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Advent and Christmas at St. Timothy's



Christmas Eve 2018

4:30 pm – Our early service will be one hour earlier than it has been in the past. Please make note of the change. This service will include the Procession and Placing of the Infant in the Manger, a Children's Sermon, Children's Musical Offering, and the Holy Eucharist. ✂

5:30 pm – Since it is Monday night, the Cooking Crew decided to offer a special Christmas Eve dinner at the normal time of 5:30 pm. The Italian tradition of 'The Feast of the Seven Fishes' will be offered for this holiday meal. We hope that many of our regular guests will join us for church and supper and that those of you are able to join us from the congregation will do so. Many thanks to the Crew for their thoughtfulness and generosity of time in offering this Christmas Eve meal. ✂



11:00 pm – As a prelude to our Candlelight Service at 11:30 pm we will have a half hour of Special Music provided by soloists, the choir, and congregational caroling. Please plan to arrive for this special time. ✂



11:30 pm – The Festive Candlelight Service begins as we sing "O Come All Ye Faithful" gathered in warm candlelight. We will hear the proclamation of the Birth, pray for the Church, our loved ones, and the World, gather around God's table and be nourished by Christ's holy meal, light more candles and sing in the darkness, and finally be Blessed and sent out into the world to spread the Joy of the Incarnation! Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you on this Holy Night to celebrate Christ's coming into our human world. ✂

Christmas Day Worship – 10:30 am

We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Christmas morning as we continue our observance of the Feast of the Incarnation! This service may be of particular interest to those who do not like to come out after dark or for whom the 'late' service is just 'too' late. The readings and message on this day are different from that of Christmas Eve, so you may want to celebrate Christmas twice! ✂

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

Lunch Bunch

Ho! Ho! Ho!

WHERE? O' Charley's Restaurant & Bar at 3060 Champion Drive Barboursville- Turn right off the Merrick Creek Parkway, right at light, ½ way up hill turn right and then left into their parking lot.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 12 at 12:30 PM
A Free Pie Wednesday!!!

WEAR: Christmas attire

MAKE RESERVATIONS: Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) Friends and neighbors are welcome! ✂



Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club

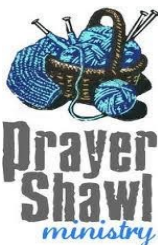
We will meet two Wednesday mornings, 10:45 am until noon, on December 5th and December 12th in the Sanctuary. Then we are on vacation until January 9, 2019 when we resume our weekly meetings. We will be finishing our current read: "How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Holding On?" by Linda Douty. Already we are discussing books to center our discussion around for 2019. Suggestions are welcome. We invite all interested women to be a part of our weekly Wednesday morning group. Questions: Kitty Byus-- 304-757-0319 ✂

I ♥
Book
Club

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Timothy's Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet as a group again this year. Individual members will continue their projects at home. 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 finished, 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.

We will be expanding this into an outreach ministry come January. Saturday morning, January 26th at 10:30. Stay tuned! ✂



Centering Prayer

St. Timothy's Ecumenical Prayer Group will be meeting only once in December, Sunday afternoon December 9th from 3:30 until 5 downstairs in the Meeting Room. ✂



The Women's Dinner and a Book Club

The Women's Dinner and a Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30pm in the Garrett Fellowship Hall with Carol McDonough as hostess. Our book to end the year with is "The Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles who also wrote "A Gentleman From Moscow" which we read earlier this year. There are several copies of the book on the Western Regional library website (Putnam County). The Kanawha Library also offers the book in some electronic formats but not in book format as far as I can see! So you may also want to check your favorite online book store or your REAL bookstore for a copy. Our 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. 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. ✂

Monday Night Supper Menu:

**All meals are served with Salad and Dessert

3rd– Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

10th– Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

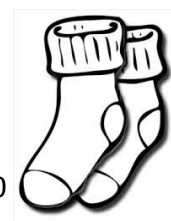
17th– Soup and Sandwiches

24th– Feast of The 7 Fishes

31st– No Monday Night Supper



Socks for Vets: It's that time again to collect warm socks for our Veterans Christmas Ministry. So please start bringing in packages of Men's socks so we can distribute them in Mid December. We would like to gather 100 pairs. These are due, no later than, December 9th. ✂



