

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Here comes July! For some it is only part way into summer. But if you have children, depending on when the last day of school was, and when it starts in August, it is already the middle of summer!! How did that happen?!?!

The big news from June's triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church is the election of the next Presiding Bishop. See the article to the right and continued on page 2.

We know that many of you travel during the summer, but if you are home, keep your spiritual life healthy and vibrant this summer by coming to church. Your presence nourishes not only you, but your fellow worshipers as well. Your presence makes a statement "that God's reign in your life is not suspended just because it is summertime" (my friend the Rev. Ron Pogue). If you have out-of-town visitors, invite them to come with you – you know how welcoming St. Timothy's is!

If you are traveling, remember to look for the blessings of God in the beauty of Creation. You can check out an Episcopal (or other) church where you are visiting. You may find new ideas to bring back and share. Or photos of beautiful church structures and interiors. You may hear a hymn you haven't heard before or a sermon that touches or challenges your heart. And you can always catch up with St. Timothy's on our Facebook page!

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Bishop Sean Rowe elected 28th presiding bishop, will begin nine-year term Nov. 1

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, elected on the first ballot by the House of Bishops and confirmed by a near unanimous majority in the House of Deputies, said he looked forward to helping "usher this church into whatever it is being called into in this next phase and season of life."



"I couldn't be happier to be able to present to the House of Deputies the 28th presiding bishop-elect," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said. "If you look at the history of the presiding bishop, they were all elected for a particular season and time and a particular vocation. ... My brother sitting to my right was called for, as it says in the book of Esther, 'for such a time as this.'"

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Keep up with St. Timothy's Online

The website has been updated and you are now able to access -

Monthly Newsletter, PARCHMENT
Calendar of events . Rev. Linda's Letters archived
... Photos from events . and much more, Check it out!

<https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>

Links to Sunday Services

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun>
or <https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary June 12, 2024

All vestry members present except Susan Skaggs, After prayer and a call to order, the vestry discussed progress on new goals that have been put into action.

Rev. Linda provided updates on those sick and/or hospitalized.

Committee Reports:

- . Communications the committee is still investigating a solution to the problem of mass emails.
- . Education Rev. Linda will discuss the General Convention on 6/23 at Coffee Hour in response to May surveys.
- . Facilities John Anderson Co. to remove water heater and cap gas line. New light in Jerry's Closet; doors to shed to be adjusted, door to ramp from Parish Hall will be fixed. Charlie requested St. Tim's as location for AARP tax prep beginning in December on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30—4:30.
- . Outreach Terry set up the Christmas in July display in narthex.
- . Parish Life No dinners in July, Backpack Blessing on Aug. 4 Sundaes Sunday.
- . Worship Rev. Linda will meet with the committee soon. Kerry and Rev. Linda continue to work on the Prayer List, Judy Peterson and Deb Henning will be coordinating Greeters. LEM/Lectors will be scheduled in advance.

Vestry voted on the adoption of previous minutes and the treasurer's report.

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Action items and next steps were discussed.

Vestry Person of Day (VPOD) was already set for each Sunday, June 18—Aug 18.

Next vestry meeting will be Sunday, August 18.

Vestry adjourned with prayer.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32. Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.

Quoting from the closing liturgy sermon by Rowe, "We prayed the collect for the commemoration of the great author and activist James Weldon Johnson. In it, we asked God for the strength to "speak with joy and boldness to banish hatred from your creation." That was Johnson's struggle, and it is one of ours.

Johnson understood that the spiritual warfare that was taking place in that day was not an individual one only, but a war that the people of God were fighting against the evil of racism and the legacy of chattel slavery.

"We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered" is not a metaphor, and the battle is not yet won. Friends, to continue that righteous struggle, we must arm ourselves against the forces within us: the way we intellectualize our avoidance of a true reckoning with racism; our internal

strife that divides us from one another and depletes our capacity to proclaim the love of God in Christ to the world. What's up with that? That's a problem. If we can't figure it out in here, how are we supposed to carry it out to the world? How about our attachment to the old ways that no longer serve us?

And finally, what about our idolatry of structures and practices that exclude and diminish our witness? We have to get it together. That's going to mean laying some things down. The struggle ahead will require a tolerance for uncertainty, a willingness to make real sacrifices. We'll actually need to let go of some of our grievances and hold more lightly our beliefs about how the church should work and who has a voice.

And we must learn to have hard conversations with each other, with love and respect, so that we're all pulling in the same direction: the transformation of the world by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

View or read the full sermon at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/81st-general-convention-of-the-episcopal-churchclosing-eucharist-sermon-by-presiding-bishop-elect-sean-rowe/>

Clergy Discretionary Fund regular collection to return!



