

# Connections

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May 2023 Edition



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### Katie Out of Office

Katie will be out of office from **April 28-May 6**. If you need assistance from the office, please contact one of our Vestry members. If you have a pastoral issue, please contact Cheryl directly. Katie will work remotely as needed to make sure we still have our bulletins and email blast, but will otherwise be unavailable as she celebrates being a newlywed!



### Prayer List Purge

We will be resetting the Prayer List on **Sunday, May 21**. All categories will be wiped clean with the exception of Long Term Needs. If you or someone you know would like to remain listed under Strength & Guidance, or For Healing, please let the office know before Friday, May 19 as that will be the day Katie runs the bulletins. You can let the office know by marking a current bulletin and leaving it with Katie, or by emailing or calling the office.



### Our Chapel is Open!

We have our chapel available for use for anyone who wishes to come by and have a moment of prayer. You may come by during office hours, or after hours if you have your own key or arrange to be let into the building. If you have a key, please remember to lock up after you leave.

### Wonderful Women's Wednesday Book Club



Wonderful Wednesdays Woman's group will be continuing their study book. *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We meet in the Basement Meeting Room at 11:00am each Wednesday.

### Lunch Bunch

St Timothy's Lunch Bunch will meet the second Tuesday of the month, **May 9**. We will be going to Fireside Grille this month, so please contact Kitty Byus (304-549-1655) if you plan to join in so we can make sure to have enough seats at the table!

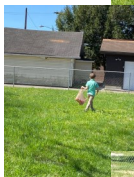
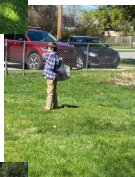
### Katie New Office Hours

Katie's office hours will be updated once she returns in May. The new hours will be as follows:

St. Timothy's Office Hours  
Sundays: 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Mondays: 8:00am - 6:00pm  
Tuesdays: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Wednesdays: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Thursdays: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Fridays: CLOSED  
Saturdays: CLOSED

## Youth Group Updates!

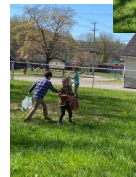
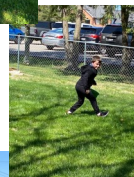
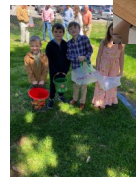
In April, the youth at St. Timothy's completed the planting of 4 raised vegetable garden beds with radishes, carrots, kale and lettuce. Next month we will plant tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and more to contribute to the Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Ministry. May will end the regularly scheduled meetings with gatherings each Tuesday night at 6:30 at the church. Specific weekly events such as gardening and park outings will be updated in the weekly e-blast. We will all celebrate the end of the school year on Tuesday, May 30 with a cook out and games at the Ellis home. Thanks to Kathryn Ellis for sending in these photos!



## Children's Ministry Updates!

On behalf of the Children's ministry, we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to the Ellis Family for helping to hide eggs and everyone who helped to provide eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt! We had several kids join us for the egg hunt and everyone had an absolute blast! Thanks to Michelle Terry for sending in these pictures!

The Children's ministry has had a few new children joining Children's Chapel over the past month or so and having all of those new little faces has been so wonderful!



### Thank Yous!

We would like to say THANK YOU to **Greg and Caleb Childress** for adding windows to Katie's office door. Now she can keep better control of the temperature in her office! Speaking of Katie's office, we would also like to say THANK YOU to **Jim & Ditty Reed and their daughter Erica** for donating Katie's new desk, along with some lovely new chairs and other furniture in the Welcome & Activity Centers! Katie loves her desk, and man are those chairs comfy!

### Women's Dinner & Book Group

Women's Dinner and a Book Group will be meeting on **Thursday , May 18th at 6:30pm** in the Garrett Fellowship Hall. Our book of the month is "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. There are many copies of the book available in all formats at both the Kanawha and Putnam/Cabell county libraries.

