

Connections



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▶ Rebuilding After “The Flood”

As the months go by, those who survived the June Flood are looking to rebuild their lives and their homes and businesses. The initial “relief” efforts are over. We find ourselves now in the “recovery” stage, which could take up to 3-5 years. There will continue to be ways in which you can help our neighbors recover as time goes by. As you know, I have been working very closely with Clay County representing the Episcopal Church. I also represent the Episcopal Church at the Kanawha County Long Term Recovery Group.

I have learned that there is a very specific item needed in the Clay County area as people rebuild their homes – new hand mixers! All kinds of large and small appliances have been secured except for mixers. If you would like to do something for the food survivors bring a hand mixer to church in the next couple of weeks and I will deliver them. Just a basic hand mixer – doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive. Thanksgiving is coming!

Cheryl ✦



▶ New Director of Diocesan Disaster Response Ministry

It is my pleasure to announce that Cathy Slep Branam has been hired by the Episcopal Diocese to direct the newly formed Diocesan Disaster Response Ministry (Team). This is a first for the WV Diocese, and with Cathy's expertise in public health, homeland security, and non-profits she was a great choice! Please keep Cathy in your prayers as she leads the diocese in the development of this new ministry. It is very exciting. ✦



▶ All Saints Day Baptisms

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday November 6th! This is one of the Special Days set aside by the church for the Celebration of Holy Baptism. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or a child, please let Cheryl know quickly so that we can prepare. ✦



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Lunch Bunch

What? St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

When? Second Wednesday in October—the 12th

What time? 12:30 p.m.

Who? You, your friends, and neighbors

Where? L & R B(ar)B Q, Teays Valley Road—leaving church going towards Hurricane, on right, just before Hurricane High School (former Creekside).

Why? Good fellowship, conversation, and food! Lunch specials start at \$5.95. 2 WV hot dogs with chili, mustard, cole slaw, chips, and drink. Meats are smoked or grilled...none deep fried. All sides are homemade...great macaroni salad, ribs, brisket, and grilled wings in special sauce.

How? Make reservations by contacting Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty Byus (304-757-0319). ❖



Jams, Jellies, & More

It's time to order your favorite jelly and soups from the Metro Valley Gabriel Project this year! The 2016 Jelly and Specialty Food Order Form for our Fall Fundraiser is in the Welcome Center. The price of the jelly, jams, dressings, and salsas are \$5 a jar. Dip and cheese ball mixes are \$5. All soups are \$6.50 each. By ordering any product, you will be helping us raise the much needed funds to make a difference in the lives of mothers and their babies. **Paid order forms are due by Sunday, October 23rd!** ❖

A Thank You from Martha

I want to thank you all for your prayers and concern for me and the boys during our difficult time these last few weeks. Also, thank you for the financial gift that will be very helpful in paying for Harvey's funeral expenses. The boys and I will always consider St. Timothy's our church home.

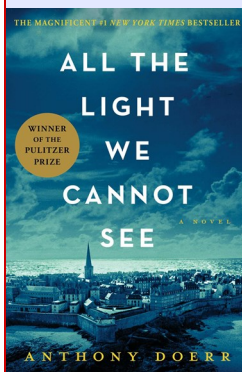
Love, Martha ❖

Come Grow With Us!

Women's Dinner & A Book

Now that the busyness of clearing away the traces of summer, putting up the harvest fall, and sweeping leaves away from walks has come to a close it is time to relax a little before Thanksgiving and Christmas rushes start! Come and visit with the St. Timothy's Women's Dinner and A Book Club, and clear out your mind with some good food, warm fellowship, and a lively discussion about another interesting book! The WD&BG will be meeting on **Thursday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Garrett Fellowship Hall to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, a Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Anthony Doerr.

This book is a beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a



German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

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 rather than their eyes! You can also find it at local book stores and as an E-book at the online shops.

