

FROM OUR RECTOR

When the Vestry and I began imagining The St. Thomas Early Learning Center (ELC), we certainly never imagined that we would be trying to open a new school in the midst of the COVID-19 global pandemic. And yet, here we are. The path has not been as smooth as we'd hoped, but we are moving forward. I wanted to give you an update about where we are and where we hope we are going.

As a reminder, our ultimate goal is to have a childcare center and preschool that operates from 6am-6pm with a maximum enrollment of 99 students.

Because the property where St. Thomas is located is zoned for residential use, we operate here under a special permit. It's not at all unusual for churches to be built in residential areas, so our situation is quite common. In order to change our hours, one of our tasks was to apply to Fairfax County to amend our special permit. It's a big process, and one that was actually not done correctly in 1997. We had to correct that error and then re-file our request, which was completed in late January 2020.

All Fairfax County departments must sign off on any amendment to a special use permit before it goes to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). We had several phone conferences with concerned departments. The urban forester asked us to remediate some issues with our border plantings and (not surprisingly) transportation was concerned about the traffic at the Lewinsville, Brook, Route 7 intersection. We agreed to fix our border planting issues and to cap our enrollment at 50 for three years or until the intersection work is finished, whichever comes first.

Our hearing before the BZA was scheduled for May 15, 2020 – and then cancelled due to COVID. It's been rescheduled telephonically for July 15, 2020. Since we have both departmental and staff support, our lawyer believes that we'll be approved.

In the meantime, we are also completing the process for licensing – which requires an occupancy permit to be included in the license (and which we can't get until after the BZA approval).

In the meantime, we have hired Karen Clark, who was the Director of McLean Preschool to be the Director of the St. Thomas Early Learning Center. She's been communicating with the families of those preschoolers who were interested in attending the ELC in September. Most have decided to keep their children home this fall due to COVID.

This left us with a big question: Should we postpone our opening until January 2021 or even until the 2021-2022 school year? Then, Karen proposed what I think is a brilliant and much-needed alternative. As you may be aware, Fairfax County is proposing a hybrid school week, with students in school two days per week and out for three days. That model presents a real challenge to working families. What will they do with their children on those off days?

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church—
Reaching out to include all people in Christ's love!

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- Molly Ferris, 7/7
- Sara Miles, 7/9
- Evan Ingraham, 7/15
- Scott Johnston, 7/15
- Dorothy Bauman, 7/18
- Robert Barlow, 7/19
- Rachel Montgomery, 7/19
- Lucy Chatelain, 7/20
- Diane Ferris, 7/21
- Willa Knight, 7/21
- Elizabeth Forward, 7/23
- David Alton Smith, 7/28

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Happy Anniversary to:

- Alison Pruitt & Fred Young, 7/1*
- Judi & Mike Alexander, 7/11*
- Diane & Will Ferris, 7/13*
- Berta & Wade Smith, 7/25*
- Fran Gardner-Smith & David Smith, 7/31*

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



Karen proposed that we offer school aged care on those days that students aren't in school. Last Monday, the Vestry heartily agreed to exploring that possibility. We are in the process of amending our licensing request. We will now apply to be licensed for children from 2 years 6 months-12. Each day our program would provide supervision to children working on school projects (we'll provide the internet and they'll need to bring an electronic device). We'll also have time for reading, art, and exercise every day.

Of course, as we all know, in this age of COVID things can and do change on a dime. And it's not clear what Fairfax County Schools will be able to actually do. What I love about this idea is that it meets a real and serious need for families in our community this coming school year.

I'm very grateful to all who have helped to make the vision of the St. Thomas Early Learning Center a possibility. Our lawyer, David Schneider at Holland & Knight, has been an invaluable help working with Fairfax County – we could not have done this without him. Karen Clark has been consulting with us since last year to bring the school into fruition. Pat Smith and Mary Cyrus have been working with Karen and me on the numbers and how to make the school possible from a financial perspective. Tom Manteuffel has provided great historical background and support. We received very generous financial support for startup costs for the school from Tricia Meyer, in memory of her mother Marcella Harris Walsh, and two donors who asked to remain anonymous. We also received a Mustard Seed grant from the Diocese of Virginia.

