



Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am
 Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Join Us for COFFEE HOURS </p> <p>Every Sunday following 10:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Worship Times: Regular Sunday 8:30am In-person 10:30am In-person & Online</p>	<p>Worship Times: Christmas Eve 5:30pm & 10:30pm Christmas Day 10:00am January 1 10:00am @ St. Michael's</p>		1	2	3
<p> 8:30 & 10:30am Worship</p> <p>9:15 am Adult Forum, SS Parent Meeting, Christmas Program rehearsal New Member Recognition 1pm AA</p>	<p>9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands</p>	<p>1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7 pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>10 am Angel Circle and Knitters & Crocheters 7 pm Rehearsal-Bells</p>	<p>Pastor Kimberly will be attending an off-site retreat</p> <p></p>	<p>7-9 pm Parents Night Out</p> <p>7 pm AA</p> <p></p>	<p>9:00am-3pm FH Event</p> <p> 10:30 am Bookworms</p>
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<p> 8:30 & 10:30am Worship</p> <p>9:15 am Children's Christmas Program in FH</p> <p>DEADLINE: Angel Gifts 1pm AA</p>	<p>9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9:30 am Wayne Clergy Council 1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion 7 pm Christian Ed Committee</p>	<p>7 pm Rehearsal-Bells</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>7 pm AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p></p> <p>5:30 pm Worship with Children's Sermon 10:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service</p>
<p>10:00 am PJ Sunday Worship in the Parlor</p> <p></p> <p>1pm AA</p>	<p><i>Office Closed</i> 26</p> <p>Pastor Kimberly available this week by appointment</p>	<p><i>Office Closed</i> 27</p> <p>1 pm Meditation 2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Office Closed</i> 28</p>	<p><i>Office Closed</i> 29</p>	<p><i>Office Closed</i> 30</p>	<p>31</p> <p></p>



"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now." – The Unicorn

I have read a whole lot of theology books by this point in my life. Yes, I went to seminary, but I had already been doing bible studies and reading for many years before I did that. Despite knowing Greek and Hebrew, despite attending many a lecture and hearing many a wonderful sermon, I can, honestly, say that the best theology – practical theology – the kind of theology that really matters in life – came from the Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis. I have read and re-read those books as an adult. Each time I do, I end up gleaning even more insights into God and our relationship to God. I believe that in a world full of theologians and scholars, C.S. Lewis is a genius, because he is able to explore the most challenging questions about God in a way that a 5th grader can understand.

Narnia is a fictitious land in which animals can talk and all sorts of mythical creatures really exist. In each of the seven books, children from our world find themselves in Narnia, where they meet Aslan, the Lion (Narnia's Christ). They witness Aslan's death and resurrection, they fight the forces of darkness (including temptations within themselves), and they journey to the farthest reaches of the land. In each book, Aslan teaches them the most profound truths about God and love.

The quote above is from the last book in the series, "The Last Battle." I don't want to give too many spoilers, because it is my hope that many of you will read it for yourselves. It is the perfect book to read in Advent, which is the season that we focus on Christ's return. Even as we read stories from the bible and think about Christ's first coming, we are drawn to the imminent return of Christ. This is the purpose of Advent.

In "The Last Battle," all the characters from the previous six books show up again for Aslan. It is in this book that C.S. Lewis gives a beautiful picture of life after death. "Heaven" is what the Unicorn is describing in the quote above. It's like the world they all have known, but *more*. It is deeper and richer than anything in our own world, but, yet, at the same time, recognizable as home. Aslan's return ushers in the deeper, richer, realer world.

Our resurrected selves will also be *more* than we are now. We will be ourselves, but more ourselves than we can even imagine. We will be how God imagines us. This is what it means to be resurrected. It is what Christ's coming means for us.

I will finish this with another quote from "The Last Battle," Digory, who was present for the creation of Narnia is speaking with the others about the New Narnia, "of course it is different; as different as a real thing is from a shadow or as waking life is from a dream." This is the difference between our world and the realm of God. Christ's birth all those many years ago, brought God's realm here to our world. We can experience it, we just need to look for Christ here – in creation, in our neighbors, and dwelling in ourselves.

