



# Triumph *Newsletter*

AUGUST 2019

## August Reminders:



**Friday, August 9** – Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the movie “Ace Ventura Pet Detective” at Potomac Nationals Baseball Game. Bring your pets and join us in the Outfield. Our combined choirs will be singing the National Anthem!

# meetup

**August 11** - Meet @ C.J.Finz,  
12:30 pm Dominick Izzo & Sam  
Bouquet



**August 25** - Meet at City Tavern,  
12:30 pm Caleb Mathews & Jacque  
Watkins hosting.



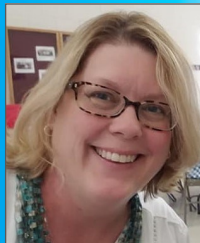
## Dinner & Movie Sat., August 31

Enjoy the last days of summer!  
Join us on the front lawn - Dinner  
available for purchase at 6:30pm and  
The Lego Movie will start at sundown.  
We'll even have 20,000 LEGOS for  
kids of all ages to play and create  
with during the evening!



# Ponderings

by the Senior Pastor



Dear Church Family,

Since January, there has been a small team of leaders from both the Manassas Campus and the Haymarket Campus working behind the scenes to discern the best future for both campuses going forward. This team is called the Campus Partnership Team (CPT) and includes Abi Foerster, Brian Johnson, Pat Dodson, Josh Thom, Bill Bixby, Tim Grembowski, Don Rickerson, Kevin Wolf, Deb Crawford, Eric Luetkenhaus and Michelle Lebowitz. Also, supporting this work together have been several stakeholders at the District and Conference levels including Jeff Mickle (District Superintendent), Mark Ogren (Director of Congregational Excellence for the Annual Conference) and Jim Chandler (Church Planting Coach).

On April 30, Pastor Brian and Lay Leader, Josh Thom, shared with the congregation their sense of where God is calling the Haymarket Campus, including the untethering of Haymarket from the Manassas Campus. This is a critical decision for both campuses but is ultimately guided by the question, “Will each campus be more effective in reaching more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ if they are untethered?” In the past few months, through intense prayer and crucial conversations the CPT feels that the answer is a resounding “Yes!”

During the months of May and June both leadership teams submitted plans for what this untethering might look like to address timelines, financial support, staffing, etc. On July 10, the District Superintendent joined the work of the CPT as a facilitator and together we arrived at a 3 ½ year plan that all agreed upon. Below are the key highlights of this plan:

**Start-Date of Plan:** January 1, 2019

**Proposed Launch Date:** July 1, 2022

## Key Metrics and Financial Support:

- **Average Worship Attendance:**
  - Baseline average: 79, as of June 2019
  - July 2019- June 2020: from 80 to 85
  - July 2020-June 2021: from 85 to 100
  - July 2021-June 2022: from 100 to 120
- **Financial Support (Haymarket Campus Offerings):**
  - July 2019-June 2020: \$160,000
  - July 2020-June 2021: \$185,000
  - July 2021-June 2022: \$210,000
- **Financial Support (Manassas Campus Offerings):**
  - 2019: \$75,000
  - 2020: \$40,000
  - 2021: \$20,000
  - Jan-June 2022: \$5,000

The current members of the CPT all agreed to continue serving on the team until the Haymarket Campus launches successfully and to meet a minimum of twice a year for accountability and conversation. Furthermore, to align with the appointment process and the current terms of the office lease and/ or rental arrangements, the CPT would review viability at the earliest in December 2020 and then again in December 2021. It was felt that the Haymarket Campus needed the remainder of 2019 and all of 2020 to have time to settle into their new worship location and have time to put all portions of their internal growth plans into effect. The recent change in the worship site coupled with the move of their administrative offices and the construction detours in their new area are all being factored into the agreement that this transition will take a little time to see positive results.

It was also agreed that the financial support noted above from Manassas is an “up to” amount for each calendar

year. The amounts are the maximum amounts of financial support Haymarket can expect to receive from Manassas. Should Haymarket's financial giving exceed their goal by a significant amount, then the support from Manassas would decrease proportionally within that same period. In other words, the goal is for Haymarket's offerings to cover their expenses; by providing an "up to" amount, Manassas is serving as a safety net as the Haymarket Campus works towards independence. Last but not least, it was agreed upon that Haymarket will obtain their own bank account by January 1, 2020 and then identify a volunteer or paid bookkeeper/accountant to record and report on their finances to the Church Council as they work towards launching.

