



Connections

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Christian Community Cupboard Update

"I want to thank you for everything you have done for my family of 7. Without your help with food, etc., I don't know how I would make it every month. You are truly a God send. Thank you!" – *Note from a Cupboard Visitor*

To the many folks from St. Timothy's who brought food for or worked in the Christian Community Cupboard in January – THANK YOU! Your hands and hearts helped us serve well over a hundred families. We continue to hear that the food provided makes a real and tangible difference for neighbors struggling to make ends meet.

Remember the Cupboard is now open on the 3rd Saturday of each month, too. Work teams for these days are ecumenical – coming from across churches. Want to join in? There's a sign-up sheet for Saturday volunteers in the Welcome Center. It's a great way to be involved for teens (service hours available) or for those who work on weekdays. It's also a little calmer, quieter day to get involved. ✕

Ash Wednesday Service

Our service of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held at 6:30 p.m., on March 1, 2017. Please start your Lent out right by participating in this service. ✕

Children/Youth Choir

The Children/Youth Choir is now practicing on the third and fourth Sundays of each month, from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m., in the choir room. The choir will sing during the offertory on the fourth Sunday of each month. Miss Janet, our pianist, is leading the choir. She requests that children who cannot read have an adult helper with them to assist. Also, she must have a couple of adults in the choir room with her to help maintain order so that she can teach. Let's hear a joyful noise from our young folks once again! ✕

Centering Prayer

Are you interested in a new prayer practice during Lent? St. Timothy's Ecumenical Prayer Group will meet on March 19, from 3:30 to 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.



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St. Timothy's is grounded in worship and committed to welcome, serve, and love all God's people.



Lunch Bunch

Fireside Grille, 4170 SR 34, Teays Valley
Join our Lunch Bunch Team—Wear green!
St. Timothy will honor St. Patrick.

March 8th is the date to celebrate.

For fellowship and fun **begin at One (pm).**

To assure your chair will be there,

Contact Lola Warren (304-743-9935) or Kitty
(304-757-0319).

*(Later start time will allow you to attend the
Stations of the Cross service at 12:15 p.m., at
the church.)* ✕

Notes from the Vestry

The Vestry met on January 15th following worship. We discussed:

- finances
- new custodian/sexton
- personnel matters
- altar kneeling pads
- visioning committee
- outgoing and potential Vestry members
- Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Charleston project
- maintenance issues: kitchen, lighting

We give thanks for outgoing members:
Kim Smith, Kim Murphy, and Janessa Noel. We welcome our four new members and look forward to working with them. If you have any questions, please contact a Vestry member. *Andy Bird, Sr. Warden* ✕

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Needles continue to click, click. Yarns are on sale! Winter is a good time for in house projects. 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 know of a recipient for a shawl see Kitty Byus, Trish Fisher, or the Rev. Cheryl Winter. ✕



Elizabeth "Liz" Biberstein Fuller

June 18, 1933—February 4, 2017

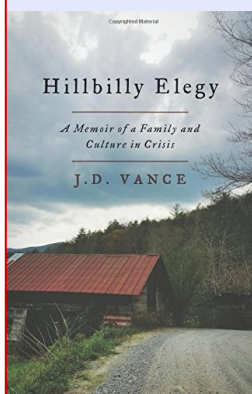
**May she rest in peace
and rise in glory.** ✕

Come Grow With Us!

Women's Dinner & A Book

The March read for the Women's Dinner and a Book Group will make you want to head for the hills! We will be reading the #1 New York Times bestseller *Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis* by J. D Vance. This book has been named by the Times as one of "6 Books to help understand Trump's win."

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, *Hillbilly Elegy* is a probing look at the struggles of



America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. *Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of poor, white Americans. The disintegration of this group has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. In *Hillbilly Elegy*, J.D. Vance tells the true story of

what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it.

The Vance family story began with hope in postwar America. J.D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love" and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility. But we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma.

