

children & youth news

HELP NEEDED- CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

DO YOU...

- Enjoy time with children & find them to have a unique perspective to share on life?
- Have at least 1 year of membership in the parish?
- Have at least 16 years of life (to be a leader) or 13-15 (to be an assistant)?
- Have interest in a NEW WAY of experiencing the scriptures?

Then contact Heather Geary (at hbgeary@yahoo.com) or Barbara McCall (at bmccall@stthomasop.org) about how you can be involved in our Children's Church ministry!!

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**If your child or youth has a personal accomplishment, we want to honor them here! Please share with either Kelly Demo (kdemo@stthomasop.org) or Barbara McCall (bmccall@stthomasop.org) - *lest we should have to Facebook Stalk!* Celebrations must be received each Monday at Noon to appear in that week's Tower Talk, or it will make it in the following week.

"God and Country" Children's Religious Emblem Programs 2019

Begins Sunday, September 15

6-7pm in the Education Wing

Cost: \$25/child (includes all materials, workbooks, certificate, award pin)

The "God and Country" Religious Emblem Programs from P.R.A.Y Resources is open and available to ANY CHILD interested in learning more about his/her connection to God, Family, Church and Life. It is affiliated and encouraged by most uniformed scouting-type organizations, including Girl Scouts, Scouts B.S.A., American Heritage and Campfire U.S.A. St. Thomas will be offering the following courses on Sunday evenings (6-7pm) in September and October based on interest:

Jesus & Me (Grades K-1)

God & Me (Grades 2-3)

God & Family (Grades 4-6)

Please visit <http://www.stthomasop.org> for more information & to register, or contact Barbara McCall (bmccall@stthomasop.org) for more information.

Save these special dates!

Thurs, Sept 19	Comanche Cookout, 5:30-7pm
Sun, Sept 29	KC Royals game! 2:15pm
Sun, Oct. 6	Blessing of Animals, 4pm
Sun, Oct 20	Organ Dedication, 2pm
Oct 26, 27	Ministry Fair after services!
Sun, Oct 27	Trunk or Treat & BBQ Cook-Off, 5-7pm
Nov 2 & 3	All Saints & Stewardship Weekend
Sun, Nov 3	Hayride & Campfire at Sharpe's, 5-8pm
Sun, Nov 11	Newcomer Lunch, 12-2pm
Nov 15 & 16	Women's Retreat
Sat, Nov 16	Blood Drive, 8am-1pm
Thurs, Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day Outreach Dinner

Women's Retreat

November 15 and 16 will be our annual Women's Retreat at Heartland Center. The Rev. Kelly Demo will be leading this year's retreat. More information to come but mark your calendars now!

2020 Youth Camps!

Diocesan Mega Camp—May 31-June 6

JR high ROTC - June 15-19

SR high ROTC - June 22-26

VBS - June 28-July 2

Elem ROTC - July 6-10

Arts Camp - July 13-17

Mission Trip - July 16-22

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Notes on Notes

By Dr. Beth Elswick, Director of Music Ministries

All Are Welcome is the opening hymn at every service this weekend. As we begin our fall season, we extend a hand of fellowship through our music. This hymn was composed by Marty Haugen in 1994. Like the accessible language of the hymn, the music is contemporary in many ways. Each verse (except for the final verse) includes a written out musical turn-around. After the verse ends there are added notes and chords that take the listener back to the opening notes of the song.

TOWER TALK

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2019

Sunday School, Youth, and Adult Forum Return THIS SUNDAY!

All classes and activities take place between the two Sunday services:
9:45-10:35am for Children/Youth in the Education Wing;
10am for Adult Forum (Parish Hall 2)

It's Cookout Time! Comanche Elementary Community Cookout

Thursday, September 19

Event Time: 6pm - 7:30pm

Join us as we gather with Comanche students, families, teachers, staff and various other resources in the community for an evening filled with fun and fellowship!