As you can see, a lot of work is reflected in this brief summary and clearly, launching a new community of faith is not for the faint of heart! However, the Manassas Campus has faithfully and sacrificially given financial and human resources since 2007 to help birth a new congregation in the Haymarket community. We can be proud of this support and the many lives that have come to know Christ because of our combined efforts at both campuses! If you have further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am truly excited to see what the future holds and trust that God's spirit is fervently working through us to accomplish his plan.

To God be the glory for the great things he has done!

*Pastor Abi*

## Rev. Ryan LaRock and Pastor Abi Are Switching Pulpits on August 4!

This summer, all the former associate pastors at Christ Church are returning for one week to share the most significant thing they've learned about being a Christian since their time on staff there! Abi will be preaching at Christ Church on Sunday, August 4 and Rev. Ryan LaRock will be coming to St. Thomas in her stead! Ryan will be preaching on Exodus 32:1-18, "A Taste of Grace in a Bitter World"



# News in the Nursery

By Kristi Swanson

We have expanded our team in the Nursery! Tenille Merideth joined us as a Nursery Teacher on July 7. Tenille grew up in the United Methodist Church and her grandmother was instrumental in forming a UMC congregation in Purcellville, VA where Tenille attended for many years. Tenille spent her high school career running a preschool for low income children with her classmates. She also attended art school. She is excited to join our church family. Please stop by and welcome her!

Tenille has hit the ground running with Megan Suprise and me, making sure the littlest members of our congregation always feel safe and loved. Our goal is for Nursery graduates to understand that God made them, God loves them and Jesus is their friend forever. We aim to help them build foundational knowledge of Biblical principles and the social skills necessary to be successful in Sunday School and as growing Christians. We will keep with the same curriculum and schedule and kids can still look forward to our fun special events.

Tenille, Megan and I will continue to gratefully depend on the assistance of volunteers to provide care for our church's children. If you would like to spend an hour in the Nursery with us each month or just assist occasionally, please contact me at [kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org](mailto:kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org). Notes of encouragement and suggestions are always welcome too. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

## Database Update

We need your help as we update our membership rolls. If you have adult children who were baptized, confirmed and/or joined with you here, they are generally full members of the church. However, their current addresses are not on file in the church records. If you are able to provide that information or can check with your child(ren) as to their wishes concerning continued membership at STUMC it would be of great help. You can leave the information at the church office or by email to [receptionist@stthomasumc.org](mailto:receptionist@stthomasumc.org).

# Haymarket Church Update - Rev. Brian Johnson

It is an exciting time at Haymarket Church, the Haymarket Campus of St. Thomas United Methodist Church.

In September, Haymarket Church entered into a season of what is called “breakthrough prayer.” At the time, our Leadership Team felt like we were stuck in neutral – like there were opportunities in front of us, but we just couldn’t grasp them, we just couldn’t see where God was calling us to go next. So, we decided to ask God to show us the way – to take us where we need to go, even if we couldn’t see the path there for ourselves. Since then, every Sunday in worship we have prayed the same breakthrough prayer. Many of us have been praying it daily as well – once in the morning and once at night – asking God to help us take our next steps. Here’s the prayer we’ve been praying:

***God, we lift Haymarket Church to you. Help us to reach new people with the power of your love. We ask that you would give our church the resources, including the financial resources, to take our next steps in faith. We pray that your Holy Spirit would come and breakthrough in these areas in a way that we have not been able. Please work through us to do what we cannot do alone. Change what we cannot change ourselves, including changing us. We pray your power and glory be at work here—without limits. In Jesus’ name, Amen.***

In the months since we began praying that prayer, it feels as if God has given us a new vision of what’s possible in ministry out here in Haymarket – and God has been opening all sorts of doors to help make that vision a reality.

In the past few months, so much has changed at Haymarket Church, and it feels like God is making this change happen. For one, we’ve moved our worship location. As of the end of June, we no longer worship at Gravely Elementary School. As of July 7, our new worship location is Haymarket Elementary School. There are a lot of reasons for this change – we have a great relationship with the faculty and administration at Haymarket Elementary, it’s in the middle of a new neighborhood (with lots of opportunities to reach new people), once a

new road is completed, this location means that it will be much easier to get to us on Sunday morning – but the primary reason for this move is that we believe God is



calling us to go to this new place, and we are excited to follow where God leads. As we prayed,

this new location kind of just fell into our laps. We believe that there is huge opportunity to do God’s work in new ways in this new worship location, and we’re excited to be part of it!

