

Children & Youth

- **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: 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: 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 16-22. Contact Rev. Kelly Demo kdemo@stthomasop.org

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

- **Celebrating Our Children & Youth!**

** *Josh McCall, Asher Demo, and Moira Mullen who got a 1 rating in solo and/or group performances at the regional choir competitions!*

** *Alli Phillips who got several PR's in her first track meet of the season!*

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 or Kelly—kdemo@stthomasop.org so that we may add it to our newsletters!

Worship Services

April 22 & 23, 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 on Sunday for children ages 6 mon. thru 4 yrs from 8:15am—12:15pm.

** Join us for coffee hour after each service in the Parish Hall.**

If you are unable to attend any of the services in person, you are invited to join us online. All services are live-streamed and available to watch afterward on www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop and www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Sunday Christian Education

- **Adult Forum**

9:45am in Parish Hall 2

- **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

Giving

To make a donation to St. Thomas, click on this link or scan the QR code: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1377886



Coming Very Soon!

- **Senior Graduation Sunday—May 7**

Congratulations! We want to celebrate all of our St. Thomas friends who are graduating from *high school, college or grad school!* We will honor them on **May 7** during the services and afterward with receptions in the Parish Hall. Graduates will also be featured on the St. Thomas Facebook page.

Please reach out to Mthr. Kelly Demo if you or someone you know is graduating—kdemo@stthomasop.org

This Week's Featured Small Group

- **Men's Small Group—"The Middlemen"**

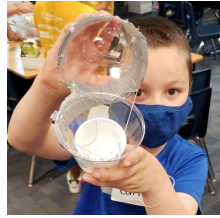
Calling men in their 30's, 40's, or 50's! This small group ("The Middlemen") is focused on spiritual growth and understanding the role faith plays in our daily lives. It can be difficult to find time to juggle faith and spirituality with our busy personal, family, and professional schedules, so this group provides an opportunity to explore with others facing similar pressures. We meet twice a month - once for a guided conversation based on the small group curriculum, and once for a social gathering. For more info contact John McCall at jmccall07@gmail.com.

Outreach

- Comanche Elementary Caring for Kids Ministry Partners in Community. . . Making a Difference!

Outreach Opportunity

Help Comanche Elementary fund scholarships for "Camp Invention" - a weeklong summer camp that allows kids to dive into STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). For the last 4 summers Comanche has hosted and fully funded (\$260) each of the campers with the help of community and faith-based partners and gracious donors.



So students can enjoy these experiences without the burden of cost, please consider donating **\$25, \$50, or if you feel so called - a full (\$260) scholarship donation** using the QR code on right. There is also a link in your weekly email.



- Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

May 13, 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.



- Afghan Resettlement Ministry
Family Needs Lawn Mower

With spring upon us, one of our Afghan families is in need of a lawn mower. If you have, or know of someone who has, a used lawn mower (that is in working condition) and would like to donate it, please contact Jan Summers (janws1244@gmail.com) or Linda Bemis (lsbemis@comcast.net).

Next Week

Sunday, April 23: Holy Communion 8:45am and 11:00am in Nave; Children and Youth Christian Ed, 9:45am Educ Wing; Adult Forum, 9:45am PH 2; Youth homework session, 5:15pm, PH 1, 2; Youth Group, 6-8pm PH and Kitchen

Monday, April 24: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; ELL Tutors Mtg, 3pm PH 2; STA Finance Committee, 5:45pm PH 1; STA Vestry Mtg, 6:45pm PH 1

Tuesday, April 25: Sword Guild, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, April 26: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen; Wednesday Study Grp, 10:30am Asbly Rm; Staff mtg, 1:30pm PH1 or Lobby; Children's Choir practice, 5pm Nave; Praise Band practice, 6:30pm in Nave; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm Nave

Thursday, April 27: Young Adult Sm Grp, 7pm PH 1; Classics Men's Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Sword Guild, 7pm PH 3; Mental Health & Wellness 7pm PH 1 or Rm 137; Online Sm Grp, 7pm Zoom

Friday, April 28: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1 & Kitchen

Saturday, April 29: Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 10am Asbly Rm; Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

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

Save these Dates!

- Senior Graduation Sunday—**
Sunday, May 7

Will be honored during services and with receptions afterward in the Parish Hall.



- Kansas to Kenya (K2K) Fundraiser Dinner**
Saturday, May 13, 6-9pm at St. Thomas

More information to be announced.

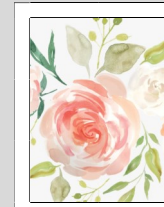
- Red Cross Blood Drive**
Tuesday, May 16, 10am-3pm

Give hope this spring—Give blood! To make an appointment click the QR with your camera, call 1-800-733-2767, or go to or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StThomasEpiscopal to schedule.



- Summer Kickoff—Pentecost!**
May 28

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and...



*** In memory of the birthday of
my mother, Erlinda Baguyos -
from Ami Tevis*

** In celebration of our 45th wed-
ding anniversary—Rick & Kathie
Warner*

You are invited to share your special events with the congregation by making a donation to the flower fund for altar flowers. Your commemoration will be displayed and noted in the weekly news. Sign up on the bulletin board by the office, call, or sign up with this QR code. If needed someone will contact you several weeks prior.

