

ST. THOMAS LIFELINES

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Dear St. Thomas Family,
I am on my way for a quick break in his hometown of Memphis. The Easter Season is a time to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection that is at the center of our faith. I leave you for a short while with the last stanza of a poem by Wendell Berry, *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head
In her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

Happy Easter!
Mark



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Room At the Table

On April 8, St. Thomas chefs embarked on a culinary adventure. The team prepared Taco Salad for the RATT meal. For our first rodeo at this recipe, the results were outstanding! Many thanks to Ruth & Harold Ashworth, Jane Ellis, Crystal Priddy, and Tom Bland. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Bland.

St. Thomas prepares one meal a month at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church on the second Tuesday of the month. No previous experience necessary!

Backpack Program

During the month of April, Christiansburg Primary and Christiansburg Elementary School received weekly deliveries for a total of 312 bags. Each bag includes 6 meals, 2 snacks (St. Thomas granola bars!) and a juice. That is a total of 1872 meals, 624 snacks, and 312 juices.

The next Backpack Packing Party is Wednesday, May 7, at 5:45 PM. Come on out to Life Pacific University and lend a hand. For more information, contact Danielle Bland. (danielle_bland@yahoo.com)



Palm Sunday
April 13



Birthdays

- 4 Scott Farmer
- 6 Lilliana Richmeier
- 7 Francis Webster
- 18 Dianne McCarty
- 26 Matthew Sandridge
- 29 Joanne Stauffer
Sara Stauffer
- 30 Lynn Straub

Anniversaries

- 22 Scott & Sandra Farmer

**Blacksburg Refugee Partnership**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership! Their work is so important and our donation will go to helping recent immigrant's settle in our area!

Hospitality Sunday

Join in fellowship and enjoy some refreshments after church on the first Sunday of the month. Everyone is invited to bring a dish of finger food to share!

The next hospitality Sunday is May 4.

Food Bank Sunday

On the first Sunday of the month we collect donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank. Donations are taken to MCEAP later in the week. Food donations can be put in the baskets at the entrance to the church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, be sure to mark "Food Bank" on your check or envelope.

In April we collected \$35.

SERVER SCHEDULE

	4	11	18	25
Altar Guild	Ruth Ashworth Lora Beeken	Kathleen Fowler Kathryn Pollard	Kathleen Fowler Kathryn Pollard	Karen Bronaugh Gail Leist
Announcements	Jane Ellis	Bill Kennan	Harvey Leist	Marie Painter
Coffee Hour			Jennifer Miller	
Lay Reader	Jennifer Miller	Val Tweedie	Bill Kennan	Mark Priest
Ushers	Joe Straub Chris Witt	Harold Ashworth Bill Kennan	Kathleen Fowler Chris Witt	Tom Bernard Joel Hagen
Zoom Operators	Joel Hagen	Mark Priest	Val Tweedie	Mark Priest

Zoom Information for Sundays

Join from a computer:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81739544575?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81739544575?pwd=M1g3eHNhaURDdFIRQ1BPTGNEN3NPdz09)

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Join from a Telephone: Dial +1 646 931 3860 and

Enter Meeting ID 817 3954 4575 and Passcode 845478 .

Zoom Information for Wednesdays

Join from a computer:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89544248014>

Meeting ID: 895 4424 8014

Join from a Telephone: Dial +1 309 205 3325 and Enter

Meeting ID 895 4424 8014.

Giving! *As well as the Sunday collection plate, donations and contributions can be mailed to the church, paid through online banking, or made through PayPal using the link on our website.*

Contact Us: mystthomasoffice@yahoo.com, 540-382-4365

Website: <https://stthomaschristiansburg.org>

Volunteer: <https://stthomas.ivolunteer.com>

Email List Signup: <http://eepurl.com/gxP6Dj>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>If you need to meet with Fr. Mark, please feel free to contact him at 276-791-3175 or frazimw9@gmail.com.</i></p>				<p>1 1pm Watercolor Class 2:45pm Music on Main 7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>2 8pm NA</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 The 3rd Sunday of Easter Hospitality & Food Bank Sunday 10am Morning Prayer in person & on Zoom 11:20am Adult Forum 11:20am Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 7pm NA</p>	<p>7 5:45pm Backpack Program Packing Party 6:30pm Choir 8pm NA</p>	<p>8 1pm Watercolor Class 2:45pm Music on Main 7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>9 8pm NA</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 The 4th Sunday of Easter 10am Holy Eucharist in person & on Zoom 11am Worship Committee Meeting 11:20am Adult Forum 11:20am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><i>Happy Mother's Day!</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7pm NA</p>	<p>14 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm NA</p>	<p>15 10:15am DOK 1pm Watercolor Class 2:45pm Music on Main 7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>16 8pm NA</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 The 5th Sunday of Easter Loose Plate Offering=Rector's Discretionary 10am Holy Eucharist in person & on Zoom 11:20am Adult Forum 11:30am Vestry</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7pm NA</p>	<p>21 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm NA</p>	<p>22 1pm Watercolor Class 2:45pm Music on Main 7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>23 8pm NA</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 The 6th Sunday of Easter 10am Holy Eucharist in person & on Zoom 11:20am Adult Forum</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7pm NA</p>	<p>28 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm NA</p>	<p>29 1pm Watercolor Class 2:45pm Music on Main 7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>30 8pm NA</p>	<p>31</p>