



ST. THOMAS CHURCH, MCLEAN — REACHING OUT TO INCLUDE ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST'S LOVE!

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

As the state of Virginia begins to open back up again (and because of the work I am doing with the Diocese of Virginia on Phased Re-Gathering), I've been thinking a lot about what our worship will look like when we eventually Re-Gather for worship at St. Thomas. We aren't ready to move in that direction quite yet. One of the metrics the Diocese of Virginia will require is that we have 14 consecutive days of decline in new cases before we are able to petition to Re-Gather. But the time to start thinking about how we Re-Gather is now.

Therefore, on Sunday June 14th, we will forgo our weekly Zoom coffee hour to have a conversation about your thoughts on Re-Gathering. We'll use the break-out rooms, as we would for Coffee Hour, with a Vestry person or staff member in each room to guide the conversation.

We are also in the process of designing a parish survey to get a sense about where we all are around Re-Gathering. We want to hear from you. To inform this conversation, let me share some thoughts.

I want to begin with what grounds any discussion about Re-Gathering and who we are as a community of Christians. Love. When Jesus was asked about the most important commandment, he responded that we are to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This command to love must inform all that we do as a Christian community. Our sense of identity and purpose are based on this call to love. I would add that St. Thomas has a further value, the value of connection. Folks at St. Thomas love to be together. Whether it's worshipping in Zoom Church, sharing food, talking together, or serving those in need in our neighborhood and around the world, we value our connections.

The Vestry and I are trying to discern what this love looks like as we think about Re-Gathering. First (and of the utmost importance) is how do we love and care for one another? But there are other related questions: How do we love those who haven't felt drawn to Zoom Church and long to be back in the sanctuary? How do we love those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 and for whom worship in the sanctuary will be dangerous and unsafe? How do we continue to be the body of Christ when we Re-Gather given the necessary restrictions brought about by COVID-19?

I don't yet know all the guidelines that Phase II of our Diocesan Re-gathering Plan will require of us. And, no decisions have been made yet about worship at St. Thomas. But as the Vestry and I enter into this time of discernment, we want to hear from you.

We do have a general sense of what will be required by the Diocese of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. And I've done much reading about what other churches and dioceses have learned in their own reopening.

Worship sizes will be very limited. I met with Chuck Grimes and Ray Raymond (safely socially distant) on Monday June 1 to measure the sanctuary. We will need to keep individuals 6' apart in all directions (with the exception of those quarantining together). Given that, our sanctuary can hold 28 people for any one worship service. We'll have to have people sign up in advance to attend worship at church, and ushers will direct each person where to sit to keep people socially distant. We'll actually limit sign ups to 25 people per service so that there's room for visitors. This will necessitate spreading ourselves across our three services (5pm, 8am, 10am). We will continue to worship via Zoom Church, as well, for those unable to come for any reason.

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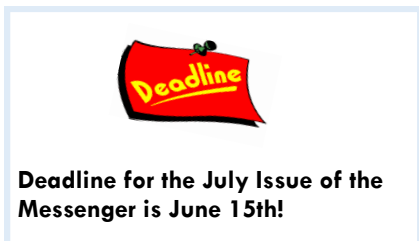
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 Gail & Jim Galloway, 6/30

NOTE: Please let the Office know if your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list.

We won't be singing. There's much evidence that singing spreads the coronavirus more than just talking. There are many articles about this heartbreaking reality. [Here's](#) a helpful one that contains links to other stories. The CDC has made a strong recommendation that churches refrain from singing and playing woodwind and brass instruments at this time.

Masks will be mandatory. Governor Northam has made masks mandatory in all public buildings in VA. Masks protect others in case we are asymptomatic carriers of the disease. They will be required for all church events, including worship, in the Diocese of Virginia. We've already had masks donated so that anyone who comes to church without a mask will be given a re-useable fabric mask they can keep.

Bishop Goff has already stated that communion won't be possible in the first phase of Re-Gathering. Sadly, it makes sense. It's impossible to distribute communion while we are at least 6' apart from one another. It's impossible to transfer a piece of bread from one person to another in a way that's hygienic. That might sound strange, but Anne and I would have to stop and change gloves, wash our hands, or use hand sanitizer between each person who received communion! Plus, it's impossible to consume communion while wearing a mask.

