



Connections

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Door Ways - A Suicide Awareness and Prevention Event

September 23-25th St. Timothy's will be the site of a very important event for our community - **Door Ways**. Each evening from 7-10 pm throughout the building, there will be art displays, staffed information tables, speakers, entertainment, and refreshments. The purpose of this inaugural **Door Ways** event is to provide information, guidance, and support to those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic of Suicide. Each of the three nights will have a different target audience. On Tuesday evening, art students from the four Putnam County High Schools will provide the artistic displays. The focus that evening is on our teenagers who have lost friends, parents, and other loved ones to suicide and/or have contemplated suicide themselves. On Wednesday evening the focus is on the LGBT+ community where suicide is at a steady and growing rate. The art and entertainment focus that evening is still being finalized. Thursday night, the focus is on suicide among our active military and veterans and for those who have lost children to suicide. A special art installation honoring Rob Cunningham, a local young man who was active in the military who took his life last year. Among the speakers that evening will be his mother, Terry Cunningham, a retired Putnam county teacher.

We hope that you will share this information widely and plan to attend at least one evening. As further details develop we will be sharing the updates. If your life has not been touched by suicide you are truly blessed. If your life has been touched by suicide we hope that this event will be a blessing to you. It would do us all good, regardless of our exposure to suicide, to come to this event and learn what the resources are in our community in order to better respond to those in need.



Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Lunch Bunch

Join us on the second Wednesday of September, September 11th at 12:30 pm at one of our favorite eating spots: **Italian Grille and Deli, 17 Putnam**

Village Drive. Family and friends are welcome! Do contact Lola Warren(304-743-9935) or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) to make your reservation. Good food and Good fellowship guaranteed!



Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club

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Women's Group resumes their weekly meetings September 11th at 10:45 AM—noon in the Sanctuary. Our current book: "Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life" by Joyce Rupp, is our study guide. Joyce is a writer, spiritual midwife, international retreat leader, and conference leader. We read the book out loud, so no homework. We discuss the author's words as well as our own thoughts and experiences. We may share poetry, prayers, meditations and lots of laughing. You do not have to be a member of St. Timothy's to join the group. Friends are welcome! Newcomers to our group can order the book from Amazon or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) can order it for you. (Please note: We are not even ½ way through the book.)



Centering Prayer

"Be still and know that I am God"

Psalms 46:10

St. Timothy's ecumenical prayer group encourages our members to persevere in their individual practices. It provides an opportunity for further input through tapes, readings and discussion and offers an opportunity to support and share our spiritual journeys. Our current study includes guidance and teachings using materials by Fr. Thomas Keating, Gail Fitzpatrick-Hopler and Fr. Carl Arico. We also experience a 20 minute centering session each meeting.

We will meet September 15th and the 29th from 3:30 until 5 PM in The Meeting Room.

Anyone interested in exploring this type of spiritual practice is welcome to join us. No commitment is required. Questions or interested persons do contact Kitty Byus 304-757-0319 or kittybyus@suddenlink.net.



Annual Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Blessing of the Animals service to be held on October 6th at 3:30 pm at the church.



Singers Unite!

The first choir practice of this program year will be held following church on Sunday September 8th. The music ministry in the Episcopal Church is vital for the quality of our worship. We are delighted to welcome Chloe Sergent to the St. Timothy's choir as a 'Choral Scholar'. Chloe is a music major at Marshall University and is talented vocally and instrumentally. The Vestry has hired Chloe to assist Janet and the choir and we hope that through Chloe we will be able to hire a couple of other music students to support our group of dedicated singers.

All singers are welcome to join the choir! Many of our folks have difficulty with an every week commitment so having more singers helps to balance things out when some have to be absent. Singers are not required to be 'professional' but to have a desire to assist with worship, enjoy the company of the great long time faithful choristers, and to make a joyful noise! The choir meets in the lower level choir room after worship each Sunday and at 10 am to warm up!



Youth Confirmation Class to begin

In June of 2020, Bishop Klusmeyer will make his official visitation to St. Timothy's and Confirm those whom we present. We will begin preparing our youth for confirmation this fall. All students entering 5th-9th grade are invited to participate in the youth class. Older youth will be invited to join in an adult preparation class this winter.

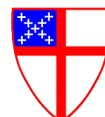
I (Cheryl) would like to meet with one parent of each young person planning to participate in the Youth Class on **Sunday September 15th at 4 pm** before the Evening Eucharist to create a schedule of class times. Please bring your family and child's calendars!

Monday Night Supper Menu:

- 9/2— No Dinner (Labor Day)
- 9/9— Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Desserts
- 9/16— BBQ w/ Slaw, Baked Beans/ Potato Salad, Chips, Desserts
- 9/23— Cookout Night
- 9/30— Baked Potato Bar w/ Chili, Salad, Desserts



We are once again in need of dessert donations.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who worked to pull off our outside Sunday morning service and cookout! It was a lovely event and the folks from Cross of Grace were delighted to be here to share it with us! It was a ton of work setting up and taking down and all the help made that task much easier than it would have been without you! A special thanks to Brian Noel and the Kitchen Crew and to the leaders and boys of Boy Scout Troop 36!



Women's Conference @ Peterkin

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Byers Walter is an Episcopal priest recently retired from twelve years serving as Rector at Lawrencefield Parish Church in Wheeling, WV. Her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality degrees are from Virginia Theological Seminary.