Please continue to keep the Early Learning Center in your prayers. Because of COVID there are challenges to be met in the coming weeks.

Blessings,



Fran



FROM OUR ASSOCIATE RECTOR

As I have mentioned in my sermons, my house is under construction until mid-August, and so my family and I are living in a variety of other places. As I write this letter, we're in Great Falls; by the time you read it, we will be living in Vermont for the duration of the construction.

When I first talked with Fran in April about our plans, I had assumed I would need to take vacation or a leave of absence. She pointed out, however, that the work of church right now is primarily virtual. We are having Sunday worship on Zoom; we are caring for one another with phone calls and old-fashioned letters. She and the vestry gave me the flexibility to work remotely this summer, and I am deeply grateful for it.

I am aware of all the losses that coronavirus has inflicted on our society, most especially the isolation of physical distancing and the over-reliance on technology. But right now, I am also thinking of the creativity that it has spurred and the possibilities that it has opened.

I miss seeing you all in person, and this summer I will even miss driving along Lewinsville Road and seeing the church building. But Zoom Church has allowed me to be with you more often than normal. My letter of agreement is to be at St. Thomas two Sundays each month, so that I can support my children's involvement at their home church. With zero commuting time, however, I am able to be at St. Thomas almost every Sunday now. And I am aware that different modes of communication are forming different kinds of connection. Quieter people have been coming forward in response to our daily emails. Phone calls allows a different kind of focus. We now see each other not in the neutral public space but in the intimacy of our homes.

I will be glad when we are all back where we belong, in every sense of the word. But all of us are on some version of the same risky, uncomfortable adventure right now. I hope we can take advantages of the unplanned graces along the way.

Faithfully,

Anne



OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS

I hope you saw the email announcing that St. Thomas has been approved by our bishops in the Diocese of Virginia to resume in-person outdoor worship. Here are the details, in case you missed them.

Studies have shown that the risk of COVID transmission decreases outdoors. For that reason, the Diocese of Virginia has invited to churches to apply to hold in-person worship outdoors. St. Thomas applied for that permission late last week, and has now been approved by Bishop Goff, to resume in-person worship outdoors!

Starting this weekend (July 11-12), there will now be two options for worshipping with St. Thomas. Outdoor worship at 5pm on Saturday nights in the Pumpkin Patch area of our grounds and 10am on Sunday morning, via Zoom.

Here's what you need to know about OUTDOOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

Masks will be required of all attendees over age 2.

You'll need to bring something to sit on, either a chair or blanket from home. Please wear hats and sunglasses and bring water.

We'll observe strict social distancing of at least 6' between those people who aren't currently living under the same roof.

There will be music we can listen to, but we won't be singing.

There is no attendance limit on outdoor worship!

We still aren't able to share communion or food together, but we can be together physically.

Our restrooms will be open if you need them – and we'll ask you to use the sanitizing wipes to wipe off the toilet handle, door latches, and faucets after you've used the restroom.

We won't be able to pass an offering plate, but you will be able to leave an offering if you choose to do so.

We'll have single-use inclusive paper bulletins.

You may be wondering about the weather. If it's raining, we can't just move the service indoors. So, I'll be watching the weather each Saturday afternoon and make a decision about whether or not we can worship outdoors that Saturday evening. If we have to cancel, I will send an email by 3pm and have a banner on the front page of our [website](#) stating that outdoor worship has been cancelled due to the weather.

Please know that Zoom worship is continuing indefinitely for those who feel safer staying at home at this time.

I look forward to seeing some of you at in-person worship this weekend!

