

Connections

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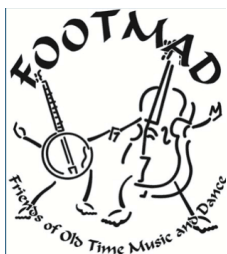


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FOOTMAD

FOOTMAD (Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance) will host a community dance with live music in the Fellowship Hall of St. Timothy's, **Friday, September 9, 7-10 pm.**, with a beginners' lesson at 6:45. Come join us for squares, contras and circle dances. The Charleston-based band The Wild Ones-- Paul Epstein (fiddle), Paula Bickham (accordion and percussion), and Rita Ray (keyboards)--will be joined by caller Mike Miller from Elkins. All dances are taught--no experience or partner needed. Please wear soft-soled shoes. We request that all dancers are fully vaccinated (and boosted, if applicable). Masks optional. Suggested donation--\$10. Under-13 free. For more information, email kvfootmad@gmail.com or call 304-553-5603



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at noon at **Fireside Grille in Hurricane.**



Friends & family are welcome. The address is *439 WV-34, Hurricane*. Please let Carol McDonough know if you plan to attend so the proper number of reservations can be made. (517-617-7009).

Youth Group Meetings

Youth Group returns to their regular weekly meetings on **September 13th!** St. Timothy's Youth Group invites middle schoolers and high schoolers (6th-12th grade) to join us in the Activities Center each Tuesday evening from 6:30pm-8:00pm. During youth group there will be games, activities, and time for teens to learn and grow spiritually. For questions, please contact Whitney Naylor-Smith (304-710-0415) or Kathryn Ellis (304-539-3026).



Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel returns on **Sunday, September 11th!**



Children's Chapel

ALL THE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

Join us on Sundays during the first part of our 10:30am worship service!

September Birthdays

- 4 Brian Noel
- 4 Ditty Reed
- 7 Jim Reed
- 7 Sally Holliday
- 8 James Kliner
- 8 Jeff Boggess
- 8 Lauren Arnett
- 10 Sandy Mundy
- 10 Susan Patrick
- 11 Andrea Nease Proper
- 11 Tom Midkiff
- 12 Elaine Thompson
- 12 Jason Boyd
- 12 John Alvis
- 13 Randy Thompson
- 14 Ryan Click
- 16 Erik Goes
- 17 Armando Benincasa
- 17 Harold Branam
- 19 Tim Huff
- 21 Karen Huff
- 23 Pat Dawson
- 28 Annette Montoya
- 30 Katie Chard



September Anniversaries

- 14 Billy Wayne Bailey & Allison Hughart
- 14 Joanie & Erika Maloney
- 22 Jack & Jessica Stonesifer
- 26 Tom & Jennifer Midkiff

Wonderful Women's Wednesday Book Club



Our Wonderful
Women's Wednesday

Book Club will be returning to their weekly
meetings on **September 21!**

A Year of Prayers to End Racism— September

For Racial Equality in
Education, Housing, Public Service,
& Employment Opportunities

God our Creator, you created humankind in your image, and blessed us with your love. Help us to show that love to one another as we work for equality for all races in education, housing, public services, and employment opportunity. Give us strength and courage to speak out against injustice, and to work for the transformation of unjust systems that keep some in bondage: that we may more fully live out your kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ your son, who came to set us free. **Amen.**

A Farewell to Laura Leslie

Please plan to worship with us on September 11th as we bid farewell to Laura as she plans to move to NC. Andrea is also moving and they will be close to Son Josh and his family. Following worship there will be a Celebration Luncheon in the fellowship hall which we also hope that you will plan to attend. It is difficult to imagine St Timothy's without Laura!! She has been a pillar of this church and a faithful witness to Gods love and grace for as long as St Timothy's has been around. Let's show her our appreciation and love on September 11th!

