

Connections

A monthly publication from St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church



Christmas Gratitude from the Rector

What a blessed Christmas season it has been this year! There are so many people to thank for making it so – Altar Guild, Choir, musicians, Greening Volunteers, Children's Musical participants and organizers, the Kitchen Crew, Youth Confirmation Class, Katie our Parish Administrator, Jim our Sexton and all those who worshipped with us! It has been just glorious. A special thank you to all who contributed towards the Christmas Offering. Over \$3000 was donated and it will greatly support three worthy outreach projects. A personal thank you to the congregation for the generous Christmas gift to the Rector.

May the spirit with which we have begun this year continue as we journey through the seasons. God Bless you all.

- Cheryl

Transitions

Three of our long-standing leaders at St. Timothy's have retired (or are in transition) from their ministries.



Marty Alvis has been on the Altar Guild for 33 years and has been its leader for the last 25 years. She has been ably supported by her husband John and we thank them for their service to the church. Marty has been a 'rector's dream' for tending to the sacred vessels and linens as faithfully as she has. In addition, her artistic flair has added much to the beauty of our worship.

Ed Garrett has served as our treasurer for more years than I can count. Once again, a faithful servant in this ministry, Ed has tended to the financial stewardship of the congregation with skill and dedication. Ed has encouraged us to be generous in our outreach while maintaining reasonable spending as we tend the home fires.

Trish Fisher has served as the Clerk of the Vestry forever! She has kept and distributed the recording of all the actions of the Vestry and Annual Meetings for a long time. These records become a part of the history of our congregation. We can't thank Trish enough for her faithfulness and devotion to this ministry (and others from which she is not retiring!)

We will celebrate and thank these folks at our Annual Meeting on January 26th.



New Leaders

Following on the heels of the announcement of retirements, we are pleased to advise you of those who have stepped up to assist the congregation in this time of transition.

Welcome

Terrance Lively has committed to serving as the chair of the Altar Guild for 2020. CK Dolan has agreed to serve as Treasurer for 2020. Karen White has volunteered to serve as the Clerk of the Vestry.

Please welcome these folks into their new ministries.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on Sunday, January 26th. We



will have a **covered-dish luncheon** and then move into our short business meeting. At this meeting we will elect new Vestry Members and alternates to our Diocesan Convention. In addition to celebrating our retirees, we will highlight ministries from the year and present the financial status of the congregation. Please plan now to attend. Childcare will be provided for the meeting portion of the event.

2019 Giving Statements

TAX

We will have all Giving Statements ready by

January 31, 2020. We will send them in the mail once we get them ready, or if you'd like to pick them up from the office after worship on the following Sunday (February 2, 2020), just be sure to let the office know!

New Vestry Members and Alternates to Diocesan Convention Needed



The Vestry will be thanking **Joyce Wilson** and **Tom Midkiff** for their leadership these last three years on the Vestry. **Laura Leslie** has agreed to stand for election for a second term. We are therefore in need of at least two people to stand for election and we welcome more! We have a 9-member Vestry currently but can have as many as 12 and the current Vestry would like to see us move in that direction.

To be eligible for membership on the Vestry, one must be a baptized member of the congregation for at least 6 months, minimum age of 18, be a regular worshipper, and be 'known to the Treasurer' which means financially supporting the mission and ministry of the congregation. If you meet these qualifications and are interested in serving on the leadership group, please speak to Joyce, Tom, or Cheryl as soon as possible!

The Diocesan Convention is in Morgantown for 2020 on October 30-31 (one overnight). If you are interested in serving as the alternates to convention this year and then delegates in 2021 please speak to Cheryl.

