

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

September is an odd month liturgically. We are used to new things beginning, especially school really getting under way. Arts and non-profit organizations that have often been dormant or less active during the summer months are gearing up for fall and winter activities and events. But the Church is in the middle of the "long green season", the season after Pentecost. The closest thing to an event or occasion is a picnic and the Blessing of the Pets near the feast day for St. Francis.

We will be changing up the liturgy a little bit. On September 10th, we will return to Eucharistic Prayer A after a couple of months of Prayer C, and we will change the form for the Prayers of the People.

I am going to repeat a portion of my August article because I think what is written is important.

We always go into this new year of school hoping that the students we know will have a good year of learning new material and new skills. Sunday School Christian Education will be starting up again for our young members. We don't always think about our own learning. Teachers, medical workers, and some other professions are required to take continuing education classes. What about us as Christians? Do we think about continuing to learn and grow in our faith background? There are lots of ways to do that. We can study the Bible on our own or in a group; we can read devotional books or spiritual classics on our own or in a study group. It is my hope that in September we can begin some kind of adult education as well. What would interest you? What would draw you to participate? I have some ideas, but I need to hear from you!

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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

August 27, 2023

Present: Rev. Linda Pineo (Priest in Charge), Kelli De Guire (Acting Secretary), Louise Purdy, Jess Shirley, Beth Vaughn

Absent: Lisa Dunbar (Senior Warden), Lyle Currier (Junior Warden)

Call to order in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo at 12:27.

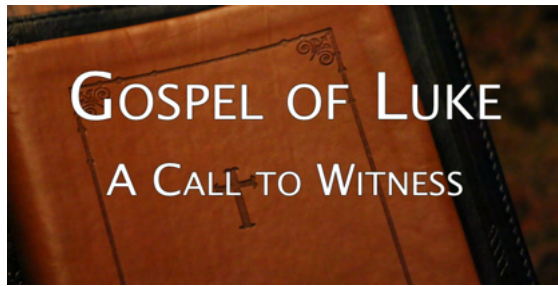
1. Kelli De Guire was **designated secretary** for this meeting.
2. Beth Vaughn moved that we accept the audit report as prepared, Kelli seconded, motion was approved.
3. After brief discussion and the advice of Jess Shirley, Louise moved that we continue the Comcast contract monthly for internet in the Office. Beth Vaughn seconded the motion, and it was approved.
4. Chose **VPOD (Vestry Person of the Day)** for September Calendar

Adjourned with prayer

Our Mission Statement:

To emulate Christ; being a loving and caring family

To the community and ourselves.



Jesus asked his friends to join him in prayer, and they did. Jesus' clothes turned white that day, and he was changed. What else did his friends witness that day? They saw Jesus changed by prayer. Saw him affirmed and supported by his tradition and ancestors. Saw a cloud roll in and heard God's voice. Blown away by what they saw and heard, the disciples wanted to establish in architecture what God wanted enshrined in their lives. God is still looking for flesh and blood witnesses in the real world. When last did you see God move? When last did you hear from God?

[Luke 9:28-36](#)



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Prophet Amos cries out: *"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

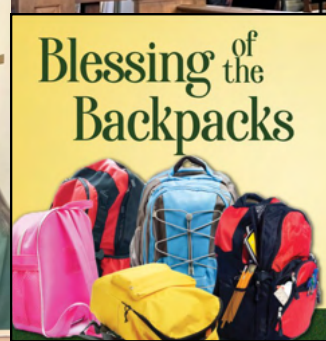
As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

The **Season of Creation**, Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing, and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction. The 2023 theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow." In celebrating the season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.



Service on
July 30
was lead by
the youth
of our con-
gregation.

Their leadership and participation
add joy to our spiritual lives.



Each youth
received a
reminder of
God's love
and protec-
tion.



