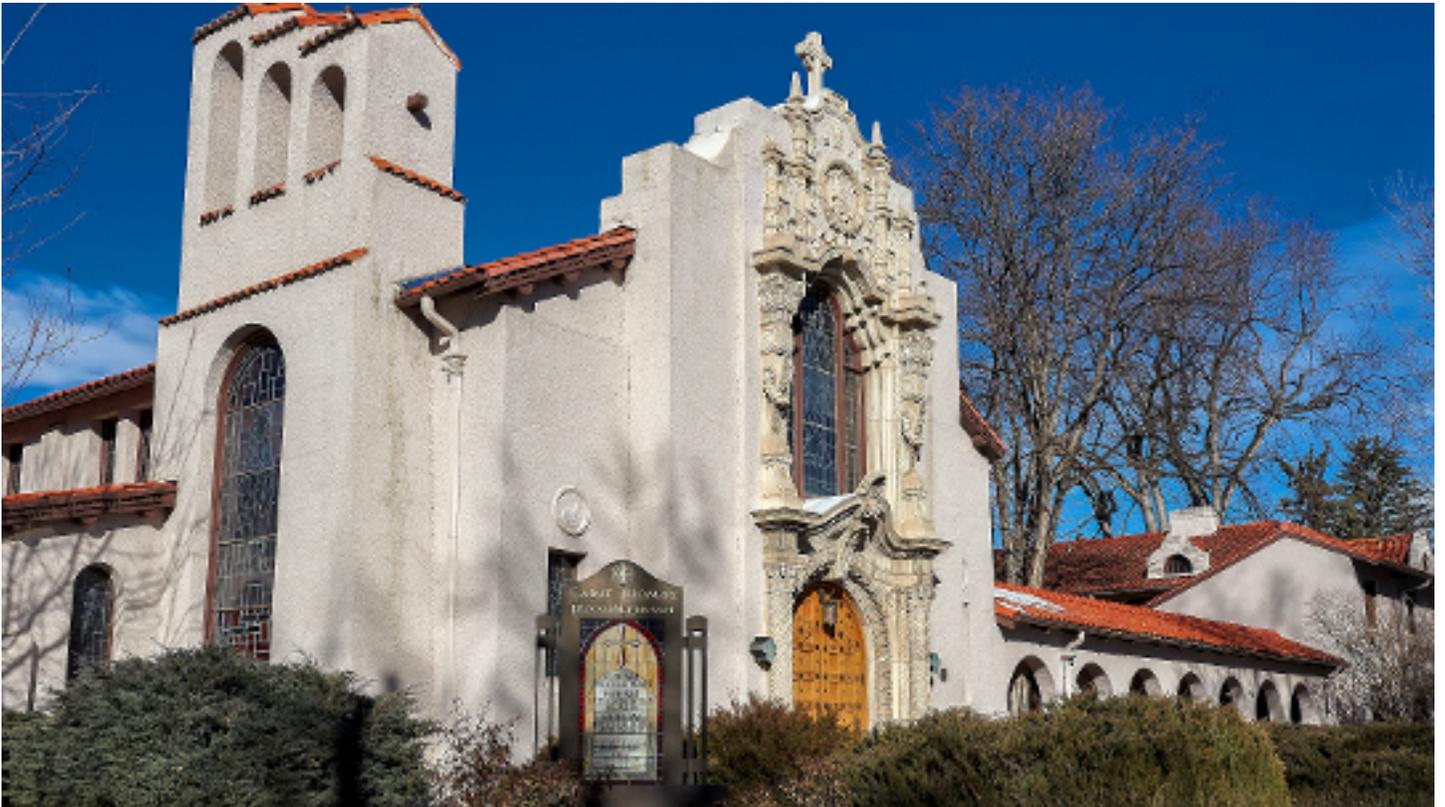




BOLD LIVING

October 2018

The newsletter of St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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Fred Mast

LIBRARY CORNER

By Elsie Galbreath Haley

Kate Bowler, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*

In 2015, Kate Bowler had everything going for her. A professor of the history of Christianity at the Duke Divinity School, she had spent several years researching the "prosperity gospel" movement in the United States and Canada. She had published this research in 2013, in her highly successful book, *Blessed*. She was happily married and she and her husband had a young son. Then she received the devastating news—she had stage IV colon cancer.

