

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Clerk of Session: George McCully
Elders:

Phoebe Gowdy	Sam Asomani
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Joanne Payne	Molly Olshefsky
Annette McCully	Doug Simpson
Ernie McArthur	Asliena Ginting
Linda Walker	Ken SaahFon
Michael Orock	

Minister's Corner

A beautiful thing. In the Gospel of Mark Chapter 14, we have the touching story of a woman pouring expensive perfume on the head of Jesus. When some of those present 'rebuked her harshly' Jesus said, "leave her alone, she has done a beautiful thing to me."

"She did what she could", or "she has done what was in her power to do." The word of commendation from our Lord seems to be the pivot around which all the teaching of this incident centres. Two great elements are contained here: first, the element of worship, which is giving something to the Lord, and that of service, which is doing something for the Lord. Both these privileges blend together in Mary's loving act.

Christian service is doing things for Jesus, and there are boundless opportunities open to us all to serve the Lord, and even if we give a cup of cold water in His Name, we are doing this for His glory. But how much are we to do for Him? All our Lord expects is that we do what lies in our power. This is the meaning of our Lord's words in verse 8, "she did what she could." Mary's motive was simply one out of love. And that is the true motive for Christian service. Our Lord declared that Mary's loving service would never be forgotten. This tells us that every little act done out of love for the Lord Jesus abides forever.

Let us do what we can for Jesus. To the One that counts, it will be **a beautiful thing**. Rev. Floyd

Mission at St Tim's

Serving our Lord is indeed a beautiful thing. St Tim's serves the Lord in many ways. For example, here are a few highlights of the mission work supported by St Tim's in 2016. Three reverse offerings, organised by Phoebe Gowdy, a walkathon by St Tim's youth and a Christmas Concert, organised by our Music Director Louise Thompson and by Shirley Norris, raised a total of \$2431 in food and money which were donated to Heron Emergency Food Centre. In addition, a vegetable garden plot was dug in the front lawn and 7 members of the congregation shared the tasks of growing vegetables with one third of the produce donated to the food bank. Through the coordination of Norah Heggie and Linda Walker, items for men, such as toiletries and clothing, were collected and delivered to The Ottawa Mission. Organised by Shirley Norris and Lois Hope, in conjunction with the Shepherds of Good Hope, 24 Christmas Hampers were delivered to people in need at a cost of \$1274.57 which was paid for from the Benevolent Fund which is replenished by the Christmas Eve offering. Organised by Linda Walker, items for women, such as toiletries and clothing, were collected and delivered to The Well and to Harmony House, both shelters for women. Organised by the Mission & Outreach Committee, in response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis, St Timothy's raised about \$2468.40 (\$400 of which were raised by the Youth Mission Project: Chilli Lunch). This money was donated to a Presbyterian World Services and Development Program: Syria Relief. Much of our love for our Lord Jesus Christ is reflected in our mission work.

Searching for a New Minister

Rev. Floyd has been our Interim Minister for the past two and half years. It is now time we turn our minds to hiring a new Minister. To that end, a Search Committee has been formed and tasked to undertake that process. The first step is to establish a congregational profile which will provide general information about the congregation and community, the goals and objectives of the congregation, the pastoral skills it needs and a position description for the minister. On May 28th and June 4th, a survey will be distributed to all members and adherents at the end of the Worship Service. Your input is vital to creating an accurate picture of our congregation, our needs and our goals. This will help us assess the suitability of a future candidate for our congregation. For those who need it, assistance completing the form will be available after church in the Goforth Room or you can approach any member of the Search Committee: Rev. Grant Wilson our interim Moderator, Andrew Lenz and David Gowdy, co-chairs, Ken SaahFon, Juliet Bosompem, Phoebe Gowdy, Molly Olshefsky, Asliena Ginting, Palmer Patterson, Nic Larouche and Ernie McArthur.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service.....May 7, 10am
Sunday Worship &
African Chorus.....May 14, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....May 21, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service.....May 28, 10am

Up-coming Events

PrayerSundays, 8:30am
Sunday School ServiceMay 7, 10am
Senior Youth GroupMay 7, 11am
Sidewalk SaleMay 13, 8:30am

Church Groups

Afternoon CircleMay 10, 1:30pm
Craft Group.....May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2pm
JOY Group.....May 16, 10am
Not So Young Adult GroupMay 14, 11am
Senior Youth Group.....May 28, 8:30am