Each month we pick a hostess who brings the main entrée while other folks bring the side dishes, salad, bread, drinks, or dessert. **Sheryl Decker** has agreed to be our hostess for this meeting so you can call her at **248-224-6975** to get an idea of what to bring. Depending on the number attending not everyone has to bring a dinner item, but plates, cups and utensils are needed too! . Everyone is welcome even if you haven't read the book of the month, just come and plan to enjoy great food and a good chat!

### St. Timothy's By-The-Numbers: March

(In-Person) Attendance	180
Estimated Pledge Income	\$10,416.67
Actual Pledge Income	\$10,130.00
Difference	-\$286.67
Estimated Plate Income	\$1,166.67
Actual Plate Income	\$3,755.00
Difference	\$2,588.33
Estimated Misc. Income	\$212.50
Actual Misc. Income	\$910.42
Difference	\$697.92
Total Income	\$14,795.42
Total Expenses	\$24,180.75
Difference	-\$9,385.33
YTD Income	\$40,940.14
YTD Expenses	\$66,900.08
YTD Difference	-\$25,959.94

*Due to the timing of our financial reports, this data will be 2 months behind. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Carolyn James, our Treasurer.*

### Sunday Servers

We are in need of more volunteers for our various Sunday Server positions. If you or your family member(s) would like to sign up for one of these positions, please let Katie know and she will get you in rotation.

# MAY 2023

	May 7 Easter 5	May 14 Easter 6	May 21 Easter 7	May 28 Day of Pentecost
Altar Servers	Klara Kovács Nathan Arnett	Klara Kovács Karen White	Klara Kovács Karen White	Klara Kovács Karen White
OT & Psalm Reader	Trish Fisher	Karen Huff	Jack Stevens	Karen White
NT Reader	Jack Stevens	Laura Boggess	Sarah Castle	Karen Huff
Prayers of the People	Karen White	Kitty Byus	Laura Boggess	Kitty Byus
Acolytes	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Ushers	Greg Childress	Greg Childress	CK Dolan	Joe & Lynda Rumbaugh
Vestry Greeter	Nathan Arnett	Roger Guest	Mary Aldred-Crouch	Kathryn Ellis
Counters	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Allison Hughart Karen White	CK Dolan Sarah Castle	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman
Altar Guild	Trish Fisher	Chuck Montgomery	Trish Fisher	Nancy Lively

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>1</p> <p><b>**Katie Out of Office**</b></p> <p>12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:45pm—Boy Scouts Dinner (GFH)</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>**Katie Out of Office**</b></p> <p>6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>**Katie Out of Office**</b></p> <p>10:30am—WWWBC (M) 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>Easter 5</b></p> <p>10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S &amp; FB) Following Worship—Second Sunday Lunch (GFH) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:45pm—Boy Scouts Dinner (GFH)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00pm—Lunch Bunch 6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am—WWWBC (M) 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>Easter 6</b></p> <p>10:30am—Morning Prayer (S &amp; FB) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am—WWWBC (M) 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)</p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>Easter 7</b></p> <p><b>*Senior Sunday*</b> 10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S &amp; FB) Following Worship—Vestry Meeting (RD) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30am—WWWBC (M) 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)</p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>Day of Pentecost</b></p> <p>10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S &amp; FB) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> —CLOSED—</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30am—WWWBC (M) 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>Out of Office**</p> <p>(MR)</p> <p>Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>**Katie Out of Office**</p> <p>6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC)</p> <p>8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>**Katie Out of Office**</p>	<p>6</p> <p>**Katie Out of Office**</p>
<p>10</p> <p>(MR)</p> <p>Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC)</p> <p>8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p> <p>(MR)</p> <p>Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC)</p> <p>8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p> <p>(MR)</p> <p>Anonymous (MR)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC)</p> <p>7:00pm—WD&amp;BG (GFH)</p> <p>8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>31</p> <p>(MR)</p> <p>Anonymous (MR)</p>			

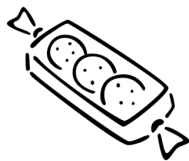
## Second Sunday...Derby Party!

