

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We are moving into the second half of Epiphany, the season of light and of the revelation and manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God. The first two Sundays in February, we hear more of the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel according to Matthew. On the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 19th, we hear the Transfiguration story.

Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday falls on February 22nd this year. We will offer a noon service and an evening service that day. As is our custom, we will use Rite I liturgies for the first five Sunday in Lent.

During Lent I will offer a Lenten study on Wednesday evenings (following supper) and Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. The DVD presents key scripture passages and events in the biblical



story of Holy Week - the last
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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.



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes January 15, 2023

Present: Lisa Dunbar (Senior Warden), Rev. Linda Pineo (Priest in Charge), Lyle Currier (Junior Warden), Beth Vaughn (Acting Secretary), Jeannie Vaughan (Treasurer), Jess Shirley, Louise Purdy, Kelli DeGuire

Call to order in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo at 12:42.

Beth Vaughn was **designated secretary** for this meeting.

The **Minutes** of the December 18, 2022 meeting and the December **Treasurers Report** were approved as presented.

The **proposed 2023 Budget** was presented by Treasurer Jeannie Vaughan and was unanimously approved.

Several items were added to the agenda and are addressed in appropriate areas of the agenda.

Action Items:

The **2023 Vestry Members** were welcomed especially new member Kelli DeGuire.

Officers were affirmed including Senior Warden - Lisa Dunbar, Junior Warden - Lyle Currier, Assistant Junior Warden - Jess Shirley, Treasurer - Jeannie Vaughan. A suggestion to reduce the number of vestry members from 7 to 5 was discussed. Consensus was to move forward with 6 members and at the next annual election to consider only adding one new member when two members' terms expire.

In the **Report from the Priest in Charge**, Rev. Linda announced LEM Training in the near future, planning for a Lenten Study Discussion and continuation of small cups for communion. The Communion Prayer for those unable to attend church in

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person will be continued as several parishioners have expressed the feeling of inclusion it provides for them.

Liaisons for Committees

Worship	Kelli DeGuire
Parish Life/Inreach	Lisa Dunbar
Communications	Jess Shirley
Outreach	Beth Vaughn
Finance	Priest, Sr & Jr Wardens, Treasurer
Facilities/Grounds	Lyle Currier
Education/Youth	Louise Purdy

Liaisons were instructed to elect a chairperson at the first meeting of the year. February 19 will be a Ministry Fair to share the work of each committee and recruit new members.

Committee reports

Parish Life presented a schedule for events.

Communications is working on the parish directory (Lyle will take photos during Jan & Feb, *(Roberta & Rev. Linda will organize and compile)*)

Worship is planning to place copies of several songs and prayers in the pews. *(Rev. Linda will make copies and Kelli will laminate)*

Facilities/Grounds will obtain estimates on repair of the Parish Hall roof leak and on the cost to repair and paint wooden surfaces on church/parish hall. *(Jess & Lyle will coordinate)*

Education/Youth calendar with lessons and assignments through the spring has been delivered to volunteers by Chairperson Susan Skaggs.

Future Calendar Vestry Meeting – February 12, 2023

Adjourn with prayer: Meeting was adjourned 2:15 and closed in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

City of Calhoun
Arbor Day
 Free Tree Giveaway

Where? Calhoun Recreation Gym
 601 S River St, Calhoun, GA

When? February 18th from 9 am to 1 pm

Questions? Contact 770-881-2710

The City of Calhoun
 has been recognized
 as an official TREE
 CITY for 20+ years!

The best time to plant a tree? 20 years ago.
 The second best time to plant a tree? Today.

For a list of tree seedlings visit City of Calhoun
 or KCGB websites.

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS



There are so many people to thank for the fun and successful Silent Auction and Tag Sale held on Saturday, 2/4. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of our church home.

Thank you to our donators, our cooks for yummy food and treats, our attendees who enjoyed an evening of fellowship, and our many volunteers and bidders!

- The Vestry

days of Jesus' ministry, his death and resurrection. Each biblical text is illustrated and interpreted by the beautiful artwork of John August Swanson and also receives scholarly commentary from members of the faculty at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The folk tune "What Wondrous Love is This?" which serves as the accompanying musical theme, is sung by award-winning Celtic vocalist Connie Dover.

The DVD is divided into six sections or "chapters," each approximately 7 minutes long. Every chapter features the reading of a passage of scripture, commentary by the scholars, and a Swanson work of art based on that passage."

