

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

WEEKLY CONNECTION

ST. TIMOTHY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



STEWARDSHIP 2021

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

Saturday, October 9

5 pm Holy Eucharist - Lower Level, Room 131

Sunday, October 10

9 am Adult Forum

9:15 am Middle Schoolers - Joppa Meals + College

Cards in the Parish Hall

9:30 am WILD Church for High School

(see details inside)

9:45 am Children Living the Word on FB

10:15 am Holy Eucharist in-person and live on

YouTube at [\(link\)](#) or <https://bit.ly/3amksWl>

10:15 am AGAPE Feast on the 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.



STEWARDSHIP 2021!

A Future with Hope: Annual Giving Update

Thanks to all of you who have submitted your pledging cards or pledged online! We appreciate your support of our ministry.

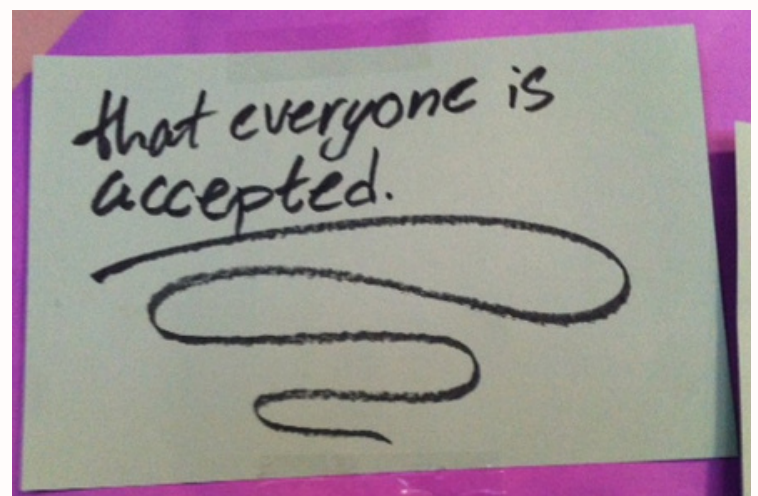
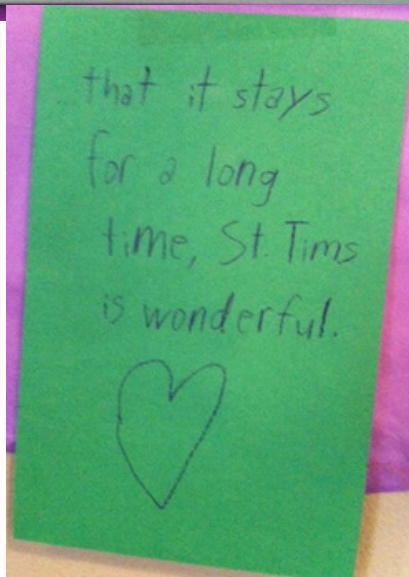
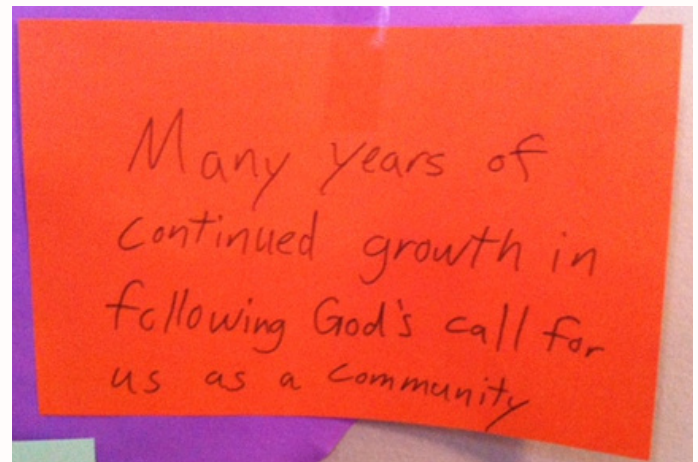
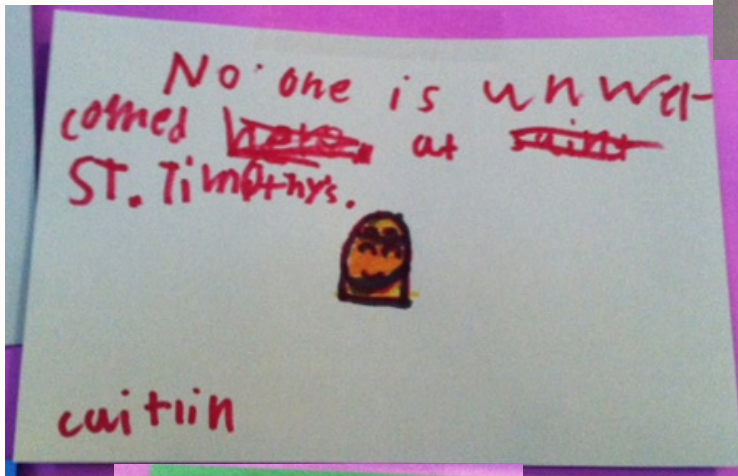
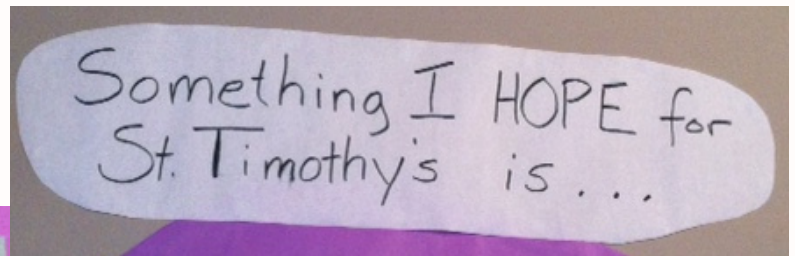
If you haven't yet returned your card, for whatever reason, we ask that you turn it in as soon as possible. We will use all of our pledge information to finalize our budget for 2022 in the next month.

