

# ❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

It's Advent!!

We have entered Advent, the season of anticipation and expectation in which we reflect on the coming ("advent") of Christ – his coming in the past as a babe in Bethlehem, his coming at the end of time to reign over all things, and his coming to us in our lives in the present. It is difficult not to get swept up in the flood of holiday and Christmas music, celebrations, shopping, cooking, and "stuff". This year it seemed to start earlier than ever, right after Halloween, with decorations on homes and in stores! Advent invites us to take time out to reflect on the messages of Advent, to listen for God's voice and to be aware of God's presence within and around us.

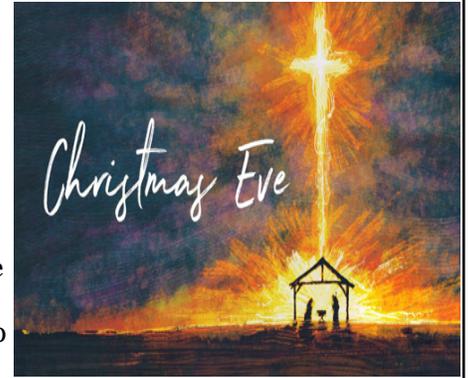
This year our annual Holiday Dinner will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The Parish Life Committee will provide the dinner at no charge. They ask that we sign up so they know how many folk to expect, and also ask us to sign up to bring desserts. You may text Janet or email if you miss signing up on Sunday. Please note that there will not be a First Sunday Brunch that day!

This is also the season for our Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place Sunday, December 14th, after the Gospel reading at the 11:00 a.m. service in place of the homily. A financial statement of the Parish through October 31<sup>st</sup> will be available and short reports will be offered. We will elect a new Vestry member to take the place of Kelli De Guire who is completing her three year term. There will be a Coffee Hour following the service. If you have not already brought or sent in your pledge card for 2026, please do

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## 2025 Christmas Eve at St. Timothy's

Join us on this special night to welcome the Christ child. A family service will be held at 4:00 pm. Sweets and snacks will be shared in the Parish Hall at 9:30pm. At 10:30pm, we will go upstairs to the Sanctuary for carols and lessons. The Holy Eucharist will begin at 11:00 pm.



### Keep up with St. Timothy's Online Access -

PARCHMENT  
Calendar of events  
Rev. Linda's Letters  
Photos archived from events and much more,  
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Saturday, Dec. 20, from 10—Noon  
in St. Tim's Parish Hall  
Watch for more information and  
sign up sheet.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
Sponsored by Evangelism Committee



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

The vestry met on Sunday, November 23. Present were Kelli DeGuire, Walt Mason, Susan Skaggs, Charlie Phelps, and Rev. Linda Pineo. The meeting began with prayer.

- The placement for the Free Library and parking signs were decided upon and will be installed once George Trudell is well.
  - Rev. Linda updated us on those who are on the prayer list. Committee reports were given, both written and oral.
  - Outreach has a bit of extra money to spend for the end of the year.
  - Facilities had the most extensive report as we are finalizing the vent pipe incident and getting estimates and repairs on both the Parish House and Church building roof leaks. We need to remind everyone to contact Kerry or a vestry member if they see issues with lawn care or facilities issues.
  - Evangelism will be setting up the Snowman Spectacular as St. Nicholas next weekend. A mindfulness art activity led by Roberta Charbonneau is scheduled for 12/20 from 10a-12p.
  - Donations for Mountain Ed monthly dinners will be solicited beginning in January.
  - Parish Life will also be providing lunch at the VAC on the 29th. Their new schedule for events was reviewed.
  - Worship committee reported that the hymn board will be lowered.
  - October minutes were approved with amendments. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. The calendar was adjusted and VPOD assignments were determined.
- Next Vestry meeting date was changed to Sunday 12/21.  
The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

so. The Vestry will meet December 21<sup>st</sup> to consider the budget for 2026.

Of course, an important part of Advent is preparing for the annual remembrance of our Savior's birth, the feast we call Christmas. There will be two Christmas Eve services. The first, at 4:00 p.m., will be a service with the usual lessons and prayers and Communion. This is a good service for families with children and grandchildren, and for those who prefer not to drive after dark. The other service will be at 11:00 p.m. with the full Eucharist for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord with hymns, lessons, homily, prayers and Holy Communion.

This will be preceded by a festive gathering for food and fellowship at 9:30 p.m. and a time of Christmas carols and music beginning at 10:30 p.m. Come and celebrate!

Advent blessings!

Rev. Linda+



**Bible Study** Wednesday evenings 6:45—7:30 pm following dinner on Dec 3. Focus is book of Isaiah. All are welcome to join.

A book study continues Sunday mornings in the Parish House at 10:00. The first book is Richard Rohr's THE TEARS OF THINGS. Contact Kelli or Susan Skaggs with any questions.



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**Happy wedding anniversary**

- Dec 5 Louis & Sally Tonsmeire
- Dec 8 C. K. & Ilene White
- Dec 14 Tom & Chareen Chaapel
- Dec 23 Charlie & Linda Phelps



Please place the gift items in the bag supplied and return to St. Tim's by Sunday, December 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Terry at 678-986-6760

**Serving VAC Lunch**

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Timothy's will provide and distribute 70 sack lunches at the VAC. Normally, the VAC is closed for the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. This year, organizations were asked to sponsor meals during this week and St. Tim's is honored to participate in this effort to serve our neighbors during the holidays.

Donations of lunch ham and cheese, bread, cookies, chips, fruit, and cash will be accepted at our Holiday Dinner. Lunches will be assembled at St. Tim's on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Lunch service will begin at the VAC at 11am and we will distribute the lunches until gone.

All are welcome to attend our Annual Christmas dinner on **Sunday, Dec. 7**, at 5:30. Parish Life will provide the meal with a sign up sheet for desserts.

There will also be a sign up sheet for appetizers for **Christmas Eve** reception in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30 before the 10:30 service.



**Christmas Poinsettias** Please place your order on the form provided at service. Place it in the offering plate.



- Dec. 2 Lisa McKinney
- Dec. 8 Stephanie Lackey
- Dec. 10 Sabrina Falkenhagen
- Dec. 10 John McCoy
- Dec. 11 Sam Tomasello
- Dec. 12 Jess Shirley
- Dec. 13 Chris Lonvick
- Dec. 14 Terri Barnwell
- Dec. 15 Grace Bramlette
- Dec. 20 Gene Jones
- Dec. 26 Steve Vedrody
- Dec. 28 Kerry Dunbar

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35

The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **Ramen Noodles** each month. Thank you for helping to fill our Little Red Wagon. Note, other food items are welcome too. Such as breakfast bars, cereals, protein bars, canned meats, etc.



**St. Tim's Ramblers**

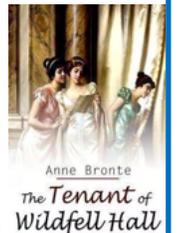
The Ramblers will celebrate the season on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon at the Parish Hall.

Please sign up for lunch from Sub Delights. \$10.



**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, Dec. 15. THE TENANT OF WILDFELL HALL by Anne Bronte. "...a



powerful and sometimes violent novel of expectation, love, oppression, sin, religion and betrayal." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.