"The Discussion Guide features reproductions of the artwork, along with thought-provoking questions to spark fresh insight into the biblical passages depicted in the art ."

John August Swanson, is recognized worldwide for finely detailed, brilliantly colored paintings and original prints.

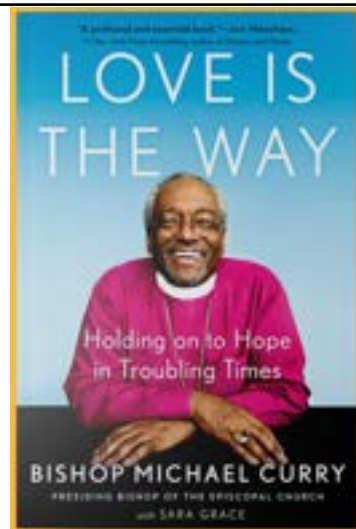
For further thoughts on Lent, see the article Roberta has included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Blessings!
Rev. Linda Baker Pineo

Swanson's beautiful art is available at - <https://johnaugustswanson.com/product-category/posters>
Emory University has a large collection of Swanson's art. Any body up for a field trip?



Feb 13 Mark & Robin Cleeland
Feb 26 Dan & Kelli DeGuire



"Love tells you how to direct the energy of outrageous faith. If hope and faith are the wind and sails, love is the rudder. It's God's GPS." But how do we get in touch with God's GPS? Says Curry, when making a decision, just ask yourself this question: "Is this just about *me* or is it about *we*? Does this decision serve only my unenlightened self-interest, or does it somehow serve the greater good?"

Valentine's Day is a good day to reflect on the quality of our love.

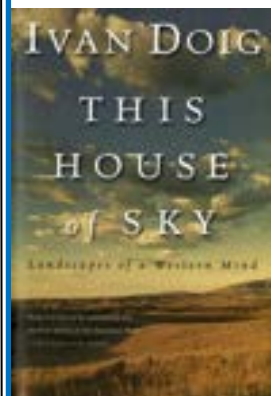
<https://melanniesvobodasnd.org/love-wins-a-reflection-for-valentines-day/>



Feb. 6	Faye	Penick
Feb. 6	Martin	Vaughn
Feb. 6	Matthew	Tomasello
Feb. 11	Harvey	Scott
Feb. 13	Evie	Briones
Feb. 13	John	Richardson
Feb. 15	Alex	Avery
Feb. 15	Lee Thomas	Richardson
Feb. 17	Samantha	Avery
Feb. 18	Margarita	Mackenson
Feb. 18	Garrison	Ensley
Feb. 20	Ella	Briones
Feb. 21	Lewie	Camp
Feb. 26	Jane	Davis
Feb. 26	Susan	Maltony
Feb. 27	Dan	DeGuire
Feb. 29	Peggy	O'Connor

**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, Feb. 20,



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 shepherders 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.

CONTACTS

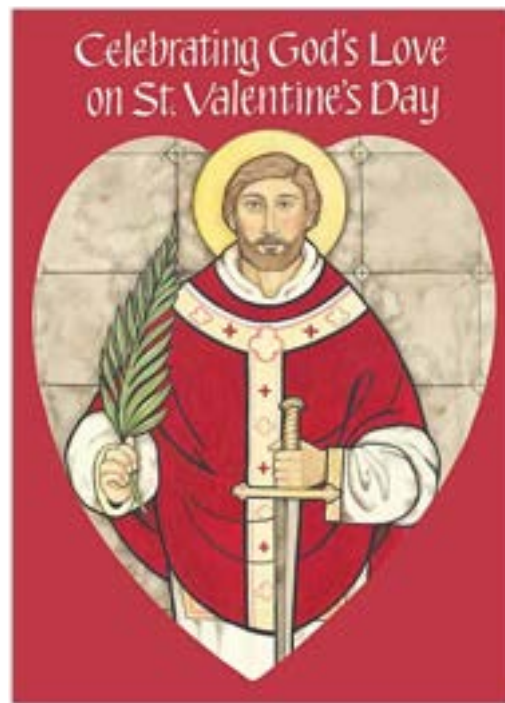
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ALTAR FLOWERS - A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up to offer flowers for the altar. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed for the month.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

Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another tradition posits that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

The 8th century Gelasian Sacramentary recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_Day



Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter (between February 4 and March 11, depending on the date of Easter). Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting. This year it will be celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

