

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

As we start 2023, I suspect we have some contradictory feelings. We may have optimism about the new year, but that is tempered with some skepticism and caution, especially with Covid, flu, and RSV in the air. And then there is the usual wondering what Mother Nature is going to throw at us for weather...

Liturgically, it is also a bit mixed. We are beginning a new secular calendar, but we are half-way through the school calendar year. We are midway through the twelve days of Christmas, still celebrating the Incarnation, with Epiphany and the season of Epiphany in view. Sunday, January 1, is New Year's Day on our secular calendars, but it is a major feast on our church calendar. January 1 is celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. When it falls on a Sunday, it takes precedence over the First Sunday after Christmas. It falls on Sunday only every 6 or 11 years (because of leap years). It last fell on Sunday in 2017, but the next time will not be until 2034. Prior to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. It commemorates the eighth day after the birth of Jesus, when he would have been circumcised and named according to Jewish law and practice. The title of the feast was changed to reflect the emphasis on the name of Jesus, which reveals his nature and ministry. In Hebrew, Jesus is

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please contact Jess Shirley.

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,

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.



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes December 18, 2022

Present: Lisa Dunbar (Senior Warden), Rev. Linda Pineo, George Trudell, Lyle Currier (Junior Warden), Jess Shirley, Beth Vaughn, Jeannie Vaughan (Treasurer) and Dan De Guire
Absent: Louise Purdy

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:42 pm and led in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

Designate Secretary for this meeting: Lisa Dunbar and Rev. Linda Pineo

Approval of previous Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were presented, reviewed, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jeannie also reviewed pledge amount for 2023.

Action Items

-Thanked Dan and George for their Vestry service which will be recognized in January when new Vestry members are installed.

-Discussed return to common cup if extra LEM available and decided with COVID, RSV and Flu rates increasing we should wait.

-Established VPOD for each service through January 2023

-Discussed request from Dan De Guire for Northwest Georgia Strategic Board Game Group to meet on Thursday nights in the Parish Hall. This is a group of 10-15 people from the community. No gambling involved. Rev. Linda and Vestry thought this was a good community awareness opportunity for St. Timothy's.

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thy's. Group will take out any trash and sweep/clean as needed.

Committee reports- reviewed Education and Outreach reports

Future Calendar Vestry Meeting – No January date was chosen.

Adjourn with prayer: Meeting was adjourned 1:42 and closed in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

We need your assistance for the Mid-Winter Parish Fundraiser

The Parish Life Committee is planning a **Mid-Winter Parish Fundraiser** with all funds raised for the maintenance of St. Timothy's facilities. Saturday, February 4th, we will have a soup/sandwich/salad supper with Silent Auction and "refined" tag sale. You can help by donating the following before Sunday, January 29th:



Silent Auction Items

Gift cards: Local area restaurant (include Dalton, Rome, Adairsville, Cartersville, Atlanta)

Gift cards/Tickets: movie, music and theatre performances

Certificates for private lessons or group classes: Cooking, Photography, Art, Music, Sports

Outdoor Adventures: Hosted Picnic or Hiking, Historical Tours/ Admission, Photo sessions

Technology: Apple/Xbox/Amazon gift cards, computer instructional time, DVDs

Food: Chocolate, Baked Goods, Microwave popcorn, certificates for desserts or party food

Services: Yardwork, Home repair, Childcare

Handcrafted items, art and craft supplies

Items for Spring Holiday baskets (ie Valentine, St Patrick's Day, Easter, Cinco de Mayo, Teacher gifts)

Other items to create fun friend & family experiences



Tag Sale Categories: Select Kitchen, Home and Garden*, Handcrafted artisan items

Sign up downstairs for donations!

Please contact Lisa Dunbar with questions or suggestions @ 706-263-8166 or ljunbar@bellsouth.net.

*Fundraiser committee may limit number of donated items per person.