In addition, at the end of May we moved out of our office space at the Old Bank Building and moved into new office space on the second floor of the Haymarket Town Hall building. This move will save us more than \$3000 per month – a huge step for us – AND it will still give us a great facility to support our various ministries. Again, this opportunity kind of just fell into our laps, and we believe that it is God moving us forward towards where we are called to go next.

Beyond these recent changes, this summer is just full of a lot of excitement! We sent a youth mission team (17 teenagers, 7 adults) on a mission trip to Nashville. We are hosting 175 kids and about 50 volunteers for Vacation Bible School (VBS). About half of the kids involved in our VBS don’t have a home church – which means that this is a significant opportunity to reach families who are not otherwise experiencing the Good News of Jesus in a church setting. We are making new connections, building new relationships, reaching new people, and putting God’s love into action in awesome ways. We are really excited about the work God is doing in our community and through our church!

In addition to the exciting things happening this summer, Haymarket Church is entering into a season of transition. A few months ago, leaders from Haymarket Church (including me) came to a Tuesday Night worship service and gave a presentation on the dream that God has given

us – a dream for Haymarket Church to launch as an independent, self-sufficient, United Methodist Church – no longer dependent upon or tied to St. Thomas UMC. After that presentation, we heard a ton of positive response and encouragement from the people of the Manassas Campus of St. Thomas – and we are deeply thankful for your support. The people of St. Thomas have birthed something new in Haymarket, and we are reaching new people in that community in some really exciting ways. As we have listened to God during this season of prayer, we believe that launching as an independent United Methodist Church is our next faithful step. And we have heard back from the people of the Manassas Campus that you are excited about and supportive of that plan.

Since that presentation, leaders from Haymarket Church and from the Manassas Campus of St. Thomas have been meeting together in what we are calling the Campus Partnership Team. This team has been tasked with turning that dream – of Haymarket Church launching as an independent, self-sustaining, United Methodist Church, no longer a part of St. Thomas – into a reality. The members of that team are Pat Dodson, Don Rickerson, Bill Bixby, Deb Crawford, Abi Foerster, Michelle Lebowitz, Tim Grembowski, Josh Thom, Kevin Wolf, Eric Leutkenhaus, and Brian Johnson. In early July, that team sat down and crafted a three-year plan for launch. This plan includes various metrics (for measuring success and evaluating progress), goals and responsibilities for each campus, and a firm launch date of no later than July 1,

2022. (See details in Pastor Abi’s article) To some of you, that date may feel like it’s a long time from now. For others of you, that date may seem very soon. The reality is, it’s a goal that will force Haymarket Church to stretch further and push harder than we ever have before, while also allowing time for the growth that’s necessary in order to make this launch happen. For Haymarket Church to reach this goal, we will have to grow – spiritually, administratively, financially, in our worship attendance, and more. We believe that such growth is possible – God has surrounded us with all sorts of incredible opportunities – and this plan gives us time to take advantage of those opportunities and take our next steps forward.

We are excited about these next steps that God has put in front of us. We are thankful for where God has taken us – and for the support and encouragement we have received from the Manassas Campus of St. Thomas that is helping to launch us towards this goal. There is a lot of hard work ahead of us over the next few years, but there is also unimaginable possibility. God is doing something new and exciting at Haymarket Church. Thank you so much to all the people of St. Thomas who continue to support this project. We are seeing lives transformed, people come to know Jesus, and God’s love being put into action. Your support is helping to make that possible, and, together, God is using us to bring something new to life. Pray for us (we are praying for you!). We are looking forward to seeing where God takes us next!



Haymarket  
Roar VBS  
July 22-26



# SPARK Prayer Tour

By Bill Coppa

The SPARK team recently participated in a Prayer Tour to explore the community surrounding St. Thomas. We paid attention to the people, the homes they live in, and the environment in general. We travelled to four specific areas of Manassas that have concentrated members of four different demographic groups that most closely align with the demographics of our church. It was an interesting exercise - we were actually taking the time to physically explore the details of the environment surrounding those we serve or endeavor to serve. It was exciting to answer the question, "Who do we serve?" with firsthand data rather than educated guesses.