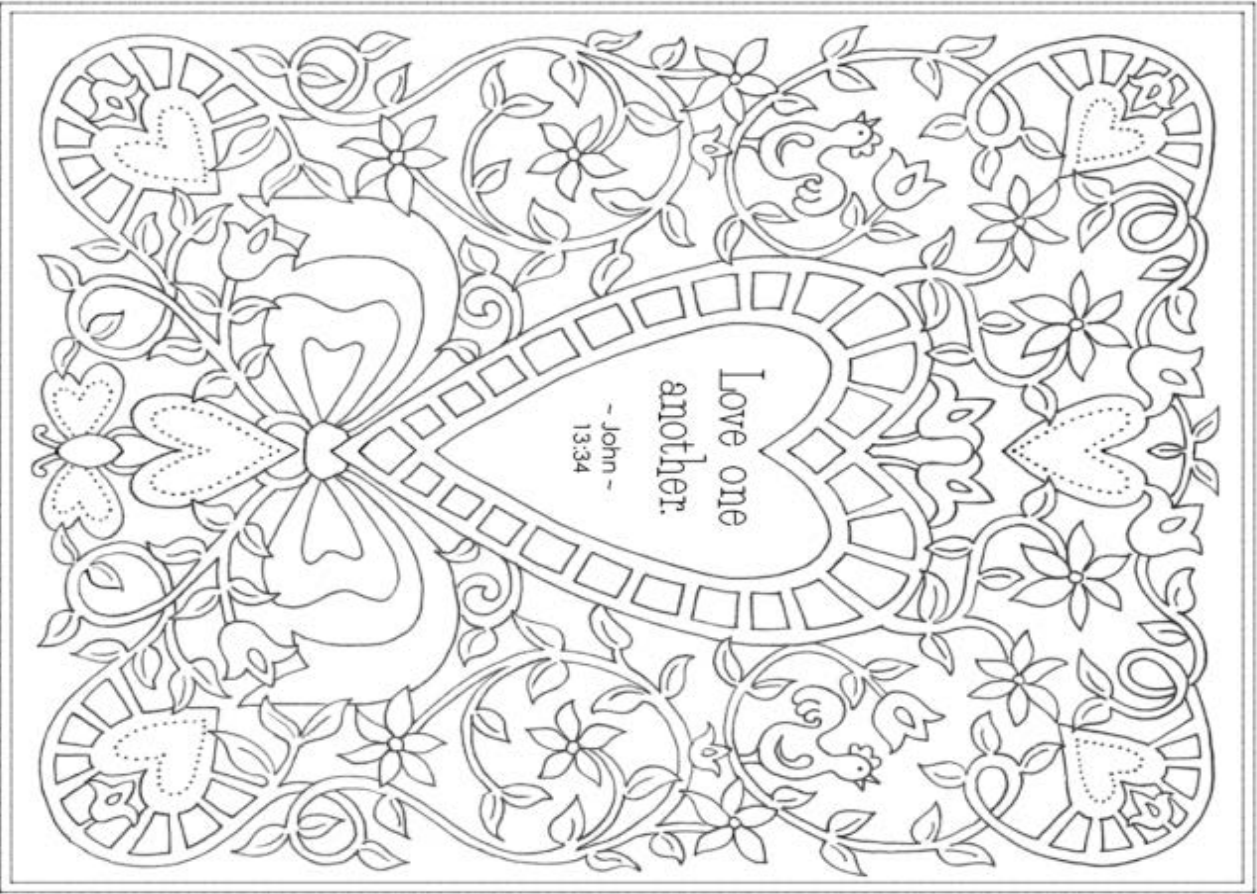
In the early Christian church, the length of the Lenten celebration varied, but eventually it began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter. This provided only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert.