A Message from Andy Bird

Sisters and Brothers,

I am touched beyond words! I wanted to send a note to say, "thank you". I was humbled and grateful for the very generous act of love shown to me upon completing the Iona School of the Diocese of West Virginia. I want to say thank you for the years that this community has supported me in my discernment as to God's calling on my life. Perhaps unknown to you, this community has provided financial support to assist me in my journey and the expenses of formation. Several years ago, Cheryl and I had a series of meetings to discuss discernment, with her guidance and support, I enrolled in the Education for Ministry (EfM) program in Huntington in 2016 and continued until the summer of 2019. The faithful of St. Timothy's provided support in a multitude of ways which allowed me to be able to participate. In June 2019, Cheryl and I met with Bishop Klusmeyer and we decided that I should enroll in the newly formed Iona School of the Diocese of West Virginia. Iona was an amazing experience for me. It was rewarding, rigorous, a time of learning and community all at the same time. I began in September 2019 and successfully completed the program in June 2022. I am blessed beyond words to be taking this journey with each and every one of you at St. Timothy's. Many of you have prayed for me, assisted me with my understanding of concepts, allowed me to walk with you on our spiritual journeys together, and for that I am truly appreciative and grateful. I look forward to the next part of my journey and I am thankful that I have your support as the journey continues. I appreciate your continued prayers in this process. Although words seem inadequate, "thank you, thank you, thank you." I am blessed and honored to have each of you on my journey.

In God's Love,
Andy Bird

Is Andy Leaving Us?

I understand that several folks have been asking this question! And it's a reasonable one. Traditionally when someone finishes their theological studies (seminary) and have discerned a call to ordained ministry, they get ordained and assigned by the Bishop to serve in a church.

Well it's a new day. Andy still needs to complete the canonical process to be approved for ordination. The canons provide some fairly strict guidelines but it is up to each Bishop to interpret those guidelines and design the process for his/her diocese as they see fit.

Bishop Cowden will be letting the diocese know about his process this fall.

So is Andy leaving Us? Not yet. But I suspect that given his giftedness and the need for clergy, at some point both Andy and Aaron will be serving at other churches while they both continue to be excellent teachers in our schools.

Please keep both Andy and Aaron as they enter this new day in the discernment process.

Our Chapel is Open!

We have our chapel available for use for anyone who wishes to come by and have a moment of prayer.

Directory Maintenance

There is a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Already in the directory? Please make sure we have your information correct and up-to-date! If you would like to update your photo, please email the photo you would like to use to office@sttimothyswv.org with the Subject Line: Directory Photo

College Contacts

We have seen a lot of young adults from our congregation grow up and move on to college. St. Timothy's will always be a place for them, and we would like to be able to keep in contact with them! We would like to have them all listed separately in the Directory so that we and other members of the congregation can reach out to them and help them maintain their connection to St. Timothy's. Ideally, each directory entry would have their mailing address, email address, and phone number. Please send the information to Katie and she will set up their entries in the directory!

Altar Flowers

Our Altar Flowers ministry has returned! If you have anyone you would like to dedicate altar flowers to, please stop by the Welcome Center table and fill out the slip of paper. Once you've filled it out, please slip it in the white mailbox right outside Katie's office. We will need at least one week's notice in order to give the florist plenty of time to make the arrangements. Altar flower orders can be made any time of the year except through Lent.

Maggie Rumbaugh Mission Trip

Our very own Maggie Rumbaugh is trying to get things in order for a mission trip to Belize! She is in need of donations and business sponsorships in order to fund the trip. Maggie has made a post online asking for help, and that message is below:

Hi friends!! I have been given an amazing opportunity to go on a mission trip this winter to Belize with a program through school. Not only will we be sharing God's word, but also doing things like spays, neuters, vaccinations, and other veterinary care for the people in the area. I am incredibly excited and grateful for this opportunity but am needing to fundraise the money for the trip! I am looking for donations and business sponsorships for the trip. All business sponsorships are tax deductible and I can provide the letter for that as well. If you are interested in checking out the work that this program does please feel free to check out this site!! - <https://cvm.org/> - Below I have added my Venmo and PayPal that I can accept donations through. I am trying to stay away from go fund me if possible due to them taking out a percentage. I am super thankful for any amount given as it all adds up, but if you cannot give, please pray for me and the group as we get ready and go on this trip! Thank you!



PayPal: mgr211@msstate.edu



Venmo: @maggie-rumbaugh

You may also donate to Maggie's Mission Trip through St. Timothy's directly. If you choose to do this, please make sure to put "Maggie Rumbaugh" in your check's memo line.