Admit One

SAVE the DATE

**Saturday, February 4th, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm
at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

Mid-Winter Parish Fundraiser with Soup Supper



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Admit One

Yeshua, which means "Yahweh saves". This feast also reminds us that from his birth Jesus experienced ordinary human life.

On the following Sunday we will hear Matthew's very brief report of Jesus' Baptism, which is always celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany (January 6). During the rest of January we hear about Jesus calling his first disciples, and the beginning of his ministry and preaching. As we reflect on these Gospel stories we are invited to ask how Jesus has been and is being revealed to us in our lives. Christmas, the Nativity, is only the beginning of the story of Jesus for us. How does the story continue and connect with our own stories? If we proclaim Jesus born in Bethlehem, how do we also acknowledge him as the Son of God proclaimed at his baptism? This idea of revelation and proclamation will continue through the whole of the Epiphanytide.

As we begin the new year as a church family, I also want to remind you of the challenge I gave at the Annual Meeting in December. With St. Timothy's 50th anniversary coming up in January 2024, how is God inviting us to celebrate that occasion with our ministries? How can we show the world around us the gift that our parish is meant to be in our lives and the life of our community? How can we grow more Christ-like as individuals and as a congregation? How can we show more of the love of Christ?

Blessings in 2023!
Rev. Linda Baker Pineo



Jesus came to show us how to live, reconciled with God, and with each other, and He taught us that the way to do it is God's way of love. For God's way of love is God's way of life. It's our hope for our families, our communities, our societies. Indeed, it is our hope for the whole world.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and love came down at Christmas.

And as some of us are beginning to say in this Episcopal church of ours, "Love always."

- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
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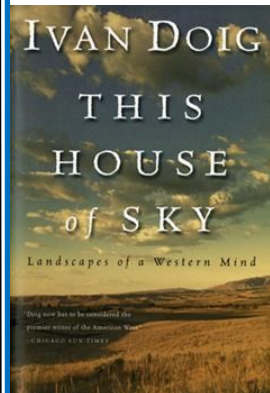
The Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12) speaks of Magi, or wise men, who followed a star from the East to Bethlehem in search of a newborn king. There they found Mary and the baby Jesus and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As gentiles who acknowledged Christ's divinity, the Magi claim an essential role in the Epiphany, the manifestation of God to the world. Yet Matthew's brief description of the episode provides so few details about them that biblical scholars have had to speculate on their number, appearance, and origins.



Jan. 6	Julie	Leggett
Jan. 10	Mary	McCoy
Jan. 10	Kate	Leggett O'Toole
Jan. 11	Sally	Tonsmeire
Jan. 31	Michael	Haigler
Jan. 15	Deke	Findley
Jan. 17	Reed	Findley
Jan. 20	Tom	Chaapel
Jan. 21	Jessie	McCoy Feller
Jan. 22	Allen	Dutch
Jan. 26	Lyle	Currier
Jan. 27	Kay	Baxter
Jan. 28	Heath	Richardson
Jan. 28	Annie	Barnes Gamble
Jan. 29	Ron	King

COVER TO COVER Book Club

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We are meeting at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, Jan. 16,



we'll discuss *This House of Sky* by Ivan Doig. "A haunting, magnificently written memoir by Ivan Doig about growing up in the American West."

Doig grew up in the rugged wilderness of western Montana among the sheepherders and denizens of small-town saloons and valley ranches." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

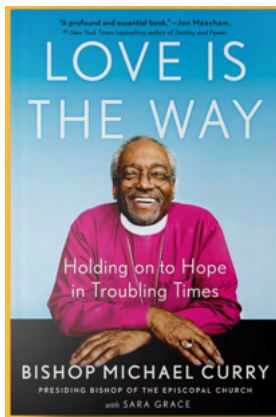
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www.sttimothycahoun.org/

ALTAR FLOWERS - A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up to offer flowers for the altar. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed for the month. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.



Is any adult interested in exploring Bp. Curry's "The Way of Love" beginning in January? We are trying to determine interest. This could be an in-person, virtual, or hybrid discussion and learning opportunity.

