

# Connections

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October 2023 Edition



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## October Worship Schedule

We have set up a schedule for different priests to celebrate with St. Timothy's congregation. If this schedule changes, we will let everyone know as soon as possible!

OCTOBER 1	
<u>Morning Eucharist</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
The Rev. Bill Fulks	Andy Bird
OCTOBER 8	
<u>Morning Eucharist</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
The Rev. Jim Wicker	Andy Bird
OCTOBER 15	
<u>Morning Eucharist</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
The Rev. Canon Jordan Trumble	Andy Bird
OCTOBER 22	
<u>Morning Eucharist</u>	<u>Evening Eucharist</u>
The Rev. Jim Wicker	The Rev. Dennett Slemph
OCTOBER 29	
<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
The Rev. Jim Wicker	Andy Bird

## Blessing of the Animals



Our annual 'Blessing of Pets' service will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 8. You may bring your pets of any kind, we just ask that they remain on a leash or in a cage or carrier for their protection as well as others. You may also bring a picture or memorial of a beloved pet who has crossed the rainbow bridge, or a stuffed animal to be blessed. Please share this with your friends and neighbors and invite them to come.

## All Hallows Eve Sunday



Children of **ALL AGES** (0-100 years old or older!) are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church on **Sunday, October 29**. All those wearing some form of costume will receive a special treat bag from the Vestry. For those who are only a child at heart, a full costume isn't required but we still consider a hat, mask, face paint, etc as being in costume — just something that expresses your creative or mischievous side! We will also have a Childrens' Sermon Sunday that day so parents PLEASE bring your kids!

## October Lunch Bunch

Join us at noon on **Tuesday, October 10** at Fat Patty's in Teays Valley for Lunch Bunch! The menu is available online. If you plan to come, please contact Kitty Byus so that we can reserve the right amount of seats!



## Gabriel Project Needs!



Our Gabriel Project has a need for Baby Bath Items (shampoo, bath soap, etc.), Wipes, and Sensitive Formula. Donations can be dropped off during Katie's office hours or brought in on Sundays. Donations can be brought to the church during office hours or on Sunday. You may also make monetary donations that will be used to purchase needed items.

## Wonderful Women's Wednesday Book Club



Wednesday's Wonderful Women's Book Club continues **weekly on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room at 11:00am—12:15pm**. We will be finishing up our current book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor and choosing our next challenging book study. We meet from 11:00 until 12:15. If you are interested in joining the Women's Book Club, please contact Kitty Byus.

## Wednesday Bible Study with Aaron



We're thrilled to announce the return of our Wednesday evening Bible study sessions, led by none other than Aaron Carr! Join us weekly, beginning on **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM**, as we embark on a deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew. Coffee will of course be available!

## Youth Group Returns!



Youth Group will resume on Tuesday evenings from **6:30-8 starting October 17**. We invite youth from 6th-12th grade to join us for games, conversation, and reflection on scripture as it applies to teens' lives and issues. St. Timothy's Youth Group is a diverse, inclusive, welcoming space open to all youth who wish to join us. For more information on our Youth group, please contact Kathryn Ellis or Whitney Naylor-Smith!

## Community Service Credit For Students!

St. Timothy's offers community service credit to students who volunteer their time! For each Monday Dinner worked (set up to clean up), we will give credit for 2 hours. We will share any other opportunities as they arise.

## Join Us For Compline!



Join us each **Thursday at 8:00pm via Zoom** for Compline with the Saints. The information for the Zoom Meeting is found in our weekly email blast. If you need the link sent to you, please contact the office.

## Our Chapel is Open!



Our chapel is 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 in after hours.

## Online Giving

The Diocese has updated their website! You may now donate via credit card through their website.



Please make sure to list "St. Timothy's - Hurricane" in the parish name field. You have the option to opt out of covering the credit card processing fee by unchecking the box by your total donation.

If you wish to give online through PayPal, you may do so directly on PayPal's site or app by sending your donation to [financeoffice@wvdiocese.org](mailto:financeoffice@wvdiocese.org). Please make sure to specify "St. Timothy's - Hurricane" in the 'note' field. If you had set up automatic payments through PayPal prior to this change, your donations are still coming in and you do not need to change anything.

## Vestry Meeting Information

We would like to remind our congregation that our Vestry Meetings are open for all members of St. Timothy's to attend, providing an opportunity to stay informed about important decisions and discussions within our church community. Although non-vestry members can't actively participate in the meetings, you can request meeting minutes from office if desired. Your interest in our church's decisions is highly valued!

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

Our By The Numbers report for August will be included in next month's newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## Church Office Hours

Sundays: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Mondays: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Tuesdays—Thursdays: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Fridays & Saturdays: CLOSED

## 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. Please try to let Katie know your availability by the 15th of the previous month which days you will be unable to serve for the following month.



