

## Children & Youth

### • Celebrating Our Children & Youth!

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! We want to hear and celebrate with them! Please brag away! Email any special news about your child or youth to Barbara—[bmccall@stthomasop.org](mailto:bmccall@stthomasop.org) or Kelly—[kdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:kdemo@stthomasop.org) so that we may add it to our newsletters!

### • SAVE THE DATES!!

#### Summer @ St. Thomas 2023 Camp Schedule

Episcopal "Mega Camp" (exiting 3rd Graders - HS Seniors): June 4-10

6th-8th Grades "Reaching Out to the Community": June 12-16

High School (9-12) "Reaching Out to the Community": June 19-23

Vacation Bible School (Preschool-6th Grade): June 25-29 (Sun-Thur)

3rd-6th Grade "Reaching Out to the Community": July 10-14

Youth Mission Trip (Grades 6-12): July 17-21

Arts Camp (Grades 1-6): July 24-28

\*Mega Camp registration begins in January through the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Youth Ministry.

\*\*St. Thomas Camp Priority Registration begins MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20!

## Community Outreach

Comanche Elementary Caring for Kids Ministry

### • Mobile Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed **Jan. 14**

Comanche Elem, 8200 Grant Ave, Overland Park

Time: 11:30am—2:00pm

More info and volunteer signups: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CA9AC2FA1FA7-mobile2>



You're invited!

### • RETHINKING JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Learn about Johnson County's response in facing serious community problems and how we can work for justice.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7-8:30pm

Heartland Community Church, 12175 S Strang Line Rd, Olathe

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9-11:30am

Heartland Community Church

For more information and to register, scan the QR code or go to <https://www.thegoodfaithnetwork.org/rethinking-justice>. Questions? Contact Rev. Laura Guy—[laura@thegoodfaithnetwork.org](mailto:laura@thegoodfaithnetwork.org).



## Spiritual Growth

### • The Bible Challenge 2023—I've Got a Question...

And we have an answer! <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/73fd2c>—or use the QR code on right.

*One Year Bible*, NIV plus *Know Your Bible* are available in the lobby at St. Thomas for a voluntary donation of \$13.

You can also sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Contact Sheryl—[sljroller@gmail.com](mailto:sljroller@gmail.com) for questions.



## Worship Services

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ  
December 24 & 25, 2022

Saturday—4:00, 7:00, 9:00pm  
Sunday—10:00am

Due to the holiday, there will be no Children's Chapel or Nursery service on Christmas Day. \*Children's Chapel and Nursery will resume on New Year's Day.\*

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on [www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop](https://www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop) and [www.facebook.com/stthomasop](https://www.facebook.com/stthomasop)

## Year-End Donation Reminder!

\* 11-month statements have been mailed to all households. Please look over your statement for any errors, etc.

\* If you want a donation to be counted in 2022 for tax purposes the donation must be postmarked or received by Dec. 31, 2022.

\* Please be sure to make your final pledge payments by this date.

\* St Thomas has the ability for people to donate with a credit card. You can do that here: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1377886>.

\*\* If you want to donate stock or other securities please get in touch with the office.



## Annual Meeting Reports due

- WEDNESDAY, January 25, 7pm  
Report due date: Monday, January 16, 2023

Attention: Leaders, Coordinators, Directors, and Chairs of all St. Thomas Ministries: Please get your annual reports in to me **before January 16**. You are all encouraged to write an account of activities and interesting info about your ministry or ministries in 2022!

## Next Week

**Saturday, Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Services—4, 7, 9pm

**Sunday, Dec 25:** Christmas Day Service at 10:00am

**Monday, Dec 26:** Church Office closed.

**Tuesday, Dec 27:** Church office closed. Sword Guild, 7pm, PH 2; Sacred Ground Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom

**Wednesday, Dec 28:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen; Staff mtg, 1:30pm Lobby or PH 1; Children's Choir, 5:00pm Nave; Praise Band, 6:30pm Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

**Thursday, Dec 29:** Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Online Small Group, 7pm Zoom; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3

**Friday, Dec 30:** Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen

**Saturday, Dec. 31:** Holy Communion, 5:30pm

**Sunday, Jan. 1:** Holy Communion, 10:00am

Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Meribeth in the church office. [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org) or 913-451-0512.



**Looking ahead to Lent, 2023!** Do you know someone who has an interesting story to tell? Might they be good for our Lenten speaker series? We are currently scheduling speakers for our Wednesday Lenten luncheons so if you have ideas talk to Mthr. Kelly!

## Sunday Christian Education

- **Adult Forum**

Adult Forum will resume on January 8 at 10:00am in Parish Hall 2

- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"**

Classes will resume from 9:45-10:45am on Sunday, January 8.

- **Youth Christian Education**

Classes will not meet this week or on January 1.

## Vestry Nomination Time

The Vestry, along with the Rector of the parish share in the work of vision and oversight of the congregation. The Vestry is made up of 12 elected members. To qualify for the Vestry a person must be 18 years of age, a communicant in good standing, regular in attendance and a contributor of record for the last 12 months. Vestry members serve for 3 years. The Vestry meets on the 4th Monday of each month, and in addition, helps lock and unlock the church on the weekends. The Vestry holds a retreat each year, usually in February, to set goals and reflect on the work of the parish. Each member serves as a liaison to the ministries of the congregation and help from time to time with special projects.

This year Mike Pickett, Donna Kopp, Vance Lamb, and Kari Wold will conclude their terms in January. If you would like to have your name put forward for nomination, or would like to nominate someone else, please be in contact with any of these people who comprise the nominating committee of the Vestry.

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Vance Lamb - [vancehl@yahoo.com](mailto:vancehl@yahoo.com)

Kari Wold - [kariannawold@gmail.com](mailto:kariannawold@gmail.com)

Either of the Wardens or Fr. Gar:

George Phillips— [hawkdocmba@gmail.com](mailto:hawkdocmba@gmail.com) (Senior Warden)

Bruce Henricks—[bwh23md@gmail.com](mailto:bwh23md@gmail.com) (Junior Warden)

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