



Triumph *Newsletter*

February 2023 | Volume 2

Our Focus this Year for Lent

It is a long-standing tradition that our Lay Leaders help steward the production of our own Lent Devotional, which begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Our plan is to offer our devotional again by text and email, and we will post the daily entries to a permanent blog that “lives” on our website for future use beyond Lent.



This year’s Lent Devotional will be themed around our **Covenant Life** together. As humans, we are naturally independent. We believe in God and in Christ, and consider ourselves Christians, but

we can be skeptical about fully belonging or committing ourselves to anything. We think we can live a good life and stay on the sidelines. Sometimes, we believe it might be easier to be a better person if we don’t have to trouble ourselves with engaging with the faith community.

Before we join the church, we ask ourselves “Why should I become part of a local church? Will my membership vows mean anything?” At St. Thomas, we believe they do!

Belonging to the body of Christ is a vital part of our faith

journey. During Lent, we will explore the Covenant Life we live together in community with God, the membership vows we make, and the keys to everyday discipleship.

Here is a summary by week:

- **Week 1, Key 1:** Initiated into Christ’s Holy Church
- **Week 2, Key 2:** Confirmation of Our Covenant
- **Week 3, Key 3:** Renouncing Sin & Professing Our Faith
- **Week 4, Key 4:** By Our Prayers
- **Week 5, Key 5:** By Our Presence
- **Week 6, Key 6:** By Our Gifts
- **Week 7, 1st half of Holy Week, Key 7:** By Our Service
- **Week 7, 2nd half of Holy Week, Key 8:** By Our Witness

We are asking for contributions in a variety of formats to invite more participation. You may submit a written personal story up to 350 words, a recorded testimony (by cell phone), or a thematic photograph or piece of original artwork. To sign up, please go to [our website’s weekly announcements page](#), where you will find a signup genius link. This Lent, may you be inspired to draw closer to Christ as you engage with one another’s devotionals, the Word of God, and reflect more deeply on the covenant life together through our faith in Jesus.

Questions? Please speak with any of our Lay Leaders: Paula Renfro, Bill Coppa, or Perry Bailey.



I've Been Meaning to Ask... Current Sermon Series

In creating this series, we started by asking ourselves questions: *"How can we listen to one another? How do we find connection despite distance? How do we create space for compassionate dialogue and for seeking the holy in one another?"* While the challenges of becoming a beloved community to one another are endless, these questions are simple. We quickly recognized that all courageous conversations begin with simple questions and the curiosity to truly listen.

We landed on our leading question, *"I've been meaning to ask..."* because it conveys intentionality, warmth, curiosity, and consideration. In essence, this question also implies the following statements: *"I've been thinking about you and I've been wanting to check in... You've been on my mind... I haven't known how to have this conversation, but I'm getting started with a question."* The ellipses symbolize the main objective of this series: **to cultivate courageous conversations—and to keep having them**, even if we need to pause.

Our weekly sub-themes provide a trajectory for going deeper. As you can see, these questions aren't surface level; they invite us to share our pain and seek ways to care for one another. We hope this series helps us to behold each other as children of God, created in God's image. May it help us strengthen our capacity for empathy and compassion. May it remind us of the power of asking unassuming questions. May it show us that courage is rooted in the heart. Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us to glimpse hope, joy, and beauty—and to become the community God created us to be.

Week 1. . . Where are you from? | Genesis 2:4b - 15

We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful—being written and rewritten over time. In order to build connection and trust, we need to listen to each other's stories and experiences to learn who and what has shaped us. We also need to feel seen and known for who we are.

