

St. Thomas LifeLines

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Dear St. Thomas Family,

As June unfolds with longer days and the quiet beauty of early summer, the Church calendar invites us into what is called “Ordinary Time.” Yet there is nothing ordinary about the life we are called to live in Christ. This is a season not of less meaning, but of steady, faithful growth.

After the great celebrations of Easter and Pentecost, we might notice a shift. The dramatic moments of the liturgical year give way to the quieter work of discipleship. Ordinary Time is when the seeds planted in us—through the story of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit—are given space to take root and grow. It is a season shaped less by mountaintop experiences and more by daily faithfulness.

And that can be both beautiful and challenging. It is often easier to feel close to God in moments of joy or urgency. But what about the ordinary days—the routines, errands, and quiet hours that make up most of life? Scripture reminds us that God is deeply present there as well. Jesus spent much of his ministry in such moments: walking, teaching, sharing meals, and meeting people in the midst of their everyday lives.

This June, I invite each of us to notice more intentionally the ways God is already present in our daily rhythms. Perhaps it’s in a kind word offered or received, the patience required in a difficult moment, or the peace found in stillness and prayer. These aren’t distractions from our spiritual life—they are the very places where faith is formed and deepened.

As a parish, we are called to support one another in this steady journey. Our worship grounds us in Word and Sacrament. Our fellowship strengthens our bonds of love. Our outreach reflects Christ’s compassion to the wider community. Even the simplest acts—showing up, listening, serving—become part of God’s ongoing work among us.

Summer often brings changes in routine, travel, and rest. Wherever this season takes you, I encourage you to remain connected—to God and to one another. A simple practice of prayer, regular worship when you are able, and mindful gratitude can help keep us rooted.

Thank you for the many ways you contribute to the life of St. Thomas. Your presence, faith, and service are vital to who we are together. May this summer be a time of renewal, attentive hearts, and growing grace.

Yours in Christ,
Mark

Birthdays!

- 6/1-Val Tweedie
- 6/2-Mark Priest
- 6/4-Tony Beeken
- 6/5-Benjamin Morgan
- 6/6-Evelyn Frazier, Joewel from Boys Home
- 6/9-Tristan McCarty
- 6/10-Emily Pasciak
- 6/11-Matthew Pollard
- 6/15-Dara Ndem
- 6/16-Harvey Leist
- 6/20-Stan Guthrie
- 6/22-Jon Greene
- 6/23-Barbara Piersol
- 6/24-Shelly Good
- 6/26-Tom Bland
- 6/30-Sam Okoronkwo

Anniversaries!

- 6/10-Drew & Kelly Tardy
- 6/30-Walter & Kathy Fowler



Parish Family News

Mary Stuart has a new great grand - born 5/23 in San Antonio - Ali Sebastian Alameeri. Mom, Dad and Ali are all doing well.

Carol Cummings passed away on April 24. A celebration of her life service will be held at St. Thomas on Saturday, June 6, at 2pm.

DOK

In May, members of the Daughters of the King and fellow parishioners met after church and made scarves for the Montgomery Country Christmas Store.



Congratulations 2026 Graduates!



Riley Cosby graduated cum laude from Westfield State University with a degree in Communication. Riley is a filmmaker and is working for the moment before going on to a Film School in the future.



Paige Cosby graduated summa cum laude from VA Tech with a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Paige will be working on an MBA starting in July and has a GA working in Compliance. She will be in Blacksburg through next June.



Mar Frazier graduated cum Laude from the School for the Arts at Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre ~ Stage Management (technical theatre, sound design). They plan to work in and near Richmond for a couple of years to refine their skills before touring as an audio engineer.

Summer Backyard Suppers

Our first backyard supper will be hosted by Jane Carper at 1962 Tyler Rd, Christiansburg. Remember to bring a dish to share and a chair to sit on. July's hosts are the Swinfen's and the Bland's will host in August. All are welcome!

Backpack Program News

The school year has ended but summer school programs will be running in Montgomery County. In addition to free meals being prepared at several locations, backpack snacks will also be available. The next back packing party will be in the fall, once school has resumed. Thanks to all that volunteered at the packing parties this school year! We will continue to collect granolas bars over the summer months, and they will be delivered at the next back packing party. Look for the pink container in the parish hall to drop off your donations, Thank you.

