

Triumph Newsletter

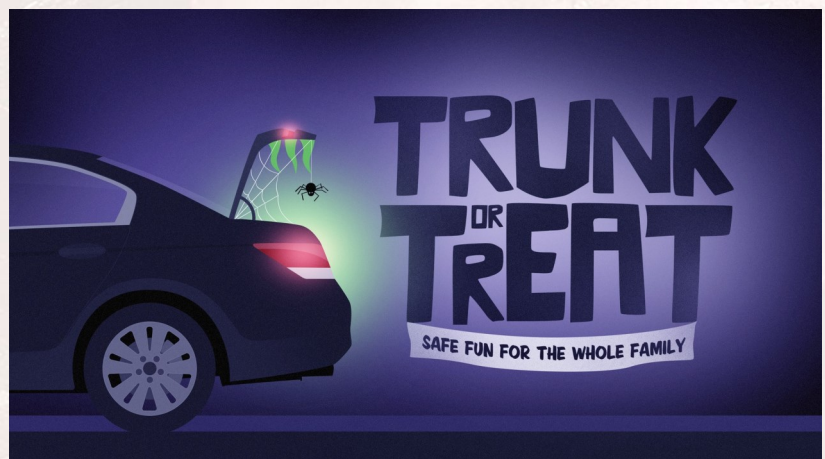
OCTOBER 2021

Come Join Us for Fall Events & Invite Your Friends and Neighbors!

We've prepared two fun Fall events this month for all families to enjoy safely in an outdoor setting!

The first event is a Car Show & Sock Hop on Saturday, October 9 from 1 – 5 PM (no rain date). We are partnering with Kena Shriners Car Club this year, as they hold their 28th Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show in our church parking lot. The Manassas City Police will bring police cars, too. To add more fun, we will host an outdoor Sock Hop with live music and dancing! So break out your leather jacket, poodle skirt and saddle shoes, and join us! Burgers & Fries and Ice Cream are available for purchase. If you can help with set up, parking assistance, clean up, or the welcome desk for an hour or two, please contact Merv Lyle at merv6150@gmail.com.

The second event is Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, October 26 from 6 – 8 PM (Rain date: Thursday, October 28). Trunk or Treat is an incredible



outreach opportunity, but it takes a team of volunteers to make it happen. If you are available October 26, there are many opportunities to help. We need volunteers to hand out hot dogs with Frank and Janel, greet attendees, manage parking, and refill candy. Most of all we need your trunk! We typically have 20-30 cars hosting "trunks" to make the event a success - decorating and costumes add to the fun. This year's theme is "Make Your Mark." The Children's Council will be dressed as colorful art supplies! We invite you to join in our theme, or create something entirely unique for your family and your trunk. If you aren't able to support this event on the day-of, please consider donating candy to the bins in the narthex (nut-free if possible). Bins will be available from September 26 to October 24. We are excited about what God continues to do through this event! We hope you will help us provide this free gift to our community. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2XD3TT> Contact Kristi Swanson at kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org with any questions.



Note: on Oct 26

** There will be NO rehearsals for the Children's Choir & JNS.*

** Tuesday Night Dinner will be offered with the curbside pick-up service ONLY between 5 and 5:30 PM (30 minutes earlier than usual), without the dine-in service.*

UMW Fall Pizza and Ice Cream Party, Oct 16, 1 pm (rain date Oct 23)

Since we aren't having an in-person bazaar, we have decided to have a party to celebrate 47 years of bazaars! We will meet in the parking lot to the left of the flagpole for an in-person, outdoor event. Please bring your own chair and beverage. We will provide pizza and ice cream. RSVP required to Chair.STUMW@gmail.com by Oct 13th. Cost: \$5 per person.

Mission **2021** Xtravaganza

Return your completed projects by
Sunday, October 31
to Room 309



OWLS

Older, Wiser, Lively Seniors

Next outing

Lunch at Bella Vita Italian Restaurant

Fri, Oct 22, 1 pm

RSVP to Lynn Furlong lkfurl@aol.com by Oct 20

47th Annual UMW Bazaar: Online Oct 17 - Nov 1

Our Bazaar will be online again this year. We will have Fall and Christmas items for sale in October and will have Christmas items available again in early December.

