



# Seasons

at

**ST. THOMAS**



## PENTECOST

On the Day of Pentecost, as described in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit fell with power on the believers. People who spoke different languages were able to understand one another. Peter explained that this was the intentional work of God's Spirit, not a drunken spectacle. Three thousand people were baptized on that day, and the life of the Church began.

While we are grateful for our life together as St. Thomas, we recognize that we are part of something much bigger than our one congregation. We belong to a global family of Christian people who seek to follow in the way of Jesus and make this world more like God's reign in heaven.

In this season, we will have several opportunities to learn about parts of that wider family. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets in June. Our youth and young adults plan to attend part of the gathering. On Sundays in June during adult formation time, we will talk about how General Convention is organized, the election of a new Presiding Bishop, and issues that are likely to come up. Also this summer, we'll share in a Summer of Service, working with people of many faith traditions in our community. Guest speakers on Sundays in July will talk about local and diocesan ministries. And some of our choir members are traveling this summer with Voices of the Valley to Italy where, among other events, they will sing at the Vatican and encounter some of the Christian history of the region.

In the Nicene Creed, we say that we believe in "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church." That means that we understand that all of the Christian expressions around the world are ONE. The Church is HOLY because we share in God's holy and redemptive work. CATHOLIC means universal - present all over the world. We all descend from the witness of the APOSTLES.

Join us as we celebrate the wider work of the Church and the privilege of being part of it.

Blessings,  
Grace

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MAY

- 23:** Men's Group at Jarfly
- 23:** Women's Group at B'Merrill's
- 25:** Church Camp Out
- 26:** Contemplative Service

#### JUNE

- 1:** Men's Group work with House of Heroes
- 1:** Pride Festival
- 6:** Saints & Sinners
- 7:** Book Group
- 11:** Lunch Bunch
- 13:** YACT Social
- 13:** Episcokid Parent & Volunteer Dinner
- 20:** June Excursion Dinner Theatre
- 22:** Youth Summer Trip
- 23:** Contemplative Service
- 24-28:** TAP with CVEM
- 29:** Family Water Day

#### JULY

- 7:** Lunch & Games at the Rectory for Youth
- 9:** Lunch Bunch
- 11:** Book Group
- 19:** YACT Social
- 21-26:** Young Adults Festival
- 22-26:** VBS
- 28:** Contemplative Service

#### AUGUST

- 1:** Saints & Sinners
- 11:** Backpack Blessing
- 15:** Wednesday Nights Resume
- 25:** Contemplative Service

# LOVE GOD: WORSHIP



## Worship in this Season

Thanks be to all who are working so diligently to make worship in the All Saints Hall at 10:30 beautiful, reverent, and inspiring. If you have not joined us yet, know that we still have a procession with acolytes and servers. We still sing hymns, accompanied by piano. We still have a gospel procession. We still come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail, and now the altar rail is accessible to all!

As we worship in this different space, consider embracing different practices of worship in this season. You may find that you appreciate touching the water in the font when you enter, pausing to pray before the service begins, reverencing the cross as it passes by, kneeling for the prayers of the people, or making the sign of the cross.

This is a good time for all of us to learn and grow together.

## Music Notes

From: Rick McKnight



**Summer Choir** The St. Thomas Choir wraps up its season on Pentecost Sunday. Summer Choir begins on May 26. Summer Choir is an intergenerational, non-vested choir. Each Sunday the Summer Choir meets at 10 o'clock to go over the hymns to support the congregational singing during the service. Come for a week or come for the summer. Anyone is welcome to sing with Summer Choir as often as you'd like!

**Italy Trip** The Voices of the Valley - 65 voices - are headed to Italy on May 28 to sing several concerts, have a choir swap and sing Mass at the Vatican. 18 St. Thomas Choir members and friends will be going along. Watch 'Voices of the Valley' and 'Rick McKnight' Facebook pages to see what we're up to.