2020 Stewardship Update



As of January 5, 2020:

Total 2020 Pledged Amount: **\$235,622**

Total 2020 Anticipated Income: **\$252,172**

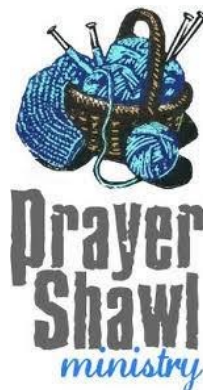
Total 2020 Anticipated Deficit: **\$24,987**

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors



We have officially renamed our Monday Night Dinners Ministry. Beginning with the first dinner of the year, our community meals will be called the "**Neighbors Feeding Neighbors**" Dinner. This will help us grow our ministry and help us become more well-known throughout the community in which we serve.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Calling all knitters and crocheters. Winter is a great season to knit while watching TV or sitting in front of a fire. We are always looking for new members. Neighbors and friends are welcome. Beginners are paired with a mentor. If you are "yarning" to be a member of our group please contact Kitty Byus or Trish Fisher. We have patterns, directions and lots of support and help.

We have several finished, blessed, shawls that can be distributed. Please let Kitty Byus, Trish Fisher or the Rev. Cheryl Winter know if you have a recipient for a shawl.

Boy Scouts Troop 36

In addition to our regular meetings:

Jan. 6—Troop Committee Meeting

Jan. 20—No Scout Meeting

Jan. 24-26—Winter Camporee @ Valley Park



Centering Prayer

St Timothy's ecumenical centering prayer group will meet on Sunday afternoon

January 12, 2020 from 3:30 to

5pm in The Meeting Room. The focus of Centering Prayer is...Jesus Christ. This means that as we sit in faith, opening to the fullness of the presence of God within us, we share the dynamic of the Paschal mystery. The Paschal mystery is Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

In the midst of a community praying together in Centering Prayer is the Risen Christ. We enter into a sense of oneness with everyone else who is experiencing grace, and with the whole human family.

Our group encourages our members to persevere in their individual practices. It provides an opportunity for further input through tapes, readings and discussion and offers an opportunity to support and share our spiritual journeys.

Our current study includes guidance and teachings using materials by Fr. Thomas Keating, Gail Fitzpatrick-Hopler and Fr. Carl Arico. We also experience a 20 minute centering session. Anyone interested in exploring this type of spiritual practice is welcome to join us. Newcomers as well as experienced practitioners. Questions or interested persons do contact Kitty Byus at 304-757-0319 or kittybyus@suddenlink.net.



Community Cupboard

St Timothy's has signed up to donate **1lb pasta and sauce** to the Community Cupboard.



Prayer List Updates

Please go through our prayer list. If you see anyone's name that can be taken off our list, please let the office know.



Lunch Bunch

Greet and Eat!

Lunch Bunch returns to an old favorite eatery in the Valley. Join the Lunch Bunch gang on the second Wednesday, **January 8th**, at the **Italian Grille & Deli** in Putnam Village at **12:30 pm** to enjoy delicious Italian offerings.

Friends and neighbors are always welcome. Do let Kitty Byus or Lola Warren know if you are coming so the correct number of reservations can be made.



Wonderful Women's Wednesday Book Club

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Women's Book Club

Wonderful Wednesday Women's Book Club resumes their weekly meetings **January 8th at 10:45 am –noon in the Sanctuary**. Our current study book is "Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life" by Joyce Rupp. Joyce is a writer, spiritual midwife, international retreat leader and conference leader. We discuss the author's words as well as our own thoughts and experiences. We may share poetry, prayers, meditations and lots of laughing. We read the book out loud, so no homework.

You do not have to be a member of St. Timothy's to join the group. Friends are welcome. The book can be ordered from Amazon. Questions or to join the group do contact Kitty Byus 304-757-0319



Gabriel Project Donations

The Gabriel project shelves are nearly empty. We are completely out of baby bath, shampoo and lotion; we are in need of pull ups and diapers size 6; and we are down to our last few cans of formula; we also need baby cereal. Any brand for these items is fine. The Similac Sensitive formula is always in high demand. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. You can also purchase the Walmart gift cards from Jennifer Midkiff. Just give them to Carol McDonough or Joyce Wilson and they will be more than happy to do the shopping for the needed items. Thank you so much, the number of families we have served has more than doubled during the past year.



