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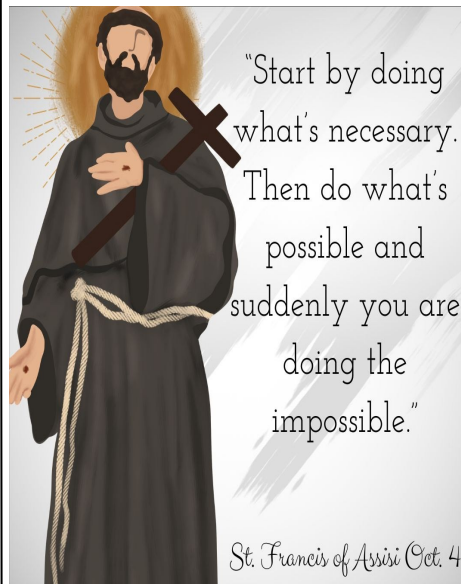
Dear St. Timothy Folk,

October 2026 is going to be a busy month. On Saturday, October 3rd, we will have our Blessing of the Pets at 12 noon in the church playground (or in the Parish Hall in case of rain). Sunday, October 4th, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", and even preached to the birds. Pets need to be leashed, crated, or appropriately contained. If your pets aren't comfortable in crowds, you can bring a picture of them to be blessed, and stuffed animals are also welcome to be blessed. The liturgy takes about 15 minutes depending on the number of critters. Snacks and treats will be handed out. Please invite friends and neighbors, also!

On Sunday, October 4th, in place of our usual First Sunday Brunch, we will have our Parish Picnic at Salacoa State Park from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If the weather isn't cooperative, please check Facebook and your email for an update.

October is the beginning of Stewardship season. We exercise Stewardship in many ways throughout the year, but this is the time of year when we prayerfully consider our pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. Expect a letter and an enclosed pledge card later this month. The ingathering and blessing of pledges will take place in November. In this time, please also consider how you might offer your time and talent to one of the committees or ministries at St. Timothy's, or in the wider community of Calhoun and Gordon County.

Looking ahead to November, this year All Saints Sunday falls on November 1st, the actual Feast of All Saints. It is our tradition to remember family and friends who have passed away since last November 1st. A sign-up list will be available later in October, or you can email the office. All Saints is also a baptismal day, so if you or a family member wish to be baptized, please speak



Blessing of Pets
on Saturday, 10/3, at noon.
224 Trammell St.
Park behind the church,
We'll be in the fenced playground area.

Rev. Linda and Susan Skaggs will be going to the city and county shelters and to the Paw Angels rescue after the service to bless those pets as well.



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The vestry met on Sunday, September 20. Present were Rev. Linda Pineo, Susan Skaggs, Judy Peterson, Charlie Phelps, Walt Mason, and Jeff Adair.

After opening with prayer, Rev. Linda updated us with parishioner concerns. She and Kerry will address the length of the Prayer List.

She is pleased to report that Kelli DeGuire and Richard Shaw will be going to Diocesan Council in November.

Committee reports followed -

Communications--will include Rainbow Cookout flyer in Parchment.

Education/Youth--Great kick-off for Sundae Sunday.

Evangelism--will be participating in Rainbow Cookout on October 24 in conjunction with St. Marks and 2 other churches in Dalton as an outreach to the LGBTQIA+ community.

Facilities has developed a list of repairs and issues that need addressing. A work day is scheduled for Nov 7. Range hood in the kitchen did not pass inspection; we are awaiting a second inspection.

Outreach drive for blankets and stuffies for GCSAC will end on 10/2.

Parish Life will have our annual picnic at Salacoa Park on October 4.

Worship-- Rev. Linda has scheduled the Pet Blessing for October 3; Episcopal 101 will resume; more LEMs needed as well as people to man the live stream. A solution to the organ volume needs further investigation. Choir is finding it difficult to find rehearsal time. An Epiphany pageant might be possible. Bp. Wright will visit in January.

Stewardship—The vestry would like to announce that the Diocese has recognized our strained finances and has approved our petition for a reduction in our 2027 pledge. This is an unusual situation that we hope will not continue, as it signals a church under stress. As we approach our Stewardship drive in November, please take a prayerful approach as you consider your pledge to St. Timothy's for 2027. The previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved along with the VPOD schedule through the end of the year. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

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to me.

We are also looking ahead to the Diocese of Atlanta Annual Council. This year it will take place at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta on Friday, Nov. 6 (all day) and Saturday morning, Nov. 7. Our delegates this year will be Richard Shaw and Kelli De Guire, but we have a spot open for an alternate Saturday morning, when Kelli can't be there. Please speak to me or to Susan Skaggs if you are interested. Wonderful things are happening at St. Timothy's - join in!

Blessings,

Rev. Linda+



All people interested in being crafty, please meet on Saturday, October 10th, at

10am, in the Parish Hall. The "crafters" will be putting together Christmas ornaments - kits are provided - to sell as a fundraiser to our Parish and at the Mystery Dinner in November. Brunch and festive drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Janet Lonvick, jrslonvick@gmail.com.

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St. Tim's Ramblers

Ramblers will be going to Cherokee Heritage Days at New Echota on Saturday, October 24, where

Judy Mincey will be singing with a group of shape-note singers. Attendance signup sheet is by the kitchen door. Luncheon on your own,

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Oct 1 Chris & Janet Lonvick

Oct 17 Daniel & Shea Bennett

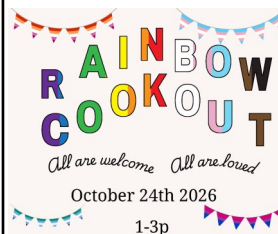


Sign Up for Wednesday night dinners - Karen Yates now provides the Wednesday night meal at 6:00. Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday. Please text or call Karen Yates at 706-537-5498. Adults = \$10 each and parents may donate as they feel appropriate for their children.



117 BEDS BUILT! The Rome building event for Sleep in Heavenly Peace was a big success with our

own Dan DeGuire participating. See Dan for more information.



October 24th 2026
1-3p
Christ the King Lutheran Church
In collaboration with St. Mark's Episcopal,
St. Timothy's Episcopal, and First Presbyterian
Dalton
Vegetarian Options Available
623 S Thornton Avenue
Dalton GA 30720
(near Dalton Station and the Walmart neighborhood market)

We are participating in this kick off event for the LGBTQIA+ community in our region. To carpool talk with Susan Skaggs or meet at the church at noon on Oct. 24.

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.



		Overlander-Sargee
Oct. 2	Ellen	Sargee
Oct. 6	C. K.	White
Oct. 7	Betty	Vaughn-Briones
Oct. 7	Catherine	Hughes
Oct. 7	Lynn	Wysong
Oct. 9	Zelphia	Avery
Oct. 11	Janet	Lonvick
Oct. 13	Dani	Tate (Vaughn)
Oct. 15	David	Smith
Oct. 23	Judy	Peterson
Oct. 24	Ardie	Scott
Oct. 27	Giovanna	Luca
Oct. 28	Karen	Yates
Oct. 29	Jeannie	Vaughan
Oct. 31	Jeanne	Shaw



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, Oct. 19, we'll discuss **THE OVERSTORY** by Richard Powers. She "impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of - and paean to - the natural world." All are invited to join! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

