



# Seasons

at

ST. THOMAS



PALM SUNDAY 2014



2023



ASH WEDNESDAY 2023

## THE SEASON OF LENT

*Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting.*

We hear these words every year as part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. They remind us of the original purpose of Lent - a season of penitence and fasting in preparation for Holy Baptism.

For those who are already baptized, Lent is a time to renew our commitment to living as baptized people. We consider how to repent - not out of self-condemnation, but out of a desire for holiness of life. We give up habits or activities that draw us from the love of God in order to turn our attention more clearly to God and neighbor.

Read ahead for many ways to renew our commitment in this season:

- Journey Groups and Sermons focused on our confession of faith in the Nicene Creed
- A new contemplative healing service to open us to God's cleansing love
- Sundays marked by prayer and quiet

Join us for a holy Lent.

Rev. Grace

### Sunday Worship in Lent

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.*

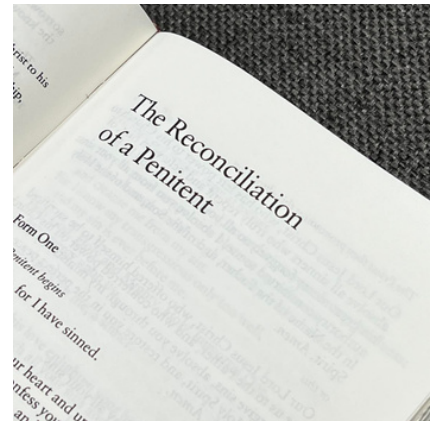
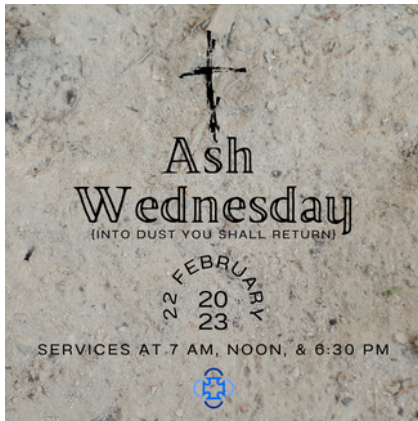
Our worship in Lent is a response to this invitation from the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

We pray with Rite I, the older language of the Prayer Book, to help us pay more attention to what we are praying.

On the first Sunday in Lent, we say or sing The Great Litany - the oldest liturgy in the Prayer Book. This series of intercessions seeks God's forgiveness, protection, and help.

On the remaining Sundays of Lent, we begin with our confession of sin. The Penitential Order brings before God our need for repentance and mercy.

# LOVE GOD: WORSHIP



## Ash Wednesday Services Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist 7:00 am in the chapel, Noon and 6:30 pm in the nave

Lent begins in solemn prayer and quiet. No music at the 7 am and Noon services. We sing and chant with no accompaniment at the 6:30 pm service. Child care and children's chapel at the 6:30 pm service only. Invite a friend to join you. Ash Wednesday is a meaningful day for Episcopalians and for all Christians alike.



## Parish Hall Service

If you find yourself looking for a different way to participate in the 10:30 service, consider joining a small group in the Parish Hall where the live stream is shown. Coffee, snacks, coloring books, and plenty of room to move freely are available. Those worshipping in the Parish Hall are invited to the nave for Communion if you wish.

## Sermons in Lent This We Believe

St. Thomas Journey Groups resume in Lent with discussion of The Nicene Creed, which begins with We Believe. Sermons in this season (and in Holy Week and Easter) will illuminate the Journey Group topic for the week, exploring our shared confession of faith.

Lent 1, February 26:  
**Asking the Questions**  
*What do we mean when we say "We believe"?*

Lent 2, March 5:  
**Who is God?**  
*Who is the God to whom we give our trust?*

Lent 3, March 12:  
**Who is Creator?**  
*What does it mean to trust in a Creator "of all that is, seen and unseen"? Denny Clark will preach on this day.*

Lent 4, March 19:  
**Who is the Christ?**  
*What does it mean to know Christ as "God from God and Light from Light"?*

Lent 5, March 26:  
**What is Salvation?**  
*What does it mean to be saved - for this life and the life to come? Rev. Roxane Gwyn will preach on this day.*

