



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

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2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<div>Join Us for COFFEE HOURS</div> <div></div> <div>Every Sunday following Worship in Fellowship Hall</div>		<div></div> <div>9:30am In-person & Online</div>		1	2	3	
					7 pm AA		
<div></div> <div>9:30am Worship in Fellowship Hall</div> <div>Cross & Crown Sunday</div> <div></div> <div>1pm AA</div>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	9 am Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands	2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion				7 pm AA	10:30 am Bookworms
	7 pm Boy Scouts	7 pm Worship Committee					<div></div> <div>7:30am-1:30pm Art Show FH</div>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
9:30am Worship	9 am	2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	10 am	10:30 am			
Confirmation	Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands	2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	Needleworks groups	Adult Book Group			
	7 pm Boy Scouts	7:30 pm Council			7 pm AA		
1pm AA							
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	9 am	2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	10 am		7 pm		
Graduation Sunday	Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands	2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	Hymn Sing				
	7 pm Boy Scouts	7 pm Christian Ed	At Spring Hill				
1pm AA	Last meeting until the Fall				7 pm AA		
25	26	27	28	29	30		
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followed by	Mon Morn Crew Heart 'n Hands	2 pm Bible Study w/ Holy Communion	Needleworks groups				
							
NOTE: NO COFFEE HOUR							
1pm AA							



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12: 12

Over the past couple of years that I have had the tremendous honor to serve as pastor of St. Timothy, I have heard from a lot of people about how welcoming our congregation is. Visitors have commented on it when choosing to become members. New visitors have talked about how great the community is and keep coming back. They are praying and considering making this their church home. We can be really proud of this, because not all churches are as friendly and welcoming.

The challenge that confronts us, though, is taking the next step that comes after *welcoming*. That is *belonging*. Belonging means being a part of this congregation. Belonging goes beyond showing up on Sunday mornings for worship to investing in the church with both time and money. It means giving one's opinions – even without being sure that others agree. Essentially, it means having a stake in the ministry of the congregation. This is something we can work on.

Many of you already know this. It has been a prominent subject in conversations that the Strategic Planning group has had with many individuals and groups over the past 6 months. Every single ministry and committee at this church has spoken about the need to have more people power to get their work accomplished. We have also heard from people about their desire to be more involved, but they cannot contribute as they would like due to time conflicts and/or capacity.

The Strategic Planning group saw this as an opportunity to set some goals toward updating how ministry is done in our church. We have started out modestly with goals that should only take about one year to accomplish. You will have the opportunity to vote on these goals at the annual meeting on June 25. The full list is found in this edition of the TIPS. It also will be included in the annual report provided by the committee for you to review in advance. We encourage you to take the time to read over it and ask questions of the committee members before the day of the meeting.

The one goal that may stand out as a very new idea for some is “engage in the RIC process.” RIC is an acronym for Reconciling In Christ. This is a program designed by an ELCA organization called Reconciling Works. It is a program to learn and grow in understanding of people that are different from us – to reconcile with

people that may **not** have been welcomed in churches in the past. This will be an opportunity for us to learn about BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and members of the LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual) communities.

Often those of us that are surrounded by people similar to ourselves may not know what feels welcoming or unwelcoming to people that are different. Everyone I have met here at St. Timothy has told me that they work hard to be welcoming. No one is intentionally rejecting anyone, but there are words and actions that can be hurtful to someone unsure of their place here. This program provides an opportunity for all of us to learn how to do better *without shame*. We can learn how to do better ensuring everyone knows that they are beyond welcome to attend worship – that this is, in fact, a place that they can belong.

I encourage you to look over the Reconciling Works website (<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>) and bring questions to me. I want us all to be sensitive in our conversations with the broader community, because we are already blessed with members of the above communities and those who love members of these communities. Honest questions are always welcome, but hateful commentary is never constructive. Growth is not always a comfortable process, but it is often well worth the effort. I am so very grateful to be working in mission with you all.



Shaping Our Future

Strategic Planning Committee Goals:

Pastoral Care: identify and train eucharistic lay visitors to supplement the care provided by clergy.

Faith Formation: 1. Assign kids to work in worship;
2. Plan one youth activity/month

Community Building: 1. Engage in the RIC process (more information can be found at this link <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/becomeric/>); 2. Develop Outreach Committee that aligns congregational work and mission and coordinates and communicates with congregation.