In May we collected 25 boxes of granola bars!

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 June 7th.



RATT News

St. Thomas prepares the weekly meal every third Tuesday of the month at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. This past month, our happy helpers included Jane Ellis, Kathy Fowler, Fr. Mark, Tom & Danielle Bland. The meal included a hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, fruit cup and a cookie. Thanks to everyone that has been a part of this very needed community ministry! If you would like to participate, please see Danielle Bland.

During the April Vestry meeting, the Vestry voted to fund the monthly meals prepared by our team for RATT. Here is a thank you letter from Christiansburg Presbyterian Church:

May 19, 2026
 Dear Congregation of St. Thomas Episcopal Church,
 We are most grateful for your generous gift to the Room at the Table program. It will continue to ensure that vulnerable folks in our community will be fed a weekly nutritious meal. Together we can support individuals and families who are struggling. We are so thankful for your partnership in serving our neighbors in need.
 In Christ,
 Room at the Table Committee
 Christiansburg Presbyterian Church

Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood during our Red Cross blood drive on May 23. We collected 10 units of blood. Our next blood drive will be on Saturday, July 18. Mark your calendars!

Trex Update

St. Thomas is very close to reaching the 250 lb. goal to enter the TREX lottery. Could another bench be in our future? Stay tuned! For more information on the “NEW” Trex program, check out the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Meet the Bishop

To build and strengthen our connections to one another, Bishop-elect Karin will travel around our diocese, gathering with each convocation for "a time of unity and community" in June and July. Each event will include Holy Eucharist and lunch, as well as time for conversation and fellowship so we can all get to know one another better. These events are open to all! Bishop-elect Karin will visit the New River Convocation on June 27th at St. John’s, Wytheville starting at 10:30 am and will conclude by 1:30 pm.

Food Bank Sunday

On the first Sunday of the month we collect donations of non-perishable food for the food bank which 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 May we collected 24 items and \$65!



HELP MCEAP REACH THEIR GOAL OF \$10,000.00 during their 2026 GiveLocal Campaign Wednesday at noon June 25th to noon on Thursday June 26th. Early giving begins on June 1, 2026. To Donate: Go to MCEAP.com and click on the Give Local Logo.

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Altar Guild	Karen Bronaugh Gail Leist Crystal Priddy	Karen Bronaugh Gail Leist Crystal Priddy	Ruth Ashworth Lora Beeken	Ruth Ashworth Lora Beeken
Announcements	Bill Kennan	Crystal Priddy	Joe Richmeier	Kathy Fowler
Chalice Bearer	Anne Curry	Jane Ellis	Bill Kennan	Mark Priest
Lay Reader	Bill Kennan	Jennifer Miller	Mark Priest	Val Tweedie
Nursery	Crystal Priddy	Crystal Priddy		
Ushers	Harold Ashworth Bill Kennan	Kathy Fowler Chris Witt	Joel Hagen Chris Witt	Harold Ashworth Joe Straub
Zoom Operator	Joel Hagen	Val Tweedie	Mark Priest	Val Tweedie

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 pm NA	3 8 pm NA	4 1 pm Watercolor Class 7 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	5 8 pm NA	6 2pm Celebration of Life – Carol Cummings
7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Food Bank & Hospitality Sunday 10 am Holy Eucharist	8	9 7 pm NA	10 8 pm NA	11 1 pm Watercolor Class 7 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	12 8 pm NA	13
14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Holy Eucharist 11 am Worship Committee Meeting	15	16 7 pm NA	17 8 pm NA	18 1 pm Watercolor Class 7 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	19 8 pm NA	20
21 4th Sunday after Pentecost Loose Plate Offering ~ Rector’s Discretionary Fund 10 am Holy Eucharist Happy Father’s Day!	22	23 7 pm NA	24 8 pm NA	25 1 pm Watercolor Class 7 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	26 8 pm NA	27
28 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Morning Prayer 5 pm Backyard Supper at Jane Carper’s	29	30 7 pm NA		Contact Us Email: mystthomasoffice@yahoo.com Phone: 540-382-4365 Website: https://stthomaschristiansburg.org Email List Signup: http://eepurl.com/gxP6Dj		