

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here we are, four months after our first in-person service on Easter, and two months after our first in-person service in the church in this weird time of Covidtude closed-moving-to-not-so-closed worship. There are things we still can't do, and things we can do again after many months.

Here is what we can't do (yet):

- Share the common cup at Eucharist
- Have potlucks or shared food indoors or outdoors.
- Hug one another outside our family groups or pods

Please note: I am not supposed to greet you at the door after service, because of

a) distancing and b) creating a traffic jam at the door. And I hate that I can't.

But we CAN:

- Worship and pray together in our lovely church building
- Have Communion in one kind (theologically counts as full Communion)
- See one another, at least some of us, wave, smile with our eyes
- Hear and sing beautiful music
- Serve on various Committees and Ministries (more on this below)

Things we have been able to do all along:

- Call one another (especially those who cannot come to the church)
- Pray for one another, those on the prayer list, those in our community, leaders at all levels.

Did you notice that the lists of things we can do is much longer than the "can'ts"?



A Virtual Worship Services of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is available on-line each week. A recording of the current week's 11:00 worship service will be available for viewing on Sunday evening or Monday. Go online on your computer or other device and search YouTube using the search phrase, "St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Calhoun, GA."

You may also link through our Facebook page at [https://](https://www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun)

www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun. All of our previous virtual services can be viewed on YouTube as well. Peace be with you.



Vestry Meeting Summary Wednesday, July 18, 2021

Minutes of the June 16 meeting were presented, reviewed and after a motion was made to correct a couple grammatical errors, minutes were approved unanimously by acclamation as written and circulated with the noted corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Snapshot of financial status was presented and reviewed. Jeannie was not present but did report that the church is in good shape and felt that June was unusually good for offerings and pledges submitted compared to previous years. Report was unanimously accepted by the vestry.

Action Items

Update from Senior Warden Jeff wanted to thank everyone for the prayers and support for him and his family on the death of his sister. He feels 99.5 feedback of our regathering process has been positive. Most of the questions from a small percentage have been regarding how much longer to wear masks. Also being asked is the return to Wednesday night service? Thinking back over the past few months of implementing regathering - we have learned as we went, and with a few modifications it has gone very well. He stated he couldn't have done it without the Vestry's help.

Report from the Priest in Charge - Rev. Linda reported working with Judy Peterson and with Sally's schedule to have the memorial service for Eddie Peterson Thursday morning, full service with communion outside, with interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden. They also had a dedication of the dogwood tree placed in honor of Eddie Peterson in front of Parish House. A plaque has been placed at the base of the tree.

Rev. Linda continues to work through the list as she utilizes current lay ministers and lay readers and is also trying to expand both lists. She is trying to contact the young people to enlist them to serve as an Acolyte.

She is working on deciding when to do blessing of the backpacks. Gordon County schools go back August 6, Calhoun City schools resume on August 11th. She will call parents to see what will work best for most.

Office Administrator Kerry Nance will be working an abridged schedule the next few weeks as she deals with some medical issues so she won't be in the office

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on a regular scheduled basis. She will be working from home when possible and the current protocols still support church employees working from home as much as possible with possibly one or two days in office as necessary. Also, there are still some inventory items to be transferred from Transfiguration Church in Rome IE: Hymnals, office supplies, cleaning supplies.

Feedback/Discussion regarding update to protocols

Discuss Registration and seating – We will still offer online registration, if congregants show up without pre-registering we will try to go ahead and accommodate them as seating allows. We will continue to maintain the social distancing inside the church at three feet apart, every other row closed off, and if crowded we could put some people in the middle of a roped off row. A seating chart and at least a list of who attended the service still needs to be kept.

Discuss returning hymnals and prayer books – Dale has attended all previous Diocesan Covid sanitation meetings, and believes that because we fog to sanitize after every meeting that we would be fine using hymnals and prayer books. Vestry approved. They will be placed in the church before next Sunday.

