

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We begin March with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, a new month and a new season in the life of the Church. We are blessed this year to again join our friends at Calhoun First Presbyterian for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (5:00-6:30 p.m.), and they are invited to join us for services on Ash Wednesday at noon and 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our forty days of Lent, which is patterned after Jesus' forty days in the wilderness following his baptism in the Jordan. The Book of Common Prayer in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday gives us an Invitation to a Holy Lent (spoken by the Celebrant):

"The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith."

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP page 264)

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Recording Sunday Service and Posting to Facebook

This has become a 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. Our new equipment allows us to record and broadcast our service live from the back of the church. The equipment is in place but needs to be monitored. Jess Shirley is looking for interested members to train and join in the rotation of operating the recording and sound equipment. Anyone interested in being a part of our A/V production, please contact Jess Shirley.

Links to Sunday Services

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun>
or <https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>
You may have to scroll down when you get to Facebook.



Vestry Meeting Summary Sunday, February 13, 2022

Present: Lisa Dunbar (Senior Warden), Dan De Guire, Kelli De Guire (Secretary), Rev. Linda Pineo, Louise Purdy, Jess Shirley, Devon Smyth (Deacon Postulant), George Trudell, and Beth Vaughn **Absent:** Lyle Currier, Jeannie Vaughan

The meeting was called to order at 12:28 and Rev. Linda led in prayer.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the January 16, 2022 meeting were presented, reviewed, amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. Linda updated the Vestry that the treasurer is satisfied with the current report but requests that more pledges are needed to solidify the budget. Various vestry members agreed to contact members. The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report and approved unanimously by acclamation.

Action Items

- Lisa presented an updated list of duties for Vestry Person of the Day (VPoD)
- Discussion of Safety Concerns

AED: Rev. Linda asked about maintenance for the AED. A plan was discussed. Although the AED is self-directed, it was discussed that the Vestry or other members might want to be familiar with using the AED in case of an emergency.

Sanitizing Process: Currently, Jeff Adair, Lyle Currier, and Lisa Dunbar know how to complete the sanitization process. Lisa is going to train Louise Purdy. Volunteers are still needed.

Fire Extinguishers: Rev. Linda asked if anyone knew if they were still viable. When checking the one in the Parish Hall, it was discovered that it was past due for maintenance. Rev. Linda said she would have Kerry call the fire protection company in Ranger, GA to come and check all extinguishers.

Overall Maintenance: Beth asked if a list of items to be maintained on a yearly

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basis needed to be created. Rev. Linda said that Dale Segar had sent her one before he left. Jess asked that the list be sent to the Vestry prior to the next meeting for review and Rev. Linda agreed.

-Ushers: Since Covid protocols have changed, Rev. Linda pointed out that there was a need to have at least one usher in case the VPoD was busy with seating documentation. Rev. Linda will update the current list, have a note included in the Parchment and have a sign-up sheet placed in the Narthex.

-Name Tags: Rev. Linda pointed out that the name tags in the Narthex had not been updated and asked Kerry to work on that. Rev. Linda and Lisa both agreed to find a relocation solution in the Narthex for our current name tags.

-St. Timothy's Server Scholarships: Lisa described how scholarships are designated to young people who serve as crucifers and acolytes. She will bring guidelines to the next meeting to ensure other service to St. Timothy's would also qualify as we have students ready to graduate high school. Lisa ended by saying that her goal was to ensure that students weren't penalized by the Covid era.

Report from Priest in Charge

-Attendance is up with the dropping of registration and group singing. 35 last Sunday and 26 today. Covid protocol - no changes

-Worship General

Reinstating a processional with crucifer/acolyte was discussed.

-Worship Recording

Beth is being trained but there is an issue with the current equipment which Jess pointed out was an expensive gift from Josh Briones. Beth said that others should be trained on how to use their phones if further technical issues arise. Dan De Guire has agreed to help. Jess agreed to create 2 teams for recording. Potentially, Jess needs 2 people on each team: 1 to set up and 1 to monitor recording.

Parochial report

Jeannie finished her part of the annual parochial report and Rev. Linda will be finishing her part in the coming week as the register has not been updated in a long while.