## Wednesday Evening Eucharist

5:30, Chapel

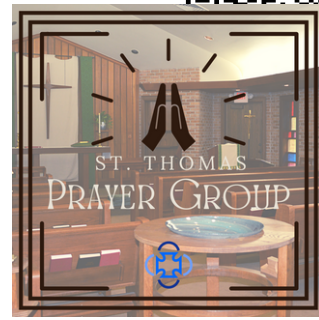
This brief Eucharist focuses on a feast day being celebrated that week, using an updated version of the Eucharistic prayer with more expansive language for God and people. This service will continue throughout the summer. Thanks to our altar guild for making this possible.



## Sermons this Summer: Theology on Stage

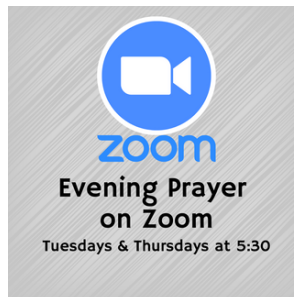
This was fun last year, so we're trying it again! Join us this summer for sermons focused on Jesus but with an eye toward familiar stories from the stage. On dates not listed, a guest preacher will be with us.

- June 2 - *Sound of Music*
- June 9 - *Hairspray*
- June 16 - *Color Purple*
- June 30 - *Dear Evan Hansen*
- July 7 - *Shrek*
- July 28 - *Music Man*
- August 4 - *West Side Story*



## Prayer Group

*Mondays, 11:30 am*  
The St. Thomas Prayer Group meets weekly to offer all kinds of prayers, including Prayers of the People shared on Sunday mornings and those on our private prayer list. The Group meets on Monday mornings. *The first week of the month the group meets in person* in the Chapel and the following weeks they meet on Zoom. Contact Donna Sharp for the Zoom link or The. Rev. Roxane for more information on the prayer group and pastoral care at St. Thomas.



## Zoom Evening Prayer

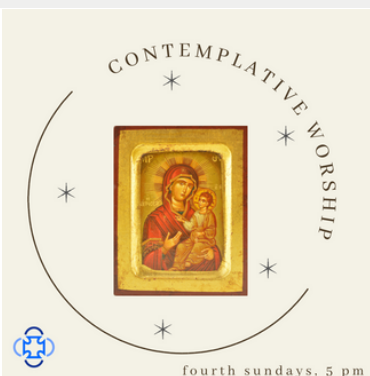
*Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 5:45 or so on Zoom*  
We will continue to gather on Tuesdays and Thursdays online at 5:30

throughout the summer. Join us for a brief time of prayer in the evening. The link is available on our link tree. Contact the church office for access to the link tree.

## Contemplative Service

*May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, 5 pm, in the Chapel*  
**From The. Rev. Roxane Gwyn**

Summertime is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of our Contemplative/Healing services at St. Thomas. Our days stay light for longer, so you'll have no problem getting home well before dark. As you come in out of the hot, bright sunshine, you will enter the cool candlelight of the chapel. And you will enter a holy space, a Spirit-filled space waiting for you to encounter God in silence, prayer, soft chanting, anointing, and communion. Gather with us on 4th Sundays of the month at 5:00 pm for about an hour. All are welcome, so bring a friend as you like. Dates: May 26, June 23, July 28, & August 25.





# LOVE EVERY PERSON: FELLOWSHIP & WELCOME



## Church Camp Out!

May 25, 5 pm to Sunday morning!

Join us Memorial Day Weekend for a Church Camp Out. Bring campers or tents and camp in the church's backyard! For those who prefer the comfort of

your own bed, bring games or other campfire fun and come to eat and fellowship as long as you like. We'll enjoy a revamped fire pit area and fun together as the summer kicks off. We'll enjoy a cereal bar for breakfast the next morning before worshipping together at 8:30 and 10:30. Let us know you're coming on our website [stthomascolumbus.org/parish-life-events](http://stthomascolumbus.org/parish-life-events).



## Family Water Day

June 29, 1-3 pm  
Join us for a Family Water Day on June 29th! Bring swimsuits, lawn chairs, and water toys! We will enjoy fun games, a water slide, drinks, and popsicles.



