



# Connections

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Who is St. Timothy?

St. Timothy was a timid, affectionate young man, and a faithful follower of St. Paul. He is part of the early Church. We celebrate January 26 as his feast day.

Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. His convert mother raised him as a Christian. Born in Lystra, in present day Turkey, he probably embraced the Christian faith during St. Paul's first visit to Lystra. On a return trip in the year 50 A.D., Paul found Timothy so esteemed by the local Christians that he asked Timothy to join him in spreading the Gospel on his missionary journeys. He was consecrated a priest and eventually became the first Bishop of Ephesus, a thriving city of the Roman Empire. St. John Damascene, in 675 A.D. wrote that Sts. Timothy and John, the beloved disciple, were witnesses to Mary's Assumption.

Timothy died a martyr in the year 97A.D. Because of his frail health he is the patron of those with stomach disorders. St. Paul writes, "Stop drinking water only; take a little wine for the good of your stomach and your frequent illnesses." (1 Timothy 5:23). St. Timothy is the co-writer of Thessalonians, 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

## Would YOU consider serving a term on the Vestry!

The Vestry is the governing body of an Episcopal Congregation. Working in cooperation with the Rector, vestries set the Vision for the Mission and Ministry of the congregation; serve as contact persons for specific ministries of the church; look after the well being of the buildings and grounds; serve legal and financial officers of the congregation. The Vestry is the Lay Leadership of the congregation and provides support, consultation, and feedback to the Rector. Yes, serving on the Vestry is an Administrative task but it is so much more. Serving on the Vestry is an opportunity to offer your God-given gifts for the building of God's Kingdom by caring for the spiritual and practical needs of God's people.



On the practical side the following are the requirements for being eligible for service on the Vestry:

At least 18 years of age; regular in worship for the last year; baptized; known to the treasurer (having made a financial pledge to the church). St. Timothy's Vestry meets following worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Vestry terms are three years.

Please ask yourself and God (through prayer) if this is your time to answer this call to service. Please feel free to speak to any of the current Vestry members if you have questions and if you are interested in serving please let the Rector or Senior Warden (Andy Bird) know of your willingness. Your service would begin following the Annual Meeting at the end of January.



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

## Lunch Bunch

Looking to experience Fellowship, Fun and Good Food?

Start the New Year with St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch.

When: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:30 pm (Second Wednesday of the month).

Where: Taste of Asia Teays Valley, One Liberty Square.

Who: You, your friends and neighbors.

Do Contact Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319)

to make reservations.



## Wonderful Wednesdays

### Women's Book Club

We invite interested women to be a part of the Wonderful Wednesday Women's Book Club.

(It is not necessary to be a member of St. Timothy's to participate.)

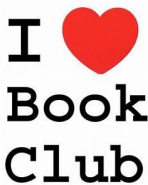
We resume our weekly Wednesday meetings on January 10th at 10:45 am in the sanctuary.

(We follow a general format that includes reading our current book choice out loud, so you do not have homework.)

Our current exploration, *How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Holding On?* By Linda Douty, concerns a variety of letting-go struggles. It's about giving up attitudes

and ideas—such as perfectionism, resentment, and worry—that keep us from growing in our relationships with God.

Questions? Do contact Kitty Byus (304-757-0319).X



## Notes from the Vestry

The Vestry met on December 17th following worship. The following items were discussed, please speak to a member of the vestry for more information.

- + Youth event went well
- + Altar guild closet organized
- + Security
- + Community Dinners beginning Jan. 8
- + Gabriel Project update
- + End of year financial items
- + Financials
- + Donation to the Bishop's discretionary fund

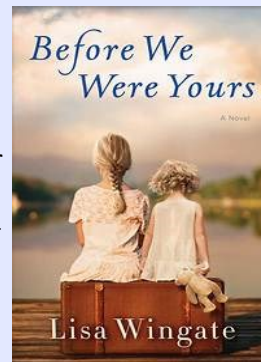
*Andy Bird, Sr. Warden X*

## Women's Dinner & A Book

Start 2018 off right by joining the Women's Dinner and Book Group in a good read! The first selection of the year is "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 18th at 6:30pm** in the Garrett Fellowship Hall with Kitty Byus as our hostess.

