

Connections

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Van Kouvering's Relocating to Lexington KY

With mixed feelings of sadness and joy I announce that Bishop Mark and Mother Helen will leave very soon to exercise their ordained ministries in the Diocese of Lexington. Mother Helen has been elected the Rector of St. Raphael's Episcopal Church (this is the church where Lola Warren's late daughter Maryanne and her family participate) and Bishop Mark will become the 'Bishop Provisional' of the Diocese of Lexington. What this means for Mark is that he will serve them as their Diocesan Bishop for 2-3 years and then if they all agree he will be elected to serve them till retirement.

The Diocese of Lexington is fortunate to be receiving them into their lives. They both have such great gifts for ministry and leadership!

Of course, I am very sad that we are losing them and the gifts they have brought to our Diocese. I hope that we can build on the foundations of mission that they have built. We were looking forward to a very special time with Mark for Holy Week and Easter but that won't be happening. ✕

Welcome Boy Scout Troop 36

We are delighted to announce that as of February 5, 2018 Boy Scout Troop 36 will make its home at St. Timothy's. They will meet on Monday nights in the Activity Center beginning at 6:30 pm. This is the troop that Cam and Will Maynard became Eagle Scouts in and that Andrew and Ben Holliday are now members. There may be others of you who have been a part of this troop since it is the longest running troop in Putnam County.

This is a large troop and they are very active in the community. They already have plans for how they can assist St. Timothy's with some projects. We are very blessed to have them become part of our church. Brent Maynard will serve as the church's representative to their leadership council. If you have any questions about this troop, please feel free to speak to Brent or Cheryl. ✕



Worship together
to begin Lent
Wednesday,
February 14th at 7pm

LENT at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Ash Wednesday –The service will include Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. This service marks the beginning of Lent. We begin

with a sign of penitence (ashes) and are fed for the Lenten journey by the Body and Blood of Christ.

Stations of the Cross - each Wednesday at Noon the Stations of the Cross will be read in the Sanctuary. An order of service for the Stations of the Cross will be available all throughout Lent on the Ushers Table. You are welcome to come anytime by yourself or in a group to walk the stations. The church is unlocked from 10am-2pm each day.



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St. Timothy's is grounded in worship and committed to welcome, serve, and love all God's people.

Lunch Bunch

Be My Valentine
(A week early)

February Lunch Bunch will meet on the first Wednesday in February: the 7th at 12:30 p.m. at the Fireside Grille, 4170 State Route 34. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

Do contact Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) or Lola Warren (304-743-9935) to make your reservations so that the appropriate number of seats can be reserved. ✂



Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club

St. Timothy's hosts a weekly women's book club in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Our current topic of discussion, "letting go," is guided by Linda Douty's book, "How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Holding On".

We read the book out loud so there is no homework involved.

Letting go isn't just saying good-bye to people, places, and things. It is also about giving up attitudes and ideas—such as perfectionism, resentment, and worry—that keep us from growing in our relationships with God and others. ✂



SNOWTUBING FUN!!

Our snow tubing event is on Sunday, February 11th at Winterplace Ski Resort. The snow-tubing group will meet at 9:45am on Sunday, February 11th for Holy Eucharist. We will depart around 10:30am to arrive at Winterplace before 1pm. We will snow-tube from 1-5pm. ✂



Notes from the Vestry

The Vestry met January 17, 2018

- Agreed to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 36 beginning in February
- Agreed to loan electronic organ to St. John's Charleston for the summer months if a mutually agreeable contract can be made
- Accepted the end of the year financial report

Discussed

- Arrangements for the Annual Meeting
- Received reports/updates from ministry groups
- Upcoming congregation-wide survey from
- Visioning and Preparedness committees
- Thanked retiring Vestry members and members to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Rev. Cheryl Winter ✂

Come Grow With Us!

Centering Prayer

Looking to try something new spiritually during Lent? Try Centering Prayer!

St. Timothy's Ecumenical Centering Prayer Group will meet on Sunday February 18th.

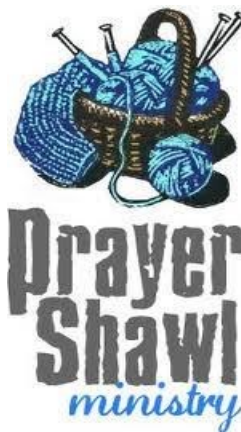
Note the new time: **3:15 to 4:15 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All (newcomers as well as experienced practitioners) are welcome who wish to experience this type of prayer practice. For questions or to join the group contact Kitty Byus, (304-757-0319) or Nona Dolmetsch (304-562-3966) ✂

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Timothy's welcomes folks to participate in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are searching for "makers" and "recipients".

