

Children & Youth

- **Mission Trip: Informational Meeting**

Is your youth considering going on the mission trip this year? Do you need more info? Join us to learn more!

Tuesday, March 21, 7pm

We will meet via GoogleMeet using this QR code:

Questions? Kelly Demo—kdemo@stthomasop.org



- **Taste of Youth Group / Taste of "Mega Camp" is coming!**

For current 3rd-5th graders

Sunday, March 26, 6-8pm

Meet new friends, reconnect with old friends as we talk about the faith and fun that await you at Mega Camp this June! (**Friends welcome!**)

- **Mission Trip Fundraiser & Silent Auction**

Saturday, April 22—Stay tuned for more information!

- **Summer Camp Registrations Are Open!**

**** Links to register can be found in your weekly**

"Connecting with You" email and a QR code is located on the display board in the lobby!**

Episcopal "Mega Camp" (incoming 4th graders-college freshmen: June 4-10 (at Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale, KS)

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 6th-9th grades for Aug. 2023: June 12-16

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 9th-college freshmen: June 19-23

"Reaching Out to the Community" for incoming 3rd-6th grades for Aug. 2023: July 10-14

Vacation Bible Camp—"Be who you are called to BE!" (Preschool-6th grade): June 25-29, 5-8pm (Sun-Thur)

Youth Mission Trip for incoming 6th-college freshmen: July 15-22. Contact Rev. Kelly Demo kdemo@stthomasop.org

Arts Camp for incoming 1st-6th graders: July 24-28, 9am-3pm

Worship Services

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 18 & 19, 2023

Saturday—5:30pm

Sunday—8:45 and 11:00am

Children's Chapel (program geared toward ages 3-10) is available during both Sunday services.

Nursery care is available for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 yrs from 8:15am—12:15pm.



Please join us for coffee hour after each service in the Parish Hall!

All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Special Offerings in Lent / Holy Week

- **"Godspell" selections by Stephen Schwartz**

Presented by the Praise Band

March 26 during the 8:45 service

- **"Requiem" by Gabriel Faure**

Presented by the traditional choir and chamber orchestra

Palm Sunday, April 2, during the 11am service

- **Agape Supper & "Walk through Holy Week" Stations**

Palm Sunday, April 2—5-7pm in Parish Hall 1, 2

All are Welcome! A freewill monetary or food donation will be gratefully received.

A New Take on our Palm Sunday tradition! Join us for a Family Style Agape soup supper with prayers and stories before we reflect on the events of Holy Week. Understandable and meaningful for all ages. The QR code is the RSVP & Donation Signup!



Sunday Christian Education

- **Adult Forum—10:00am in Parish Hall 2**

CRAZY CHRISTIANS—All who enter here, expect to be transformed. Episcopal bishop Michael Curry is an inspiring and enthusiastic reformer with a clear call to reinvigorate the Church. Many people have experienced Christ's transforming power through Bishop Curry's ministry.

Garrison Keillor once said going to church makes someone a Christian about as much as sitting in a garage makes someone a Chevrolet. Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has a heart for reawakening believers to the tremendous gift and challenge of giving our all to follow Jesus. His term for this kind of person is a Crazy Christian.

- **Preschool-Elementary "Godly Play/Godly Explorers"—9:45-10:45am**

Preschool thru 5th grade in Education Wing

- **Youth Christian Education**

9:45-10:30am—Middle School - 6th-8th Grades in Asbly High School "Giving Project" - Basement Asbly Rm

Lenten Speaker Series

- **Lenten "Last Word" Speaker Series**

Each Wednesday during Lent—Noon to 1pm

A soup lunch will be in the Parish Hall, then the Nave for the lecture. Lectures will be livestreamed. Please sign up to bring soup or bread, or to help with setup/cleanup via this QR code or on the display board in the lobby.



Wednesday, March 22:

WALLACE SMITH

Author, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church, Overland Park

Outreach

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

- **Serve the homeless during our HOST Week—April 9-16**

Trained Volunteers are those who have attended a 2-hr training session. For complete info and to sign up click here:



Untrained Volunteers to setup/strike-down/laundry/provide food. Complete info and signup:



Comanche Elementary Caring for Kids Ministry

- **Mobile Food Pantry**

Volunteers Needed April 8—11:30am—2pm
Comanche Elementary, 8200 Grant Ave, OPKS



Click the QR for more info and volunteer signups. A link is also found in your weekly email.

