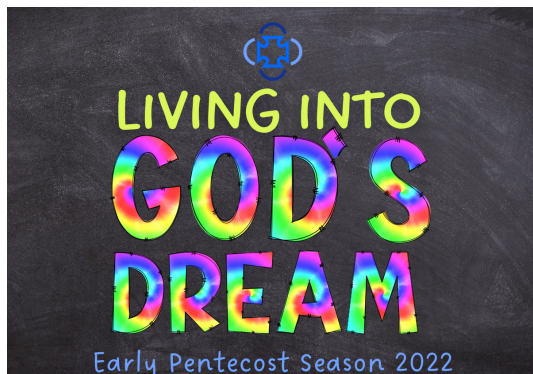


Seasons at ST. THOMAS



LIVING INTO GOD'S DREAM

Our children will explore this theme for Vacation Bible School from May 31 to June 3 this year. The curriculum was written by our own Malinda Shamburger and friends from the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing to help children begin to learn about God's dream of a world filled with love for all people. St. Thomas has the privilege of piloting the curriculum before it goes live for the whole church.

This is more than a great theme for VBS. It is a good lesson for grown-ups as well. God dreams of a world where all people are loved and respected, where creation is protected, where everyone has what they need to thrive. When Jesus spoke about the kingdom or reign of God, he was talking about this idea.

This dream of God is not a fantasy. It is a Spirit-empowered gift. It is what happens when we love God above all else and love our neighbors as ourselves. We'll take some time this summer to remind ourselves of this good news.

Join us this summer - in worship, fellowship, study, and service - as we all seek to Live Into God's Dream!

Rev. Grace

LIVING INTO GOD'S DREAM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
VBS 2022
 TUESDAY, MAY 31 - FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD
 8:45-11:45 AM
 AGES 4 YEARS OLD TO FIFTH GRADE

I am: beloved ♥ brave
 compassionate ♥ ready

Registration:
stthomascolumnbus.org/VBS-2022

VBS: Living Into God's Dream

May 31 - June 3, 8:45 - 11:45

We can't wait to begin our summer with four days of fun and learning together! Contact erin@stthomascolumnbus.org to see if space is available if you have not yet registered.

Everyone is invited to participate in our VBS Outreach Effort to stock the shelves at WNN. Paper bags are available in the narthex or at VBS registration. Fill the bag with non-perishable items and return to VBS or the Narthex by Sunday June 5 for WNN.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



The Day of Pentecost

June 5

Join us at 9:30 for a **Welcome Breakfast** in the Parish Hall to welcome and greet newcomers and new members to St. Thomas. If you missed the photo day in April, plan to have a photo taken for the **church directory** by Meg, outside the Nave beginning at 9:15. **Acolyte Training** for rising 1st - 12th graders starts at 9:45 in the Nave. And join us for **worship** at 8:30 and 10:30 to renew our commitment to baptism and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Wear red!** A **meeting** for all Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage participants and parents follows the 10:30 service.



Trinity Sunday

June 12

Join us at 9:30 in the Parish Hall for a **festive brunch** honoring Judy Harding, whose generous gift allowed us to redecorate the parish hall. **Youth Car Wash Fundraiser** starts at 9:30 in the parking lot behind the Nave! At 10:30, **Wolf & Clover Irish Band** will lead us in worship, in honor of Trinity Sunday and in celebration of the choir's pilgrimage to Ireland this summer. **LEM Training** follows the 10:30 service. Come back in the evening at 5:30 for the **Foyer's Revival**.

Living Into God's Dream - Sundays in Early Pentecost

June 5 - *The Day of Pentecost* - God's Dream of Welcome

June 12 - *Trinity Sunday* - God's Dream of Relationship

June 19 - *Juneteenth* - God's Dream of Freedom

June 26 - God's Dream of Flourishing

July 3 - God's Dream of Mission



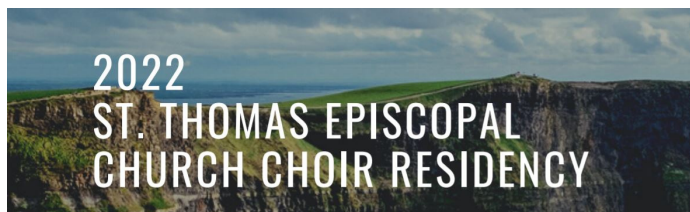
Juneteenth

June 19

On June 19, 1865 - "Juneteenth" - enslaved African Americans in Texas became the last people in the United States to be told that slavery had ended - two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed, and just over two months after Robert E. Lee had surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox.

