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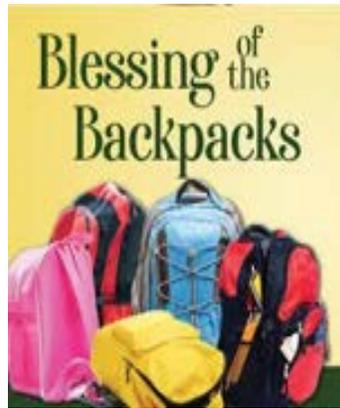
Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Here we are in August. It's time for back to school and back to college. Sunday, August 3rd, we will have the annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**, and special prayers for our students, teachers and other school personnel. It is a time when we focus on the importance of learning and growing personally and intellectually. It is also a way we let those members, young and old, know that we pray for them, and wish them success in their school life for the coming year. We love and support them, especially our young people, and we value their presence in our midst. As a sign of this, our young members will be taking on extra roles in the service.

But it can also be a reminder that we are learners, disciples, all our lives, as we continually learn more about God and God's Kingdom, and what it means to follow and emulate Christ. Beginning August 13th, we will offer a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:45p.m., following the dinner. We will decide together on what to study and how often we meet. Just as we need physical bread or food for life for our physical bodies, we need the living Word, Jesus, to nourish us spiritually. And sharing Scripture together enriches our understanding.

One of the most human activities is to eat together. For the Jewish people, the sharing of the Passover meal is central to their faith. For Episcopalians and many other Christians, the sharing of Communion, the Eucharist, is central to our faith. We come together to share the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, in community.

But we also share other meals together as a way of strengthening our bonds as a part of the family of God. So the First Sunday Brunch, and Wednesday Night Dinners, and monthly Ramblers luncheon, and the Parish Picnic and the Holiday Meal are part of our formation, learning, and growth as followers of Christ. Jesus did a lot of eating with other people, so it seems important to follow that pattern. As we gather and share and get to know one another better, we grow in knowing how to love and serve one another. So join the party - come join us at God's table, and join us at the other tables too. Blessings,
Rev. Linda+



Special service August 3rd and First Sunday Brunch

Our youth will take many roles in the service usually performed by adults.

Deacon Devon Smith will present the homily.

An especially child friendly First Sunday Brunch is being prepared. We hope you can join us!



"Let the little children come to me..."
Matthew 19:14, NIV

Sunday School starts on 9/7.
ALL are welcome!

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/>



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The Vestry met on 7/10/25. Present were Rev. Linda, Charlie Phelps, Judy Peterson, Kelli DeGuire and Susan Skaggs.

The first goal of a free library/prayer box is well on the way.

Rev. Linda shared updates on various members on the prayer list as well as reminding Vestry of the Diocesan Convention and training on Saturday, Aug 2.

Committees: Kelli DeGuire is donating custom boxes for jump drives for our 50th anniversary videos. The Parish House library is being culled. Books will be taken to McKay's and those proceeds will go to Outreach.

New book study for adults begins 9/14; Sunday School begins 9/7.

Jeff Adair is the new head of the Evangelism Committee.

Facilities gave a report via email on the situation with the range vent. John Anderson is fabricating a new vent pipe and will install it when it is done. Contracts on the rental house and piano upkeep are in hand and being reviewed. Parking signage arrived and will be installed. Pew upholstery work will begin soon.

Worship reported on the Blessing of the Backpacks with Youth leading the service.

Previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were accepted.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Outreach Committee

Report for first seven months of 2025:
 -\$200.00 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (*To facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster, and disease.*)
 -\$100.00 to Healing Hands (*Purchase of items for free health care clinic*)
 -\$400.00 to Family Resource Center (Prevent Child Abuse) (*For education & prevention of child abuse*)
 -\$250 to Gordon County Domestic Violence Center (*To provide assistance for victims of domestic violence.*)
 -\$50 to the Diocese of the Cape Coast (*To help bring God's message to the people of West Africa's Cape Coast*)
 -\$100 to Emmaus House (To support the residents of Peoplestown and area.)
 -Purchased \$100 of feminine products for GC Domestic Violence Center (*To support victims of domestic violence.*)
 -A congregation wide drive was conducted in April for the **Bloom Closet** and we donated a total of 16 pairs of pajamas, 1 shirt, 2 dresses and 149 pairs of socks. The Outreach Committee purchased an additional 20 pairs of pajamas.
 -In May, another collection was held for **Carol's Closet**, asking for toothpaste and toothbrushes. The final count for those is 45 tubes of toothpaste and 73 toothbrushes. The Outreach Committee also purchased 70 bottles of laundry soap, 70 boxes of dryer sheets and 30 bottles of dish soap.
 -In June we conducted our Annual **Christmas in July** underwear drive. 35 packages of underwear were purchased with Outreach funds and our congregation donated another 72 packs. So many children will start the school year with more confidence.

We are so grateful for your continued support. We could not accomplish our mission to emulate Christ in our community without you.
 The Outreach Committee

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- Aug 5 James & Kathy Adams
- Aug 20 John & Gladys Lampe
- Aug 21 Lyle & Colleen Currier
- Aug 25 George & Deb Trudell
- Aug 27 John & Rebecca Richardson

St. Tim's Ramblers

All are welcome to attend! The group is planning to discuss estate planning on Tuesday, Aug 12, at noon. John Leggett will be speaker. Sign up on the Activities Board.

All are welcome to join a potluck brunch on the first Sunday of each month.



Wednesday evening suppers will begin on August 13th with a baked potato bar. August 20 will be BBQ hosted by the Barnwell's. August 27 will be dinner out at North Indian Flame Bar and Grill at 115 Travelers Path, Calhoun

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Bible Study



Starting Wednesday evening, 8/13, BIBLE STUDY 6:45—7:30 pm following dinner.



ALTAR FLOWERS - A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.



- Aug 2 Renee Hughes
- Aug 2 Tony King
- Aug 5 Dan Bump
- Aug 6 Elizabeth Dutch
- Aug 7 Chad McKinney
- Aug 16 Terry Overlander
- Aug 18 Gail Vick
- Aug 19 Benjamin Anderson
- Aug 23 Michael Tomasello
- Aug 23 Robin Cleeland
- Aug 24 Linda Phelps
- Aug 27 Chareen Chaapel
- Aug 29 Rita Collins

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.



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.



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. LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY by Bonnie Garmus. "Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, she would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