Our "makers" work at home crocheting or knitting. Patterns and instruction are available. Newcomers to the craft are supported by a mentor. Finished shawls are blessed upon completion. "Recipients", those persons experiencing the joys or sadness in life, are gifted with a blessed shawl.

If you know of a recipient for a shawl see Kitty Byus, Trish Fisher, or the Rev. Cheryl Winter. ✂



Easter Musical

An Easter musical will be presented on a Sunday during the Easter season. Children, youth and adults are needed for speaking parts and singing. Practice will be held on Sundays after worship. Stay tuned for all of the details. ✂



Lenten Offering

Several members of the church will be using "The Social Justice Bible Challenge" as a daily Lenten devotional. Andy Bird will help facilitate activities which will be online with three in person meetings. We will welcome, The Rev. Helen Van Koevering to one of our meetings to join in our discussion about our call as Christians to seek social justice. Lent begins February 14th. The Lenten Social Justice group will meet three times - February 18, March 4 and March 18th. We will meet at 5:30pm. The online discussion will start on Ash Wednesday and continue until Easter. ✂

Special Musical Offering The Grandview University Choir will return to St. Timothy's on Monday March 12 for a wonderful evening of music. This is a free concert, however a love offering will be taken to assist the choir in their further ministry. We need Host families as well. Please see Karen White for more info.

Host family sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center. More info to come.



Women's Dinner & A Book

This month the Women's Dinner and a Book Group will be traveling to the African continent in honor of Black History month. We'll be going to the country of Monrovia to be exact! We are reading "The House at Sugar Beach: in search of a Lost African Childhood" a memoir by Helene Cooper. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm** in the Garrett Fellowship Hall with Kitty Byus as our hostess. Thanks goes out to Laura Leslie for taking the hostess duties in January!

Here's an overview of the book from the Amazon website: Helene Cooper is "Congo," a descendant of two Liberian dynasties—traced back to the first ship of freemen that set sail from New York in 1820 to found Monrovia. Her childhood was filled with servants, flashy cars, a villa in Spain, and a farmhouse up-country. It was also an African childhood, filled with knock foot games and hot pepper soup, heartmen and neege. When Helene was eight, the Coopers took in a foster child became known as "Mrs. Cooper's daughter."

For years the Cooper daughters—Helene, her sister Marlene, and Eunice—blissfully enjoyed the trappings of wealth and advantage. But Liberia was like an unwatched pot of water left boiling on the stove. And on April 12, 1980, a group of soldiers staged a coup d'état, assassinating President William Tolbert and executing his cabinet. The Coopers and the entire Congo class were now the hunted, being imprisoned, shot, tortured, and raped. After a brutal daylight attack by a ragtag crew of soldiers, Helene, Marlene, and their mother fled Sugar Beach, and then Liberia, for America. They left Eunice behind.

A world away, Helene tried to assimilate as an American teenager. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she found her passion in journalism, eventually becoming a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times*. She reported from every part of the globe—except Africa—as Liberia descended into war-torn, third-world hell.

In 2003, a near-death experience in Iraq convinced Helene that Liberia—and Eunice—could wait no longer. At once a deeply personal memoir and an examination of a violent and stratified country, *The House at Sugar Beach* tells of tragedy, forgiveness, and transcendence with unflinching honesty and a survivor's gentle humor. And at its heart, it is a story of Helene Cooper's long voyage home.

Kitty as hostess will supply the main dish and other group members will bring the rest of the dinner like salad, dessert, fruit, rolls/butter. You can call Kitty at 304-757-0319 for information about the menu. Newcomers are always welcome and it isn't necessary to have read the book. You only need to let us know that you plan to come, there's a place at the table set just for you. ✖

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Children's Ministry is coordinated by a Children's Ministry Team. Team members in 2017 included Melissa Boyd, Andy Bird, Kathryn Ellis, Laura Leslie, Crystal McIntyre, George McIntyre, Whitney Naylor-Smith, Brian Noel, Janessa Noel, Missy Pauley, Karen White, and Rev. Cheryl Winter. Children are from birth through fifth grade. Primary activities of Children's Ministry in 2017 included Nursery, Children's Chapel, Children's Sermon, Lenten Program, Back to School Bible School and Children's Choir.