SEPTEMBER 2022

	September 4 Proper 18	September 11 Proper 19	September 18 Proper 20	September 25 Proper 21	October 2 Proper 22
Altar Servers	Aaron Carr Andy Bird	Aaron Carr	Aaron Carr Andy Bird	Aaron Carr Andy Bird	Aaron Carr Andy Bird
OT & Psalm Reader	Laura Boggess	Karen White	Trish Fisher	Jack Stevens	Kelley Goes
NT Reader	Trish Fisher	Trish Fisher	Sarah Castle	Karen White	Hannah Goes
Prayers of the People	Kitty Byus	Janessa Noel	Laura Boggess	Kitty Byus	Erik Goes
Acolytes	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Ushers	Greg Childress	Joe & Lynda Rumbaugh	CK Dolan	Jack & Michelle Stevens	Greg Childress
Vestry Greeter	Kathryn Ellis	Karen White	Carolyn James	Michelle Terry	Nathan Arnett
Counters	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Karen White Allison Hughart	CK Dolan Sarah Castle	Karen White Allison Hughart	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman
Altar Guild	Trish Fisher	Andy Bird	Chuck Montgomery	Nancy Lively	TBD

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4	5	6	7
Proper 18	Labor Day		
10:30am—Morning Prayer (S & FB) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)	—Closed—	6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous
11	12	13	14
Proper 19			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) 12:00pm—Second Sunday Lunch (GFH) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	12:00pm—Lunch Bunch @ Fireside Grille 6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous
18	19	20	21
Proper 20			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) 12:00pm—Vestry Meeting (RO) 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 (GFH) 6:00pm—Youth Group (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	12:00pm—WWWBC (S) 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics Anonymous
25	26	27	28
Proper 21			
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SEPTEMBER 2022

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3
	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		
7	8	9	10
y (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)	2:00pm—Private Event (GFH) 5:00pm—FOOTMAD (GFH)	
4	15	16	17
(GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		
1	22	23	24
(S) (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		
8	29	30	
(S) (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 7:00pm—WDABG (GFH) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		

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. If you are already in the rotation, please send in the days that you are unable to serve in your respective positions by the 25th of the previous month. We will have guide sheets available for those who want them. Remember: **the more volunteers**



Adult Confirmation Class!

Classes for adults to prepare for confirmation will begin **Sunday September 18th at 9:10 am**. We will meet for an hour and then prepare for worship. Coffee pot will be on! Those who began classes with Aaron prior to Covid should plan at least 4 classes. Those who will be joining should plan on 7-8 classes. And of course, as always, all are welcome to join for a refresher or just out of curiosity. Please sign up this Sunday on the sheet on The Welcome Center table so we can plan. Cheryl will be teaching the first 4 classes and team teach the rest of the classes depending on who decides to participate and what topics we need to cover!

Confirmation

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Menu

September 5

—Closed: Labor Day—

September 12

Breakfast for Dinner: Pancakes, Sausage, and Scrambled Eggs

September 19

BBQ with Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, and Slaw

September 26

Pasta Night! Baked Ziti with Salad



We have returned to in-person dining, but will still have to-go meals available.

Seating is limited to 50 at a time in order to maintain social distancing.

*If you feel sick, please **DO NOT** attend in-person dining. Please continue to social distance and wash hands*

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

Our Neighbors Feeding Neighbors ministry is once again in need of dessert donations. We are still asking for pre-packaged snack cakes for the time being. You can drop off your donations during office hours or during Monday Night Dinners.

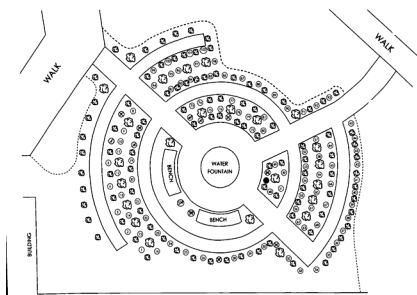
End of Life Planning

Death finds us all eventually. We can't prevent it, but we *can* direct how we'd like our final days to unfold. End of Life planning is about making thoughtful choices now, putting them into a written advance directive and discussing those choices with others. These plans help to ensure that we get the care we want and avoid what we don't want, even if we're unable to speak for ourselves. We are preparing packets for end of life planning and encourage those of us who may not have plans in place to seriously consider doing so. We are also in the very early stages of planning a workshop for those who would like some assistance. More information will be made available soon!