Questions! Please feel free to ask a Vestry member, our Treasurer, Scott Andrews, or Mary. We'd be happy to help!

Again, we can't do all we do without your support. We are grateful for your thoughtful consideration of your 2022 pledge.

With you in hope!

Suzy Coen,
Senior Warden



AROUND ST. TIMOTHY'S

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

MANY HANDS FOR HAITI

Our Second Offering Partner for the month of October is Many Hands for Haiti (mh4h.org).

Many Hands for Haiti's guiding vision is "a world where people transform together, through the presence of Jesus Christ, to be called people, living with purpose, unleashing God-given talents and resources to bring Good News in a broken world."

Join us in October to hear members of the Thomas family share their stories of involvement and how we can be the hands + feet + voice of Christ through this organization.

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



RECTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

In less than a month, the Search Committee will receive applications for our rector position from the diocese! We are confident that the parish profile, portfolio and video will attract several good candidates who are prepared to address the priority projects identified by the recent parish survey. The Search Committee will meet next week to develop the first round of questions for applicants so that we are ready to interview them after our own screening. We encourage parishioners who know of those who might be a good fit for our position to access the informational links on the diocesan website or on our own website. Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers as we continue to represent you!

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

Please keep the Search Committee and candidates in your prayers! We continue to 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.





FAITH + GRACE GARDEN

An abundance of
**CURED, ORGANIC
GARLIC**
is available!

Faith + Grace Garden Green House
Sundays in October
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Checks payable to St. Timothy's
Memo: Faith + Grace Garden
Or
sttimothysiowa.org/giving/



MORE AROUND ST. TIMOTHY'S

BISHOP SCARFE RETIRES

In Honor of Bishop Scarfe

During the upcoming Diocesan Convention, on the evening of October 30, a Zoom gathering is planned to celebrate and honor Bishop Scarfe's ministry.

The Diocesan Transition Committee has asked us to consider a gift to the Gilead Campaign in Bishop Scarfe's name. The Vestry has approved a donation in the amount of \$1,000.

If you would like to add to this donation, please write a check to St. Timothy's, memo line: Bishop's Gift / Gilead Campaign and drop it in the offering plate or mail to 1020 24th Street, WDM 50265 no later than **October 25**.

The gift will be presented at the Zoom gathering on October 30. More details to follow about this celebration.



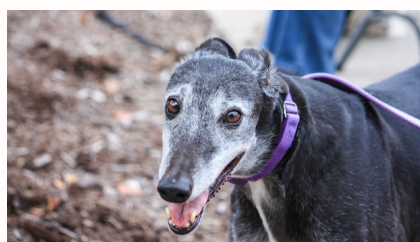
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A Gift to the Gilead Campaign

Checks payable to St. Timothy's

Memo line: Bishop's gift / Gilead Campaign
By October 25

PRE-CONFIRMATION + PILGRIMAGE



WILD CHURCH



WITH GRATITUDE AND IN OUR PRAYERS

WITH GRATITUDE

- For our liturgical ministers for last week's services:
Presiders - **Pat Genereux, Mary Cole-Duvall**,
Preacher- **Mary Cole-Duvall**, Deacon - **Jeanie Smith**, Crucifer - **Lucy Luft**, Lector/Litanists - **Renee Ellerbroek, Bill Smith**, Music - **Don Agee**,
Cantor - **Beth & Chris Bice**, VROW - **Amy Rech**,
2nd Offering Speaker - **Jeff Thomas**, Stewardship
Speakers - **Susan Leonard, Alan Feirer**, Altar
Guild - **Jennie McKinney, Sharelle Moranville**,
Ushers - **Dick Leonard, Luke & Darin Krantz**,
Counters - **Chris Bice, Scott Brennan**, Livestream
Coordinator - **Neil Guy**, 10:15 am Agape Feast:
Host Family - the **McManuses**, Feast Guide-
Abigail Livingood, FB Live-**Heather Preston!**



ALTAR FLOWERS

Interested in providing Altar Flowers?
October 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 those who suffer in body, mind or
spirit:** Tom and Ray;