**Sermons in Holy Week** continue our exploration of the Nicene Creed.  
Maundy Thursday, April 6:  
**Crucified**  
Good Friday, April 7:  
**Died and was buried**  
Holy Saturday, April 8:  
**He descended to the dead.**

## Reconciliation of a Penitent

The Episcopal Church offers the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent, often called Confession in some traditions. There are two forms of the rite on pages 447 and 449 of the Book of Common Prayer. Form I begins with confession and ends with scripture and absolution, or a declaration of forgiveness. Form II begins with scripture and ends with confession and absolution. The Rite of Reconciliation is not required or expected of anyone but is available for all who desire it. Many seek it out as part of the practice of repentance during the season of Lent. To schedule a time for the Rite of Reconciliation with any of our clergy, contact them to arrange a time. Lay people can also share the rite with one another.



## Saints & Sinners first Thursdays at 11:30

Join Saints & Sinners for a brief Eucharist, fellowship, and potluck lunch on Thursday March 2 at 11:30 am. Following Eucharist at 11:30, the group will share a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share! Everyone is welcome to join! *Note: No Saints & Sinners in April due to Holy Week.*

# LOVE GOD: WORSHIP



## Contemplative Service

3rd Sundays,  
5 pm, in the Nave

Settle in. Embrace the quiet. Receive the healing. Pray. Hear the words of Jesus and of the Psalmist. Share the space. Eat the bread and drink the wine. Pray. Feel the Spirit. Embrace the quiet.

Join us in the nave on 3rd Sundays at 5:00 in the evening for our new Contemplative/Healing service. February 19, March 19, April 16, and beyond.

Bring your burdens, bring your joy, bring your longings and your wondering, bring your devotion. Bask in the quiet presence of Christ and one another.

Contact Rev. Roxane any time to find out more.

## Trinity Lent Series

*Mondays in Lent, noon to 1 Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church, 1130 First Ave. in Uptown Columbus*

Join our friends at Trinity for a simple soup lunch and thoughtful reflection for the season of Lent. Lunch is \$5 payable at the door.

### February 27 -

Dr. Jimmy Elder, *Pastor of First Baptist, Columbus*

### March 6 -

The Rev. Kenya Thompson, *Director of Leadership Development and Engagement at Emmaus House, Atlanta*

### March 13 -

The Rev. Marian Dulaney Fortner, *Interim Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Jackson, MS*

### March 20 -

The Rev. Dr. Bill Allport, *Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Englewood, NJ*

### March 27 -

The Rev. Rob Wood, *Rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Cashiers, NC*



2023  
Lenten Lunch  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Columbus, Ga



## Lent Devotions

During the season of Lent, Journey Groups, sermons, and Lenten devotions from St. Thomas will focus on the Nicene Creed. We're inviting those who like to write to share a short devotional message during the season. These reflections can focus on the lines of the creed, the season of Lent, or anything else which you connect to the prompts. These messages can be shared in writing (no more than 250 words) or by video (no more than 3 minutes). Contact Meg in the church office if you'd like to contribute a reflection this season.

We will send these reflections from the parish along with reflections from our Parish Theologian, and links to the Bishop's Lenten Series each week. Find more at [stthomas columbus.org/lent](http://stthomas columbus.org/lent).

## Baptism Dates

Our next scheduled baptism dates are the *Easter Vigil on April 8* and *Pentecost Sunday on May 28*. To schedule baptism, contact Rev. Grace.



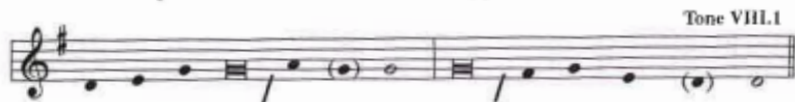
## Music in Lent:

### Let's Sing the Psalms Together

*A message from Rick McKnight*

The psalms of David were designed to be sung. There are many ways to sing the psalms. For 10:30 worship on Sundays, during Lent this year we will sing them using a plainsong melody. There are eight historical psalm tones. We will use Tone 8. Look to the right for an example and instructions for how to sing. This is a meaningful way to pray the psalms together.

The first three notes [intonation] are used only for the beginning verse. The Reciting Note (RN) is used for text up to the / symbol. Words following the / symbol are sung syllabically to each note. Parenthetical notes ( ) are only used when needed. Notes indicate pitch. Natural word accents supply the rhythm.



