

Connections

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September 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!

SEPTEMBER 3

Morning Eucharist

The Rev. Dr.
Muffet Barry

Evening Eucharist

The Rev.
Dennett Slemph

SEPTEMBER 10

Morning Eucharist

The Rev.
Jim Wicker

Evening Prayer

Andy Bird

SEPTEMBER 17

Morning Eucharist

The Rev. Canon
Jordan Trumble

Evening Prayer

Andy Bird

SEPTEMBER 24

Morning Prayer

The Rev.
Jim Wicker

Evening Prayer

Andy Bird

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!

Lunch Bunch



St Timothy's Lunch Bunch's September meeting will be at **noon on September 12 at the Thai Valley Kitchen in Putnam Village**. Please make your reservation with Carol McDonough so the correct number of seats can be reserved! Friends and neighbors are welcome. We will be ordering from the luncheon menu.

Wonderful Women's Wednesday Book Club



Wednesday's Wonderful Women's Book Club will resume weekly meetings on **September 6, 2023 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 this month. We will begin exploring options for our next book. Bring suggestions to the meeting. *Note: we will not meet Sept 13.*

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.

Connections & Conversations Event Recap

Our "Connections & Conversations" Second Sunday Lunch event last month was an amazing event, with a remarkable turnout of roughly 60 attendees. It was a heartwarming occasion where long-lost friends and members had the chance to reunite and rekindle cherished connections. The Vestry was present and held discussions with anyone eager to engage in meaningful conversations. The event was filled with storytelling, memory-sharing, and an overwhelming sense of community. This extraordinary gathering has left us inspired and determined to carry this spirit forward into the next chapter of St. Timothy's, fostering stronger bonds and a deeper sense of belonging among us all. Rest assured that this will not be the last event of its kind!

Vacation Bible School Update

We had VBS in early August, and everyone had an incredible time! We had roughly 13 children participating each night. We want to extend our gratitude to the kitchen crew for preparing delicious dinners that kept our participants and volunteers energized throughout each evening. Additionally, a big thank you goes out to the members of our congregation who donated supplies for our craft activities. Your support made VBS a memorable experience for all, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!

Youth Group Updates!



Youth Group will be resuming soon, but no date has been set yet as everyone is still settling in to their new school schedules. For more information on our Youth group, please contact Kathryn Ellis!

Community Service 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.

Second Sunday Lunch



We're excited to invite everyone to our Second Sunday Lunch on **Sunday, September 10**, where we'll be adding a fun twist to our gathering. Get ready to show off your team spirit by wearing your favorite football gear, be it professional, collegiate, or even local! We'll be serving up a delicious tailgate-style meal, **and we encourage everyone to bring their favorite sides and appetizers to make it a true tailgate.** Let's come together for a great meal and a fun Sunday! In addition to bringing sides and apps, **we also ask you to bring in a bag of dog food** that will then be given to Christ Kitchen for them to distribute to the community when they serve their meals.

Vestry Meeting Breakdown



At our August Vestry Meeting, we had The Rev. Canon Chad Slater and The Rev. Canon Jordan Trumble present with us, and discussion was had on the following items:

- * *Buildings & Grounds:*
 1. Welcome Center Doors are coming along nicely!
 2. Fellowship Hall Doors have been repaired!
 3. Fellowship Hall Window will be tinted! A tint was selected and we are awaiting a quote for approval.
- * Re-establishing bylaws, and the process that would entail.
- * Our Music Coordinator Paula is appreciated for her work! We would like to get a variety of musicians to play for us.
- * Chad and Jordan discussed with us the transition process and what we need to do to best move forward as a church.

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: July

(In-Person) Attendance	281
Estimated Pledge Income	\$10,416.67
Actual Pledge Income	\$8,995.00
Variance	\$1,421.67
Estimated Plate Income	\$1,166.67
Actual Plate Income	\$6,479.00
Variance	\$5,312.33
Estimated Misc. Income	\$212.50
Actual Misc. Income	\$17,664.41
Variance	\$17,451.91
Total Monthly Income	\$33,138.41
Total Monthly Expenses	\$22,180.00
Variance	\$10,958.31
YTD Income	\$144,638.20
YTD Expenses	\$163,734.91
YTD Variance	-\$19,096.71

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


Church Office Hours

Sundays: 10:00am - 1:00pm
 Mondays: 8:00am - 6:00pm
 Tuesdays—Thursdays: 8:00am - 4:30pm
 Fridays & Saturdays: CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 2023

	September 3 Proper 17	September 10 Proper 18	September 17 Proper 19	September 24 Proper 20
Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Muffet Barry	The Rev. Jim Wicker	The Rev. Canon Jordan Trumble	The Rev. Jim Wicker
Altar Servers	Aaron Carr Andy Bird	Aaron Carr Andy Bird	Aaron Carr Andy Bird	Aaron Carr Andy Bird
Acolytes	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
OT & Psalm Reader	Nona Dolmetsch	Karen Huff	Jack Stevens	Laura Boggess
NT Reader	Trish Fisher	Trish Fisher	Janessa Noel	Sarah Castle
Prayers of the People	Karen White	Soleil Gregg	Sandy Weddington	Soleil Gregg
Ushers	Joe & Lynda Rumbaugh	Greg Childress	Greg Childress	CK Dolan
Vestry Greeter	Nathan Arnett	Cathy Slemp-Branam	Brian Noel	Carolyn James
Counters	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	CK Dolan Sarah Castle	Kathryn Ellis Sandy Weddington	CK Dolan Sarah Castle
Altar Guild	Trish Fisher	Chuck Montgomery	Nancy Lively	Trish Fisher