Memorial Garden

St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Memorial Garden was created for the use of all God's children at the discretion of the rector. It is intended to be a place of comfort, peace and inspiration for the living and a place of reverence for the departed. There are individual burial sites for cremains that comprise the majority of the Memorial Garden. We will be putting together a Memorial Garden packet in the coming weeks that will include a copy of the guidelines, a few forms, and a map of the Memorial Garden. If you would like more information, please contact the office.



Scrip Cards

Scrip Cards available now! We've got restaurants, entertainment, gas, and shopping cards available. The Scrip Program is a small income source for St. Timothy's so every purchase helps! For questions on what we have in stock or orders you would like to place, contact Jennifer Midkiff or just stop by the Scrip table after worship on most Sundays.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Donations are always welcome for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The fund is used to help people in our community with various utilities and other similar expenses. We've seen an influx of people needing help in the past few months. If you plan to write a check, please be sure to list Rector's Discretionary Fund (or just RDF) in the memo line.

Vestry Meeting Breakdown

At our Summer Vestry Meeting, we had a discussion on several topics:



- Stock values were slightly improved in May, but dropped again in June.
- June's expenses neared \$32,000. This is mostly due to anticipated quarterly and mid-year expenses.
- Greg Childress was able to dig a trench in the Fletcher Lot to divert water away from the Gabriel Project. This trench has seemingly been successful, especially with the excessive rainfall as of late!
- The green banners have been placed in the Sanctuary and have gotten many compliments!
- The directory needs to be updated and re-verified. Updating current entries and encouraging newer members to be listed.
- Our presence at Hurricane Pride was very well-received!

St. Timothy's By-The-Numbers: July

Attendance: 198 (in-person only)

Anticipated Pledge Income: \$12,917.00

Actual Pledge Income: \$10,786.00

Difference: -\$2,131.00

Anticipated Plate Income: \$1,250.00

Actual Plate Income: \$2,308.00

Difference: \$1,058.00

Anticipated Miscellaneous Income: \$213.00

Actual Miscellaneous Income: \$546.00

Difference: \$333.00

Total Income: \$13,639.57

Total Expenses: \$26,285.77

Income Less Expenses: -\$12,646.20

YTD Income: \$121,371.89

YTD Expenses: \$157,896.30

YTD Income Less Expenses: -\$36,524.41

Due to the timing of how our financial reports are processed, this data will be 2 months behind. If you have any questions about these numbers, feel free to reach out to Carolyn James, our Treasurer.

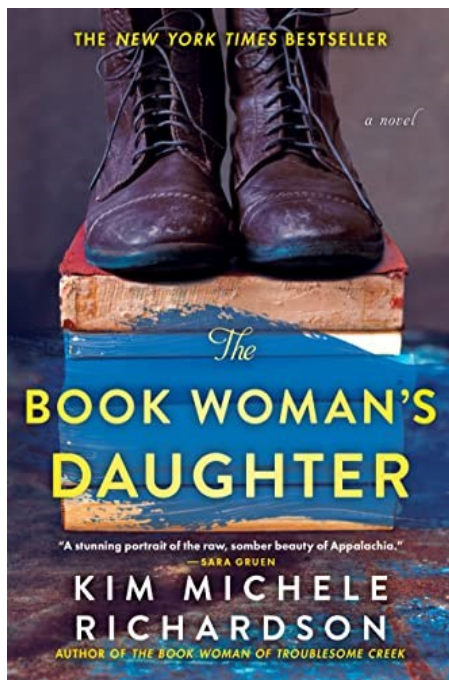
Online Giving Reminder

Thank you for continuing to make your financial contributions to St. Timothy's! To give online, please visit the Diocesan website. Navigate to the "Giving" menu. Under the "Contribute to a Specific Church" section, please select "Hurricane - St. Timothy's in-the-Valley". From there you will be prompted to enter an amount. If you have any difficulties, please contact the office. Please note that you can only submit general offerings using the steps above. There is not an option to specify your offering to a certain designation.