Week 2. . . Where does it hurt? | 1 Samuel 1:1 – 18

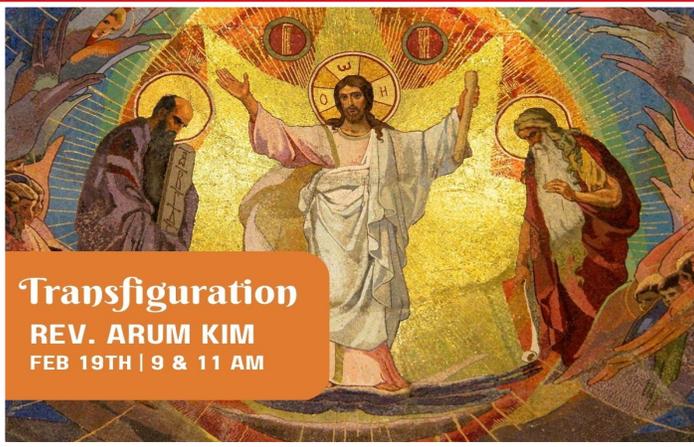
This week's question implies that all of us have known pain and suffering. In order to cultivate connection, we must first get curious about the pain others carry and the pain we carry ourselves. Before we can act, we must first acknowledge and believe the pain is real, for bearing witness to each other's pain helps us cultivate compassion. We believe God draws close to us in every moment of suffering. Through this week's sermon, we commit to vulnerability and compassion.

Week 3. . . What do you need? | Job 2:11 - 13

This week's question recognizes that we all have needs and that we need each other. It reminds us that we each have unique needs; we can't assume to know what is best for others. It also prompts us to reflect on our own needs, priorities, and desires, which can be difficult to discern from one situation to the next. We believe God calls us to care for one another—in seasons of joy, transition, and hardship. We commit to listening and being present with one another.

Week 4. . . Where do we go from here? | Ruth 1:1 – 22

This final question is not meant to be the end of the journey; instead, it creates openness to explore together what is next. While stepping into the next chapter, our hope is that we keep cultivating curiosity, asking questions, having conversations, and seeking connection in order to humanize and care for each other. Ultimately, this final question invites us to foster hope and imagination because we believe courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us. We also believe God bridges connections in unexpected ways.



Transfiguration

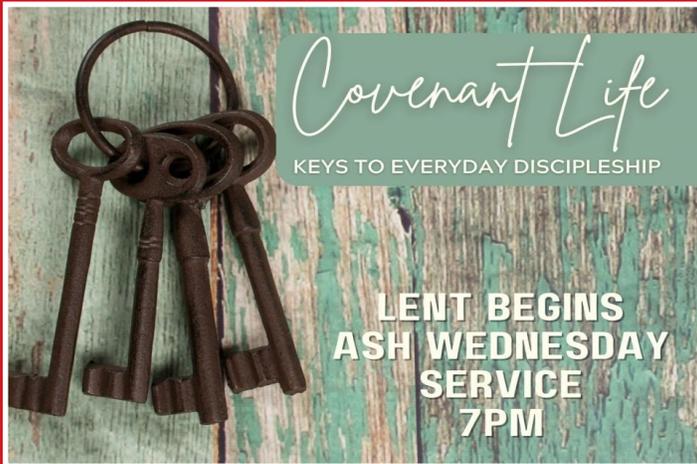
REV. ARUM KIM
FEB 19TH | 9 & 11 AM

What is Transfiguration Sunday?

This last Sunday before Lent recalls Christ's transfiguration on the mountain with Elijah and Moses. In preparation of this holy day, you are invited to read and reflect on Matthew 17:1—9.

God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame
Your Son went to the mountaintop
And you revealed his life in glory.
Where prophets witnessed to him,
You proclaimed him your Son,
but he returned to die among us.
Help us face evil with courage,
knowing that all things, even death,
are subject to your transforming power.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Prayer No. 319 written by James F. White and included in the UMC Book of Worship)



Feb. 22, 7:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Service

This special service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that lead up to Easter. Traditionally, this season helps Christians reflect on their mortality and sinfulness, and the dying of self that comes with new life in Christ on Easter. Offered in-person and livestream.



Registration Opens
for the 2023-2024 SY

Now open
for the general public

Sunbeam is Hiring!

Sunbeam is looking for energetic staff with an early childhood/elementary educational background that love children and want to help mold our future role models of tomorrow. If you are interested in making a difference and a lasting impression stop by the Sunbeam Children's Center office and pick up an application packet.

