

# ◆ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ◆

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We are in the middle of Eastertide, the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter, and Jesus tells us He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It is also First Sunday Brunch, so after the liturgy (literally the work of the people, *liturgeia*), join us for this special community fellowship – *koinonia* in Greek.

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, which is celebrated as Mother's Day, is also Rogation Sunday, the Sunday before the Ascension. It is traditionally a Sunday when prayers are offered for rural life, agriculture, and fishing, and more recently commerce, industry, and conservation of Creation – a sort of Anglican Earth Day.

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Ascension. Forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascended to the Father. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after the Ascension, we will hear Jesus' prayer to the Father for his followers "that they may be one, as we are one."

The last Sunday of the Easter Season, May 24<sup>th</sup>, is Pentecost. The term Pentecost means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. [An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church]

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The term "Pentecost" means "the fiftieth day." Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church and is identified by "The Book of Common Prayer" as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism. Please talk with Rev. Linda about baptism.



The feast day that celebrates "the one and equal glory" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being" (BCP, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (BCP, p. 15). This is another day appropriate for baptism.



## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The vestry met on April 19 with Rev Linda, Susan Skaggs, Charlie Phelps, Walt Mason, and Jeff Adair.

Rev Linda opened the meeting with prayer and updated the vestry on parishioner concerns. We will be adding a prayer request box to the Little Free Library.

The Vestry retreat will be May 30.

Committee reports were received. Communications is doing a great job. They still have access to Remind 101 and are asking for volunteers for live streaming. They are planning a Tech Fair.

Youth will be meeting for a Summer Splash Party at Robin Cleeland's in May. VBS is under consideration for younger members.

Evangelism reported that the plan for a Block Party has been replaced with a Sound Check and cookout on June 19th.

Facilities continues their fabulous work by considering new carpet and floor resurfacing in the stairwell, as well as repairing eaves on the Parish House, asphalt in the parking lot, and fixing the wooden ramp.

Worship says that Baptism will be offered on Pentecost and our 1776 service will be on Sunday, July 5.

Youth Sunday will be August 2 along with the Blessing of the Backpacks. We will also be starting Evening Prayer services in the courtyard on Wednesday evenings. The Misfits team continues to provide a meal to Mountain Ed, the alternative high school, once a month with St. Tim's receiving credit.

The vestry is concerned about our continued need to use funds from our reserves in order to operate. They ask that we prayerfully consider giving a bit more to our operating fund.

The vestry wishes to express their deep gratitude to those who do the work to make St. Timothy's the very special place that it is.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The Sunday after Pentecost, May 31<sup>st</sup>, is celebrated as Trinity Sunday. Both Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are often the occasion for baptisms and the renewal of baptismal vows. If you or a member of your family is interested in baptism, please speak with me as soon as possible. Baptism can be done almost any time of the year, but is especially appropriate at Pentecost, All Saints (November), and the Baptism of Christ (January).

I will also continue to offer Episcopal 101 at Coffee Hour, except on Vestry Meeting Sundays. All are welcome.

Blessings,

Rev. Linda+



**WATCH FOR INFO**

about summer fun with St. Timothy's!

- Coffee Hour Birthday Celebrations
- More Sunday Brunches
- Sound Check
- Wednesday Evening Prayer - Look for more info during May.

**Evening Prayer** at 5:30 pm in the patio will begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Participants will take turns leading the service. Followed by **Supper out**, if desired, at a restaurant of choice.

There will be no planned Wednesday Night Suppers in June, July, or August.

**St. Tim's Ramblers** Ramblers will meet on May 12 in the Fellowship Hall starting at noon.

Program is undecided. Attendance sign-up sheet is by the kitchen door. Lunch on sandwiches will be \$10 per person. The Ramblers group is seeking new leadership. Who would be interested in being in charge of just one meeting?

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Follow us on Facebook at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Calhoun, GA or our webpage [www.sttimothycalhoun.org/](http://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/)

**Happy wedding anniversary**

- May 5 David & Denni Moss
- May 30 David & Paige Smith

**Keep up with St. Timothy's Online**

Access - PARCHEMENT Calendar of events Rev. Linda's Letters Photos archived from events and much more, Check it out!

[www.sttimothycalhoun.org/](http://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/)



**Clergy Discretionary Fund**

Please note all donations in the collection plate on the 3rd Sunday of each month are designated to this fund. This supports our clergy work.



*Our young members learn about service to our community with food donations to VAC.*

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 Flower Guild Person with your dedication instructions.



- May 2 Sally Peterson Wyatt
- May 2 Jeri Dunn
- May 4 Scott Cooper
- May 7 Emory Dunn
- May 12 Lincoln Hansen
- May 13 Whitney Carnes
- May 16 Caroline Leggett
- May 17 Garry Jones
- May 21 Ellen Vaughn Parker
- May 22 George Trudell
- May 24 Rev. Linda Pineo
- May 30 Mari Shirley Ernstsén

**First Sunday Brunch** is this Sunday, May 3. Please come!

**Wednesday Night Supper** on May 13.

**Wednesday Supper** on May 20 will feature picnic foods. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Parish Life. Please sign up.



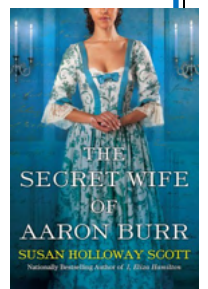
**Online sign up sheets are available~** We've made it easy for people who can't get downstairs, are out of town, or just remembered at

home that they forgot to sign up for something. Use the link to sign up for Acolytes, Altar Guild, Greeters, LEMs, Lectors, Live streaming, Usher, and Wednesday Night dinners.

<https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/sunday-service-sign-ups/>

**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, May 18, we'll discuss **THE SECRET WIFE OF AARON BURR** by Susan Holloway Scott.



She "weaves together carefully researched fact and fiction to tell the story of Mary Emmons, and the place she held in the life—and the heart—of the notorious Aaron Burr. ." All are invited to join ! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.