

I ♥ MY
CHURCH

Apr 21, 2024

Fourth 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>"Thrive" "I Will Follow"</i>	Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		Deb Crawford
Children's Message		Roxanne Sutton
* Song of Preparation	<i>"Take My Life"</i>	Praise Band
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV)	Paula Harper
Message	Love By Serving	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>"Why Me Lord"</i>	Praise Band
* Closing Song	<i>"Here I Am Lord"</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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| Children | Choirs & Music Groups |
| Youth | Sunbeam Children's Center |
| Small Groups | 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 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:

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:

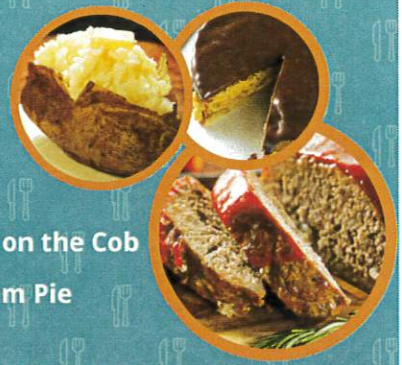
I'd like to attend the OWLS Outing
 I'd like more information on volunteering to help with VBS
 I want to be a part of the Lawn Care Team
 I'm interested in being a Food Pantry Volunteer Team Leader

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

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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!



THE PACK
ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CAR WASH

YOUTH CAR WASH
Sun, May 5 | 10 am - 1 pm

Car Wash Fundraiser to support Youth Ministry and the Youth Center.

Have your car washed while attending Worship or you can just drive thru.

Rain Date is Sun, May 26

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

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

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

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

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 |
| Barry Barger | Phillips |
| Devin Colohan (Stanley) | Aaron Priest |
| Joan Doggett | Kay Sondheimer |
| Family of Frank Golladay | Sim & Helen Stidham |
| Family of Jerry Haase | Kristi Swanson |
| Debbie Heverin's Moms | Family of Don Uber |
| 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 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



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 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.