Our Second Sunday Lunch for May will be on the **FIRST** Sunday in May, and we will have a Derby Day! The kitchen crew will be providing Kentucky Hot Browns, and we ask everyone else to bring your favorite side dish, dessert, or even a derby-related food! You may also dress for the occasion if you'd like!



## Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

Our Neighbors Feeding Neighbors ministry is in need of dessert donations. We are still asking for pre-packaged snack cakes for our takeout meals, or servable desserts for the folks dining in. You can drop off your donations during office hours or during Monday Night Dinners. We want to thank everyone who has donated food or money to this incredible ministry!



With our program growing so much and the anticipated increase coming this summer, we are looking for financial donations for the program. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made out to Neighbors Feeding Neighbors directly, or to St. Timothy's with Neighbors feeding Neighbors ("NFN" is fine as well) in the memo line. All monetary donations will be listed on your quarterly giving statements.

## Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Menu

May 1

Chicken Casserole with Green Beans

May 8

BBQ Night

May 15

Baked Ziti with Salad

May 22

Cookout! Hotdogs, Macaroni Salad, & Chips

May 29

**\*\*No Dinner—Memorial Day\*\***



*We have returned to in-person dining, but will still have to-go meals available.*

*If you feel sick, please **DO NOT** attend in-person dining. Please continue to social distance and wash hands*

## Join Us For Compline!

Join us each **Thursday at 8:00pm via Zoom** for Compline with the Saints. We will gather virtually to end our day in prayer and also learn about a Saint. The information for the Zoom Meeting can be found in our weekly email blast. If you need the link sent to you, please let the office know.



## May Birthdays

- 1 Caroline Damron
- 1 Melissa Boyd
- 2 Tyler Jenkins
- 3 Ray Patrick
- 3 Tina McClung
- 6 CK Dolan
- 7 Jake Montgomery
- 9 Bianca Benincasa
- 10 Hannah Bennett
- 12 Katie Williams
- 12 Seth Patrick
- 13 Jodie Walker
- 14 Carolyn Garrett
- 15 Christi Chard
- 15 Emma Markins
- 15 Ethan Markins
- 17 Mitchell Proper
- 18 Patti Bailey
- 19 Soleil Gregg
- 22 Nancy Hunter
- 23 Dehlia Ellis
- 25 Bill Aldred-Crouch
- 25 Chase Dolan
- 26 Gabriel Dawson
- 26 Warren Click
- 31 Mary-Jan Lares
- 31 Michael Walker



## Peterkin Summer Camp 2023

The schedules for Peterkin's summer camps are listed below:

**June 11-17:** Counselor Training

**June 18-24:** Senior Camp (entering high school through class of 2023 graduated HS seniors)

**June 25-July 1:** Junior Camp (entering 4th-8th grades)

**July 5-8:** Alpha Camp (children & Their grown-ups) \*See below for more information

**July 9-15:** Family Camp (families of all types and ages)

**July 16-22:** MAD (Music, Art, & Drama) Camp (entering 4th-12th grades)

*Scholarships are available through St. Timothy's & the Diocese. Please contact the office for more information.*

## May Anniversaries

- 8 Nathan Arnett & Bonnie Bailey
- 13 Brian & Janessa Noel
- 15 Jeff & Laura Boggess
- 15 David & Sally Dunlap
- 28 Annette Montoya & Bobby Norman
- 28 Molly & Casey McCann



**“Boots”** *An Article Originally Written for Dayspring, by Nathan Arnett*

My son, Ben, who is 13 and finishing his 7<sup>th</sup> grade year, asked me at breakfast this morning, “Dad, I really like my new Nike Kobe Bryant shoes that mom got me. What are the most expensive shoes that you’ve ever had?” My answer was, “My Hiking boots.” He and his sister avoided asking any more questions. They’ve heard PLENTY of tales (some on the legendary level) about my ‘1988 12” LLBean Maine Hunting shoes with a Thinsulate lining’.