SCC Book Fair

Our Book Fair is **March 6 through March 10**. There will be a surprise guest stopping by to say hello Tuesday evening during the Tuesday Night Dinner hours. The Book Fair is open to SCC families, church members and anyone else who enjoys reading or sharing a story with someone. We look forward to seeing you there!!



Every Tuesday morning, a small group gatherings in the Sanctuary around the altar for prayer. All are invited — children, youth, adults — to pray silently for the discernment process, the worshipping community, and those who are facing illness and other significant prayer concerns. God does nothing but in answer to prayer.

LGBTQ Discernment Process Underway

Watch Party #1 Kicks off January 22, 2023

By Karl Becker, Communications Team Member

As Pastor Abi discussed in her letter on December 19, our Church is engaged in a process and framework of discernment about whether we maintain our affiliation with the United Methodist Church (UMC), or dis-affiliate and join the Global Methodist Church, or some other denomination. Key components of this discernment process are a series of five video Watch Parties, where we hear from two pastors - one who will articulate the reasons for leaving the UMC, and the other for staying in the UMC.

Watch Party #1 was conducted on January 22, 2023 at 3 pm. 86 Church members RSVP'd, and with eight no-shows and 13 walk-ins, there were a total of 91 attendees. Participants included 39 men and 52 women; five youth; eight people of color, and seven staff. 12 people served as small group facilitators (nine from the planning team plus three more leaders).

We watched two videos as a group in the Sanctuary. The first video was presented by the Rev. Rob Renfroe, who is pastor of discipleship at The Woodlands Methodist Church in Houston, TX, the president of the national organization Good News, and the author of numerous bible studies. The second video was presented by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, who is the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS, and is the author of numerous books and bible studies. One quote from each video (below) seems to summarize each pastor's position:

Rev. Rob Renfroe says, "I am a Jesus-loving, Bible believing, grace trusting, grateful for John Wesley, committed to historic Christian faith, Methodist, who is in ministry to the world with others who are like-minded, who want to bring others to saving faith in Christ. I am convinced that I must leave the United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church because the United Methodist Church has left me."

Rev Adam Hamilton says, "I loved that the United Methodist Church was a church that wasn't just their intellect or their heart, but it was calling people to live out their faith with their hands. I came to know later that this was a practical divinity. A faith that moves us to living a life with Christ on a daily basis. That's why I love the United Methodist Church and I am staying."

Copies of the videos and other information can be found at: <https://www.stthomasumc.org/unitedmethodistresources>.

Questions were encouraged to be submitted anonymously on 3x5 cards, and four were received and will be answered by the Church Council. Online questions, comments, ideas, and general feedback can be submitted to the Council at <https://www.stthomasumc.org/ourleaders>, by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking the large orange button "Click Here to Email All Council Leaders."

We then met in small groups of about 12-15 people each for Holy Conversation (a discipline advocated by John Wesley.) At my small group, we discussed that tonight's watch party was more about framing the question than specific points for or against dis-affiliation. Church council members in the group did clarify that, while dis-affiliation could occur at any time, that if our Church wished to ensure retention of property and assets, we would need to complete the dis-affiliation process by December 31, 2023. It was also discussed that a church-wide vote would require that Council first determine that such a vote was in the best interests of the Church. If the Council determines that a vote is in the best interests of the Church, than a two-thirds majority of the members present is required to officially disaffiliate from the UMC.

Our group concluded with the prayer: *"May God Almighty direct our days in his peace, and grant us the gifts of his blessing; may he deliver us in all our troubles, and establish our minds in the tranquility of his peace; may he so guide us through things temporal that we finally lost not the things eternal. Amen."*



February is a busy month for the Children's Ministry. We are preparing for Lent and Easter, already looking toward VBS this summer, learning more about the Word of God, and serving our church as much as we can.



For February, Sunday School we will begin the Ever After curriculum from GrowKids.

Fairytales are full of fantasy and imagination. We love them because they take what could be real and add extraordinary circumstances. But what if there was a story where the extraordinary circumstances

were real? Could a story like this exist? This month, we are going to look at the story of Ruth to see how God truly writes the best stories for us — full of companions, hope, boldness, and the knowledge that God is always taking care of us! As always, Children's Church during the 11:00 service (pictured) reinforces the messages presented in Sunday School and children's messages in the service.

