



# The Moorings



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## CroakerFest

### July 3-4

Still room for workers & Clean-Up  
Check with Dave Wickersham

## Worship on July 5

8 am Holy Eucharist @ St. Thomas  
10 am Community @ Lou Mac Park

## Rib Night

Wednesday, July 15  
6 PM

Check out page  
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**Please sign up on the list in the Parish Hall  
so we don't buy what we don't need**





## JULY-AUG SERVANTS AT THE DOOR AND TABLE



Greeters		Ushers		Alternate
Jul	Olga Roesch & Rima Britt	Jul	Susan King & Dick AhKao	VOLUNTEER
Aug	Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Schoch	Aug	Ray Orndorff & Chuck Bonner	Ed Bliss

### CHALICE & LECTOR

JULY			AUGUST		
05	8 a	L&C) M. Dales	02	8:00 a	L&C) M. Dales
	10:00 a	Community Worship @ Lou Mac Park		9:30 a	L) J. Berry
					C) D. Dunford & E. Finta
12	8 a	L&C) G. Evans	09	8:00 a	L&C) G. Evans
	9:30	L) C. McAdoo		9:30 a	L) C. Bliss
		C) D. Dunford & E. Finta			C) G. Robinson & T. Santore
19	8 a	L&C) W. Seward	16	8:00 a	L&C) W. Seward
	9:30 a	L) D. Wickersham		9:30 a	L) C. McAdoo
		C) G. Robinson & J. Bond			C) J. Bond & E. Creel
26	8 a	L&C) P. Valinoti	23	8:00 a	L&C) P. Valinoti
	9:30 a	L) K. Bates		9:30 a	L) R. Schwendy
		C) T. Santore & E. Creel			C) D. Dunford & E. Finta
			30	8:00 a	L&C) M. Dales
				9:30 a	L) D. Wickersham
					C) G. Robinson & T. Santore

### OUR LIVES TOGETHER EVERY WEEK

#### Schedule June-August

	Holy Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 a
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Green House	AA Group	Sunday	8:00 p
Parish Hall	Men's Bible Study	Tuesday	9:00 a
Sanctuary	Cursillo Reunion Group	Tuesday	5:30 p
	Alanon	Tuesday	8:00 p
	Healing Service	Wednesday	Noon
	Greenhouse Bible Study	Wednesday	12:30 p
Wardens - week before and after Vestry		Wednesday	9:30 a
	Pot Luck Supper	Wednesday	6:15 p
	Praise & Prayer	Wednesday	7:00 p

### What's that down the road, a head?

Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Well, we're a third of the way through the Summer Schedule. It seemed like the parish took on a slower pace during June, but that will change with July.

**CroakerFest** is upon us. Followed by **Rib Night**. Please sign up for both if you haven't already. Guests are welcome and this is a great way to introduce folks to St. Thomas, but we need to know they're coming so there is enough to go around.

I trust that you will be in good hands during my sabbatical.

- You have wonderful, capable and caring Wardens in Dick AhKao and Ed Bryant.
- Bob Whitfield and Elaine Creel have been trained, have experience and have accepted a call to be responders to pastoral emergencies, i.e. a death or serious hospitalization. Please call a Warden before you call them.
- George Robinson along with Bob and Elaine will be providing home visitations as Eucharistic Visitors. In this capacity they extend the worshiping community around and Communion to those who cannot be a part of the Sunday Worship. They need your assistance to know who is homebound and not just traveling.
- Leading worship through September are The Rev. Mary Ogus, living in Beaufort and Chair of our Commission on Ministry, and The Rt. Rev. David Bane, living in Elizabeth City and retired Bishop of Southern Virginia. Mary will be here all Sundays except 12 July and 16 & 23 August when David will Supply.

I ask your prayers for **The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry**, current bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Elected by overwhelming majority on the first ballot of the House of Bishops and ratified by the House of Deputies, may we join to pray for God's wisdom, patience, sustenance, energy and grace in his ministry to this part of Christ's Church and the world.

As for other events of the nation and the Church in these past weeks, there is certainly within a parish such as ours a great variety of responses. I implore you to share your feelings and opinions with your church family in measured tone and with open ears and hearts. Refrain from gathering apart but rather seek understanding if not agreement.

Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter five:

19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, *factions* (party spirit), 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*αἵρεσις*, *hairesis*, n. sect (religious party), faction, heresy

Notice the rest of the list in which Paul includes this separating, standing apart, conferring outside the Body. He considers this serious. I realize I am open to the argument that we should not associate with those who are unrepentant sinners. \* But as that applies when all other means of reconciliation have been exhausted, I refer you back to Galatians. Notice too, the attributes of one who is Spirit filled, that keeps the way open for transformation.

And for those among us who are genuinely fearful for the future of Church and State, I believe that the words most often on Jesus' lips were, "Fear not!" (16 times I think).

Having said that, but on a different subject, pray that the people in the cars and trucks around me as I travel by

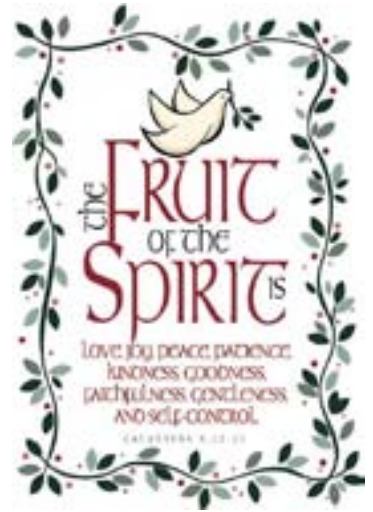
bike from Lexington, KY to Oriental, will be having a good day, paying attention to the road and not their phone, that their brakes and mine are good, and that obstacles in the road will be avoidable. I will endeavor by Holy Spirit to “fear not”.

See you in October!

God's Peace,

Fr. Jeremiah †

\* Matt. 18:15 “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.



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## SR. WARDEN

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### The Tyranny of Things

I always wanted to tell a few “one liner stories” about church to get your attention about the topic mentioned above.

So here they are:

- You have to get to church pretty early to get a seat at the back row.
- The parishioners have nothing but praise for the new minister.
- You can tell when the collection plate is passed around.
- I used to be an atheist, but gave it up. No holidays!
- My Church welcomes all denominations, but prefers fives and tens. -

I purchased a new television and a new DVD player. I rent movies. I get surround sound speakers. I buy a recliner so I can watch my programs in comfort. This all costs money, but it also takes large amount of time energy and attention.

The time I devote to my T.V. and its accessories means less time for communicating with my family, reading the Word, praying, opening our home, or ministering to the needy.

Acquiring a possession may push me into redefining my priorities. If I buy a boat, I'll want to justify my purchase by using the boat, which may mean frequent weekends away from my family or church, making me unavailable to attend my daughter's softball game or to teach a Sunday school class or work in the nursery.

The problem is not the boat or the television the problem is me. It's the law of life, the tyranny of things.

Our St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Oriental offers us many choices of program that can redirect our focus for “the Tyranny of Things”. Our church is always open for prayer and meditation 24-7, and is used by many of the parishioners for just that. Our Sunday Worship Services at 8:00 A.M. & 9:30 AM present a deeper relationship with God. We have great Bible Study groups throughout the week in our Parish Hall. And if you just want to enjoy good food, sing some hymns, and praise The Lord. There are our Wednesday night potluck and cookout.

Major events happening in July are the Croaker Fest and Rib Night (see St. Thomas face book) which will be fully published in our church bulletins. Yes there is “the Tyranny of Things” and the “activities of our church”.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Dick Ahkao,

Senior Warden, 2015

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## FAITH IN ACTION

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### Flash !

There will be a Stewardship drive this Fall. In case you have forgotten we usually give ourselves a chance to offer sacrifices to our GOD in thanksgiving for HIS many blessings. Between now and November 1st be on the alert for procedural information as to how St. Thomas Church will continue doing the LORD'S WORK. Count your blessings.

For Your Stewardship Committee  
George Robinson

### ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Thank you to Susan King and Olga Roesch for preparing God's altar for worship during June.

Laura Agnostak & Susan King will prepare for worship in July.

Anyone interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact Marian Day.

Remember to sign up to donate altar flowers by signing the flower chart in the Parish Hall and putting your completed donation form and check in the offering plate 2 weeks prior to your chosen Sunday.

