❖ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Here we are at November! We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 1st with an extra hour of sleep from the time change. The event most of us associate with this month is Thanksgiving Day. This national holiday, declared by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, has a complex history, but is generally seen as a time to give thanks for the year's harvest and other blessings, especially family and friends.

For Episcopalians and other Anglicans, Thanksgiving has another meaning. We say that our Sunday service is the Holy Eucharist. Eucharist is the translation of the Greek word *eucharistia,* which means thanksgiving. As we move from the liturgy of the Word to the liturgy of the table, the part we call Holy Communion, the Book of Common Prayer heads that part The Great Thanksgiving. We give thanks for all that God gives us, for the gift of Jesus's life, his death on the cross and his resurrection, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the gift of the bread and wine as the Body and Blood of Christ.

Our theology tells us that we are to live our faith in doing good, not to earn God's mercy and blessings, but in thanks-giving, in gratitude for God's blessings and unceasing love. Modern science tells us that gratitude has positive benefits for the health of our bodies and minds. Sharing and giving also have positive effects on our lives.

Every year about this time, you are given the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to God's work through St. Timothy's. You are invited to fill out and return a pledge card. The needs in our community are greater now than they have been. We would like to significantly increase our Outreach budget, especially for local organizations. We will continue to offer other ways to help our neighbors through donations of food and supplies, and gifts of our time. As you give thanks for the blessings in your

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ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st is All Saints' Day. One of the seven principal feasts of the church year, it commemorates all saints, known and unknown. We also fold into this celebration the intent of **All Souls' Day,** which is the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, officially observed on Nov. 2. As is our custom, the names of parishioners, family, and friends who have died since November 1st last year will be included in the prayers. Following the service, we will have our **First Sunday Brunch**.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The vestry met on Sunday, October 18. Present were Rev. Linda Pineo, Susan Skaggs, Judy Peterson, Charlie Phelps, Walt Mason, and Allen Dutch. After opening with prayer, Rev. Linda updated us on Jeff Adair's condition and the need to replace him through the end of the year. Allen Dutch graciously accepted this task with Jeff's blessing. The vestry voted to accept Allen Dutch as Jeff's replacement through the end of the year by acclamation. The parish meeting will be December 6. Anyone interested in serving on Vestry needs to let their desires be known.

Susan explained her vision for the church library, which involves culling, reorganizing, and acquiring new books for parishioner use. Rev. Linda also updated the vestry with parishioner concerns. She and Susan are working together to get current emergency contact information for everyone. She and Kerry are working to address the length of the Prayer List.

Susan also explained the insurance payment from the Church Insurance Group. The company used the higher estimates for our payment, and there is some overage. We have been told by the company representative that it is not necessary to return the overage. That money will be deposited into our building fund.

Committee reports followed -

Communications--no report; Education/Youth--attendance is spotty. Evangelism--the Rainbow Cookout planning on October 24 has been taken over by Ann Dimon and Susan Skaggs in Jeff's absence. Facilities is finalizing a list of repairs and issues that need addressing at the work day scheduled for Nov 7. We are still awaiting a correction on the range hood inspection. The Outreach Committee budget and record keeping was examined as an exemplar for all of us. Parish Life--changed the date of the craft day to 10/31 from 10-noon. Ramblers meeting on 10/24 10am to noon at New Echota--email will be sent. Stewardship--A new type of letter will be sent to the parish instead of the one used in the past. Worship--Rev. Linda reported Episcopal 101 attendance is declining; Susan volunteered to begin calling folks to fill in Sunday Ministries. An Epiphany pageant is probably not possible given the erratic attendance of younger members.

Bp. Wright will visit in January.

The previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved along with the revised VPOD schedule through the end of the year. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

own life, please consider how you might share that sense of blessing and love with others, especially those experiencing life right now as very difficult. May you be a blessing to others in many ways!