We are already gearing up for VBS in the children's ministry and we invite you to learn more on February 19 in the fellowship hall at 10 - 11am or 12 - 1 pm. Our children's council invites you to enjoy a cookie, learn more about our volunteer opportunities, and get excited about our theme which will be officially announced that day.

Lent & Easter

We are working on our plans for the Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help! We are collecting filled plastic eggs in the bins in the narthex, as well as empty plastic eggs and candy. We'd like to have a bulk of the donations by March 5, but we will continue to accept donations anytime before April 8 when the egg hunt takes place. We also need many 18 egg cartons of any material which can be left in the food pantry bin.

Before the egg hunt comes around, we also have plans for Lent. We will offer Lenten Activity Bags again this year which you can sign up for by visiting the events page of the website and clicking on the Pancakes & Ashes event.

Join us on February 21 from 5-6:30 pm for Pancakes and Ashes. You can pick up your bag, participate in a few fun activities, and even receive ashes from Pastor Abi or Pastor Arum in the sanctuary. If your family would like to eat pancakes, you will need to sign up separately for Tuesday Night Dinner.

Tween Gatherings

Our tweens have been hard at work the whole school year, learning and serving. In January, the OWLS joined us for a very fun game night and we played an online game to earn rice for people in need. Pictured below is William Groenig, enjoying his Ka-Blab championship, having defeated the forlorn Mr. Bruce and other worthy opponents.

For February, we are making no-sew blankets and recording a Lenten devotional. We will be helping with hygiene kits in March, so please look for more information from Missions Council on what is needed for that project. On March 10 the Tweens will fill Easter eggs with what was put in the collection bins in the Narthex.

We have a lot going on! We would love to have you volunteer with us sometime, but we understand that's not for everyone. If it is more your style, please consider donating the items mentioned in this article. We appreciate all of your support!





THE PACK

ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



By Pastor Arum Kim

Many special gatherings are happening at church as we start a discernment process regarding the issue of the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people and their families. The students, who have confirmed their faith or were baptized during their youth years, are considered "adults" in the eyes of the church. They share the same rights and responsibilities as other adult church members. So, the special gatherings during the discernment process are not only for the grow-ups but also for our students, too!

To encourage the students to participate and actively engage in the process, the Youth Council decided to have the PACK Night one hour earlier (so, at 5 - 6:30 PM) on Sundays when our church has a watch party at 3 - 5 PM. So, the students and parents can move smoothly to the PACK Night without an hour gap. Please mark the following on the calendar and get updated about details via PACK weekly emails.

February 5 (1st Sun): Watch Party 3 at 3 - 5 PM & PACK Night Worship Day at 5 - 6:30 PM

February 12 (2nd Sun): Watch Party 4 at 3 - 5 PM & PACK Night Small Group Day, talking about the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people

February 17 (Fri) - 19 (Sun): Youth Ministry Cohort Ski Retreat in Roundtop Ski Resort, PA. Many students from other UMCs in the Northern Virginia District are joining this retreat. A link to register is in the PACK Weekly Email. There will be NO PACK AM & PACK Night on the 19th.

February 26 (4th Sun): Confirmation Class begins. Watch Party 5 at 3 - 5 PM & PACK Night Mission Day at 5 - 6:30 PM

After a short winter break, we resumed our PACK Night gathering on January 8 with ice skating. The Harris Pavilion in Old Towne Manassas was so beautiful with Christmas decorations and lights and the weather was perfect for having fun outside.

On January 15, we had PACK Night Small Group Day, talking about the wonderful things God has done in the past year and our plans and hopes for this new year. We wrote a letter to self, expressing where we want to be in the plans we have set and in our relationship with God. The letter was put in an envelope and it will be mailed in December 2023 to help us reflect on the year of 2023.

We gathered on Saturday, January 21 to help with the Community Clothing Closet at church as our mission project of the month. Ms. Renee, the clothing closet leader and also PACK Mission Day leader, made sure that our students were well fed to work - we had doughnuts, cereal bars, hot cocoa in the morning and chili and hot dogs after work! As long as they are fed, our students are happy and jolly!