www.britannica.com/topic/Ash-Wednesday-Christian-holy-day

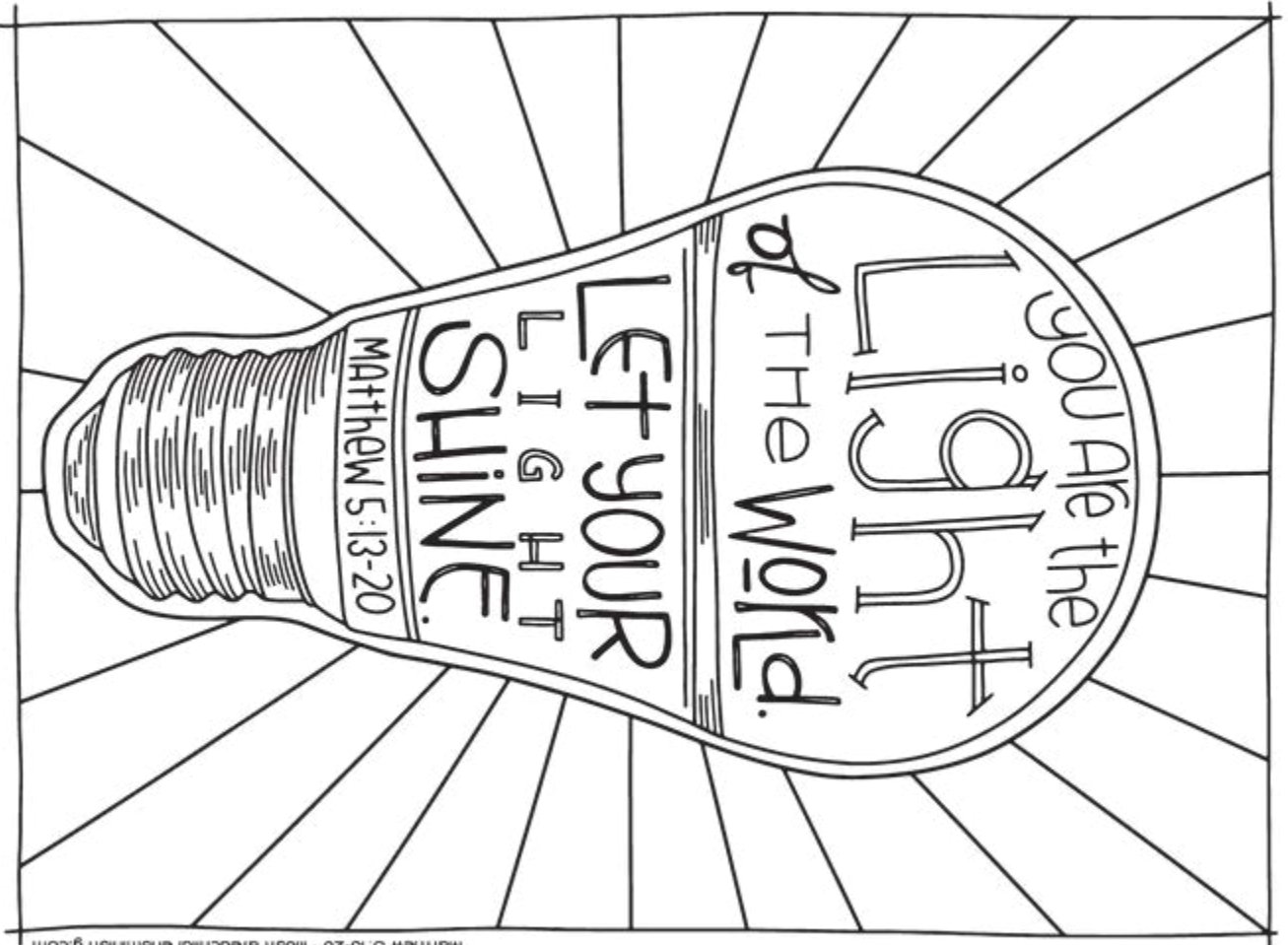
The Ash Wednesday liturgy is possibly the most meaningful liturgy in our Book of Common Prayer. It offers us an opportunity to stop, reflect on who we are and whose we are, adopt an attitude of humility, hit the reset button, and begin again. We are invited to stop the whirlwind of life and activities that surround us on all sides and remember: God hates nothing God has made; God forgives the sins of all who are penitent; our God is the "God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness." As if all this in the opening collect is not enough, the reminder that we "are dust, and to dust [we] shall return" ought to put our life in Christ into a proper perspective of humility.

This is made visible and tangible with the imposition of ashes from last year's Palm Sunday palms, which seem to retrace the Baptismal Cross on our foreheads as a reminder of the promises we make each time we renew our Baptismal Covenant: to participate in the full life of the Body of Christ, his Church; to say we are sorry whenever we have violated our relationships with God and others, all others; that everything we do and say will proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ; that we will seek and serve Christ in all persons; that we will strive for justice and peace for all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/holy-dust-ash-wednesday-february-22-2023/>



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