

Connections



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▶ Annual Meeting of the Congregation

In the Episcopal Church, by canon law, each congregation must hold an annual meeting. Ours is typically the last Sunday of January following worship. This is the official announcement that our meeting will be held on January 29, 2017, with a **covered dish luncheon** following worship.

During the meeting, we will review the ministry of the congregation in 2016, receive the end of the year financial report, receive the 2017 budget, discuss projects upcoming for the year, and elect Vestry members and Diocesan Convention alternates. It is a time to ask questions about the business, life, and ministry of St. Timothy's. This meeting is for all who participate in the life of St. Timothy's. Please plan to participate. We are usually finished by 1:00 p.m. or so! Childcare in the activity center will be provided during the meeting time after lunch. ✕



▶ Vestry Service Opportunities

We will need to elect 3 new Vestry members for 3 year terms at the Annual Meeting. Those retiring are Janessa Noel, Kim Smith, and Kim Murphy. We thank them for their service. To serve on the Vestry one must be 18 years of age, baptized, worship regularly, and make a financial pledge to the congregation. The Vestry works in partnership with the Rector to oversee the mission and ministry of the congregation, develop and promote vision, and provide for the care of the property and personnel of St. Timothy's. Vestry meetings are once a month (currently after church on the third Sunday of the month). Often, Vestry members are asked to oversee a specific area of the church's ministry (oversee, not DO).

Please consider if you would be willing to serve a term on the Vestry. If you are interested, speak to Andy Bird, Senior Warden or Cheryl Winter, Rector. We look forward to hearing from you! ✕

▶ Adult Sunday School

We will begin a course on Liturgy and Worship in the Adult Sunday School beginning January 22. The Rev. Bill Fulks, Mr. Aaron Carr, and The Rev. Cheryl Winter will be teaching the class. This topic will continue for about 6 weeks. Please come and join us at 9:30 a.m., in the Garrett Fellowship Hall. The coffee is always on! ✕



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Lunch Bunch

Ring in the New Year with Lunch Bunch! Join us the second Wednesday of January, the 11th, at 12:30 p.m., at Mi Pueblito, 410 Hurricane Creek Road. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Do contact Kitty Byus (304-757-0319) or Lola Warren (304-743-9935) to make your reservation so that the appropriate number of seats can be reserved. ✕



Notes from the Vestry

The Vestry met with Bishop Mike Klusmeyer following worship on December 11, 2016. We had a very nice discussion reflecting on where we have been and where we hope to be going. We discussed the Fletcher House property and also the Visioning Committee that will begin meeting next month. Bishop Mike gave us an update on what is going on around the diocese as well. The Vestry also met to approve the budget that will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th. If you have any questions, please talk with a member of the Vestry.

Andy Bird, Sr. Warden ✕

Refugee Resettlement

An interfaith group in Charleston has been working with Episcopal Migration Ministries to become a place where Syrian refugees can be resettled. EMM has approved Charleston as a site and looks to help resettle 100 refugees in 2017. This is only the second time in 5 years that a new city has been approved by EMM. One of the unique aspects of this request was the truly ecumenical and interfaith nature of the support in Charleston.

Our Bishops have called together all the Charleston area Episcopal Clergy to discuss this new ministry opportunity on January 10. I will have more information regarding what will be needed and how we as a congregation might support this ministry after this meeting. If this is an area of ministry that you might like to connect with, please let me know.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Not everyone thinks this is a good idea (although refugees have been being resettled in the Charleston area for decades through other means). Already there is some resistance. And you may have doubts, questions, or concerns. Let's do our best to keep an open mind and learn about what this might mean for our diocese and our region.

Cheryl ✕

Women's Dinner & A Book

Come start 2017 by reading a good book and then visiting with the St. Timothy's Women's Dinner & A Book Club to enjoy some good food, warm fellowship, and a lively discussion of this month's book! The WD&BG will be meeting on **Thursday, January 19th, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Garrett Fellowship Hall to discuss *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult.

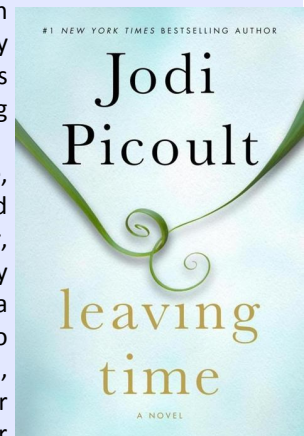
Here's a review of the book found on the Amazon website: Throughout her blockbuster career, Jodi Picoult has seamlessly blended nuanced characters, riveting plots, and rich prose, brilliantly creating stories that "not only provoke the mind but touch the flawed souls in all of us" (The Boston Globe). Now, in her highly anticipated new novel, she has delivered her most affecting work yet.