The nursery is for children from infancy until 3

years of age during the worship service. Three adults and seven youth have served as volunteers in the nursery. There have been approximately eight different children cared for in the nursery with an average of 1 - 3 children each Sunday.

Children's Chapel is available to children from three years of age through fourth grade during the first portion of the worship service on most Sundays. "Living the Good News", an online, Episcopal, lectionary based curriculum was used in the winter, spring and summer; it is based upon a Bible story with theme-reinforcing drama, music, games and crafts. "Sermons 4 Kids" curriculum was used for supplemental activities. "Hearts Alive" and "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum was used in the fall. Children's Chapel is generally led by a coordinator with seven alternating adult assistants. There are approximately twenty five different children who have participated with an average of 8 - 12 children on a Sunday.

Children's Sermon is given one Sunday monthly when children stay in church for the entire worship service. Children's Sermon consists of a simple Bible story for that Sunday with questions and discussion with the children done by Rev. Cheryl Winter. After the sermon children collect money for the Christian Community Cupboard.

The 2017 Lenten Program consisted of two sessions with lunch on Sundays following worship, using "Building Faith Brick by Brick". An Old Testament and New Testament Bible story was presented, followed by discussion and building with Legos to reflect the story. Seventeen children and youth participated; eleven adults assisted.

Back to School Bible School was held three evenings in August. The program was "Under Construction", developed by Habitat for Humanity with Bible stories, crafts and games. The focus was on teaching children the value of Christian service and introducing them to the ministry of Habitat for Humanity. Some of the crafts were donated to Habitat families and victims of the 2016 WV flood in Clay County. There were twenty one children participants, eleven adult leaders and four youth assistants. The outreach consisted of the donation of school supplies, with the help of the congregation, to WV flood victims.

A Christmas musical was not held in 2016. Plans are being made for an Epiphany theatrical presentation.

Children and youth have sung during the offertory during the winter and spring with the accompaniment of Janet Heck, pianist and musical director.

Joyce Wilson organized the Activity Center. There are areas for ping pong, air hockey, gross motor play, and a quiet area for books and puzzles. The playground received some minor maintenance.

In the upcoming year the Children's Ministry Team plans to continue with all of the activities of 2017, with the goal of incorporating more children and adults.

A huge thank you to all of the children, parents, youth and adults who have contributed to the success of children's ministry at St. Timothy's! The Children's Ministry Team welcomes any new persons to the team; just show up to announced meetings or volunteer for children's activities. We also welcome ideas and suggestions for children's ministry.

Laura Leslie, Children's Ministry Team Coordinator
***This was inadvertently left out of the 2017 Annual Report.**



February 2018 Sunday Service Schedule

	February 4 Epiphany 5	February 11 Last Epiphany	February 18 1 Lent	February 25 2 Lent
Chalice Bearers	Billy Wayne Bailey Dave Wood	James Kliner Cathy Slemph	Nathan Arnett Kitty Byus	Andy Bird Soleil Gregg
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Robin Ward	Karen White	Janessa Noel	Caroline Damron
N. T. Reader	Marcy Benincasa	Nona Dolmetsch	Richard Spillman	Trish Fisher
Prayers of The People	Kitty Byus	Dave Wood	Soleil Gregg	Karen White
Acolytes	Lauren Arnett Sophie Carr Lilly Kaul	Alex Ward Jayden Ellis Cooper Ellis	James Kliner Jillian Noel Michael Kliner	Rachel Midkiff Jana Naylor– Aten Zane Boyd
Ushers	Randy Thompson Jenny Jenkins	Chris Lewis Jake Ward	Frank Thompson Kelle Maxwell	John Alvis Randy Thompson
Counters	Mark and Jenny Jenkins	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Lola Warren Frank Thompson	TBA Volunteers Needed
Children's Chapel	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	Missy Pauley Volunteer Needed	Laura Leslie Whitney Naylor-Smith	Children's Sermon
Nursery	Hannah Bennett Allison Pauley	Volunteers Needed	Diane and Caroline Damron	Nathan, Ben and Lauren Arnett
Vestry Greeter	Randy Thompson	Tom Midkiff	Andy Bird	Joyce Wilson
Altar Guild	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery

February Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 Chris Lambert | 15 Ben Arnett |
| 2 Rowan Proper | Kim Murphy |
| 4 Brent Maynard | Alex Ward |
| 6 Kim Smith | 16 Lydia Lambert |
| 8 Andy Bird | 17 Leslie James |
| 9 Lib Davis | Caroline Tully |
| Brian Proper | 18 Bill Fulks |
| 10 Galyn McCallister | Sue Fuller |
| 12 Marty Alvis | 20 Kelle Maxwell |
| Joanne Fulks | Chriss Midkiff |
| | 21 Emily Chapman |



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| 22 Devin Soulsby |
| 24 Kelley Crouch |
| 25 Steven Carr |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| 14 Willie & Pat Dawson |
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February 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 John 4:9– God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.						
4 5 Epiphany 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) Children’s Ministry Meeting (GFH) 2:00pm– Autism Group (GFH) 4:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S)	5 12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (GP) 5:30pm Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (AC)	6 7pm– NA (MR)	7 10:30am-WW Book Club (S) Noon-Stations of the Cross (S) 12:30pm-Lunch Bunch 8pm– AA (MR)	8	9	10
11 Last Epiphany 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 4:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S) Snow tubing @ WINTERPLACE	12 12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (GP) 5:30pm Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm-Boy Scouts (AC)	13 5:30pm– Middle and High School Youth Fundraiser: Pancake Supper (GFH) 	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:30am-WW Book Club (S) Noon-Stations of the Cross (S) 8pm– AA (MR)	15	16	17
18 1 Lent 10:30am-Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) Vestry (GFH) 3:15pm– Centering Prayer(S) 4:30pm– Holy Eucharist 5:30pm-Social Justice Group	19 12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (GP) 5:30pm Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm-Boys Scouts (AC)	20 7pm– NA (MR)	21 10:30am-WW Book Club (S) Noon-Stations of the Cross (S) 8pm– AA (MR)	22 6:30pm– Women’s Dinner/Book (GFH)	23	24 Family Game Night 5:30pm to 8:30pm GAME NIGHT
25 2 Lent 10:30amHoly Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 4:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S)	26 12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (GP) 5:30pm Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm– Boy Scouts (AC)	27 7pm– NA (MR)	28 10:30am-WW Book Club (S) Noon– Stations of the Cross (S) 8pm– AA (MR)		KEY: AC = Activity Center CC = Children’s Chapel CR = Choir Room MR = Basement Meeting	GFH= Garrett Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary WC = Welcome Center O= Office GP= Gabriel Project





REPENTANCE + GRACE + RENEWAL

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**Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
or at 4:30 p.m.!**



February 14 – March 31, 2018

**2017 Annual Reports are
located in the Welcome Center.**

The Rev. Cheryl Ann
Winter, RECTOR

Staff

Nicki Wood, SECRETARY
Janet Heck, MUSIC DIRECTOR
Jim Dunaway CUSTODIAN

Vestry

Andy Bird, SR. WARDEN
Randy Thompson, JR. WARDEN
Laura Leslie
Tina McClung
Joyce Wilson
Billy Wayne Bailey
Tom Midkiff
Chris Branam
Ronda Moncada

Ed Garrett, TREASURER
Trish Fisher, VESTRY CLERK

Opportunities for Study

The Gospel of Mark – will be the topic for Adult Sunday School which will resume of February 18th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Aaron Carr will lead this group.

The Social Gospel Bible Challenge – is a 40-day study that begins on Ash Wednesday. Andy Bird will facilitate this study. Discussion will be online every day with three in person discussion opportunities on Sundays February 18, March 4, and March 18. These gatherings will begin at 5:30 at the church. Please contact Andy if you would like to sign up to participate – andyabird@gmail.com or 304-419-2322. The daily readings and reflections are short.

The Beatitudes with Contemporary Application – each Wednesday evening, beginning February 21st at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, Cheryl will lead a Bible Study and Discussion on the Matthean Beatitudes. She will teach on their meanings and discussion will follow regarding personal and contemporary application of each beatitude. Feel free to bring your own Bible or use one from the church.

Children and Youth – an after-church program for this age group is in the planning and will focus on preparing for the presentation of an Easter Musical during the season of Easter! Stay tuned for details coming very soon!



February 2018