Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Minister's Corner

There is a story about a man who emigrated from Britain to Canada by ship.

He wasn't wealthy and had to scrimp and save for the longest time in order to pay his fare. Finally, he had enough money for a very small inside cabin, the cheapest ticket possible. He packed his belongings, including a box that he filled with crackers and cheese. He arrived early on the day of departure with his luggage and his box tucked safely under his arm. He boarded the ship and was shown to his cabin. The steward told him that a bell would ring when it was dinnertime. The man set out to explore the ship. As he walked, a bell rang and people headed for the dining room. The man, however, went straight back to his cabin, got out that box he'd packed, and prepared his supper of crackers and cheese with a glass of water. Several days passed on the journey and as each mealtime was announced the same thing would happen: back to his cabin, cheese, crackers and water. A steward came to his door and asked, "Sir, we've noticed you haven't been coming to the dining room, is anything the matter?" It embarrassed him that he was asked so directly, but he told the truth. "No, nothing's wrong. I've been eating here in my cabin because I couldn't afford to pay for meals as well as my passage." The steward informed him the meals were included in the fare. Though he couldn't have imagined it earlier, he came to know the full benefit of the passage.

I think Christians are often like this with our faith in Jesus. We have "the passage" covered in Christ but we leave it at that. We have so much more available to us through faith in Christ. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13) Just consider the possibilities because of all we have in Jesus. Rev. Grant Wilson

And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:10)

God loves His creation, from the immense galaxies to the miniscule subatomic particles. And God loves us so much, He gave us dominion over His beloved creation that He saw was so good! That is this year's theme for the Youth Programme. Throughout the various activities within the Youth Programme, the youth will be learning about God's creation and His love of all creation, about how God's creation provides all that we need, about their responsibility to take good care of God's creation and about sharing all that God gave us.

This theme will be most prevalent during the monthly Fun Days where children gather in fellowship for a time of baking, spiritual lesson and games. Sunday school will begin by singing the hymn "Who made the earth and the heaven" and the Sunday school worship services will feature lessons based on creation-related scriptures. May the Holy Spirit inspire our children to become God's stewards of God's creation.

Fellowship

As sisters and brothers in Christ, we enjoy times of Fellowship among Christians, so we may be witnesses to one another of the possibilities we have through our faith in Jesus Christ. Consider joining in some of the following Fellowship events or groups:

Craft Group: Christian fellowship while creating various crafts for sale at the Bazaar: Mondays at 2pm

JOY Group: For those "just over youth", a movie, a hot lunch and conversation. Oct 16, 10am

Not So Young Adult Group: For ages 20 to 40, a time of devotion, prayer, praise and discussion. Oct 14, 11am

Pot Luck Supper & Auction: Event for the whole congregation, sharing our cuisines, conversation and laughter and the thrill of bidding at auction. Fundraiser for the St Tim's. Oct 20, 5pm

Junior Youth Group Lunch & Games: For ages 11 to 16, a time of board games and fun with a cold lunch. Oct 28, 11am

Autumn Fellowship Luncheon: Conversation, hymn sing, Holy Communion and lunch. Oct 30, 11am

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service Rev. Marilyn Savage Oct 7, 10am Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus Rev. Marilyn Savage Oct 14, 10am Sunday Worship Service To be determined Oct 21, 10am Sunday Worship Service To be determined Oct 28, 10am

Upcoming Events

Youth Fun Day	Oct 13, 3pm
Youth Mission Walkathon	Oct 21, 10am
Pot Luck Supper & Auction	Oct 20, 5pm
Youth Group Lunch & Games	Oct 28, 11am
Autumn Fellowship Luncheon	Oct 30, 11am
Christmas Bazaar	Nov 17, 10am

Church Groups

African Chorus Oct 7, 11am Craft Group Oct 8, 15, 22, 29, 2pm Day Bible Study Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10am Evening Bible Study Oct 8, 22, 7pm JOY Group Oct 16, 10am Not So Young Adult Group Oct 14, 11am Senior Youth Group Oct 28, 8:30am St Tim's Choir Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, 8:45am