Please contact a Vestry member or Rev. Linda



Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, January 8. All are welcome. Come and see!



EYCDIOATL Winter 2023

The Diocese of Atlanta will host several retreats which may be of interest to our youth. "These events are designed to express God's unconditional love to everyone who attends, which means that all students – yes, ALL students – will receive an enthusiastic welcome, regardless of race, gender, ability, orientation, etc. Financial assistance is available to those who need it. If your

student requires special accommodations, contact us so we can help!"

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Local scholarships are also available. If you have questions, talk with Rev. Linda or Susan Skaggs. Dani Tate has been to these events and can tell you about them.

JANUARY 6-8 | **Jr./Sr. DYC Retreat** for grades 6-12 at Camp Mikell (\$150) | [Register](#)

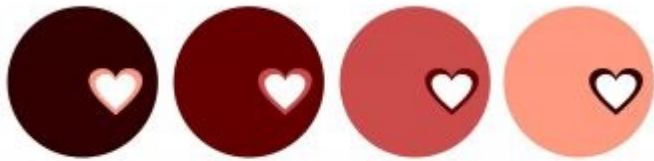
FEBRUARY 17-19 | **Happening 77** for grades 9-12 at Camp Mikell (\$150) | [Register](#) or [Apply for Team](#)

MARCH 3-5 | **New Beginnings 45** for grades 6-8 at Camp Mikell (\$150) | [Register](#), [Apply for Team](#), [Apply for Junior Weekend Advisor \(Team Lead\)](#), or [Apply for New Beginnings Steering Committee](#)



Thank you!

... to all who donated flowers for the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. And a special thank you to our Altar and Flower Guilds who assist us with their gifts of time and talent. It adds so much to our celebrations.



Outreach Committee

As December draws to a close the Outreach Committee would like to report the many things done just this month.

—\$400 was donated to DFACS for the purchase of Christmas gifts for children in foster care

—\$250 was purchased in food gift cards for door prize drawing for the Gordon County Senior Center Christ-

mas Dinner

—\$393.61 was donated to VAC “fill in” funds (usually we spend this money to “equal out” the gifts for family members due to more than one person buying for the same family but this year most of it went to sponsoring more children. Hurray!)

—We finished the Annual VAC Christmas Child Sponsorship with 11 families that included 26 children being sponsored by our church family. Thank you.

And finally, our Undesignated Fund totaled \$222.67, we chose to use this money in a much more hands on way. We went to Providence Missions Thrift store and paid for peoples purchases until the money ran out. Most purchases were clothes. The disbelief that someone would do that for them specially with no strings attached was met with smiles, tears and hugs. Many blessings were passed back and forth. The purchases in particular stand out to me was a little girl and her grandmother who came in to buy baby clothes for the girls’ doll because that’s all the grandmother could afford. Also a young man who had been living in his car in Kroger’s parking lot for



the last three weeks. He had a job interview with Kroger’s and was supposed to go in the next day, he thought it meant he got the job and wasn’t sure. He wanted to make sure he had something to wear. When I told him he would need at least one change of clothes and go back and get some more because today my church was paying for them, he just starting crying and said there is still hope for him. I prayed with him before he left. Lastly, an older homeless man who came in stating all his clothes got flooded out from under the bridge so he had to get something to wear. He chose a short sleeve Hawaiian shirt and short and underclothes, when I asked him why shorts and short sleeve, he said he didn’t have much money and they were cheap. That is when I was able to tell him St. Timothy’s Outreach was paying for his purchases today and to go get something warm because it was supposed to be getting colder in the next couple day. His face lit up and he had such a genuine smile. That was the best and most rewarding morning I have ever spent.

Seeing people get excited and breakdown in tears over a purchase of \$5 of clothing for them makes you humble indeed.

We are the missionaries of our church, St. Timothy’s. When you can - step in and help.

Terry Overlander
Chairperson