For those celebrating a birthday: Tommy
Hewitt, Jean Lane, Sophie Halbrook,
Adrienne Hodges, Sarah Larson, Tom
Gulbranson, Liz Bruner, Barbara Stennes, and
Alan Willse ;

For those awaiting the birth of a baby:
Carly & Mike Terpstra and Dana & Zach
Slocum;

For those who are to be married: Vanessa &
David (Rice), Britany & John (Jenkins), Emily &
Jacob (Nastruz), and Amanda & Joseph
(Nastruz);

For those just married: Katherine & Spencer
Gardner;

For those celebrating an anniversary:
Ann & Craig Koopal, Gail & Eddie Cudworth,
Edie & Randy DePhillips, Christine & John
Halbrook, and Katie & Jordan Johnson;

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

**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 October:
Many Hands for Haiti; and

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

AROUND OUR DIOCESE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

NEW DIOCESAN SAFE CHURCH, SAFE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Safe Church, Safe Community - The New Anti-Sexual Harassment Training Tool

Over the past several years, many St. Timotheans have been asked to take the "Safeguarding God's Children" anti-sexual harassment training. If you have served on the Vestry, taught Christian Education, or volunteered your time at St. Timothy's you have probably taken courses such as "Meet Sam" and "It Happened to Me". In response to the 2018 General Convention when new Safe Church policies were adapted, The Episcopal Church has been working on developing a new anti-sexual harassment training program, "Safe Church, Safe Community" for all clergy and volunteers. Safe Church will replace Safeguarding God's Children as of January 1, 2022.

The Safe Church training will allow all of God's people to protect hearts, minds, bodies, and souls. The on-line training will be interactive and relevant. The training, available in English, Spanish, and French, was created after a series of listening sessions with over 400 participants.

There are nine modules currently in development for Safe Church. It is still not known if every volunteer will need to complete all nine modules - this guidance will be determined by the Diocese of Iowa in the coming months.

So what does this mean for St. Timothy's lay leaders and volunteers? Liz Brennan will contact you and make sure you are taking the needed modules to be in compliance with our Diocese's guidance. You will probably be hearing more about this closer to the end of the year and early 2022. You may also be required to refresh your learning every three years.

In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about this new course, please go to www.episcopalchurch.org/safe-church/. You may also contact Liz Brennan (ejcb@me.com or 515-778-5123) with your questions.

TIME TO VOTE!



It's Time to Vote

Most of us are voters. We vote in all elections...or do we? Sometimes, when the election is "just" for City Council or School Board, we don't prioritize making the time and effort to vote. But voting is not only a civic responsibility; it's also a Christian duty. Election Day this year is Tuesday, Nov. 2. Put the date and the time you'll vote on your calendar and make it a priority!

And be an educated voter. If you're in the West Des Moines School District, there are 7 candidates running for 3 open positions. There will be a candidate forum, sponsored by the WDM Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Oct. 18 from 6:00-7:30 pm via Zoom. More details can be found at: <https://members.wdmchamber.org/events/details/west-des-moines-school-board-candidate-forum-1417?calendarMonth=2021-10-01>.

Here are some questions regarding race and racism that we might want to ask of those running for school board positions:

1. How should a public school district include concepts of race and racism in its curriculum?
2. How should decisions be made about curriculum and concepts that should be discussed in classrooms?
3. Name a diversity/equity/inclusion initiative that has worked well in our district. How do you see our district moving forward with more initiatives like these?
4. What are you hearing about racial justice and inclusion within our schools?

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 Apage Feast for families in the Parish
Hall / Patio

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

Monthly WILD Church outings for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. Watch for your emails for details.

FORMATION

Youth Formation

In-Person Children's Formation is currently on pause until further notice. The Re-Opening Team meets every other week to discuss and discern when and how we can safely gather. At their meeting on September 28, it was decided to postpone lower level classroom activity such as Christian Formation for another month. Questions? Please contact Suzy Coen at suzycoen@gmail.com

Adult Formation

- 9 am, Sunday, Adult Forum, In-Person or Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87610806838>
- 9:30 am, Thursday, Bible Study, In-Person or Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86779406272>

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

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

9:15 am Wednesdays - Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89927297825>

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84971547769>

9 am Saturdays - Centering Prayer

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

IMPORTANT CALENDAR UPDATE

Sunday, October 31, 10 am

St. Paul's Cathedral

Closing Diocesan Convention Eucharist
Live-Stream

Bishop Elect Betsey Monnot, Preacher
Bishop Alan Scarfe, Presider

All are encouraged to worship with the entire
Diocese of Iowa on Sunday

No Saturday, October 30, 5 pm or

**Sunday, October 31, 10:15 am services
at St. Timothy's.**

To find out about all of the convention
activities click [here](#).

Or use this link information:

<https://www.iowaepiscopal.org/diocesan-convention>

THE 169th ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF IOWA

October 29-31, 2021

LOVE IGNITES!

ONLINE via ZOOM