Blessings,

Fran

NEW ANTI-RACISM BOOKGROUP

Are you concerned about racism in the United States? Are you wondering how we got to this place and how to make sense of our complex racial history? Do you want ideas about how to live into our baptismal promises to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves” and to “strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being,” particularly as they relate to issues of racism?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, the new St. Thomas Anti-Racism Bookgroup is for you. We’ll meet for the first time on Tuesday August 4 from 7:30-9 on Zoom. Our first book is *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi. You can order it [here](#). The book is long, clocking in at over 600 pages, so I suggest that we read the Preface, Prologue, and Parts I, II and III for this session.

What’s the book about? In this National Book Award winning book, “Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. He uses the life stories of five major American intellectuals to drive this history: Puritan minister Cotton Mather, Thomas Jefferson, abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, W.E.B. Du Bois, and legendary activist Angela Davis. As Kendi shows, racist ideas did not arise from ignorance or hatred. They were created to justify and rationalize deeply entrenched discriminatory policies and the nation's racial inequities.” (Quote from Amazon.com)

We already have eight people (from other adult formation groups and the ECW book group) ready to read together. This group is open to all people at St. Thomas who are committed to reading and discussing these issues.

If you’d like to join us, shoot me a note so that I can add you to the list. Then, join us on Zoom:

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

Topic: Anti-Racism Bookgroup

Time: Aug 4, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86525074207>

Call In:

301 715 8592

Meeting ID (same for phone or computer): 865 2507 4207

Peace,

Fran



ST. THOMAS WALKWAY OF LOVE

The St. Thomas Memorial Garden has become even more beautiful in these past few weeks. It is a place where we can remember our loved ones interred within, give thanks for their new life in Christ, and come to a deeper communion with them. We share with them in their fellowship with Jesus.

The Walkway of Love, surrounding the garden, extends the reach of the garden. The walkway not only provides us the opportunity to memorialize loved ones no longer with us but also to give thanks for our present blessings, or simply to offer up ourselves in commitment to this community. The walkway serves as a perpetual witness to our remembrance and thanksgiving, and St. Thomas is committed to the permanent maintenance of the walkway and the preservation of all the names commemorated in it.

If you would like to give a brick in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or event, please fill out an order form [Walkway brick order form](#). The Walkway of Love is an important fundraiser for St. Thomas. All donations toward the commemorative walk will support the Property Reserve at St. Thomas. The Property Reserve is a fund that allows our parish to maintain the physical space in which we gather, worship, learn, and enjoy each other's company. The suggested minimum donation of \$150.

We will be collecting orders over the coming weeks and placing an order early in September. It is anticipated that the bricks will be in place ready to be blessed on around All-Saints Sunday (TBC).

Please return completed forms with your check made payable to St. Thomas (indicate in the memo section for "Bricks") to Joy in the office.

If you have any questions please contact Toby Bush at 703-340-8629 or tobygbush@hotmail.com



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Genesis 1 to 12: A Map for Exiles Study

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

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: **JULY 15, JULY 29**

THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM: , JULY 16, JULY 30

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

PUMPKIN PATCH 2020

Since 2008, the St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch has raised funds for our local mission partners by selling pumpkins. The success of our pumpkin patch is dependent on the efforts and goodwill of many volunteers, both parishioners and local 8th graders. The uncertainty and dangers created by Covid-19 meant that 2020 was going to be an unusual year.

Our supplier, mindful of the uncertainty created by the virus situation, is allowing any Patch to cancel with no penalty up to one month before pumpkin delivery. Our unload day, a joyful event if you have never experienced it, relies on the hard work of volunteer 8th graders who move all our pumpkins. Last week, FCPS announced their plans for the return to school. For the most part, they are encouraging only 2 days of in person learning per week for students (to facilitate 50% occupancy at schools). There will clearly be additional constraints but this sets the tone. Minimizing contact, maximizing social distance. This is their best-case scenario.