To see the items available (beginning October 17), go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/SRZkkLU7vdBy3PDJ6>

Click on the photos to enlarge and read the information. To place an order, email item number from photo to Chair.STUMW@gmail.com. We will respond with a pickup receipt. Curbside pickup will be from 5-6 pm on Tuesday, Nov 2nd by the carport at the Parsonage House. Please have exact change for cash payments or make checks out to **STUMW**. We will bring your order to your car.

Peanut Brittle

Peanut brittle is back! One pound bags cost \$8. They can be ordered via the October or December bazaars. Pickup will be curbside at the same location, date, and time as the Bazaar pickups.



White House Ornaments

The White House Ornaments have arrived and are available for sale! They are \$23 each and can be ordered through the Bazaar or picked up through the church office during the week. Please have exact change for cash payments or make checks out to **STUMW**. This year's ornament features a painting of the 1967 Blue Room Christmas Tree that was used by President and Mrs. Johnson for their Christmas card.

Apple Pies

Apple Pies are still available to order. As always, we freeze the pies as soon as we make them on Thursday afternoons, so transport is easy and they will keep until the holidays (and beyond!). Check the Events Page on the Church website to order your pies. Last year we sold out, so don't miss the chance to order your pies!



RADA Cutlery Sales



With pumpkin-spice-everything and the lure of orchard visits and apple picking just around the corner, we've got what you need this fall, from Pie Servers & Paring Knives to Vegetable Peelers & Cutting Boards!

Go to <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4803461.2b654e> to access the UMW account. Alternatively, you can access the account at Radacutlery.com/fundraising. Scroll to the very bottom of the page and select "Support a Fundraiser". Then enter "St. Thomas" and the "20110" zip code. Click on "St. Thomas UMW Women" to enter our order area. Either way will ensure that the STUMW receives credit for your purchase. There will also be a limited number of RADA items available to purchase through October's online bazaar.

All proceeds go to missions.

We are blessed to be a blessing. Gen 12

From the Bishop



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September 23, 2021

District Initiative

Beginning October 1, each of the eight District Superintendents will convene a workgroup from their districts to integrate the two districts into one. This planning will be a collaborative effort of the Cabinet and District Leadership. It will be anchored in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, as we equip disciples who are life-long learners who influence others to serve. By centering this critical work at the district level, it will engage people who are experts on the geography, ministries, and missional needs of their communities.

The authority to set the number of districts rests with the Annual Conference, while the authority to set district boundaries rests with the Bishop. The Bishop recognizes and appreciates the collective wisdom of the laity, clergy, and the Cabinet, and is excited to see what God will do with this Spirit-led work. We anticipate that the fruit of this work will be formally presented at Annual Conference in June 2022, so the members of Annual Conference may vote on the number of districts along with any Conference Rules changes that may become necessary with the new district configuration. By forming teams and developing these plans immediately, we can begin receiving broader input across our districts sooner.

The eight District Superintendents are already finding fruitful ways to collaborate across their two districts, using connection and community to share the Good News of Christ in real and tangible ways. The current “cross-pollination” builds on models of successful shared ministry throughout the conference, including the Northern Virginia Bi-District, and the 1 DS-2 District model piloted in the Danville and Farmville Districts from 2019 to 2021. Blending sixteen districts into eight requires building structural support and missional opportunities that foster increased community presence. It also requires resourcing for clergy and laity and creating fruitful synergy and efficiencies.

We are excited to begin this important work and know that God will bless our work as committed disciples of Jesus serving together in the Virginia Conference. We ask that you cover this work in prayer, asking for the creativity, wisdom, and discernment of the Holy Spirit to guide all that we do.

Stay tuned for updates as we journey on together!

Serving with you in Christ,

Bishop Lewis and Appointive Cabinet

News from the Kitchen

Thanks to everyone for your patience as we work through our new sign ups for Tuesday Night Dinners. We hope you will now find the online sign up easier to use. If you have any difficulty please call the church office at 703-368-5161. This month we will have 1 change to our schedule: October 26 there will be NO dine in, only curbside pickup and that time will be 5:00pm-5:30pm. This is so we can assist with Trunks or Treat.