This year, on Monday, June 20th, the United States will celebrate its first official Juneteenth federal holiday. In our worship on Sunday, June 19th - the actual 157th anniversary of Juneteenth - St. Thomas will celebrate this day under the theme, "Living Into God's Dream of Freedom."

Freedom still remains elusive in American society for many and has become increasingly precarious for still others. However, God continues to dream of freedom and calls us to live into that dream, turning it into a shared reality for all. Sandy McCann and Denny Clark will lead our worship that day.



Ireland Pilgrimage

Members of the Choir along with some non-singing friends, old friends, and new friends leave July 1 on the St. Thomas Choir's third European pilgrimage, singing this time at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland. This is the church where G. F. Handel premiered Messiah. We will be the choir in residence for the week, singing Evensong each afternoon and two services on Sunday - over 40 pieces of music! Our tour is led by Dr. Darek Jarmola, a professor of Celtic Christianity at the University of Oklahoma.

We would be so pleased for you to follow along on our journey via our "St Thomas Columbus Choir" page on Facebook. Each day a different choir member will "report" on the day with photos and maybe even FB live snippets of the services. Please go ahead and 'like' the choir page so you can share this pilgrimage with us.

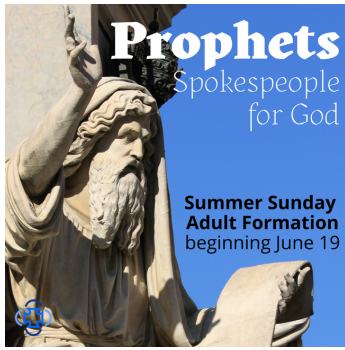


Summer Choir

Starting July 3

What a great time to get a bird's eye view of the service! All who love to sing are invited to meet in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10am and join in an unvested choir to lead in worship. Come for a week or the season.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP



Summer Sunday Adult Formation beginning June 19, 9:30 in the Library & Zoom

As those in our recent Journey Group study of the Old Testament will recognize, the task of the prophets of Ancient

Israel was to proclaim God's message, recalling Israel to its Covenant with God and to the key covenantal values of justice, mercy, and steadfast love. They urged their audiences to partner with God in accordance with these values. They dared to dream what life would be like IF people did that – not only for Israel, but for ALL people and for the created world.

Sunday mornings this summer, starting June 19, 9:30 in the library and on Zoom, a variety of St. Thomas members will guide us in looking at some of these prophets we encounter in the First Lessons of our Sunday worship during the Pentecost season – Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah. If you are interested in leading one of these sessions, please contact denny@stthomascolumnbus.org.



Striving for Justice - CVEM

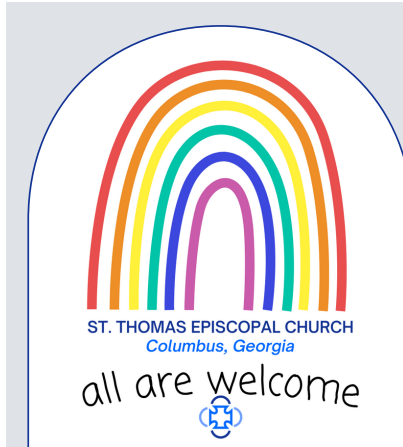
4th Sundays from 6:30 to 8 pm on Zoom

Every month on the 4th Sunday, CVEM hosts "Striving for Justice," a virtual conversation about a timely issue of justice. Conversations center around a particular film/video available to all with internet access. Find info about the films and how to register for the conversation at cvemjubilee.org/racial-justice/. Beginning in May, *Striving for Justice* has a three-month focus on LGBTQIA+ issues of justice.



St. Thomas Men's Group

St. Thomas Men's Group plans to gather this summer for food, drinks, and fellowship. Dates announced soon! To connect with this group, contact Paul Hostetter and look for announcements in our email newsletter.



St. Thomas at Columbus Pride

June 4, 10 am - 2 pm

St. Thomas parishioners Tim and Garrett Vance are the Col-Gay Pride Couple of the Year. In celebration, St. Thomas will have a booth at this year's Pride Festival on Saturday, June 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM on Broadway in Uptown Columbus.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate, especially Youth and Young Adults. Wear your St. Thomas t-shirts, hats, or other gear (order at stthomascolumnbus.org/st-thomas-swag-store/)! Seth is baking cookies to share.