Copies of the book at the local libraries are hard to find, but you can find paperback copies as close as the Walmart in Hurricane! You can also find it at your local book stores or at the online bookstores in hardback or paper versions as well as an E-book to read on your Nook, Kindle, or other electronic device online.

Our meeting will be on **Thursday, March 23**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Garrett Fellowship Hall. Hostess Joyce Wilson 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 Joyce at 304-757-8168 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! ✕



▶ Evening Adult Lenten Forums

Mark your calendars for March 8, 15, & 22, and plan to come to St. Timothy's for a simple supper at 5:30 p.m., in the Garrett Fellowship Hall, with a program for adults and childcare for children to follow. Everything will wrap up by 7:30 p.m., with prayer.

The Adult Forum schedule:

March 8, "Hope in the Midst of the Drug Crisis"

As we all know, the drug epidemic is pervasive in West Virginia. What is the answer? How can we be beacons of hope and light in the dark despair of this crisis?

The director of Rea of Hope, Marie Beaver, and one of the women who is a graduate of the program will make a presentation on Rea of Hope and what it takes to recover from addiction. There will be time for discussion and questions.

March 15, "Faith and Public Service"

The Rev. John Unger who also serves in the WV State Senate (his 18th year) will be our guest speaker. John will share with us key moments in his journey of faith that have led him to the present and how his faith guides him in public service. John serves three churches in the Eastern panhandle every Sunday morning—an Episcopal church, a Methodist Church, and a Lutheran church.

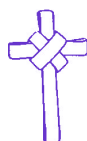
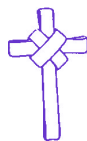
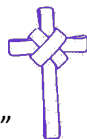
Come and listen to John and engage him in conversation!

March 22, "Who is My Neighbor?"

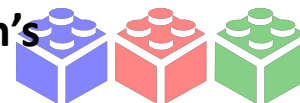
Episcopal Migration Ministries has approved Charleston, WV, for a Refugee Resettlement Program. One of the exciting aspects of this particular program is that it is being sponsored by an interfaith group—West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry (WVIRM). The Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faith communities are working together on this ministry.

Our speakers this evening will be Lynn Clarke (Christian) and Sue Barazi (Islamic) who are part of the leadership of the WVIRM. They will talk with us about the plans for resettling approximately 30 families this year.

Come, learn, and explore how you might participate in this life-saving ministry. ✕



▶ Exciting Children's Lenten Program



On March 26 and April 2, the Children's Ministry Committee will offer a special program for children ages 3-12 (older middle schoolers will be asked to assist). The program is called, "Building Faith Brick by Brick: An Imaginative Way to Explore the Bible with Children". The program combines the teaching of Bible stories and LEGO's!

Lunch will be served immediately after church, with the program to follow. Please speak to Laura Leslie with your questions and your offer to help with the program. ✕

▶ Wonderful Wednesdays Women's Book Club

WWW Book Club continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:45 a.m. until noon, in the Sanctuary. Explore the "surprises" that come into your life. Our current read aloud book, *How Did I Get to Be 70 When I Only Feel 35 Inside* by Anita Douty, guides our discussions. We share life experiences, poems, stories, and companionship. Anyone interested in a small group spiritual setting is welcome to join us. Questions: Contact Kitty Byus (304-757-0319). ✕

▶ 2016 Christian Community Cupboard Annual Report Available

Ever wonder how all the food and donations from across the community come together? Take a look at the 2016 Christian Community Cupboard Annual Report in the Welcome Center. Together, we had 3,061 family visits (representing 9,914 individuals). In addition, we gathered and distributed an estimated 88 tons of food. That's food for over 150,000 meals! Thank you to all who support this mission through donations of food supplies, noisy coin collections, offering your hands for service, words of support, and prayer. Each makes a difference. ✕



▶ Outreach Ministry Opportunity for Clay County

Let's help the children of Clay County have a joyful



Easter this year! Here is how we—YOU can help! On April 15th (the Saturday before Easter Sunday) there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and other fun activities for the children of Clay County, most of whom were affected by the devastating floods of last June.

