

children & youth news

Friendly Reminder:

There will be no Sunday School this Sunday, June 2 (the start of Mega Camp week).

Summer Sunday "FUNdays" 2019 (Summer Sunday School) "CREATION CELEBRATION"

Beginning JUNE 9

During the Education Hour (9:45-10:35 AM)

Assembly Room

Our Creation-Care themed program is geared toward children in preschool through 5th grade (though youth are always welcome to assist/earn service hours) and will incorporate the Creation Story as presented in Godly Play as we focus each week on one day/gift in Creation and learn about why each was so "very good!"

SUMMER AT ST. THOMAS 2019

Register NOW!

Arts Camp (incoming 1st-6th graders): June 10-14

High School ROTC (incoming 9th graders- 2019 graduates): June 17-21

Middle School ROTC (incoming 6th-9th graders): June 24-28

Elementary ROTC (incoming 3rd-6th graders): July 8-12

Vacation Bible School (pre-school - incoming 6th graders): Sun, July 21-Thur, July 25

Go to <http://www.stthomasop.org> and click on "2019 Summer Camps" for more info & links to register. Contact: **Kelly Demo** (kdemo@stthomasop.org) or Barbara McCall (bmccall@stthomasop.org).



Celebrating Children & Youth

A big congratulations to Colby McArthur who completed his Eagle Scout project for our community. Notice the beautiful bricks and flowers that adorn the St. Thomas sign on the corner. Thank you, Colby!

NOTES ON NOTES

Dr. Beth L. Elswick

Down by the Creekbank is the theme of our Arts Camp (June 10-14). All of the activities will feature a respect and the need for loving care of that creekbank. We will be assisted by our wonderful staff of teachers as well as some help from the Kansas Department of Conservation. All children grades 1-6 are encouraged to come and bring a friend!

Thank You from the Jewish Community Foundation

On behalf of the Jewish Community Foundation of Great Kansas City, may I express our sincere gratitude for the gift of \$500.00 received on 5/16/2019. It has been deposited in the following account: "Speak Up Foundation."

Your ongoing support is most gratefully appreciated.

Kevin W. Taylor
Chief Financial Officer

Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God and

- In thanksgiving and celebration of 25 years of marriage—from Gar and Kelly Demo
- In thanksgiving for our children and son-in-law, our grandchildren, and our 50th anniversary—from Dave and Jackie Lichius

TOWER TALK

JUNE 1 & 2, 2019

Christian Education this Sunday

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Adult Formation—Please join us this Sunday at 9:45am in Parish Hall 2.

Youth Mission Trip Sponsor

Buy a Day of Our Trip! Get them while they last!!

The youth are "selling" days of the mission trip for a mere \$10. Buy a day and in return receive a postcard from that youth about what they did on that day. Only 21 postcards left! Talk to or email Mthr. Kelly to purchase your day today!!



Young Artists wanted for ARTS CAMP!!

"Down by the Creekbank" June 10-14, 2019

Half-Day: 9am to Noon (cost: \$100; drop-offs available as early as 8am)

Full-Day: 9am to 4pm (cost: \$175; drop-offs available as early as 8am, pick-ups until 5pm)

Ages: 1st-6th Graders for the 2019-20 school year

Please see Dr. Beth Elswick or Barbara McCall to register or for more information!



Articles for Tower Talk and our email update are due by NOON every Monday. Articles will run for **two weeks** unless notified otherwise. Send to Meribeth in the office—mrisebig@stthomasop.org or call 913-451-0512.

Fundraiser for Joplin—The Joplin Tornado hit the Joplin community eight years ago. Several members of our church community dedicated their time to this disaster, offering hands on assistance, financial assistance, and many prayers. The Outreach Committee is partnering with Economic Security Corporation of the SW area and Vecino Group to assist in furnishing 20 units of permanent housing in the Joplin community for Veterans and Seniors who are still displaced from the disaster. The fundraiser will kickoff on June 2 and end on November 17. Heather Bradley-Geary, Vecino Group, and Deb Markman, Economic Security of the SW area, will present an overview of the fundraiser on June 2, 2019 between services. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please contact Heather Bradley-Geary at (913) 905-9645 or Heather@VecinoGroup.com.

Heather A Bradley-Geary, MT-BC, MSW

2019 IHN AUCTION—Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network’s annual Dinner/Auction is set for Thursday, June 27, 2019, and we would love for you to join us at this event! The theme this year is **“Homeward Bound”**. The Dinner/Auction will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kansas.

