

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy's Folk
There are things happening at St. Timothy's in October, in spite of COVID Delta. On Sunday, October 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a Blessing of the Animals. (See the article elsewhere in this issue.) Pets must be leashed, or in carriers or containers. Please note that we will also do virtual blessings for pets who do not enjoy social interaction (I will bless photos, or even just names) and stuffed animal pets are welcome as well. The liturgy takes about 15 minutes depending on the number of critters. Snacks and treats will be handed out. I can also offer drive-through blessings for a short time after the liturgy. On Sunday, October 24th, we plan to have a Family Pumpkin Carving event. This will also be a planning meeting for our youth group – we will invite them to work at one table so they can talk about when they would like to meet, and what activities they want to schedule for the next few months. Look for more details about time closer to that date, but probably 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.

Across the page you will find some information about finding our new livestreamed service on Sundays. We are now livestreaming to Facebook Live. You can access the live video at 11:00 a.m. Sundays by clicking on the link or entering the url in your web browser. We will be upgrading our equipment in the next month or

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NEW!! Our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II is now on Facebook Live. It will be livestreamed at about 10:55 a.m. (to include the Prelude) on Facebook Live on our Facebook page, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Calhoun. **You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access the video!** Just click on the link, or enter the url <https://www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun/> in your web browser. If a window pops up

asking you to sign in or create a page, just click on the bottom on "Not now". You may need to scroll down to find the live video. You can also watch anytime later by doing the same.



Vestry Meeting Summary Wednesday, September 26, 2021

Meeting called to order: at 2:06 pm led in prayer by Rev. Linda Baker Pineo.

Minutes of the August 22, 2021 meeting were presented, reviewed and approved unanimously by acclamation..

Snapshot of Financial Status was presented and reviewed. Jeannie reported that "the church is in order and financials look really good." The Vestry unanimously accepted the August Treasurers Report as presented.

Jeff thanked everyone on the vestry team starting with the Easter service up to now for the work we have put in to our in-person regathering. He appreciates how everyone has worked together to make our church services successful.

Report from the Priest in Charge:

Last Sunday Bill Anderson's ashes were interred. A service was held in the church with the family due to the weather. Father Louis did the Homily. Thanks to Kathleen for changing out the altar hangings; Lyle for bringing his canopy to put over the garden area; and Daniel and Lyle for doing a great job of closing the site. The family were very appreciative.

Next Sunday, 10/3, at 2:00 pm will be the Blessing of the Animals in the playground area. An email announcement will be sent to congregation. (See page 4.)

Bishop Wright approved a couple possible methods to add the wine back in with the Eucharist service: wine infused wafers or the use of small biodegradable disposable cups. After discussion the vestry decided in favor of the small cups. Parishioners will have the choice to take the wine when offered or pass.

In the process of getting Wi-Fi installed Linda spoke with Jess Shirley who had talked with Josh Briones about our live stream situation. Josh stated to that we would need to get a matrix board, a camera that zooms and a microphone. Josh offered that if we purchase the board, he would donate the camera and microphone, and train people to use the board. The board uploads directly to the internet. The cameras we have now are not designed for live streaming of a large service. After discussing the pricing and various options, the vestry approved unanimously the purchase of the master board from memorial funds. For the donated



equipment, his travel, as well as time in installation and training, the vestry approved compensating Josh for travel expenses.

Our new six-month goals were sent to Bishop, Canon Alicia Schoster-Weltner, and Canon John Thompsons Quartey, and received positive responses.

Salley Ulrey from the Office of Congregational Development offered to meet with the vestry at our October 17th Vestry meeting to talk with us about a new tool that works with our local demographics.

Regathering protocols were discussed. Feedback received from many of regular attendees is that, for now, they like the alternating Sunday schedule. They appreciate the feeling of not being so crowded and having opportunity to social distance. Rev. Linda will do a reminder about usher guidance for communion and for leaving the service. Also, when leaving service, to leave immediately, go out the doors, down the ramp or stairs. If you wish to talk on the sidewalk that is okay. Discussion was also brought up about "regulars", a person who is on a every other week alternating schedule, wanting to see if a seat is available on their opposite week if they want to attend. The current schedule allows for non-regular attendees and visitors to register and have opportunities to come when they are able. After discussion the vestry made the decision was that regular attending members only attend on their pre-established alternating Sundays. The reasoning was that if family had family or friends visiting that they want to invite at the last minute they could, also this would allow a new visitor to our church to attend and possibly become a member. We still need volunteers to help with sanitizing the building after service. Roberta will put in the parchment again with a note the volunteer position is only once a month.

