

◆ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ◆

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We ended February with Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday in Lent. We were privileged to have the Rev. Stephanie Crossland from First Presbyterian Church as our preacher for the Ash Wednesday services. This year March falls entirely in the season of Lent. The forty days of Lent are 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 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 meditat-

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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 February 12, 2023

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

Call to order in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo at 12:32.

1. Beth Vaughn was designated secretary for this meeting.
2. The **Minutes** of the January 15, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.
3. **Treasurers Report** was referred to the treasurer for amendments. Jess will meet with Jeannie to review the formulas used.
4. Several items were added to the agenda and are addressed in appropriate areas of the agenda.

5. Action Items:

Report from the Priest in Charge: Rev. Linda is planning a Lenten Study-Discussion for 30 minutes on Wednesday nights after dinner. A second Lenten Study Group can be added on Sundays before church or after coffee hour for those who can't attend Wednesday nights.

The Parochial report is due March With help from Jeannie Vaughan and Kerry Nance, Rev. Linda is preparing that report.

VPOD (Vestry Person of the Day) for February Calendar was established.
Website Update

The Website update is in progress with Kelli and Alan Hughes collaborating

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to move from the current site to an updated one which meets the church's present needs. Jess and Dan DeGuire are working on a more efficient way to provide WiFi, Internet and telephone service for the office, live steam and other programs in the Parish House, Church and Parish Hall.

Facilities Update

Discussed concerns from Lawn care folks. Roof Estimate and Painting Priorities List are works in progress.

Committees

The vestry consensus was that the **Evangelism Committee** should be reactivated. Rev. Linda offered to act as Liaison. Susan Skaggs has been coordinating the plans for the *Barbecue Boogie & Blues* as a means of presenting our church to the wider community.

At the January Vestry Meeting 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. Kerry Nance will print individual committee signup sheets and suggestion sheets using a format created by Terry Overlander. Terry provided a sample Ministry Fair display for the vestry.

Liaisons and Chairpersons for Committees

Committee	Liaison	Chairperson
Worship	Kelli DeGuire	Rev. Linda Pineo
Parish Life/Inreach	Lisa Dunbar	Deb Trudell, Ilene White
Communications	Jess Shirley	Kelli DeGuire
Outreach	Beth Vaughn	Terry Overlander
Finance	Priest, Treasurer	Senior Warden, Junior Warden
Facilities/Grounds	Lyle Currier	Jess Shirley/Teresa Bailey
Education/Youth	Louise Purdy	Susan Skaggs
Evangelism	Rev. Linda Pineo	

6. Committee report

Communications is working on the parish directory

Education/Youth Kelli and Louise reported that Youth Group and Sunday School were going well.

Evangelism will use the *Barbecue, Boogie & Blues Festival* to reach more people in our community.

Facilities/Grounds see update under Action Items.

Finance see treasurers report.

Outreach will follow the 2022 budget until the Ministry Fair to allow consideration of new suggested outreach projects.

Parish Life presented a schedule for events. It is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Worship will continue working on laminated copies of several songs and prayers in the pews. Rev. Linda will make copies and Kelli will laminate

7. Future Calendar Vestry Meeting – March 19, 2023

Adjourn with prayer The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo and adjourned at 1:40.



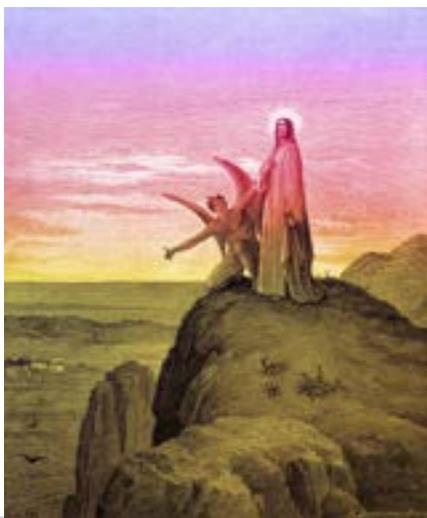
The **Outreach Committee** asks that you help fill the Little Red Wagon in the narthex. Each month we will be requesting a different food item to be donated. For the month of March please pick up a box or two of cereal and place it in the wagon on Sunday. On the last Sunday of each month it will be emptied and taken to the VAC food pantry. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in Gordon County.

ing on God's holy Word." (BCP page 264)

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 are using 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. The Diocese of Atlanta is offering a weekly video meditation by Bishop Wright. You can find it at <https://episcopalatlanta.org/lent23/>. Some will choose to read through one of the Gospels during Lent or choose one of the daily meditation series. There are still a few copies available in the Parish Hall of a meditation guide from Compass Ministries focusing on compassion. 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>. I also invite you to check out our own Lenten study on Sunday at the end of Potluck or Coffee Hour or on Wednesday evenings at the end of Wednesday night suppers. More about the series is found on page 4. May you find wisdom and blessings in your Lenten journey,

Rev. Linda Baker Pineo



DIFFERENCE MAKING

According to Matthew, Jesus and the devil had a conversation. That conversation has made a difference for two thousand years. ... The devil can't get Jesus on identity, so he goes big, he goes to ego. "Fall down and worship me," the devil says to Jesus, "and I will give you all the kingdoms of the world." That's the difference between Jesus and the devil. The devil thought worship was for sale. He thought worship was about power and things. He confused idolatry with real worship. He forgot real worship comes from awe and wonder. And that real worship is the celebration of fidelity of God to God's people. We worship God not simply because God is good, but because God is holy and therefore deserving of worship. The difference between the devil and Jesus is that Jesus kept worshipping God through the temptations, the silence, and the suffering. That always makes the difference.

<https://episcopalatlanta.org/for-faith/difference-making-2023-02-24/>

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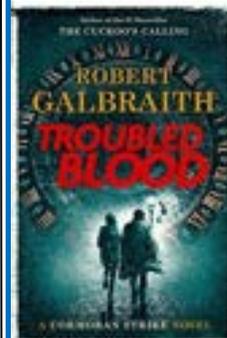
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March	2	Jane	Haigler
March	6	Cailin	Branning
March	7	Richard	Caward
March	7	Patti	Garner
March	15	Chris	Ensley
March	15	Harrison	Hughes
March	16	Abiona	Preku
March	16	Melodie	Aultman-Morris
March	17	Suzanne	Wilson
March	18	Jim	Haigler
March	19	Victoria	Hughes
March	20	Gladys	Lampe
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 are meeting at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, Mar 20, we'll discuss *Troubled Blood* by Robert Galbraith.



"Private Detective Cormoran Strike is visiting his family in Cornwall when he is approached

by a woman asking for help finding her mother, Margot Bamborough – who went missing in mysterious circumstances in 1974...Strike has never tackled a cold case before, let alone one forty years old." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."

- Woodrow T. Wilson

: "The members of Sunday School have created an Alleluia banner which has



been placed under the altar until Easter morning. This "burying" of the alleluias is a Lenten tradition in many Episcopal churches, reflecting our disuse of "alleluia" in the hymns and liturgy during Lent, with the exception of usage during the Burial Office, should one take place in Lent."

Lenten study on Wednesday evenings (following supper) and Sunday afternoons following services in the Parish Hall. The DVD presents key scripture passages and events in the biblical 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS - "During Lent, it is traditional to have no flowers, reflecting the austerity of the season. We do have a vase of curly willow which (hopefully) will develop leaves as signs of new life as we approach Easter."

REMINDER: Please fill out the Parish Community Service survey. Survey forms are located in back of the church. Contact Lisa Dunbar or Susan Skaggs with any questions.



"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!