Last year's Hot Dog & Brat Bar was such a hit that St. Thomas has been asked to provide it again. Volunteers are needed beginning at 4:30pm for setup, 5:30-7:30pm for grilling and serving various sides/condiments for the evening, and 7:15pm for cleanup.

A signup sheet is posted in the Narthex, or you may signup via Signup Genius.

Contact: Deacon Fran

Email: fwheeler@stthomasop.org

SAVE THE DATE!
STA @ KC ROYALS!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
First Pitch @ 2:15
Cost per person: approx. \$20



Tickets may be pre-purchased by signing up online or in the Narthex, and must be reserved no later than Wednesday, September 11.



Click the QR code for access
to the online signup.

outreach @ volunteer @ donate

Hurricane Dorian Relief

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with dioceses in the path of Hurricane Dorian. Your donation will meet urgent needs by providing critical supplies such as food, water and other basics and will help provide long-term assistance as needed. You may contribute to the Hurricane Relief Fund at: support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

Thank You!

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help and our IHN guests are no exception. We are so grateful to you and the dedicated members of St. Thomas.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for hosting our families the week of August 18. We know that providing this help requires a big commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved and let them know their efforts make a difference to people who need a helping hand.

*Sincere Thanks,
Vicki & Cheryl
Jo Co Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)*

*Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies,
We send a very heartfelt thank you for the beautiful black and white I have that was created by Sue Strom. It was given to a special long-time friend, Gregg, as he starts radiation treatments. You all do such a loving ministry and in a holy way. God Bless you All!
Love,
Tom and Sara*

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**

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

BEGINS WED, SEPT 25—7-9PM

Lay people face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education that supports their faith and helps them to connect that faith to their lives.


Education for Ministry is a four-year program from the Episcopal Seminary of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. In the first year we read and study the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The second year we read and study the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). The third year covers the church history. And the fourth year is theology with some philosophy.

In all years we learn to think theologically through reflection with the goal to apply what we learn. If we learn to think theologically, we then hope to live theologically and live Christ's ministry in God's world today.

If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Ray Wheeler at ray.wheeler60@gmail.com or 913-269-0542.

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

In thanksgiving for St. Thomas's children and young adults, as well as our children and grandchildren—from Mike & Jane Wiggins



You can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board by the office, send an email to stthomas@stthomasop.org, or give us a call 913-451-0512. Let us know the weekend you prefer and what you'd like to include in the weekly Tower Talk and email update.

THE WEEK AHEAD

This Saturday, September 7

5:30 PM Holy Communion

This Sunday, Sept 8

8:45 & 10:45 Holy Communion-Nave
9:45 AM Children & Youth Sunday School-Educ Wing; Choir Practice-Nave loft
10 AM Adult Forum-PH 2
6-8 PM Youth Group-PH 1, 2, 3, K

"Coffee Hours" after each service in PH 1

Monday, Sept 9

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K, Rm 137
1:30 PM Staff Mtg-PH 1
6:30 PM Journeyman-Asbly; Outreach mtg-Rm 134
7:00 PM IHN Coordinator mtg-PH 1

Tuesday, Sept 10

1-4 PM Actor's Choice reh-Asbly
7-8:30 PM Sword Guild practice-PH 2

Wednesday, Sept 11

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K, Rm 137
1-4 PM Actor's Choice reh-Asbly
7:00 PM Science Small Grp-Rm 137

Thursday, Sept 12

7:00 PM Sword Guild practice-PH 2

Friday, Sept 13

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K

Saturday, Sept 14

Adult Mission Trip begins and runs through Sept 22
1-4 PM God & Games Small Grp-Sullivan home
5:30 PM Holy Communion-Nave
6:30 PM Second Saturday reception-PH 1

Asbly = Assembly Room in Education Wing; K = Kitchen; Narthex = Lobby
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.

****To hold a meeting or event at St. Thomas you must first clear the date/time/space with Meribeth in the church office. ****