Lent

Ash Wednesday services will be March 2, 2022 at noon and 7 PM at St. Timothy's. The Presbyterian church will be invited to attend. Rev. Linda is in discussion with the Presbyterians about the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on March 1.

Afghani family

George and Linda are working on this but no updates at this time.

Committee Reports

Facilities: The Vestry discussed roofing repairs, interior work and windows for the Parish House. Jess will continue researching repairs and quotes. Due to expense of replacing windows we may ask for congregational donations like the stained-glass windows in the church and provide a plaque under the window in honor of the donor.

Parish Life: An outdoor coffee hour is being planned for once or twice a month. Deb Trudell is in charge and will provide a sign up for set up/servers volunteers. Discussed the possibility of outdoor Easter service at the Vaughn's with a meal, and an Easter egg hunt. Coordination of the service would be up to the Worship Committee. Rev. Linda pointed out that there were about 70 people at the service last year.

Communications: Jess reported on adding a button to the website to get pledges. Since the button only links to a Google Form that is collected data and not actually collecting money, Kelli De Guire said this could easily be added to St. Timothy's website.

Youth: Lisa has been communicating with Ascension about combining the youth groups for some activities. After inventorying our youth population, Devon suggested that the church might combine with the youth group at St. Peter's. Devon has a background in youth ministries and Rev. Linda asked her if she would facilitate the plans. She agreed. Beth pointed out that applications for summer camps were open, and Kelli suggested that a blurb be added to the Parchment.

Future events: Vestry retreat plans will be made after Lyle returns in March.

March Vestry meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2022, in person.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Linda at 1:45.



As in years past, our congregation is invited to join or friends at Calhoun First Presbyterian Church on Red Bud Road for Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, March 1, from 5:00—6:30. The term Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods especially eggs and butter before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Many Christian congregations thus observe the day through eating pancakes

They are invited to join us for the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, March 2, at noon and 7:00 pm.

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If you cannot attend one of the services or watch online at 7:00 p.m., I urge you to read through the service, and especially the Litany of Penitence (BCP page 267). We will send a version of the bulletin that has all that content.

The Sundays in Lent are not part of the forty days – even in Lent Sundays are feast days, celebrating the Resurrection. This year for the five Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, we will use the traditional language and liturgy of Rite I from the Prayerbook, and the Healey Willan musical settings for the service music.

There are many resources for focusing on our spiritual lives during Lent. On page 4 of this newsletter is information about a series offered by the Diocese of Atlanta. Some will choose to read through one of the Gospels during Lent or choose one of the daily meditation series. A more light-hearted option to add to your Lenten days is Lent Madness, offered by Forward Movement, publishers of *Forward Day by Day*. Each weekday two “saints”, drawn from groups of both ancient and contemporary examples, go head to head, voted on by those who read their stories online. The “winners” go forward in brackets (which look like the collegiate basketball brackets) until one emerges victorious for the year, being awarded the “Golden Halo”. It’s a fun way to learn about folk who have left a lasting effect on the Christian faith. Check out <https://lentmadness.org>

May you find wisdom and blessings in your Lenten journey,
Blessings, Linda+

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"Calling all ushers..."
A sign up sheet is available
in the Narthex.
Thank you!

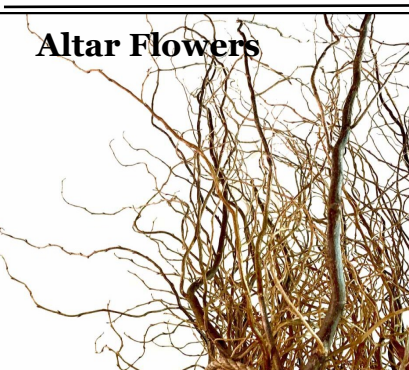


Kerry has made new nametags for those who seemed not to have one available. They are in the Narthex.