For additional information, including how to purchase tickets prior to the registration deadline of June 6, 2019, please visit: <http://www.jocoihn.org/auction>. Come and enjoy a casual evening with a delicious dinner, 2 top-shelf drinks, games, silent and live auctions at the cost of only \$75.00 per attendee. Help to empower situationally homeless families and single homeless women by attending IHN’s only fund-raising event of the year.

Guild of the Christ Child Pack-n-Play Drive
Dear Members of St. Thomas, **HELP US FILL THE PACK-N-PLAY!!!**
There’s still plenty of time to grab a gift list & go shopping for a good cause! The pack-n-play will remain up through June for collection of newborn baby items to fill layette bags for babies of the church and babies born into less fortunate circumstances.

A list of needed items is next to the pack-n-play. If any of our members are sewers & would like to make burp cloths, bibs, or receiving blankets, that would be awesome. Monetary donations are appreciated to help buy diapers & wipes. Please make your check out to St Thomas and put Guild of the Christ Child on the memo line. You can drop it by the office or put it in the collection plate.
We very much appreciate your prayers and support for this ministry.
Guild of the Christ Child—**Suzie Bowden** 913-207-0072

Backsnacks at St. Thomas
Another Backsnack year has come to a close. Since the program’s beginning in 2008 to the end of this school year, over 100,000 pounds of food have passed through St. Thomas for delivery to Comanche Elementary School.
Thanks again to Thom’s Helpers and the womens’ small group for all their help with this program.

Denis & Ellen Peters

St. Thomas Book Club
Calling all readers. The STA Book Club is looking for new readers to join us in good conversation and lots of laughs. We meet at 7pm, 8 times/year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (excluding December and summer).

We’d love to have you join us – come every month, or just when you can fit it in your schedule. Below are our selections for the coming year:

- Sept 17 A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW by Amor Towles
- Oct 15 BEFORE WE WERE YOURS by Lisa Wingate
- Nov 19 D-DAY GIRLS by Sarah Rose
- Jan 21 EDUCATED by Tara Westover
- Feb 18 GO WENT GONE by Jenny Erpenbeck
- Mar 17 HOUSEGIRL by Michael Donker
- Apr 21 IN THE MIDST OF WINTER by Isabelle Allende
- May 19 THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HELL by Robert Dugoni

Any questions, please email **Mindy Parker** at santaprints@hotmail.com. Hope to see you in September!



Have you ever wished that you could talk to someone about your Spiritual Journey? Someone who would accompany you on your Faith Journey and help you to reflect deeply on the experiences of your daily life?

Spiritual direction helps us see God’s action in our lives. We become more conscious of God’s presence and love.

In June, Faith Wilson will have completed a three-year training course in Spiritual Direction. If you are interested in talking more about this, please contact Faith at: faithwilson@earthlink.net. Meetings will be monthly at St. Thomas. There are no charges for this service. Donations to St. Thomas are accepted.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

This Sunday, June 2
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal-Nave loft
8:45 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Adult Formation-PH 2
11:15AM-2PM Newcomer Lunch and setup/cleanup-PH 2, K
12:30 PM Setup for Book Launch event-PH 1, K
2:00-4 PM Book Launch Event-PH 1, K (Sommer)

“Coffee Hours”
after each
service in PH 1

Monday, June 3
Diocesan Mega Camp through June 8
9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
10:30-1:30 Thom’s Helpers-PH 1, K
7:30 PM Prayer Shawl Small Grp-PH 1

Tuesday, June 4
9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
9:30 AM Bible Study-Rm 137
7:00 PM Sword Guild-PH 2;
Contemplative Prayer Small Grp-Nave

Wednesday, June 5
9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
10:30-1:30 Thom’s Helpers-PH 1, K

Thursday, June 6
9AM-1PM Parents Day Out-Nursery, Rm 145
7:00 PM SCA-PH 1; Sword Guild practice-PH 2

Friday, June 7
10:30-1:30 Thom’s Helpers-PH 1, K

Saturday, June 8
1-4 PM God & Games Small Grp-Sullivan home
5:30 PM Holy Communion-Nave
6:30 PM Second Saturday reception-PH 1

Sunday, June 9
8:45 & 10:45 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Children & Youth Sunday School-Asbly
9:50 AM Adult Formation-PH 2

Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen;
Educ Wing = Education Wing | PH = Parish Hall; Nave = Sanctuary

To view the church calendar go to our website, www.stthomasop.org, and click on *Calendar* on the upper right side.

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