Foyers Revival

June 12, 5:30, Parish Hall

Foyers is a long-held tradition at St. Thomas. Like so many other traditions, Foyers went dormant in March 2020 when the pandemic hit. Veteran Foyers members and those interested in joining next fall

are welcome! Bring a side dish or dessert to share. BBQ and tea provided.

Foyers dinner groups are formed in the fall and are social groups designed to encourage fellowship and connection with other St. Thomas folks. The dinner groups typically meet during the school year with a finale dinner in June when all groups come together for a final meal. Many long-lasting friendships have been made over sharing a meal in a home or restaurant. If you cannot attend the revival and want to sign up for next fall, please watch for the sign up in late summer. New this year: Empty Nesters group(s).

If you plan on attending Foyers Revival, please RSVP with Barbara Brandenburgh or sign up online at stthomascolumnbus.org/blog/foyers-revival/

LEM Training

June 12 after 10:30 service

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) serve the bread and wine at the altar with the priest. Additional LEMs are needed to serve. A brief training will take place after the 10:30 service on June 12 focused both on the meaning of the Eucharist and the logistics of serving. LEMs typically serve once every 4-6 weeks.

SERVE EAST CARVER HEIGHTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Formerly Boxwood Ministries

We've had a wonderful fall and spring. All of our programs are doing well. As we shift into summer things will slow down a little. The **Boxwood FANN** will continue to meet every other Thursday throughout the summer. The group is planning another neighborhood event for early August - possibly a back to school event!

Path to Shine is planning a summer field trip to keep students and mentors engaged.

Our **soccer teams** had a fantastic fall and spring seasons and are looking forward to Soccer Camp in July at the Boxwood Recreation Center. Dates will be announced soon!

We are thankful for all the support St. Thomas provides; you all are our biggest fans and we especially thank you for your prayers. We hope that you will consider how you can be a part of all the activity happening in East Carver Heights. Opportunities include coaching or assisting a soccer team, providing water and snacks for a game practice, donating towards registration and uniforms, becoming a Path to Shine mentor, volunteer to read a story, bring afterschool snacks, or plan a holiday themed or end of the year celebration, donate recyclable or insulated shopping bags for FANN members, come talk about resources your agency provides, or a special skill you have such as canning, couponing, etc. There are so many ways to serve.

We hope to see you in the neighborhood!

by Malinda Shamburger

TAP Returns!

June 20-24

Come Shine Together...

...in the Circle of Healing

...in the Circle of Helping

...in the Circle of Harmony

...in the Circle of Hope

...in the Circle of Peace

In our circle, no one is in front,
no one is behind,

no one is above, and no one is below.

We shine brighter when we are together!!!



CVEM is excited to announce the Thompson-Anderson-Pound Art Program will be back IN PERSON this Summer! TAP is a free week-long art camp for children ages 6 - 11. TAP 2022 is Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24, 8:45 a.m. to noon at the Rankin Arts Center in Uptown Columbus.

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED! Register at cvemjubilee.org/tap/

Labyrinth Work Day

June 11

The St. Thomas labyrinth needs some TLC that only a team of volunteers can manage. We need to raise several of the bricks. This involves digging up a brick, putting more of the gravel underneath, and putting the brick back in place. The work is tedious but not difficult. If you'd like to sit on the ground under the trees on a

Saturday morning, please come help us out. This is a great project for teen community service hours as well! The more the merrier! Contact office@stthomas columbus.org if you are able to help.



WYNNTON
NEIGHBORHOOD
NETWORK

WNN Summer Needs

Summer needs at WNN include canned goods - specifically canned fruit and tomato products. High school and young adult volunteers are also welcome particularly on the first Saturday of each month. Summer Saturdays are: June 4, July 9, and August 6 from 10-12:30. Contact the church office to connect with leaders at WNN.



Building Repairs

We are so grateful for two new roofs for the nursery hallway and the admin building! We also just installed new HVAC in these buildings, replacing units that were 30+ years old. Thanks to our Property Committee for managing these two projects and to all who contributed to our Continuing Faithfulness Capital Fund!



Advocacy Opportunity

St. Thomas Creation Keepers are planning a letter-writing campaign (as suggested by GIPL) to advocate for solar energy. They're hoping to pair this with a plant-forward lunch sometime this summer. Look for details soon!

EPISCOKIDS

JUNE 5
ACOLYTE TRAINING



Acolyte Training June 5, 9:45 am

Beginning at 9:45, we will have Acolyte Training for rising 1st - 12th graders. If you are interested in learning how to be an acolyte or in learning the next acolyte position, please join us in the Nave. We especially need additional crucifers and torches to serve this summer. This training will be quick so Episcokids can return to the Pentecost Party in Outreach.