We won't be able to use anything that's re-useable – like prayer books and hymnals. And we won't pass the offering plate (or anything else) from person to person.

We'll need to have separate entrances and exits, assigned seating, and orderly entrance into and exit from wherever we worship. All these things will be required to keep us 6' apart from one another. That 6' rule has implications for passing the peace, as well.

Sharing food has been shown to be a disease spreader, as has prolonged conversation (more than five minutes) indoors. So, we won't be able to have coffee hour or fellowship time.

One of the questions that the Vestry and I have begun to wrestle with is: Should we Re-Gather in this next phase? Or, as one person I spoke to said, "If we can't sing, can't have communion, can't hug our friends, and can't go to coffee hour, I'd rather continue to worship at Zoom Church." Each week +/- 75 of us are gathering for Zoom Church. At the same time, seeing who's not at Zoom Church suggests that Zoom Church isn't working for some of us.

What do you think? The Vestry and I value your opinions on this subject. Please reach out for a conversation with any one of us. If you don't want to use Zoom, you can call or email. Or you can stop by and have tea with me or another member of the staff during one of our weekly Zoom chats. You can find links on page 10 of the Messenger. Complete the parish survey when it comes into your mailbox.

And, don't forget that on Sunday June 14, we'll forgo our weekly Zoom coffee hour to have a conversation about Re-Gathering. We want your input as we discern how best to move forward in love as we approach this next phase of Re-gathering in Northern VA.

I'm grateful every day that we are walking this path together.

With love and blessings,



Fran

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Our diocese is at last about to think about re-opening our church buildings. (Of course, the church itself, which is the gathered people, not the buildings, has never been closed.). Fran and our vestry will communicate more about how and when public worship at Saint Thomas might resume.

My own concern is how this affects pastoral care. This community is very good at caring for one another in general, and this time of distancing is no exception. But coming back together raises new issues. Some of us are more vulnerable than others—those who are elderly, those who are immunocompromised. What does it mean for some to worship when others can't? How do we include one another in a way that feels like we are truly one body, not an assembly of the young and healthy?

The English bishop N.T. Wright wrote a useful article in *Time* magazine, talking about what it means to have church buildings open or closed. He noted that there is a presumption that worship is an act of individual piety: “By saying that we will temporarily abolish corporate worship and join with others only on live-streamed services from the vicar’s living room, we may seem to be agreeing that really we are just a group of like-minded individuals pursuing our rather arcane private hobby.” But he argues that it might be more helpful to think of ourselves as a people in exile—a Christian diaspora.

When we open our building again, the homecoming will not be complete. Some of us will still be exiled. And so I am thinking about ways to remember them—to reach out to them to remind them that we who are on Brook Road are not complete until they are with us.

I invite you to think about this question, too. I want to hear your ideas, and I look forward to imagining what we can do together.

Blessings,

Anne

MEET OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN

Greetings! My name is Natalie Regan, and I am glad to join St. Thomas this summer as a seminarian. During my time here, I hope to engage with as many of you as possible to learn from and serve you. I hail from San Diego, CA, and have spent the last twenty years living in the DC metro area. I currently live in West Springfield with my husband, Jeff; my daughter, Brigid (6); and our cats Nebula and Andromeda. I love being in nature, journaling, reading, the arts, and a good chat. Over the last fifteen years, I have served as a hospital chaplain, retreat director, adult faith formator, and campus minister. I am steeped in Ignatian and Benedictine spiritualities and love to lead others in prayer. I am excited to get to know you!

Please join my weekly “Chat with Nat” hour on Thursdays from 11:30 – 12:30pm, or feel free to reach out via email natalie.regan@stthomasmcleanva.org or cell phone, 202-617-9633.

Thursdays at 11:30 - Chat with Nat

<https://zoom.us/j/673544748>

Meeting ID: 673 544 748

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Genesis 1 to 12: A Map for Exiles Study

Continues through June & July

A priest wrote what we know as Genesis 1 to 11 on the banks of the Euphrates River in ancient Babylon. He wrote it for his people whose lives had been turned upside down. Jerusalem had been burned to the ground. The temple, the symbol of God's presence with them, had been destroyed. Thousands had been killed. Thousands more were deported to live as slaves in Babylon. This priest was giving the exiles a map, he was providing those exiles direction in this strange, foreign place.