If you have any questions about the Student Ministry and would like to know how to support the Student Ministry, please feel free to contact Pastor Arum at arum.kim@stthomasumc.org or 571-438-3953 (cell). We especially need a person or a group of adults to offer dinner at PACK Night.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Update

By Frank Priest & Janel Weed

By Janie Russell

A whole month has gone by already this year-whew! We are grateful for the “not so cold” temperatures we had in January, which allowed us to have our dinners each week. Let’s see what this month holds for us. Thanks for signing up online or calling the office by noon on Mondays.

February Menus

Cost is \$7 per adult, \$5 for children and \$25 max per family of four (with \$2 extra for each additional person)

February 7

BLT Salad

Cheeseburger Casserole

Glazed Carrots

Hush Puppies

Dessert: Date Crumbles

Kid’s Entrée: Same as adults

February 14 - Happy Valentine’s Day!

Garden Salad

Meat Lasagna

Green Beans

Garlic Knot Roll

Dessert: Strawberry Parfait

Kid’s Entrée: Spaghetti

Cookie of the Month: Cowboy Cookies

February 21 - Shrove Tuesday

Blueberry and Buttermilk Pancakes

Sausage Patties

Fresh Fruit

Dessert: Shrove Kabobs

Kid’s Entrée: Same as Adults

February 28

Roast Pork

Roasted Redskins

Cornbread Stuffing

Cinnamon Apples

Mixed Veggies

Dessert: Vanilla Nutmeg Cake

Kid’s Entrée: Hot Dogs

On January 8 we had a reception for Jacque Watkins, to celebrate her retirement as the organist and accompanist at the 9 am service. During Jacque’s ten years at STUMC we’ve all benefited from her music, as well as come to love her. She will certainly be missed but she has promised to come back when she’s needed as a “sub” on Sunday mornings.

The job description for Jacque’s position has been revised by the committee and we’re now advertising for an accompanist for the traditional service. Until SPRC hires someone, Dominick Izzo will both direct the choir and play the piano/organ at 9 am. We appreciate his willingness to help.

SPRC recently finished revising the Employee Handbook. The Handbook has been given to all employees and was also discussed at the January staff meeting.





OWLS MINISTRY

OLDER WISER LIVELIER SENIOR MINISTRY

By Marian Ludlow & Lynn Furlong

On January 27, 24 OWLS enjoyed a delicious lunch at Bella O'Vita Restaurant. Please plan to join us on **Feb 24 at 1:30 pm** (NOTE: NEW TIME) when we will meet at Katerina's Greek Cuisine in Old Town Manassas. Please check February bulletins for more info.



United Women in Faith News & Events



WINTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

Hosted by the United Women in Faith

Sat, Feb 11 at 9:30 am

Featuring our friend,
retired pastor Pat Tony,
as our guest speaker.

Women's Potluck Brunch

Saturday, February 11, 9:30 am, Room 300

All women are invited to come to our winter brunch. Escape the cold and dreary winter for a couple of hours to join us for a soul warming time of fellowship, laughter, learning, and food! We will be blessed by a talk given by Rev. Pat Tony on the topic "*Signposts of Discerning Discipleship*"

Do you have particular verses of Scripture which God has used to Shepherd you through life? Hebrews 12:1-3 are some life verses for me. I would like to hear some of yours.

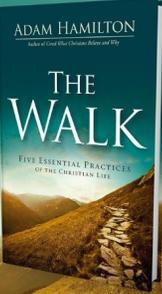
In a time when we need to seek divine guidance more than ever, we will be sharing in some ways of discernment utilized by faithful saints who've gone before us.

We will also make Valentines as a fun service project. Please bring a brunch dish to share. We hope to see you there!