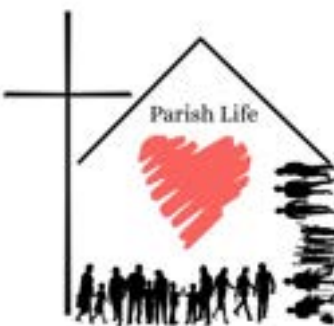
The Episcopal Church requires that, at a minimum, parishes must dedicate the loose offering at the Holy Eucharist once a month to a Clergy Discretionary Fund. The vestry has decided to reinstate this practice by designating all loose plate offerings given on the third Sunday of each month to this fund. Anyone is welcome to contribute to this fund at any time by specifying on your check that it be deposited into the Clergy Discretionary Fund (CDF) on the memo line.



Another evening of fun, fellowship and yummy treats was held on Friday, June 7, in the St. Tim's Fellowship Hall. Many usual characters made an appearance and some new friends too.

Lisa Dunbar delivered poignant renditions of several Roberta Flack songs. Dani Tate played several stringed instruments while sharing his vocals on a couple of crowd favorites and a few tunes to "bring y'all up to date in music I enjoy today!"

It was a wonderful opportunity to send two of our congregation off to new life adventures. Dunbar's to South Carolina and Dani to Jacksonville State University in the fall.



No 1st Sunday Brunch on 7/7
No Parish Life activities in July.

August 4th: 1st Sunday Brunch

August Wednesday Suppers will be on August 14th, 21st, and 28th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for hosts and themes.

September 1st Sunday Brunch will be on September 8th and Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on September 18th.

There will be a Parish Life meeting on August 4th during the brunch.

Gobblers



The first luncheon meeting of senior adults was held on June 18 and was a huge success! Over a dozen people attended. Besides eating the catered lunch, the group was named, a calendar was developed, and next month's activity was decided upon.

We invite all to the next meeting of the Geriatric Gobblers (or Gobblers for short) on Tuesday, July 16 at noon. Lunch will be from Firehouse Subs and esteemed historian Jim Lay will give a talk on the history of Calhoun and our church building. Be on the lookout in the Parish Hall for a sign-up sheet and ordering information. This group is not restricted to church members, so be sure to bring a friend!

If you have extra free time in the summer or a slightly slower pace, explore a ministry you haven't tried, or have let lapse a while. Serve as an usher or lector or Coffee Hour host, or offer some of your time to the church or to outreach ministries in the community. Another opportunity open to all of us is to more intentionally include those on our prayer list in our personal daily prayers. We do not have to know the individuals to ask God's blessing and healing for them. It is part of our privilege as believers to lift up our brothers and sisters. Additionally, please check the prayer list, and if you have placed yourself or someone else's name on the list, let Kerry know if they need to stay on, or can be removed.

Looking ahead, we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 4th as our young members prepare to return to school. Our prayers will also include those attending college and those who teach or work in other ways in our schools and colleges. We will also have First Sunday Brunch and Sundae Sunday.

Blessings,
Rev. Linda Baker Pineo



Blessing of Backpacks & Ice Cream Sundaes!!

Join us on August 4th for the fun.



- July 4 Jim & Jane Haigler
- July 7 Mike & Jane Davis
- July 11 Kerry & Lisa Dunbar
- July 12 Richard & Linda Caward
- July 15 Alan & Renee Hughes
- July 21 Frank and Suzanne Wilson
- July 22 John & Julie Leggett
- July 25 Michael & Terry Overlander

Post from Bishop Rob Wright on 6/26/24:



Today the House of Bishops elected Bishop Sean Rowe as the 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Please join me in offering prayers for the church and for Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe, his wife, Carly and his family. Let us pray for those who stood for election: Bishops Scott Barker, Daniel Gutiérrez and DeDe Duncan-Probe and their families.

Beth-Sarah and I are immensely grateful to God for all of the support and prayers sent in our direction from across the church and especially from the people of The Diocese of Atlanta. By the grace of God let us continue to press on in the name of Jesus Christ.

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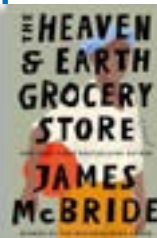
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- July 3 Carol Vedrody
- July 3 Alan Hughes
- July 7 Grant Bennett
- July 9 Linda Caward
- July 14 Richard Shaw
- July 14 Kerry Nance
- July 15 Ann Dimon
- July 16 Annie Camp
- July 16 Kate Langford
- July 16 Bill Jenkins
- July 18 Louis Tonsmeire
- July 18 Charlie Phelps
- July 20 Drilona Prenku
- July 22 Teresa Bailey
- July 26 Amelia Meeks
- July 26 Fern Cook
- July 28 Nina Camp
- July 29 Aimee Bass

COVER TO COVER Book Club

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet at the Parish House strting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00.



On Monday, July 15, we'll discuss THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY STORE by James McBride. "It is the richly-textured story of a small, diverse commu-

nity centered around the Jewish-owned Heaven and Earth Grocery store in Pottstown Pennsylvania in the 20s and 30s, and of the big events – love, death, murder, kidnapping – that mark the lives of the people connected to it." 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.

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

Together we emulate Christ!



**Do
Justice,
Love
Kindness,
& Walk
Humbly
With
Your
God**

Micah 6:8