We need your help!!!

Since we began having in-person worship services people are asking about having meetings at the church. We are prepared for groups to meet at the church again but scheduling of those meetings must go through Dorothy so we can keep track of who is using the building. Additionally, the Transition Committee has walked through the building and designated rooms where meetings can take place as well as the number of people that a room can accommodate while adhering to social distancing guidelines. Again, please contact the church before scheduling a meeting so that we might provide a safe space for your group to meet. Paul+

Please join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals
Paul always says "You bring them, we'll bless them!" All families will receive a
"goodie bag" for their pets. Everyone's invited - with or without a pet - it's a fun celebration of all God's creatures! Please come!

We want all God's critters to be blessed...the 4-legged kind, the swimmers, and the crawlers!

Don't Forget!
This Sunday, we are having a Live-stream Service at 10:30 and an in person outdoor service at 5:30 PM. The 5:30 service will end with a treat - Suzy's Pops for everyone attending. Please sign-up and let us know you're coming so we'll be prepared! CLICK HERE

This Sunday we'll continue to have a 10:30 Eucharist service via live-stream on our website (click here for our website) and our St. Thomas Facebook Page. (click here for our Facebook page)

We will be emailing the Order of Service for Sundays on Friday afternoons via Constant Contact. Please watch your email inbox for these weekly emails.

ONE MORE SATURDAY!

Come everybody to the last day of the 2020 Farmers' Market. Help us show our appreciation to the vendors, customers and volunteers! There were a lot of changes - thanks to COVID - but the market was still very successful.

Fall 2020 Christian Formation has begun!

Please find listed below our Christian Formation offerings for the fall. We have tried to create something that would be of interest for anyone in our congregation – Children, Youth and Adults. Due to the Coronavirus, most of these are being offered on-line and many are being recorded so that you can watch them at your convenience. If you have any questions please contact the church office and speak to any of the Clergy about Adult offerings or Audrey for Children and Youth.

We are trying to make the best of an extraordinarily unusual circumstance. Please be patient with us as we roll this out and as always we welcome your feedback.

Paul+

**Children**
- Formation videos drop **Sunday at 10:00 am** and Story Time Videos with Mrs. Audrey drop **Wednesdays at 10:00 am**-- both may be watched at anytime. All videos will be sent directly to your email and the Children and Youth Facebook Page [https://www.facebook.com/ssthomaseyc/](https://www.facebook.com/ssthomaseyc/)
The Treble Choir will continue Zoom meetings every Sunday at 4:00 pm. Contact Miss Kathy at 614-329-5991 or treblechoir@stthomashuntsville.org. Join us!

Youth
- Our Youth Confirmation Classes have resumed. Contact The Rev. Jeannie Randall at jrann228@gmail.com for more information.
- Sunday Middle School and Sunday High School: will resume Sept 27, in person with masks
- Wednesday Middle School: Zoom 5:20-6:20, Link will be sent to email and Group Me
- Wednesday High School—Zoom 6:30-7:30, Link will be sent to email and Group Me

Adult
- **Confirmation Class for Adults** “What’s an Episcopalian – Inquiring minds want to know!” We are re-starting the confirmation class for adults that was postponed in March when we entered into a Covid-19 world. Confirmation is the way a person enters more fully into the life of the church. The process involves learning more about the Episcopal Church and ultimately confirming the promises made at baptism with the laying on of hands by the Bishop. Bishop Sloan will be visiting on November 22 to celebrate with us in one of his last visitations as our Diocesan Bishop. If you are interested in being a part of this class or would like more information, please contact the church office.
- **Experiencing the Divine: Diversity in Prayer Sundays @ 5:00 pm** is an opportunity to lean into change given our current context and explore diversity in prayer. We are not limited in the ways we commune with God and in this class we will engage all the senses to deepen our relationship to God through movement, sound, silence, and reflection. We will gather together over Zoom at **5:00 on Sunday evenings unless there is an outside evening service.** For more information contact The Rev. Ranie Neislar at curate@stthomashuntsville.org. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86550349884?pwd=SFB6UUlXNXA4TkxsZC9jaVRGWTBmdz09 Meeting ID: 865 5034 9884 Passcode: 449665 For our next class period on Sunday, October 4 at 5pm, please read [this short chapter on "To Work is to Pray"](http://example.com) found here.