Blessed Advent to you all!!



Will we rise to the challenge? YES!

1,000 origami Peace Cranes delivered to church by December 18th to be strung together as garland for our Christmas tree.



Contemplate and pray for peace in our world as you fold your cranes. Use your own colorful square of paper or pick up some in the narthex. A printout of instructions is also in the narthex or check out this YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux1ECrNDZI4>

(Once you get the hang of it, it's not as hard as it first looks!)

Several of our youth along with guests enjoyed Christian fellowship and fun at the end of October locked in for the night. Culinary delights were in abundance along with the mandatory game of Gargoyle.



Next lock-in is scheduled for the spring but stay tuned for other youth activities. Flocking anyone???

To my St. Timothy friends:



SPECIAL MESSAGE

This is just a note of thanks and appreciation for your many prayers and concerns for me during my recent periods of illness and hospitalizations. God has been good to me throughout and I thank Him with all my heart. To Him be the Glory!

**In Christian Love,
Stu Anderson**

Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale

It's that time again...

Time to decorate the altar, and then your home, with Christmas Poinsettias!

[Click here \(on the electronic bulletin\)](#) to place your order
Or pick up a paper form in the narthex to place in the offering plate or in the Secretary's mailbox at the bottom of the interior stairs along with your payment!



Angel Gifts for under the Jesse Tree



We will once again be doing the Jesse Tree gifts (**Angel Gifts**) for children in need of clothing. There will be a basket of gift tags with the names, gender, and sizes of children affiliated with the **Center for Family Resources**, the home of the upper Passaic County Head Start program, some of whom meet at St. Timothy every other Wednesday. There will also be a container to place the other half of the tag that must include your name and phone number.

For those streaming only but want to participate, feel free to contact Karen Sajban to arrange receipt of gift tags.

Please take a name – or 2 – or 3 – and buy a **gift of clothing** for the child named. Bring it back to the church and place the wrapped gift with the gift tag attached under the Jesse tree (please avoid large bows and ribbons for packing purposes). It will be delivered to children in time for Christmas! To make sure all gifts are ready to be delivered, the deadline will be **Sunday, December 18th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the Jesse Tree Angel Gift program. Please contact Karen Sajban (973-229-4624) or ksajban@optonline.net with any questions.

Children's Christmas Program Information

Practice Schedule: December 4 and 11 during the SS hour

December 9 (During the free Parent's Night Out 7-9pm)*



Performances:

December 18 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

*St. Timothy is happy to host a free Parent's Night Out on Dec. 9. Fallon Goscowski will be doing a rehearsal of the children's program, but there will also be a bible lesson pertinent to Advent and many other fun activities.

**Speaking of the Parents Night Out...*

So that Fallon can plan for enough supplies and snacks, please take 1 minute to [follow this link](#) to complete a very short registration form.

Or call Deb in the office at 973.694.8316 ASAP

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME (even if they're not performing in the Christmas Program)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 GOOD STEWARD
AWARD RECIPIENT, FALLON GOSKOWSKI!
YOUR DEDICATION TO ST. TIMOTHY'S HAS NOT GONE
UNNOTICED & IS MUCH APPRECIATED!**



Doing some holiday baking? Save those butter and margarine boxes!

**Caroline is still working on her long-term project, so keep them coming!
There are baskets in the narthex and in the choir room for collection.**



Special Opportunity for joint Worship during the Christmas season

December 25th ~ Christmas Day

Join us in the Parlor for pajama worship at 10:00am.

We welcome members of the congregation of St. Michael's Episcopal Church to this informal service. The liturgy will still be Word & Sacrament based, but will be heavy on including many of your favorite Christmas carols and a smattering of discussion. Treats and warm beverages will be served!

(Pajamas not required... wear what makes you comfortable!)

January 1st ~ The First Sunday After Christmas

10:00 a.m. service at St. Michael's Church,
1219 Ratzer Road, Wayne

(Note... the only service for both congregations will be held at St. Michael's)



Join us January 6th, 2023 ~ Friday Night at 7pm ~ in Fellowship Hall as we come together to celebrate Epiphany with a feast of King Cake and plenty of games! And don't forget to have one more wear of that Ugly Christmas Sweater before it gets packed away for another year.