Kroger Plus Renewal

If you have linked your Kroger Plus Card to St. Timothy's, it is time to re-enroll!



To re-enroll (or start your enrollment!), follow these steps:

1. Go to www.kroger.com. Login to your existing account, or create a new one if you don't have a Kroger Card
2. Under the "Save" tab, click on "Kroger Community Rewards"
3. Click "See more details and enroll today!"
4. Enter St. Timothy's code in the search bar. St. Timothy's code is **82515**. Click "Enroll"

And then you're done! We receive 3%-5% of everything you spend at Kroger (excluding all alcohol, tobacco, and fuel). St. Timothy's really depends on this income. Thank you for supporting us through the community!

Episcopal Youth Event 2020

Every 3 years, in the year prior to General Convention, The Episcopal Church holds an EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) for high school students from around The Episcopal Church. West Virginia has historically had more participants than most other dioceses. This year, the EYE will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park. It will be held from 7 – 11 July 2020.



The theme is "United! Unámonos!" Participants for EYE20 must be enrolled in high school during this school year and must have turned 15 or be no older than 19 by the event start. Current freshmen who are 14 will have an opportunity to attend EYE23. Registration for EYE20 will open for diocesan delegations on Monday 6 January, at 9 am.

If you are interested, please let the office know PRONTO!

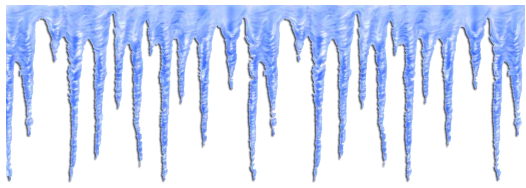
For more information, go to:

<https://events.episcopalchurch.org/eye/>

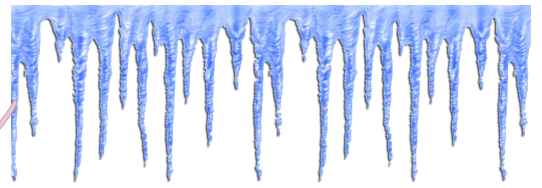
Thanksgivings

With the theme of 2020 being Gratitude, We would like to hear everything you're thankful for! All throughout 2020, there will be slips of paper in the Welcome Center. Whenever you feel like expressing your gratitude for anything, please write it down along with your name and put it in the box we will have set up! We will be featuring some of them in future newsletters.

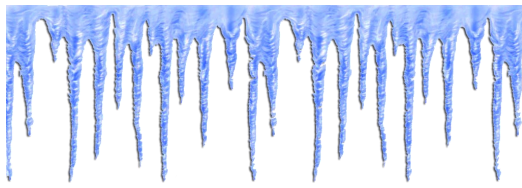




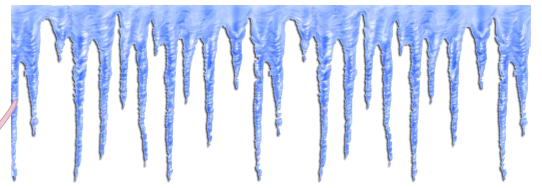
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Chalice Bearers	Christmas Musical	Billy Wayne Bailey Alex Ward	Terrance Lively Cathy Slempp	Nathan Arnett Andy Bird
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Nona Dolmetsch	Sarah Castle	Caroline Damron	Hannah Goes
N.T. Reader	Soleil Gregg	Janessa Noel	Karen White	Grace Goes
Prayers of The People	Karen White	Dave Wood	Nona Dolmetsch	Cooper Ellis
Acolytes	Christmas Musical	Lauren Arnett Hailey Bennett Lilly Kaul	Jana Naylor-Aten Zane Boyd	Ben Arnett Jayden Ellis Dehlia Ellis
Ushers	Randy Thompson Jenny Jenkins	Kelle Maxwell Frank Thompson	Chris Lewis Alex Ward	John Alvis Terry Holliday
Counters	Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Karen White Allison Hughart	John Wilson Lola Warren	Tom Midkiff Roger Guest
Children's Chapel	Christmas Musical	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	Children's Sermon
Nursery	Christmas Musical	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Vestry Greeter	Randy Thompson	Billy Wayne Bailey	C.K. Dolan	Billy Wayne Bailey
Altar Guild	Trish Fisher Kitty Byus	Trish Fisher Kitty Byus	Trish Fisher Kitty Byus	Trish Fisher Kitty Byus



