



Apr 7, 2024

Youth Sunday

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.*

Brave Enough to
Doubt

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
Welcome		Rev. Matt Sergent
* Call to Worship		
Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.		
How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!		
How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.		
Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him.		
* Opening Prayer		Words on Screens
Worship Through Song	<i>"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" "Build My Life"</i>	Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		Deb Crawford
Children's Message		
Skit	I Doubt It	Youth
Mission Moment	Youth on START Trip	On Screens
* Song of Preparation	<i>"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"</i>	Praise Band
Scripture Reading	John 20: 24-29 (NRSV)	David Burnett
Message	Brave Enough to Doubt	Riley Miller
Confession, Pardon, & Passing of the Peace		Words on Screens
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>"Lord, I Need You"</i>	Praise Band
Closing Prayer Following Communion		Youth
* Closing Song	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	Praise Band
* Dismissal with Blessing		Youth
Let the trumpet sound! Let the voices be raised in celebration! Go into God's world with joy, knowing that God's love goes with you. Be at peace! Amen.		
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:

- 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.

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 celebration of our Youth

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

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.

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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 audition for the Talent Show
 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

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER



Baked Meat Ziti | Garden Salad
Green Beans | Bubble Bread
Dessert: Bread Pudding w/Vanilla Sauce

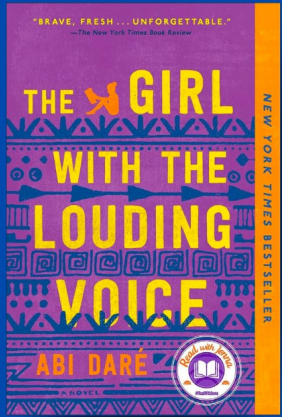
Kid's: Same as Adults

Cookie of the Month: Pecan Sandies

APRIL 9

LADIES BOOK CLUB

THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE



Fri, Apr 12 | 10:30 am

Meets on the second Friday of each month



ST THOMAS HAS TALENT

SAT, APR 27 | 6 - 9 PM

All ages are invited to participate
Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Auditions in Rooms 300/302
Sat, Apr 13 | 1-4 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

Baked Ziti | Garden Salad | Green Beans

Bubble Bread

Dessert: Bread Pudding w/Vanilla Sauce

Kid's Menu: Same as Adults

Cookie of the Month: Pecan Sandies

Ladies Book Club: On **Fri, Apr 12 at 10:30 am** in Rm 300 as we discuss "The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare. All are welcome even if you haven't finished the book.

St. Thomas Has Talent! Do you have a hidden talent you want to display? Do you sing in the shower, or maybe dance when no one is watching? Here's your chance to show off your stuff! Whether you're young or old, want to perform solo or as a group, everyone is invited to participate! **Auditions will be held Sat, Apr 13 from 1 to 4 pm in Room 300/302.** The Talent Show is **Sat, Apr 27 at 6 pm.** Signup on your Connect Card, on the signup sheet at the Welcome Desk, or by contacting the church office.

I Love My Church Worship Series Begins Next Week! In this series, we will tell the stories of our love for this church as together and witness the movement of God here in this place. And, it is our prayer that others will come to know us because our church is founded on Jesus, and we seek to be an irresistible church that unapologetically connects us, our next-door neighbors, and the next generation to Jesus and his love. Our church is more than just a weekly gathering; it's a family doing life together. That's why we love our church. So, join us during this worship series to learn more as we explore why we love our church!

Tweens April Meeting: Kids 3rd to 5th grade are invited to the Youth Center on Sun, **Apr 14 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 at Tuesday Night Dinner on **Apr 16** and then go upstairs in Rm 300 to sort and label clothing donations. All women are invited to come serve and enjoy the fellowship.

OWLS Outing: On **Fri, Apr 26 at 1 pm** the OWLS (Old Wiser Livelier Seniors) will meet for lunch at Forster's Grille, 10266 Bristow Center Dr,

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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+.

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 May 29.

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. Most pastors agree VBS is the most evangelical program a church can offer to communities. Churched and unchurched kids get a full week of diving into God's Word. Is it a lot of work to put on? Yes. Do we need everyone's help to accomplish this? 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon, Apr 8 - Sun, Apr 14

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 8

- 9:30 AM Bazaar Crafters
- 7:00 PM UWF Executive Board Mtg *

Tues, Apr 9

- 8:30 AM Arise & Pray Group
- 1:00 PM Dorcas Circle
- 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 10

- 10:00 AM Quilts for Kids
- 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Team

Thu, Apr 11

- 7:00 PM Trustees Mtg *

Fri, Apr 12

- 10:30 AM Ladies Book Club

Sat, Apr 13

- 8:00 AM Men's Group *
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry | USDA
- 1:00 PM Talent Show Auditions

Sun, Apr 14

- 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
- 10:00 AM The PACK Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Service *
- 11:15 AM Children's Church
- 5:00 PM Tweens
- 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.

Perry Bailey
Barry Barger
Devin Colohan (Stanley)
Joan Doggett
Debbie Heverin's Moms
Dominick's Grandparents
Aaron Priest
Kay Sondheimer
Sim & Helen Stidham

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.