THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

WEEKLY CONNECTION



ST. TIMOTHY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CURRENT WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES

Due to the level of community transmission in Polk County (CDC ranks us as HIGH) the following changes have been enacted until further notice:

- Masks are required at worship services.
- There will be **no congregational singing**. Cantors will sing the hymns for us.
- Communion wafers will be brought to the congregation on Saturday and at the Sunday Agape Meal. At the 10:15 am sanctuary service, communion will be distributed from the center aisle.
- We will continue physical distancing.
- A/C blowers in sanctuary will remain on to aid with air circulation.
- Hospitality is on pause until further notice.

Additionally, masks are required to enter our building during the week and any visits outside of office hours will be "by appointment" only.

Due to the increased test positivity rates, we have developed a new policy regarding notification to the parish of positive COVID exposure. The intent is to let our parishioners make informed moves regarding their health and that of those around them in light of the possible exposure. The policy is outlined here and in an upcoming email.

Thanks for your cooperation as we continue our efforts to provide a safe place to worship and work.

THIS WEEKEND

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, September 18

5 pm Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall

Sunday, September 19

9 am Adult Forum9:45 am Children Living the Word on FB10:15 am Holy Eucharist in-person and live on

YouTube at <u>(link)</u> or https://bit.ly/2VHlg4q
10:15 am AGAPE Feast in the Parish Hall / Patio
11 am Drive Up Distribution of Communion

MAKE SURE TO CLICK ON THE SUBSCRIBE BUTTON!

You can find our 10:15 AM service via our YouTube Channel, Facebook page, and website Worship page.



Wild Church is an opportunity for jr. high school-aged youth and older to gather in nature, or "the wild," and appreciate the gift of Creation while worshipping God outside of the church walls.

If you are intrigued by this monthly opportunity, please contact Rev. Mary at rector@sttimothysiowa.org

STEWARDSHIP 2021!

A FUTURE WITH HOPE

I'm so excited to share this year's Annual Giving Campaign, "A Future with Hope" with all of you!

During the campaign we will share some thoughtful words from our parishioners as well as images of hope created by our youth below. Please join us as we continue to build momentum and share our future hopes and dreams with each other!

Please join us at our worship services either in-person or via live-streaming and share your thoughts of hope with us online or in person.

How would you fill in the blank?

- Everyday I HOPE...
- What I want to tell you about HOPE is...
- One thing I HOPE for my good friend is...
- Something I HOPE for St. Timothy's is...

We invite you, through prayer and story, to consider your financial gift for the on-going missions and ministry of our parish. Let us walk together into our FUTURE WITH HOPE as we continue to serve as Christ's hands + feet + voice in the world.



A FUTURE

WITH HOPE

AROUND ST. TIMOTHY'S

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

Faith + Grace Garden

The Faith + Grace Garden has been serving the food insecure in West Des Moines and surrounding communities for over 20 years. We are fortunate to have been supporters of this ministry with our hands + feet + voices + funding over the years.

If you are interested in finding out more or how you can get involved, please contact Mark Marshall or Tim Goldman.

Please also consider supporting our 2nd offering partner financially - it's easy to do online at: https://sttimothysiowa.org/giving/



RECTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

If you haven't already, be sure to click on the Rector Search tab of our website to view our profile, portfolio and mini-documentary video to accompany our search materials.

https://sttimothysiowa.org/rector-search/

Search Committee members have received several compliments from parishioners about the appeal of these pieces. We hope they help us attract a good pool of candidates. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for us, please direct them to the diocesan website or to our website, that has a link to the diocesan website. All applicants will be screened by the diocese before being presented for consideration.

Please keep the search process in your prayers as we await applications for our position, which are due by October 31st. If you know of any person who would be a good candidate, please direct them to the diocesan website.

Any questions should be directed to any Search Committee member or Dan Montgomery, Search Committee chair, at daniel.montgomery@mchsi.com



WORSHIPPING AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

WEEKEND WORSHIP

SATURDAYS

5 pm Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall

SUNDAYS

9 am Adult Forum
9:45 am Children Living the Word on FB
10:15 am Holy Eucharist in-person and live on YouTube at
youtube.com/c/SaintTimothyslowa

NEW for FAMILIES! 10:15 am Agape Meal in the Parish Hall

NEW Sunday, September 26, 10:15 am - Wild Church, an outdoor prayer experience for High School youth and older. Watch the E-News for details.

FORMATION

Youth Formation

In-Person Children's Formation is currently paused with plans to return in October.

Pre-Confirmation Prep begins September 29.

Adult Formation

- 9 am, Sunday, Adult Forum
- 9:30 am, Thursday, September 23
 Bible Study Resumes

For details about what we'll be taking on, please visit www.sttimothysiowa.org/for-adults/ or contact Deacon Jeanie at deacon@sttimothysiowa.org.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

9:15 am Wednesdays - Morning Prayer on Zoom

11:30 am Wednesdays - Men's Lunch @ Palmers on Ingersoll

10 am Fridays - Books, Brew, and Banter presented on Zoom & In-Person

9 am Saturdays - Centering Prayer

If you are interested in joining any of the above activities, please contact the church office.





WITH GRATITUDE AND IN OUR PRAYERS

WITH GRATITUDE

- For our liturgical ministers for last week's services: Presiders Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall & Rev. Pat Genereux, Preacher Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall, MC Abigail Livingood, Crucifer Chris Rech, Lector/Litanists Susan Leonard & Bill Smith, Music Don Agee, Cantor Mike McGill, VROW Rick Ballinger, 2nd Offering Speaker Susan Leonard, Stewardship Speakers Gene Gardner & Tom Carpenter, Altar Guild Liz Brennan, Ushers Stephanie & Scott Andrews, Counters Larry Anderson & Bill Smith, Livestream Coordinator Colleen Krantz, Agape Feast Host Family Max, Sang Min, Vince & Heather Preston;
- For Suzy Coen, Sandra Marshall, Sarah Bunch,
 Agape Feast Families who assisted with set up, guest bag lunches, drinks, and clean-up.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Interested in providing Altar Flowers? September is wide open!

The suggested donation for sponsoring an arrangement is \$60 and giving is easy!

Write us a check or pay on line at: sttimothysiowa.org/giving/

Remembrances and Thanksgivings will appear in the bulletin on the weekend you request.

Please contact the office with any questions.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood;

For St. Timothy's Search Committee and our St. Timothy's community as we move through the search for a new rector;

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Tom and Danny

For those celebrating a birthday: Norm Rodgers & Mary McGill;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby: Carly & Mike Terpstra;

For those who are to be married: Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Vanessa & David (Rice), Katherine & Spencer (Gardner) and Britany & John (Jenkins);

For those celebrating an anniversary:

Jan & Tom Tuel and Kara & James Kramer;

For the Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Iowa: the Rev. Betsey Monnot;

For Bishop Scarfe and his wife Donna as they move through this time of transition and into retirement;

For our 2nd Offering partner in September: Faith + Grace Garden; and

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

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

Ways you can continue to give:

Online:

www.sttimothysiowa.org/giving

By Mail:

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