

# ◆ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ◆

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We begin February continuing with the season of Epiphany, and end it in the season of Lent. On February 1 and 8, the Gospel readings from Matthew are part of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, we hear the story of the Transfiguration, the revelation of Jesus's divinity.

February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, with the Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at noon and 6:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. service will be followed by a soup, salad, and sandwich supper.

The forty days of Lent are patterned after Jesus' forty days in the wilderness following his baptism in the Jordan. The Book of Common Prayer gives us an Invitation to a Holy Lent (spoken by Celebrant): It explains Lent in this way: "The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church." It continues: "Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP page 264)

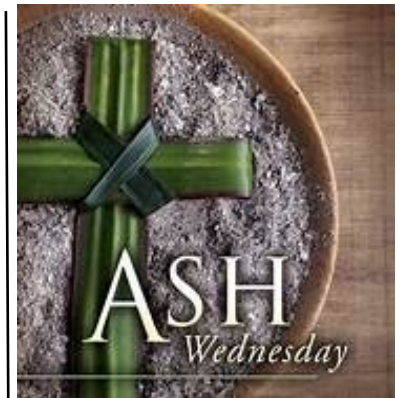
The Sundays in Lent are not part of the forty days – even in Lent Sundays are feast days, celebrating the Resurrection. This year for the five Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, we are using the traditional language and liturgy of Rite I from the Book of Common Prayer, and the Healey Willan and Shubert musical settings for

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**St. Timothy's Valentine Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, February 14, at 6:00 pm**  
Enjoy an evening with a lasagna dinner, silent auction, and musical entertainment.

**All funds raised support our Outreach Committee.**



**SERVICES at**  
**Noon and at 6:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, 2/18**

*God loves us even in our dustiness.*



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

The vestry met on Sunday, January 18. Present were Walt Mason, Jeff Adair, Jeannie Vaughan, Susan Skaggs, Charlie Phelps, and Rev. Linda Pineo. The meeting began with prayer. Jeff was welcomed after installation today and Kelli was appreciated in absentia for remaining as the secretary.

.Rev. Linda provided an update for those on the prayer list and reported that the Rambler's trip to the Savoy went well.

.Informal oral reports from Communications, Evangelism, Worship, and Facilities were submitted, as meetings haven't been held yet. A formal written report was submitted from Parish Life, along with a calendar of events through May. The Valentine's Fundraiser plans were explained.

.Kerry Nance will follow up with lawn care, contract with Anderson's, roof refurbishment, and piano contract.

.The majority of the time was spent discussing the budget for 2026. The vestry is concerned about the necessity of dipping into reserves for the last few years, as this is not sustainable. Expect to hear more about this as the year progresses.

.The Executive Board was voted upon: Jeannie Vaughan will remain as treasurer with enormous thanks from the vestry for her continued service. Susan Skaggs will remain as Senior Warden, and Charlie Phelps and Judy Peterson will continue as Junior Wardens. Committee liaisons were established: Education (Susan), Facilities (Charlie & Judy), Evangelism (Susan), Parish Life (Jeff), Communications (Walt), Outreach (Jeff), Worship (Rev Linda).

.The previous minutes and Treasurer's Report were accepted. The proposed 2026 Budget was voted upon and accepted as a working document.

.The calendar was adjusted and VPOD assignments were determined. Next Vestry meeting date is February 15.

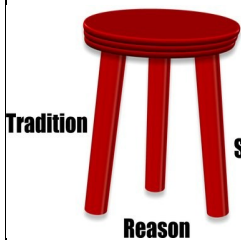
The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

the service music.

Many resources are available for focusing on our spiritual lives during Lent. Some will choose to read through one of the Gospels during Lent or choose one of the daily meditation series, such as Forward Day by Day. This year we will also have available the Living Compass devotional booklet *Living Well Through Lent 2026: Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength, & Mind*. Copies will be available in the Narthex beginning February 15<sup>th</sup>.

May you find wisdom and blessings as you continue your Epiphany journey, and enter into Lent.

Rev. Linda+



**In the Episcopal Church ...** a helpful (and sometimes overused) image describes how we engage

the text of the Bible in the world today: We see a "three-legged stool" of scripture, tradition and reason.

**EPISCOPAL 101**

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Have you forgotten what you learned in Confirmation class decades ago? Do you have questions about liturgy or theology or our weird words? Join us on Sunday mornings during Coffee Hour for Episcopal 101.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPERS**

Sign up sheets are downstairs for -  
Feb. 11: Mexican  
Feb 18 & 25: Soup, Salad, Sandwiches.  
On Feb. 18th, supper will follow the Ash Wednesday service at 6pm. During Lent the hosts will provide the soups and we won't be going out to eat.


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Calendar of events  
Rev. Linda's Letters  
Photos archived from events and much more, Check it out!  
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**St. Tim's Ramblers** Ramblers will not meet in February. Rather we encourage you to join the Cabaret dinner, entertainment and silent auction event on Saturday, 2/14, starting at 6:00 pm.

**Remind** 

Now that Winter is upon us, St. Timothy's has a Remind account for notifications about weather and other issues. 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.

*"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.



**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



Feb. 6	Matthew	Tomasello
Feb. 6	Denni	Moss
Feb. 11	Harvey	Scott
Feb. 13	Evie	Briones
Feb. 13	John	Richardson
Feb. 15	Alex	Avery
Feb. 15	Lee Thomas	Richardson
Feb. 15	Walter	Mason
Feb. 17	Samantha	Avery
Feb. 18	Margarita	Mackenson
Feb. 18	Garrison	Ensley
Feb. 20	Ella	Briones
Feb. 21	Lewie	Camp
Feb. 26	Mark	Barnwell
Feb. 26	Jane	Davis
Feb. 26	Susan	Maltony
Feb. 27	Dan	DeGuire
Feb. 29	Peggy	O'Connor



Feb 26 Dan & Kelli DeGuire

**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, Feb. 16. MY FRIENDS by Fredrik Backman. WINNER OF THE 2025 GOOD-READS CHOICE AWARDS FOR BEST FICTION "... tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later." All are invited to join for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