Our menus for October are:

Cookie of the Month: Sugar Raspberry

October 5

Caesar Salad

Baked Stuffed Peppers

Buttered Carrots

Hush Puppies

Dessert: Lemon Bars

Kid's Menu Entrée: Grilled Cheese/Hush Puppies

October 12

Fundraiser Meal for the START Team

Baked Meatloaf

Mashed Potato/Gravy

Whole Kernel Corn

Fresh Bread

Dessert: Chocolate PB Cream Pie

Kid's Menu Entrée: Cheeseburger/Fries

October 19

Garden Salad

Cheese Tortellini Alfredo w/ Shrimp

Broccoli

Bread Stick

Dessert: Cannoli

Kid's Menu Entrée: Cheese Tortellini

October 26 (Curbside ONLY 5:00pm-5:30pm)

BBQ Pulled Pork/Rolls

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Dessert: Apple Cake

Kid's Menu Entrée: Chicken Nuggets

If you know of someone who is in need of a meal, please call the church office at 703-368-5161 or Janel Weed at 703-507-9075. We would be delighted to fix a meal or two to help out.

Endowment Giving

Barry Barger, Permanent Endowment Committee Chair

We come to the last of the four recognized categories of the Permanent Endowment Funds. This is the **General Endowment Fund** which supports special needs and ministries that are determined by the church leadership. While the **General Endowment Fund** principal is protected and restricted for use within this designated fund, it is unique in that the income from the fund derived from appreciation, interest and dividends is **unrestricted**. Therefore, the church leadership has the flexibility to direct the fund's income to do God's work as the leadership feels called.

In trying to find an analogy to help to understand this concept, I could not help but think of my dad, John. Dad felt called to donate blood. Even as a youngster, I knew that he donated blood as often as he could and had certificates to show that he had donated gallons. What I didn't know then was that his blood type was O Negative; the universal type that could be given to anyone regardless of their blood type. This came to light one evening when a call came from the hospital asking him to come and give blood. The blood bank was low on blood and there had been an accident with many injured and needing transfusions. Since not all the injured had arrived at the hospital and blood types were unknown, they were asking all type O Negatives on their registry to come immediately to hopefully save lives and also replenish the blood reserves.

As I reflect on this, I think of these wonderful unassuming people who were willing to give of themselves that lifesaving gift of their blood, totally trusting in God and others to use it wisely as He intended and directed.

In flexibility, there is strength. We hope that you will feel led to contribute to the **General Endowment Fund**. Please contact me should you have any questions or need help in any way. Your faith in God will always lift you up and give you strength.

Blessings

Student Ministry

By Pastor Arum

The PACK had a really good start! As of today, 22 students have registered for The PACK. The PACK is gathering for The PACK AM (Sunday School) at 10 – 10:50 AM, and the students are participating both in-person and via Zoom. The PACK Night (Sunday gathering) is taking place at 6 – 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary at the new Youth Center (formerly, Old/Original Church Building) or in the picnic area / the church parking lot if weather permits.

On our Kick-Off Day on August 29, total of 30 people (14 students and their family members and adult youth leaders) gathered for the Family Game Night. The winners were Nick Kinnear (1st), Riley Miller (2nd), and Milan Steen and Laney Schoch (3rd). They got a medal and gift card!



In September, we started a new monthly schedule for The PACK Night. We had our very first (in a long time) Youth Worship on our Worship Day on September 5, along with welcoming of the 6th graders and celebrating of the September Birthdays.



The second Sunday of the month was our Fun Day. It was a perfect weather to have water games! All got wet in the end, as I planned. ;)



The third Sunday of the month was our Small Groups Day. This month the middle school students and the high school students formed small groups separately to talk about school and life and faith.



The fourth Sunday of the month was our Mission Day. The PACK participated in the two projects from our church's Mission Extravaganza: making 20 Chemo Kits and painting 40 rocks!



We will continue this new monthly schedule for the rest of the school year. Each month has different theme, games and mission projects. Please keep our students in your prayers, so that they may stay healthy and safe, make lots of good memories, and most of all, grow in faith.