God's Peace,  
Marian Day  
St. Thomas Altar Guild Chair

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### ECW NEWS

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We have a couple of plans for the month of July. We hope that many of you will sign up to help run the St. Thomas food booth during Croaker Festival. We've also planned for a refreshing **Pool Party, and Sandwich Swap Lunch**, at Shine Landing, on **Tuesday, July 28th**. Judy Wickersham will be our hostess.

All women attending St. Thomas are part of ECW. We hope to see you at these future events.

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### USHER SCHEDULE 2015

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	Ushers	Alternates
<b>Sep</b>	Thomas Finta 249-9838 Howard Cheetham wk 3&4 515-4850	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Oct</b>	Dick AhKao 249-2857	Susan King 249-1549
<b>Nov</b>	Rolayne Schwendy 249-1503	Thomas Finta 249-9838
<b>Dec</b>	George Robinson 249-1576 Susan King 249-1549	Dick AhKao 249-2857

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### GREETERS--2015

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<b>Sep</b>	Sue Williams 249-2258 Jane Bliss 249-2745	<b>Dec</b>	Ron Diamond 249-0725 Angi Diamond
<b>Oct</b>	Tom & Ellie Finta 249-9838		
<b>Nov</b>	Rima Britt 563-580-6462 Janice Cox 252-515-6364		

## CHALICE & LECTOR

### September

6	8 a 9:30	L&C) G. Evans L) K. Bates C) J. Bond & E. Creel
13	8 a 9:30	L&C) W. Seward L) J. Berry C) D. Dunford & E. Finta
20	8 a 9:30 a	L&C) P. Valinoti L) C. Bliss C) G. Robinson & T. Santore
27	8 a 9:30 a	L&C) M. Dales L) C. McAdoo C) J. Bond & E. Creel

### October

4	8:00 a 9:30 a	L&C) G. Evans L) R. Schwendy C) D. Dunford & E. Finta
11	8:00 a 9:30 a	L&C) W. Seward L) D. Wickersham C) G. Robinson & T. Santore
18	8:00 a 9:30 a	L&C) P. Valinoti L) K. Bates C) J. Bond & E. Creel
25	8:00 a 9:30 a	L&C) M. Dales L) J. Berry C) D. Dunford & E. Finta

Rib  
Night  
2014



Be a  
Part of  
2015



# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>Pentecost 5, Proper 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist</li> <li>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist</li> <li>10:30 AM Pre-K Xn Ed in Nursery</li> <li>8:00 PM AA Group</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Pamlico Flute Practice</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study- Great Courses: The New Testament</li> <li>5:30 PM Praise Team Practice</li> <li>5:30 PM Cursillo Reunion Group</li> <li>8:00 PM Alanon</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Healing &amp; Holy Eucharist</li> <li>6:15 PM Pot Luck</li> <li>7:00 PM Praise, Prayer</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 AM Inreach Committee</li> <li>5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <p>Croakerfest</p> <p>Independence Day (observed)</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Croakerfest</p> <p>Pentecost 6, Proper 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist</li> <li>10:00 AM Community Worship</li> <li>8:00 PM AA Group</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Pamlico Flute Practice</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study- Great Courses: The New Testament</li> <li>5:30 PM Praise Team Practice</li> <li>5:30 PM Cursillo Reunion Group</li> <li>8:00 PM Alanon</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 AM Wardens'</li> <li>12:00 PM Healing &amp; Holy Eucharist</li> <li>1:30 PM Worship &amp; Music Committee</li> <li>6:15 PM Pot Luck</li> <li>7:00 PM Praise, Prayer</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Game Day Fellowship</li> <li>5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>The Rt. Rev. David Bane</p> <p>Pentecost 7, Proper 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist</li> <li>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist</li> <li>10:30 AM Pre-K Xn Ed in Nursery</li> <li>8:00 PM AA Group</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Pamlico Flute Practice</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study- Great Courses: The New Testament</li> <li>5:30 PM Praise Team Practice</li> <li>5:30 PM Cursillo Reunion Group</li> <li>6:30 PM Vestry Meeting</li> <li>8:00 PM Alanon</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 AM Wardens'</li> <li>10:00 AM Outreach Committee</li> <li>12:00 PM Healing &amp; Holy Eucharist</li> <li>6:00 PM Rib Night</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30 PM Support Group</li> <li>5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting</li> <li>6:00 PM PCAC</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <p>MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</li> </ul>
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