Weekly Offerings
- **Wednesdays @ 9:30 am Bible Study with Paul (Pradat, that is)** continues over Zoom. For more information please contact The Rev. Paul Pradat at rector@stthomashuntsville.org.
- **Wednesdays at 11:00 am Bible Study with Jeannie** continues over Zoom and drop-ins are welcome! For more information please contact The Rev. Jeannie Randall at jrann228@gmail.com.
- Every other Wednesday at 6:00 pm **Sacred Ground Series** with Ranie will continue over Zoom. This class explores systemic racial injustice and continues to work towards racial healing. Drop-ins always welcome. For more information please contact The Rev. Ranie Neislar at curate@stthomashuntsville.org.

Pledge and Plate Through 9/20/20

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Thank you for your continued support of St. Thomas!
This week’s schedule: Thursday, Sept 24
2:30 - 3:30 "Role of Law Enforcement in Addiction & Treatment
District Attorney Bill Adair, Leslie Plain, Recovery Resource Center
3:35 - 4:35 "Interventions for Reducing Risk Factors In Youth
April Knight, Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center

Thursday, October 1
2:30 - 3:30 "Guardians of Addicted Loved Ones
Art & Carie Wimberly, Addiction Prevention Coalition
3:35 - 4:35 Addiction & Seniors
Robyn James, Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Follow us on Instagram!

We are stepping up our social media efforts in order to reach more of the community. Follow us on Instagram at st.thomashuntsville or be in touch with Ranie if you would like to set up your own Instagram account. Keep in mind that the content on our Facebook page and Instagram page will be different, so follow us on both!

First Stop Donations Drive (DONATE TO DOMINATE)

Itching for a little seasonable competition while we wait for football to start? How about we have a little friendly competition with Nativity for First Stop Donations through September 30th! Come by the church office with the items listed below:
- razors
- deodorant
- small soaps and shower products
- chapstick
- travel size tooth paste and tooth brushes

Items can be left in the bin just inside the church office. Any questions ask Ranie. (Questions about supplies, First Stop, or Georgia Football) Check out the Ranie & Rosie video here!
TREBLE CHOIR RECORDING SESSIONS

Members of the Treble Choir will be creating their Virtual Choir Videos (for the next Children's Service) on Friday and Saturday. On Friday 9/25 Miss Kathy will be visiting choristers at home (from a safe distance!) and on Saturday 9/26 she'll meet with folks on the playground at church. Treble Families, be sure to check your email for the sign-up link, or click HERE to sign up for your recording session. Questions? Call, text, or email Miss Kathy at 614.329.5991 / treblechoir@stthomashuntsville.org

Lobsterfest t-shirts and hats are now on sale at church! Don't forget to get yours while supplies last. They're in the church office during office hours (exact change or check) and at the outdoor service this Sunday. Show your support for Lobsterfest 2020!

We are having the furniture sale for Lobsterfest, but like everything else this is going to be a little different. We are selling on line through several different sites. When we have the name of the sites we will let you know. John Crown has agreed to do the picking up of the items. Please contact him one of these ways if you have a donation. johncrownjr@msn.com or 256-503-6649

Also we're calling for Silent Auction items; Lobsterfest 2020: which is planned to be on-line/virtual. Request popular theme baskets (College, pet, car, spa products, specialty food, baby, dolls and drink items, or other gift items) either baskets made or items donated to make baskets. Gift certificates for jewelry or for services provided by local doctors, nail, tech gifts or legal items, dinners prepared, art projects - just suggestions - and only limited by imagination. Gift cards to restaurants, & businesses are always welcome. Please no clothing, dishes, cutlery, stem ware, books or framed pictures. Contact Margie Harris, 256-426-8243; or Pat Johnson, 256-881-0133; or Anne Schlendering, 256-881-3224 for information.

We Invite You

Tour our facility and learn about the work we are doing today with the help of countless volunteers.

Hear our critical vision for enhancing our services and capacity to address the challenges our homeless community faces as Huntsville grows.

Refreshments
Door Prizes
OCT 29, 2020

206 Stokes Street, Huntsville, Al 35801

PLEASE REGISTER AT firststop.org

NO ENTRY FEE: There will be an opportunity to donate to support First Step's vision.
Keeping You Updated!

- **Video Recordings of The History of Race in the US with Dr. John Hayes**
  In case you missed any of the three sessions, or would like to rewatch any series please see the Session 1 here, Session 2 here, or Session 3 here.

  Video 1: [https://vimeo.com/458299554](https://vimeo.com/458299554)
  Video 2: [https://vimeo.com/458299554](https://vimeo.com/458299554)
  Video 3: [https://vimeo.com/461061478](https://vimeo.com/461061478)

- **Realm** – please watch your email inbox for an invitation from Irene to set up your account in our new church software, Realm. This invitation is required for you to enter the software.

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