Woman's Dinner and a Book Group

As the leaves start turning bright Autumn colors and life starts slowing down after an active Summer, come join the Women's Dinner and a Book Group in the Garrett Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 pm**. We return to Troublesome Creek, Kentucky the site of Kim Michele Richardson debut novel to learn the rest of the story in "The Book Woman's Daughter"

"Kim Michele Richardson's *The Book Woman's Daughter* sets us deep inside Kentucky's rugged Appalachia in the early 1950s and gives us Honey Mary-Angeline Lovett, a sixteen-year-old as fierce and brave as her mama, Cussy Mary. Their world is cruel with its prejudice, and Richardson is not afraid to peel back its ugliness and take us there. But, like the best writers in not only this generation but the ones past, Richardson gifts us readers with something extraordinary, a way back." — **Bren McClain, multi-award-winning author of *One Good Mama Bone***



Kim Michele Richardson is a multiple-award winning author who has written five works of historical fiction, and a bestselling memoir. Kim Michele was born and raised in Kentucky and lives there with her family and beloved dogs. She is also the founder of Shy Rabbit, a writer's residency and scholarship implemented for low-income writers. To learn more, please visit Kim Michele on her Facebook page and or website at www.kimmichelerichardson.com

The Cabell/Putnam Library system has several copies of this selection in book, audio, eBook versions. It is also available at your favorite bookstore in both hardback and paper back.

Each month a member volunteers to be the hostess who brings the main entrée while other folks bring the side dishes, salad, bread, drinks, or dessert. Trish Fisher will be our hostess for this meeting so you can call her at (304) 729-6835 to get an idea of what to bring. Depending on the number of ladies attending not everyone has to bring something. Everyone is welcome even if you haven't read the book of the month, just come and plan to enjoy some wonderful food and a good chat about books!

REFIT Workout Classes!

REFIT® Is a cardio-dance/toning format that focuses on the Whole person - Mind, Body, and Soul. It is a community-centered program that focuses on building relationships as well as endurance. In this hour-long class, participants will find easy to learn movements, inspiring music, and a family-friendly environment for all ages. REFIT® is fitness for ALL. We welcome experts. We embrace beginners. It is for EveryBODY and we celebrate what our bodies CAN do.

Please join us on **Thursdays at 6:00pm** at St. Timothy's in the Valley and experience a fun, positive class. (Donations appreciated).

Bible Study

Aaron Carr is hosting Bible Study this summer every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!

Join Us For Compline!

Compline has moved to a new day of the week! Join us each **Thursday** at 8:00 pm via Zoom for Compline with the Saints. We will all gather virtually to end our day in prayer and also learn about a Saint. The information for the Zoom Meeting can be found in our weekly email blast.. If you need the link sent to you, please let the office know. If you have issues connecting, please contact Andy Bird or the office.

Notary Public

Just a reminder that Katie our Parish Administrator is a Notary Public! If you find yourself in need of a Notary, Katie's services are free of charge! Stop by during office hours or shoot her an email and she can get you taken care of!



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for the peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



-Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

AN INVITATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS
AFTER
21 YEARS
OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP
**THE RT. REV. W. MICHIE KLUSMEYER
WILL RETIRE.**

PLEASE JOIN ONE OR ALL OF THE CELEBRATIONS TO HONOR
THE KLUSMEYERS.

**MORGANTOWN
SEPTEMBER 14**

*6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(7 p.m. - The Blessing)
Marriott Waterfront Place*

**MARTINSBURG
SEPTEMBER 28**

*6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(7 p.m. - The Blessing)
Holiday Inn*

**CHARLESTON
OCTOBER 15**

*11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(12:30 p.m. - The Blessing)
Charleston Coliseum &
Convention Center*

For planning purposes, you are asked to RSVP to epdiowv@gmail.com.
Don't forget to indicate the location(s) you plan to attend.



A Service and Leadership Fund for Diocesan-based projects and ministries has been established to honor them. Donations should be sent to the Diocesan House or be made electronically by visiting www.wvdiocese.org.

Please note the funds are for Service and Leadership.



**St. Timothy's in-the-Valley
Episcopal Church**

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PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Worship with us!

Sundays at 10:30am in person or live on Facebook

Sundays at 5:30pm in person

Wednesdays at 6:30pm for Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:00pm for Compline with the Saints via Zoom

