

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 8

10:00 am Worship
OPEN DOOR CELEBRATION
Plus Potluck after worship
Fried Chicken will be supplied — bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share

September 15

10:00 am Worship
We welcome back missionaries
Sheryl & Ed Gudeman
to share during worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
to elect the PNC

September 22

10:00 am Worship
Guest Speaker
Charles Sadler II

September 29

10:00 am Worship
Sermon Series Begins
“CHANGE? AGAIN??”
11:00 am Prayer Warrior
Cider & Donuts

Get Connected Fall 2019

Many exciting things are happening here at St. Thomas this fall. Take a look, and see what might inspire you, or where God might be leading you in your own faith journey.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

“CHANGE? AGAIN??”

Join us this fall as Pastor Judi begins a sermon series on Christian responses to change and anxiety.

What gives us anxiety — families, social media, health issues, politics, community violence — and how should we, as Christians, respond to changes in our lives and our communities that make us anxious.

Beginning on September 29 for 4 weeks.

Join us in worship for this exciting series!

Round Table Pulpit

Join Pastor Judi to discuss the scriptures and texts of our lives!

10-11 am on the following Mondays
September 23 and 30, October 7 and 14

cast all
YOUR ANXIETY
ON HIM BECAUSE
HE CARES
FOR YOU.
1 PETER 5:7

MISSION AT ST. THOMAS & BEYOND



Changing HerStory

Monday, October 7 at 6:30 pm

Come meet Lin Alessio, Director of Women's Development and Village Programs of Red Dirt Road
Changing HerStory is a women's micro-lending group that pools our funds to make loans to women in extreme poverty, helping them to improve their lives and the lives of their families and communities!
Watch for Upcoming Sign Ups and More Details!

Ongoing Mission Activities of St. Thomas

To find out more, call the contact person, or chat with them on a Sunday morning!

Alabaster Gift (human trafficking) — Fred Blair 586-354-4198

Warm Hugs Blanket Ministry (for hospital stays and illness)—Michelle McLean 586-690-1215

Knitting Group (chemo and preemie caps) — Doris Finlay 586-731-1169

MCREST (housing the homeless) Trish Pearce 810-813-3121

Meals Ministry (supplying meals when the need arises) — Becky Lazzara 586-873-2611

Project Pillowcase (making pillowcases for diff. organizations) — Dianne Dunlap 586-206-2734

Samaritan House (local food bank)—Margaret and Tim Trublowski 248-652-1129

Third Thursday Lunch (monthly FREE lunch for community seniors) — Deb Card 586-260-8030

Holiday Mission

Christmas Gifts for Foster Children

St. Thomas provides gifts through Friends of Foster Kids.

Questions, or if you would like to help organize this event, contact:

Donna Gunning 586-295-9384

Becky Lazzara 586-873-2611

Christmas Shoeboxes for children in Pontiac Schools **December 8—15**

~ details in November!

Help share God's love in a tangible way to children in Pontiac.

Contact Wendy Beistline to help with planning! 586-876-0701

SMALL GROUPS & BIBLE STUDIES

~Bible Study Options~

Small groups that meet every other week to enjoy delving deeper into the word of God together!

New Studies' start dates are below — Sign up Sunday, Sept. 8 in the Narthex!

Secrets of the Vine by Bruce Wilkenson

Mondays at 7 pm at St. Thomas
First meeting—September 9

Unshakeable Hope by Max Lucado

Wednesdays at 7 pm at St. Thomas
New Class will Begin October 2

A Life God Rewards by Bruce Wilkenson

Thursdays at 9:30 am at St. Thomas
Starts September 12

Not a Silent Night by Adam Hamilton

Thursdays at 6:30/7pm at St. Thomas
Starts Late September—watch for details

~Children's Ministry~

Children's Chapel will begin **Growing in Grace & Gratitude** during worship on September 1. Chapel will be led by Laura Price or Michelle McLean with volunteers being the second set of hands. See Laura to sign up for a certain week!

PLAN ON JOINING US FOR A NEW INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY!

LIFT will begin on October 27 following worship!

LIFT invites all generations together around tables for the sharing of food, fellowship, and learning. Also, save Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 for LIFT!! Contact Laura Price with questions! 248-342-7154

~Youth Group~

For 6th—12th graders

This year's theme is **DIVE DEEP!**

2019-2020 Year Kicks off with

Youth Explosion

an overnight at Michigan Christian Camp on September 14!

FISH, the Sunday youth group, will begin meeting on

Sunday, September 22 from 6:30—8 pm

Plus **WILD (Why I Lead)** will begin in October — watch for info!

AND save the date for

Prayer Warrior Cider & Donut Day

Sunday September 29 after worship!

Contact Youth Director Rachel Sullivan
With questions! 586-781-3025



~Bible & BREW Men's Group~

Being Real, Engaging the World

Sometimes, the best conversations happen over dinner and your favorite beverage. The St. Thomas Men's group is an opportunity for men to share a meal and conversation about life and faith, and how the two intersect.

On September 11, we will begin *Christianity and World Religions, Wrestling With Questions People Ask* by Adam Hamilton

Books are available in the office for \$13.

Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays (September 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, etc.)

6:30pm– 9:00pm, Hamlin Pub, 25 Mile & Van Dyke

Questions? Contact Fred Blair, 586.781.3025



~Women's Groups~

~Deborah, Ruth, and Martha Circles~

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God?

Our day & evening women's circles will begin

"Love Carved in Stone". Books are \$10 in the office.

These groups are a great way to get acquainted with other women at St. Thomas and enjoy fellowship and study together!

Deborah Circle ~ Begins September 4 at St. Thomas

meets 1st Wednesday of the month, 9:00– 11:00am

Contact: Church Office, 586.781.3025

Martha Circle ~ Begins September 11

meets 2nd Wednesday of the month in member homes, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Contact: Anne McCarthy, 586.292.7154 or Terry Urwin, 586.322.9272

Ruth Circle ~ Begins September 24

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month in member's homes, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Contact: Trish Pearce, 810.813.3121 or Therese Williams 586.247.5446

Bible Tasting and Wine Study

3rd Monday of the month; September - May
7:00 pm in member's homes

Join us as we "taste" the Bible using the video series "Defiant Joy" by Candace Payne, and "study" wine, sharing knowledge and tasting together.

1st Meeting on September 16 at Mary Moehlau's home

Questions? Contact Becky Lazzara funwithbecks@yahoo.com
or Wendy Beistline wbeistline@aol.com

Real Women, Real Faith

Meets every other Tuesday at 10:30 am ~ begin Sept 17 at St. Thomas

It's not easy being a woman in today's world.

The demands and expectations you face can be overwhelming.

And deep within, you long to meet with God and be changed.

Come meet 6 women who encountered God and were forever changed.

Questions? Contact Diane Blackstone dianebblackstone@hotmail.com

