

# Connections

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## Keeping Children Safe During Church

This article is written to all the adults in the congregation, not just parents! Obviously, some of it is specifically addressed to parents and their conversations with their children, but all of us have a responsibility to care for the safety of the children at church. Please read so that we can function as a community that cares.

One of the things that I love about our congregation is that the children feel very much at home here. They have a sense of ownership. That's how it should be! They wander freely and find places to run and play while adults are talking and hanging out. As the adults we are responsible for their safety. Unfortunately, the world is such that we need to have these conversations. And we need to speak to our children (not in a frightening way) about keeping themselves safe in a variety of situations. I want to ask you to please have this conversation with your children regarding church.

During worship, the only doors that are unlocked are the Welcome Center doors. However, anyone can come into the building through those doors and not be heard or seen while we are worshipping and could hide themselves in the building. I think bathrooms are a good place to hide if your intent is unsavory. Therefore, I am requesting that children not be allowed to leave the worship space or the Children's Chapel to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water without adult accompaniment. (Now this can be difficult if a single parent/grandparent has more than one child to look after! This is where the other adults not looking after children can offer to help or be asked to help) Also, please feel free to use the bathroom in the office off the Welcome Center so that you are not out of worship any longer than necessary. (also great when anyone has to go quickly!)

Secondly, speak to your children about letting you know where they are headed if they are leaving with friends to go play someplace in the building. Any number of times I have heard parents say when they are ready to leave, 'I wonder where my kids are?' Ask the kids to please let you know where they are headed so you can get them when you are ready. As the weather has gotten nice and the playground equipment is soon to be power washed that will be a great space for after church play! Again, if some older teens or an adult could be in the playground when kids are I think we are minding their safety much better. The Children's Ministry Committee will be discussing these items at their next meeting. We also have a committee working on preparedness items and safety is a part of that committee's work. If you have suggestions or ideas please share them with me, Laura Leslie, or Michael Moncada.

Thank you for reading this article and being willing to participate as a whole community in keeping our children safe.

*Cheryl*

## Safeguarding



## Children



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To make a submission to the next issue of *Connections*, please email [sttimothyoffice@frontier.com](mailto:sttimothyoffice@frontier.com) or mail submissions to the church office by **May 25, 2018.**



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

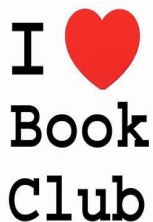
### Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is returning to one of our favorite places to share fun, fellowship and great food! Shonet's in The Perry-Morris Square in Milton, Located on US Route 60 on the right, just a few blocks west of the I -64 Interchange on Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 at 12:30 pm . My O My I do like pie and everything else available to eat there too! Make your reservations by contacting Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319). ✂



### Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club

Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club will meet every Wednesday morning in May: 2, 9, 16, 23 and the 30th, then break for the summer. We meet at 10:45 am until noon in the sanctuary. We invite all women to be a part of our group. Our current study book, "How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Holding On?" by Linda Douty explores a variety of letting-go struggles and strategies. Letting go is crucial to our spiritual and emotional health. We follow a general format that includes reading the book out loud, so no homework. Our discussion centers around her experiences, stories of others and our own life events. We will continue this book study next Fall. You can join the group at any time! Questions or to join the group contact Kitty Byus at 304-757-0319. ✂



### Notes from the Vestry

The vestry discussed the following in March:  
 Financial reports.  
 Celebrating Cheryl's 25th year as our rector.  
 Memorial Garden committee.  
 Updates on: Monday night dinners, altar kneeling pads, signs, Children's Easter program, fire extinguishers/safety checks, boy scouts  
 Please speak to a member of the Vestry for more information about these items.



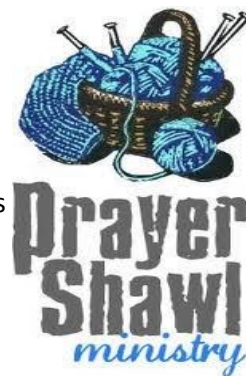
### **Andy Bird, Sr. Warden**

We meet again on Sunday, May 20th after Worship in the meeting room. ✂

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### Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Timothy's offers a prayer shawl ministry. We are always looking for folks who can knit, crochet or who want to learn how. We have patterns and mentors for beginners. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Our shawls are made, blessed, and then delivered to those well as for illness, accidents, or bereavement. If you have a recipient for a shawl please let Trish Fisher, Kitty Byus or The Rev. Cheryl Winter know. ✂



### Centering Prayer

St. Timothy's hosts an ecumenical Centering Prayer Group. Anyone interested in exploring this type of spiritual practice is welcome to join us, The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. Questions, for more information or dates of our next meetings contact Kitty Byus or Nona Dolmetsch. ✂



### Save the date!

On Saturday, June 2, we will be having a special dinner to celebrate Cheryl's 25th year as our rector. This is a big milestone for us all! More details to follow. ✂



### It's Graduation Time!

On May 20th we would like to honor all High School graduates and GED recipients, and recognize all others who have completed their college degrees or who will complete them this summer. These are big accomplishments and we want to share in them with you.