In gratitude for all of you,

Rev. Linda+



Dear St. Timothy Folk,
On Sunday, October 18th, I was surprised by the presentation of a lovely box in acknowledgement of Clergy Appreciation month, in addition to several cards. When I opened the box and cards at home, I was overwhelmed by your messages and gifts. It felt like Christmas had come early!! Many were anonymous, so this is my **THANK YOU!** for your thoughtfulness and kindness. It is my great privilege to serve at St. Timothy's, and I love all of you! Rev. Linda+

Improvements coming to our church library!

Did you know that we have a library at St. Timothy's? It's located in our Parish House next to the church and is presently open on Monday and Friday mornings from 9-12 and before and after Sunday Services For the past year, Kelli DeGuire and Susan Skaggs have been going through the books and making improvements. Besides Bibles and books on Theology, the library houses the collection from the Journey Group that meets on Tuesday evenings and from the Adult Sunday School book study. We are also expanding to include sections for Fiction written by Episcopalian authors for youth and adults, and, most excitingly, a section of our photos from years past. Donations in these categories are welcomed. Walt Mason has donated a wealth of easy-to-understand articles about various medical conditions from the Mayo Clinic for us to use.

Expect to hear more soon and a "Grand Opening" at the beginning of 2027!

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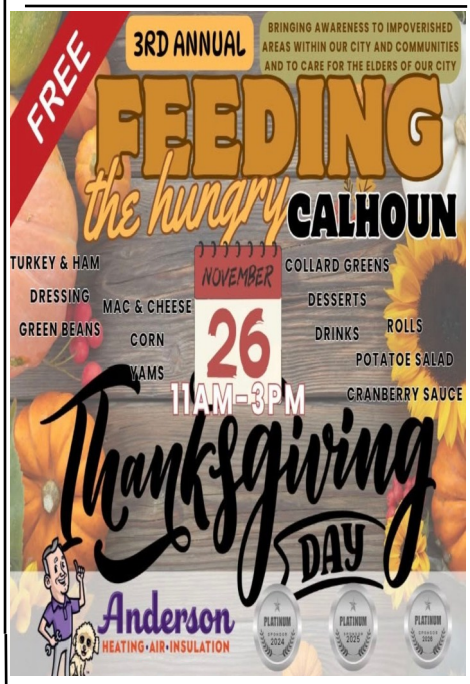


Nov 2 Brian & Roberta Charbonneau
Nov 5 Harvey & Ardie Scott



Sign Up for Wednesday night dinners - Supper Out will be on 11/4 at Thatcher's.

Karen Yates will prepare meals on Wednesday evenings - the 11th and 18th at 6:00. Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday. Please text or call Karen Yates at 706-537-5498. Adults = $10 each and parents may donate as they feel appropriate for their children.



EPISCOPAL 101— Has Resumed
Join us on Sunday mornings during Coffee Hour for Episcopal 101.

The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **Ramen Noodles** each month. Thank you helping to fill our Little Red Wagon.



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.





Nov.	7	Lisa	Dunbar
Nov.	9	Meghan	Ensley
Nov.	13	Brett	Shirley
Nov.	16	Owen	Camp
Nov.	18	Brian	Avery
Nov.	23	Jeff	Adair
Nov.	25	Lucy	Leggett
Nov.	26	Scott	Hansen
Nov.	28	James	Adams

St. Tim's Ramblers

Ramblers will meet on Tuesday, 11/10, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Colleen Currier and Roberta Charbonneau will provide history and information about the Journey Group. Attendance signup sheet is by the kitchen door. Our lunch will be from Sub Delight: $12. Scholarships available.



NOVEMBER 7 will be "Love Your Church" day! We will gather at 9am. The Facilities Committee is organizing a list of things that need attention. By doing small maintenance jobs on our aging facilities throughout the year, we are hoping to save money in the long run. At noon, we will be rewarded with a pizza party, compliments of the church. Please make plans to attend.

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, Nov., 16. we'll discuss THE MAD MABEL by Sally Hepworth. "A twisty tale of justice, redemption, and one irrepressible woman who's not done breaking the rules just yet. All are invited to join! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

