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Barn Party Thank You's

The Barn Party at the Ellis Farm was a huge success! Many thanks to the Ellis Family for their hospitality, to Whitney Naylor-Smith for helping to organize, to all who came and had fun, to all the great chili cooks and others who brought food, to the children who were on their best behavior all evening, and to the dogs, horses, and kitties who tolerated us invading their home. It was the perfect evening for eating, drinking, visiting, playing, carving pumpkins, going on a hayride, and sitting around a campfire. Much work was done in preparation for this event and St. Timothy's gives a HUGE Thank You to Rueben and Kathryn for opening their farm to us. If you missed this one, keep your eyes open for news on the "Spring Bash" to be held at the same location. ✧



Pledge Cards for 2018

If you did not receive your Pledge Packet for 2018 at brunch after church on All Saints Sunday you will either get it in the mail or it will be delivered to you by one of the Vestry members. Please read the enclosed Budget Narrative and if you have further questions don't hesitate to speak to any of the Vestry members or the Rector. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Great new ministry coming in 2018 and we hope that you will support it financially and with your presence as well. God Bless You All! ✧



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Giving Thanks

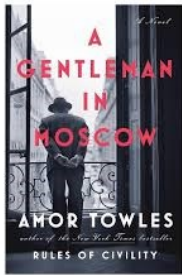


To make a submission to the next issue of *Connections*, please email sttimothyoffice@frontier.com or mail submissions to the church office by November 25, 2017.

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



Women's Dinner & A Book



The Women's Dinner and a Book Group is taking the month of **November off** and will be holding their next meeting a bit earlier due to the holidays. We will next meet on **Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm** in the Garrett Fellowship Hall with Regina Stubbs, Jr. as our hostess.

Our book for December is New York Times bestseller "**A Gentleman in Moscow**" by Amor Towles.

*You can review the book on the Amazon website:

There are several copies of the book available through the Putnam County Library system and they have it in Large print and CD versions as well. Of course, it is available to purchase at your favorite bookseller whether in the mall or online.

Regina 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 Regina at 304-757-5188 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.✘

Outreach to Our Veterans

It is time to get our "*Socks for Vets*" Outreach Ministry up and running. This cold weather reminds us to think about those who need warm clothing. Each year St. Timothy's collects warm socks that are distributed to the Veterans at the Drop in Center in Charleston. Our goal is to collect 150 pair of warm socks for folks to where in boots or whatever shoes they have. These socks will be delivered during the Christmas Luncheon that we provide in mid-December. So please begin shopping and bringing your packages of sock to the church on Sundays and put them in the Socks Box!

In addition, Sally Holiday has created a Greeting Card Box to help raise money for our Veterans Ministry. Looking for a card to send and don't want to spend \$5-6 on one? Check out the box and donate \$.25! Have a drawer full of cards at home that you don't know what to do with? Bring them and put them in the appropriate category so that others may purchase. This will be done on the honor system. Every little bit helps! ✘

Children's Musical News



Laura Leslie (coordinator of Children's Ministries) and Cheryl (the Rector) have decided that this year's musical program will take place in the Epiphany Season rather than Advent. We will begin after school starts in January with rehearsals. So, stay tuned and warm up those singing and acting skills! ✘



Centering Prayer Group

St. Timothy's ecumenical Centering Prayer group will meet in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 12, from 3:30—5:00** p.m. This group will NOT meet in December.

Anyone interested in exploring this type of spiritual practice is welcome to attend. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. Questions or interested persons do contact Kitty Byus at 304-757-0319 ✘

Prayer Shawl Ministry



St. Timothy's offers a prayer shawl ministry. We are always looking for new members. Neighbors and friends are welcome. Easy directions for both knitted and crocheted shawls are available. Some donated yarn is also on hand.

Our shawls are made, blessed, and then delivered to those experiencing joyous occasions (weddings, new babies, baptisms) as well as for illness, accidents, or bereavement. We have several blessed shawls that can be distributed. Please let Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) or The Rev. Cheryl Winter know if you have a recipient for a shawl. ✘



Lunch Bunch



Where? L & R BBQ (Teays Valley Road)

Leaving the church you turn right and go toward Hurricane. Just before the bridge at the High School Tennis Courts you turn right (former Creekside)

When? November 8th at 12:30pm

Why? Good fellowship, conversation and food

How? Make reservations by contacting Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) ✕

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

This year, the Teays Valley Ministerial Association's community worship service will be held on Tuesday November 14th at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant at 7 pm. The Rev. Dr. Jeff Johnson will be the preacher and a community choir will gather at 6 pm for rehearsal. This is a great opportunity to come together with our brothers and sisters in Christ to give thanks

for our many blessings and to support the Christian Community Cupboard who receives the offering of the evening. ✕

Weekly Email Blast

Each week the office sends out an email blast about the upcoming weekend. We will now be sending this out consistently on Thursdays. This email will also list everyone who has a ministry responsibility on Sunday Morning. So, if you only check your email periodically be sure to do so on Thursdays.

Evangelism Tip

Using Facebook or other social media platforms, check yourself in at church each week. ✕

Notes From The Vestry

The Vestry was very busy in October. We have met several times and have been working on our 2018 budget and reviewing ministry opportunities. We also discussed landscaping and an update from the pastoral care committee and youth meeting. Please speak to a vestry member for more information.