January



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			<p>****Office Closed****</p> <p><u>New Year's Day</u></p> 			<p>10:00am—Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal</p>
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<p>10:30am—Holy Eucharist & Christmas Musical (S)</p> <p>11:30am—Choir Practice (CR)</p> <p>2:00pm—GFH Rented</p> <p>5:30pm—Holy Eucharist (S)</p>	<p>12-2:00pm—Gabriel Project</p> <p>5:30pm—Neighbors Feeding Neighbors (GFH)</p> <p>6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)</p> <p>6:30pm-Compline(S)</p>	<p>6:00pm—Girl Scouts (AC)</p> <p>7:00pm—NA (MR)</p>	<p>10:45am—WWW Book Club (S)</p> <p>12:30pm—Lunch Bunch @ The Italian Grille</p> <p>8:00pm—AA (MR)</p>		<p>6:00pm-8:00pm—TV Mom's Club (GFH)</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Peterkin 75th Anniversary

Peterkin

Logo Design Contest

Creative Minds Needed! Peterkin celebrates 75 years in 2020. What a great reason to ask our campers to submit ideas for our four winning logos that represent summer camp and the uniqueness of 2020 for Peterkin Camp and Conference Center. Each winning logo will be used for the 75th celebration.



All entries must include the Hallelujah Kids' logo, the year 2020 and the 75th anniversary. Entries will be accepted between now and **Monday, January 20, 2020.** The winning logos will be selected by the Peterkin Board of Directors and will be used in the marketing and camp materials for 2020.

Entry Categories: Grades 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12, and College/Alumni.

Preschool children are invited to submit a coloring page, found on the website, for a chance to win coloring supplies. Four entries from the age groups of 6 through 18 years old will each win one session at Peterkin for 2020.

Entries should be mailed to:

Daisy McBride

Peterkin Camp and Conference Center

286 Clubhouse road

Romney, WV 26757-7521

Entries can also be emailed to daisymcb33@hotmail.com

WinterJam Tour Spectacular 2020

St. Timothy's is planning a fun outing that everyone in the congregation can participate in. WinterJam 2020 will be on Friday, February 21. If you're not familiar, WinterJam is a yearly concert event held in Charleston. All artists are Christian performers. In various previous years, the bands Skillet, Sidewalk Prophets, Tenth Avenue North, Newsboys, and TobyMac all performed. The lineup for 2020 is listed on the poster below. The cost is \$15 at the door, no need to pre-order tickets. If you and/or your child(ren) would be interested in attending WinterJam, please let the office know ASAP so we can begin coordinating.

2020 TWENTYTWO

ONLY \$15 AT THE DOOR! NO TICKETS REQUIRED

WINTERJAM

CROWDER

HILLSONG YOUNG & FREE

ANDY MINEO

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AUSTIN FRENCH

HOSTED BY NEWSONG

PREJAM

JAM NATION 2020

EXPERIENCE

JAMTOUR.COM

CHARLESTON COLISEUM - CHARLESTON, WV
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020
DOORS OPEN/PRE-JAM PARTY: 6 PM | MAIN SHOW: 7 PM
INFO: 304-345-7469 OR JAMTOUR.COM

