❖ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Here we are in 2026. Many of us are not sorry to see 2025 gone. My best advice is to focus on the blessings and good memories of 2025. We may have optimism about the new year, but that is tempered with some skepticism and caution, especially with flu, virus of the month, RSV, and Covid in the air. And then there is the usual wondering what Mother Nature is going to throw at us for weather.

Liturgically, it is also a bit mixed. We are beginning a new secular calendar, but we are halfway through the school calendar year. We are mostly through the twelve days of Christmas, still celebrating the Incarnation, with the season of Epiphany in view. January 4th we will hear the passage from Matthew about the wisemen from the East visiting the infant Jesus. Then on January 11th, the First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

On that second Sunday of January we will hear Matthew's report of Jesus' Baptism. On January 18th we hear John the Baptist's report on that baptism, and hear of Jesus's first encounter with Andrew. On January 25th we hear of Jesus calling Peter and Andrew and James and John as his disciples. As we reflect on these Gospel stories we are invited to ask how Jesus has been and is being revealed to us in our lives. Christmas, the Nativity, is only the beginning of the story of Jesus for us. How does the story continue and connect with our own stories? If we proclaim Jesus born in Bethlehem, how do we also acknowledge him as the Son of God proclaimed at his baptism? This idea of revelation and proclamation will continue through the whole of the season of Epiphany. The Greek word epiphaneia means revelation or manifestation or appearance.

During the Annual Meeting you heard reports of what the various ministries of St. Timothy's accomplished in 2025. St. Timothy's is an epiphany, a manifestation of God's presence and activity, not just in our

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Epiphany Season (from The Episcopal Dictionary of the Church)

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday depending on the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.

Join us as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday

Potluck luncheon will be held Immediately following service.

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.

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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Vestry Summary

The vestry met on Sunday, December 21. Present were Kelli DeGuire, Walt Mason, Susan Skaggs, Jeff Adair, and Rev. Linda Pineo.
The meeting began with prayer.

- Rev. Linda updated us on those who are on the prayer list.

No committee reports were given. The Vestry reviewed the information from the Annual Report.

- A group will assemble the sack lunches on the 29th for distribution at the VAC. Thanks to Janet Lonvick for coordinating and collecting the supplies.
- The Evangelism Committee's St. Nicholas snowman appeared on the Diocese of Atlanta Facebook page . There were ten people at the "Art of Mindfulness" session on December 20. Two friends from other churches joined the event. Thanks to Roberta Charbonneau for organizing and leading us in such a wonderful exercise that reminded us of the "Reason for the Season".
- November minutes were approved with amendments.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted. The calendar was adjusted and VPOD assignments were determined.

Next Vestry meeting date is January 18.
The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

congregation, but also in Calhoun and Gordon County. The question for us in this new year is how can we grow more Christ-like as individuals and as a congregation? How can we show more of the love of Christ? May this new year be a continued season of growth and an exploration of deeper ways of living as followers of Christ.

Blessings in 2026!

Rev. Linda+

Our Annual Meeting was held on December 14th. Jeff Adair was elected to fill the position opened by the completion of Kelli De Guire's term on Vestry.
Much information about the work of our faith and church was shared. Copies of the reports can be obtained from Rev. Linda.

Rev. Linda and Kerry send their thank you to each of you in the Christmas cards, gifts and appreciation.

CABARET

A Cabaret Dinner, St. Timothy's Annual Valentine Fundraiser, will be held on February 14th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The evening will include a silent auction, a lasagna dinner, and musical entertainment. Look for more information in the coming weeks and save your new and gently used items for the silent auction.

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Remind

St. Timothy's Remind account, now that Winter is upon us. To sign up, go to your text messages, the number you're sending to is 81010. In the message section, type in @sttimcal, then press send. You will receive a text message back saying that you are signed in.

Additionally, as we are entering flu season, we have masks and hand sanitizer available at all services.

Lynn Wysong, Cindy Williams and Colleen Currier enjoyed the Advent Mindfulness event on Saturday, 12/20

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPERS
Sign up sheets are downstairs for - Jan. 14 and 21. You may also sign up to join us for Wednesday supper out at Peng's on Jan. 28.

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.

Altar Flowers - Sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday service on calendar downstairs. Make a $30 check out to the Altar Guide Person with your dedication instructions

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Jan.	6	Julie	Leggett
Jan.	10	Mary	McCoy
Jan.	10	Kate	Leggett O'Toole
Jan.	11	Sally	Tonsmeire
Jan.	20	Tom	Chaapel
Jan.	21	Jessie	McCoy Feller
Jan.	22	Allen	Dutch
Jan.	26	Lyle	Currier
Jan.	28	Heath	Richardson
Jan.	28	Annie	Barnes Gamble

St. Tim's Ramblers

Ramblers will be going to the Savoy Auto Museum in Cartersville on Tuesday, January 13. Those wanting to carpool can meet at church at 11:30; We will eat lunch there at their cafe. Prices range from 8-12 dollars.

Be sure you are signed up for **The Ramblers** Remind account on your phone in case of weather cancellation. Open your text messages. The number you text to is 81010. In the message space type in @kee8g32, then press send. You should receiver a reply.

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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, Jan. 19. THE LION WOMEN OF TEHRAN by Marjan Kamali. "Together, the two young women come of age and pursue their own goals for meaningful futures. But as the political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point, one earth-shattering betrayal will have enormous consequences." All are invited to join for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.