

Apr 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

9 AM

Worship Booklet

Our Mission

*We exist to reach,  
nourish, and serve the  
community so all may  
experience healing and  
new life through  
Jesus Christ.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Welcome! We are glad we have the opportunity to worship with you today.*

*May you experience God's blessing upon you.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude		Dominick Izzo
* Call to Worship		Rev. Matt Sergent
You have called us to this place, O Lord.		
<b>Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.</b>		
Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God's realm.		
<b>Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.</b>		
Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.		
<b>Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's word for us.</b>		
* Opening Prayer		
<b>Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction in our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.</b>		
* Opening Hymn	<i>"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"</i>	No. 581
* Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle's Creed	No. 881
* Gloria Patri		No. 71
* Passing the Peace of Christ		
Welcome & Announcements		Deb Crawford
Prayer of Confession		
* Hymn of Preparation	<i>"All Who Love and Serve Your City"</i>	No. 433
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV)	Janie Russell
Message	Love By Serving	Rev. Matt Sergent
Call to Prayer	<i>"Sweet Hour of Prayer"</i> (vs. 1)	No. 496
Prayers of the People		
Offering Invitation & Prayer		Deb Crawford
Offertory	<i>"Firm Foundation Part 2"</i>	Chancel Choir
* Doxology		No. 95
* Closing Hymn	<i>"Jesu, Jesu"</i>	No. 432
* Benediction		Rev. Matt Sergent
Postlude		Dominick Izzo

# WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! If this is your first time visiting, please visit the Welcome Desk on your way out for a gift bag with a homemade loaf of bread and more complete church information. We invite you to take a look at this week's announcements and feel free to participate in any activities that interest you. If you would like to take part in any activities, please indicate it on the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate, or if you're joining us virtually, please complete the online registration on our website, [StThomasUMC.org/livestream](http://StThomasUMC.org/livestream).

Check out our website, for more information about:

- Children
- Youth
- Small Groups
- Choirs & Music Groups
- Sunbeam Children's Center
- Local Missions & Food Pantry
- TND - Kitchen Ministry

## Hearing Impaired

Devices are available with earphones connected to our sound system to help amplify the service. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

## Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer concerns and praises by completing the Connect Card and placing it in the offering plate or online at [StThomasUMC.org/prayer](http://StThomasUMC.org/prayer).

## Altar Flowers Dedication

If you would like to dedicate please visit our website and click Resources to learn more.

*Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God!*

In loving memory of Jerry Haase

# CONNECT CARD

## I would like to learn more about:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Ministry
- Older Adult Ministry
- Music Ministries
- Food Pantry Ministry
- Short Term Mission Opportunities
- Sunbeam Children's Center
- Hospitality & Kitchen Ministries
- Congregational Care Ministry
- Community Outreach & Events
- Communication Ministry
- Media / Technology Ministry
- Usher & Welcome Team

## I am Interested In:

- Learning more about Baptism
- Learning more about STUMC
- Becoming a member of STUMC

## I would like to:

- Receive      or       Unsubscribe

### to The following:

- Prayer Chain     Special Events E-Blasts
- Newsletter

## I have the following prayer request:

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## I would like this request to be:

- Private       Placed on Prayer Chain

I would like the Pastor to call  or visit  me.

Sunday, April 21, 2024

# CONNECT CARD

Welcome to St Thomas UMC!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if any contact info has changed.

### Worship Service Attended

9:00 AM                       11:00 AM  
 1st Time Guest             Regular Guest  
 Out of Town Visitor    Member

### I would like to:

Receive Offering Envelopes

### Signups:

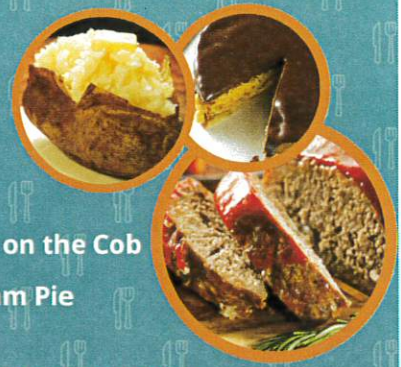
I'd like to attend the OWLS Outing  
 I'd like more information on  
volunteering to help with VBS  
 I want to be a part of the Lawn Care  
Team  
 I'm interested in being a Food Pantry  
Volunteer Team Leader

# TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Baked Meatloaf  
Baked Potato | Corn on the Cob  
Buttermilk Biscuit  
Dessert: Boston Cream Pie

Kid's: Corn Dog

Cookie of the Month: Pecan Sandies



## APRIL 23

## EL SALVADOR FUNDRAISER

*Mother's Day Carnations*  
On Sale Sun, Apr 21 - Sun, May 5 \$3 ea.