We therefore foresee an understandable reticence from 8th graders to volunteer to unload our truck. We foresee a similar reluctance from parishioners to supervise 8th graders and also to staff the sales table. We are conscious of the avoidable risks involved and the need to be prioritize everyone's safety.

We have therefore decided that St. Thomas will not host a pumpkin patch this year.

We are already looking forward to October 2021 when this is behind us and we can host our Pumpkin Patch.

HAITI OUTREACH

Many of us may wonder why we support a relatively remote church in Haiti and what possible relevance it could have to Northern Virginia. I have one answer. But there are many others, like our diocese's effort in the "Triangle of Hope," a joint program of the dioceses of Virginia, Liverpool (England) and Ghana (it's big and spans several West African counties) to educate our children about the slave trade that made the triangle so wealthy. Well, maybe not Ghana, but it's not too bad these days. Much better off than Haiti.

The revolt masterminded by Toussaint L' Overture in Haiti was the first successful rebellion to oust the European slavemasters and establish an independent country. The action inspired no one more famous or notorious than John Brown, the only "white man" Frederick Douglass ever met whom he considered "color blind."

I asked our mail carrier, Marcus, the other day if he knew of John Brown. He looked at me incredulously like the silly white suburban I am and nodded his head. Every African American of every age knows and respects John Brown. This despite the fact that he and his sons are considered terrorists by most Northern and Southern whites alike.

On January 1, 1863 there was a party at the Medford, Massachusetts home of George L. Stearns. President Lincoln had just that afternoon issued the Emancipation Proclamation and Stearns stage "the John Brown Party" to celebrate and unveil a bust of the man who had died on a scaffold three years earlier after his doomed raid at Harpers Ferry. Some said the bust looked like Moses.

When Union General Robert H. Milroy read Lincoln's proclamation aloud to his troops near Harpers Ferry that day, the troops spontaneously broke into their war song, "John Brown's Body" who was "mouldering in the grave" while "his soul keeps marching on." The order, Milroy said, "gave Freedom to the slaves through and around the region where Old John Brown was hung. I felt that I was on duty, in the most righteous cause that man ever drew sword in." These words are recoded in a masterful book written by a David S. Reynolds, [John Brown Abolitionist: The Man Who Killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War, and Seeded Civil Rights](#). I pretty much plagiarize him here.

Gathered in Stearn's elegant house were William Lloyd Garrison and Wendell Phillips, two pioneering Abolitionists. Also in attendance were Ralph Waldo Emerson, a reluctant and late convert, and Amos Bronson Alcott, who brought his daughter, Louisa May, who was about to pen *Little Women*. Franklin Sanborn was also present. He had educated the children of Emerson, John Brown, and Henry James, Sr. Julia Ward Howe, who changed the words of the Brown song was also there. Stearns, besides having been Brown's financier, was "largely responsible" for promoting Brown's ideal of "racial justice."

Several of the attendees had doubts about Lincoln. But they were overjoyed at the Proclamation.

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Now to Haiti. Brown had studied Toussaint L'Ouverture's rebellion. Douglas, who had been ambassador to Haiti, was fascinated but dubious about the plan to recreate Haiti's liberation in America. (In fact, Brown told him to hide out in London so he would not be implicated.) Nevertheless, Brown's plan had more chance of success than even Douglas allowed. It was not "insane" as some of his backers feared. Napoleon had sent 60,000 troops to Haiti to quell the revolt, but they failed utterly.

In addition to the stain of slavery in the original text of the Constitution, Thomas Jefferson backed France's claim for Haiti to pay its former whip-lord indemnities. It's hard to value the amount in today's dollars, but suffice it to say that if Haiti retained all that money it would not need the Clinton Foundation or our support right now.

There's more. Peer Kesner Ajax, our main partner in Haiti, is very charitable in his Ph.D. thesis when he sums up the U.S. occupation this way: "After decades of unstable presidencies and leadership, the U.S. Marines occupy Haiti at the beginning of the 20th century. This period brought some violence but relative stability for the country. The marines left in 1934." Not so simple. The Marine colonel who effectively ruled Haiti was a racist from Virginia. Let's just say he was not a pleasant man.