Worship: Variety of preachers and Special music to provide diverse worship experiences that will expand our understanding of the Church.

Stewardship: 1. Identify new leadership for property committee in order to reshape how we care for our building and grounds; 2. Expand the purview of the stewardship committee to increase engagement of the congregation.

Church News

2023 NJ Synod Assembly Recap

On Saturday, May 13, 2023, close to 400 people from across the synod gathered for a day of worship, learning, fellowship, and inspiration. Thanks to the voting members and visitors for coming with a spirit of joy in being together so we were able to live our theme and *Lead with Love*.



Resolution (*MORE BELONGING!*): The assembly adopted one resolution designating the synod as a Stigma-Free Zone regarding mental illness and encouraging congregations to do the same. Resources from NAMI on what this means can be found at nami.org/Get-Involved/Pledge-to-Be-StigmaFree The full resolution can be found on the [assembly page](#).



Class of 2023 ~ High School, College or Other Programs **Deadline to submit information is June 4th**

Let's celebrate the accomplishments of those who've worked so hard to improve their paths in life! We ask all graduates from high school, college (any level), trade school or military training to [CLICK HERE](#) to complete a short bio to be included in the bulletin for Graduation Sunday. Then join us on June 18th at 9:30am!

No connectivity, call the office at 973.694.8316.

Regular Hymn Sings have returned!

No experience required, just a desire to bring some joy and companionship to the residents at Spring Hills Post Acute Care at 1120 Alps Road in Wayne (former Atrium).



Join us the 3rd Wednesday of every month for a hymn sing! We meet in the lobby at 10am. All supplies furnished by our leader, Carolyn Russo.

**This month's Heart 'n Hands collection item is
Travel and full-size sunscreen.**

Drop off any Sunday or during weekly office hours onto
the gray table near the chalkboard in Fellowship Hall or Monday
mornings directly to H'nH in the basement.



Mark your calendar for June 25th

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 directly following Worship in the Sanctuary. Election of Officers, presentation of Committee reports and additional regular business will be conducted.

Committee Chairpersons are reminded that their written contributions are due at this time. Thank you to those who have made their submissions.

Country Line Dancing returns for a last stomp!

Join Cathe Davidson & her enthusiastic group for a fun evening of moving and shaking. Friday, June 23rd at 7pm. Bring your own water, snacks and energy!



What did you like about this month's TIPS?
Tell us by replying to this email or calling the office:

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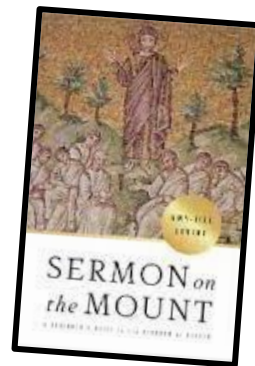
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Looking Ahead...

Hoping to join in this foundational learning opportunity? Let Deb in the office know so books may be ordered timely. Call or email: 973.694.8316, st.tims395@yahoo.com.

This summer, explore the most popular sermon ever delivered!

The six independent sessions will be held on the following dates: July 9, July 16, July 30, August 13, August 20 and August 27. Since discussions are not cumulative, it's alright to miss one without being lost!



The summer bible study will take place following worship (~10:45am).

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.



WELCA GARAGE SALE INFO

Sun July 9th - Donation drop offs begin. Sorry, but we cannot accept clothing, large furniture, encyclopedia sets, old TV's or computers. Everything else is fair game, as long as it's in new or gently used condition!

Please save for us your bags (plastic/paper/reusable) and packing supplies (newspapers/bubble wrap). Drop these supplies off during donation times.

Volunteer Sign-ups still being accepted!

Sat July 8th 9am -Sale preparation

Starting Tues July 11th and continuing in August volunteers needed on Tuesday mornings 9am-11:30am and Thursday evenings 7pm-9pm.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or online by clicking [HERE](#).

Any questions please contact Valerie McGrath © 973-519-0839

The Bulletin Board

Communion & ~ Every Tuesday



The essence of practicing faith in the Lutheran way is through Word and Sacrament. In addition to worship on Sunday mornings, you can also engage in the bible readings for the week and receive communion on Tuesdays at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to join us for a less formal gathering in the parlor.



Angel Circle & Knitters/Crocheters



The Angels will meet on June 14th and June 28th from 10AM to noon.

We will not meet during the summer as the church garage sale will be setting up in

the fellowship hall. We will meet again in September.

