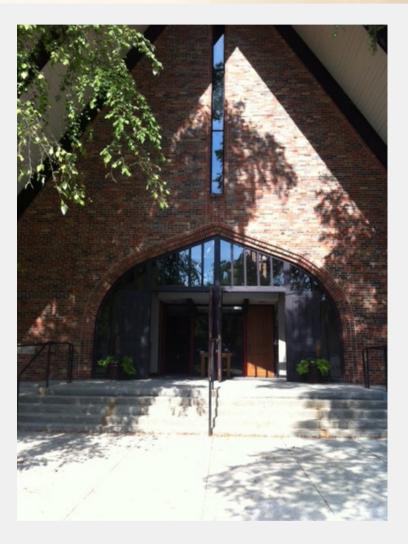


# WEEKLY CONNECTION

ST. TIMOTHY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



#### THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, May 2

5th Sunday of Easter

9:45 am Children Living the Word on FB 10:15 AM Service of Holy Eucharist on YouTube

(link) or https://bit.ly/3gKEkad

# MAKE SURE TO CLICK ON THE SUBSCRIBE BUTTON!

11:15 am Drive-up Contactless Communion 11:15 am 4th & 5th Grade Bible Class

Our service will be accessible through YouTube, our Facebook page and our website.

Contactless communion will be available immediately following our service until 11:45 am. Please enter the circle drive using the entrance closest to Ashworth.

We are excited to now offer in-person worship registration! We hope you can join us soon. See <u>link</u> for registration



#### 2nd OFFERING PARTNER for May

#### The FreeStore

Come here about our history with the Freestore this weekend and all throughout May!

We are excited to share the plans for this year's plantings, partnerships, and how you can join us.

Please consider supporting our 2nd offering partner financially - it's easy to do online at: <a href="https://sttimothysiowa.org/giving/">https://sttimothysiowa.org/giving/</a>

### **RE-OPENING REMINDERS**

We know "doing church" is going to look different as we re-enter our worship space - for most of us - in over a year. The goal is to welcome everyone back in the safest ways, while respecting our desire to be with each other in community life.

Here's what you'll need to know:

- Please arrive no later than 10:00 am.
- Only the parking lot entrance will be open with access to both the elevator and stairs.
- An usher will greet you at the parking lot entrance for sign-in, to answer any questions, and to direct you to the sanctuary.
- Masks are required, and physical distancing maintained. Hand sanitizer stations will be in key areas of the church for your use.
- The upstairs restroom will be open for use if needed.
- An usher will greet at the hallway doors of the sanctuary with a bulletin and will direct you to your pew.
- Communion will be individually bagged within your bulletin. Offering plates will be located at the back of the church and will not be passed during the service.
- The passing of peace will be done from your seat with waving and verbal communication only.
- NO congregational singing. Singing is limited to a reduced choir wearing singers' masks and will be in the balcony.
- There will be no greeting line after the service. Ushers will release you from your pew.
- Exit through sanctuary hallway doors to parking lot
- Drive through communion remains available immediately following worship in the circle drive.

# TOWN HALL MEETING

Thanks to all who were able to attend last weekend's Town Hall Meeting. We have a lot of good news to celebrate and hope you were pleased with our financial standing and the work we are doing to reinstitute in-person worship and conduct our rector search. Much more information will be coming in the months ahead.

Below, we have a link to the online version of the townhall meeting. The slideshow portion is available at the link in the email portion of the enews.

If you were unable to attend, we hope you will take the time to view the video. Any questions about what you hear can be directed to those who hosted the meeting.

#### **Town Hall Meeting Video**

Your continued care of St. Timothy's with your prayers, engagement, and financial support are appreciated beyond measure.

Suzy Coen, Sr. Warden & Pre-Opening Committee Scott Andrews, Treasurer Dan Montgomery, Rector Search Committee Chair



Click to add a description

We are excited to continue offering our livestream option for attending church, but are even more so to be able to offer **online registration** to those who would like to attend in-person.

Please remember our capacity is limited for now, but our hope is that we will continue to grow our capacity as we move through the coming year.

Register to attend Sunday, May 9th and beyond here.

### WITH GRATITUDE AND IN OUR PRAYERS

#### WITH GRATITUDE

- To our liturgical ministers for last week's services: Presider Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall,
   Preacher Abigail Livingood, Lector/Litanist Sue Genereux, VROW Beth Arnold, Keyboard Don Agee, Vocalists St. Timothy's Choir,
   Altar Guild Annie Waskom and Abigail Livingood, Service Chat MC- Sarah Bunch, 2nd Offering Speaker, Suzy Coen, and Livestream Coordinators Colleen Krantz; and
- To those who supported the Faith & Grace
  Garden financially in our April 2nd Sunday.
   \$4,918 was given what a testament to the
  work you are doing to feed the hungry. God is
  good!;
- To Scott Andrews, Suzy Coen, and Dan Montgomery for facilitating the 4.25 Town Hall Meeting

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

As we re-enter our worship space, we would also like to offer the opportunity for you to help fund altar flowers as we've done in the past.