Dorcas Circle

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in Room 300. Join us for a fun time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Questions? Contact Martha Barlow at thistlethinker21@yahoo.com

Adult Discipleship Opportunities



Discover five spiritual practices to help you
WALK CLOSER with GOD

THE WALK
FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
THE WALK BY ADAM HAMILTON

FACILITATED BY PAULA RENFRO
2023 Lay Leader

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM
Six - Eight-Week Class
Beginning Feb. 5

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. Facilitated by Paula Renfro on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library. Please join us!

WATCH PARTY #4

Sun, Feb 12 | 3-5 PM | RSVP REQUIRED



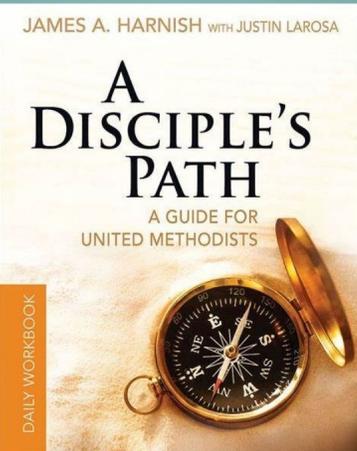
LGBTQ+ INCLUSION

Rev. Rob Renfro
"Our Differences Regarding Sexuality"

Rev. Adam Hamilton
"Human Sexuality"
Hard stop at 5pm
It's Super Bowl Sunday! 

All teens and adults are invited to participate in the discernment process, which will include five "Watch Parties" on Sunday evenings through Feb 26, from 3 - 5 pm. Childcare provided. RSVP on the Announcements page on our website for a clickable link to RSVP for more than one gathering. Upcoming Watch Parties:

- **Feb. 5** "Our Differences Regarding Jesus" & "Committed to Christ"
- **Feb. 12** "Our Differences Regarding Sexuality" & "Human Sexuality"
- **Feb. 26** "Why It's Time for Traditionalists to Leave" & "A Future with Hope" plus "Where Should We Go?" & "Moving Forward with the UMC"



JAMES A. HARNISH with JUSTIN LAROSA

A DISCIPLE'S PATH

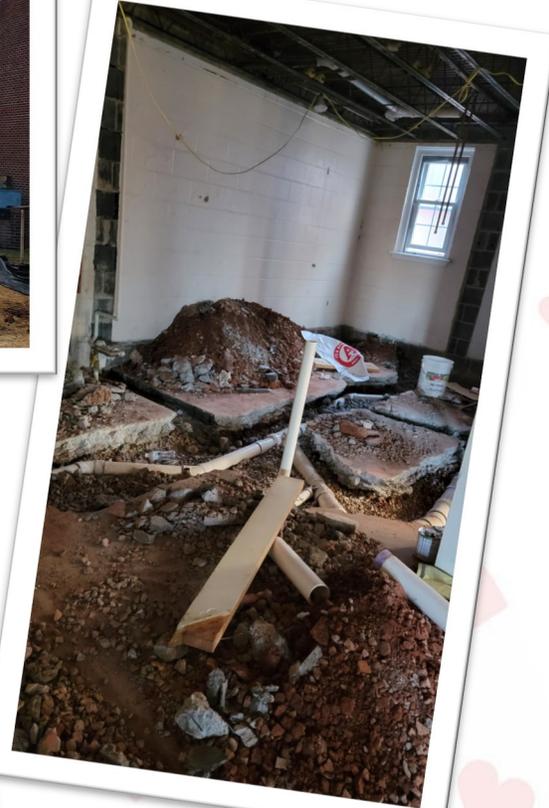
A GUIDE FOR UNITED METHODISTS

A DISCIPLE'S PATH
New Lent Class
Sundays at 10am
Beginning Feb 26th
Led by: Pat Dodson

Sign up in Worship or Call the Office

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. But A Disciple's Path helps us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for both new members and long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world. Pat Dodson will facilitate this study during Lent, February 26 through April 2, 10 am on Sunday mornings in Room 309. This study will use a Daily Workbook (5 days per week) to focus our study and discussion. Cost is \$7.00. Please consider joining us!

Building Renovation Updates



Local Relief Update

By Paula Harper

The Local Relief team is on board. I am pleased to welcome Karl Becker, Ron Campbell, Paula Renfro, Jean Callahan, and Sharona Concha who recently completed training. Pray for them with me that their hearts are prepared to be tender as they speak to those in need and their work in your vineyard be a blessing.