As we entered each neighborhood, we paid attention to who we saw, their ages, nationalities, the languages spoken and on signs. We looked at the homes, what kind of architecture was there, how close together they were to each other. We looked at the businesses in the area along with the schools and churches. We stopped in each neighborhood and prayed together. Along the way, the members of the SPARK team discussed the benefits and challenges that were faced in each neighborhood. We shared stories about our own experiences in these neighborhoods. Many of us have lived in at least one, if not all, of the areas. We examined the differences between the areas and discussed how those differences would change effective ministry.

During the tour, we shared a meal together and discussed how what we learned could be integrated into a plan for the church. We also visited one of the churches in the area, observed how it reached out to the community and contemplated similarities and differences with St. Thomas. The SPARK meetings and discussions have been very emotional and spiritual. I am thankful that Abi and Ron have encouraged us to experience actual realities like those witnessed during the Prayer Tour instead of hypothetical realities based on census data or assumptions. I have lived in Manassas for fifty years and this is the first time I have whole heartedly looked upon it with the attitude of a disciple.

# News from the Kitchen

Are you tired of waiting in line to get that 1 item for dinner? Is it almost 4:30 and you're wondering what to have for dinner? Starting August 27th we have you covered for 1 dinner a



week!! That's right.....Tuesday Night Dinners return!!

We will serve dinner from 5:30-6:15 and the price will be \$6.00 per person, \$20.00 for a family of 4 with each additional member of the family paying \$2.00.

If you are unable to stay for dinner you can place a "to go" order and we will have it ready for you to pick up between 5:30-6:15.

Each week you can help us know how many to prepare for by signing up on the connect card, calling the church office, or signing up online.

### Our menu for August 27 is:

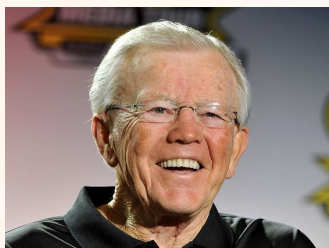
- Spaghetti Bar
- Caesar Salad
- 4 Way Mixed Veggies
- Bread Sticks
- Angel Cake & Fruit

Wasn't it fun to have a Christmas Dinner in July? Thanks for coming out on a hot evening!

See you for dinner on the 27th!



Frank & Janel, and the Kitchen Ministry Team



## Attention All MEN! Save the Date!

**Coach Joe Gibbs Game Plan for Life**  
Wednesday, October 2, 7 – 9 am  
On the Campus of Youth For Tomorrow  
Look for More Details in September!



You can't make a kid love God, have faith, or care about what matters... but there are things you can give them over time that make a difference in their lives. I wonder, do you believe that what we do for the children and youth in our lives matters? I believe wholeheartedly that what we do matters to God and it matters to the next generation. We should feel obligated, because we were all kids once. And, if we're part of the human race, then we are expected to take care of our young. But, sometimes, investing in our children and grand-children can make us feel like we're losing our marbles! This fall in worship we'll be exploring what every kid needs to not only thrive but to have a faith that lasts a lifetime. This series is not just for parents, grand-parents, and families but for all of us who are interested in the lives of the next generation and building a better future together.

In the only psalm that Moses wrote, he gave us this verse, "Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." (Psalm 90:12, NRSV) As you imagine counting our days, consider a jar full of marbles. Each marble represents one week. If you start with the day we are born, and put in one marble for the first eighteen years of our life, you end up with a jar full of 936 marbles (52 weeks for 18 years).

Were we to start with 936 marbles in a jar when a child is born, and then take one marble out each week of that child's life, we would end up with jar half empty at age 9, and completely gone at age 18. Each week, we would watch as the time passes by, the marbles disappear. Week by week, we are losing our marbles. We are losing the opportunity we have to influence the life of that child.

So, what is best for us to do, before we lose all our marbles? There are some things we may never be able to do. We may never be able to persuade a toddler to enjoy

Brussels sprouts. We may not be able to prevent a teenager from seeking independence. But there are some important things we are able to give our children (and one another of any age), to let them know why their life matters to God.