## Cross of Grace Book Study

Cross of Grace Lutheran Church is hosting a Book Study on  *Losing My Religion*  by Russell Moore. St. Timothy's is invited to join! Meetings are held weekly on Saturdays at 9:00am. The group will meet at Panera in Teays Valley.

# October 2023

	October 1 Proper 21	October 8 Proper 22	October 15 Proper 23	October 22 Proper 24	October 29 Proper 25
Celebrant	The Rev. William B. Fulks	The Rev. Jim Wicker	The Rev. Canon Jordan Trumble	The Rev. Jim Wicker	The Rev. Jim Wicker
Altar Servers	Andy Bird Aaron Carr	Andy Bird Aaron Carr	Andy Bird Aaron Carr	Aaron Carr Soleil Gregg	Aaron Carr Soleil Gregg
Acolytes	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
OT & Psalm Reader	Jack Stevens	Karen Huff	Trish Fisher	Karen Huff	Sandy Weddington
NT Reader	Trish Fisher	Jack Stevens	Karen White	Sarah Castle	Cooper Ellis
Prayers of the People	Nona Dolmetsch	Kitty Byus	Nona Dolmetsch	Kitty Byus	Kitty Byus
Ushers	Greg Childress	Joe & Lynda Rumbaugh	Greg Childress	CK Dolan	Greg Childress
Vestry Greeter	Nathan Arnett	Mary Aldred- Crouch	Cathy Slep- Branam	Brian Noel	Michelle Terry
Counters	CK Dolan Sarah Castle	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Karen White Allison Hughart	CK Dolan Sarah Castle	Sandy Weddington Kathryn Ellis
Altar Guild	Chuck Montgomery	Trish Fisher	Nancy Lively	Chuck Montgomery	Trish Fisher

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1	2	3	4
<b>Proper 21</b>			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	6:00pm—Girl Scouts (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	8:30am—HHS Studies 11:00am—WWWBC (M) 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics
8	9	10	11
<b>Proper 22</b>			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) After Worship—Second Sunday Lunch 2:00pm—Pet Blessing 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	Noon—Lunch Bunch @ Fat Patty's 6:00pm—Girl Scouts (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	8:30am—HHS Studies 11:00am—WWWBC (M) 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics
15	16	17	18
<b>Proper 23</b>			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) 5:30pm—Evening Prayer (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:30pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	8:30am—HHS Studies 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics
22	23	24	25
<b>Proper 24</b>			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) After Worship—Vestry Meeting (RD) 5:30pm—Evening Prayer (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:30pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	8:30am—HHS Studies 11:00am—WWWBC (M) 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics
29	30	31	
<b>Proper 25</b>			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) 5:30pm—Evening Prayer (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	<i>Hurricane Trick-or-Treat: 6-8pm</i> 6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:30pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	

# OCTOBER 2023

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7
6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z) Anonymous (MR)			
11	12	13	14
6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z) Anonymous (MR)			
18	19	20	21
6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 7:00pm—WDS&BG (GFH) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z) Anonymous (MR)			
25	26	27	28
6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z) Anonymous (MR)			



# October Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Thompson
- 1 Laura Leslie
- 2 Jeff Bowen
- 2 Maggie Oduor
- 2 Ron Weddington
- 4 David Hull
- 5 Betty Ellen Ogle
- 7 Lita Greenawalt
- 10 Jeffrey Barna
- 18 Mary Aldred-Crouch
- 21 Angie Bowen
- 31 Christine Weiss Daugherty



# October Anniversaries

- 3 Mark & Jenny Jenkins
- 14 Jason & Melissa Boyd
- 16 Reuben & Kathryn Ellis
- 19 Pat & Christi Chard
- 22 David & Linda Hull



## A Growing Ministry!

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors has been serving more and more people each week! On a single Monday in September, we served over 140 meals between those dining in and those picking up take out orders!

## Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Menu

October 2

\*\*No Dinner—Labor Day\*\*

October 9

Soups & Sandwiches

October 16

Italian Night!

October 23

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies

October 30

Cookout!

*Dine in or Carry Out! Dinner is First Come, First Served from 5:30pm-6:00pm.*

## 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 Dinner. In addition to desserts, 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 giving statements. We want to thank everyone who has donated to this incredible ministry!



## Second Sunday Lunch



Join us for a heartwarming gathering at our beloved Second Sunday Lunch on **October 8 following worship!** This month, we're dishing up a delectable spread of soups and sandwiches, and we invite everyone to contribute their favorite homemade soups or sides. It's a delightful opportunity to savor a variety of flavors while sharing stories and connecting with your fellow community members. Come hungry, come happy, and let's share the warmth of both our delicious dishes and our cherished friendships this Second Sunday.

## November Second Sunday Fundraiser for Andy!



In November, our Second Sunday Lunch will serve a dual purpose: it will also act as a **fundraiser to support Andy's pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February.** For this special occasion, we'll be serving a spaghetti meal, and we kindly suggest a donation of at least \$10 per person to contribute towards Andy's meaningful journey. Your participation will not only satisfy your appetite but also help make Andy's spiritual quest a reality!