It feels a bit like we are exiles now. Staying at home. Not able to gather as a community. Many of us are afraid of what the future will hold. This ancient map for exiles has some things to say to us in our current situation.

We exiles will meet six times every other week on Zoom. Our morning class continues to meet on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30. Evening class will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30. Choose the time that works best for you. Move back and forth between the times as needed. On the off weeks, I will email you a resource for our upcoming discussion. If you'd like to join us, send me your email so I can send you our resources. Davidsmith927@gmail.com

We'd love to have you join us!

The Rev. Dr. David Smith

GENESIS A MAP FOR EXILES: BOTH GROUPS

BOTH GROUPS WILL USE THE SAME ID

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Genesis: A Map for Exiles Bible Study

Time: WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM: JUNE 10, JUNE 24, JULY 8, JULY 22

THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM: JUNE 11, JUNE 25, JULY 9, JULY 23

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508448052>

Meeting ID: 895 0844 8052

Call In: 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 895 0844 8052

THEOLOGY BOOK CLUB

At the conclusion of our God and Harry Potter class, the group decided that it would like to keep reading together. So, in June, we'll meet on June 16 to discuss *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok from a theological perspective. If you couldn't join us for Harry Potter, fear not. We'll help you step right into theological reflection. All you have to do is read the novel between now and June 16.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Theology Book Club

Time: **Jun 16, 2020 08:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83417427264>

Meeting ID: 834 1742 7264

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 834 1742 7264

HAITI OUTREACH

Please Donate to our Haiti Outreach.

Last week, I was in touch with St. Thomas' friend The Rev. Kesner Ajax. Pere Kesner has returned to be the Rector of Ascension Church in Beraud Haiti. He told me that the situation in

Beraud (and across Haiti) is dire. Like much of the rest of the world, Haitian society has been shut down by COVID. Ascension School has been closed since March. The nine staff member have not been paid since that time. What's sobering is how relatively easy that problem was to solve. The salary for all nine staff – FOR ONE MONTH – is \$700. I was able to send Pere Kesner a check for \$3500, thanks to a parishioner's generosity, right away.



DONATE FOR HAITI

Donate funds for Ascension Church and School in Beraud, Haiti, to support the school and provide food to the church community in the Coronavirus pandemic. The need is great.

We won't be able to go to Haiti again this summer, of course. And I imagine that they will not hold a Vacation Bible School. But given COVID, there is much need in Beraud, at the school, and for the teachers, students, and families.

We have created a "DONATE TO HAITI" option on [our church giving page](#). Or, you can mail a check to St. Thomas at 8991 Brook Road, McLean, VA 22101, and write HAITI in the memo line.

We'll send all that we raise to Pere Kesner to use as he sees fit, including food aid for families, ongoing salaries for teachers and staff, and other community needs.

Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings,

Fran

WOMEN EATING SUPPER

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Women Eating Supper

Time: **June 9, 2020, 6:30 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84940802642>

Meeting ID: 849 4080 2642

Call In: 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 849 4080 2642

Gather virtually with the Women of St. Thomas anxious for the opportunity to enjoy each other's company again. Pour yourself a beverage, make yourself some food, or even consider ordering take out and supporting a local restaurant and join WES on Tuesday June 9, @ 6:30pm.

MEN EATING BREAKFAST

MEB now Men Sharing Beverages (MSB) while we are socially distancing, will have another Virtual Happy Hour on Saturday May 13th at 5pm. The usual rules apply, come anyway you want, we do not care if you are dressed up or still in your PJs. Bring your own libation (or two) as well as any tasty snacks you want to have. Please feel free to reach out to anyone else in the group if you need to talk, hear a friendly voice, run an errand, or do some shopping.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MEB Virtual Happy Hour

Time: **June 13, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82238400205>

Meeting ID: 822 3840 0205

Dial by your location

301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 822 3840 0205

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Treasurer's Report
 April 2020

Highlights

Net Operating Revenue (\$000's):

- Net operating revenue for April is a deficit of (\$24.2) and a YTD surplus of \$3.1, YTD being (\$26.1) lower than budget. Effects of the Coronavirus shutdown are being painfully felt.