Happy Anniversary

Mar. 2
Cody
& Amelia
Meeks



Altar Flowers

One of the ways we observe Lent is by not having flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive! The willow tree has a long history of symbolism rooted in spirituality and cultural traditions. There are references to the willow tree in Christian tradition, among others. This can be a powerful metaphor for those of us seeking recovery or a spiritual path. Biblical references to willow trees include Psalm 137, in which Jews held in captivity to Babylon weep remembering their homeland: "There on the willow trees, we hung up our harps." Instead of a source of power, the willow here symbolizes loss, along with the hope of future retrieval. But the willow maintains its life force in Ezekiel 17:5 where the prophet plants a fruitful seed and "sets it like a willow tree," suggesting permanence and revival. It's also celebratory, as Leviticus 23:40 commands believers to take "willows of the brook" as a festival offering.

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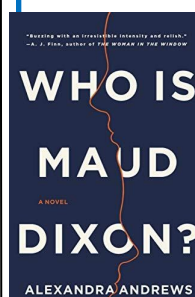
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March 2	Jane	Haigler
March 6	Cailin	Branning
March 7	Richard	Caward
March 7	Patti	Garner
March 14	Renee	Brown
March 15	Chris	Ensley
March 15	Harrison	Hughes
March 16	Abiona	Prenku
March 16	Melodie	Aultman-Morris
March 17	Suzanne	Wilson
March 18	Jim	Haigler
March 19	Victoria	Hughes
March 20	Gladys	Rodriguez
March 20	Kathleen	Shirley
March 23	Will	Camp
March 29	Colleen	Currier

COVER TO COVER
Book Club

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet virtually from the comfort of your home via



Zoom starting at 6:45 PM to discuss books we have decided on and read. Mar. 21 we'll discuss WHO IS MAUD DIXON by Alexandra Andrews. "Florence

Darrow is a low-level publishing employee who believes that she's destined to be a famous writer. When she stumbles into a job the assistant to the brilliant, enigmatic novelist known as Maud Dixon — whose true identity is a secret — it appears that the universe is finally providing Florence's big chance."

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

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!



Youth and Children's Corner

St. Timothy's Servers Scholarship: Previously this scholarship was given to high school seniors who had consistent service as Acolyte/Crucifer throughout middle and high school years. If you are a high school student, there are additional service opportunities. Contact Lisa Dunbar for details.

Camp Mikell: Registration is in progress for 2022 summer camps. See <http://campmikell.com/summer-camp/> to learn more.

Alleluia Art: Traditionally the Sunday after Ash Wednesday would be the "burying" of our Alleluias during Children's Sunday School. This year, let's make Alleluia/He is Risen drawings to be used in the bulletin on Easter Morning! Scan your drawings and send to the church email. Or we've attached a page!

NOTE: As of February 25 both the CDC and Mayo Clinic classify Gordon County as "high" risk for COVID. Masks will continue to be required for services indoors at St. Timothy's.



On Sunday, February 20, we had a great turnout for our first outdoor **Coffee Hour**, following church service.

Everyone was excited to share fellowship and coffee together and most agreed this should be a weekly occurrence. That being said, in order for this to be successful, we will need everyone to volunteer to set-up outside, serve and clean up.

It might be more reasonable to try for every other week, unless we get volunteers for each week.

We need volunteers for March 6, 13, 20 and 27. If we don't get a response from congregants, we will need to make it monthly, until volunteers come forward. A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex.

GROWING IN THE WILDERNESS



This is your invitation to keep a Holy Lent and to grow in your faith. The pandemic feels like wilderness, but God does amazing things in the wilderness, even when the wilderness stretches on for a while! These are all wilderness stories that remind us of what God can teach there, and that good things come out of wilderness times.

Growing in the Wilderness is a 5-part video series. Each week on Wednesdays, you can check back on this page for the weekly video along with a reflection guide. We encourage you to use this resource individually, with a friend, or in a small group setting. Most of all, we encourage you to be an active participant in growing closer to God and in faith during this Holy Lent!

<https://episcopalatlanta.org/lent-2022/>

Ash Wednesday—You are Dust, March 2	The Wilderness
Trusting God When Things are Going Wrong, Mar 9	Moses
A Friend in the Desert, March 16	Hagar
Enough in the Desert, March 23	Israel
Slowing Down in the Desert, March 30	Elijah
A Way through the Desert, April 6	Jesus



Please contact
Rev. Linda if you are
interested in
the ministry of
Lay Eucharistic Minister.



Remember to bring non perishable food items to fill the wagon for the VAC. Thank You!

