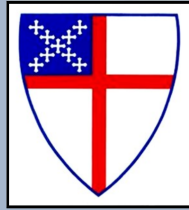


The Builder

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ

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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

When I was eighteen years old I received an invitation to join a pastor and his family as a ministry intern for the summer. I had no idea what this really meant but having sensed a call to ministry for some time, I said *yes*.

That historic *yes* was the first of many. A few years later I said *yes* to a seminary training program for youth ministry where I was placed in a Methodist church. Not long after that, I was called to serve as a local pastor and again I felt the *yes* rise in my heart. After serving several churches, God's call on our family led us to a season of discernment that eventually led me to leave the pastorate to pursue ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal church. This was the big one. It meant leaving employment, insurance, and the home we lived in without knowing what was next except that simple invitation to take the leap and follow the call. As a family, we prayerfully said *yes* again, and by God's mercy, we were caught and welcomed by Grace & Holy Trinity Church in Richmond VA, who radically provided for our family allowing us to faithfully continue the ordination process.

We are thrilled that God's continuous calling has given us another opportunity to say *yes* to serving alongside you all in Orange. It has been a long and winding road that has led us to St. Thomas and we couldn't be more excited.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the parish discernment committee, the vestry, and Pastor Lin for all the hospitality we have received. They have all worked hard to make sure this transition is as smooth as possible. I also want to thank and welcome Bishop Mark Stevenson and Bishop Gayle Harris who will be joining us for worship July 9 and 30. I am overjoyed to see where the Spirit leads our ministry together.

In Peace,

The Rev. Kyle M. Bomar



Joe Rowe Day

Join us this Saturday, July 1st, from 10AM to 4PM.

Come help clean up the grounds of church this Saturday.

This day of service and fellowship is named in honor of Joe Rowe, a long-time parishioner of St. Thomas who always took an interest in the upkeep of the property.

Lunch will be provided for all the workers.



MEET THE BOMAR'S

Please come and welcome our new Pastor and his family to St. Thomas!

When: SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023
4pm—7pm

Where: Marianne and Hank Micks
121 Landon Lane, Orange, VA 22960 (GPS works)

What to Bring: The Micks' are generously providing all the basics of a cookout, including burgers, dogs, chicken, buns, condiments, plates, cups, and utensils.

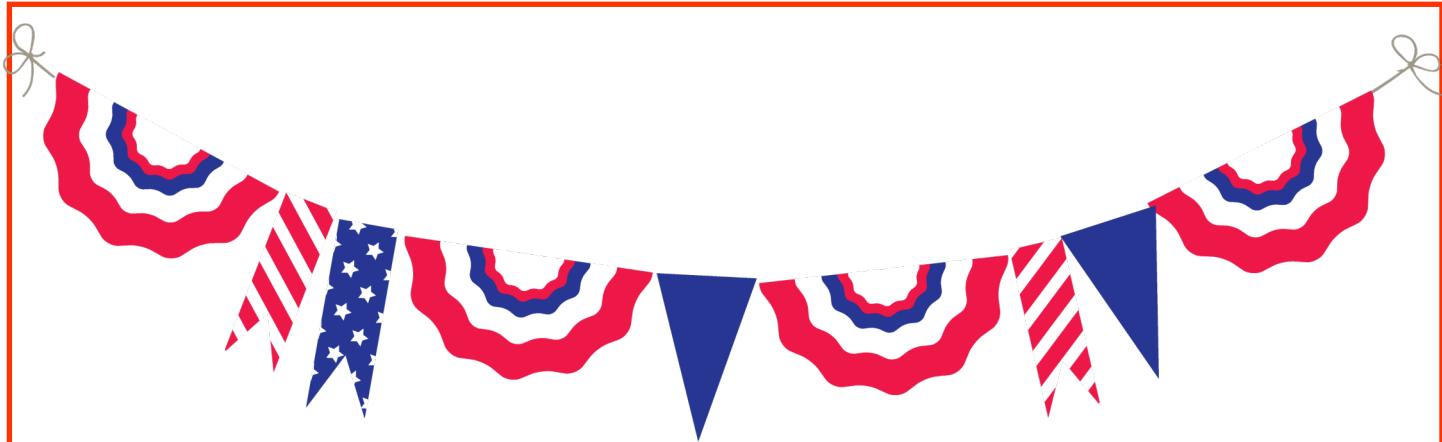
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

BYOC (Bring your own chair)

Parking: There will be someone directing traffic. There will be space for those who need to be close up (use the driveway). The rest of us will park in the front yard as directed.

Please RSVP to marianne.micks@gmail.com or phone (mobile) 804-543-6380. Please feel free to contact her with any questions!





Save the Date!

Saturday, September 9, 2023 9am to 4pm



We are seeking volunteers to staff a booth for St. Thomas at the






Please contact Kip Porter, Susan Prock, or Diane Line
to volunteer or for more information.



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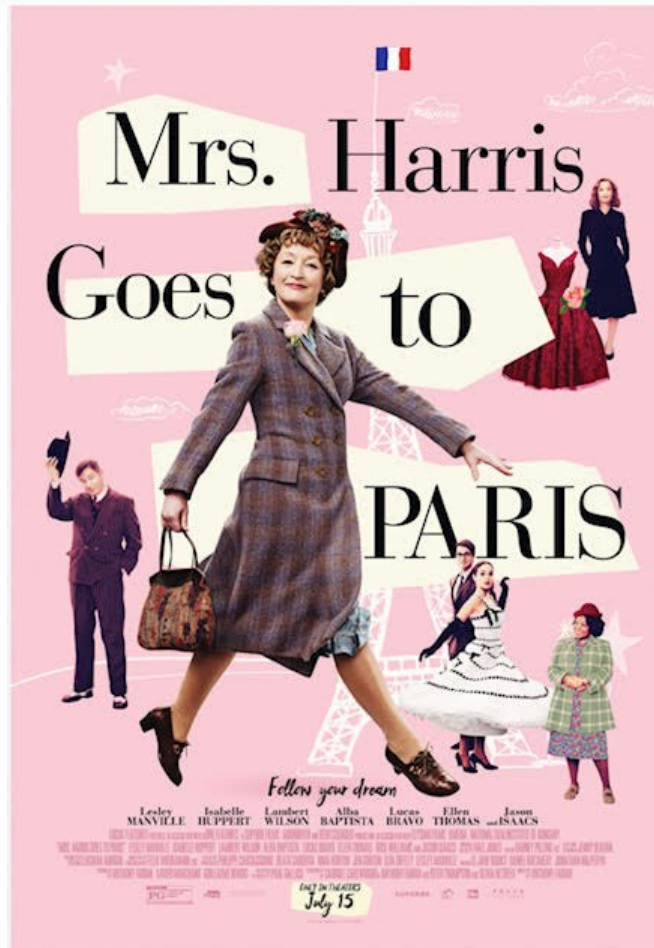
St. Thomas Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Joe Rowe Day Church grounds clean up
2 <i>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II	3	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6	7	8 Welcome party for the Bomars
9 <i>The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Bishop Stevenson</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II	24	25	26	27 5:30 pm  Vestry Meeting	28 7:p.m. 	29
30 <i>The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Bishop Harris</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite II 10:15 a.m. Rite II	31					

NOW SHOWING

"Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris" tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior. Based on the 1958 novel "Mrs. Arris Goes to Paris", the movie stars Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert, Lambert Wilson, Rose Williams, and Jason Isaacs.

~ IMDB



Friday, July 25th at 7pm in Robertson Hall



~ cost of admission is one non-perishable food item ~



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II</p>	7	8	9 <i>Orange County Schools open</i>	10	11	12
<p>13 <i>The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>20 <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II</p>	21	22	23	24 5:30 p.m.  Vestry Meeting	25 7 p.m. 	26
<p>27 <i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> 8:00 a.m. Rite I 10:15 a.m. Rite II</p>	28	29	30	31	<p>Newsletter items for September are due August 24</p> 	

NOW SHOWING



The Lady in the Van is a 2015 British comedy-drama starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings and tells the (mostly) true story of his interactions with Mary Shepherd, an elderly, irritable, eccentric, homeless woman whom he befriended and let park her van in his driveway “for three months”. She stayed for 15 years. As the story develops, Bennett learns that Miss Shepherd is really Margaret Fairchild (died 1989), a former gifted pupil of pianist Alfred Cortot. She had played Chopin in a promenade concert, tried to become a nun, was committed to an institution by her brother, escaped, had an accident when her van was hit by a motorcyclist for which she believed herself to blame, and thereafter lived in fear of arrest. ~ *IMDB*

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Summer Anniversaries



Doug & Cynthia Arnold
Brandon & Katie Barfield
Grayson & Jeremy Butterfield
Diane Line & Christina Cheshire
Chris & Ginny Dulin
Doc & Barbara Garnett
Eric & Emily Hohman
Randy & Caroline Merrick
Jack & Linda Miller
Bucky & Adrianna Waddy

Birthdays



~July~

- 7/04 Mack Cowan
- 7/07 Zan Thomas
- 7/08 Mary Queitzsch
- 7/09 George Colby
- 7/11 Chip Queitzsch Jr.
- 7/13 Betty Thomas
- 7/18 Sonja Scott
- 7/24 Jeff Matthews
- 7/26 Vera Barfield

~August~

- 8/01 Christine Cheshire
- 8/02 Nora Butterfield
- 8/03 Kristen Brockman
- 8/04 Cate Gray
- 8/04 Matthew Keating
- 8/05 Suzanne Bresee
- 8/05 Bobbi Jo Phillips
- 8/06 Malaika Rogers
- 8/08 Gerry Dulin
- 8/10 Chuck Mason
- 8/10 Erich Uhlmann
- 8/14 Gary Barrett
- 8/19 Joseph Wagner
- 8/26 Beth Yowell
- 8/29 Mary Green

Food Pantry



Special requests for July are canned fruit, canned meat, and canned vegetables. Special requests for August are toilet paper, shampoo, and soap. All food items and cash gifts are always welcome and appreciated. You can drop off donations at the Love Outreach Food Pantry each Tuesday from 9:00-10:30 and on Wednesday from 8:30-12:00. Their mailing address is: Love Outreach Food Pantry, Inc., P.O. Box 788, Orange, 22960. You may also bring any donations to the church to be delivered.

Prayer List

We pray especially for our church's leadership:

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle, David, and Ted, bishops for this diocese

Our country: President Joe, Vice President Kamala & Governor Glenn

For the men and women in our armed forces serving our nation around the world.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

FOR: Margaret, Carroll, Harriet, Ellen, William, Susan, Casey, Aubrey, Elaine, Heather, Charlie, Lynne, Lola, Keith, Kevin, Sarah, Julie, Catherine, and Linda

Please feel free to submit your prayer requests via phone (540-672-3761) or email (stthomas3@verizon.net) for

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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Please submit entries for the September issue of *The Builder* by August 24th to annwood304@gmail.com or to the church office.

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