Bowler's memoir is an account of her struggles to come to terms with this dramatic reversal of fortune. Although she is not a believer in the prosperity gospel she has researched so thoroughly, she examines her own ambivalence about God's role in her illness. She discusses her terror at the possibility of not being present in the life of her young son and with what her death will mean to both her son and her husband. Bowler characterizes the book this way: "My memoir tells the story of my struggle to understand the personal and intellectual dimensions of the American belief that all tragedies are tests of character." The memoir is far more personal than this suggests, and any of us who have had cancer or who have been a caretaker for a loved one with the disease will recognize the pressure that comes from the presumption (sometimes spoken, sometimes implied) that if we had only done something different, this would not have happened.

Bowler's memoir has been criticized by some reviewers for what they see as incoherence and lack of clear organization. Perhaps this expectation of clarity in a memoir is the result of the fact that most memoirs are written from some distance in time. Bowler is writing this memoir as she lives it and she knows that her outcome is still by no means certain. For me, this gives the memoir power.

My favorite part of this book is the afterword, with appendices where Bowler advises those who would support cancer victims about what to say and not say, and what to do and not do. Her advice, born of hard experience, is spot on.

Library committee—volunteers? I am hoping to find some volunteers among the congregation who would like to serve on a library committee. The committee takes care of ordinary business, like reshelving books and making selections for the library tables; writes reviews of books for *Bold Living*; and works on more long-term projects, such as cataloging our current inventory, reviewing books that are donated, and deciding on purchases. I would like to expand our activities, including more sessions for our children and young adults. If you are interested in doing any of this or would like to talk to me about the library, just drop me an email at haleyerg@gmail.com or buttonhole me on Sunday morning.

Next library table: October 21st, 2018 after both services

HATHA YOGA CLASSES AT ST. THOMAS TO BEGIN SOON!



Leslie Stewart, a long-time member of St. Thomas, is a certified Hatha Yoga teacher. Leslie will be offering a Saturday morning hour-long class to both women and men beginning in October – date to be announced soon.

The class will focus on beginning Hatha Yoga postures (asanas), working on flexibility, muscle building, balance, and breathing exercises (pranayama). It is low impact and easy on the joints.

The class will meet on the lower level at St. Thomas in the former Family Promise host room. There will be space for 12 participants. A waiting list will be kept.

The monthly cost (4 classes each month) is \$20 per person to be paid at the beginning of each month. Exceptions will be made for any persons who are unable to pay this amount. Leslie will donate all proceeds to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Rector's Discretionary Fund.

If you would like more information about this class, you may call Leslie at 303-400-6262 after 7 PM week nights.

P*S*L*M Productions Presents

JAZZ IN THE SANCTUARY

“PURNELL STEEN AND LEJAZZ MACHINE”

(P*S*A*L*M)

Sunday, October 21, 2018

5:00 pm

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2201 Dexter Street

Tickets \$15.00



Purnell Steen - Piano



Carlos Chavez - Sax



Ed Stephen - Guitar



Derek Banach - Trumpet



Kevin Smith - Drums



Ron Bland - Bass

Dear Partners in Mission,

It is such a pleasure to be back in Colorado for a while. After about a month here, I've acclimated to the dryness again and am reveling in the mountains of our beautiful state. Beyond the superficial though, the real joy is reconnecting with friends and supporters. The church visits have begun and will continue through December. Sharing in person about the ministry is so much different than in the written form and I pray that as I visit with you, you can sense the vibrancy of God's work in the Dominican Republic. Visiting different churches and communities, staying with different families and catching up on how God is working here through you is a rejuvenating time for me. God is actively expressing love through so many different ministries, thank you for choosing to pray for and support this ministry.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Boulder has offered \$2,000 in matching funds for new gifts, either for the ministry in general or the construction project. If you've been waiting for the right time to send in a gift to support this ministry or the project, why not now? As always, 15% of gifts to the ministry go to the SAMS Great Commission Fund and 100% of gifts to the construction project go to the project as a pass through. Both are welcome and appreciated.