Another way to learn is by doing. We have a number of liturgical ministries that could use some more folks: Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Acolytes. We can still use a couple more folk to help with Live-streaming on Facebook. Ask Kathleen Shirley about Altar Guild, and ask Charry Chaapel about Flower Guild. Our Committees are open to new members as well: Outreach, Parish Life, Communications, Facilities, Finance, Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism. There are also opportunities to learn as we serve the community at VAC and in other groups. What interests you? What would you like to know more about? Stretch your mind and heart and spirit this year! Grow as a Christian and as a person.

If you read this last month, what thoughts did you have? Have you started something new? If you need encouragement, reach out. Ask questions, explore...

Thursday evening, August 31st, Bishop Wright reminded the people of Ascension, Cartersville, that theirs is a mutual ministry with their new rector – that we all have calls and work as God's people in our communities. What is God calling you to do either here at St. Timothy's or in Calhoun/Gordon County? What is your invitation to show God's love?

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." [Ephesians 4:11-13 NRSV]

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+



Sept 8 Dale & Jackie Seger
Sept 9 Steve & Carol Vedrody
Sept 15 Chris & Meghan Ensley

The Evangelism Committee has been busy finding ways to get the news out about St. Timothy's! If you haven't noticed, we have new "Welcome Bags" for visitors which include updated information about St. Timothy's as well as a beautifully crocheted butterfly from the multi-talented Terry Overlander. Many thanks to her for providing these cute gifts!

The goal this year has been becoming more visible to the community. We sponsored a hole and provided bottled water for the 5th Annual Keep Calhoun Gordon Beautiful Golf Tournament on August 30. Our next projects will be supplying bottled water for the cast and crew of Jeff Adair's "The Trip to Bountiful" in November, as well as providing sponsorship to the Calhoun High and Gordon Central drama programs. Be sure to pencil in October weekends to see our own Harrison Hughes and Zephia Avery in their respective plays!

If you are interested in sharing the Good News, please join us for our next meeting on Friday, September 15 at 12:30 at Dubs.

OR you can help by:

- liking and sharing every post from church on social media
- inviting a friend to church
- inviting a friend to Wednesday night dinner

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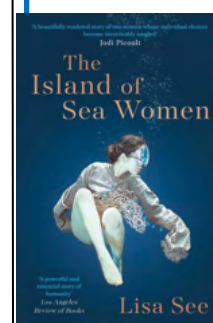


Sept. 1	Brian	Charbonneau
Sept. 2	Paige	Smith
Sept. 3	John	Lampe
Sept. 3	Michael	Overlander
Sept. 9	Amanda	Spradlin
Sept. 11	Beth	Vaughn
Sept. 11	Jackie	Seger
Sept. 14	Mike	Davis
Sept. 18	Deb	Henning
Sept. 25	Ilene	White
Sept. 25	Erona	Prenku
Sept. 27	Lane	McCoy
Sept. 29	Susan	Skaggs



Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall downstairs. Join us as we worship!

COVER TO COVER Book Club



All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, Sept. 16, we'll discuss THE ISLAND

OF SEA WOMEN by Lisa See. "Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends that come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.



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.

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The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For September VAC requests that we provide rice. These are the items they are needing to refill their pantry.

Together we emulate Christ!



"Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.

"Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year."

Exodus 39:21



Exciting things are happening with our youngest members! If you don't know, spaces have been moved for our Sunday School and Youth. This rearrangement allows for Rev. Linda, as well as others who are serving, to have a dedicated space to get ready. It also frees up the former "Youth Room" downstairs in the Parish Hall to be used as a meeting room.

On August 23, the Youth Group kicked off the new school year and got to see their new "digs" in the Parish House. After eating pizza and playing some very fun games (thanks, Dan DeGuire!) the air hockey/ping pong table was a hit! The youth look forward to having input on the decorating as the semester goes on.

Sunday School for our school-age members kicks off on September 9. The themes for our youngest for the remainder of the year are Forgiveness, The Last Shall Be First, The Great Commandment, Being Prepared, and The Least of These. The oldest will study the lectionary Gospel lessons, using information provided from The Episcopal Church.

The Education Committee is also looking for input on Adult Christian Formation. If you have interest and/or ideas, please contact Susan Skaggs at 678-986-2849 or attend our next meeting on Wednesday Nov 8 5pm.

