

I ❤️ MY
CHURCH

Apr 14, 2024

Third Sunday
of Easter

11 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.*

Gathering Music		Praise Band
Worship Through Song	<i>"Holy Spirit" "All Creatures of Our God and King"</i>	Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		Deb Crawford
Children's Message		Kristi Swanson
* Song of Preparation	<i>"Jesus Messiah"</i>	Praise Band
Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:13-18 (NRSV)	Paula Renfro
Message	I Love My Church	Rev. Matt Sergent
Confession, Pardon, & Passing of the Peace		
Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.		
<i>Pastor:</i> The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, protecting us from danger. We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love. We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.		
The Great Thanksgiving		
Offering Invitation	<i>Please place your Connect Card along with your tithes and offerings in the brass offering plates by the aisle at the front of the Sanctuary as you come forward for Communion. (or feel free to give electronically or via text).</i>	
Sharing the Bread & Cup	<i>"You Alone"</i>	Praise Band
* Closing Song	<i>"Weary Traveler"</i>	Praise Band
* Blessing		Rev. Matt Sergent
Sending Music		Praise Band

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.

Check out our website, for more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs & Music Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbeam Children's Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Missions & Food Pantry |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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!

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:

I would like this request to be:

- Private Placed on Prayer Chain

I would like the Pastor to call or visit me.

Sunday, April 14, 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 can help with the UWF Clothing Closet Project
 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

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER



Beef Stroganoff
Buttered Noodles
Roasted Vegetables | Dinner Roll
Dessert: German Chocolate Cake
Kid's: Cheeseburger w/ French Fries
Cookie of the Month: Pecan Sandies

APRIL 16

UWF CLOTHING CLOSET PROJECT

Tues, Apr 16 | 6:15 PM | Room 300

Join us for
Tuesday Night Dinner
then in room 300 to
help sort clothing.
All women invited for
service & fellowship.



OWLS OUTING

FOSTER'S GRILLE IN BRISTOW
FRI, APR 26 | 1 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Night Dinner: Dine-In is 5-5:45 pm, Curbside pickup is 5:30-6 pm. Cost is \$7 per person, (\$25/ family of 4, \$5/additional family member above 4) Cookies are \$10/dz. Kid's meals are \$4 per person. Kid's entrées as adult meals are \$7 per person. Please sign up for dinner by visiting the church website or by calling the church office by Monday noon.

This Week's Menu

Beef Stroganoff | Buttered Noodles

Roasted Vegetables | Dinner Roll

Dessert: German Chocolate Cake

Kid's Menu: Cheeseburger & French Fries

Cookie of the Month: Pecan Sandies

Tweens April Meeting: Kids 3rd to 5th grade are invited to the Youth Center **today from 5-6:30 pm** for a very happy gathering. Please come ready to tell your favorite joke. We will also have a lesson on happiness and gratitude, paint kindness rocks and share dinner with the The Pack. If you are in 2nd grade this year, feel free to join us so we can all get to know each other before Camp Tweens!

UWF Clothing Closet Project: Meet up for Tuesday Night Dinner this week and then go upstairs in Rm 300 to sort and label clothing donations. All women are invited to come serve and enjoy the fellowship.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: VBS is about creating an intentional time and space for kids of all ages to hear the gospel, learn Scripture, and tell their friends about Jesus. Churched and unchurched kids get a full week of diving into God's Word. Is it a lot of work to put on? Yes. Is it worth it? Absolutely. Could you 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

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!

Clothing Closet Update: We are now accepting spring/summer clothing. Light jackets, hoodies, short sleeve shirts, shorts. Children's clothing needed, especially sizes 3T - 8 youth sizes. Thank you for your generosity! For questions or to volunteer, contact Renee Kinnear Renee@rrkinnear.com.

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 signup on your Connect Card.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon, Apr 15 - Sun, Apr 21

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

Mon, Apr 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 9:30 AM Bazaar Crafters
- 7:00 PM Front Porch Ministry *
- 7:00 PM Youth Council *

Tues, Apr 16

- 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
- 6:15 PM UWF Clothing Closet Project
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:40 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 PM AA Meeting

Wed, Apr 17

- 10:00 AM Quilts for Kids
- 7:30 PM Congregational Care Committee*

Thu, Apr 18

- 10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group
- 3:30 PM Staff Mtg *
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee *

Sat, Apr 20

- 8:00 AM Men's Group *
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry | Clothing Closet

Sun, Apr 21

- 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
- 6:00 PM The PACK
- 6:30 PM Purpose Driven Friends

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

Jerry Haase | Paramount Senior Living
8341 Barrett Drive, #227, Manassas, VA 20109

Livestream Worship

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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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; 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.