[intonation] RN / \* RN /

- 1 [ I was glad ] when they / said to me,\*  
"Let us go to the / house of the LORD.
- 2 Now our feet are / stand-ing\*  
within your gates, / O Je-ru-sa-lem.

# HOLY WEEK & FIRST SERVICES OF EASTER



## Palm Sunday

**April 2, 8:30 & 10:30 am**

The 8:30 service begins in the Chapel. The 10:30 service begins outside, weather permitting. We begin both services by raising our palm branches and shouting "Hosanna". Then we read the story of Jesus's Passion, this year from Matthew's gospel. No sermon. We share in Eucharist and end in silence to begin Holy Week.



## Maundy Thursday

**April 6, Agape Soup Dinner at 5:30, Service at 6:30**

Join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30 for a simple meal of soup and bread. At 6:30, gather in the Nave for a ritual of foot washing followed by Eucharist. The service ends with stripping the altar of all adornment, a sign of mourning for Good Friday. Nursery care will be available beginning at 6:15. Children will go to Children's Chapel at the start of the service and join their families for foot washing, Eucharist, and stripping of the altar.



## The Watch

**April 6, 7 pm - midnight**

The Chapel will be open until midnight. We invite you to come and go at any time to pray as if you were staying up with Jesus in the garden. Devotional materials will be available. Or, sign up to pray from home and devotional materials will be emailed to you in advance. St. Thomas Young Adults plan to help us keep watch.



## Good Friday

**April 7, Liturgy of the Day at noon**

**Stations of the Cross in the nave following the service**

The Liturgy of the Day is at noon, with a reading of the Passion from John's gospel and adoration of the cross. Stations of the Cross will be set up in the Nave throughout the afternoon for individual meditation and reflection. A service of Stations of the Cross will be in the nave at 6:30 pm. Nursery care will be available for the 6:30 service. Older children are invited to join their parents.



## Holy Saturday

**April 8, 9:30 am**

This brief liturgy recalls the burial of Jesus. We also bless a new paschal candle to light at the Easter Vigil. We gather in the columbarium, or in the chapel in case of rain.



## Easter Vigil

**April 8, 6:30 pm**

We gather outside to kindle a new fire and welcome the light of Christ. We enter a darkened nave and hear the Exsultet while we light candles from the new paschal candle. We hear the scriptures and a sermon in darkness, and then turn on the lights to welcome Easter and celebrate baptism. The Nursery will open at 6:15. Children will go to children's chapel during the lessons and sermon and return for baptism and Eucharist.



## Easter Sunday

**April 9, 9 & 11 am**

Two nearly identical services at 9 am (no incense) and 11 am (with incense) with brass and glorious music to celebrate the risen Christ. Pastries and muffins will be available outside and in the parish hall. Children and families are invited to flower the cross outside as you arrive at both services. Nursery and children's chapel will be available at both services.

*The Easter Egg Hunt will be on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 16.*

SAVE THIS SCHEDULE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND!

# LOVE EVERY PERSON: FELLOWSHIP & WELCOME



## Yard Sale

*March 18, 8 am - 2 pm*  
The St. Thomas Yard Sale returns! Items for the sale will be received in the parish hall beginning on Sunday, March 12 following the 10:30 service. Volunteers will organize and price items all week. The preview sale will be on Friday evening. The sale is on Saturday. Following the sale, all remaining items are loaded onto trucks to go to Goodwill. Many volunteers are needed and everyone always has a good time. The proceeds this year support Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry. New this year - several Episcopokids will set a up lemonade and donut stand outside. Proceeds support CVEM as well!



## Wednesday Dinners

*served from 5:30 - 6:15*  
**vegan and gf options available each week**

To help us plan adequately and reduce waste, reservations are required. *Deadline for reservations is Monday at midnight.* Meals served on a "pay what you can" basis, with a suggested amount of \$7.50 per adult, \$5 per child, and \$25 per family. Pay online when you make your reservation or in person. We want everyone to participate regardless of ability to pay. Sign up through our website at [stthomasatlanta.org/gather](http://stthomasatlanta.org/gather). Make a reservation and/or pay for one week up to one month at a time.



