jesus and the patriarchs on the mountain? Jesus decided to go back down to the city and minister to the people there."

GrassRoot Garden Happenings!

- Merry Bradley



The Garden will be a very busy place and lush with vegetables during the next six months. Student groups of all ages begin coming to the Garden in March and April for hands-on learning about plant varieties, tool safety, composting, making potting soil, applying soil amendments and manure. They also learn about working with each other outdoors and in a garden.

This is also a good time to learn about crop spacing, planting depths, crop timings and the intricacies and care needs of various crops. We always welcome and appreciate Master Gardeners and Trainees to help teach garden participants of all ages. Just come out on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday or call Merry Bradley to check on the time for specific groups.

Many people who come to the Garden may not consider themselves gardeners or fear they do not have a green thumb. Working together with others, they become engaged and enthralled with the process and reassured by the group's success. In this way GrassRoots creates abundant crops and many new gardeners!

The GrassRoots Garden one-day plant sale and fundraiser is coming up soon: Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. This one-day event is a major source of funds to help cover operating costs for both FFLC Gardens: the Youth Farm and GrassRoots. Choose from a selection of healthy annual vegetable starts grown at the Youth Farm or from thousands of other edible, perennial, and ornamental plants (everything from ground covers to shade trees) donated by over 25 area nurseries. Master Gardeners and the Mobile Plant Clinic will help visitors understand and choose plants for light and soil needs, spacing and reliability.

Early Spring Garden Hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Beginning May 1, days change to Tuesday through Saturday. GrassRoots Garden is located at 1465 Coburg Rd., across from Safeway, and behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church. For more information please contact Merry Bradley at 541-484-7144 or merrybradley@yahoo.com. Thanks for your caring and support!



April Birthdays



- 2 Don Williams
- 3 Patricia O'Neal
- 8 Laurinda Andrist
- 9 Barbara Root
- 10 Kathy O'Neal
- 13 Paul Colvin
- 18 Donna Hall
- 21 Mary Lusk

A March Anniversary We Missed!

6 Judy & Larry
Wilson



We will be housing homeless families from
the First Place Shelter from May 7 ó 14.

Look for signups in the next month.

Check out the new St. Thomas website!

www.st-thomaseugene.net



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