Stewardship Campaign, Rev. Linda will send out a letter to the Parish with a pledge card. She will do one sermon per each alternating schedule in October. She will talk with Jeannie before setting a date for ingathering and blessing pledges in November.

The 115th Diocesan Annual Council will meet Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13th virtual via Zoom. Delegates Roberta Charbonneau and Jeff Adair have been registered. Since Roberta can only do Friday, Daniel Bennett has agreed to be the alternate delegate for Saturday. Rev. Linda will see that he is registered.

The January 2022 Vestry Retreat Zoom will be January 22, 2022, from 9 am – 3 pm. Canon John Tomphson Qartey will provide leadership.

A Work Day for the church has been scheduled for Saturday October 9th beginning at 9 am. George Trudell and Lyle Currier will coordinate this. It is agreed that shrubs need trimming, fence needs fixing, parking lot needs to be repaired. We need to make a list of what needs to be done, what tools we need so people can come prepared. George and Lyle will work on the list. George will take care of getting lunch and will turn in receipts for reimbursement.

George suggested that we look into sponsoring a family from Afghanistan. Everyone thinks it's a good idea and the vestry supports this endeavor. Roberta noted that other churches were involved when a family from Serbia was sponsored in the past. Rev. Linda will talk with the diocese and the local ministerial group.

Louise Purdy has contacted several past leaders but has been unable to find a Youth Group leader. Our youth and their families are wanting to be in a youth group. We are continuing to search our parish for youth leader volunteers. While looking, we will do a kick off to reorganize our youth group with a family pumpkin carving in October. Also, find out from the youth how often they want to meet and what they want to do. Information on the family pumpkin carving event to follow.

Facilities Update provided from Lyle. Jess and Lyle replaced florescent panels above the altar and the lights still didn't work, so, an electrician was called in to replace the ballast. While he was there, he also ran wire/ conduit and put in an outlet box in the cry room. This will better accommodate any new tech equipment we might need and provide a lower outlet for Kay Baxter's oxygen machine.

Roberta reported that the Daughters of the King (DOK) have not met for nearly two years. The group cannot/don't want to meet via Zoom, but prefer to meet in person. Rev Linda said they can meet in Parish Hall or Library (depending on size) if no food or drinks are served. They can bring in food/drink for themselves, but need to wear masks and social distance.

Future Calendar:

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 PM
 Work Day at the Church Saturday, October 9th at 9:00 AM
 Vestry meeting Sunday, October 17th at 2:00 PM via Zoom.
 Book Club – Monday, October 18th via Zoom

Meeting adjourned.

"As Episcopalians, as followers of Jesus, as people of faith, we mourn the recent loss of life in Afghanistan, the ongoing chaos and instability, and the risk that many Afghans face, in particular women and girls"

— Bishop Michael Curry
 September 1, 2021

<https://anglican.ink/2021/09/01/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-highlights-ways-to-help-afghan-refugees-through-episcopal-migration-ministries/>

so to produce a better video for you when you are watching from home or when traveling.

October is the beginning of Stewardship season. We exercise Stewardship in many ways throughout the year, but this is the time of year when we prayerfully consider our pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. Expect a letter from me with a pledge card enclosed later this month. The ingathering and blessing of pledges will take place in November.

On the subject of Communion: we are still not able to offer the chalice, the common cup, for sipping or intinction. BUT we will now be allowed to provide consecrated wine in the following manner. A cruet of wine will be consecrated on the altar, as we would normally do to provide wine to refill the chalice, or to fill a second chalice. After the consecration and fraction, the cruet will be used to pour a sip of wine into small individual cups. These cups are disposable, biodegradable and compostable. The Lay Eucharistic Minister will follow the priest and offer each person an individual cup from a tray. Receiving or not receiving a cup of wine is completely a personal choice. Some will choose to partake, some will choose to receive only the bread – the entire sacrament is present either way. At the end of the railing will be a receptacle for the empty cups, which will be disposed of appropriately. We will begin this practice soon, and I will send out an email to alert you, but at the moment I am still working on the logistics and - practicalities, as well as conferring with the Altar



Oct 17 Daniel & Shea Bennett



**Saturday, October 9
9—3:00 pm
Come early, come late!
Lunch provided**

**Shrub trimming
Fence repair
General exterior cleanup**

**Questions?
Lyle Currier, 678-899-0210
George Trudell, 678-986-7999**

Guild and Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

I am excited about the month ahead, and I hope you are, as well. Please check out the other activities and projects listed elsewhere in this newsletter – I have only mentioned a few. As always, pray for one another, for the wider Church, and for the community.

