

October 2025 is going to be a busy month. On Saturday, October 4th, we will have our Blessing of the Animals at 12 noon in the church playground. This is the actual day of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters" and even preached to the birds. [Wikipedia] Pets need to be leashed, crated, or appropriately contained. If your pets aren't comfortable in crowds, you can bring a picture of them to be blessed, and stuffed animals are also welcome to be blessed. The liturgy takes about 15 minutes, depending on the number of critters. Snacks and treats will be handed out. Please invite friends and neighbors, also!

On Sunday, October 5th, we will mark the end of the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 – Oct. 4). We will also have our usual First Sunday Brunch. Please bring something to share. That afternoon, there is an opportunity to care for creation close at hand by helping clean up the Calhoun City Recreation Park and Oothcalooga Creek from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (and work off that sumptuous lunch!). Supplies will be provided. Please contact Judy Peterson to sign up (judy.peterson@keepcalhoungordonbeautiful.org)

On Tuesday, October 7th, the Ramblers group will go to the Lance Farm for lunch and a tour. We will have Wednesday Night Suppers on October 15th and 22nd, followed by our Bible Study on Isaiah (you are invited to come even if you haven't been to Bible Study before). On Sunday, October 26th, we will have our Annual Picnic at Salacoa Park. Please sign up downstairs for attendance and food donation, or email the office. It will also be Blue Jean Sunday, an opportunity to wear casual clothes to church. Wear your St. Timothy's 50th anniversary t- t-shirt if you have one.

October is the beginning of Stewardship season. We exercise Stewardship in many ways throughout the year, but this is the time of year when we prayerfully consider- er our pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. Expect a letter and a pledge card enclosed later this month. The ingathering and blessing of pledges will take place in November. In this time, please also consider how you might offer your time and talent to one of the committees or ministries at St. Timothy's, or in the wider community of Calhoun and Gordon County. A new edition of our Directory is in the works. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email, please let us know with an email to the office. Updated photos are welcome. We are looking forward to the Diocese of Atlanta Annual Council. This year, it will take place at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta on Friday, Nov.7 (all day) and Saturday morning, Nov. 8. Our delegates this year will be Beth Vaughn and Kelli De Guire, but we have a spot open for an alternate Saturday morning, when Kelli can't be there. Please speak to me or to Susan Skaggs if you are interested. Wonderful things are happening at St. Timothy's – join in!

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+