## March Excursions

**Two EXCURSIONS are scheduled for March!**

Contact Roxane to sign up or to find out more.

The CSU Schvob Opera Theater, along with Voices of

the Valley and the Columbus Ballet, will perform Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* at Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts in Columbus on Friday March 10 at 7:30 pm. Several folks from the St. Thomas choir will be part of the show. Tickets are \$16 and we're hoping to take a sizable group to this production!

Sunday, March 12 is the annual Diocese of Atlanta **Hunger Walk/Run in Atlanta.** to support the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia (ECF). ECF provides funding, leadership and resources to enable Episcopal parishes and nonprofit partners to lift up people facing poverty and oppression and to achieve significant, long-lasting impact in the Diocese of Atlanta. This is a youth event for St. Thomas; however, as an Excursion, St. Thomas folks and friends of all ages are encouraged to make the trek to walk, run, and participate in other ways. Starting at noon, there will be food trucks, entertainment, and a gathering area for everyone from the Diocese of Atlanta.

Also, consider attending the Youth-led Eucharist at 10:30 AM across the street in Building B, Room B403 of the Georgia World Congress Center. The Very Rev. Jeff Jackson will be preaching and celebrating.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

*February 21, 5:30*

Don't miss the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper led by St. Thomas Youth and Young Adults. As always, we will enjoy breakfast for dinner and hold a pancake flipping contest. A silent auction will also be present with goods and services provided by St. Thommies and YACT members. The Jazz Band from Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts directed by our own Brian Walker with Roger Redden will also add to the festivities. Sign up to attend at [stthomasatlanta.org/parish-life-events/](http://stthomasatlanta.org/parish-life-events/). Proceeds will support St. Thomas Youth and Young Adult programs.



## Book Group

The Book Group will meet in March. The date and time TBD. We'll discuss *The Physicists' Daughter* by Mary Anna Evans. Set in New Orleans, it is a WWII story filled with suspense.

# LEARN TOGETHER: ADULTS

Sunday Adult Formation in Lent:

## A Way Into the Heart of Things



Part 1: *Our* Suffering & Death  
Part 2: *Jesus'* Suffering & Death

## Sunday Adult Formation: **A Way into the Heart of Things**

*starting Sunday, Feb 26, 9:30-10:15, library and on Zoom*

### **A way into the heart of things – Part 1: OUR Suffering & Death** (Feb 26-Mar 12)

We humans have an inborn desire to avoid suffering and to seek comfort, if not outright pleasure. We resist the pain and anguish caused by the various blows we suffer in life, such as failures, losses, and even the struggles that come with the normal transitions of life. Yet these events and experiences are the primary triggers that mold our characters and expand our spiritual awareness. They are the road for clarifying our values and the opening of our hearts. Without life's "slings and

arrows," we are likely to remain spiritually small and stilted. This class for the first half of Lent, led by Art France, explores these different troubling experiences and the value of facing them, even in the face of strenuous internal and external protestations. It appears the cliché, "no pain, no gain," actually does express some wisdom.

### **A way into the heart of things – Part 2: JESUS' Suffering & Death** (Mar 19-Apr 2)

The class for the second half of Lent, led by Denny Clark, theologically wrestles specifically with Jesus' suffering and death, and with how that relates to the shared human experience of suffering and death which we ALL encounter. Was Jesus saved from suffering/death? Does Jesus save us from suffering/death? Apparently 'No' ... and 'No.' SO, what do we mean when we speak of Jesus as "Savior," as we Christians often do? How do we unpack our own theological affirmations and clichés? What is the significance of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection? Let's talk!



## **Journey Groups: "Exploring the Nicene Creed"**

*starting Sunday, Feb 26, the 1st Sunday in Lent, also on Tuesdays at 1 pm & Wednesdays at 6:30 pm*

Most Sundays at St. Thomas we as a congregation recite the Nicene Creed as part of our communal worship. For the numerous St. Thomas members who come from religious backgrounds other than Episcopal, Lutheran, or Roman Catholic, this Creed, with its repetitive, peculiar language, can be immensely perplexing – and many from more 'liturgical' backgrounds probably have exactly the

same reaction! Do we have to agree with all that stuff in order to 'be a Christian'?