Quilt kits will still be available to anyone who wishes to continue working from home.



Colleen Duffy has been sewing kits at home. I recently learned that Colleen's mom has been sewing kits for us also. Our thanks to Colleen's mom!

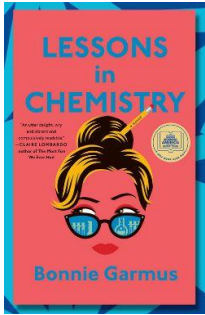
Need Kits? Have Questions?

Call Barbara Kaplan, 973.341.7920

Have a happy summer!

Nellie's Knitting and Crocheting group will also meet on June 14th & 28th. Alternate space has been arranged for the summer since the Garage Sale prep, they will continue to meet in July & August for time of companionship, conversation... oh, and yes, needlework!

Bookworms ~ June 10th



All's fair in love and chemistry. It's 1960s California and there are certain things that women just don't do. When scientist Elizabeth Zott finds herself the host of a television cooking show, she kicks off a revolution that does more than just challenge the status quo. You will fall in love with the cast of characters in this debut novel that has already been picked up as an Apple TV+ series.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist. –Barnes & Noble



Contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 for information on how to join in the friendly discussion.

Happy reading!

Art, Sandy, Nancy, Mary and Barbara (in casual conversation)

Meditation with Movement ~ Every Tuesday

Postponed until further notice!

Our longtime instructor unexpectedly needed to step back. Until a new leader can be found, our sessions will be suspended.

Let's get networking! Who do you know? Anyone with a lead to a yoga instructor, please contact Nancy Farina via phone or text at 973.632.3089



Sunday School ~ Every Sunday

St. Timothy's last day of Sunday School this year will be celebrated on June 4th with an intergenerational service in Fellowship Hall that will begin at 9:30. The Last Day of Sunday School for many, many years has been known as Cross and Crown Sunday. Cross and Crown Sunday is special for the students that have had good attendance for the year. They are given special pins as a reward for missing 4 Sundays or less during the Sunday School year. This year's attendance was very good. All are welcome to join for bagels, muffins and light refreshments after the service.

Confirmation is almost here! Three of our Confirmation students will affirm their Baptism during the 9:30 service on June 11th. Come support Ethan Gaffney, Deanna Inciardi and William Koppenal in their next journey as adult members in the community of the faithful here at St. Timothy.

In His name,
Laura Dec

Dates to Remember:

One worship at 9:30am begins May 28 and continues through summer months.

May 28 – Pentecost/Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday School - Godley Play during the service

June 4 - Last Day of Sunday School

Fellowship Hall Intergenerational Service at 9:30

June 11 – Confirmation Sunday

June 19 – Blessing of Graduates Sunday

June 25 – Congregational Meeting following the service

Adult Book Group ~ June 15th



Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30am in the parlor. We continue to make our way through Marcus Borg's *Speaking Christian*, a study of why and how many "Christian words and phrases" have lost their meaning and power in the 21st century. The purpose is to help us listen, read and discover anew Biblical truths obscured as language has evolved.



6/1 Christine Bedi	6/15 Nathaniel Corbett
6/2 Sarah Konnerth	6/17 Jordan Milito
6/4 Grayson Hayes	6/17 Karen Schulze
6/5 Richard Kremen	6/19 Nicholas Bennett
6/8 Peter Collins	6/19 Matthew Riotto
6/8 Colleen Duffy	6/24 Olivia Lutu
6/11 Christopher Tietjen	6/24 Ann Muschko
6/12 Caroline Corbett	6/25 Cheryl Johnson
6/12 Amber Venturelli	6/26 Richard Koegel
6/13 MaryLou Wedemeyer	6/28 Richard Wantula
6/14 Barbara Johanson	6/29 Ute Kattner-Horn
	6/30 Eleanor Liljegren

Happy Birthday



6/1 Patrick & Barbara Kaplan
6/4 George & Carol Labadie
6/8 Richard & MaryLou Wedemeyer
6/10 Kevin & Terri Loftus
6/23 James & Lisa Koppenal

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

In June, we are asking for donations of travel and full-size sunscreen, an often-requested item by those we serve. Thank you for your support of our 2023 monthly item collections.



