

January 11, 2018

Dear St. Thomas family,

We are writing about two important dates coming up in the very near future, and want to invite your participation in both.

The first is a reminder of the annual parish meeting on **Sunday, January 28**, which has been previously announced. The worship schedule for that morning will be services at **8:00** and **10:00**, rather than our usual three worship services. Following the 10:00 service, we will gather for lunch and the meeting in the parish hall. Our lunch will be catered by Jason's Deli. To place your lunch reservation, please see the form enclosed in this Sunday's bulletin and January Clarion. Lunch orders need to be prepaid in advance and placed by Wednesday, January 24. Cost is \$5 per child lunch, and \$6.50 per adult lunch.

The second item is the Parish Profile Workshop, and this is the first step in beginning the search for a new rector. It is an opportunity for parishioners to offer input about St. Thomas in general and offer some thoughts about qualities and traits desired in a new rector. This is a facilitated workshop led by the diocesan office, and The Rev. Canon Ed Dohoney (retired) whom many of you know, will lead us through the process. This will occur after the 10:30 service on **Sunday, February 4** (we will have all three of our usual worship services), and lunch is included. Your vestry is aware that this is Super Bowl Sunday, but in looking at the calendar, this is the only workable date in the next few weeks. We will be finished well before the kick-off (no later than 3:00); and as our beloved former rector Chuck might say, "Who cares, the Cowboys aren't in it, anyway." In all seriousness, we hope that you will avail yourselves of this opportunity to have input into the document which will be entitled, "The Parish Profile"; and which will be sent to all interested candidates under consideration.

St. Thomas is in the midst of a very busy four weeks (Chuck's retirement reception, the Annual Meeting, the Profile Workshop), and we are most grateful for your life as part of this congregational family. Lively churches always have much going on; it's the dying churches that don't have anything happening. Thanks be to God for our life together.

We are delighted to share in this ministry with you, and look forward to seeing you in church.

Dan Wallace
Senior Warden

Bishop Lillibridge
Interim Rector