Contact Pat Dodson to Place  
Your Order & Make a Dedication

Supports the UWF's  
Compassion Intl Children

# ST THOMAS HAS TALENT!



## SAT, APR 27 | 6 PM

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**Tuesday Night Dinner:** Dine-In is 5-5:45 pm, Curbside pickup is 5:30-6 pm. This week's dinner is a fundraiser for the El Salvador Mission Team. There is no charge for this meal; give what you can. Please sign up for dinner by visiting the church website or by calling the church office by Monday noon.

## This Week's Menu

Baked Meatloaf | Baked Potato  
Corn on the Cob | Buttermilk Biscuit

**Dessert:** Boston Cream Pie

**Kid's Menu:** Corn Dog

**Cookie of the Month:** Pecan Sandies

**I Love My Church Paper Chain:** Join us in celebrating our church community by adding to our paper chain in the narthex! Write down why you love our church on the paper link you received this morning so we can add it to the chain. Need a link? Please see an usher. Let's create a colorful display of gratitude and love for all to see. Your words will inspire and uplift us all!

**Mother's Day Carnation Sales:** UWF are selling carnations from **Sun, Apr 21 thru Sun, May 5 for \$3 each**. Proceeds support the two Compassion International children we sponsor. You may take your carnations from the altar arrangement after each service on Mother's Day. See Pat Dodson to place your order to honor or remember the special ladies in your life.

**OWLS Outing:** On **Fri, Apr 26 at 1 pm** the OWLS (Old Wiser Livelier Seniors) will meet for lunch

at Foster's Grille, 10266 Bristow Center Dr, Bristow. We may choose outdoor seating, weather permitting. Please RSVP via Connect Card or by contacting Marian Ludlow or Lynn Furlong no later than **Tues, Apr 23**. OWLS is open to everyone age 55+.

**St. Thomas Has Talent!** and it will be showcased for everyone's enjoyment on **Sat, Apr 27 at 6 pm**. This is a not-to-be missed event. Laughter, applause and atta-boys will abound.

**Ladies Book Club:** Join us on **Fri, May 3rd at 10:30 am in Room 306** as we discuss "The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore. No science background is necessary to enjoy this tale of Nicola Tesla, Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse as they race each other to be the first to produce a working (and safe!) electric light bulb. All ladies are invited, if you haven't read the book!



**Youth Car Wash:** On **Sun, May 5** help support the Youth Ministry and continue furnishing the Youth Center by participating in their Car Wash

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fundraiser. They can wash your car while you are attending Worship or you can just drive thru. Rain date will be Sun, May 26.

## **Children's Ministry Celebrates Mother's Day:**

The kids will wave a beautiful dance ribbon in honor of the mother figures in their lives and hand out flowers to all mothers after each service on **Mother's Day, Sun, May 12**. All kids are invited to participate.

**VBS 2024: Hero Hotline** Save the date! This year's VBS, Hero Hotline, will take place **Jun 10-14**. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere. Sign your superhero up on the Events page of the website today!

**Calling for VBS Volunteers:** Help the Decoration Team, be a Crew Leader, assist with Check-in or Opening & Closing, be a Photographer or assist in some other capacity. Find the Signup on the Events page of the website or at the Welcome Desk.

**VBS Needs:** The Children's Ministry Amazon wish list has been updated to include supplies for VBS! We will keep adding items as VBS gets closer. Thank you for any help you can provide. Our list is here: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/FQRTLEJVCQ2W?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/FQRTLEJVCQ2W?ref_=wl_share)

**2024 Summer Camps:** Exciting news! Summer camp registration is officially open! Don't miss out on the adventure, fun, and lifelong memories waiting for your child or grandchild this summer. From being a secret agent, a junior chef, creating their own magical creatures and more, our camps offer a diverse range of experiences to ignite your child's imagination and foster new friendships. Visit our website to learn more and sign up today!