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			
3	4	5	6
Proper 17	<i>Labor Day</i>		
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) 5:30pm—Evening Eucharist (S)	**Closed**	6:00pm—Girl Scouts (AC) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	8:30am—HHS Student 11:00am—WWWBC (M) 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics
10	11	12	1
Proper 18			
10:30am—Morning Eucharist (S & FB) After Worship—Second Sunday Lunch 5:30pm—Evening Prayer (S)	12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (GP) 5:30pm—Neighbors Dinner (GFH) 6:30pm—Boy Scouts (AC)	Noon—Lunch Bunch @ Thai Kitchen 6:00pm—Girl Scouts (GFH) 7:00pm—Narcotics Anonymous (MR)	8:30am—HHS Student 6:30pm—Bible Study 7:00pm—Alcoholics
17	18	19	2
Proper 19			
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24	25	26	2
Proper 20			
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2
3	7	8	9
Saints (R) (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		
3	14	15	16
Saints (R) (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		
0	21	22	23
Saints (R) (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 7:00pm—WD&BG (GFH) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		
7	28	29	30
Saints (R) (GFH) Anonymous (MR)	6:00pm—REFIT Workout (AC) 8:00pm—Compline with the Saints (Z)		

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 St. Timothy's office and Katie will give you the information you need.

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!



Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Menu

September 4

No Dinner—Labor Day

September 11

Italian Night!

September 18

Ham with Mashed Potatoes
& Green Beans

September 25

Chicken Casserole with Green Beans

*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 Monday Night Dinners. In addition to dessert donations, 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 food or money to this incredible ministry!

September Anniversaries

- 14 Joanie & Erika Maloney
- 26 Tom & Jennifer Midkiff



Nadia Bolz-Weber Event

Cross of Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring Nadia Bolz-Weber, author of books like *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* and *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint*, for her upcoming event! We encourage everyone to attend as you're able! Tickets are available for \$10 each and can be purchased online at: <https://www.nadiainwv.org/tickets>. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal (RCCR) in Charleston and Lily's Place in Huntington.

Friday, September 8 at 7:00pm

Ferrell Hall, West Virginia State University
Institute, WV

Cross of Grace Book Study

Cross of Grace Lutheran Church will be starting a Book Study on *Losing My Religion* by Russell Moore. St. Timothy's is invited to join! Meetings will begin on Saturday, September 23 at 9:00am and expected to run weekly. The group will meet at Panera in Teays Valley.

September Birthdays

- 4 Brian Noel
- 4 Ditty Reed
- 7 Jim Reed
- 7 Sally Holliday
- 8 James Kliner
- 8 Jeff Boggess
- 8 Lauren Arnett
- 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



let's
celebrate
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Woman's Dinner and a Book Group

Kick off your Fall reading fun at the September meeting of Women's Dinner and a Book Group on **Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm in the Garrett Fellowship Hall**. We will be discussing JoJo Moyes' book "Someone Else's Shoes".

Here's the scoop about the book from the jacket!

"Nisha Cantor and Sam Kemp are two very different women. Nisha lived the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy until her husband inexplicably announced he wanted a divorce and cut her off entirely. Nisha is glamorous, fearless, and determined to hang on to the life she has created for herself. But in the meantime, she must scramble to adjust to an entirely new landscape—she doesn't even have the shores she was, until a moment ago, standing in.

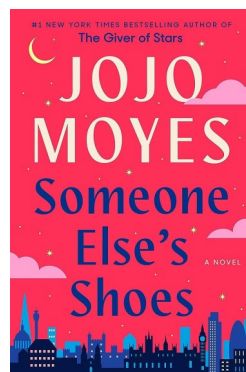
That's because Sam – at the bleakest point of her life – has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. But Sam hardly has time to worry about something as petty as a lost bag – she's struggling to keep herself, her out-of-work husband, and her sarcastic teenage daughter afloat. Or is it petty? When she tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes for a series of important meetings, the unexpected results give her a jolt of confidence that makes her realize something must change – and that thing is herself.

When the two women finally meet, they will discover that each needs the other to put right the wrongs that have been done to them – and to the women around them, from Nisha's enterprising colleague Jasmine to Sam's steadfast best friend, Andrea."

Full of JoJo Moyes' signature humor, brilliant storytelling, and warmth, "Someone Else's Shoes" is a moving, heartfelt story about how, for any of us, just one little thing can suddenly change everything.

There are several copies of the book available at both the Kanawha and Putnam/Cabell county libraries or you can check out either of the movies! You can find the book in paperback as well as Audio & eBooks at your favorite online or actual bookstore.

Each month we pick a hostess who brings the main entrée while other folks bring the side dishes, salad, bread, drinks, or dessert. **Carol McDonough** has agreed to be our hostess for this meeting so you can call her at **517-617-7009** to get an idea of what to bring. 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 good time!



Altar Flowers

If you have anyone you would like to dedicate altar flowers to, please let Katie know at least one week in advance, more if possible. This will give the florist plenty of time to make the arrangements and get them delivered. Please specify what you'd like to be written in the bulletin, whether "in honor of" or "in memory of" and the designation. Please also let her know if you want specific colors/flowers in the arrangement. Altar flowers are \$40 total for a standard pair of vases, and \$80 total for larger arrangements.



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 into the building.



Join Us For Compline!

Join us each **Thursday at 8:00pm via Zoom** for Compline with the Saints. 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.



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. 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.

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.





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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