We're going to make a St. Timothy Photo Booth Directory!



We're producing a new pictorial directory in-house in the new year. From Sunday, January 8 through Sunday February 5 we will have several photo booths set up in Fellowship Hall. Every member and family can take a fun photo for inclusion in the directory, which we hope to publish in April. Tripods with smart phone mounts will be available, or you can ask a friend to take a fun picture for you, and email it to us at st.tims395@yahoo.com with "photo booth directory" in the subject line. If you wish to use a photo from a vacation, a Christmas card photo or any other, just email that photo to us.

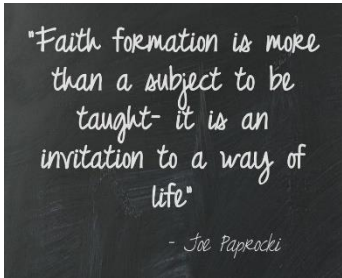
We will create a digital book for distribution via email in April. Please join in the fun and put yourselves in the new directory!

The quarterly Christ in Our Home devotional booklet is available on tables in the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Pick one up today and find daily inspiration, comfort and divine guidance.





Sunday School ~ Every Sunday



Wow! Advent time is here again at St. Timothy! Each week, at the Jesse Tree, two Bible stories will be told to our Sunday School children through ornaments that they will color and hang on the branches each Sunday. The Jesse Tree is the Advent Tree of "Hope and Expectation". If any of you would like a copy of the ornaments, please let me know.

Everyone is welcome to see our Sunday School students perform the "No Rehearsal Required" Christmas program. Come join us on Sunday December 18 at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall to experience "The Reason for The Season". Thank you, Fallon Goskowski for taking on this task! Refreshments will be served after.

The Christian Education Committee wishes everyone a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 27 – First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall

Dec. 25 – **No** Sunday School

Jan. 1 – **No** Sunday School

Jan. 8 – Sunday School resumes at 9:15am

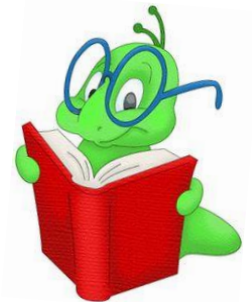
Adult Bible Study ~ Every Tuesday

Join us each Tuesday afternoon at 2pm for an in-depth discussion of a select lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Kimberly celebrates a Liturgy of Holy Communion following the discourse.



Bookworms ~ December 3rd

Since we missed our November meeting, we will be discussing that selection, *The Woman They Could Not Silence*, in addition to our easy-read December book, *A Boy Called Christmas* by Matt Haig. It is a tale of adventure, snow, kidnapping, elves, more snow, and a boy called Nikolas, who isn't afraid to believe in magic!



For more information call Barbara Westerberg.

Happy reading, Colleen, Nancy, Carolyn, Valerie and Barbara



Angel Circle & Knitters/Crocheters

We will only be meeting once this month because of the Christmas holiday. Join us on December 7th from 10am until Noon to sew, knit or crochet for a good cause and enjoy the camaraderie.



Any questions, call Barbara Kaplan

Adult Book Group ~ December 15th

Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30am in the parlor. We continue to make our way through *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power-And How They Can Be Restored*. Art DeRose is our leader so you know it's a mixture of study and laughter. Hope you jump on in!



Art, Sandy, Nancy Mary and Barbara

Adult Forum ~ Every Sunday



Join us each Sunday morning at 9:15am in the Church Parlor. The Forum is a discussion and review of the religious, secular, and social “topics of the day” and how we relate to them as Christians in the modern world.

Enjoy “coffee/and,” lively conversation, an energizing hour of fellowship (an a few chuckles) before the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!



12/1 Janet Romaine	12/21 Julia Hayes
12/2 Ryan O'Mealy	12/21 Carol Labadie
12/3 Craig Beyer	12/21 Ann Rocko
12/5 Ellen Grexa	12/22 Alex Banu
12/9 Karen Kong	12/22 Roberta Jankiewicz
12/9 Matthew Stevens	12/23 Anya Cooper
12/14 Vincent Venturelli	12/26 CJ Beyer
12/15 Taisha Purcel	12/29 Sarah Riotto
12/15 William Muschko	12/30 Lisa Fabian
12/18 Christian Wantula	



12/23	Barbara & Richard Koegel
12/28	Barbara & Richard Westerberg
12/29	Leonard Smith & Kathryn Jones-Smith

Should you be on this list, and you're not??

Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call the office at 973-694-8316!



Heart 'n Hands Mission

As you know, we are now providing personal care kits year-round in lieu of our annual Blessing Bag Project. We appreciate all monetary contributions and donations of travel size toiletries that allow us to continue this vital mission.

Starting in January 2023 we are asking for donations of specific care items each month. You can find some of these items on our Amazon Wish List or in discount stores. Please consider how you can help those in need.

Our monthly requests are:

January – warm gloves

February – adult crew socks

March – travel or full-size shave cream

April – toothbrushes or toothpaste

May – travel or full-size deodorant

June – travel size sunscreen

July – travel or full-size shampoo

August – dental floss or flossers

September – travel size lotion

October – travel size body wash or boxed soap

November – protein bars

December – medicated powder

We are currently accepting donations of winter clothing, coats, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves. We also welcome donations of blankets and sleeping bags.

Please look for the new edition of our Heart 'n Hands Newsletter in your inbox. If you're not receiving it and wish to be added to our mailing list, or if you'd like a printed copy, please contact Cathe Davidson at info@heartnhandsmission.com.

Merry Christmas!

Look! our guest speaker of November 13th was interviewed on CNBC 😊

Leading to GIVING TUESDAY (November 29) GERA will be showcasing the impact of their work and the lives they have been able to influence thanks vastly to your continued support.

Since August 2021, GERA has been assisting and supporting Afghan Refugees, where we had the honor to meet and work with Kabir Kamall, who amongst his many talents is a wonderful musician. Through a partnership with [#Pfizer](#), to support their commitment to employing refugees, GERA was able to refer Kabir and he is now one of their valued employees. Kamal remains a close friend and supporter of GERA.



GERA pledges to continue our work on the ground to support the dignity and well-being of those affected by conflicts.

Thank you for the warm St Timothy welcome to Kabir and his family.

Would you like to be part of a prayer chain? If you are interested, please contact me at the number listed below.

Here's how it works: When someone calls me with a request you will be contacted to pray for that person, you will then pass the request on to one other person who will do the same. These requests will not be published.



To ask for prayer, call me and I will start the prayer chain. Requests can be as simple as “please pray for my neighbor who has to move into a nursing home?” or it can be “please pray for my daughter Ann”. Feel free to give as many or as little details as you feel comfortable. Your request will be on the list for 4 weeks unless you call to continue.

Those calling with requests will be asked if it is confidential or if it can be shared. If you get my answering machine, you can simply say something like ‘this is for prayers’ and leave a phone number and I will call you when I get home.

Please call for any additional information, Barbara Westerberg ~ 973-696-1471



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolytes	Assisting Minister	Reader
December 4 <i>Second Advent</i>	Terri Loftus & Ilona Oosterwyk	Tom & Karen Sajban	Jayden Fagan	Lori VanDerStad	Karen McAleer
December 11 <i>Third Advent</i>	Karen Sajban & Debbie Andersen	Ken & Diane DeAngelis	Kayla Fagan	Laura Dec	Art DeRose
December 18 <i>Fourth Advent</i>	Lori VanDerStad	Pat Kaplan Lori VanDerStad	Lauren Bedi	Josh Abrahamson	Marie Beyer
December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	Debbie Andersen	Tom Sajban Lisa Koppenal	Andrew Koppenal	Frances Ochart	Karen Sajban
December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>10:30pm</i>	Valerie McGrath	Pat Kaplan Lori VanDerStad	Lauren Bedi Crucifer: Ryan Bedi	Compton Cooper	Lori VanDerStad

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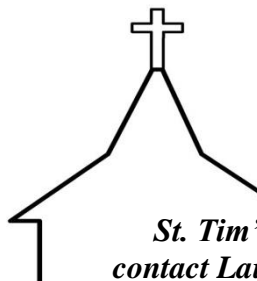
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