

# LITTLE LAMPLIGHTER

## ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### This Week

Monday	January 19	12:00pm	Islam & Muslims: Brown Bag Lunch
		7:00pm	Lecture: Islam 101
Tuesday	January 20	9:00am	<i>Quran</i> Study
		10:00am	Women's Spirituality Group #3
		1:00pm	Women's Spirituality Group #1
		4:30pm	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Men's Spirituality Group
		7:00pm	Lecture: <i>Jihad</i> , Violence and Radical Movements
Wednesday	January 21	6:00pm	Holy Eucharist
		6:30pm	Youth Group
Friday	January 23	7:30 am	Men's Prayer and Discussion Breakfast
Saturday	January 24	11:00am	Clothes Closet
		12:00pm	Saturday Lunch
Sunday	January 25	9:00am	Adult Christian Education– Guild Room
		9:00am	Children's Christian Education
		10:00am	3 Epiphany
		3:00pm	Education for Ministry

### Readings for January 18th

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, [11-20]

Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

John 1: 43-51

## Muslim Faith: Who? What? Why?

### A Series of Conversations

with

**Dr. Mohamed Esa**

(McDaniel College, Westminster, MD)

St. Thomas Church will host a series for learning, deepening faith and discerning corporate and personal responsibility. As our nation remembers the life, message and commitment of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is fitting to engage all topics which impact establishing justice and peace.

**Monday, Jan. 19 at 12:00 pm**  
Brown Bag Lunch (Bring your lunch and join the conversation.)

**Monday, Jan. 19 at 7:00 pm**  
Lecture: Introduction to Islam

**Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 9:00 am**  
*Quran* Study

**Tuesday, Jan 20 at 7:00 pm**  
Lecture: *Jihad* and Radical Movements



### *From the Rector*

In the Diocese of Georgia it is normative for all clergy to participate in four leadership development programs. Each clergy person is in a formal coaching relationship. Certified coaches work with the clergy person on examining and putting into practice how to get from "here" to "there" in his/her ministry, thus improving individual effectiveness. The Emotional Intelligence-Human Relations workshop focuses on identifying and practicing inter-personal and intra-group skills. Another part of the Lay and Clergy Leadership Development initiative of the Diocese of Georgia is the Church Development Institute. This two-year program assists church leaders to develop the skills already possessed and stretch them into areas and in ways which will benefit the communities they serve. This past week at Honey Creek, your Rector participated in the Conflict Management workshop which is part of the comprehensive leadership development initiative of our diocese.

We are now encouraged to consider health of a church instead of average Sunday attendance as a more accurate metric of success and effectiveness. Areas of church health include: relationships, communication, decision making and conflict management. While the last of these was the focus for this particular week, we did not lose sight of others. In addition to a complex arrangement of church expectations, processes, and practices, church health is in large part determined by how well people are included, exercise influence and grow in openness and affection for one another. This past week I learned more about myself and about the community of faith with which I have been gifted. I learned about structures we called "green lines".

WARNING: You will be hearing more about "green lines" in the future. Stay tuned...

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*Prayer Points*

These daily devotions are taken from the Christmas and Epiphany prayer calendar which is available in the church narthex and on our website.

- **Jan. 18:** Attend the Annual meeting 12. For a Church Convention or Meeting BCP pg. 818
- **Jan. 19:** Thanksgiving for National Life 5. For the Nation BCP, pgs. 838-839
- **Jan. 20:** Say the Apostles' Creed and meditate on the words– The Apostles' Creed BCP pg. 66
- **Jan. 21:** Attend the 6pm Wednesday night service– A Collect for the Presence of Christ BCP pg. 70
- **Jan. 22:** Spend time in The Psalter– Psalm #34 BCP pgs. 627-629
- **Jan. 23:** Have lunch with God– Daily Devotions at noon BCP pg. 138
- **Jan. 24:** The Prayers of the People Form III– BCP pg 387

BCP: Book of Common Prayer (For online BCP visit [episcopalchurch.org](http://episcopalchurch.org))  
Numbers preceding prayer titles are found on the pages of the BCP indicated.

At Today's Service

**Music Minister:** Ryan Luhrs  
**Acolytes:** Abby Chapman, Brianna Beach, Eli Harbin, Camden Harbin  
**Lector:** Nancy Byars  
**LEM:** John Wood  
**Intercessor:** Susan Jobson  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Stilwell, Ann Scheib, Harriett Atkinson, Nita Dickey  
**Ushers:** Nancy Byars, Linda Heffron, Mark Blackmore  
**Vestry Person of the Day:** David Hutchings  
**Counter:** Jim Lattay

**Happy Birthday!**

Judy Jones Keith – Jan. 21  
Scott Mithen– Jan. 23

- **Annual Church Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 18. We begin in the church at 10:00 am celebrating the liturgies of Word and Eucharist. After 15 minute recess we reconvene in the parish hall. Sandwiches and salads will be provided.
- **Church Office Closed:** In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the office will be closed on January 19.
- **Fr. Varas** and his family will be away attending wedding celebrations for his niece January 23-26. He will be available by cell phone. Our Sr. Warden, Beth Price, is available if necessary. Please contact Fr. Varas (379-6790) and/or Beth (224-0323) for pastoral care matters.
- **Welcome back Fr. Sudduth Cummings** next Sunday, January 25. He will be our Presider at Holy Eucharist.
- **Wednesday Nights Faith Formation** program will resume on February 4. Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 6:00, followed by dinner at 6:30 and a presentation from 6:45 until 7:30. We are grateful for Beth Mithen who will coordinate a parallel program for children. Sarah Eubanks and Clay Byars will meet with our youth. For meal reservations, please contact Lucy Bowen at 224-5891. When meals are catered (outside of Lent) the cost is \$8. During Lent volunteers will provide soup for a simple supper. If you have a favorite soup you would like to share, please contact Lucy Bowen (224-5891).  
February 4: St. Thomas Episcopal Day School, Director Nancy Benson  
Catechises of the Good Shepherd, Director of Children's Ministries Anna Pistelli  
February 11: Goalline Ministries at Thomas University, University Chaplain John Rainey  
Feb. 25 - Mar. 25: Parish Retreat in Everyday Life, Fr. Varas

**Youth Activities...**

**Wednesday nights:** Youth Group meets at 6:30-7:30 pm.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

February 1th at 6:00 pm  
Mr. and Mrs. Stockstill's House  
Bring \$5 for food

**Hometown Missions:** St. Thomas youth will host this diocesan event April 17-19. More information will follow or go to [youth.georgiaepiscopal.org](http://youth.georgiaepiscopal.org).



A Big Thank you to...Nita Newman  
for hosting the Annual  
Tree Burning at her home!



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