Virtual recording – Jess is out of town the next two weeks; Dale is filling in for him. We need a team to rotate on a schedule. Three or four people at least. A note will be placed in the PARCHMENT asking for volunteers to rotate recording and virtually upload the weekly service.

Facility sanitizing – Jeff and Lyle are alternating completing it now. They need one or two more volunteers on this team. A note will be placed in the PARCHMENT asking for volunteers.

Wine and Bread – Louise brought up the question of using individual prepackaged wafers and wine cups. Rev. Linda stated as far as she knows the Bishop has not approved these. But she will check on it.

Masks – Due to the Delta variant increasing, death numbers increasing, hospitalizations increasing, and a high percentage of Gordon County citizens still not vaccinated, masks will still be required. We need to keep on wearing our masks as representative of our love and concern for each other.

Established Vestry Member of the Day/Ushers for each service through August 29

Church Organ - Rev Linda has located and contacted Allen Organ Company in Atlanta, they said they support our manufacturers equipment/ instruments. They need a model number for our specific organ. She will email it to them Monday morning.

Wednesday night service - There have been some inquiries about when we plan to reinstate Wednesday evening service and dinner. After discussion we will revisit this after Labor Day. But possibly opening with service only at first and not providing a meal. Our Diocese states no common cup and no food, or open food service at this time.

Diocesan Assessment - Our annual assessment is coming due to the Diocese, this is where we make our 10% commitment. This will be signed and turned in on time on or around Aug. 15.

The 115th Diocesan Council Meeting November 12th & 13th - The council will meet at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Aside from the Priest in Charge, we are allotted two delegates. In the past we have most often chose a couple, although it can be two individuals. This meeting still may be a zoom meeting format or possibly could be in person. Jeff and Richard Shaw attended this meeting last year and Jeff suggested someone else should attend this year. We will have to have a decision by next Vestry meeting. Let Jeff know if you think of someone that would be willing and interested in attending, he will call them.

Evaluating/Updating 6-month goals at August Vestry meeting - Jeff included the goals we currently have set from February 2021 in the email for the Vestry meeting. We will discuss the goals and review our progress as a parish and Rev. Linda's first six-month accomplishments and service at the August Vestry meeting.

Process of mulching the Memorial Garden - Daniel Bennett noted that the Memorial Garden needs mulching. He is willing to take care of it and Jeff will assist him. Vestry decided to have Daniel purchase and place the mulch using brown or black mulch. He will submit his receipts and he will be reimbursed.

Committee Reports

Sunday School – ready for backpack blessing, date of when that will be is being set up.

Rev. Linda will call parents to find the best dates. Vestry decided to have a "Cookies and Lemonade" time after church. It will happen outside in the Memorial Garden. One person in mask and gloves will pour drinks in disposable cups, cookies will be individually packed.

Future Calendar

Next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, August 15th at 12:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

- Outreach August 2nd 6:30 Zoom - Book Club – August 16th 6:30 Zoom

Rev. Linda may take time off on September 12th if she can find a supply Priest to fill in for her. She will be celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband, Charles.

**"Standing firm on the truths of Scripture in our country today has never been more unpopular
but it is the only way to please our Savior and to reach the lost.."**

— The Battle for Truth

July 18, 2021

<https://bibleapologetics.org/the-battle-for-truth/>

Most of us have felt disconnected since March 2020, and are longing to be re-connected to our church family. Some reconnection is happening, but not as fast as most of us wish, and not as deeply as we wish. BUT...

We have Committees that are looking for additional members (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

We are also looking for people to join several ministries: Audio/Visual (recording the service) – please contact Jeff Adair; Lay Ministers, Lectors and Acolytes – please contact me. In fact, nearly all our Committees and Ministries would welcome your interest and involvement. You CAN be more connected. St. Timothy's needs you. Where is God inviting you to offer your gifts and energy, and nourish you at the same time?

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+



Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.