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the Diocese of West Virginia

Registration for the 2024 Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage is now open! The pilgrimage will take place February 2-13, 2024 (with February 14th being a return travel day). The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D. and the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D., both of Virginia Theological Seminary, will be joining Bishop Cowden as our pilgrimage leaders. You will need to submit your passport information with your registration. For more information, or to register, please check out the diocesan website, or contact the office and Katie will give you more info.

## Lifeline Screenings

Exciting News! Lifeline Screenings is coming to St. Timothy's on **November 29th.** Your health is important to us, and this is your chance to take a proactive step in monitoring it. Lifeline Screenings offers convenient and affordable health screenings that can provide valuable insights into your well-being. Mark your calendar and prioritize your health—join us in November for this event. Your future self will thank you!

## December Calendar Events

If you're planning to use the church facilities for your own events or gatherings, please remember to contact the church office **as soon as possible** to secure your desired date and time as our calendar is beginning to fill. We want to accommodate everyone's special occasions, so don't delay—reach out to us today to ensure your December events go off without a hitch!

## Woman's Dinner and a Book Group

Women's Dinner and a Book Group is moving deeper into Fall reading on **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm** in the Garrett Fellowship Hall where we will discuss "The Five Last Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" by Joe Siple. The book has won Maxy Award's "BOOK OF THE YEAR" and was a USA Today Bestseller. Here's a bit about the book from the Amazon website.

At 100 years old, Murray McBride has outlived everyone he's ever loved. But when he meets Jason Cashman, a 10-year-old boy with a terminal illness, Murray may learn something about finding meaning in life as he helps his young friend fulfill his last wishes. With all his family and friends gone, one-hundred-year-old Murray McBride is looking for a reason to live. He finds it in Jason Cashman, a ten-year-old boy with a terminal heart defect and a list of five things he wants to do before he dies.

Together, they race against the limited time each has left, ticking off wishes one by one. Along the way, Murray remembers what it's like to be young, and Jason fights for the opportunity to grow old. But when tragedy strikes, their worlds are turned upside-down, and an unexpected gift is the only thing that can make Jason's final wish come true.

Joe Siple is a television sportscaster turned novelist and speaker. He is now a #1 Best-selling author in several countries and winner of multiple awards. Joe was recently featured on the Heard it Through the Rosevine podcast. He currently lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters.

Neither the Kanawha and Putnam/Cabell county libraries currently have copies of the book but, you can find it at your favorite online or actual bookstore as an actual book, audio or E-book.

Each month we pick a hostess who brings the main entrée while other folks bring the side dishes, salad, bread, drinks, or dessert. **Joyce Wilson** has agreed to be our hostess for this meeting so you can call her at **304-541-8168** to get an idea of what to bring. Trish Fisher will be making Virginia Fulks' delicious Apple cake! Depending on the number of ladies attending the meeting not everyone has to bring a dinner item, but replacement plates, cups and utensils come in handy! 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 about books. We ALWAYS have a wonderful time!



## Upcoming Ordinations!

Excitement is building as we eagerly anticipate a significant milestone in the life of our congregation. It is with great pleasure and a sense of deep reverence that we announce the upcoming ordination of two outstanding members of our church family, **Andy Bird and Aaron Carr, to the holy office of Deacon.** This sacred event will take place during the **General Convention scheduled for October 26-28, in Martinsburg, WV.** As we prepare to witness this momentous event, let us come together as a united church community. Your presence and support during the General Convention will not only be a source of encouragement for Andy and Aaron but also a reflection of our collective commitment to the spiritual growth and vitality of our church. With their ordination as Deacons, Andy and Aaron are poised to embark on a new chapter in their spiritual journeys. Their dedication to service and their unwavering faith will undoubtedly enrich the life of our church.

In the coming weeks, let us keep Andy and Aaron in our thoughts and prayers. As they prepare to take on their new roles, they will need our continued support and encouragement. Together, we look forward to a future filled with spiritual growth, community, and the blessings that come from having such exceptional individuals among us.

## 60 Years a Priest!

On October 1, we The Rev. Bill Fulks reached a milestone of 60 years in ordained ministry. He celebrated with us as we celebrated him, and we are blessed to have him as a part of our church family!



## Notary Public

Katie our Parish Administrator is a Notary Public! If you find yourself in need of a Notary, Katie's services are **free of charge** for all members and friends of St. Timothy's congregation! Send her an email and she can set up a time with you to get you taken care of!



## Got a Submission for the Newsletter?

**got news?**

Do you have a special event or announcement that you want published in our newsletter? If so, please write up your article and submit any & all information and photos to Katie at [office@sttimothyswv.org](mailto:office@sttimothyswv.org) with the subject line **"For The Nov. Newsletter"**

**Deadline: October 20**



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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