She is a trained spiritual director with a certificate from the Shalem Institute in Washington, DC. Having just completed the Nineteenth-Annotation Ignatian Retreat through the West Virginia Institute of Spirituality, she is still canonically resident in the Diocese of West Virginia, while living and serving as a Supply Priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. An avid knitter, she also paints icons in her spare time and sings in the South Hills Chorale.

Cynthia is married and has two children and three grandchildren.

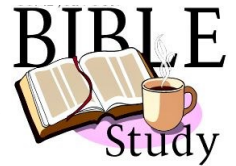
Registration forms are on the table in the Welcome Center. The cost is \$165.00 per person. This includes overnight accommodations, meals, and the cost of attendance. If you do not plan on sleeping at Peterkin, the cost will be \$85.00 per person. If you have questions about the retreat, please email Becki Krzywdik at bkrzywdik@msn.com.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Tuesday, September 10 while Katie is away at a Seminar. She will be back in the office on Wednesday.

Aaron Carr's Bible Study

Aaron's Weekly Bible Study on several of Paul's Letters continues! He will begin with Romans and then move on to the Prison Letters of Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Aaron is an excellent teacher and you will gain a great insight into these scriptures and Paul's theology.



Life in Light of Loss

St. Mark's Church invites you to attend "Life in Light of Loss" on **Saturday, September 21, at 12:10pm in their Main Sanctuary at 405 B Street, St. Albans.** Anna Stewart, a grief counselor, and Lillian Kelly, a mother learning to live again, will speak about dealing with loss, the overwhelming weight of grief, and learning to cope and live again. This community service to comfort, uplift and encourage those who are dealing with the pain of losing someone special in their lives is free and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact kellylillian06@gmail.com.



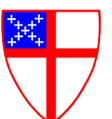
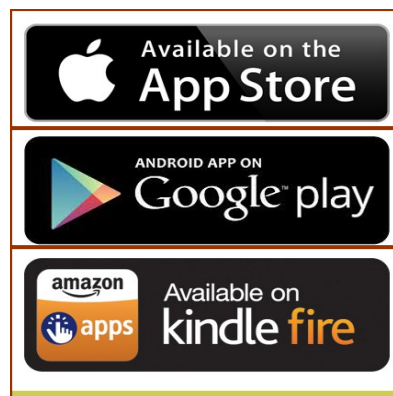
Troop 36 Important Dates:

September 1 Popcorn Sale begins
September 9 Open House @ St. Timothy's
September 16 Committee meeting



Directory Update

We are finally updating our directory! We have been collecting information but are still missing people. To make it easy, we have several ways for you to submit your information. You can either fill out the online form (you can find the link in the email blasts), fill out a paper version located in the Welcome Center, or you can call the office and give your information directly.



September Sunday Servers

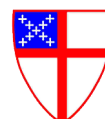
	September 1 Proper 17	September 8 Proper 18	September 15 Proper 19	September 22 Proper 20	September 29 Proper 21
Chalice Bearers	Andy Bird Kitty Byus	Cathy Slemp Billy Wayne Bailey	Nathan Arnett Soleil Gregg	James Kliner Andy Bird	Dave Wood Cathy Slemp
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Dave Wood	Soleil Gregg	Nona Dolmetsch	Caroline Damron	Richard Spillman
N.T. Reader	Marcy Benincasa	Sarah Castle	Trish Fisher	Cooper Ellis	Janessa Noel
Prayers of The People	Nona Dolmetsch	Kitty Byus	Dave Wood	Grace Goes	Karen White
Acolytes	Jana Naylor-Aten Dehlia Ellis	Sophie Carr Cooper Ellis	Ben Arnett Hailey Bennett Lilly Kaul	James Kliner Jayden Ellis Dehlia Ellis	James Kliner Sophie Carr Michael Kliner
Ushers	Chris Lewis Alex Ward	John Alvis Terry Holliday	Kelle Maxwell Frank Thompson	Randy Thompson Jenny Jenkins	Chris Lewis Alex Ward
Counters	Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	John Wilson Lola Warren	Mark & Jenny Jenkins CS: Roger Guest	Karen White Allison Hughart
Children's Chapel	Laura Leslie Terry Holiday	Laura Leslie Missy Pauley	Laura Leslie	Children's Sermon	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Nursery	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	Diane & Caroline Damron	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Vestry Greeter	TBA	CK Dolan	Laura Leslie	Randy Thompson	Terrance Lively
Altar Guild	Chuck Montgomery Andy Bird	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick

September Birthdays

4	Brian Noel	13	Teke Nickerson
7	Emma Crouch	13	Randy Thompson
7	Sally Holliday	14	Ryan Click
8	Lauren Arnett	15	Michael Elkins
8	James Kliner	15	Rick King
10	Sandy Mundy	17	Armando Benincasa
10	Susan Patrick	19	Tim Huff
11	Andrea Proper	21	Karen Huff
11	Tom Midkiff	23	Pat Dawson
12	Elaine Thompson	28	Annette Montoya
12	John Alvis	30	Katie Chard
12	Jason Boyd		

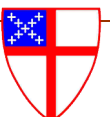
September Anniversaries

5	Scott & Betsy Rogan
13	Joshua & Jessica Santrock
14	Billy Wayne Bailey & Allison Hughart
26	Tom & Jennifer Midkiff



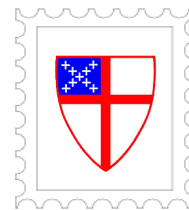
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