We have committed to providing 1,000 filled plastic eggs for the event. The church is purchasing the plastic eggs in bulk. We need you to bring bags of individually wrapped candy that will fit in the eggs. Our youth and children will assemble the eggs once we have all the candy. Please start shopping!

Also, we will be doing a Free Book Give Away at the event that day. We have hundreds of books left from our former preschool. Ben, Lauren, and Nathan Arnett have been placing stickers inside the books which say, "A Gift from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church". We will set up tables under some canopies and welcome children to choose books to take home.

Volunteers are needed for that Saturday to travel to Clay County and assist with the book giveaway, have tables and canopies, and be available to help in any other way they need us to. It will be a fun day! ✨

▶ Matching Grant for Flood Assistance Awarded to St. Timothy's

In January, St. Timothy's received a very generous gift of \$5,000 to go directly to help flood victims for their recovery. This gift allowed us to apply for a matching grant from the Diocese of WV Relief and Development Fund. We received that grant which gives us a total of \$10,000 to distribute to specific cases in Kanawha, Clay, and Roane Counties.

This money will be allocated by Cheryl as she participates with the Unmet Needs Committees where case managers present the needs of specific households. Most often several different agencies will partner to cover the costs. Also it may be that the Episcopal Church money can cover the total cost of the need. Each case is different. This is a very exciting opportunity for mission. Each month Cheryl

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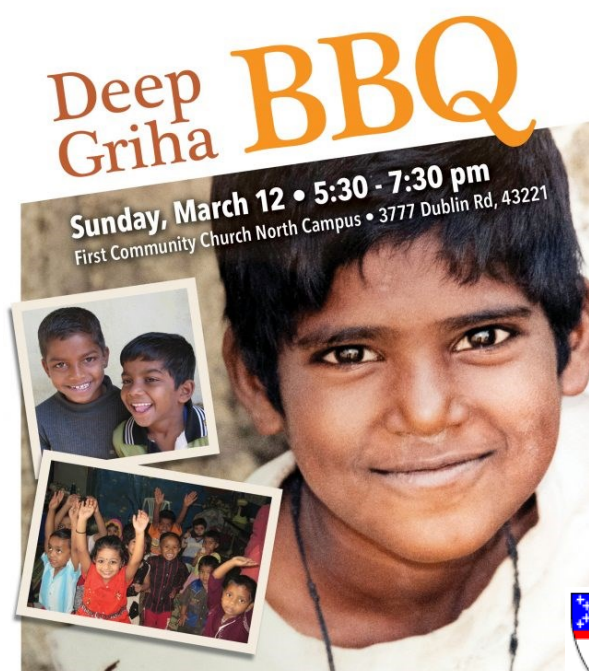
will report how this money has been used until it's gone.

Now if this inspires the generosity of others, please know that there is an additional \$2,500 of matching money available if we can match it! ✨

▶ Upcoming Annual Dinner Event: Celebrate Deep Griha!

Deep Griha Society is a community development organization in Pune, India, that St. Timothy's actively supports. They do incredible work in both the slums of the city and in surrounding villages — from education to health programs, women's empowerment to HIV/AIDs, school drop-out support to job training skills. Deep Griha USA (the stateside organization that helps promote and support Deep Griha) is taking a little different direction with their annual Deep Griha Dinner this year. The event will be more adult than family oriented with a speaker and dinner. It is being held on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at First Community Church, North Campus, Columbus, Ohio. Dinner includes BBQ along with a tasty array of vegetarian options. It's always a great time to learn more about Deep Griha Society. St. Timothy's is one of 4 churches helping sponsor the event through their participation in the Deep Griha USA board. If you'd like to attend, see Cathy Slemper for tickets and further information, or you can register online at:

<http://fcchurch.com/deepgrihabbq/> . ✨



SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERING

Journey to the Wilderness A time to Follow, Deepen, and Surrender

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Hurricane
Saturday, March 4, 2017 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Light morning refreshments will be provided.