Our hostess Regina Stubbs Jr. will supply the main dish, and other group members bring the rest of the dinner. You can call Regina at 304-757-4644 for 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! ❖



Stewardship

We welcomed The Rev. Chris Thompson with us on September 18, 2016, and officially kicked off our 2017 pledge drive. The stewardship team will be communicating with each household to meet and give you your stewardship packet and answer questions about our proposed budget. We ask each pledge card be returned by October 30th. We are thankful for your faithfulness this year and hope you will consider continuing in 2017. ✕



fellowship space do we want? How else do we want to minister to the community through our facility? These are all things that we need to talk about.

If you would be interested in being a part of a VISIONING TASK FORCE please speak to Cheryl ASAP. Particularly important for this group is to have representation from our families who have young children. You all will (God willing) be here longer than many of us. Please consider offering your wisdom. We do however want a broad spectrum of the congregation too. Long-timers - WE NEED YOU TOO! We would like to have the first gathering of this task force in November! ✕

Notes from Vestry

The Vestry and stewardship team met with The Rev. Chris Thompson on September 18 for a stewardship training and discussion about our stewardship visits. We also worked on a proposed 2017 budget. In addition, we received an update on the Fletcher House property. The Bishop and Standing Committee have given us permission to move forward with our plan to explore the possibility of selling the property. However, we plan to form a committee to consider long term visioning and planning for St. Timothy's before we proceed with any definite plans. *Andy Bird, Sr. Warden* ✕

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 10:45 until noon in the Sanctuary.

HOW DID I GET TO BE 70 WHEN I'M 35 INSIDE? written by Linda Douty provides ideas, inspiration, and humor to help us greet these years as the great adventure they can be. (If you can't be a part of our group on Wednesday but would like to read the book, we have a few copies of the book available for purchase at \$15.00. Contact Rev. Cheryl Winter or Kitty Byus.)

We follow a general format that includes reading the book out loud, so you do not have to read the book in order to attend. We share our "surprise" experiences, prayers, and do lots of laughing. We invite you to join us. Friends and neighbors are most welcome. Contact Kitty Byus with questions or to join our group (304-757-0319). ✕

What is Going on with the Fletcher House?



Well, that is a good question - so glad you asked. For those of you who may not know, the Fletcher property is adjacent to the playground on which the one story house sits. We used to have our offices in there until the old furnace gave up a couple of years ago when we were struggling financially. That is when we moved the offices into the church. In addition to the furnace, the house is in fairly bad repair.

The Vestry has gotten the property surveyed and appraised and in August received permission from the Bishop and Standing Committee to put the property up for sale. In the mean time we began thinking that we might pause a bit before we rush to sell. We need to think about the future needs of this congregation and do some more visioning and planning before we move ahead. One thing we know for sure is that we need more fellowship space! But we also need offices. And what kind of outside

Centering Prayer

St. Timothy's ecumenical centering prayer group will meet on Sunday, October 23, from 3:30—5:30 p.m.,* in the Vesting Room. Anyone interested in experiencing this type of spiritual practice is welcome to attend. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. Questions or interested persons, contact Kitty Byus at 304-757-0319. *Note earlier change of time. ✕



*God has made
everything beautiful
in it's time.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



October/November Sunday Service Schedule

	October 9 21 Pentecost	October 16 22 Pentecost	October 23 23 Pentecost	October 30 24 Pentecost	November 6 All Saints Sunday
Chalice Bearers	Andy Bird Soleil Gregg	Billy Wayne Bailey Robin Ward	Aaron Carr Arthur Taylor	Andy Bird Glenn Childress	Soleil Gregg Dave Wood
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Karen White	Dave Wood	Glenn Childress	Janessa Noel	Trish Fisher
N. T. Reader	Robin Ward	Nona Dolmetsch	Richard Spilman	Emma Markins	Aaron Carr
Prayers of The People	Karen White	Kitty Byus	Nona Dolmetsch	Dave Wood	Karen White
Acolytes	James Kliner Michael Kliner	Alex Ward Hailey Bennett Sophie Carr	Emily Branam Lauren Arnett Hannah Bennett	Maggie Rumbaugh Jillian Noel	Rachel Midkiff Ben Arnett
Ushers	Chris Lewis Jacob Ward	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	John & Marty Alvis	Ed & Caroline Garrett	Frank Thompson Kelle Maxwell & Lilly
Counters	Glenn & Mary Lou Childress	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Frank Thompson Lola Warren	John Alvis Joe Rumbaugh	Glenn & Mary Lou Childress
Children's Chapel	Laura Leslie	Laura Leslie	Karen White James Kliner	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	TBA
Nursery	Diane & Caroline Damron	Emily Branam Hannah Bennett	Nathan & Ben Arnett	Kolbey & Jamison Walker	TBA
Vestry Greeter	Randy Thompson	Kim Smith	Arthur Taylor	Janessa Noel	Andy Bird
Altar Guild	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Andy Bird Chuck Montgomery	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick

October Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Laura Leslie | 16 Kari Soulsby |
| 2 Jeff Bowen, Maggie Oduor | 17 Mary Jane Howard |
| 5 Clinton Burch, Betty Ellen Ogle | 18 Mary Aldred-Crouch |
| 7 Lita Greenawalt | 21 Angie Bowen |
| 10 Jeffrey Barna | 23 Anna Marrie Taylor |
| 11 Andrea Burch | 24 Andrew Holliday |
| 12 Mary Lou Childress, Jim Holliday | 28 Michael Moncada |
| 13 Erin Midkiff | 29 Aidan Stotts |



Happy Anniversary to:

- 12 Glenn & Mary Lou Childress
- 14 Jason & Melissa Boyd
- 16 Reuben & Kathryn Ellis
- 19 Patrick & Christina Chard
- 22 Jared & Jennifer Tully



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 20 Pentecost 9:30am– Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice 3:00pm– Pet Blessing (WC) 5:30pm– Holy	3	4	5	6	7	1
		7pm– NA (MR)	10:45am– Women's Book Group (S) 6:30pm– Adult Bible Study (GFH) 8pm– AA (MR)			8
9 21 Pentecost 9:30am– Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice 2:00pm– Midkiff Shower (GFH) 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S)	10	11	12	13	14	15
	12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (AC)	7pm– NA (MR)	10:45am– Women's Book Group (S) 12:30pm– Lunch Bunch (@L&R BBQ) 6:30pm– Adult Bible Study (GFH) 8pm– AA (MR)			10:00am– 12:00pm– Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting (S/ GFH)
16 22 Pentecost 9:30am– Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Vestry Meeting Choir Practice 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S)	17	18	19	20	21	22
	12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:30pm– Girl Scouts Service Unit Mtg (GFH)	7pm– NA (MR)	10:45am– Women's Book Group (S) 6:30pm– Adult Bible Study (GFH) 8pm– AA (MR)			
23 23 Pentecost 9:30am– Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice 3:30-5:30pm– Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S)	24	25	26	27	28	29
	12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (AC)	7pm– NA (MR)	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:45am– Women's Book Group (S) 6:30pm– Adult Bible Study (GFH) 8pm– AA (MR)	6:30pm– Women's Dinner & A Book (GFH)		
30 24 Pentecost 9:30am– Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am– Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice 5:30pm– Holy Eucharist (S)	31					
	12-2pm– Gabriel Project Open (AC) 				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.!**

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▶ **Becoming Pilgrims**

A Silent Retreat

Your diocesan Commission on Spirituality invites you to join fellow pilgrims for a silent retreat November 10-13, at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, which overlooks the Tygert Valley in Huttonsville, West Virginia. With the center's 1400 acres of land there are opportunities to hike rugged terrain or well-maintained paths and immerse ourselves in God's creation.

According to the *Merrriam-Webster Dictionary*, pilgrims are travelers on a journey to a holy place. Holy places are most often physical destinations. However, this pilgrimage is an intentional, inward journey turning our hearts and souls toward God through silence, worship, and renewal.

Arrival is open to Thursday or Friday and departures Saturday afternoon or Sunday, with the retreat officially ending after lunch on Sunday. Group sessions, led by the Rev. John Valentine, begin Thursday evening and run through Sunday morning.

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center. Registration closes on Monday, October 24. ✕

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