

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Happy second half of Eastertide! Nearly all of May falls into this season which is central to our liturgical and theological life. Every day of Eastertide is a reminder to us that Easter is not just a single day, but a season and a way of life. For the disciples, the Resurrection of Jesus was not a moment in time, an event, but an ongoing reality that changed everything. As Jesus was the central relationship in their lives, the Resurrection was at the core of their proclamation of Jesus as the Son of God, who had raised Jesus from death to eternal life.

That is our proclamation as well, in the words of the Creed and woven through the words of our liturgy. We open with "Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!" and during the Eucharistic Prayer we say "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Following the ancient pattern of the Church, we encourage standing for prayer in place of kneeling as a recognition of the gifts of forgiveness and new life we receive through Christ's death and Resurrection. In April we also omitted the Confession for a time for the same reason. (Please remember that sitting may replace standing if your physical body objects to standing too long. Standing is "as you are able" – God cares more about the posture of your heart than the posture of your knees.)

Also part of this season is the Feast of the Ascension which takes place on the 40th day of

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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 April 16, 2023

Members Present: Beth Vaughn, Lyle Currier, Jess Shirley, Jeannie Vaughan, Kelli De Guire, Lisa Dunbar, and Rev. Linda Pineo. **Absent:** Louise Purdy

Call to Order with Prayer

1. Designate Secretary for the meeting - Kelli De Guire
2. Approval of previous minutes. Minutes were approved with one change.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jeannie reported things look good. Nothing is concerning. Report was approved.
4. Items to be added to the Vestry Agenda
 - Formally approve \$6500 for paint money to come out Building Fund. Approved via email on 4/8.
 - Formally approve \$2500 for flat roof to come out Building Fund. Approved via email on 4/8.
 - Donations - All donations to the church must be approved through the Executive Committee. Needs to be added to the church policies.
 - Barbeque, Boogie, and Blues booth will hand out small toy items that were donated by another congregation

Action Items:

Report from the Priest in Charge (Rev. Linda)

Maundy Thursday service at Presbyterian church went well. Eight St. Tim's people were there.

We need to fix the shower door in the parish house shower as well as the hot water.

Still working on directory

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Common cup will be added to service on Sundays when we have enough LEMs.
Establish VPOD/User for each service through May

Facilities Update

Matching Grant - \$5000. Money will go directly into the building fund.

June 4 - Window Blessing Date for Parish House. Still have a window and ½ that needs donating. Linda and Kerry will put up the plaques. There will be a framed document with contributors named.

A+ Home Solutions gave estimate on roof and painting. They began work on Tuesday April 11. Vestry picked the door color for side doors. Main door will stay red.

Discussed additional repairs needed to the building and grounds

Set a Workday for church June 2nd and 3rd.

Communications Update

Updated on WiFi and other communication items

Education and Parish Life Committees - Reviewed highlights

Next Vestry Meeting will be Wednesday May 17th @ 6:30

Adjourn with Prayer

Matching Funds Challenge for the Building Fund

We have had a generous offer of \$5000 to be donated to the Building Fund with a challenge to match those funds by the congregation. If we raise the matching funds it would replenish the Building Fund money we spent in April to have the Parish Hall flat roof repaired and to have the church building painted. Please use "Building Fund" on the memo line of your check. Please remember that this special donation would be in addition to your normal contributions and designated pledges.



**CHURCH
BUILDING
FUND**

Pentecost Whitsunday

A traditional English name for the Feast of Pentecost. The term is a corruption of "White Sunday." It is associated with the white robes of baptism which were worn by the newly baptized at the Pentecost service. The liturgical color for the Feast of Pentecost is red.

The term means "the fiftieth day. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The New Testament refers to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15).

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism (p. 312). Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.



Easter. According to Acts 1:3, Jesus appeared to the disciples for forty days prior to his bodily ascension into heaven. Since this means it always falls on a Thursday, it is often not celebrated on that day in smaller churches (unless they happen to be Church of the Ascension), but is acknowledged on the following Sunday, sometimes called Ascension Sunday. The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Easter and Pentecost as being recognized across all Christian denominations.