## June Excursion

Columbus Repertory Theater, through CSU's Department of Theater and Dance, has a dinner theater that we've been excited about attending this summer. Mark your

calendar for Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 pm. We've got a special group rate for \$12 per person, and space is limited, so be sure to contact Roxane by Monday, June 3 to sign up. Here's the scoop: *Unnecessary Farce*, a hilarious play involving cops, crooks, videotapes, and confusion (adult content). Bring your own supper. Drinks, snacks, and desserts available at the concessions counter.



## Columbus Pride Festival

June 1

St. Thomas will participate in the annual COLGAY Pride Festival on June 1st. We will have a booth at the event with water, stickers, and activities for children. We participate in this event to share God's love with all people and show our support for families of all kinds. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth starting at 9 AM. For questions about this event, contact Taylor or Meg.



## Saints & Sinners

First Thursdays, June 6 & August 1 11:30 am

Gather with friends for mid-day Eucharist and potluck lunch. No reservations required - just show up for a lovely time together. The group will continue to meet in the Parish Hall during Construction. *The group will not meet in July.*

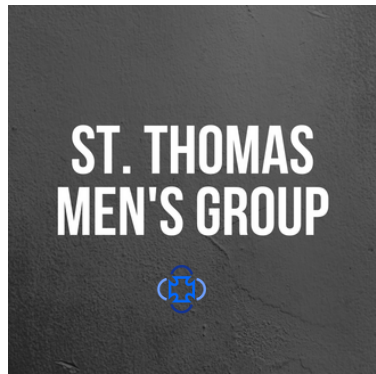


## Footsteps of Paul

Cindy and Spencer Garrard will lead a "Footsteps of Paul" tour of Greece and Turkey April 21-May 3, 2025. Contact Cindy for info.



# LOVE EVERY PERSON: FELLOWSHIP & WELCOME



## Men's Group

### Men's Group Fellowship Evening: Thursday, May 23rd

We have a long overdue social get-together awaiting! Join us at 5:30pm on Thursday, May 23rd at Jarfly.

### House of Heroes - Saturday, June 1st

House of Heroes is a non-profit that sends volunteers to work on homes of retired veterans who can use assistance. On Saturday, June 1st, we have been asked to paint/replace floorboards (and few other items) in a home located at 1672 Breeds Hill Loop 31907. We start at 8am and work until we are finished. We will provide lunch for everyone who comes. This service project has been facilitated by Greg Herring and Dan Ginter. Please let Paul Hostetter know

if you might be willing to make time for this helpful event - it'll be a fun day in fellowship, and you only need to bring a hammer and some work clothes - all other materials will be supplied.

### Midtown Concert Support in Lake Bottom Park - Saturday, June 15th

Donna Dooley, St. Thomas member, has organized free concerts for the public through the year in partnership with Midtown Columbus. Their last show of the season is on June 15th and they are asking (in partnership with the RiverCenter for the Arts) for assistance with serving free hotdogs to those who attend this event. We will cook hotdogs at the church starting at 3:30pm, put them in buns, wrap them in foil at St. Thomas, and bring them to the park for serving in containers by 5:30pm. Please let Paul know if you'd be willing to serve this day.



## Women's Group

May 23, 6:30,  
B'Merrill's

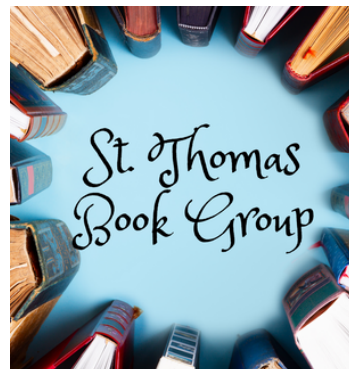
Gather with women from St. Thomas for fellowship and meal. This group meets once a month for dinner at a restaurant. All who identify as women are welcome to gather. The next women's group dinner will be on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 at B Merrill's. Let us know if you're coming on the website of church office by May 20.



## Lunch Bunch

June 11 & July 9, 11:30  
Parker's Pantry

All women are invited to gather for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month at Parker's Pantry at 11:30. After each person orders in the line, we will gather in the private dining room. At noon, there will be a brief prayer and devotion. Hope to see you there!