Reggie Joiner, founder of the "Think Orange" movement, has written a book called *Playing for Keeps, Losing Your Marbles* (Orange Publishing, 2013). He offers six specific gifts we can give children, over time, which make a significant impact on their lives. He says, (1) "It takes time, over time, to make a history worth repeating." (2) "Love, over time, is the one thing that matters most." (3) "Words, over time, can impact someone's direction in life." (4) "Stories, over time, move us to imagine a world beyond ourselves." (5) "Tribes, over time, show us how we belong." (6) "Fun, over time, makes a friendship go deeper."

Our fall sermon series will explore these six gifts, and how we can share these gifts with one another, as parents, as mentors, as friends, as Christians. Here is the schedule:

- Aug. 25, "Time Matters" (Psalm 90; Ephesians 5:15-20)
- Sept. 1, "Love Matters" (1 John 4:7-12), Communion
- **Sept. 8, "Words Matter" (Proverbs 15:1-4), Bring-a-Friend (BFF) Sunday**
- Sept. 15, "Stories Matter" (Deuteronomy 26:1-11)
- Sept. 22, "Tribes Matter" (Acts 2:42-47)
- Sept. 29, "Fun Matters" (Luke 15:11-32)



### Bring Friends & Family (BFF) Sunday Sept. 8, 2019

Everyone is encouraged to bring friends & family with them to worship on Sunday, September 8! Following the 9:40 AM worship service (beginning around 11 AM) we'll be having a cookout on the front lawn, with a moon bounce and other fun activities. A Ministry Fair will be hosted in the Narthex throughout the morning to help folks learn more about the many ministry opportunities to grow and serve this Fall.

# Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors - OWLS

**PLAN B (again)** -- With a little quick thinking, the OWLS changed plans for their May trip to Tangier Island because the boat was sold out for the original date! So, the trip was rescheduled to May 24 instead. We couldn't have asked for a better day as 13 of us departed from St. Thomas at 6:15 AM. We traveled the scenic route, which everyone agreed was a delightful country ride and still arrived with time to spare. Once aboard, we had the option of riding inside, on the top deck, on the bow of the boat, or just walking around, enjoying all three. After a pleasant 2 hour ride to the island, we disembarked to explore the island. Some started with touring

the island via golf carts, some opted first for lunch while others took a walking tour. Most of us did all three at some point. Most of us visited the Tangier Island Museum, passing the United Methodist Church where our JNS choir stayed and sang several years ago while on their annual tour. At 2:00 PM we headed back to the boat for the return adventure. It was best amusement park ride ever! Some of us even got wet when the spray kicked up by the boat bounced on the waves. We finally got back to dry land and started the trip home, stopping in Fredericksburg for dinner before heading back to Manassas. Even though it was a very long day, everyone had a wonderful time visiting quaint Tangier Island.



**The OWLS stayed local for June**, experiencing fine dining at Tortino Mare, an exclusive Italian restaurant in Manassas Park. Sixteen OWLS met at the restaurant to be served and dine in elegance in a private room decorated with beautiful Italian murals. Everyone agreed that the cuisine was delicious and the fellowship around the table was enjoyed by all.

For July, the OWLS were once again, staying local. More on this outing will be in the September newsletter.

Upcoming events include traveling to Nancy Buchanan's beach house on Friday, August 16. We'll meet at the church at 9:15 AM and leave promptly at 9:30. This promises to be a very enjoyable and relaxing day, overlooking the Potomac

River. We will be eating lunch at Nancy's, provided by US. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. This can be a meat dish, veggie dish, appetizer or dessert. Paper products and drinks will be provided. After a fun day on the river, we will return to church no later than 4 PM. We'll take the church van but, depending on numbers, we may need additional drivers. RSVP to Marian Ludlow (703-361-4390) or Lynn Furlong (703-499-0243) by August 12. Let us know if you will be riding in the church van or able to take others, if needed, and how many.

On September 20 we will go to Front Royal to the home of former St. Thomas UMC member, Pete and Kay Polen. Again, this will be a potluck with everyone providing a dish to share. Details for this trip are very similar to the trip to Nancy's. Specific info will be in the September newsletter.





