

# ❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We are now fully into the Season after Pentecost, which is generally understood as a season of learning about being a disciple of Christ, and growing further into being the Church.

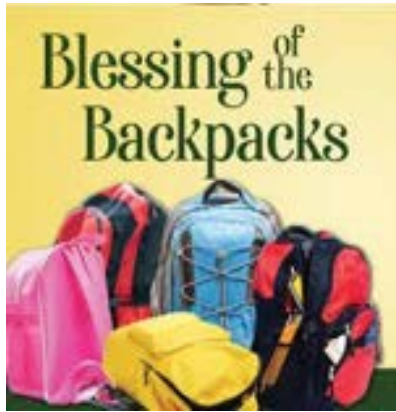
We start this month with a backward jump to almost 250 years ago. Our service on July 6<sup>th</sup> will be taken from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which would have been what was in use in colonial churches. The liturgy of Morning Prayer followed by the Communion Service would normally have lasted about two hours. We have shortened the liturgy somewhat by leaving out some parts of the Litany, leaving out the second reading of the Lord's Prayer and a second confession, and dropping some other bits.

There will be some anachronisms – starting with having a woman priest! The lessons are those appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary for this Sunday. It would have also been the practice for much of the service to be said responsively by the priest saying a line which the congregation would then repeat. Sometimes this was done because of few prayer books being available, and sometimes because not everyone was able to read. It would also be common for the priest to read almost everything. We will make use of a Lector and a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

The Communion service may seem unfamiliar, even to those who love Rite I. That is because the soon to be formed Episcopal Church adopted the format of the Scottish Episcopal Church Communion service as part of the arrangement for their consecration of Bishop Samuel Seabury.

While not a service used annually, this service is a long-standing tradition at St. Timothy's. Several members will help us celebrate this Sunday by coming in colonial costume. We hope you enjoy this look back at our early roots.

Blessings,  
Rev. Linda+



**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Special service**  
**August 3rd**  
**and First Sunday Brunch**

## **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  
Photos archived from  
Events and much more,  
Check it out!

[https://  
www.sttimothycalhoun.org/](https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/)



During the American Revolution, Anglican churches in the colonies used the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The Revolution presented a challenge, as the BCP included prayers for the British monarch, which was no longer feasible. Therefore, ministers began making individual alterations to omit or replace these "state prayers".

## **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary**



The Vestry met on 6/22/25. Present were Rev. Linda, Charlie Phelps, Judy Peterson, Walt Mason, and Susan Skaggs. They discussed progress towards the goals of a free library/community prayer box and a cutting garden. Rev. Linda shared updates on various members on the prayer list as well as reminding Vestry of the Diocesan Convention. Volunteers for accompanying Rev. Linda to the Convention are being requested.

No formal reports were received, but Liaison Vestry members gave oral reports. Facilities gave updates on our landscaping contract and on fixing the light fixtures. Thanks especially to Chris Lonvick, Dan DeGuire, and Jess Shirley.

The rental house situation was discussed and it was decided that the rental agreements and contracts should be reviewed before we take further action. Additionally, parking signage will be investigated. Pew upholstery will be repaired. Worship reported on the historic service and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Ministry Fair and Youth Sunday will be scheduled. David Smith has requested a dehumidifier to help keep the piano in tune. Contract with Kelly in Dalton will be reviewed.

Previous minutes with corrections and the Treasurer's report were accepted. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.



We are still collecting undies through next Sunday, July 13th, for Christmas in July. Thank you for supporting our community.

**Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe** released a letter to The Episcopal Church on June 11 responding to a series of Trump administration policies on migration and immigration, including the use of the military for crowd control at protests.

After federal agents conducted immigration enforcement raids in Los Angeles on June 6, protesters clashed with law enforcement in parts of the city over the weekend. Trump, against the wishes of California leaders, ordered the California National Guard to deploy thousands of soldiers to assist. His administration also has deployed Marines to the city to secure federal properties. California leaders have sued the Trump administration to reverse the decision to send in troops.

Rowe's letter, titled "Acting Faithfully in Troubling Times," calls such military deployments "a dangerous turn" in President Donald Trump's attacks on his political opponents and his administration's ongoing immigration crackdown. He also amplified a statement issued June 10 by the bishops of California's six Episcopal dioceses....

"At its best, our church is capable of moral clarity and resolute commitment to justice. I believe we can bring those strengths to bear on this gathering storm."

See full letter and PR at -  
<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/06/11/presiding-bishop-letter-responds-to-trumps-travel-ban-immigration-crackdown/>



Our work to maintain and upgrade our facilities continues! Thanks to Dan DeGuire, Jess Shirley, and Chris Lonvick for replacing ballasts and light fixtures downstairs in the Parish Hall. We are also working to install signage regarding our parking areas. Stay tuned!

The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **Ramen Noodles** each month. Thank you for helping to fill our Little Red Wagon. The Outreach Committee.



July 4 Jim & Jane Haigler  
July 10 Brian & Beth Avery  
July 15 Alan & Renee Hughes  
July 22 John & Julie Leggett  
July 25 Michael & Terry Overlander

**St. Tim's Ramblers** All are welcome to attend! The group is planning to visit the Booth Art Museum on Tuesday, July 8. Meet at the church at 11:15 to ride share to Cartersville.

Sign up on the Activities Board.

**Clergy discretionary funds** are designated funds that Rev. Linda can use at her discretion to provide financial assistance to



individuals or for charitable purposes. These funds are typically intended for helping those in need or for supporting the church's mission and ministry. The offertory plate donations from the 3rd Sunday of each month are designated for this fund. Thank you.



**No First Sunday Lunch** on July 6th.

No Wednesday evening potluck suppers.

Parish Life Committee

will post the August schedule of events in the Parchment and post sign up sheets for hosts and attendees.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - 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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July	3	Carol	Vedrody
July	3	Alan	Hughes
July	7	Grant	Bennett
July	14	Richard	Shaw
July	14	Kerry	Nance
July	15	Ann	Dimon
July	16	Bill	Jenkins
July	18	Louis	Tonsmeire
July	18	Charlie	Phelps
July	22	Teresa	Bailey
July	26	Amelia	Meeks
July	26	Fern	Cook
July	28	Nina	Camp
July	29	Aimee	Bass

*Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.*

-2 Corinthians 8:21 KJV

2 Corinthians 8:21 emphasizes the importance of honesty and accountability in our actions. Cheating contradicts this principle by undermining trust and displaying a lack of respect for oneself and others. The verse serves as a reminder that we are accountable not just to God but also to those around us.

## COVER TO COVER

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, July 21.

THE HOMEWRECKERS by Mary Kay Andrews "Summer begins with Mary

Kay Andrews, in this delightful summer read about flipping houses, and finding true love. All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