## St. Thomas Book Group

First Fridays, 11 am

Upcoming books:  
June: *Paper Cuts: An Enchanting Cozy Mystery* by Ellery Adams  
July: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick  
NOTE: The group will meet on July 12 (the second Friday of July instead of on July 5.)

An informal group, everyone is welcome. Come and bring your friends. Call Martha Mullinax or Linnea Grosse for further information.



## Altar Flowers

The giving of Altar Flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion or remember our loved ones. In addition to enhancing the beauty of worship, the name(s) of those being honored or remembered and the name(s) of the donor will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

A contribution of \$75 is requested for altar flowers prepared by the Flower Guild, or you may order flowers from a professional florist if you prefer. Sign up online or contact the church office for the schedule. More info at [stthomascolumnbus.org/altar-flowers](http://stthomascolumnbus.org/altar-flowers).



# LOVE EVERY PERSON: FELLOWSHIP & WELCOME



## YACT Socials

Young Adults Connecting Together (YACT) is a fellowship group meant to foster fun and friendship for young adults ages 21-40(ish). Join us for one of our monthly socials for a chance to connect with old friends or get to know someone new. More information can be found at [StThomasColumbus.org/YACT](http://StThomasColumbus.org/YACT).

**YACT**  
young adults connecting together

### June Social

#### Eighteen85

Rooftop Bar + Kitchen  
Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 PM  
RSVP to Taylor Mack by June 2nd

**YACT**  
young adults connecting together

### July Social

#### Columbus Axe

Friday, July 19th at 6:00 PM

RSVP to [Taylor@StThomasColumbus.org](mailto:Taylor@StThomasColumbus.org)



## Young Adults Festival

June 21-26 in Louisville, KY

The Young Adult Festival is designed for young adults 18-30(ish) years old to meet peers from across the globe, pray and learn together, engage in the church's legislative process, and help discern God's call for the Episcopal Church. Participants will be able to

attend the Episcopal General Convention while also participating in events specifically for young adults. For more information on cost and transportation, contact Taylor Mack.



## Episcopal Campus Ministry

ECM will resume meeting on Columbus State

University's main campus this fall semester for the 2024-25 school year.

If you are interested in supporting ECM by providing a meal or sponsoring a gathering, please reach out to Taylor Mack.



## Making Room for All: Construction Updates

We've enjoyed a great start to the construction process. The transition from the Nave to All Saints Hall for worship went very smoothly. Demolition in the nave was completed ahead of schedule. Now the slow work begins!

Over the summer, we expect to see the following changes:

- The reredos wall behind the altar will start to be framed in May. This is a complex project and will take about six weeks to complete.
- At the same time, work will also begin to frame in the new back wall and add backer board. Half-bricks will be installed over this board later in July.
- Work on the new parking spaces begins in June and is expected to take ten weeks.
- HVAC and electric rough-ins begin in late June or early July.
- Raising the floor and cabinetry work begin in August.

A reminder that the nave space and hallways around it are a construction zone. Hard hats and steel toed shoes are required for entrance. Please do not enter without permission from the contractor. It is occasionally safe to observe from the choir loft, but always check before entering.

**Thanks for your patience and flexibility during this exciting time!**



St. Thomas Episcopal Church



**JULY 22-26, 2024**

## Vacation Bible School July 22 - 26

All children (rising preK4 - 5th grade) are invited to participate in *ReNew: The Green VBS*. ReNew is about hope, opportunity, and service. Kids will have the chance to grow in faith as they play, learn, and sing all while serving their community and demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful, and fun.

Volunteers are needed to offer the best VBS to the children of our community! Youth (rising 6th-12th grade) are encouraged to volunteer as shepherds. Adults are needed to lead classes, help with food preparation, and manage drop off/pick up.

To register as a participant or volunteer, please visit [stthomas.org/vbs](http://stthomas.org/vbs).



## ShineTime Sunday School

9:30 am - 10:15 am

Throughout the season after Pentecost, children will take a look at the The Fruits of the Spirit in a summer Sunday school series led by Ms. Shayla and volunteers.