## Tangier Island Adventure

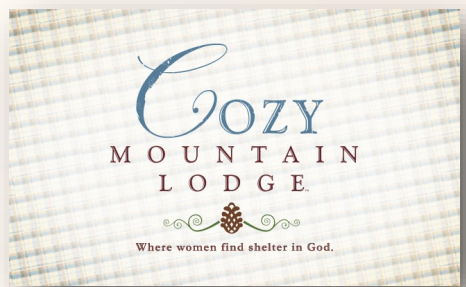


## Lunch at Tortino Mare



# United Methodist Women

Come and enjoy our one day Cozy Mountain Retreat. Make new friends, have good conversations, and learn about Ruth and yourself. For women ages high school and up. September 14, 2019, 9 am – 4 pm., Lunch included. Cost: \$40.



**SAVE THE DATE: April 25, 2020:** Trip to Sight and Sound to see "Queen Esther". This bus trip is open to everyone. Tickets will go on sale in December and will include the bus, show ticket, and lunch.

**WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS** will be soon be available to purchase for \$22 each. This ornament symbolizes President Eisenhower's commitment to innovation. He was the first president to fly in a helicopter while in office in July 1957. Since 1957, Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company, has built the Presidential helicopter.



If you have any questions about the UMW, please contact us at [Chair.STUMW@gmail.com](mailto:Chair.STUMW@gmail.com)

# Student Ministry



**THE PACK AM: SUNDAYS AT 9:40 AM in Room 305**  
Students 6th-12th grade are invited to join us as we journey together through "The Gospel Project," God's redemptive story for mankind.

## UPCOMING PACK MEETINGS



**August 9:** Potomac Nationals Game (purchase tickets on Sunday mornings)

**August 20:** Pool Party @ Thornton Crib, 6pm-7:30pm



We had a great time playing Laser Tag after VBS in July! All teens 6th-12th grade are always welcome to participate.

## Vacation Bible School: A Big Success!

We had a great week at Roar VBS where we learned that life is wild, but God is good! 168 kids learned about God's goodness through different stations including music, crafts, sports, Bible adventures, and even themed snacks! 86 volunteers came together to make the week happen. The kids supported two mission projects by bringing in 398 pounds of food for our Food Pantry and collecting \$774 to support the El Salvador mission trip in November.

VBS is a chance for the entire church to come together to share their gifts in so many different ways. It gets kids and our church family excited about faith and is an important part of our spiritual journeys. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry through your time, talents, and gifts. We could not do what we do to build up God's Kingdom without you!





**Memory Verse:**  
 "Your teachings  
 are worth more to  
 me than thousands  
 of pieces of gold  
 and silver."  
 PSALM 119:72, NCV

**Bottom Line:**  
 The Bible  
 is better  
 than gold.

**PRESCHOOL-Treasure Hunt:** Mining for gold has been around ever since humans discovered that first glittering speck of rock. But, there's something that is even better than gold. It's the Bible! The Bible is better than gold! It teaches us that God loves us all the time. It teaches us that God loves us so much He gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. It teaches us how to live our best life. And, it teaches us how to share our stuff.

The teachings in the Bible are worth more to us-are more valuable in this life-than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. At the end of the day, learning how God, our Creator, wants us to live is worth way more than anything money can buy. So grab a Bible, and get ready. We're going on a treasure hunt! We want to begin to uncover some nuggets of truth and set our preschoolers on a lifelong search for treasure-the kind of treasure that is better than gold.



**ELEMENTARY-Mission Control:** God is the creator of the world. He's in charge of everything. We show that we trust God by obeying Him and His plan for our life. Jesus showed the ultimate act of obedience when He chose to obey His Father's plan to die for our sins. Come learn with us more about what it means to live obediently!

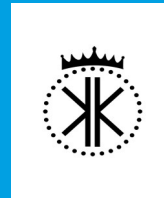
**Bottom Line:** Obedience-Trusting who's in charge by doing what you're asked to do.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." 2 John 6, NIV

# King's Kids

*Our ministry with children seeks to share the faith with the next generation of children from birth through 5th grade. The primary ministry occurs on Sunday mornings. Check it out...*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT STUMC:



**Nursery, 0-2 years old:**

Provided during all three worship services from 8:00 am—12:15 pm.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40 am