May God continue to bless and guide you in your life and ministries.

In Christ,

Cathy

Cathy Donahoe is a missionary with SAMS, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders, formerly known as the South American Missionary Society. She is serving in the Dominican Republic as a physical therapist in San Pedro de Macoris and Santo Domingo. Currently she is on Home Ministry Assignment in Colorado. E-mail: cathyd@turbonet.com Snail mail (through Dec 24th): 2495 S. Quebec St. Denver, CO 80231. Online gifts at www.samsusa.org/cathy-donahoe or send a gift to SAMS PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003. Please write the check to SAMS, with Cathy Donahoe (for the ministry) or Donahoe Project (for the home improvement project) in the memo line.



Hi St. Thomas-

Come for a Fall Clean Up day on Saturday October 20 from 10a-2p. Help us rake, sweep, weed, etc. to tuck away for the winter. Would love to see as many enthusiastic bodies as possible for this fun community event. Hope to see you out there. Contact your Junior Warden if you have questions or concerns.



Celebrate Halloween at St Thomas!!

What: Halloween Open House

When: October 31st starting at 5pm till 7pm

What: Treats (no tricks), games, and fun

We will have our Sanctuary open to explore with organ music. Come in your best costume and enjoy this fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween. Fun for ALL ages and backgrounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heretics in Good Company – Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 6:00-7:00 pm, September 12 - October 17 – Was Jesus really God? Is there a difference between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament? Does everyone go to heaven? In this live online bible study, the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement, and the Rev. Melody Shobe, co-author of *Walk In Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, will explore questions that are fundamental to Christianity and how the church has answered these questions. Why have some people been considered heretics for the ways in which they have answered these questions? Why does it matter? Explore these questions with us on Wednesdays in the Koinonia Room (second floor meeting room).

Beer 'N Hymns: Oktoberfest Edition - Saturday, October 6; 6:00-8:00 pm – Come celebrate Oktoberfest the Episcopalian way by singing your favorite hymns while enjoying your favorite libation.

Food Ingathering on Sunday, October 7 – Our monthly ingathering of food on the first Sunday of the month benefits the Greater Park Hill Community Food Bank. The Servants for Justice Committee prepares sacks with lists of the most needed items. The sacks are available at the back of the church. If you would like to take a sack, fill it with one or many items, and return it on the first Sunday of the month, you will be helping to feed hungry neighbors.

Blessing of the Animals – Next Sunday, October 7 at 1:30 pm - In observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a Blessing of the Animals service in the St. Thomas Courtyard on Sunday, October 7 at 1:30 pm. All are invited to bring pets to receive a blessing. Donations of pet food will be collected to benefit a local animal shelter.

New Bishop Election...Come to the Walkabout! Walkabouts are our opportunity to meet the candidates for the 11th Bishop of Colorado. The walkabout in the High Plains Region will be held on Sunday, October 7 at St. John's Cathedral from 2:00-6:00 p.m. The candidates are the Rev. Kym Lucas and the Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley; information on each and the Bishop Search process is available on the diocesan website at <https://episcopalcolorado.org>. The new bishop will be elected by delegates to Diocesan Convention on Saturday, October 27.

Men's Group Breakfast – This month's meeting of the St. Thomas Men's Group will be on Saturday, October 13 at 8:30 am at the 35th Avenue Grill (Park Hill Golf Course), 4141 E. 35th Avenue, Denver.

The St. Thomas Social Justice Book Club with discuss *Waking Up White*, and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving, on Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm in the Koinonia Room. Next month, we will meet on November 21 and discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. Please join us!