## A Note from Ms. Shayla

Hello everyone! My name is Shayla Holloway and I am excited to get to know the Episcokids this summer through Shine Time, Children's Chapel, and other events. I am positive that they will enjoy my fun teaching style. I was raised in the AME church and recently received my Bachelor of Arts from Columbus State University in theater education. This summer I start work on my Masters degree in Theatre Education at CSU. I am thrilled to join this wonderful church family.

## Tap 2024: A Recipe for Compassion

June 24-28, 8:45 am - noon

TAP (Thompson Anderson Pound Art Program) is an interfaith, intercultural arts program hosted by Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry. Children ages 6-11 are invited to join us for TAP: A Recipe for Compassion June 24-28 at the Rankin Arts Center (1004 Broadway). Teens ages 12 & up are invited to serve as teen interns/mentors during the program, with training the week before. Learn more and register at [www.cvemjubilee.org/tap](http://www.cvemjubilee.org/tap)

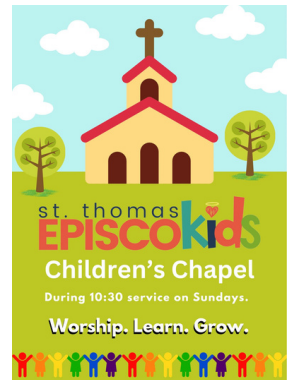
## Parent & Volunteer Dinner

June 13, 6:30 pm, El Vaquero North

All Episcokid parents and adults who currently volunteer or who would like to volunteer with children in any capacity at St. Thomas are invited to dinner to meet Ms. Shayla, hear about her vision and goals for children and family ministry and also share your hopes for children and families at St. Thomas. Let us know you're coming on our website.

## Children's Chapel during 10:30 worship each Sunday

Children's Chapel will continue this summer. Children are invited to follow the petite cross to the outreach center during the sequence hymn. Chapel leaders will offer the Gospel in a child friendly atmosphere. Children will return for Holy Eucharist at the Peace.





# LEARN TOGETHER



## VOCATION & VALUES

Sunday School Summer Series  
for St. Thomas Teens and Tweens

## Summer Sundays for Youth: Vocation & Values Summer Series

9:30-10:15, Sundays in the Youth Room

This summer, all Teens and Tweens are invited to join in a special summer series that will showcase many different job opportunities and vocational paths. During the Sunday School hour each week, we will hear from different St. Thomas parishioners about their career, the path they took to get there, and how they apply their Christian values to their chosen vocation. Check the Friday Newsletter each week for a spotlight on the upcoming Sunday Speaker.



## Lunch and Games @ The Rectory

Sunday, July 7 noon - 2:30

All middle school and high school youth are invited to Rev. Grace's home for a fun afternoon of board games and fellowship! This Summer Social will take place at the rectory, located behind St. Thomas. Sign up to attend at [stthomascolumnbu.org/youth](http://stthomascolumnbu.org/youth).

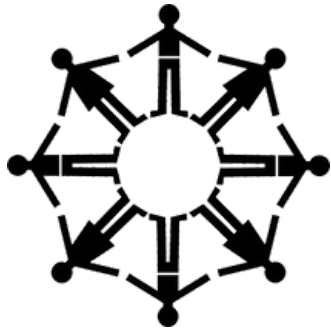


## EYC Events

The Diocese of Atlanta EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) 2024-25 events calendar is now available! Visit [eycdioatl.org](http://eycdioatl.org) for more information on specific events. Transportation can be provided for retreats and overnights if needed. Please contact Taylor if you would like to coordinate transportation.

## Camp Mikell Summer Camp

Camp Mikell is the Camp and Conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. The beautiful and expansive 460 acres feature mountains, valleys, waterfalls, and even Little Toccoa Creek. Camp Mikell offers week-long summer camps for rising 3rd graders through recent high school graduates. Summer camp is a great opportunity for young people to be themselves, learn about responsibility in a community, grow in



experience the love of God. Please visit [campmikell.com/summer-camp/](http://campmikell.com/summer-camp/) for more information.

In addition to the scholarships and payment plans offered by Camp Mikell, St. Thomas is able to offer a scholarship for up to 1/3 of the camp cost to children and teens who are members of St. Thomas and who participate in St. Thomas children and youth programming at least once a month. Contact Taylor Mack for more information on scholarships.