Andy Bird, Sr. Warden ✕

The Pastoral Care Committee aims to identify and respond to needs in St. Timothy's family, whether due to illness, surgery, or other causes. If you have needs or know of other members' needs, please let someone on the committee know—Soleil Gregg, Kitty Byus, Laura Leslie, Karen White, Carolyn Garrett, Lola Warren, Andy Bird, Aaron Carr, Annette Montoya, Frank and Elaine Thompson, Marty Alvis, or Sue Lilly. 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. ✕

Wonderful Wednesdays

Women's Book Club

In her book, "How Can I Let Go if I Don't Know I'm Holding On?", Linda Douty, a retreat leader and spiritual director, explores a variety of letting-go struggles and strategies. Our discussion centers around her experiences, stories of others and our own life events. Letting go is crucial to our spiritual and emotional health.

We generally meet every Wednesday morning in the sanctuary from 10:45 a.m. until noon. In November we will meet only the first 3 Wednesdays, November 1st, 8th and 15th. In December only the first 2 Wednesdays, December 6th and 13th.

Our meetings will resume January 10th in the new year 2018! We invite all interested women to be a part of our group. We follow a general format that includes reading the book our loud, so you do not have homework. Questions or to the join our group, contact Kitty Byus at 304-757-0319. ✕

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me. Amen. ✕



November Sunday Service Schedule

	November 12 22 Pentecost	November 19 23 Pentecost	November 26 24 Pentecost	December 3 The Last Sunday After Pentecost
Chalice Bearers	Kitty Byus Nathan Arnett	Soliel Gregg Andy Bird	Billy Wayne Bailey Glenn Childress	Kitty Byus Dave Wood
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Nona Dolmetsch	Caroline Damron	Karen White	Robin Ward
N. T. Reader	Janessa Noel	Karen White	Trish Fisher	Janessa Noel
Prayers of The People	Soleil Gregg	Kitty Byus	Dave Wood	Soleil Gregg
Acolytes	Ben Arnett Jillian Noel Cooper Ellis	Lauren Arnett Hailey Bennett Morgan McIntyre	Rachel Midkiff Jana Naylor-Aten Zane Bolt	Alex Ward Jaden Ellis Lilly Kaul
Ushers	Frank Thompson Kelle Maxwell	John Alvis Glen Childress	Randy Thompson Jenny Jenkins	Chris Lewis Jake Ward
Counters	Glenn & Mary Lou Childress	Frank Thompson Lola Warren	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Mark & Jenny Jenkins
Children's Chapel	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	Laura Leslie Volunteer Needed	Children's Sermon	Laura Leslie Volunteer Needed
Nursery	Kolbey & Jamison Walker	Nathan, Ben & Lauren Arnett	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Vestry Greeter	Randy Thompson	Tom Midkiff	Randy Thompson	Andy Bird
Altar Guild	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Nate Branam | 18 Eric McCallister |
| 4 Hart Childress | 21 Ben Freeman |
| 4 Jillian Noel | 21 Kim Montgomery |
| 6 Amy Alvis Stotts | 22 Ainsley Bailey |
| 7 Ronda Moncada | 22 Allison Bailey |
| 7 Logan Rumbaugh | 23 Michael McDonough |
| 9 Marcy Benincasa | 24 Shelly Young |
| 11 Allison Pauley | 26 Trevor Dolan |



Happy Anniversary to:



- 14 Jerry & Diane Damron
- 16 John & Marty Alvis
- 21 Doug & Terry Holliday



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3	4		
		10:45am- Women's Book Club (S) 6:30pm- Bible Study (GFH) 8:00pm- AA (MR)					
5	22 Pentecost Daylight Saving time Ends	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am- Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am- Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm-Holy Eucharist (S)	12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (AC)		7:00pm- NA	10:45am- Women's Book Club (S) 12:30pm- Lunch Bunch (L&R BBQ) 6:30pm- Bible Study (GFH) 8pm- AA (MR)			
12	23 Pentecost	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am- Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am- Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) Youth Outing 3:00pm Cent/Prayer 5:30pm- Holy Eucharist (S)	12-2pm- Gabriel Project Open (AC)	7:00pm- Annual Community Thanksgiving Service @ the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant 7:00pm- NA	10:45am- Women's Book Club (S) 6:30pm- Bible Study (GFH) 8:00pm- AA (MR)				
19	24 Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	Last Sunday after Pentecost	27	28	29	30	KEY: AC = Activity Center CC = Child. Chapel CR = Choir Room GFH = Garrett Fellowship Hall MR = Basement Meeting Room S = Sanctuary VR = Vesting Room WC = Welcome Center YR = Youth Room	
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**Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
or at 5:30 p.m.!**

The Rev. Cheryl Ann Winter,
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Laura Leslie
Tina McClung
Tom Midkiff
Brian Proper
Arthur Taylor
Randy Thompson
Joyce Wilson

Ed Garrett, TREASURER
Trish Fisher, VESTRY CLERK

▶ **Remember the St. Timothy's Scrip Program for your Holiday Shopping!**

As you plan to do your shopping for Christmas, please remember to purchase gift cards for gifts AND to purchase gifts. By doing this you help the St. Timothy's ministry as we receive a percentage from each card you purchase. If you need to order cards, please don't wait until the last minute. See Jennifer or Cathy at the Scrip Table on Sundays after church. Start making your lists now! ✕

▶ **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

If anyone is interested in learning more, JaNeille Shaw and Johanna Rengers will come and share more about this ministry. You may contact them at JaNeille Shaw (681)758-8681 or janeille.shaw@frontier.com ✕

▶ **Upcoming Dates for your Calendar**

December 14– 6PM– Women's Christmas Party
December 21– 7PM– Blue Christmas Worship Service
December 22– 6PM– Greening of the Church

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