We have another special announcement. St Thomas has been awarded additional grant funding – for County residents only – for rental assistance. There are other requirements clients must meet to qualify but this is a huge funding resource we are blessed to receive. The original grant covered utilities, childcare, job search and support and mental health expenses. Rent was a glaring omission.

Friends, the grant funds are indeed a Godsend but we still have a full schedule each Thursday of neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet who do not qualify for the grant funds. It is only through your additional giving to Local Relief that we can help those living in Manassas or Manassas Park and those who had no financial impact related to COVID. It can take contributions from the congregation each month totaling \$1000 to keep pace with the need—I will pledge the first \$100 each month. For those of you who still receive envelopes, please add something to the extra red one each month. And for you who use the online portal, designate a portion to Local Relief. I pray for good hearts who wish to work in the vineyard in any way God provides.

OPERATION BEAR HUG

We're Collecting
NEW Teddy Bears
Through Feb 12



Operation Bearhug time is fast approaching! Please bring new teddy bears to the sanctuary starting Jan 29 - Feb 12. We will hug them, pray over them, tag them and deliver them to Prince William Hospital and Manassas Health and Rehab. Please make sure they are of a size that will fit in a hospital bed. Seniors prefer the smaller bears. We will deliver them on the 13th so that they can be distributed on Valentine's Day! Thank you for your participation! Questions contact Cathy at sstechur@yahoo.com

START PLANNING MEETING

We are beginning the process of planning for our spring disaster relief and rebuilding mission. We have a meeting scheduled for Wed, Feb 15 at 7 pm in room 300 with Zoom option available. ALL interested people are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come find out about our team and help plan the next trip. We welcome all skill levels on these missions, all we ask for is a willing servant's heart. We are hoping to go on this trip during Easter Break so that youth can participate. Zoom details will follow. For further information, contact Cliff Farrar at fcliff@hotmail.com.

JOIN US WED, FEB 15 AT 7 PM TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR OUR
UPCOMING SPRING TRIP. ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Order Your EASTER FLOWERS

Starting
Sunday
Feb 5

Order online on Events page or
in the Fellowship Hall after each service

We will be selling Easter flowers in the fellowship hall on Feb 5, Feb 12, and Feb 19 between church services on online using Signup Genius. Geranium baskets are \$12 and potted Easter lilies are \$10. The flowers will decorate the church on Easter Sunday, and can be taken home after services. Questions? Contact Lori Harper, luckypenny_us@yahoo.com

CURIOUS ABOUT VBS? SAVE THE DATE SUN, FEB 19 10-11 AM OR 12-12:30 PM



COME
LEARN
MORE!

Curious about VBS? If you have volunteered for VBS in the past or just want to know more about what it's like, join the Children's Council on February 19 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll share testimony from our kids and volunteers, share some cookies with you, and announce the 2023 VBS theme! We hope you will stop by and learn more about our program. And we really hope you may find some time to help this summer!

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER PANCAKES & ASHES

FEB 21
5-6:30 PM



Join us for pancakes and ashes to begin the Lenten season. The Men's group will provide the pancakes as Tuesday Night Dinner (must sign up separately) and we will be in the narthex with fun activities and ashes in the sanctuary with our pastors. Lenten activities bags will be available for pickup at this time. Sign up to receive a Lenten devotional bag on the events page of the website or by scanning the QR code.



ST. THOMAS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

- Feb 11 UWF Potluck Brunch | 9:30 am
- Feb 15 START Team Planning Meeting | 7 pm
- Feb 19 VBS Kick-Off Event | 10 am & 12 noon
- Feb 20 Church Office & Sunbeam Children's Center Preschool Closed in recognition of President's Day Holiday
- Feb 21 Pancakes & Ashes | 5 pm
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday | 7 pm
- Feb 24 O.W.L.S. Outing to Katerina's | 1:30 pm

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Rev. Arum Kim, Associate Pastor

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Newsletter Deadline:

15th of the month

Please email all articles to both:

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