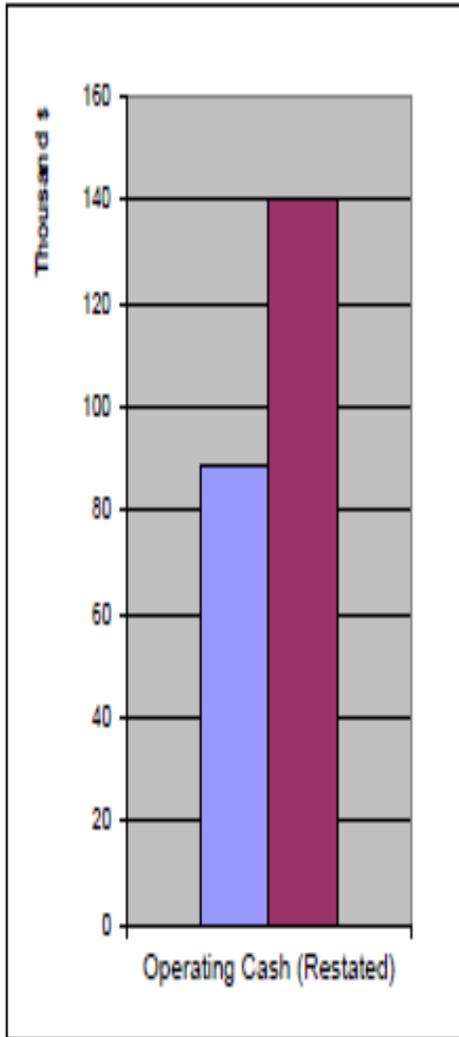
The Episcopal Church has a long history in Haiti, providing the predominantly Roman Catholic country an alternative to what most Haitians view as a wicked version of Christianity. To survive the terror of France, the newly baptized slaves (dunked right off the boat from Africa) merged their various African beliefs (they came from all over the continent) with Roman Catholicism and secretly worshiped them at night in a faith that has come to be called Voodoo (or more properly, "Voodoo," as Kesner relates. Voodoo then became a tool of the independent Haitian governments, even when, with American help, Jean Bertrand Aristide, a former priest and popular Haitian minister to the people, was elected as the President and, after being ousted in a coup, reinstalled with the support of our troops in 1994. He lost office and was exiled but is back in Haiti gloating from the wings. Voodoo is still a problem, and Kesner reports that it remains the most important obstacle to genuine Christian conversion. And the other Protestants tumbled in after the Episcopal church making the religious situation seem like a smorgasboard. There are decaying churches all over Haiti. But sometimes you can't tell if they might still be in use, like Voodoo.

So if you can spare a dime in these devastating times, think about supporting Kesner. He has a tough job.