## Back to School Bowling @ Stars and Strikes

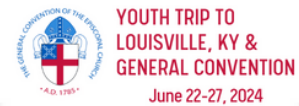
August 11, 5-7 pm

All middle school and high school youth are invited for a fun night out at Stars and Strikes to celebrate the start of the new school year! Sign up at [stthomascolumnbu.org/youth](http://stthomascolumnbu.org/youth).

## One Body, Many Parts

## Youth Summer Trip -June 22-27

Several St. Thomas youth will travel to Louisville, KY this summer for an opportunity to participate in the Episcopal General Convention. This is an opportunity to share in Presiding Bishop Curry's last revival gathering, learn about the wider work of The Episcopal Church, and be present for the election of our next Presiding Bishop. Additionally, youth will connect with other



Christian denominations, explore how faith organizations work together, and consider their own gifts. Prayers are invited for the participants and chaperones as they prepare for this journey.

**A mandatory meeting will take place for all participants and their parents following the 10:30 service on June 9th.**



## VBS Volunteers Needed

Rising 6th graders-recent high school graduates are encouraged to volunteer for Renew: The Green VBS at St. Thomas July 22-26. Youth volunteers serve as Shepherds, leading groups to different stations and supporting the adult volunteer team where needed. All volunteers will need to attend a training following the 10:30 service on July 14th.



# LEARN TOGETHER: ADULTS



## Sunday Adult Formation in June: General Convention 2024

*Sundays 9:30-10:15 in the Library*

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church meets June 23 to 28 in Louisville, KY. This is the governing body of the denomination which sets policy, clarifies mission and vision, and makes funding decisions. This year, the House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop at General Convention. And St. Thomas Youth and Young Adults will be there!

Join us on Sundays in June at 9:30 in the library to hear about General Convention and our wider church.

June 2 - What is General Convention?

June 9 - The Election of a New Presiding Bishop

June 16 - Topics at this General Convention

June 23 - Chaplain Stephen Echols, the work of Army Chaplains, and the Office of Armed Forces and Federal Ministries within The Episcopal Church

June 30 - What Happened at General Convention?



## Sunday Adult Formation in July: Summer of Service

*Sundays 9:30-10:15 in the Library*

Join us to hear from current and potential outreach partners of St. Thomas.

July 7 - Safehouse Ministries

July 14 - Episcopal Community Foundation

July 21 - East Carver Heights Community Development Corporation

July 28 - St. Thomas Youth share about General Convention

August 4 - St. Thomas Outreach Roundtable

August 11 - Brewer Elementary Partnership



## Episcopal Community Foundation Sunday

*Sunday, July 14, 9:30-10:15 in the Library*

On Sunday, July 14, the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia will lead an informational session on the spiritual and material importance of supporting people who are poor and oppressed through legacy giving. Join us at 9:30 in the Library to learn how

Episcopalians in our parish and around the Diocese are caring for the least among us as well as providing ongoing sustainability for St. Thomas for many years to come.

Many in our Diocese are familiar with the grants that ECF provides to parishes and their nonprofit partners. Several years ago, St. Thomas partnered with ECF on a grant for El Refugio. At this presentation, we will have a chance to learn more about how ECF is able to not only continue this work, but also help St. Thomas continue our good work in the future through legacy giving, which includes bequests, gifts of assets and appreciated securities, gifts from tax-deferred funds such as IRAs, life income gifts, and more.

Everyone needs an estate strategy, and estates of every size can make a lasting contribution to help the church continue loving like Jesus.



## St. Thomas Day School

A few spots are open in **St. Thomas Day School Summer Camps** for ages 4-7. Camps for ages 6 weeks to 3 years are full. Email [director@stthomascolga.com](mailto:director@stthomascolga.com) to register.

June 3-7 Pirates & Mermaids

June 10-14 Music Fest

June 17-21 Beach Blast

June 24-28 Survival Skills

July 8-12 Gardening

### 2024-2025 School Year

New for the 2024-25 school year, Extended Day sessions will run until 3:00 each day, to help families who need a longer school day. Extended Day classes taught will be Math & Science, Yoga, Art, Little Chefs, and Music & Movement. Classes will be \$40/per class/per month.