For more than a decade, Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who mysteriously disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident. Refusing to believe she was abandoned, Jenna searches for her mother regularly online and pores over the pages of Alice's old journals. A scientist who studied grief among elephants, Alice wrote mostly of her research among the animals she loved, yet Jenna hopes the entries will provide a clue to her mother's whereabouts.

As Jenna's memories dovetail with the events in her mother's journals, the story races to a mesmerizing finish. A deeply moving, gripping, and intelligent page-turner, *Leaving Time* is Jodi Picoult at the height of her powers.

Several copies of the book in regular and large print are available through the Putnam County/Western Regional Library System along with a CD version for those who would rather use their ears instead of their eyes! You can also find it at local book stores and as an E-book to read on your Nook, Kindle, or other electronic device at the online shops.

Our hostess Carol McDonough will supply the main dish, and other group members bring the rest of the dinner. 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! ✕



Wonderful Wednesdays

Women's Book Club

WWW Book Club will resume weekly meetings on Wednesday, January 11, in the Sanctuary from 10:45 a.m. until noon. Our readings and discussions are gleaned from the book, *How Did I Get to Be 70 When I Only Feel 35 Inside* by Anita Douty. Explore the "surprises" that come in life with compatible, spiritual friends. ✕

Centering Prayer

St. Timothy's Ecumenical Prayer Group will meet on Sunday, January 8, from 3:30-5:00 p.m., in the Vesting Room of the church. All (newcomers as well as experienced practitioners) are welcome who wish to experience this type of prayer practice. Start the new year with a new prayer experience. For questions and/or to join the group call Kitty Byus, (304-757-0319) or Nona Dolmetsch (304-562-3966). ✕

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? Wintertime is a good time to do either or both. This group works individually at home mostly, sometimes in a group. The finished shawls are blessed upon completion. They are then gifted to those persons experiencing the joys or sadness in life. Patterns and instruction are available. Newcomers in each craft are supported by a mentor. Questions: Contact Kitty Byus (304-757-0319). If you know of a recipient for a shawl see Kitty Byus, Trish Fisher, or the Rev. Cheryl Winter. ✕



Change in Custodial Service

As of January 2017, Mr. Jim Dunaway will provide our custodial service. Many of you will know Jim from his many years working at Kroger. He also is the custodian for Conner Street Elementary School. He has come highly recommended, and we look forward to having him as part of our staff. Initially Jim will be working on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on a regular weekly schedule. In the first 4-6 weeks Jim will work at other times during the week based on his availability to get the church in good, clean shape so that he can maintain it during his regularly scheduled weekly hours. Please welcome Jim! We give thanks for the many years of service that Cheryl Cabell has given to St. Timothy's. ✕



The Children & Youth perform "What I Like Most About Christmas" on Dec. 18, 2016

Christmas Thank You's



What a wonderful, beautiful Christmas we had at St. Timothy's! Many thanks for all who participated in making it so! As much as I would like to mention you by name, I am not going to try because I don't want to miss anyone. I was delighted to hear that so many turned out for the Greening of the Church! Many hands make light work. So very pleased to have a full choir at our late service Christmas Eve. Blessed to have so many participate in the children/youth production. Five families (13 children) were provided with toys, clothes, and food for Christmas. 75+ veterans were provided with a Christmas dinner, socks, hats, and gloves. Phew!

A personal thank you for the generous financial gift I received. I am blessed to serve with you in ministry. God Bless!

Cheryl ✕

Heart & Hand Putnam County received Christmas applications for 304 children in 147 families this year. Our heartfelt thanks to Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church for sponsoring many of these families and children! On Christmas morning the families will experience the joy in the eyes of the children and give thanks for the love and support of their family's sponsor.

Vicki Ballengee, CDOM Executive Director ✕

This year's **Christmas offering** was collected for the Rector's Discretionary Fund and for Flood Recovery in West Virginia. Thanks to your generosity, the offering totaled \$2,108. ✕



Holy Baptism

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, Ryan Lewis Click, Jr., son of Ryan & Megan Click and little brother to Warren, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism. ✕