The Nicene Creed was first produced in 325 C.E. as both a theological and a political act, with considerable revision in 381 (including adding most of the 'Third Article'), a bit of tweaking over the next seven centuries, and some subsequent translation modifications after that, to come up with what we say in our worship today. What was it trying to express? Why did this matter? How might it productively inform how we think about our relationship with God today? When might it be less than helpful? In Lent and Easter our Journey Groups will immerse themselves in the Nicene Creed, "Exploring the Nicene Creed" and wrestling with these questions.

Journey Groups are multiple small groups of adults, which meet for ten sessions this round (5 in Lent, 5 in Easter) to share, to learn, to wrestle with important issues of faith, and to grow in relationships with one another. They are offered Sundays at 4:00 (onsite & Zoom), Tuesdays at 1:00 onsite, and multiple groups on Wednesdays at 6:30 (either onsite or Zoom) as the center of our weekly Wednesday Adult Formation programming. In addition, there is an 'Individual Adventurer' option for those whose schedule does not permit group participation, which offers them the same materials to use at their own pace. Both members and friends of St. Thomas Church are welcome to participate.

**Other aspects of St. Thomas's congregational life will be coordinated with Journey Groups this Lent and Easter. Sunday Sermons** will set the tone each week, focusing on a key aspect of the Nicene Creed, and **Devotional Reflections** written by St. Thomas members will devotionally consider that weekly theme, sent out as part of our Monday, Wednesday and Friday emails from the church. We will thus have numerous opportunities in Lent to share and reflect on our theological affirmations, as well as on our questions and our doubts, and to support one another through all of that in our life together.

We encourage Journey Group members – and others in the congregation – to purchase and read the book, ***Loving the Questions: An Exploration of the Nicene Creed***, by the late Marianne Micks, a former professor of biblical and historical theology at Virginia Theological Seminary, as we work our way through the Nicene Creed, though this is not required in order to participate meaningfully in this Journey Group series. The book is accessibly-written and available in paperback and Kindle formats for \$10 to \$13 through Amazon. Please order the book on your own. We'll read roughly 10 pages per week.

**Journey Group Sign Ups are now underway. Challenge yourself to grow this Lent and Easter!**

# LEARN TOGETHER:



## YACT Coffee Shop Talks

first Tuesdays, 6 pm, Iron Bank Coffee

On the first Tuesday of each month, YACT meets in the upstairs room at Iron Bank Coffee Co. for Coffee Shop Talks where we explore the Bible, theology, and the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Coffee provided!



## Young Couples Socials

Our young couples group gets together the last Friday of each month. This is a group of fellowship and support for dating, engaged, and married couples in their 20s and 30s. Our February social will be at Saltcellar where we'll gather for dessert tasting. If you are interested in attending or hosting a gathering, please contact Taylor.



## Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15  
**An Illustrated Lent for Families: This is My Body** explores how Jesus lived in his body on earth and invites us to take care of—and embrace the goodness of—our own bodies. Each week highlights a different story from Jesus' life and connects it to shared human experiences—like growing up, taking naps, or drinking water. By engaging with these stories through a broad lens of embodiment, *This is My Body* seeks to inspire curiosity, wonder, and awe in all ages.



## Shine Time Sundays

9:30-10:15 in Outreach Center  
*The Children of God Story Bible*  
 Bishop Desmond Tutu retells more than fifty of beloved stories, artfully highlighting God's desire for all people to love one another and to find peace and forgiveness in their hearts. Our children will experience the Bible stories as if they were there, with Adam and Eve in the garden, with Noah on the ark, with Abraham in the desert, and with Jesus on the mountaintop.

Every story shows how God works through history and ends with a short prayer, which personalizes the message for each child's own life.



## A Look Ahead:

- **Ash Wednesday, 2/22**, Evening Service with Children's Chapel/ Nursery
- **Maundy Thursday, 4/6**, Evening Service with Children's Chapel/ Nursery
- **Good Friday, 4/7**, Intergenerational Stations of the Cross in the Nave with Nursery
- **Easter Vigil, 4/8**, Evening Service with Children's Chapel/Nursery
- **Easter Sunday, 4/9**, Flowering of the Cross, Children's Chapel/Nursery at both services
- **Easter 2/St. Thomas Sunday, 4/16**, Parish Picnic and Egg Hunt

## VBS Save the Date:

Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, June 2nd, 2023  
 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Living God's Dream- We will gather together for a journey of Living Into God's Dream and recognizing that all of God's people are made in His image and worthy of love. We will learn to value diversity and differences as beautiful and intended by God.