**Preschool Kids, Room 107**



**Elementary Kids, Worship Center**

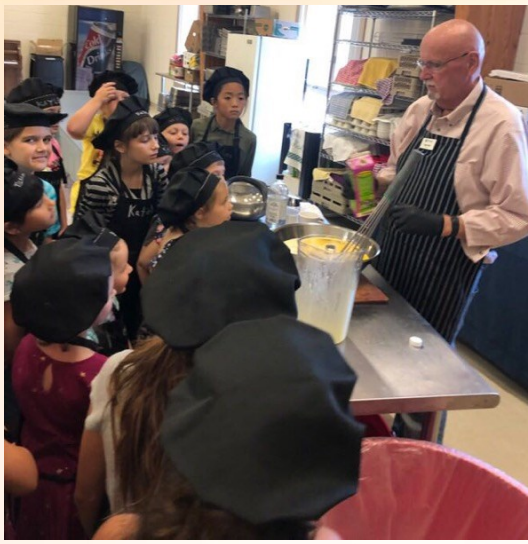
## KIDS CHURCH @ 11:00 am



**3 years old-2nd Grade**

Following the Children's Message in the Sanctuary, kids are escorted to the Nursery for age appropriate worship through music, a Bible story, and play. During the school year, the Kids Church Choir also learn favorite songs that are then sung for the congregation every 4 to 6 weeks in worship.

## Fun Times at Summer Camp & VBS!



**St. Thomas**  
United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor, Rev. Abi Foerster

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### Newsletter Deadline:

15th of the month

Please email all articles to both:

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[receptionist@stthomasumc.org](mailto:receptionist@stthomasumc.org)

## August Church Events

- Aug 4 DC Homeless Mission
- Aug 9 Potomac Nationals 7:05 pm
- Aug 11 Lunch Meetup - C.J. Finz
- Aug 16 OWLS Trip to Buchanan's
- Aug 25 Lunch Meetup - City Tavern
- Aug 27 Tuesday Night Dinner 5:30 pm  
Tuesday Night Worship 6:30 pm
- Aug 29 Preschool Orientation, 9:30 am
- Aug 31 Dinner & The Lego Movie, 6:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August Birthdays</b>				1 Loretta Travis Elanor Doczi Sarah Hammack	2	3
4	5 Chris Fick Bill Goldfarb John Hunter Ryan Tacik	6 Melissa Mootz Jessica Thornton Katina Stone	7 Mike Hammond Margarete Hinkle Brian Hammack	8	9	10 Virginia Wald
11 Jane Priest Judy Golladay	12 Megan Gay	13	14	15 Joyce Wolfe Sharon Becker Abigail Palian	16 Kara Crawford	17 Stephen Verosko
18 Gordon Haines Ashley Adams Lauren Young Judy Gallahan	19	20	21	22 Lisa Burke Mildred Stokes Mica Lyle Milan Steen	23	24
25 Carly Swanson Doug White	26 Matthew Renfro Joe Steen	27	28 Haiden Boyd	29 Cheryl Rosko	30 Vicki Schoch Brittany Parowski	31 Sandy Seagle Lynn Furlong

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<b>August Event Calendar</b>						
				1	2 7:00pm Media Circle	3
4 5:00pm DC Homeless Mission	5 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	6 1:00pm Legacy Giving Committee 7:15pm Trustees, Congregational Care Team	7 6:00pm Alzheimer's Networking Group	8	9 7:00pm Potomac Nationals Game – Choirs Sing, Bring your Pets	10 8:00am UMW District Mission Committee
11 12:30pm Lunch Meetup at C.J. Finz with Dom & Sam B.	12 6:30pm UMW Exec. Board Mtg. 7:00pm Life After Miscarriage Group	13 7:15pm Outreach, Communications, Finance, Children & Youth Team	14	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	16 9:00am OWLS Trip to Nancy Buchanan's	17 8:00am USDA Food Program 11:00am Memory Cafe
18	19 7:00pm Worship Committee	20 4:00pm Worship Arts Team 7:15pm SPRC, Adult Discipleship	21	22	23	24
25 12:30pm Lunch Meetup at City Tavern with Caleb & Jacque	26	27 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Church Council, START Mtg, SCC Board	28 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28	30	31 6:30pm Dinner Sundown The Lego Movie
<b>Weekly Schedule (subject to change due to holidays or other events – check with your coordinator)</b>						
	7:30pm St Thom Cats	7:15pm Praise Band 8:00pm AA Meeting	10:00am Quilts for Kids	9:30am UMW Bazaar Crafters 8:00pm AA Meeting		8:00am Ladies Emmaus Group 8:00am Men's Breakfast Group 9:00am Food Pantry