I had been no stranger to Peterkin by the time I acquired them, having been a camper since 1980 when I was a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Boys’ and Girls’ camp. By the time I was 16, I had been to Peterkin at least 5 times. These boots were my sweet-sixteenth birthday gift from my parents. Some kids get a new car...

Having a birthday in late June was advantageous, though. My closest life-long friends have surrounded me almost every year for my birthday dinner in the dining hall. My mother was shrewd enough to make special arrangements with the kitchen staff, and to leave a cake and a package or two. Lavish care packages were still permitted back then; the treasure from which I could share with my lodge-mates.

It was Family Camp during the week of my birthday in the summer of ’88. I appreciated the expense of these boots and their apparent durability. Throughout my high school years, I would don them at Peterkin for hikes to the Falls, for square dance nights, and for work weekends with my dad. They were also my snow boots for shoveling the driveway and the other winter sports of the Eastern Panhandle. They were certainly an item to pack in November of ’89 when I took some sailplane piloting lessons in northern Pennsylvania (the nose of that cockpit was COLD at 5,000 feet!).

But why am I so endeared to these worn chunks of leather and rubber? Did they sculpt me into being a man? Has the Holy Spirit been embodied in my footwear? Does my faith come from the wellspring of my soul, or my ‘sole’?

I hope the answer to you, reader, is as obvious as I intend it. Is it possible that my active participation in church activities and community organizations, my faith in God, my devotion to my wife and family, the basis of my everyday life choices, and much of my social support system ALL come from my experiences at a SUMMER CAMP?!

Two of the counseling staff of my first year at camp in 1980 were the Rev. Mark Delcuze and the Rev. Anne Kersting West. (My daughter, Lauren, attended Anne’s Junior Camp last summer). This place has produced a multitude of clergy. My best friend as a camper and counselor is Adam Kradel. He is now the Rector of a church near Phillie. When I was a counselor in Kanawha Lodge in ’90, one of my campers was Eric Miller, now a rector near

Cincinnati. I wonder if he runs through THOSE halls in his jockeys and socks playing air-guitar with a tennis racket?!

And bishops? I know or have known SEVEN Episcopal bishops through my involvement with Peterkin. How is that possible when our Diocese has only had four bishops in the past 34 years? Peterkin is an incubator for evangelism and the Baptismal ministry from which His Word blossoms. Even though most campers, like me, never start seminary, lives are changed there. My career path was changed there while on summer staff during my college days. This has got to be the Holy Spirit.

Since being a camper, volunteer counselor, lodge manager (as an engineering student), staff trainer (as a child psychology graduate), camp co-leader, work weekend coordinator, campers' parent, and a proud member of the Peterkin Board, I continue to want to do more for this blessing in my life.

Peterkin is not just a tract of land near Nathaniel Mountain in Hampshire County with scant cell-service. It is not just an unblemished, God-touched piece of planet that is a bit closer to Heaven. It is not just one of only two streams in the state from which you can drink and never feel ill. It is not just painted silhouettes on the wall of a 50 year-old Strider Chapel. It is not just the serene sound of a creaking rocking chair on Gravatt's front porch. It is not just a refreshing, zero-entry swimming pool. It's not just a pottery kiln or archery range. It's not just a safe place for a young man to experience his first kiss, and then his first face-slap (where are you Robin Domer?)

It IS the ease of connecting with a new friend while there only a week ago. It IS the comfort of staid traditions and the hope of our youth's promises.

It IS the music; and the laughter; and the hugs; and the tears.

It IS creativity and life-learning.

It IS the joy of being UNPLUGGED.

It IS the camp where I didn't get better at anything except simply being ME.

Some people may believe that a week at summer camp would be as impressionable to a child as a pair of boots.

But Peterkin IS my spiritual home, and I'd like your family to come and experience it. Walk a mile in my boots.

- Nathan Arnett



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PLACE  
STAMP  
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## *Worship with us!*

Sundays at 10:30am in person or live on Facebook

Sundays at 5:30pm in person

Thursdays at 8:00pm for Compline with the Saints via Zoom