Ms. Erin is in search of adults and youth to volunteer as story readers, game leaders, music directors and shepherds. Contact Erin for more information!

# LEARN TOGETHER: YOUTH



## Youth Weekly Formation:

### Sunday Coffee Convo

*Sunday Mornings*  
9:30-10:15

Youth are invited to gather at the Youth room coffee bar on Sunday mornings for fellowship and reflection.

### Wonderful Wednesdays

*Wednesday Nights*  
6:15-7:15

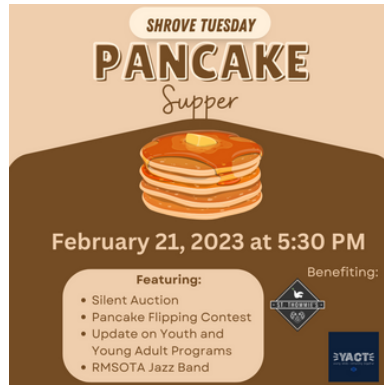
Throughout the lenten season, youth will participate in discussions, games, and activities that explore what it means to develop a personal relationship with God. We will cover topics such as prayer, meditation, fasting, and giving.



### Hunger Walk

*March 12*

This year, the parish will participate in the Hunger Walk/Run in Atlanta to benefit the Diocese of Atlanta Episcopal Community Foundation. Youth have the opportunity to attend the walk AND the Diocesan Youth Led Eucharist that morning. To sign up visit [hungerwalkrun.org](http://hungerwalkrun.org) and join the St. Thomas Episcopal Church team. Contact Taylor if you plan to ride with the youth to the event.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

*February 21*

All youth are expected to volunteer for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper fundraiser. Youth will assist with set up/break down, serving dinner, leading a blessing, and contributing to the silent auction. If you are unable to attend due to a prior commitment, please contact Taylor.



## Youth Mission Trip

*July 23- 28, 2023*

This summer St. Thommies will join CROSS Missions in Charlotte, NC and spend a week engaging in worship, reflection and service. **Youth will need to submit a deposit by February 19th to register.** For more info contact Taylor.

MARCH 26  
ACOLYTE TRAINING



## Acolyte Training

*March 26, 11:45 am*

All current and prospective acolytes (**children and youth**) are needed for training following the 10:30 service on March 26th. Parents are also encouraged to attend to receive important information.



## Diocesan Youth Events

### New Beginnings 45

*March 3-5, 2023*

New Beginnings retreat is for middle school students (grades 6-8). The weekend allows middle schoolers to experience spiritual formation through games, talks, music, and building their relationships with leaders and peers. Sign up at [eycdioatl.org](http://eycdioatl.org) and let Taylor know.

### Camp Mikell Summer Camp

Camp Mikell offers week-long camp options throughout the summer! They have opportunities for children and youth 1st grade through 12th. Each camp session is catered to a particular age group and follows the 80-year-old Mikell tradition where fun, friendship, and God come together to create a joyous, one-of-a-kind experience called Camp Mikell. For more information visit [CampMikell.com](http://CampMikell.com)

## Save-the-date: Graduation Sunday

*May 21*

Graduation/Youth Sunday is a special tradition at St. Thomas. Youth will participate in roles traditionally held by adults (lectors, ushers, LEMs, etc.) Additionally, high school graduates are invited to speak during the service. We will have a graduation celebration in the parish hall after the 10:30 service where those graduating from high school, college, and graduate programs can display their achievements. Contact Taylor before May 7th if you are a 2023 graduate



# SERVE TOGETHER



## WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK WNN Food Pantry

Due to shortages in government surplus food, the WNN food pantry is relying heavily on donations of food. While cash donations are always welcome, donations of food help save a shopping trip! You can bring items to St. Thomas on Sundays or Wednesdays or to the pantry during their regular hours. The food pantry is open Monday to Friday and every first Saturday, from 10 to noon, or until 25 households are served.