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

January Menu

1/6

Italian Beef, Macaroni
Salad, Chips, &
Desserts

1/13

Pasta Night! Marinara,
Meat Sauce, Alfredo,
Salad & Rolls

1/20

Soups, Salads, &
Sandwiches

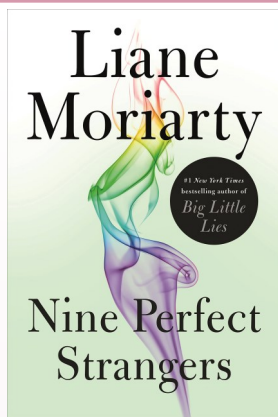
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Beans & Cornbread,
Hotdogs & Tater Tots

*Menu Subject to Change, Please
check the Neighbors Feeding

Women's Dinner & Book Group—January

Let's start the new year with a relaxing trip to a 10 day vacation at a spa in Australia. By book of course! The St. Timothy's Woman's Dinner and a Book Group will be on **Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30pm** in the Garrett Fellowship Hall. Kitty Byus will be our hostess for the evening. Our first book for 2020 will be "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty. She also wrote "Truly, Madly, Guilty" which we read last summer.



Could ten days at a health resort really change you forever? In Liane Moriarty's latest page-turner, nine perfect strangers are about to find out... they gather at a remote health resort. Some are here to lose weight, some are here to get a reboot on life, some are here for reasons they can't even admit to themselves. Amidst all of the luxury and pampering, the mindfulness and meditation, they know these ten days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next ten days are going to be.

Frances Welty, the formerly best-selling romantic novelist, arrives at Tranquillum House nursing a bad back, a broken heart, and an exquisitely painful paper cut. She's immediately intrigued by her fellow guests. Most of them don't look to be in need of a health resort at all. But the person that intrigues her most is the strange and charismatic owner/director of Tranquillum House. Could this person really have the answers Frances didn't even know she was seeking? Should Frances put aside her doubts and immerse herself in everything Tranquillum House has to offer – or should she run while she still can?

It's not long before every guest at Tranquillum House is asking exactly the same question.

Combining all of the hallmarks that have made her writing a go-to for anyone looking for wickedly smart, page-turning fiction that will make you laugh and gasp, Liane Moriarty's *Nine Perfect Strangers* once again shows why she is a master of her craft.

There are several copies of the book in various formats at the Western Regional library website (Putnam County) and at the Kanawha County Library. You can also find it at your local bookstore or online.

Our hostess Kitty Byus will supply the main dish and other group members will bring the rest of the dinner like salad, dessert, fruit, rolls/butter. We are all trying to come up with a honey of a meal! 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.

Gratitude

My New Church, and them accepting everyone!

-Michelle Stevens

I am grateful there is a GOD, who will take us as we are, and love us unconditionally. Also, I'm very grateful and blessed for St. Timothy's and all the wonderful people here.

-Michelle Stevens

Our grandchildren!!

-Ron & Sandy Weddington

I'm grateful for St. Timothy's because with all the turmoil of the past decade, the Episcopal Church and St. Timothy's have been my source of strength.

Also, I'm grateful for now 4 grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and all the blessings of my life.

-Nona Dolmetsch



Birthdays

1	Katheryn Ellis
2	Anna Holliday
2	Susie Smith
8	Lola Warren
9	Andrew Garrett
16	Joanie Maloney
17	David Soulsby
18	Katie Hunter
25	Janet Heck
27	Ruth Ann King
28	Harry Whipkey
31	Ethan Boyd
31	Michael Ellis
31	Whitney Naylor-Smith

Anniversaries

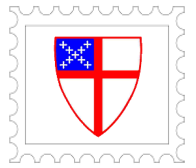
1	Nancy & Scott Hunter
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Come As You Are

Sundays:

10:30am—Holy Eucharist

5:30pm—Holy Eucharist with Healing

Mondays:

5:30pm—Free Community Dinner

6:30pm—Compline