**Lawn Care Team Members Needed:** We're looking for people to join the lawn care team to help with weekly mowing of the church grounds and outside maintenance tasks. If you're able to help please sign up on your Connect Card.

**Food Pantry Volunteer Team Leader Needed:** Want to make a difference? Have a few hours free during the day? Become a Food Pantry Team Leader!! Tuesday and Friday shifts are open, from 9 am to noon. Lead and train other volunteers during your shift to help serve so we can continue 17 years of tradition. Requires a six month commitment for the position and we will train you! Contact Gary Gilham at 703-368-5161 Ext 122 or [gary.gilham@stthomasumc.org](mailto:gary.gilham@stthomasumc.org)

**General Conference:** Stay informed about the United Methodist Church General Conference, happening April 23 - May 3 in Charlotte, NC by visiting [umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure/general-conference](https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure/general-conference)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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### Mon, Apr 22 - Sun, Apr 28

Activities marked with an (\*) occur in Hybrid Format. If you do not have the access code for ZOOM, please call the church office.

### Tues, Apr 23

- 8:30 AM Arise & Pray Group
- 5:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner Dine-In
- 5:30 PM Tuesday Night Dinner Curbside
- 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:40 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 PM AA Meeting

### Wed, Apr 24

- 10:00 AM Quilts for Kids
- 7:00 PM Mission Council \*

### Thu, Apr 25

- 7:00 PM Church Council \*

### Sat, Apr 27

- 8:00 AM Men's Group \*
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry | Clothing Closet
- 6:00 PM Talent Show

### Sun, Apr 28

- 8:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 9:00 AM Traditional Service \*
- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Class
- 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 AM King's Kids Sunday School
- 10:00 AM The PACK Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Service \*
- 11:15 AM Children's Church
- 12:45 PM The PACK - Manassas Mall
- 6:30 PM Purpose Driven Friends

## PRAYER CHAIN

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*We invite you to pray for those in our church family who requested prayer for illness or other needs. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please indicate so on your Facebook registration.*

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| Perry Bailey                 | Family of Angie Phillips |
| Barry Barger                 | Aaron Priest             |
| Devin Colohan (Stanley)      | Kay Sondheimer           |
| Joan Doggett                 | Sim & Helen Stidham      |
| Family of Frank Golladay     | Kristi Swanson           |
| Family of Jerry Haase        | Family of Don Uber       |
| Debbie Heverin's Moms        |                          |
| Dominick Izzo's Grandparents |                          |
| Rodney Miller's Dad          |                          |

### Nursing Home Residents

Liz Fontaine | Regency Care  
1785 S. Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202

June Ankers | Sunrise Assisted Living  
2863 Hunter Mill Road, #213, Oakton, VA 22124

### Livestream Worship

To listen to or download today's worship service or previous worship services, visit [StThomasUMC.org/resources/livestream-worship.html](http://StThomasUMC.org/resources/livestream-worship.html) or on the church's Facebook page or on YouTube (search St Thomas UMC).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Join us for Adult Sunday School

- \* **9:30 am | The Risen Christ**  
Led by Paula Renfro
- **10 am | Romans**  
Led by Pat Dodson
- **10 am | The Life of King David**  
Led by Earl Amstutz



**THE PACK**  
ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### PACK YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Student Ministry, 6—12th Grade*

We offer many opportunities for our youth to stay connected and support each other! Every Sunday, the PACK meets for Sunday School from 10-10:50 am in the Youth Center.



**KING'S KIDS**  
ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### KING'S KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Age 3-5th Grade, Tweens (3rd-5th Grade),  
Nursery (6 weeks-3 years)*

Sunday School is from 10-10:50 am in the Children's Worship Center. For more info, please contact the Children's Ministry Director, kristi.swanson @stthomasumc.org



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703-368-5161 x 102

*For a complete staff directory and contact information, please visit our website.*

### How Can I Give to Support Ministry?

All are invited to contribute their tithes and offerings in whatever way works best for them! You may give electronically by going to [stthomasumc.org/give](http://stthomasumc.org/give); by texting to 833-940-1381 and following the prompts; by mailing a check to the church office, or by placing your offering in one of the offering plates — when you come forward for Communion, or when you enter or exit the Sanctuary.



To give online, you may scan the QR code, which leads to our website's giving portal.