Here is a bit about the book from the Amazon website:

Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home



Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

There are several copies of the book available through the Putnam County Library system. Of course, it is available to purchase at your favorite bookseller whether in the mall or online.

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.



## January Youth Event

Middle and High School Youth and their friends are invited to a 'Pizza and Movie Night' at the church on Saturday January 27th from 5 – 8:30 pm. The movie we will be watching is 'All Saints' – an inspiring and true story of an Episcopal Priest and Congregation in rural Tennessee who took a huge leap of faith when faced with a community of refugees who ended up in their town. After the movie we will have a time of discussion on how we can connect to many of the faith and practical issues presented in the movie. There will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center beginning January 14th or let the church office know you plan to attend.



## Snow tubing Activity

There will be an opportunity to participate in a snow tubing event on Sunday, February 11th at Winterplace Ski Resort. We will meet for the Eucharist at 9:45 am and then depart following the service. The cost is \$32.00 to snow tube from 1-5pm. More information to follow. This event is open to anyone wishing to participate. Speak with Karen White or Andy Bird for more information.



## Pastoral Care Committee

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please let Soleil know that you're interested. Our next meeting will be on January 14th, so mark your calendars.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday January 28th following worship. We will begin with a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall and continue into the meeting once the meal is finished. The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to receive the previous year's financial report, the 2018 finalized budget, and reports from various ministries of the church. It is a time to say thank you to those who have served in various leadership positions and to elect new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates/alternates. It is a time for fellowship and asking questions and sharing dreams. Please plan to attend. Childcare will be provided in the activity Center during the meeting.

*Come Grow With Us!*

## Christmas Thank You's

### Heart & Hand Putnam County



This year we received toy applications for 345 children in Kanawha County and 245 children in Putnam County. With your help, we were able to provide for all of these children! Additionally, 250 families in Kanawha County received food baskets and many Putnam County families received food from their sponsors.

Our heartfelt thanks to Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church for sponsoring many of these families and children! Thank you for making Christmas special and memorable for these children and their families. Please continue to pray for them as they are all living under stressful conditions.

Lyndee, Bailee, Christopher, Xavier, Za'Cari, Za'Kiyah, Colton, Hunter, Fallyne, Aliyah, Caleb, Israel, Anna, and Ryan

*Vicki Ballengee, CDOM Executive Director ✕*

*Christmas Offering*

This year's **Christmas offering** was collected for the Rector's Discretionary Fund and for Deep Ghria. Thanks to your generosity, the offering totaled \$2,108. ✕

# Thank You

Many thanks to the congregation for your Christmas gift to me this year. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Many Thanks!  
Cheryl

Thank you for the generous gift my family received from the congregation at the end of my employment with St. Timothy's. I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened a gift card for a dishwasher! Wow! The dishwasher is now installed and has been in use quite a bit lately. What a blessing!

With Love,  
Karen White, James, and Michael

## Time Change for Sunday Evening Eucharist

Beginning January 7th, the Sunday evening Eucharist will begin at 4:30 because of the darkness and the cold. Please make that change in your minds and calendars! Look forward to seeing you!



# January 2018 Sunday Service Schedule

	January 7 Feast of the Epiphany	January 14 2 Epiphany	January 21 3 Epiphany	January 28 4 Epiphany
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Billy Wayne Bailey Dave Wood	James Kliner Cathy Slemph	Andy Bird Kitty Byus	Nathan Arnett Soliel Gregg
<b>O.T. &amp; Psalm Reader</b>	Robin Ward	Karen White	Janessa Noel	Caroline Damron
<b>N. T. Reader</b>	Trish Fisher	Dave Wood	Richard Spillman	Marcy Benincasa
<b>Prayers of The People</b>	Nona Dolmetsch	Kitty Byus	Dave Wood	Karen White
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alex Ward Jaden Ellis Lilly Kaul	James Kliner Sophie Carr Michael Kliner	Rachel Midkiff Jillian Noel Dehlia Ellis	Ben Arnett Hailey Bennett Morgan McIntyre
<b>Ushers</b>	Randy Thompson Jenny Jenkins	John Alvis Glen Childress	Frank Thompson Kelle Maxwell	Chris Lewis Jake Ward
<b>Counters</b>	Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Lola Warren Frank Thompson	Glen & Mary Lou Childress	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Laura Leslie <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Children's Sermon</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Nathan, Ben and Lauren Arnett	Diane and Caroline Damron	<b>Children's Sermon</b>
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Randy Thompson	Joyce Wilson	Randy Thompson	Andy Bird
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis

## January Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to:

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Kathryn Ellis             | 18 Katie Hunter                                       |
| 2 Anna Holliday, Sue Smith  | 25 Janet Heck   |
| 8 Winona Goard, Lola Warren | 27 Ruth Ann King                                      |
| 9 Andrew Garrett            | 28 Harry Whipkey                                      |
| 13 Jessica Santrock         | 29 Morgan McIntyre                                    |
| 16 Joanie Kaul              | 30 Kaye Runion  |
| 17 David Soulsby            | 31 Ethan Boyd, Michael Ellis,<br>Whitney Naylor-Smith |



### Happy Anniversary to:




- 1 Scott & Nancy Hunter

*"Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises." Psalm 98:4*



# January 2018

St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 	2 Christian Community Cupboard 9:15am-12:15pm  7pm- NA (MR)	3 <i>No Women's Book Group</i>	4	5 Christian Community Cupboard 9:15am-12:15pm	6
7 <i>1 Epiphany</i> 10:30am- Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 2:00pm-Autism Group (GFH) 4:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	8 12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (GP)  5:30pm- Monday Night Supper	9 Christian Community Cupboard 9:15am-12:15pm  7pm- NA (MR)	10 10:45am- Women's Book Group (S)  12:30pm-Lunch Bunch (Taste of Asia)  8pm- AA (MR)	11	12 Christian Community Cupboard 9:15am-12:15pm	13
14 <i>2 Epiphany</i> 10:30am- Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) Pastoral Care Committee 4:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	15 12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (GP)  5:30pm- Monday Night Supper	16 Christian Community Cupboard 9:15am-12:15pm  7pm- NA (MR)	17 10:45am- Women's Book Group (S)  8pm- AA (MR)	18 6:30PM- Women's Dinner and a Book (GFH)	19	20
21 <i>3 Epiphany</i> 10:30am- Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) Vestry Mtg (GFH) 4:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	22 12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (GP)  5:30pm- Monday Night Supper	23 7pm- NA (MR)	24 10:45am- Women's Book Group (S)  8pm- AA (MR)	25	26 Newsletter information needed by today.	27 Youth Pizza and Movie Night 5:00pm-8:30pm 
28 <i>4 Epiphany</i> Children's Sermon 10:30am- Holy Eucharist (S) Annual Meeting of the Congregation (GFH) 4:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	29 12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (GP)  5:30pm- Monday Night Supper	30 7pm- NA (MR)	31 10:45am- Women's Book Group (S)  8pm- AA (MR)		<u>KEY:</u> AC = Activity Center CC = Children's Chapel CR = Choir Room MR = Basement Meeting	GFH= Garrett Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary WC = Welcome Ctr O= Office GP= Gabriel Project 



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

▶ **Pledge Envelopes are in the Welcome Center. Please select a box then use the sign up sheet to sign your name by the box number in which you have chosen. Thank You!**

The Rev. Cheryl Ann Winter,  
RECTOR

Staff

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

Vestry

Andy Bird, SR. WARDEN  
John Alvis, JR. WARDEN  
Laura Leslie  
Tina McClung  
Randy Thompson  
Joyce Wilson  
Billy Wayne Bailey  
Tom Midkiff

Ed Garrett, TREASURER  
Trish Fisher, VESTRY CLERK

▶ **Gabriel Project**

The Gabriel Project had another great year! 87 families were helped with diapers, clothing, car seats and other baby items. We gave out 9 car seats, 2 pack and plays, 41 cans of formula, 75 packages of diapers and 53 packages of baby wipes.

We received big donations from Ascension Church, Fruth Pharmacy and the Newcomers. Our clients also return clothes and other items when they are done with them. The support from our church is greatly appreciated.

The jams and jellies sale was over \$1,000.00 for our area.

Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Joyce Wilson or Kitty Byus for more information. Help us make 2018 the best year yet.

Thank You!

Carol McDonough  
Coordinator



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