This month we are introducing you to St. Paul's Community Development Corporation, the outreach mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Paterson. Begun as a church food pantry in 1970, they opened their Emergency Men's Shelter in 1984 and incorporated in 1990. Today they are a separate, secular, not-for-profit organization guided by a diverse and voluntary board of directors that bridges racial, economic, geographic, and religious boundaries. Their mission is to alleviate the conditions of hunger, homelessness, unemployment, poverty, and illiteracy in the City of Paterson. They do this by providing emergency services to all in need and by designing long-term approaches to achieving social and economic improvement at the grassroots level.

For many years, Heart 'n Hands Mission set up monthly clothing distribution in the church hall, until the 2020 pandemic ended that program. Since then, we have regularly provided the men's shelter with underwear, socks, jeans, blankets, and a wide variety of personal care items. The shelter houses 35 to 40 men per night, and residents take part in daily programs addressing their needs and assistance finding work with the help of a professional counseling staff.

It is the ultimate goal of the SPCDC Emergency Men's Shelter to work **with** clients to identify the root causes of their homeless condition. Through collaboration, they give their residents a sense of control over their own futures and consequently make them more likely to take responsibility for their own goals.

We greatly appreciate our long relationship with St. Paul's Community Development Center, and thank all of you for your support in this work.

Lord, we ask that you watch over those in need, that they may find shelter when they seek it, food when they are hungry, clothing and comfort when they are cold, and Your grace and loving encouragement in their darkness.

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



WIN Food Pantry

Besides supplying families with supplemental groceries, we provide them with ShopRite gift cards so they can purchase their choice of perishable food. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with this effort, please [click here](#) for more information about making a monetary donation. Donations of ShopRite gift cards in small denominations are also always welcome. Thank you.

We can no longer accept the following items: clothing, including hats and gloves; stationery, calendars, greeting cards; craft supplies; toys; or individually wrapped packets of syrup, jelly, other condiments, or plastic utensils. Additionally please note that medical supplies of any kind cannot legally be distributed by the pantry and therefore cannot be accepted.

Please also consider donating sugar-free, gluten-free, and no-salt food items for our families with members who have dietary restrictions.

We are always in need of paper bags. Please consider donating those you have that are in usable condition to WIN. Thank you!!

The food pantry hours are:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Tuesdays: 9:00 to 11:00 am

Thursdays: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fridays: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Food donations may only be brought to the pantry

on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during normal business hours or by appointment.

Call us at (973) 595-1900 first to be sure someone will be there.



Since April 15, 2023, there have been no gifts to the General Memorial Fund.

During this month, we have used funds from the Eternal Light Candle Fund to purchase four cases of Eternal Light candles.

We are pleased that there have been additional paybacks from St. Timothy members who received Schleer and Flanders educational loans. We encourage all recipients of these loans to set up payment schedules, so that we can continue to assist our young people with the high cost of college. Gifts to the Schleer and Flanders Loan Funds are always appreciated, as well!



No Memorial Garden pavers were purchased this month, so our paver total stands at 116.

The price of a paver is \$300.00. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words "Memorial Garden" on the memo line. Pavers may be engraved with the names of deceased loved ones, or left blank for future engraving. Paver application sheets are available in the narthex. See Pat Winters for further

information or assistance. The Memorial Garden is self-supporting; gifts are welcome at all times!

We also welcome contributions to the fund for restoration and enhancement of our Church organ. This work is on-going. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words "Organ Repair" on the memo line.



We are grateful to all who have given to the St. Timothy Memorial Funds – the General Memorial Fund, the Music Fund, the George Laubscher Monday Morning Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, the Eternal Light Candle Fund, and the Flanders/ Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – and for faithful repayments to the loan funds.



DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader
June 4	Nancy Farina Karen McAleer	Jeff Riotto James Koppenal	Andrew Koppenal	Frances Ochart	Karen Sajban
June 11	Valerie McGrath	Tom & Karen Sajban	Andrew Inciardi	Carolyn Russo	Anne Loffredo
June 18	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Pat Kaplan Lori VanDerStad	Lauren Bedi	Josh Abrahamson	Art DeRose
June 25	Lori VanDerStad	Ken & Diane DeAngelis	Kayla Fagan	Laura Dec	Robin Koegel

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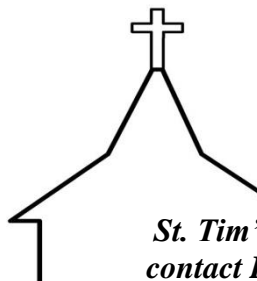
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