January/February Sunday Service Schedule

	January 8 Baptism of Our Lord	January 15 2 Epiphany	January 22 3 Epiphany	January 29 4 Epiphany	February 5 5 Epiphany
Chalice Bearers	Kitty Byus Glenn Childress	Andy Bird Arthur Taylor	Robin Ward Dave Wood	Billy Wayne Bailey Arthur Taylor	Soleil Gregg
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Caroline Damron	Emma Markins	Nona Dolmetsch	Richard Spilman	Trish Fisher
N. T. Reader	Aaron Carr	Glenn Childress	Ethan Markins	Soleil Gregg	Mitchell Proper
Prayers of The People	Dave Wood	Karen White	Soleil Gregg	Kitty Byus	Nona Dolmetsch
Acolytes	Rachel Midkiff Sophie Carr Hailey Bennett	Emily Branam James Kliner Michael Kliner	Alex Ward Hannah Bennett Jillian Noel	Ben Arnett Carolyn Damron Hailey Bennett	Maggie Rumbaugh Lauren Arnett Rowan Proper
Ushers	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Chris Lewis Alex Ward	Jenny Jenkins Randy Thompson	Brian Proper Frank Thompson	Kim Murphy Kim Smith
Counters	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Frank Thompson Lola Warren	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Allison Hughart Kelle Maxwell	Kim Murphy Kim Smith
Children's Chapel	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	Children's Sermon	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>
Nursery	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>	<i>Schedule to be emailed</i>
Vestry Greeter	Kim Smith	Laura Leslie	Andy Bird	Randy Thompson	Kim Smith
Altar Guild	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick

January Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Kathryn Ellis | 18 Katie Hunter |
| 2 Anna Holliday, Sue Smith | 21 Wanda Chamberlain |
| 8 Winona Goard, Lola Warren | 25 Janet Heck |
| 9 Andrew Garrett | 27 Ruth Ann King |
| 13 Jessica Santrock | 28 Harry Whipkey |
| 16 Joanie Kaul | 30 Kaye Runion |
| 17 David Soulsby | 31 Ethan Boyd, Michael Ellis |

Happy Anniversary to:

- 1 Scott & Nancy Hunter
- 24 Dick & Valerie Skidmore

"Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises." Psalm 98:4



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Holy Name</i> 10:45am— Holy Eucharist at Cross of Grace Lutheran Church  No 5:30pm Holy Eucharist tonight	2 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	3 9:30am— Serve at the CCC 7pm— NA (MR)	4 <i>No Women's Book Group</i> 8pm— AA (MR)	5	6 9:30am— Serve at the CCC	7
8 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 2pm—Autism Group (GFH) 3:30pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	9 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	10 9:30am— Serve at the CCC 7pm— NA (MR)	11 9:00am— T.V. Moms Club (GFH) 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:30pm— Lunch Bunch (@Mi Pueblito) 8pm— AA (MR)	12	13 9:30am— Serve at the CCC	14 <i>GFH Reserved for Girl Scout Cookiepalooza</i>
15 <i>2 Epiphany</i> 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Vestry Mtg (GFH) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	16 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:30pm— Girl Scouts Service Unit Mtg (GFH)	17 7pm— NA (MR)	18 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 8pm— AA (MR)	19 6:30pm— Women's Dinner & A Book (GFH)	20	21
22 <i>3 Epiphany</i> 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	23 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	24 7pm— NA (MR)	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 8pm— AA (MR)	26	27 LifeLine Screening at St. Timothy's	28
29 <i>4 Epiphany</i> 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Annual Meeting & Covered Dish Lunch (GFH) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	30 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:00pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	31 7pm— NA (MR)			KEY: AC = Activity Center CC = Child. Chapel CR = Choir Room GFH = Garrett Fellowship Hall MR = Basement Meeting Room S = Sanctuary VR = Vesting Room WC = Welcome Ctr YR = Youth Room	



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

▷ Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project had a very good year in 2016. We serviced 82 families (63 repeat clients and 19 new clients). Our jams and jellies sale was a huge success with sales of \$725.50 and donations of \$250. There were 21 orders from St. Timothy's. We have received many donations of clothes and stuffed animals. We are in need of highchairs and strollers. We also need **baby lotion, diaper rash cream, baby wash, and shampoo.**

Thank you for all your support. Without it we would not be doing as well. Please spread the word that we are open on Mondays from 12-2:00 p.m. We help pregnant women and children through age two with diapers, car seats, cribs, and other miscellaneous items. There is no income requirement. It is based on need. Our outreach covers Hurricane, Teays Valley, and Scott Depot. ✧

The Rev. Cheryl Ann Winter,
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▷ Christian Community Cupboard: Service and Needs



Our dates for serving at the Community Cupboard are just after the holidays—Tuesday, Jan. 3; Friday, Jan. 6; Tuesday, Jan. 10; Friday Jan 13, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. This longstanding, ecumenically supported food pantry serves those in Putnam County who need temporary support with food supplies. To staff the Cupboard (welcoming visitors, stocking shelves, bagging groceries, or helping load cars), sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Cathy Slemple Branam, our Cupboard coordinator, at 304-654-0026 or cathyslemple@att.net. Each month, the Cupboard serves 250 Putnam County families in need. Can't make it but still want to help? Pick up extra non-perishables next time you're at the store and help us fill the grocery basket in the Welcome Center, year-round! The Christian Community Cupboard is in need of the following items: **spaghetti & sauce, canned fruit, mac and cheese, Hamburger Helper, Stove Top Stuffing, cake mix & frosting, Jello & pudding mixes, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, and oatmeal.** ✧

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