In order to not miss anyone, please send names to the church office – ASAP- sttimothyoffice@frontier.com or call Nicki between 10-2 during the week. Looking forward to celebrating with all of you! ✂



### Easter Musical

The Easter Musical performance, "It All Happened In the City", will be preformed on Sunday, May 6th at 10:30am.



### **Boy Scout Troop 36 Yard and Hotdog Sale**

Saturday, May 12: 8am to 2pm  
Being held at St. Timothy  
Episcopal Church on the Fletcher  
Lot. You may set up for free or  
there are a few open spots under  
the tent (9x18 space) for  
\$20.. You may set up on Friday,



May 11, beginning at noon. The scouts will be camping on site Friday night to watch your goods. If you can set up, come and join us. If you can't, you may donate items to our troop to be sold. Donations may be dropped off on Friday starting at noon. The scouts will be having a concession stand for your food and drink needs. We ask that no other food or drinks to be sold. Call Steve Caldwell at 304-562-9233 for more information. Steve Caldwell



Thy Kingdom Come is an initiative of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, endorsed by Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. It calls Christians worldwide to pray that others may find God through knowing Jesus.

In this area, St. John's Episcopal Church is registered as a site for prayer gathering. You are invited to come to be present at St. John's or to engage in your own group or as an individual, but you are asked to pray Thy Kingdom Come.

The project starts on Ascension Day (Thursday, May 10) and concludes on Pentecost (Sunday, May 20). For those eleven days, people will gather at St. John's to pray – some for the full two hours; others for a few minutes. Eucharist will be offered at 12:10 PM on May 10 and 16, and the regular 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services will be held on Sundays. If you need further information about local activities, please contact Fr. Kent Higgins at 304-542-4378 or St. John's at 304-346-0359.

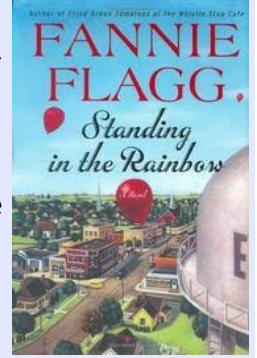
#### **PRAYER FOR THY KINGDOM COME**

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ✕

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### **Women's Dinner & A Book**

Come search for the pot of gold this May as the Women's Dinner and a Book Group reads Fannie Flagg's "Standing in the Rainbow" another in her folksy books about the people who live in Elmwood Springs, Missouri. The WD&BG gals will be meeting on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30pm in the Garrett Fellowship Hall with Carol McDonough as our hostess.



Here's a bit of the Publisher's Weekly review of the book:

From the talented storyteller whose Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe became a beloved bestseller and a successful film comes a sprawling, feel-good novel with an old-fashioned beginning, middle and end. The predominant setting is tiny Elmwood Springs, Mo., and the protagonist is 10-year-old Bobby Smith, an earnest Cub Scout also capable of sneaking earthworms into his big sister's bed. In 1946, Harry Truman presides over a victorious nation anticipating a happy and prosperous future. The effects of changing social mores are handled deftly; historical events as they impact little Elmwood Springs are noted, and everything is infused with the good humor and joie de vivre that are Flagg's stock-in-trade.

There are several copies of the book in the Putnam County Library system in book, CD and E-reader formats.

