

## Celebrating our Children & Youth

We have so many talented youth who are in marching bands, and as that season is coming to a close we want to congratulate all our youth including:

- MK Mullen, Colin Palmer, Asher Demo, Henry Revare, and Jonah Gralapp for their amazing halftime shows and a successful 2019 season. A special shout-out to seniors Mac (Drum Major) and Colby McArthur for their multiple award winning show! Good luck at Nationals!!
- Good luck also goes out to Micah Geary as he has been chosen to play at this Friday's varsity football playoff game for Olathe Northwest!
- Congratulations also goes out to Zoe Green who has only had three goals scored against her as goalie all season! Her team went on to win the championship and guess who was presented the game ball? That's right! Way to go, Zoe!!
- And congratulations to Graham Revare as he receives his Eagle Scout award on Sunday!

### "S.O.S.: Serving Others Sunday" Special SUNDAY SCHOOL offering THIS SUNDAY 9:00-9:45am in the Assembly Room

All Sunday School students ages Pre-School through 5th Grade (youth volunteers welcome to join us for service hours) are invited to a special Sunday School Offering from 9-9:45am this Sunday before our 10am service. During this time we will learn what Stewardship means for KIDS, and we will begin work on our special projects to support St. Thomas **upcoming** Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

### CONGRATULATIONS to our Fall 2019 God & Family Emblem Recipients!!

For the past six weeks three young people have met for 1.5-2 hours each Sunday evening to explore how family relationships, traditions and values impact their developing faith, and vice versa...all while making homemade pizza! This is part of the God and Country Religious Education Program through P.R.A.Y. Resources offered here at St. Thomas. While these age-based programs are promoted by all of the major scouting organizations, it is open to ANY CHILD or YOUTH looking to further explore their faith. Our next round of God & Country Programs will be offered in January/February 2020.

**Congratulations to:** Allison Philips - Arrow of Light Scout in Cub Scout Pack 3472; Jacob McCall - Arrow of Light Scout in Cub Scout Pack 3241; Trey Greve - Webelos 1 Scout in Cub Scout Pack 3241

### This Sunday: Sunday School, Youth, Adult Forum

9:00am—Children/Youth in the Assembly Room

Adult Forum will not meet this week.

Classes will start back on Nov. 10 (Parish Hall 2)

### The Bible Challenge 2 What's on Your Bucket List?

Though many people have reading the Bible on their bucket lists, most find it difficult to actually read it. Much of the Old Testament is considered difficult to understand. Many of the laws about food, clothing and uncleanness seem unnecessary. Except for the Psalms and Proverbs, many consider the Old Testament to be irrelevant.

I like the Old Testament. The people are real people! They make mistakes, sometimes really big ones. They are envious. They are treated unfairly. They get angry. They fall in love. They are disobedient. They have difficult children. They suffer huge tragedies. The people of the Old Testament are so human.....like me.

Discover the human stories in our heritage. Sign up for The Bible Challenge 2! We begin reading January 1.

### Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

Now it's time for Cookies; lots and lots of Cookies! Start looking through your cookie recipes and look for Yummy, HEAVY cookies. Please bake 4-6 dozen cookies. We also like brownies and baked goods; but mostly cookies! Please sign up on the Cookies Sale signup sheet on the bulletin board.

**Scrumptious Cookies Sale  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
9am - 4pm**

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

# TOWER TALK

NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2019

**This weekend we'll celebrate All Saints' and Stewardship.** During each service pledge cards will be collected and afterwards a dinner or lunch will be served. If you have not reserved to attend dinner or lunch, you are still welcome to come!



**All-Parish Hayride is TONIGHT!!  
5-8pm  
Sharp's Country Hayrides  
21295 Mission Rd, Bucyrus, KS 66013**

There's PLENTY of room!! Even if you haven't signed up, join us for the evening!! We'll have Hot Dogs & Marshmallows for s'mores roasted on the campfire, plus Hot Cocoa & Cider! We are planning a 5:45 early "sunset" hayride, and have the option for a later hayride (around 6:20) if we need it to accommodate more people! If you'd like to bring a snack or side to share, that would be welcome, as well!

Cost is \$8 per person to cover the hayride and help to defray the cost of the food. Contact Barbara McCall at (913)909-7318 with your questions!