Here are items that are particularly needed:

- Canned fruit
- Canned beans (black, kidney, etc.)
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned meat (tuna, corned beef, ravioli, anything with meat in it)
- Canned soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Cereal
- Rice
- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghetti sauce and pasta



## Brewer Reading Buddies

Brewer Reading Buddies read one-on-one with a first grade student every Tuesday morning. More reading buddies are needed! Volunteers are invited to come read for one or two thirty minute blocks one-on-one with a first grader. To sign up contact Meg in the church office or use the QR code to let us know you're interested in learning more.



## Striving for Justice with CVEM

CVEM's *Striving for Justice* series continues with the timely topic of antisemitism with conversations on February 26, March 26. In February, we will be with brothers and sisters at Temple Israel, and we will hear from the Consul General of Israel to the Southeast. In March, we will hear from Brendan Murphy, renowned lecturer on the history of antisemitism. We will wrap up in April with a panel discussion. Details to follow.

## EAST CARVER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### Boxwood Soccer Club

Soccer practice has begun for the 2023 Spring Season. Our first games will be March 4. We look forward to another great season. When we get schedules we will share and everyone is invited to come and watch! We can always use donations of gently used cleats in all sizes and bottles of water.

### Path to Shine

Path to Shine Students and Mentors will have their first field trip of the year to the Confederate Naval Museum where they will experience an interactive black naval history presentation. We are excited about learning together!



## St. Thomas Outside Workdays

*1st Saturdays from, 9 until noon*

The Grounds Committee proposed and Property Committee have decided to schedule Saturday workdays on the first Saturday of each month. This may facilitate easier scheduling by the volunteers. The first such day will be March 4th from 9 to 12. We hope these workdays will continue until hot weather intervenes. They would resume in the fall, again on the first Saturday of the month.



## St. Thomas Day School

Registration is open now for the 2023-2024 school year. Find more information at [stthomascolga.com/registration](http://stthomascolga.com/registration).

The Day School will also be hosting 4 weeks of summer camps in June and July: June 5-9, 19-23, 26-30, and July 10-14. Contact Kym Futch at [director@director@stthomascolga.com](mailto:director@director@stthomascolga.com) for more information.

# SERVE TOGETHER



JOIN US FOR A MEETING ON  
**CLEAN ENERGY**  
AND COLUMBUS

LEARN WHAT A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE LOOKS LIKE.  
HELP MAKE COLUMBUS A CLEAN ENERGY LEADER!

SATURDAY <b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	PANEL DISCUSSIONS
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	GREEN NON-PROFIT FAIR
ST. THOMAS CHURCH 2100 HILTON AVENUE	ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE VIEWS, AND HEAR FROM LOCAL LEADERS

St. THOMAS Episcopal Church

## Clean Energy Summit

Saturday, February 25

1 to 2:30 in the Parish Hall

Join St. Thomas Creation Keepers, Environment Georgia, and other creation partners for an afternoon of hope and possibility. What would it take for our city to embrace sources of energy that cause less harm to the planet and to people? Individual efforts make a difference, but community-wide efforts have even greater impact. A panel of local leaders will discuss this topic. Local environmental groups are bringing displays for sharing their work. St. Thomas is delighted to be the host for this important event. For more information, contact Christine DiFeliciano.

## Note about how to receive this newsletter

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## Have St. Thomas News to Share?

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

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory** and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

Once you have downloaded the app, you can update your own information!

Paper copies of the Church Directory are also available in the church office. Contact us if you'd like to have one!

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

## New Scheduling System

Scheduling with Ministry Scheduler Pro has begun with several ministry areas! Be on the lookout for email and info from Meg!

**VERGER TRAINING**

CURRENT, RETIRED, & FUTURE VERGERS

MARCH 19, 11:45 AM

## Verger Training

March 19, 11:45 am

Vergers needed! Vergers organize our worship leaders and lead the procession at the 10:30 service and other special services throughout the year. Vergers are good at organizing and appreciate liturgy. New, current, and retired Vergers are invited to join us for this training led by Perrin Nicholson following the 10:30 service on March 19.

## St. Thomas Swag Shop

The online swag shop is open! Apparel, water bottles, notebooks, and more are available with the St. Thomas logo with the new tagline. We also have a new designs available on shirts and sweatshirts. 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!

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LOVE EVERY PERSON.  
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