Revenue (\$000's):

- Total YTD revenue was 9% lower than budget, reflecting the impact of the Coronavirus shutdown. A new E-giving system was launched on April 9 to provide parishioners easy methods to give.

Expenses (\$000's):

- Total Operating Expenses were \$9.3 more than April YTD budget. A \$23.0 Lot B expense was recorded, to be paid over 4 monthly installments.

Balance Sheet (\$000's):

- Unrestricted Operating Cash is \$96,463, down from \$118,633 in March, adjusted for the net \$1.3 the parish owes the Early Learning Center. The parish is still in a healthy cash position, but continuation of the Coronavirus shutdown is having a significant negative impact.

- Mortgage balance is \$468.1 and compares to \$488.8 in April 2019.

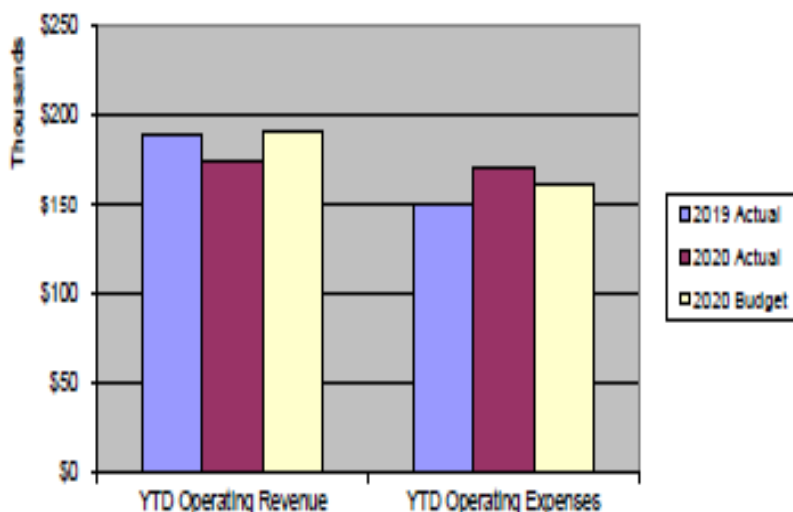
- Property Reserve is \$12.3. Completion of the flower room and sacristy moves will further reduce the property reserve by about \$7.6. Phase IV Endowment Income in 2020 is expected to add about \$12.0.

- SBA PPP Loan Application: St. Thomas applied for SBA's Payroll Protection Program loan/grant for the maximum allowable amount of \$56.3, 2-1/2 times our average monthly salary of \$22.5. The application was approved and funds were received on May 7. We will submit a report of eligible expenses in July which should total the loan balance so that we can justify forgiveness of the debt.

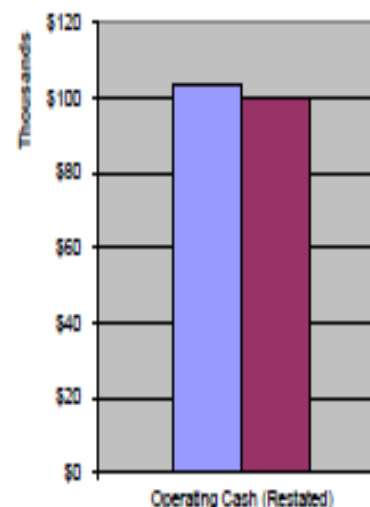
Results by Month (\$)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Operating Rev.	59,578	55,128	25,249	34,030	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173,985
Operating Exp.	34,186	35,050	43,342	58,268	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170,846
Net Operating Rev.	25,392	20,078	(18,093)	(24,238)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,139
Operating Cash	119,105	133,811	118,633	99,851									99,851

Year-to-Date Operating Revenue / Expenses



Cash



JUNE 2020

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A TIME TO CHAT WITH OUR STAFF

Don't forget to join in a Zoom virtual hour with one of the staff every week. Here's the schedule plus log in Information for each gathering:

Mondays at 10am - Coffee/Tea with Fran

<https://zoom.us/j/334123811>

Meeting ID: 334 123 811

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Mondays at 3pm - Snacks with Ms. Susan, Pre-K to Grade 3

<https://zoom.us/j/880521477>

Meeting ID: 880 521 477

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Tuesdays at 1pm - Lunch with Joy

<https://zoom.us/j/601546696>

Meeting ID: 601 546 696

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Wednesdays at 11am - Tea with Anne

<https://zoom.us/j/671739452>

Meeting ID: 671 739 452

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Thursdays at 11:30am - Chat with Nat

<https://zoom.us/j/673544748>

Meeting ID: 673 544 748

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Thursdays at 3pm - Snacks with Ms. Susan - Grade 4 and older

<https://zoom.us/j/317148959>

Meeting ID: 317 148 959

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

7:30pm - Thursdays with Wally

NO "THURSDAYS WITH WALLY" ON JUNE 4

<https://zoom.us/j/242698941>

Meeting ID: 242 698 941

Dial in number: 301-715-8592

No Office Hours on Friday.

NEED A MASK?

We have launched a mask making ministry here at St. Thomas. Our mask makers have been sewing away and have plenty of masks made. Do you need one? Do you have friends or neighbors who need one?

Chris Forward is coordinating our mask ministry.

- If you need a mask, please email Chris.
- If you are someone who sews and would like to help make masks for parishioners, please email Chris. She will connect mask makers with those who need masks.
- Chris' email: christine.m.forward@gmail.com.

Some mask makers may be able to deliver masks to your house. Others may need to leave them in the narthex at St. Thomas, in a bag and/or envelope with your name on it. We can give you the key code to let yourself in to get your mask.

Masks are free. However, if you would like to make a donation the mask ministry suggests making a donation to St. Thomas ECW in thanksgiving for the mask.

SHARE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The most needed items are listed in roughly the order of importance:

Reminder - Smaller sized items fit nicely in the boxes and bags.

Also **NO GLASS** as these are problematic for pre-packed boxes.

Laundry detergent (32 - 50 oz containers)

Vegetable oil (24 - 48 oz.)

Baby wipes

Canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables)

Canned beans

Ramen noodles

Canned fruit

Peanut butter

Canned chicken

Jam/jelly

Tomato sauce/diced tomatoes

Tea/coffee

Pasta sauce

Crackers

Pasta

Shampoo

Toilet paper

Diapers (most needed size 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6)

Feminine hygiene pads (18 ct or so is fine)

Mayonnaise

Another Way You Can Help SHARE

Share volunteers from the clothing room are now involved in the Million Mask Challenge. Supplies are hard to keep in stock since they have already provided 80,000 masks. They still have hundreds of requests in the queue.

They are looking for donations of:

Cotton Fabric (Quilting fabric is best)

Thin elastic 1/2 or 1/4 width (around the ear)

Twill yardage (which make ties for masks)

Rotary Blade 45mm

Machine Sewing Thread

Sewing Machine Needles

Any quantity of materials would be appreciated. For questions and/or delivery arrangements, contact Gail Robin at dr.grobin@gmail.com.



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TEMPORARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM ON ZOOM



JOIN US ON ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/717394017>

Meeting ID: 717 394 017

Password—8991

Call in from a phone: - +1 301 715 8592 US

A PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Various Ways of Experiencing Worship during this Time

Join us for Zoom Church on Sunday at 10 am. We begin with a social time at 9:50 and there's even a "coffee hour" following.

You can download the bulletin sent weekly by TWAST. The order of worship will also be projected into the Zoom service.

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/717394017>

Meeting ID: 717 394 017

Password—8991

Call in from a phone: +1 301 715 8592 US

AT YOUR OWN PACE

If you prefer to worship at your own pace and time, you can find a simplified service on our website <https://stthomasmcleanva.org/worship/worship-at-home>. A recording of the sermon is uploaded by the end of Saturday for you to be able to listen to from the sermon page <https://stthomasmcleanva.org/worship/sermons>.

THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Washington National Cathedral is broadcasting worship several times a day and on Sundays at 11:15. You can find more information here - <https://cathedral.org/worship/>.