Fall Clean-Up Day – Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Come help us rake, sweep, weed, etc. to tuck away for the winter. We would love to see as many enthusiastic bodies as possible for this fun community event. Hope to see you out there! Contact your Junior Warden Jon Moore if you have questions or concerns.

Purnell Steen & Le Jazz Machine - Sunday, October 21 at St. Thomas, 5:30-7:30 pm – Established nearly 25 years ago, this popular quintet is the brain-child of its founder, Purnell Steen. According to one local critic, "they play the big-band style music with the intimacy of a small ensemble." This Denver-based group is focused on preserving the "Sounds of Five Points," leaning heavily upon Basie, Ellington and the Tin Pan Alley Army of Broadway Composers. Tickets: \$15.00 at the door.

Celebrate Halloween at St. Thomas – St. Thomas is hosting a Halloween Open House on Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm. The sanctuary will be open to explore with organ music. Come in costume for this fun and safe way for the children of Park Hill to Trick or Treat! **We need your help** in gathering as many goodies as possible. Please drop off candy and treats to the office by October 28, and ensure that all candy is in wrappers and not homemade. Thank you!

Wear a Name Tag on Sunday Morning – St. Thomas encourages everyone to wear name tags on Sunday mornings to help facilitate getting to know each other and particularly to welcome newcomers and visitors. Hand-written disposable name tags are available for one time use at the Dexter Street entrance to the church. If you'd like a reusable nametag and don't yet have one, please enter your name on the Name Tag Sign-Up Sheet.

Join the Choir – The St. Thomas Choir practices on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join. Please contact LaDamion Massey for further information.

Bold Living Deadline – The deadline for the November newsletter is Tuesday, October 23. Please send articles and announcements to office@saintthomasdenver.org.

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LWV Ballot Issues Briefings – There are a record number of issues on the ballot this November! The League of Women Voters of Denver invites you to two briefings about the Colorado and Denver ballot issues. (Yes, the LWV issue brochures will also be available for pick up at St. Thomas.) On **Tuesday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m.** there will be a discussion on the issues that LWV is supporting. **Monday Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.** there will be a pro-con briefing on all the State and City of Denver ballot issues. Both briefings will be held at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street.

St. Thomas Coffee Hour – Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall after each service. We gladly welcome any contributions (store bought or home-made) or cash donations to

help cover the cost. A coffee hour sign-up sheet is on the counter. Please sign up!

Altar Flowers – A donation of altar flowers is a great way to remember loved ones, anniversaries, birthdays, and those who have gone on to sainthood before us. To donate flowers, please sign up on the poster on the bulletin board in the Great Hall. Please indicate if you will bring your own flowers or the office will automatically order them with your \$50.00 donation.

Stay in the Loop – To sign up for St. Thomas electronic communications (weekly e-blasts and monthly *Bold Living* newsletter), please contact Maria in the parish office at 303-388-4395 or office@saintthomasdenver.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Trevor Fai	19 – Alison Atayde; Tana Knopf; Bernard Rowlett
5 – Finley Knight; Jim Matkin	23 – Grace Atufunwa; Charles Henry
7 – Jessica Strother	24 – LaDamion Massey
10 – Barbara Moe	28 – Laurel Sparks
11 – Peggy Weston	
14 – Andrew Baisch	
15 – Jaden Bland; Virginia Leonard	

ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Ed & Carol Donahoe
13 – Charles & Shirley Henry
23 – Bernard & Susan Rowlett

EVENTS AND MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

7 – Greater Park Hill Food Pantry Sunday

7 – Blessing of the Animals at 1:30 pm

13 – Men's Group Breakfast at the Park Hill Golf Club at 8:30 am

16 – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm

17 – Social Justice Book Club at 7:00 pm

18 – Finance Committee Meeting at 8:30 am

20 – Fall Work Day 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

21 – St. Thomas Concert Series: Purnell Steen & Le Jazz Machine at 5:30 pm

22 – Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

23 – *Bold Living* Deadline for November issue

31 – Halloween Open House 5:00-7:00 pm

Weekly:

Morning Eucharist – Tuesdays at 9:15 am

Theology Book Club – Tuesdays at 10:00 am

A.A. – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

St. Thomas Choir Practice – Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer – Wednesdays at 7:00 am

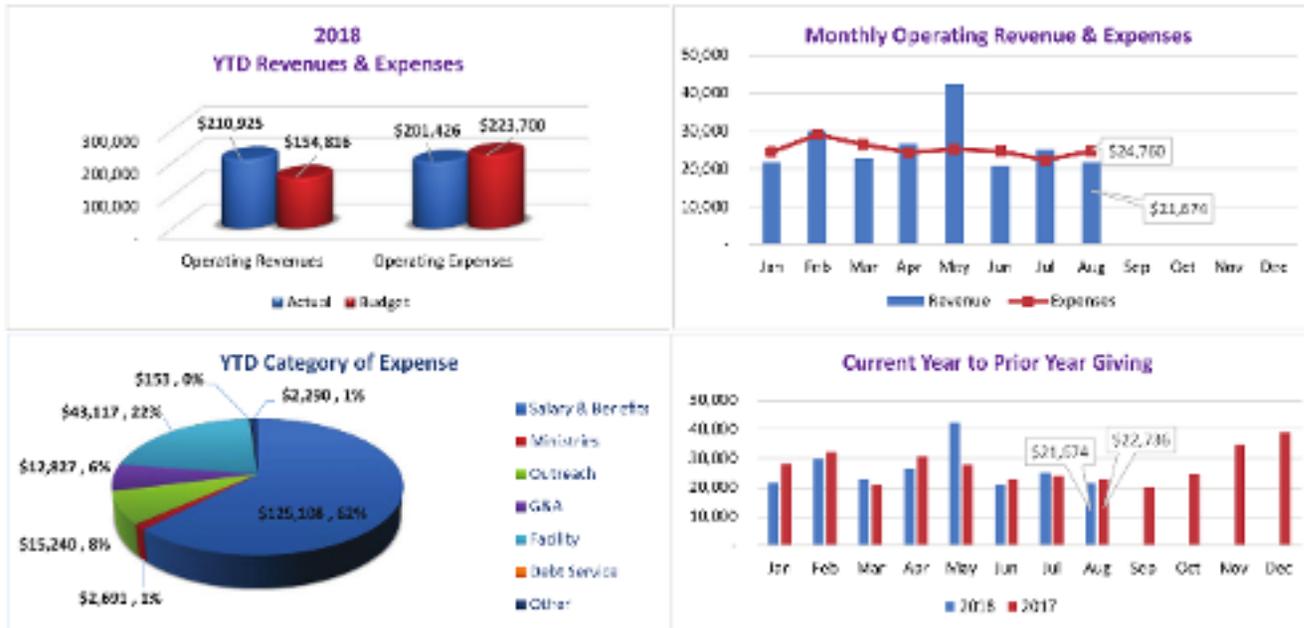
One World Singers Practice – Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Al Anon – Fridays at noon

Sunday Services – 8:00 am Spoken Mass & 10:30 am Sung Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2018

St Thomas Episcopal Church Financial Dashboard as of August 31, 2018

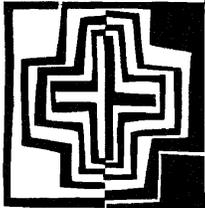


Total Cash Availability

Cash Balance 8/31/18	\$	172,418
Current Liabilities		111
Temporarily Restricted Balances		(120,318)
Available Cash	\$	52,211

Unrestricted Cash Availability

Cash Balance 8/31/18	\$	52,100
Current Liabilities		111
Due from Designated		-
Available Cash	\$	52,211



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Our Mission

Boldly living with Christ, we open doors to God's household of love
as we welcome and embrace all people
through worship, service, and learning within and beyond our walls.