As of May 8, almost all classes for the 2024-25 school year are full. The 2 year old classes have 2 spots open, and Pre-K has 4 spots open.

The St. Thomas Day School is looking for a new **Music Teacher** to teach 2 mornings a week. The position pays well for part time work. Contact the School Director, Kym Futch, if you are interested.



# SERVE TOGETHER



## Brewer Elementary

PARTNER IN EDUCATION

### Brewer Elementary School Update

From: Margo Easterbrook

**A Great Big Thank You to all of our Volunteers and Contributors for a Job Well Done!**



**Creation Keepers News!**  
**Climate Action Network: Solutions for Pollution**

**St. Thomas Creation Keepers invite you to take environmental action this summer.** Creation Keepers partner with GIPL and with local groups like Clean Energy Columbus to seek proactive "Solutions to Pollution." GIPL is working in partnership with the Climate Action Network and other environmental justice organizations to promote the goal of cutting climate contamination in half by 2030. Their four main areas of advocacy are **energy, climate, health, and justice.**

From GIPL's website ([gipl.org](http://gipl.org))

**Clean energy can't wait!** Solar, wind, and other home-grown renewable energy sources have the capacity to power America into the future, creating good-paying jobs and bolstering energy independence.

**Our climate can't wait!** From more intense and frequent hurricanes, worsening flooding, raging wildfires, and deadly droughts, communities across the country are feeling the impacts of the climate crisis now. Every second we delay action costs lives and dollars.

**Our health can't wait!** Cleaner air and water means healthier people who live longer. Removing environmental toxins like soot is imperative.

**Environmental justice can't wait!** All of this is a matter of justice, bringing results to low-income communities and communities of color that have been historically overburdened by pollution.

To learn more, visit [gipl.org](http://gipl.org), or [climateactionnetwork.org](http://climateactionnetwork.org) and connect with Christine DiFelicianantonio for St. Thomas Creation Keepers news.



**June is our month to collect items for Wynnton Neighborhood Network.**

Needed items include canned veggies: sweet peas, carrots, corn canned beans: green and black, canned meat: tuna, chicken, ham, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce and noodles, mac and cheese, canned tomato products, PB&J, soup, rice, cereal. Items can be left in the church office or baskets outside All Saints Hall.

We have delivered our last load of Buddy Packs, finished up with Brewer Buddy Readers, and finished tutoring with Nancy's CatchUp Kids. We have provided Snacks for students and surprises for teachers during GMAS testing. We have celebrated teachers with Jason's Deli Boxed Lunches and Amazon Gift Cards for Teacher Appreciation Week.

We have made a difference in the lives of the children we serve. Continue to remember Brewer students and their families, current Brewer teachers and staff, and those who will be a part of the transition of the school to a reading academy this summer. We will keep you updated on our partnership during this transition and we'll let you know when we resume activities in the fall.



We are thrilled to celebrate our **29th year of TAP** TAP (Thompson Anderson Pound Art Program), a joyous occasion that promises to be better than ever. Please join us June 24-28

at the Rankin. This year's theme, TAP: A Recipe for Compassion, is a testament to the joy and camaraderie that TAP brings. (More info about TAP on the Episcokids page in this newsletter.)

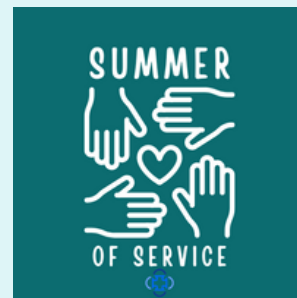
We are also excited to **support our community partners.** We love our partnerships at CVEM and invite you to join us at these exciting events. On May 19th, we will join **St. Thomas' Creation Keepers** at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas for a movie and conversation. On June 1, meet us at 1100 Broadway as we celebrate **ColGay Pride of Columbus**, GA's 11th Annual LBTGQ+ Pride Festival. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. Our friends with the **Harris County Remembrance Project** will host their second annual Juneteenth program on Saturday, June 15th, 2024, at the Bobby Lowman Recreation Center in Waverly Hall, GA, from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact us for more information on any of these events.