**HE WILL BE OUR PEACE.
MICAH 5:5**



Christmas Family sponsorship

Each year we work with Heart and Hand to help families provide Christmas for their children. We received 4 families this year with a total of 10 children. There are a few angels left on the tree to be shopped for, hopefully they will be gone by the end of worship this coming Sunday. On the table in the Welcome Center you will find a half-sheet of white paper with the directions for sponsorship. Deadline for things to be returned to the church is December 16th. ❄️



Community Cupboard: Don't forget! We are now collecting cans of Kidney Beans and Navy Beans through the end of January. Let's fill the cart and support our local Christian Community Cupboard. ❄️



Order a Poinsettia Today!!! To order a Poinsettia, the envelopes are located in the Welcome Center. They are \$9.00 each. Fill out the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 9th.



Boy Scout Troop 36

The Boy Scout Troop collected 810 food items for Scouting For Food this year. The food items were delivered to the Christian Community Cupboard. Way to go Scouts! ❄️



Upcoming Events:

December 10th– Court of Honor (S)

December 14th-16th- Campout at Boy Scout Chief Logan

December 17th– Troop 36 Christmas Party (GFH)

Notes from the Vestry

There was no Vestry Meeting in November. The Vestry would like to remind you that Pledge Cards are due in the office by

December 2nd. Thank You!

Andy Bird, Sr. Warden



Next meeting will be on December 16th! ❄️

The Annual Women's Christmas Party – Sunday December 16th 6:30 pm

All women of the congregation are invited to a fun evening of frivolity, food, laughter, and gift sharing. Please bring and finger food appetizer or dessert to share and a gift for the 'gift exchange game'. Gifts should not cost more than \$15-\$20 and be wrapped (or bagged) and placed under the tree. After we have enjoyed our food and drink, we will gather round and share in the gift giving (and taking). This is a fun evening and hope to see all the women there! ❄️



Greening of the Church – Sunday December 23rd following worship

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Monday this year, we will decorate for Christmas following the 10:30 morning service on the 23rd. We hope that many will stay to help 'hang the greens'! There will be some jobs that children can help with as well as a movie provided while adults are climbing ladders and arranging greens and candles. Pizza will be ordered for ALL and drinks will be provided. Please plan to help us prepare for our Christmas celebration. Many hands make light work! ❄️



Blue Christmas Service – Friday December 21st – 7 pm

The Holiday season is often difficult for many people. The social atmosphere is that of joy and expectation while the hearts of many are filled with dread and sadness. There are any number of reasons for this: grief from losing a loved one, loneliness, loss of job, financial insecurity, illness, anxiety and fear. December 21st is the 'longest night of the year'. And so, the church provides an opportunity to gather in community, surrounded by warm candlelight, soft music, and gentle prayer to bring all our distress to God. In this setting we offer healing and the opportunity to not pretend that everything is 'okay'. If you or anyone you know would benefit from this worship opportunity, I hope that you will come join in this beautiful service. Please spread the word and invite and bring to this service those in the larger community for whom this season is difficult. You and they will be blessed. ❄️





December Sunday Servers



	December 2 Advent 1	December 9 Advent 2	December 16 Advent 3	December 23 Advent 4	December 24 4:30pm	December 24 11:30pm
Chalice Bearers	Kitty Byus Dave Wood	Nathan Arnett Andy Bird	Soleil Gregg Cathy Slep	James Kliner Billy Wayne Bailey	TBA	TBA
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Dave Wood	Janessa Noel	Sarah Castle	Trish Fisher	TBA	TBA
N. T. Reader	Nona Dolmetsch	Richard Spillman	Caroline Damron	Marcy Benincasa	TBA	TBA
Prayers of The People	Kitty Byus	Soleil Gregg	Dave Wood	Karen White	TBA	TBA
Acolytes	Alex Ward Hailey Bennett Cooper Ellis	Lauren Arnett Jillian Noel Lilly Kaul	Rachel Midkiff Sophie Carr Zane Boyd	James Kliner Jana Naylor– Aten Michael Kliner	TBA	TBA
Ushers	Randy T. Jenny J.	Frank Thompson Kelle Maxwell	John Alvis Randy T.	Chris Lewis Jake Ward	TBA	TBA
Counters	Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Lola Warren Frank Thompson	Annette M. Bobby Norman	Karen White Allison Hughart	TBA	TBA
Children's Chapel	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	Laura Leslie <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Kathryn Ellis Missy Pauley	Laura Leslie <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	N/A	N/A
Nursery	Diane & Caroline Damron	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	The Arnett's	N/A	N/A
Vestry Greeter	Joyce Wilson	Laura Leslie	Randy Thompson	Billy Wayne Bailey	N/A	TBA
Altar Guild	All Members Participate	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis	Trish Fisher Marty Alvis	All Members Participate	All Members Participate

December Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:







- 3 Chuck Elkins
- 4 Vicki Wood
- 5 John Wilson
- 6 Aaron Carr
- 7 Mary James
- 8 Stacy Barna
- 10 Lucas McCallister
- 12 Lynda Rumbaugh
- 13 Cooper Ellis
- 16 Pat Chard
- 16 Roger Guest
- 17 Kate Sams
- 18 Rachel Midkiff
- 20 Kitty Byus
- 21 Jennifer Midkiff
- 24 Trish Fisher
- 29 Sally Dunlap
- 30 Jerry Damron
- 30 James Kaul

Happy Anniversary to:

- 2 Billy Jack & Soleil Gregg
- 14 Steven & Kim Carr
- 22 Rick & Ruth Ann King
- 27 Ryan & Megan Click
- 30 Ray & Susan Patrick



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Christmas 1 10:15am Joint Service at Cross of Grace Lutheran Church	31 Office Closed No Monday Night Supper New Year's Eve 		Please Notice: December 30th-31st are on the top of this calendar.			1
2 Advent 1 Pledge Cards Due 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Play Practice (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist	3 12-2pm– Gabriel Project 5:30pm-Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm– Boy Scouts	4 7pm– NA (MR)	5 10am– HHS Student Clean 10:45am– WWW Book Club (S) 8pm– AA (MR)	6 6:30pm- Women's Dinner/Book (GFH)	7	8
9 Advent 2 10:30am-Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) Play Practice (S) 2pm– Autism Group (GFH) 3:30pm-Centering Prayer (MR) 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist Socks Due for Vets	10 12-2pm– Gabriel Project 5:30pm- Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm– Boy Scouts– Court of Honor (S)	11 7pm– NA (MR)	12 10am-HHS Students Clean 10:45am– WWW Book Club (S) 12:30pm– Lunch Bunch 8pm– AA (MR)	13 11:30am-Veteran's Luncheon AFT-Putnam Christmas Dinner (GFH) 	14 Boy Scouts to Chief Logan--16th Clergy Christmas Dinner (GFH) 	15 Please Bring Angel Tree Items with you to the Church tomorrow morning.
16 Advent 3 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Vestry (MR) Play Practice (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S) 6:30pm-Women's Christmas Party	17 10:30am– TV Mom's Club (GFH) 12-2pm– Gabriel Project (AC) 5:30pm– Monday Night Supper (GFH) 6:30pm– Boy Scouts Party(GFH)	18 7pm– NA (MR)	19 8pm– AA (MR)	20	21 Blue Christmas Service 7pm (S) January Newsletter deadline 	22 Please bring any receipts for Reimbursement no later than tomorrow
23 Advent 4  10:30am Holy Eucharist (S) Greening of the Church (S)	24 Office Closed 4:30pm– Early Service (S) 5:30pm-Christmas Dinner (GFH) 11:00 pm– Singing begins (S) 11:30pm– Evening Service (S)	25 Office Closed 10:30am-Holy Eucharist (S)  7pm– NA (MR) Merry Christmas	26 Office Closed 8pm-AA (MR)	27	28	29





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



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Tina McClung
Joyce Wilson
Billy Wayne Bailey
Tom Midkiff
Chris Branam
Ronda Moncada

Ed Garrett, TREASURER
Trish Fisher, VESTRY CLERK

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be CLOSED on the following days:

**Monday, December 24th
Tuesday, December 25th
Wednesday, December 26th**

**Monday, December 31st
Tuesday, January 1st**



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