As of today, we have these dates available
May 9 - Mother's Day
May 30 - Memorial Day

The suggested donation for each weekend is \$50, and you can either send a check or use the **PayPal** option on our website. Just make sure to include the names of those you'd like to memorialize or honor.

We will contact Hy-Vee to prepare the arrangements for delivery to the church.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

For those in service to our country: Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood;

For the Search Committee & the community of St. Timothy's as we begin our search for our next rector;

For those who are sick or in need of healing: George, Tom, Bill, Stephen, Sue and Neil;

**For those celebrating a birthday:** John Shine, Laurie Thomas, David Seley, and Rev. Mary;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby: Katy (Bruner) & Nik Pappas, Selby & Rob Waskom, and Nasa & Uzo Okpokiri, Becca (Ellerbroek) & Evan Luthye;

For those to be married: Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Dana & Zach (Slocum), and Molly & Joe (Brennan) and Vanessa & David (Rice).

For those participating in our Discovery Course: Mel, Alan, Julie, Mara, Marcy, Sarah, Harry;

For our 2nd Offering Partner in May: the FreeStore; and

For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan especially Archbishop Samuel and Bishop Richard and their families.

# AROUND ST. TIMOTHY'S

#### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

# Registration is open for our 2021-2022 school year!

To find our more about our school, register, and more, here's the **link!** 



Feel free to share the link with friends or family who are looking for a great preschool experience!

#### **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE + HOPE**

#### Wednesday, May 5, 7 pm Thursday, May 20, 7 pm

As we move through another phase of the pandemic, we offer a Service of Remembrance + Hope as a sacred pause to reflect on the events, emotions, and experiences of the past year. This contemplative service is designed to lift up, in personal and communal prayer, our fears, losses, and anxieties along with naming the odd and obvious blessings that have touched our lives; to share in each other's experiences; to lament and to give thanks to our God.

Registration is required for this limited in-person service. Link: <a href="https://rsvp.church/r/ePGX20Hy">https://rsvp.church/r/ePGX20Hy</a>

Masks required. Social distancing will be practiced.

#### **GRAD SUNDAY, MAY16**

Graduation time is here again!

We will celebrate all of those graduating from high school, college, trade school, grad school or other programs.

If you have a graduate you'd like to celebrate, please share your graduate's name, program they're graduating from, future plans - school, work, etc., no later than **Monday, May 10.** 

#### THE COMING WEEK

#### Tuesday, May 4

6:30 pm Faith & Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures (see page 4 for details)

#### Wednesday, May 5

7 pm Service of Remembrance + Hope

#### Thursday, May 6

4:30 pm Faith in Action
Virtual Formation
6:30 pm Discovery Course

#### Friday, May 7

10 am Virtual Books, Brew & Banter

#### Sunday, May 9

#### **MOTHER'S DAY**

9:45 am Children Living the
Word Bible Stories
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
11 am Contactless Communion
11:15 am 4th & 5th Grade Virtual Bible Class

#### Wednesday, May 5

7 pm Service of Remembrance + Hope

#### **BISHOP'S VISIT - JUNE 6**

Please plan to join us for confirmations/ receptions/ re-affirmations and Bishop Scarfe's final visit to St. Timothy's as Bishop of Iowa. We hope you can join us.

Our hope is to celebrate outside with our confirmands.

Please sign up for any of our services using the link on pages 1 & 2 of your e-news.

# MORE AROUND ST. TIMOTHY'S

#### RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

#### The survey is out!

Great news - we are already receiving responses and are anxiously awaiting MORE!

If you haven't completed yours yet, please do so ASAP. **The deadline is Friday, May 7.** 

We want to make sure that **YOUR** input is included for our parish profile. It is crucial to discerning the needs and desires of our community as we search for the next rector of St. Timothy's.

If you have questions, please contact Dan Montgomery, Committee Chair, at daniel.montgomery@mchsi.com

Your Search Committee-Dan Montgomery, Chair, Alexandra Bylund, Marjorie Joelson, Dave Giildenzopf, John McKinney, Maggie McGill, Joska Jacob, and Rick Ballinger (Vestry Representative)





Coens in the garden!

#### **GARDEN GOINGS ON**

Last year we donated a near record 16,000 pounds of fresh, organic fruits and vegetables to feed hungry people in Central Iowa. We also donated over 17,000 vegetable plant starts grown in our greenhouse to other donation gardens and refugee farmers. This year we hope to do even better!

Volunteer times in the garden are on Monday and Wednesday evenings. To sign-up, click **here.** 

There are also opportunities to volunteer in the garden by appointment, contact Mark Marshall at 988-5381 or wdmmarshall@msn.com or Tim Goldman at 745-9842 or timothyjgoldman@gmail.com



On Saturday, Craig Crirst and another volunteer from the Agape Garden in Ankeny, came with their tractor and potato planter and planted 300 pounds of seed potatoes in the Faith & Grace Garden.

They also got rid of an old stump in the garden.

We continue to be grateful for the generous spirit that permeates our community.

Here are ways you can continue to give:

#### Online:

www.sttimothysiowa.org/giving

#### By Mail:

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