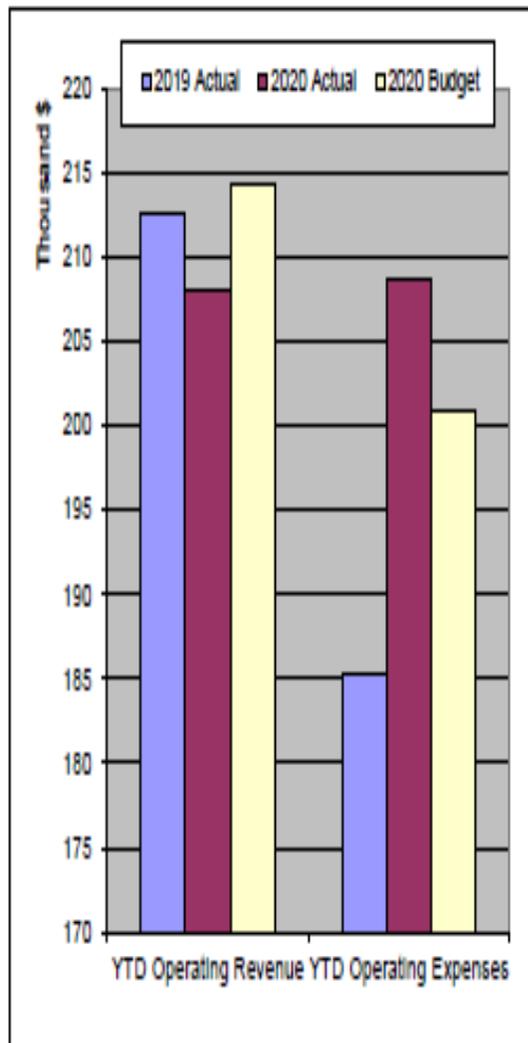
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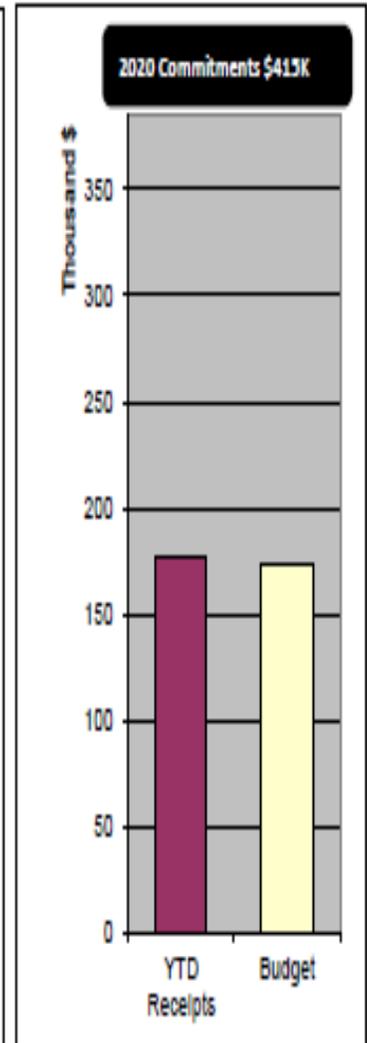
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2020 Year to Date



2020 YTD Pledges



Notes

Report:

"Operating Cash" (restated) equals

(Cash United Bank + Other Cash + Short Term Investments) + Due To/From ELC + Prepaid Expenses - Prepaid Pledges - Accounts Payable - Accrued Expenses - Temporarily Restricted Funds)

\$140,546

Income Statement:

"Operating Expenses" include all current month expenses except Non-Operating Expenses

\$208,645

JULY 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

Thursdays at 11:30am - Chat with Nat

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89109784812>

Meeting ID: 891 0978 4812

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

7:30pm - Thursdays with Wally

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

Meeting ID: 242 698 941

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

No Office Hours on Friday.

ST. THOMAS MASK MINISTRY!

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

Canned fruit

Canned chicken

Tomato sauce/diced tomatoes

Pasta sauce

Pasta

Toilet paper

Ramen noodles

Peanut butter

Jam/jelly

Tea/coffee

Crackers

Shampoo

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

Dear faith liaisons,

Some Share volunteers were working with the Million Mask Challenge to provide masks for health care workers, first responders, nonprofits and their clients. Share's clients are some of the recipients. The Challenge back in April had provided 80,000 masks in the DC, MD, and VA region. **That number is now about 200,000.** Supplies are still needed, as the Challenge starts gearing up for children returning to school.

The Challenge is looking for donations of:

Cotton Fabric (Quilting fabric is best)

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

Twil yardage (which make ties for masks)

Sewing Machine Needles

Machine Sewing Thread

Rotary Blade 45mm

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

Thanks,

Jan



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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

SATURDAYS—In-Person Worship in the Pumpkin Patch at 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS—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](tel:+13017158592)

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 a 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/>.