Carol 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 Carol at 517-617-7009 for information about the menu. ✕

### **Celebrating those turning 80 in 2018!**

We have a whole group of people in the congregation who are hitting the 80-yr. milestone this year. As we are always looking for reasons to get together and celebrate, an 80-yr Birthday Party is in the works to take place sometime in the early autumn. If you fall into this milestone category, please advise Nicki in the church office either by phone (304) 562-9325 or email sttimothyoffice@frontier.com ✕



# May 2018 Sunday Service Schedule

	May 6 6 Easter	May 13 7 Easter	May 20 The Day of Pentecost	May 27 Trinity Sunday
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Easter Musical	Billy Wayne Bailey Kitty Byus	Cathy Slemp Nathan Arnett	Soleil Gregg James Kliner
<b>O.T. &amp; Psalm Reader</b>	Easter Musical	Robin Ward	Janessa Noel	Karen White
<b>N. T. Reader</b>	Easter Musical	Marcy Benincasa	Caroline Damron	Trish Fisher
<b>Prayers of The People</b>	Easter Musical	Dave Wood	Nona Dolmetsch	Kitty Byus
<b>Acolytes</b>	Easter Musical	Alex Ward Hailey Bennett Zane Boyd	Lauren Arnett Jillian Noel Morgan McIntyre	Ben Arnett Jayden Ellis Dehlia Ellis
<b>Ushers</b>	Frank Thompson Kelle Maxwell	Chris Lewis Jake Ward	Randy Thompson Jenny Jenkins	John Alvis Frank Thompson
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Thompson Karen White	Allison Hughart Lola Warren	Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Frank Thompson Karen White
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Easter Musical	Laura Leslie <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Laura Leslie <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday
<b>Nursery</b>	Easter Musical	Nathan, Ben and Lauren Arnett	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Laura Leslie	Chris Branham	Joyce Wilson	Billy Wayne Bailey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chuck Montgomery Andy Bird	Chuck Montgomery Andy Bird	Chuck Montgomery Andy Bird	Chuck Montgomery Andy Bird

## May Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to:

- |                    |                    |                                 |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Caroline Damron  | 13 Jodie Walker    | 23 Dehlia Ellis                 |
| 2 Andy Holliday    | 14 Carolyn Garrett | Samuel Jenkins                  |
| 3 Tina McClung     | 15 Christina Chard | Shephard Jenkins                |
| Ray Patrick        | Emma Markins       | 25 Bill Crouch, Jr.             |
| 6 CK Dolan         | Ethan Markins      | Chase Dolan                     |
| 7 Jacob Montgomery | 17 Mitchell Proper | 31 Michael Walker               |
| 9 Bianca Benincasa | 19 Patti Bailey    | <b>Happy Anniversary to:</b>    |
| 10 Hannah Bennett  | Soleil Gregg       | 4 Bruce & Susie Smith           |
| Art Taylor         | Regina Stubbs      | 8 Nathan Arnett & Bonnie Bailey |
| 12 Seth Patrick    | 20 Scott Rogan     | 13 Brian & Janessa Noel         |
|                    | 22 Nancy Hunter    | 15 David & Sally Dunlap         |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:30am- WW Book Club (S)  7pm- NA (MR)  8pm- AA (MR)	3	4	5
<b>6 6 Easter</b> 9:30am- Sunday School (GFH) 10:30am- Easter Play (S) Choir Practice (CR) 2:00pm- Autism Group (GFH) 5:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	7 12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (GP) 5:30pm - Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm -Boy Scouts (AC)	8  7pm- NA (MR)	9 9:30am-TV Mom's Club(AC) 10:30am-WW Book Club (S) 12:30pm-Lunch Bunch-Shonet's 8pm- AA (MR)	10	11 Noon- Start setting up for Yard Sale  Boy Scouts camp out on Fletcher Lot	12 8am-2pm- Boy Scout Troop 36 Yard Sale & Hot Dog Sale (Fletcher Lot)
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<b>27 Trinity Sunday</b> 9:30am- Sunday School (GFH) 10:30am Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	28 12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (GP) 5:30pm- Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm- Boy Scouts (AC)	29  7pm- NA (MR)	30 10:30am-WW Book Club (S)  8pm- AA (MR)	31	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





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**Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
or at 5:30 p.m.!**

**Happy Anniversary to  
(continued):**

- 21: George & Crystal McIntyre
- 25: John & Joy Jenkins
- 28: Jim & Sally Holliday
- 28: Bobby Norman & Annette  
Montoya



The Rev. Cheryl Ann  
Winter, RECTOR

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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

▶ **Peterkin Summer Camps**



**Camp Registrations**

Summer Camp registration forms and camp descriptions for Peterkin 2018 are available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the Peterkin office at 304-822-4519. Printable forms can be found at <http://www.peterkin.org/pages/camps.html>

**Spring Work Weekend**

Peterkin's annual Spring Work Weekend will be held **May 18-20** and the cost is \$75. Work Weekend helps prepare Peterkin for the summer camping season ahead and offers time for fellowship and worship. This event is open to those who are 21+. To register, follow this link: <https://wvdiocese.formstack.com/forms/workweekend18> ✕