### Newcomer Lunch - Sunday, November 10

New members and visitors are invited to attend our next Newcomer lunch on Sunday, November 10, at 12pm in Parish Hall 2. We would like to welcome you at the lunch and introduce you to the staff, clergy, leadership of St. Thomas as well as other new members. Please let us know if you can come by contacting the St. Thomas office 913-451-0512 or Jean Adam 913-530-9097, jean\_adam2004yahoo.com.

**St. Thomas Women's Retreat 2019  
Taking Sunday to Monday and Beyond:  
Practical Spiritual Practices For Everyday Life  
November 15-16 (Friday 5pm-Saturday 3pm)**

You can now sign up online with the link in your weekly email update. Copies of the registration form are also in the Narthex. Turn them in to the office once completed.



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### IHN HOST WEEK- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still have a number of positions that need to be filled for our IHN Host week November 24—December 1.

\***TRAINED** volunteers must be present while guests are here at St. Thomas.

A number of trained volunteer positions are still open.

\***UNTRAINED** volunteers are needed to help set up rooms on Nov. 24, then take down air mattresses and more on Dec. 1, and launder bed linens and blankets in their homes after Host week ends.

PLEASE SEE THE SIGNUP SHEETS ON DISPLAY IN THE NAR-THEX OR EMAIL DOLA—dolamcnown49@gmail.com.



### Blood Drive

### St. Thomas Episcopal Church

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

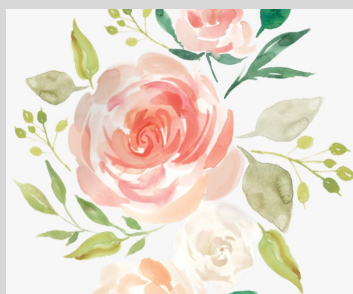
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StThomasEpiscopal to schedule an appointment.

### Thank You

*I was given a lovely prayer shawl made by a member of your group, Gene Wall. My husband recently passed so this shawl will be gratefully and prayerfully used. Thank you for using your talents to bring comfort to others. God Bless You—Sandy Maag*

*I want to express my deep gratitude to St. Thomas for remembering my nephew Ben Chamber-McAuliffe in our prayers while he served in the US Army. He has been discharged after four years of service today 10/27/19.*

*Thank you so much, Rachael Chambers*



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

*• In celebration of the 87th anniversary of Lea Rowland's birth and the 6th anniversary of the marriage of Brenton and Cady Byrnes—from Leslie Byrnes*

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Say it with flowers! You can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board by the office, send an email to [stthomas@stthomasop.org](mailto: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.

More than one person/family may sign up on a given weekend. Information is needed at least a week before the date you sign up. Suggested donation is \$50.

When you sign up in advance you will receive an email or phone call about a month in advance asking for details about your commemoration.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### This Saturday, November 2

5:30 PM All Saints' and Stewardship Saturday—  
Dinner after service in PH 1, 2, 3

### This Sunday, November 3

9:00 AM Children & Youth Sunday School-Asbly  
10:00 AM All Saints' and Stewardship Sunday—  
Lunch after service in Parish Hall 1, 2, 3  
5-7 PM Parish Hayride & Hot Dog Roast-Sharp's Country Hayrides

### Monday, November 4

10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K, Rm 137  
1:30 PM Staff Mtg-PH 2  
7:30-9 PM Prayer Shawl Small Grp-PH 1

### Tuesday, November 5

7AM-8:30PM JoCo Elections-PH 1  
2-3 PM Walking the Mourner's Path-PH 3  
2:30-7:30 Asbly reserved for Voice Lessons  
7-8 PM Sword Guild-PH 2; Girls Scout Leader mtg-PH 3; Contemplative Prayer Small Grp-Nave;

### Wednesday, November 6

9:30 AM Coffee Small Group-Rm 137  
10:30 AM Wednesday Study Group-Asbly  
10:30-1:30 Thom's Helpers-PH 1, K, Rm 134, 137  
6:30 PM Walking the Mourner's Path-PH 3  
6:45 PM Praise Band rehearsal-Nave  
7:00 PM EfM-Asbly  
7:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal-Nave

### Thursday, November 7

7-9 PM SCA-PH 1; Sword Guild practice-PH 2

### Friday, November 8

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

### Saturday, November 9

12:30-3 PM PH 1 reserved for Actor's Choice rehearsal  
1-4 PM God & Games Small Grp-Sullivan home  
5:30 PM Holy Communion  
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](http://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. \*\***