Come join with fellow travelers as we begin our
Lenten Journey.

This time together will allow for reflection,
conversation, creativity, and prayer.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our leader for this program is a new friend to St. Timothy's—Karen Wicker. Karen has recently moved to our area after serving as Christian Education Director and Director of Lay Ministries at three Lutheran churches in Toledo, Ohio. With a background in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Companionship, she especially enjoys leading retreats, classes, and workshops. She often shares her contemplative thoughts on her blog, simplysoulsearching.com.

Please register by returning a registration form, found in the Welcome Center, to St. Timothy's **before March 1, 2017**. This will help immensely with our planning. You may also register by sending an email to sttimothysrector@frontier.com. Include your name, phone number, and whether or not childcare would be helpful to you.



Confirmation Sunday, December 11, 2016

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February Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 Chris Lambert
- 2 Rowan Proper
- 4 Brent Maynard
- 6 Kim Smith
- 8 Andy Bird
- 9 Lib Davis, Brian Proper
- 10 Jannah Dillon, Galyn McCallister
- 12 Marty Alvis
- 15 Ben Arnett, Kim Murphy, Alex Ward
- 16 Lydia Lambert
- 17 Leslie James, Caroline Tully
- 18 Bill Fulks, Sue Fuller
- 20 Kelle Maxwell, Chriss Midkiff
- 21 Emily Chapman
- 22 Devin Soulsby
- 24 Kelley Crouch
- 25 Steven Carr
- 26 Dick Skidmore



Happy Anniversary to:

- 14 Willis & Pat Dawson

Ash Wednesday Servers

Chalice Bearer	Andy Bird
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Trish Fisher
N. T. Reader	Soleil Gregg
Prayers of The People	Kitty Byus
Acolyte	Rachel Midkiff
Ushers	John Alvis Glenn Childress



February/March Sunday Service Schedule

	February 19 7 Epiphany	February 26 Last Epiphany	March 5 Lent 1	March 12 Lent 2	March 19 Lent 3	March 26 Lent 4
Chalice Bearers	Nathan Arnett Arthur Taylor	Billy Wayne Bailey Glenn Childress	Kitty Byus Soleil Gregg	Andy Bird Cathy Slempp	Glenn Childress Arthur Taylor	Billy Wayne Bailey Dave Wood
O.T. & Psalm Reader	Robin Ward	Dave Wood	Mitchell Proper	Richard Spilman	Soleil Gregg	Caroline Damron
N. T. Reader	Karen White	James Kliner	Aaron Carr	Trish Fisher	Nona Dolmetsch	Janessa Noel
Prayers of The People	Dave Wood	Karen White	Soleil Gregg	Nona Dolmetsch	Dave Wood	Kitty Byus
Acolytes	Alex Ward Ben Arnett Sophie Carr	Emily Branam James Kliner Michael Kliner	M. Rumbaugh Hailey Bennett Rowan Proper	Emily Branam Lauren Arnett Hannah Bennett	Rachel Midkiff Ben Arnett Jillian Noel	Emily Branam Alex Ward Sophie Carr
Ushers	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Jenny Jenkins Randy Thompson	Brian Proper Frank Thompson	Ed & Carolyn Garrett	Chris Lewis Jacob Ward	Nona Dolmetsch Kelle Maxwell
Counters	Kim Murphy Kim Smith	Annette Montoya Bobby Norman	Mark & Jenny Jenkins	Frank Thompson Lola Warren	Allison Hughart Kelle Maxwell	Kim Murphy Kim Smith
Children's Chapel	Katheryn Ellis Terry Holliday	Children's Sermon	Laura Leslie Terry Holliday	Kathryn Ellis Whitney Naylor Smith	Laura Leslie Missy Pauley	Children's Sermon
Nursery	Emily Branam Hannah Bennett	Diane & Caroline Damron	Emily Branam Hannah Bennett	Kolbey & Jamison Walker	Joy Jenkins Hannah Bennett	Nathan, Lauren, & Ben Arnett
Vestry Greeter	Andy Bird	Andy Bird	John Alvis	Randy Thompson	Andy Bird	Laura Leslie
Altar Guild	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Kitty Byus Susan Patrick	Marty Alvis Trish Fisher	Marty Alvis Trish Fisher	Marty Alvis Trish Fisher	Marty Alvis Trish Fisher

March Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 Maliah McCann | 18 Chris Lewis |
| 5 Nash Boyd, Rachel King | 20 Jack Kessler |
| 9 MaryJo Elkins | 21 Lilly Kaul |
| 10 Karen White | 23 Jeff Barna, Robin Ward |
| 13 Jayden Ellis | 24 Emily Branam |
| 15 Nona Dolmetsch | 29 Cheryl Winter |
| 16 Sophie Carr, David Dunlap | 30 Emma Elkins |
| 17 Willie Dawson | 31 Peri Bowen |

Happy Anniversary to:

- 9 John & Joyce Wilson
26 Chuck & Kim Montgomery
30 Michael & Ronda Moncada

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



March 2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2/26 Last Epiphany 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 9:30am— Child's Choir (CR) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Adult Choir (CR) 3:30pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	2/27 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	2/28 7pm— NA (MR)	3/1 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 6:30pm— Worship 8pm— AA (MR)	2	3	4
5 Lent 1 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 2pm— Autism Group (GFH) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	6 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	7 7pm— NA (MR)	8 9:00am— T.V. Moms Club (GFH) 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:15pm— Stations of the Cross (S) 1:00pm— Lunch Bunch (@Fireside Grille) 5:30pm— Supper & Adult Forum (GFH) 8pm— AA (MR)	9	10	11 <i>MR reserved (Garrett Baseball Draft)</i> <i>GFH reserved (Midkiff Bridal Shower)</i>
12 Lent 2 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	13 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:30pm— Girl Scouts Service Unit Mtg (GFH)	14 7pm— NA (MR)	15 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:15pm— Stations of the Cross (S) 5:30pm— Supper & Adult Forum (GFH) 8pm— AA (MR)	16	17	18
19 Lent 3 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 9:30am— Children's Choir (CR) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Adult Choir (CR) Vestry (MR) 3:30pm— Centering Prayer (VR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	20 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	21 7pm— NA (MR)	22 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:15pm— Stations of the Cross (S) 5:30pm— Supper & Adult Forum (GFH) 8pm— AA (MR)	23 6:30pm— Women's Dinner & A Book (GFH)	24	25
26 Lent 4 9:30am— Adult Sunday Schl (GFH) 9:30am— Child's Choir (CR) 10:30am— Holy Eucharist (S) Choir Practice (CR) 5:30pm— Holy Eucharist (S)	27 12-2pm— Gabriel Project Open (AC) 6:00pm— Girl Scouts (GFH)	28 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7pm— NA (MR)	29 10:45am— Women's Book Group (S) 12:15pm— Stations of the Cross (S) 8pm— AA (MR)	30	31 8:00am— Young Child Collaborative (GFH)	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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Andy Bird, SR. WARDEN
John Alvis, JR. WARDEN
Billy Wayne Bailey
Laura Leslie
Tina McClung
Tom Midkiff
Brian Proper
Arthur Taylor
Randy Thompson
Joyce Wilson

Ed Garrett, TREASURER
Trish Fisher, VESTRY CLERK



FORMULA FEBRUARY!

The Metro Valley Gabriel Project needs formula to help babies have a healthy start in life. Our goal is 65 donated cans of formula during the month of February. These cans of formula will be distributed to needy families throughout the area.

What formula is needed?

**Cans of Powdered Formula and/or
Ready-to-Feed Bottles of Formula**

*Any Brand. Any Stage. Unopened, Unexpired.
Similac™, Enfamil™ and Gerber™ are popular brands.*

New jars of baby food & boxes of baby cereal are also needed
Or make a monetary donation to support Gabriel Project services

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