

# ❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

WOW!!! What a wonderful celebration of our semicentennial!! At least 47 of you pitched in to help in ways great and small to make our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a success. Thank you!! The Bishop was impressed, and we were impressed ourselves. Harrison Hughes, Zelly Avery, and Alex Avery were confirmed, and John Lampe, Janet Lonvick, Kathy Parker-Adams, and Mark Barnwell were received. There were about 110 attending in person, with quite a few people viewing online. Most of those in attendance enjoyed a superb luncheon afterwards in the Parish Hall. There are copies of the commemorative bulletin with historical material (thanks to Tony King) available if you were not able to be here.

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We are well 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 Sunday in February, we hear about some of the healing ministry of Jesus from the Gospel according to Mark. On the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we hear the Transfiguration story.

Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year. On Shrove Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we are again invited to join our friends at First Presbyterian for a Pancake Supper at 5:30 p.m. On Ash Wednesday we will offer a 12:00 noon service and a 6:00 p.m. evening service

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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 10, 2024

**Present:** Rev. Linda Pineo (Priest in Charge), Susan Skaggs (Senior Warden), Beth Vaughn, Kelli De Guire, Lisa Dunbar, Jeannie Vaughan, Jess Shirley (Junior Warden), Charlie Phelps

Call to Order with Prayer

Designate Secretary for this meeting. Kelli has been elected for the year to be secretary.

Approval of December Minutes

Treasurer's Report December

We ended the 2023 year without having to use any reserves. We need to grow pledges for 2024.

Establish VPOD for each service through February 2024

FEB 4 – Jess

FEB 14/Ash Wednesday 12PM - Charlie and FEB 14/Ash Wednesday 6PM- Kelli

FEB 11 - Beth

FEB 18 - Susan

FEB 25 -Lisa

Approval of 2024 budget with 1<sup>st</sup> – Lisa Dunbar and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelli De Guire

Committee liaison assignments

Communications – Jess Shirley

Evangelism – Lisa Dunbar (until she leaves)

Parish Life/Inreach – Beth Vaughn

Education/Youth – Kelli De Guire

Facilities/Grounds – Jess Shirley

Outreach – Charlie Phelps/Beth Vaughn

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Worship –Rev. Linda

Committee reports:

Communications – Jess recommends keeping two lines but go with a contract with Comcast versus AT&T. Approved .

Facilities report:

Gravel is being delivered tomorrow from Basic Readymix of Calhoun on 1/11

Next up is working on internet access during Sunday School from the Sunday School rooms.

Future Calendar

February meeting – FEB 18

Vestry retreat – waiting on Sally Ulrey to get back to Rev. Linda.

Adjourn with Prayer

**CITIZEN OF THE WEEK** - In a recent DALTON DAILY CITIZEN article, Kerry Dunbar was highlighted for his nearly thirty years of involvement in local environmental projects.

"Each year, he serves as one of the site coordinators for the annual Conasauga River Watershed Cleanup," noted John Lughart, a biology professor at Dalton State College. "He has led volunteers in picking up litter, removing invasive plants and placing protective tubes around newly planted native trees."

Kerry's involvement doesn't end there. He helped establish the college's recycling program, volunteers with the Roadrunner Trail System, and recruiting more volunteers from the students. "His lack of fear of getting his hands dirty in the field" was noted by Amy Hartline, ED of Keep Dalton Whitfield Beautiful.



As St. Timothy's Episcopal Church celebrates their semicentennial anniversary on Sunday, January 28th, our Community Outreach Committee chose to provide 50 Birthday Bags to Gordon County Domestic Violence Outreach Office. Director Beth Peters noted, "Often times it is the small things that make things hard on our victims. For example, when a mother must choose paying an electric bill over giving a child a birthday party. Thanks to our friends at St. Timothy's, we will be able to assist many parents make their child's birthday more eventful." Terry Overlander noted that each party bag contains a cake mix with frosting, baking pan, paper plates, napkins, utensils and candles. Overlander stated that the goal was to provide fifty party bags but 57 were completed and delivered. From left: Roberta Charbonneau, Terry Overlander, Molly Chastain—GCDVOO client advocate, and Beth Peters.