If you haven't registered your student (6th – 12th grade), please do it right now by visiting here: <https://forms.gle/y52JEx1EkW1Xpby89> or by taking this QR



code with your cell phone photo app. It directs you to an online registration form. If you have any questions about The PACK (Student Ministry), please feel free to contact Pastor

Arum (arum.kim@stthomasumc.org)

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

Sunday School is off to a successful start! We have had many friends join us via Zoom and also a few in person. We are working with the GrowKids Curriculum this year and it has been a lot of fun so far. You can read more about it at growcurriculum.org. We have learned, crafted, sang and played. There is plenty more fun to come! Special thanks to Judy Fake, Danielle Harcup, and Bruce Urani who have already made an impact as Sunday School volunteers.



Sunday School teachers are very special in a child's life. Most of us remember a church leader who helped us understand what it means to be a Christian. My goal is for each of our children to validate their faith at St. Thomas. Our members are the presence that will lead them. It can be difficult to set aside an additional hour on Sunday mornings. For our children, observing a community of people willing to make Sunday School a priority is priceless.

We are looking for faithful volunteers to set aside one hour a month to build on these relationships with our church's kids. Volunteers need only bring a kind and willing set of eyes and hands. Lessons are pre-planned and delivered by the Children's Ministry Director. Your service helps the children understand that they are loved by God, loved by their church community, and that serving others is an important part of being Christian.

If you would like to have the opportunity to help our children grow in their faith, sign-up links are available on the Children's Ministry page of the STUMC website. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. We would love to have you!

Sunday School takes place every Sunday from 10:00-10:50 a.m.

By Kristi Swanson

Fall Fest - October 31

Ages 3 years-5th grade are invited to join us on the playground during Sunday School on October 31. We will enjoy forehead face-painting, balloons, pumpkin crafts and other activities. All kids can feel free to wear their favorite child-friendly costume! Mask required.

Kids Care 2

The tweens program, Kids Care 2, has kicked-off with a pet-themed event where we met therapy dogs, learned about animal shelters and packed care packages for shelter pets in our community. The shelter was so excited to receive our supplies!



Our next meeting is October 8th, 6:30-8:00 via Zoom. We will make postcards and friendship bracelets for residents of Lakeridge Fellowship House.

NURSERY

The nursery is under new management, featuring someone most of us already know -- Gasna Thomas! Gasna will be managing the nursery with support from Sarah Brun and Bruce Urani. Our babies are in good hands, and will learn a lot this year!

Welcome our new sister in Christ, Margot Josephine Enke!

Margot was baptized during our contemporary worship service on September 5. She is the daughter of Erik and Juli Enke, the granddaughter of Dave and Cindy Enke, and the great-granddaughter of Lee Enke.



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Newsletter Deadline:

15th of the month

Please email all articles to both:
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Upcoming Events

- **Oct 8** Kids Care 2 via Zoom
- **Oct 9** Car Show / Sock Hop - 1pm to 5pm
- **Oct 12** START Fundraiser Tuesday Night Dinner
- **Oct 16** UMW Pizza & Ice Cream - 1pm
- **Oct 17** UMW Virtual Bazaar - through Nov 1
- **Oct 26** Trunk or Treat - 6pm to 8pm
- **Oct 31** Mission Extravaganza Projects Due
- **Oct 31** Fall Fest - Children's Sunday School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Kelly Evans Bernadine White	4	5 Larry Burch	6 Valyn Johnston Amy Thornton Barry Barger	7 Christopher Adams Stephen Gardner	8 Preston Davis	9 Landon Young
10 Kayla Lyle	11	12 Lindsey Mouser	13 Harmon Davis	14	15 Gary Crawford Jim Sexton	16 Greg Austin Sabrina Schoch Lora Ometz
17 Katie Palian	18 Regan Lowry Barbara Coleman Sim Stidham	19 Mark Mouser Matthew Santee	20 Carol Cole Bruce Wilson	21	22 Kimberly Fick Ryan Fick Emily Guice Daniel Deem	23 Nicholas Thompson
24 Mike Travis Colleen Sexton	25	26 Pat Brown Sharona Concha	27 Laura Deem	28 John Gorgas Bob McCurry	29 Gene Close	30
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