Pentecost Party! June 5, 9:30 am

It's a Pentecost Party! Episcokids are invited to the Outreach Center on Sunday, June 5th at 9:30 for an easy breakfast and Pentecost activity stations that explore how the Holy Spirit moves in our lives. Following the 10:30 worship service, there will be cake! *Don't forget to wear red.* Acolyte training takes place during the party.



Children's Chapel

Sunday morning, during
10:30 Sunday worship

Children's Chapel will continue this summer. Children are invited to follow the petite cross to the parlor before the Gospel reading. Chapel leaders offer the Gospel in a child-friendly atmosphere using *The Sunday Paper*. Children return for Holy Eucharist at the Peace.



Summer Sunday Mornings: Mini Thomas Tours 9:30-10:15 am, beginning June 12

Mini Thomas Tours will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30 throughout the summer beginning June 12th. Episcokids will meet in the Outreach center and depart together to tour parts of our building and campus that help to make St. Thomas so special. Some of the places on our list to explore include the flower room, the Peace Garden, the Sacristy, the choir loft and organ, WNN food pantry, the Columbarium, and even Rev. Grace's office. Following the Mini Thomas Tour children will participate in supervised free play with Ms. Evie and Ms. Sara. Children should be picked up by parents by 10:15 from Outreach.

EPISCOKIDS
NEED YOU!



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help lead chapel and Shine Time in the fall. Please contact Ms. Erin if you are willing to help! Volunteers undergo background checks and Safeguarding God's Children Training.

Summer Fun!

Ms. Erin is planning a couple of Episcokid Excursions this summer. Want to host a gathering at your home or have a suggestion of a place or community event to attend? Let her know!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



Car Wash Fundraiser July 12, 9:30, back parking lot

The St. Thommies will be hosting a car wash on June 12th, during the Trinity Sunday events and 10:30 service. Let your vehicles enjoy a much needed spa day while you worship! Look for youth directing traffic to the back parking lot. Plan to drop off and pick up your car in the back. We will be accepting donations to support the youth program.



Espresso Yourself Youth Outing June 24, 2 pm, Iron Bank Coffee

Rising 6th-12th graders are invited to Iron Bank Coffee Co. for a summer get-together. Come sip your favorite coffee or tea and enjoy each other's company!



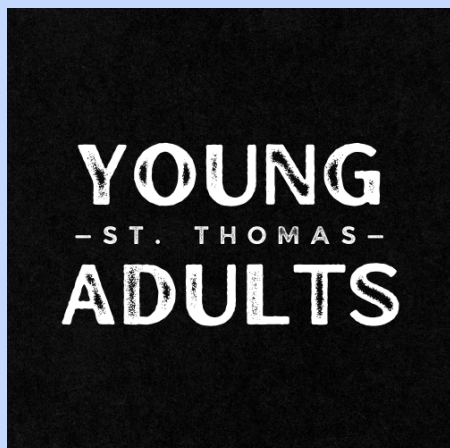
(Milk) Shake it Up Youth Outing July 23, 2 pm, Southern Roots Country Store

Rising 6th-12th graders are invited to Southern Roots Country Store to beat the heat and with a make-your-own milkshake summer gathering.



Youth & Young Adult Pilgrimage July 6-10

July 6-10 a group of our youth will travel to Washington D.C. on a spiritual adventure where they will learn how to best live into our Baptismal Covenant, exploring ways we can "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." A mandatory meeting for all participants and parents will take place June 5th following the 10:30 Pentecost service.



Young Adult Coffee Hour

June 6, 7 pm, Iron Bank Coffee
Join the St. Thomas Young Adults for coffee hour June 6th at 7 PM in the upstairs room at Iron Bank Coffee Co. We will chat, sip, and fellowship together for our last Monday night coffee hour this season.

Young Adult Sunday Lunch

July 17, noon, El Carrizo
All young adults (age 18-25ish) are invited to El Carrizo Mexican Restaurant on Macon Road at noon on Sunday, July 17th.

Young Adult Retreat August 6

The St. Thomas Young Adults will gather for a full-day retreat on Saturday, August 6th. We will enjoy a day of adventure, reflection, and fellowship in Columbus. To sign up, email Taylor Mack.

CSU Interfaith Fair August 15, 11 am - 1 pm

Our Young Adults Group will participate in the 2022 CSU InterFaith Fair on August 15th. We will join in celebrating the dignity, value, and worth of all people. More details available in July.