**THE ART OF MINDFULNESS**

**SIGN UP to participate in the fun and meaningful event on Sat., 2/17, starting at 10 am.**

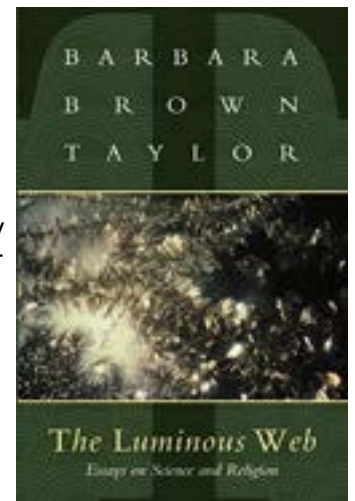
Materials are provided. Light brunch served. Donations accepted.

Contact Susan Skaggs or Roberta Charbonneau for more information.

**The Education Committee** is excited to announce that Kelli DeGuire and Charlie Phelps will be hosting a book study beginning February 4th. The book is *The Luminous Web; Essays on Science and Religion* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Described as "An introduction to the contemporary debate between science and religion. The author describes her journey as a preacher who is trying to learn what the insights of quantum physics, the new biology, and chaos theory can teach the believer."

This group will meet before church in the Parish House beginning at 10AM with coffee and muffins provided. Books can be purchased online for as low as \$5.00. It is not in the library system.

See Charlie or Linda Phelps or Kelli DeGuire if you have questions.





with the Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist. The evening service will be followed by a soup and sandwich supper. As is our custom, we will use Rite I liturgies for the first five Sundays in Lent. For further thoughts on Lent see below.

Blessings, Rev. Linda +



**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. 14.

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](http://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.



Feb 26 Dan & Kelli DeGuire

**Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 14**

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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/>



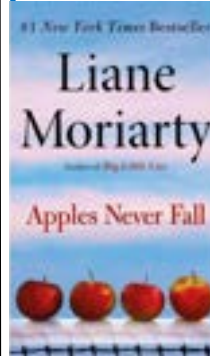
- Feb. 6 Matthew Tomasello
- Feb. 6 Denni Moss
- Feb. 11 Harvey Scott
- Feb. 13 Evie Briones
- Feb. 13 John Richardson
- Feb. 15 Alex Avery
- Feb. 15 Lee Thomas Richardson
- Feb. 17 Samantha Avery
- Feb. 18 Margarita Mackenson
- Feb. 18 Garrison Ensley
- Feb. 20 Ella Briones
- Feb. 21 Lewie Camp
- Feb.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

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**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, Feb. 19, we'll discuss APPLES NEVER FALL by Liane Moriarty.

"The Delaney family love one another dearly--it's just that sometimes they want to murder each other . . ." 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.



**A Shepherds and Magi Feast** was held during youth education time on Sunday, Jan. 7. While learning about the events of the shepherds and Magi, costumes and nativity pieces were available to enhance the activity. A wide variety of foods were sampled and enjoyed. Foods included Persian-inspired feta and herb plate served with naan; cucumber and green onion dip, sweet and savory treats like dried fruit, pistachios, spiced star cookies, roasted chickpeas and fresh pomegranate. Thank you to Ilene White for providing peasant bread to be enjoyed with spiced and herb-infused jellies or balsamic infused olive oil. Thank you to the Education Committee for this enriching experience in learning and tasting.





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Episcopal CHURCH

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What a great success and such a special service with our Bishop Rob Wright celebrating our semi centennial with us. We recognized the four surviving founders—Kay Baxter, Tony King, Linda Stone and Pete Tinsley. Legacy attendees are six children of our founders who were active in the church throughout the years in the church's first location on Wall St. and then here at our Trammell St. home.

Also in attendance were four of the previous priests who served at St. Tim's—Louis Tonsmeire, Sam Buice, Deni Moss and Frank Wilson. Bishop Rob congratulated Rev. Linda on her upcoming third anniversary with us.



Bishop noted three critical movements to adjust our spiritual ceiling heights: - Upward reach to God -Inward stretch -Outward push



From left: Rev. Linda Pineo, Harrison Hughes, Zelfhia Avery, Alex Avery, Bishop Rob Wright, Kathy Parker-Adams, Roberta Charbonneau, Mark Barnwell, Charlie Phelps, John Lampe, and Janet Lonvick.