- Proverbs 12:25

Church Meetings

While there are no in- person meetings, committees will be conducting **virtual** meetings—

**Vestry - Sunday, August 15,
at 12:30 pm**



Aug 5 James & Kathy Adams
Aug 21 Lyle & Colleen Currier
Aug 25 George & Deb Trudell
John & Rebecca
Aug 27 Richardson



There will be
Convocational Confirmation
service at St. Peter's, Rome,
on September 26th.

If you are interested in
Confirmation, Reception,
or Reaffirmation,
please email me at
lbpineo@aol.com, or call me at
404-520-2742 as soon as possible.

Rev. Linda+

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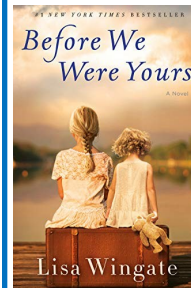


Aug 2 Renee Hughes
Aug 5 Dan Bump
Aug 6 Dennis Smith
Aug 6 Elizabeth Dutch
Aug 8 Mary Robinson
Aug 13 Mark Cleeland
Aug 14 Jim Kirk
Aug 16 Terry Overlander
Aug 19 Benjamin Anderson
Aug 23 Michael Tomasello
Aug 23 Robin Cleeland
Aug 24 Linda Phelps
Aug 27 Chareen Chaapel
Aug 29 Rita Collins

COVER TO COVER

Book Club

On Monday, Aug. 16, our Church Book Club will meet virtually from the comfort of your home via Zoom starting at 6:45 PM to discuss **BEFORE WE WERE YOURS** by Lisa Wingate. "Wingate takes an almost unthinkable chapter in our nation's history and weaves a tale of enduring power."—Paula McLain



Sep 20 **HOLDING** by Graham Norton

Oct 18 **I'LL WATCH THE MOON**
by Ann Tatlock

Nov 15 **THE FOUR WINDS** by
Kristin Hannah

No meeting in December.

All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation!

Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, to learn more about joining Zoom meetings!



BLESSING OF BACK PACKS ON AUGUST 8TH

There will be a special time during our Sunday, 8/8, service for the gathering and blessing of the back packs for all youth. As in the past, please have your youth bring their back pack for the event.

Prepackaged cookies and drinks will be served in the patio after the service.

From the Altar Flower Guild

You are invited to give flowers for our weekly services. We can contact Judy Peterson for any flower requests in August. Please call her at 770-881-2710 to let her know which Sunday you wish to have flowers at the altar. Please call **EARLY** in the month. August's dates are: 15, 22 and 29. The cost remains the same at \$30. Checks are to be made out to the Guild lady purchasing the flowers, and can be mailed to them, or sent to the church office. **DO NOT** make the check out to the church.



St. Timothy's **Outreach Committee** is looking for some fresh faces. We are responsible for spending our church money on various charitable organizations in the community, state, and around the world. One ministry with continued need is VAC/Voluntary Action Center for food items.

Please learn more about St. Timothy's Outreach from Dan De Guire or Terry Overlander.



Recording Sunday Service and Posting to Website

This is a new and vital part of the ministry of St. Timothy's. Many of our members are not able to join us and many now have distant family and friends joining us via our weekly video

posts. The equipment is in place but needs to be monitored and then uploaded to the internet. Over the past 16-months we have had several different volunteers and now would like to include others in the rotation to assure this service is completed in a timely manner. Anyone interested in A/V production, please contact Jeff Adair or Rev. Linda.



KEEPING OUR CHURCH SAFE

Each week after our Sunday Service, a thorough sanitizing is completed. This is done in accordance with the current CDC

and Diocese of Atlanta recommendations and guidelines to keep our sanctuary as safe as possible. We have a team of two fellows who are currently handling this task but we are seeking other volunteers to learn the protocols and safety measures that are taken each week. Please contact Lyle Currier, Junior Warden and chair of facilities committee if you'd like to learn more about this vital service for our church.



Fields of Grace



Anthony Patton



BELMONT
baptist church
Ensemble

FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS MUSIC FEST

Sunday Evening @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

August 8, 2021

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