-Malinda Shamburger, Director

### St. Thomas Little Library It is time for summer reading!

Don't forget the Little Library is available to all St. Thomas parishioners, clients of the WNN, and neighbors! Our Little Library is located near the picnic table at the entrance to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network at the rear of the St. Thomas building. Anyone may donate gently used or new books for children, teens, or adults. Bibles are welcome.

# SERVE TOGETHER



## Pastoral Care at St. Thomas

Are you someone who enjoys one-on-one friendships and caring for others in our parish? Our Pastoral Care Advisory Team is looking for two types of visitors:

### Lay Eucharistic Visitors, to

share communion about once a month with folks who cannot get to church, and **People to visit** some of those same folks occasionally just for fun, to listen and talk, read together, play games, even watch a movie. Contact Roxane to learn more and to be a part of this important ministry.

Looking for **information and support around Alzheimer's disease and other dementias**? Two organizations to explore: Columbus Memory Center 706-327-4000 & River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging 1-800-615-4379.

Contact Roxane to learn more.



## Duarte Family Update

The Duarte Family from Guatemala is settling into life in Columbus well. Jose has a great job at Ft. Moore doing janitorial work. Thanks to Goodwill and PowerWorks for this opportunity! Jose and

Wendy both took ESL classes with International Friendship Ministries all spring. This summer they will continue to work with Martha Mullinax to sharpen their skills. St. Thomas recently helped purchase a used vehicle from Goodwill for the family which will make getting to and from work much easier. In April, the family celebrated Jose Jr's first birthday and offered special thanks to those who have supported their resettlement to the US.

## Note about how to receive this newsletter

*Seasons* is published seven times a year - Advent/Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and three times in the Season after Pentecost. You can pick up a copy any Sunday or Wednesday. New editions are typically distributed the Sunday before the season begins. We are happy to mail copies to anyone who wishes to receive a copy at home. Email [office@stthomas columbus.org](mailto:office@stthomas columbus.org) to be added to the mailing list. The Mid-Pentecost *Seasons* newsletter will be available on August 4 and will be mailed the following week to those who request.

## Have St. Thomas News to Share?

The deadline for the Mid-Pentecost Season edition of this printed newsletter is July 24. Contact Meg if you have info related to St. Thomas to share.



## St. Thomas Swag Shop

The online swag shop is open! Apparel, bags, and more are available with the St. Thomas logo and tagline. Bright tie-dye shirts are perfect for Pride this summer! Find the link on our website or go to [shop.threadmob.com/stthomaschurch/shop/](http://shop.threadmob.com/stthomaschurch/shop/) or use the QR code in this newsletter!

## Listen, Learn & Discuss

Join us for Sunday morning conversations with current and potential St. Thomas Outreach partners. Find the schedule on page 8.

## Collect & Share

**Safehouse Ministries** has a list of ongoing needs including men's clothing, coffee, and sugar.

In June we offer extra support to **Wynnton Neighborhood Network** in the form of canned goods from their needs list or financial gifts.

**East Carver Heights Community Corporation (ECH)** hosts soccer camp the first week in July and needs bottled water and coolers of ice for players.

We're planning to connect with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** this summer to stuff the bunk! Curious? Watch for more info coming soon and check out [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org).

## Tour & Serve Together

Volunteer with **TAP** June 24-28 in the art room, registration, snacks and more. **CVEM** is also looking for someone to do some summer planting around their office in Beallwood.

Tour **Safehouse Ministries** on June 26 at 9am with a group from St. Thomas.

Volunteer with **Soccer Camp with ECH** July 1-3. Volunteers needed to assist with registration, set up, water breaks and more.

Volunteer at **Feeding the Valley Warehouse** with a group from St. Thomas. Look for confirmed dates soon!

Volunteer with **Wynnton Neighborhood Network** as a cart pusher, shopper, or greeter. Schedules vary.

**Contact Meg in the office and watch the email newsletters for more information on these opportunities and others this Summer of Service.**