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+

Church Meetings

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

**Vestry - Sunday, Oct. 17,
at 2:00 pm**

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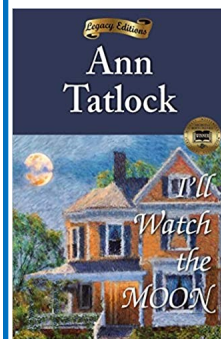
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Oct. 2	Ellen Overlander	Sargee
Oct. 4	Dale	Seeger
Oct. 6	C. K.	White
Oct. 7	Betty Vaughn	Briones
Oct. 7	Katherine	Hughes
Oct. 9	Zelphia	Avery
Oct. 11	Chloe	West
Oct. 13	Daniel (Vaughn)	Tate
Oct. 15	David	Smith
Oct. 23	Judy	Peterson
Oct. 24	Ardie	Scott
Oct. 25	Savannah	Findley
Oct. 25	Jeff	Smith
Oct. 27	Giovanna	Luca
Oct. 28	Karen	Yates
Oct. 29	Jeannie	Vaughan

COVER TO COVER Book Club

On Monday, Oct. 18, our Church Book Club will meet virtually from



the comfort of your home via Zoom starting at 6:45 PM to discuss I'LL WATCH THE MOON by Ann Tatlock. "Tatlock has sure made me into an instant

FAN with this wonderfully sweet, moving, TRUE story!" – D. Tinkham

Nov 15 THE FOUR WINDS by Kristin Hannah

No meeting in December.

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

What have you been reading? Join our group and share a new or old favorite for us to read and then discuss. Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, to learn more about joining Zoom meetings!

Many people struggle daily to provide basic necessities for their families. The Gordon County Christian Ministerial Alliance is again sponsoring the Gordon County Hunger



Walk to raise money for five food banks in the area.

On Saturday, October 16, 2021, congregations throughout our county will walk, to raise awareness of this local hunger problem and to help alleviate hunger for families in need. Please mark your calendars for this important event. The walk will be held (rain or shine) at 3:00 pm. Representatives will be at the Yellow and Gold Park off 53 Spur to accept donations on the day of the walk from 3-6PM. Hunger Walk T-shirts will be available for \$25.00 each. This is a family friendly event. Children, youth, adults, and senior citizens are welcome and encouraged to participate. For questions or additional information, contact Jody Bryson, Calhoun First United Methodist, 404-456-9566 or Rosellen Burns, New Echo-ta United Methodist Church, at 706-629-2445. For tax purposes, you may make your check out to the Gordon County Christian Ministerial Alliance, written for: Gordon County Hunger Walk.

St. Timothy's will again support this critical community effort. There are several ways to support this effort.

- Attend the Walk on Saturday, 10/16, at 3:00
- Bring non-perishable foods to church to fill our red wagon
- Donate funds to the event (per instructions)
- Purchase a t-shirt
- Solicit donations from friends and relatives to support your walking in the Gordon County Hunger Walk
- Gather a group of friends and family to walk together to fight hunger in our community



FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT

is set for
Sunday afternoon,
October 24.

More details
will follow.



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 AND ROTATE WITH THEM ONE TIME A MONTH. 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.



The Episcopal Church has long taken a pro-animal stance, reminding members that animals are gifts from God, and that people are responsible for being good stewards of the earth and all its inhabitants. In keeping with such beliefs, many Episcopal churches host an annual Blessing of the Animals service, when people have the rare opportunity to bring their pets to church to receive special blessings.

St. Timothy's will host this year's Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, 10/3, at 2:00 in the fenced in play area at the back of the church.

From the Altar Flower Guild

You are invited to give flowers for our weekly services. We can contact Teresa Bailey for any flower requests in October. Please call her at 678-986-6622 to let her know which Sunday you wish to have flowers at the altar. Please call **EARLY** in the month. 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.