- **Annual Kansas2Kenya "K2K" Community Team Fundraiser**

Saturday, May 13, 6-9pm, at St Thomas

Plan to join us for this Fundraiser! Kenyan cuisine served from Taste of Africa restaurant and a silent and live auction to raise funds for a shelter for women (Agatha Amani House), and a library and boarding school. Nyakio Kaniu-Lake, Founder of Agatha Amani, will give an update from Kenya. Entertainment provided by Kenyan dancers and singers.
Joe Bob & Nyakio Lake

Mom's Small Group to meet

- You're Invited!

St. Thomas MOMS GROUP

Next meeting is TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 5-6:30pm

Childcare is available! For questions or more information contact Katie Birchfield - katie.birchfield87@gmail.com or Liz Knights - elizabethknights523@gmail.com

Next Week

Sunday, March 19: Holy Communion at 8:45 & 11am; Coffee Hours after each service in PH 1; Sunday School & Adult Forum, 9:45am Educ in PH 1, 2; Youth homework session, 5:15pm PH 1, 2; Youth Group, 6-8pm PH and Kitchen

Monday, March 20: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Moms Sm Grp, 5-6pm Rm 137; LGBTQ+ Alliance, 7pm Asbly Rm; Stonehaven HOA, 6:30 PH 1; Westmont Board mtg, 6:30pm Asbly

Tuesday, March 21: PEO mtg, 10am PH 2; Reclamation Club-house Grp, 1pm, PH 2 (Josh Lyman); Moms Sm Grp, 5-6:30pm in Rm 137; Book Club, 7pm PH 1; Contemplative Prayer Sm Grp, 7pm Nave; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2; Sacred Ground Grp, 6pm Zoom; Mission Trip mtg, 7pm Googlemeet

Wednesday, March 22: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Lenten Lunch/Lecture, Noon-1pm PH 1/Nave; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, March 23: Apocrypha Bible Study, 9:45am Zoom; Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 3; Mental Health & Wellness mtg, 7pm Rm 137; Online Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom

Friday, March 24: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 Kitchen;

Saturday, March 25: Women's Retreat, 6am-11:30pm in PH 1, 2; Prayer Shawl Grp, 10am, Asbly Rm; LEV Training, 10:30am-12 PH 3; Holy Communion at 5:30pm, Nave

Meetings, activities, and events must be cleared with Justin Smith in the church office. jsmith@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Thomas

Agape Supper & "Walk through Holy Week" Stations

Palm Sunday, April 2—5-7pm in Parish Hall 1, 2

Maundy Thursday—April 6, 7:00pm

Footwashing and Holy Communion

Good Friday Stations of the Cross – Noon

Good Friday solemn liturgy – 7pm

Easter Vigil—April 9, 5:30pm

Easter Day

6:00am in the Apostle's Garden (weather permitting)

8:45am and 11:00am

Easter Offerings



To have your name included in the Easter bulletins, please complete an envelope found in your bulletin and return in the offering or to the church office by Monday, April 3.

You may also use this QR code to submit and donate or use the link found in your weekly weekly email.



Women's Retreat

- **St. Thomas Spring Women's Retreat**

JANCY PETTIT, retreat leader / energy artist

Saturday, March 25—8:30am-1:00pm

A time of creative reflection, renewal and relationship building at this one-day spring event! Dress for comfort & potential stains when working with art media. Cost is \$40 and snacks and lunch are included. Childcare for infants - Elementary ages - will be available as a fundraiser for our Youth caregivers to pay for their camp fees. (Suggested donation \$15/child or \$35 for 3 kids...lunch included!) For more info and signup, use this QR code or with the link in your weekly email.



Passion Readers are Needed

- **Passion Signups for Palm Sunday & Good Friday**

Please consider reading a part in the passion gospels during Palm Sunday (Apr 1 & 2) and Good Friday (7 pm, Apr 7) services.

Many parts to choose from! You may sign up on the display board in the lobby or via your weekly email and this QR code. Scripts are also available so you can decide which one to read.