The three days preceding Ascension have traditionally been observed as Rogation days. "Rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare*, meaning "to ask", and was understood as beseeching God to protect from calamities. This observance goes as far back as the fifth century. The faithful typically observed the Rogation days by fasting and abstinence in preparation to celebrate the Ascension and farmers often had their crops blessed by a priest at this time. In churches in England, and some churches in our country, a common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden, and choirboys, would process around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. The preceding Sunday is known as Rogation Sunday, and in some places has been observed as the church version of Earth Day, with prayers for agriculture, industry, and the environment. (adapted from Wikipedia.org)

On May 28th, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost, one of the major feasts of the Church. There is an article about Pentecost on page 2 of the Parchment.

As we go through the remainder of Eastertide, here is the important thing for us to remember: Jesus is alive! He is alive, and present, and



May 5 David & Denni Moss
May 30 David & Paige Smith



May 2 Sally Peterson Wyatt
May 2 Jeri Dunn
May 4 Scott Branning
May 7 Emory Dunn
May 13 Whitney Carnes
May 16 Caroline Leggett
May 17 Garry Jones
May 20 Trisha Moore
May 21 Ellen Vaughn Parker
May 24 Rev. Linda Pineo
May 30 Mari Shirley Ernstsens

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available to each of us in every moment of our days and nights. We are alive in and through Jesus Christ. We have already been raised to new life through his Resurrection. May we live and proclaim that truth!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rev. Linda Baker Pineo



Mary's Magnificat – Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on the
lowliness of the Almighty's servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will
call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great
things for me, and holy is God's name.
God's mercy is for those who fear God
from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God's arm;
God has scattered the proud in the
thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from
their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good
things,
and sent the rich away empty.
God has helped servant Israel,
in remembrance of God's mercy,
according to the promise God made to
our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants
forever.

- Luke 1:46-55

The *Visitation* is now celebrated as a Feast of our Lord on May 31.

"We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in his video message for Easter 2023.

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THANK YOU to all who donated non-perishable foods for the VAC. We will collect rice for the month of May. Please note that they provide lunch five days per week to our community.



Let's Celebrate our Graduates!!

Sunday May 21st at coffee hour we will celebrate our High School and College Graduates.

Catherine Hughes and Alan Mackenson are graduating from Gordon Central.

Caroline Leggett is graduating from UGA with Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Entertainment Media Studies and in Theatre!

If you know of anyone we may have missed, please text Lisa Dunbar 706-263-8166.



Sunday, June 4th, **Blessing of the Parish House Windows.** There's still time to donate the cost of the remaining 1 and ½ windows. Contact Rev. Linda if you are interested.



Friday, June 2nd, and Saturday, June 3rd, **WORKDAY** with lunch provided. Let's come together to spruce up our buildings and grounds before the summer heat gets here.



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.

Thank you!

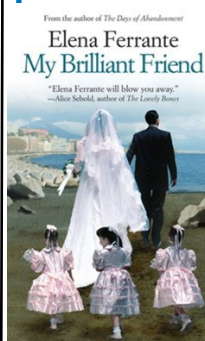
Thank you to all who made BBQ Boogie and Blues a successful event for St. Tim's. Whether you donated water, helped label bottles and toys, assisted with getting items downtown and/or sat in the booth - your efforts were very much appreciated by the Evangelism committee.



Pictured above are Judy Petersen, Ilene White and Dan De Guire.

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From the author of The Days of Abandonment

Elena Ferrante
My Brilliant Friend

"Elena Ferrante will blow you away."
—Alice Schabell, author of The Lonely Bones

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, May 15, we'll discuss *MY BRILLIANT FRIEND* by Elena Ferrante. "Beginning in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples, its main characters, the fiery and unforgettable Lila and the bookish narrator, Elena. The first in a series of four novels, begins with their fateful meeting as ten-year-olds through their school years and adolescence." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation!