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# Connections

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## From the Rector—Endings & New Beginnings

As Lent comes to an end and Holy Week begins, I am profoundly aware of endings and new beginnings. I hope that this Lent has been fruitful for your spiritual life. Many of you have shared with me your Lenten disciplines and/or practices and the challenges you have faced. Some have shared some new insights that you have gained. These are Holy Conversations even when in jest sometimes. Whatever Lent has brought to you this year, may it enrich your journey with Jesus to the Cross and Empty Tomb.

Last Sunday afternoon a few of us gathered on the porch of the Fletcher House for the sharing of memories and the giving of thanks. We gave thanks for all the ways in which that little house has been a place of home, of healing, and of hospitality during its time. We shared memories of the birth of St. Timothy's, stories of weddings (before it belonged to the Fletchers), of children growing up there, of critters being born and living underneath. All kinds of life has been nurtured and protected there.

This week the house has been like an "organ donor". Pieces of it that are still useful have been removed and given away to provide new life for other homes. Siding, windows and doors, antique light fixtures, knotty pine paneling, curtains and curtain rods, paddle fans, cabinets, and shelving will all find continued use in a variety of places. We expect if all goes as planned that the final leveling of the house will happen during Holy Week. An ending, sad and painful for some, which will lead to a new beginning. Profound timing.

So what's next? It is my vision for the near future that the Fletcher Property becomes a "green space", a big yard, a park that will continue to be a place where people (and probably critters) gather to enjoy one another, play, be nurtured and nourished, feel at home and protected. I pray that it will serve the community at large as well as St. Timothy's all in the name of the Risen Christ who calls each of us to new life in his Name.

May you know the Hope of Christ's Resurrection in your own life this Easter, and may you answer the Call to share that Hope with others.

*Blessings, Cheryl ✠*

## Easter Offering Designation

As is the custom at St. Timothy's, our Easter Offering will go to fund two outreach projects of the church. This year the Vestry has designated half of the offering to go to the West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry to assist with their start up expenses, and the other half is designated for the start up of our Weekly Community Summer Suppers ministry which will begin in June. Please be as generous as you are able to support these exciting new ministries. ✠



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## Lunch Bunch

Italian Grille and Deli,  
Putnam Village Drive, **THIRD**  
Wednesday in April, April 19,  
2017. Fellowship and fun begin  
at 12:30 p.m. (*Note time: Lent is over*)  
Contact Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty  
Byus (304-757-0319) to make your  
reservation. ✦



## Notes from the Vestry

The Vestry met following worship on March 19th. We reviewed our finances, discussed the light project (replacing and upgrading lights to LED), hiring a landscaper, parking lot update, cleaning and organizing Fletcher House and garage, new seating arrangement and the possibility of adding more chairs in the future, update on Sunday evening Eucharist, Holy Week and Easter services, Adult and Children's Lenten programs, and an update on Sunday School. Reviewed the provocative proposition survey, designated the Easter offering, flood recovery grant report, Vestry assignments, and reviewed communication from Bishop Mike regarding an ecumenical event all Episcopal clergy will attend about the drug issue in our state. Please feel free to ask a member of the Vestry for more information regarding our meeting and discussions.

Andy Bird, Sr. Warden ✦

## Centering Prayer

St. Timothy's Ecumenical Prayer Group will meet two Sundays in April, April 2nd and April 23rd, 2017, from 3:30—5:00 p.m. in the Vesting Room of the church. Anyone who wishes to experience this type of prayer is welcome, newcomers as well as experienced practitioners. Call Kitty Byus, 304-757-0319, or Nona Dolmetsch, 304-562-3966, with questions. ✦



## Women's Dinner & A Book

The next meeting of the Women's Dinner and a Book Group will be on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Garrett Fellowship Hall. This month's book takes us back in time to 2001, a clear blue skied day in fall; the place is the financial district of New York City and asks us all to consider a deep question: what would you do in the last hour of your life? *The Red Bandanna: A life. A choice. A legacy.* by Tom Rinaldi is the story of Welles Crowther, whose actions on 9/11 offer a lasting lesson about character, calling, and courage.

One Sunday morning before church, when Welles Crowther was a young boy, his father gave him a red handkerchief for his back pocket. Welles kept it with him that day, and just about every day to come; it became a fixture and his signature.

A standout athlete growing up in Upper Nyack, NY, Welles was also a volunteer at the local fire department, along with his father. He cherished the meaning of the role. Fresh from college, he took a Wall Street job on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center, but the dream of becoming a firefighter with the FDNY remained.

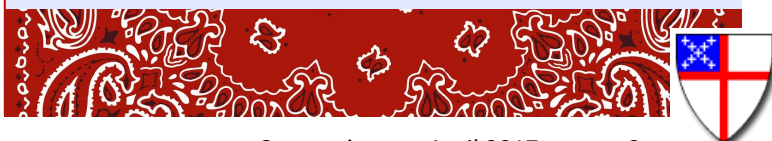
When the Twin Towers fell, Welles's parents had no idea what happened to him. In the unbearable days that followed, they came to accept that he would never come home. But the mystery of his final hours persisted. Eight months after the attacks, however, Welles's mother read a news account from several survivors, badly hurt on the 78th floor of the South Tower, who said they and others had been led to safety by a stranger, carrying a woman on his back, down nearly twenty flights of stairs. After leading them down, the young man turned around. "I'm going back up," was all he said.

The survivors didn't know his name, but despite the smoke and panic, one of them remembered a single detail clearly: the man was wearing a red bandanna.

Tom Rinaldi's *The Red Bandanna* is about a fearless choice, about a crucible of terror and the indomitable spirit to answer it. Examining one decision in the gravest situation, it celebrates the difference one life can make.

You can find *The Red Bandanna* at the Putnam/Western Regional library in book and audio CD formats if you would rather listen to it. The book is also available at your local book stores or at the online bookstores as an E-book to read on your Nook, Kindle, or other electronic device at the online shops.

Again, our meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Garrett Fellowship Hall. Hostess Kitty Byus will supply the main dish, and other group members will bring the rest of the dinner like salad, dessert, fruit, rolls/butter. You can call Kitty at 304-757-0319 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! ✦



## ▶ Family & Friends Game Night

**Who:** Open to All

**What:** Board games, card games, make-your-own flatbread pizzas, and beverages. Food and games will be provided; you're also welcome to bring your favorite games, beverages, pizza toppings, and people!

**When:** Saturday, April 29 @5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** GFH & Activity Center

**RSVP:** Whitney (304-710-0415) or Kathryn (304-539-3026) ✕



## ▶ Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club

**Reminder:** Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club will NOT meet during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 12, 2017!

WWW Book Club continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:45 a.m. until noon in the Sanctuary. We will be completing our current book, *How Did I Get to Be 70 When I Only Feel 35 Inside* by Linda Douty this month. Our next "read" is also by Linda Douty: *How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Holding On?* Letting go isn't just saying good-bye to people, places, and things. It's also about giving up attitudes and ideas—such as perfectionism, resentment, and worry—that keep us from growing in our relationships with God and others. Letting go is crucial to our spiritual and emotional health.

All are welcome to join our group—neighbors and friends! Contact Kitty Byus if you would like to join (304-757-0319). Our discussions are guided by our selected read aloud book. We share life experiences, poems, stories, and companionship. ✕

## ▶ Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry is an on-going ministry not limited to our congregation. Patterns and instruction are available. Finished shawls are blessed upon completion and gifted to those persons experiencing the joys or sadness in life. If you would like to join us or know of a recipient for a shawl see Kitty Byus, Trish Fisher, or the Rev. Cheryl Winter. ✕

## ▶ Clay County Easter Egg Hunt

The eggs are filled and ready to go. Are you ready to help? In addition to the 1700 eggs, we have about 300+ books (and tables to display them) that need to be transported to Maysel Park in Clay County on Saturday, April 15th. I'm hoping that someone will have a tailgating canopy to bring and set up for the book give away station. Might could use two!

The carnival/book give away begins at noon, and the Easter Egg Hunt is at 2 p.m. We would need to be ready to leave St. Timothy's no later than 10:30 a.m. to get there and set up by noon. Bring portable chairs. They might be selling hotdogs for snacking. We will probably be able to head back around 2:30.

So far I have only one volunteer for this event, and that is not nearly enough. This would be good Community Service hours for Middle and High School kids. They could also help with the setting up for the Egg Hunt. Please put your names and phone numbers on the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. We could even load cars on Friday after church if folks wanted to. Please help! Cheryl ✕

## ▶ Community Suppers Ministry

The survey that was taken by those in attendance on Sunday March 19, regarding hosting a free dinner once a week *during the summer months*, was overwhelmingly positive. 13 people volunteered to serve on the organizing committee for this ministry. If you were not here, read the following description of the provocative proposition.

Once a week (day TBD) St. Timothy's will host a free supper that is open to the whole community. This is not a "soup kitchen" ministry per se. Members will not be standing behind a table serving the hungry who come to eat. We will be hosting, which means we will be sitting down and eating WITH people who come to eat. Obviously there will be a preparation and clean up crew each week, BUT the rest of us will be hosts and diners.

40% of school aged children in Putnam County live in poverty. During the school year they receive two free meals at school, but not in the summer. 15% of Seniors in Putnam County receive some kind of food assistance through Senior Centers either dining in or through Meals on Wheels. And many Seniors eat alone! There is no place in Putnam County (other than Sr. Centers) where a person/family can receive a free, hot meal. This begs the question: is there an opportunity that is being missed?

After Easter I will be calling together those who have agreed to help with the development and organization this summer. We will pick the day, set a menu, and let you know how you can participate. Right now you can count on one night a week in June, July, and August when you can bring your friends and neighbors to dinner and not have to cook! STAY TUNED! ✕



## April Sunday Service Schedule

	April 9 Palm/Passion	April 13 Maundy Thurs.	April 14 Good Friday	April 16 Easter	April 23 Easter 2	April 30 Easter 3
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Soleil Gregg Arthur Taylor	Glenn Childress Dave Wood		Billy Wayne Bailey Kitty Byus	Nathan Arnett Cathy Slemph	Andy Bird Dave Wood
<b>O.T. &amp; Psalm Reader</b>	Emma Markins	Trish Fisher	<i>All available readers are needed.</i>	Richard Spilman	Dave Wood	Nona Dolmetsch
<b>N. T. Reader</b>	Ethan Markins	Janessa Noel		Soleil Gregg	Robin Ward	Aaron Carr
<b>Prayers of The People</b>	Kitty Byus	Soleil Gregg		Dave Wood	Nona Dolmetsch	Karen White
<b>Acolytes</b>	M. Rumbaugh James Kliner	Emily Branam Jillian Noel		Alex Ward Ben Arnett Lauren Arnett	Rachel Midkiff Sophie Carr Hailey Bennett	Emily Branam Rowan Proper
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Proper Frank Thompson	Jenny Jenkins Randy Thompson	Chris Lewis Jacob Ward	John Alvis Glenn Childress	Nona Dolmetsch Kelle Maxwell	Kim Murphy Kim Smith
<b>Counters</b>	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman			Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Frank Thompson Lola Warren	Kim Murphy Kim Smith
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Laura Leslie Andrea Markins			Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	Children's Sermon	Laura Leslie W. Naylor-Smith
<b>Nursery</b>	Hannah Bennett			Hannah Bennett Emily Branam	Nathan & Ben Arnett	Joy Jenkins Hannah Bennett
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	TBA	Andy Bird		Billy Wayne Bailey	Randy Thompson	Art Taylor
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Byus, Markins, Patrick	All Members		Marty Alvis Trish Fisher	Andy Bird C. Montgomery	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick

## April Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to:

2 Chris Branam	14 Nikki Soulsby
2 Cathy Slemph Branam	15 Annie James
3 Jace Carrier	17 Kimberly Carr
3 Bill Howard	18 Chuck Montgomery
4 Joe Rumbaugh	18 Jennifer Tully
6 Josh Santrock	22 Sharon Maynard
8 Shannon Lambert	23 Lisa Chambers
10 Jaden Bowen	23 Debbie Elkins
12 Jacob Chard	28 Robbie Terry

### Happy Anniversary to:

25 Jeff & Stacy Barna

*Come Grow With Us!*

## Thank You

The family of Marianne Warren Monk extends heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy during the time of her sudden death. The cards, the Altar Guild, and the lovely luncheon after the funeral service mean the world to all the family. Marianne is "back in West Virginia" where she belongs. ✕





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <i>Lent 5</i> 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Adult Choir (CR) 2pm—Autism Group (GFH) 3:30pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>3</b> 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	<b>4</b> 7pm— NA (MR)	<b>5</b> 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 6:30pm— Worship 8pm— AA (MR)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Palm/Passion</i> 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>10</b> 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	<b>11</b> 7pm— NA (MR)	<b>12</b> 9:00am— T.V. Moms Club (GFH) No Book Group No Stations 8pm— AA (MR)	<b>13</b> 7:00pm— Maundy Thursday Worship -Holy Communion	<b>14</b> 7:00pm— Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Shadows	<b>15</b> 10:30am— Leave for Clay County Easter Egg Hunt
<b>16</b> <i>Easter</i> 10:30am— Holy Eucharist & Baptism (S) Egg Hunt 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>17</b> 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:30pm— Girl Scouts Service Unit Mtg (GFH)	<b>18</b> 7pm— NA (MR)	<b>19</b> 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:30— Lunch Bunch (@ Italian Grille) 8pm— AA (MR)	<b>20</b> 6:30pm— Women's Dinner & A Book (GFH)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Easter 2</i> 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10am— Children's Choir (CR) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Adult Choir (CR) Vestry (MR) 3:30pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>24</b> 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	<b>25</b> 7pm— NA (MR)	<b>26</b> 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 8pm— AA (MR)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30-8:30pm— Family & Friends Game Night (GFH/AC)
<b>30</b> <i>Easter 3</i> 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10am— Child's Choir (CR) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	<div>  <p><i>Easter Changes Everything</i></p> <p><i>Christ has Risen!</i></p> </div>					<b>KEY:</b> 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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