

# Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

## Minister's Corner

**A smile, a jar of jam & some other sweet things:** I have always had some ties to a congregation: growing up as a minister's daughter, as a Christian educator, as the wife of a minister. I looked for true, warm and sincere relationships in every church I have been to and have always enjoyed a good relationship with the people with whom I worship. But, when we are involved in a congregation as its minister, you need something more than a good relationship. We need to grow, for growth keeps us going year after year. At Knox Presbyterian church in Iroquois, one lady caught my attention with her hospitality and cheerful spirit. Though her house had fairly recently burned to the ground, still she planted joy in the place. On Thanksgiving Sunday, she welcomed me with a big smile on her face and with a jar of homemade strawberry jam that had survived the fire. She told me how grateful she is to God for everything in her life. Through her I was reminded that we grow when we are surprised and when we are cared for.

**When we are surprised:** I was surprised to learn that the lady with the smile on her face was the same person whose house had burned. Difficult times bring tough questions to people, and probably more so to believers: we start to doubt and wonder. Her smile told me that she did not lose track of God and that she was not afraid of the fact that he was sleeping in the back of the boat: she knew that he will always be able to bring peace and serenity into her life. She gave me a new story to tell: a story of faith and relationship with God, not from a book, but from within "my life and my congregation". Such a surprise is a reminder that we don't control how God works within the congregation we are leading. This kind of new story can do much to sustain a tired minister and she was a true source of support and encouragement.

**When we are cared for:** When this lady gave me the little jar of jam, I heard her saying "we care for you" and "we hope your time with us is making your day a better one." A healthy relationship is one where both sides care about each other and find a way to communicate it. Caring is a language that the minister and congregation have to learn to speak to each other. Rev. Reine

## Show me you care

As Rev. Reine pointed out that we grow when we are cared for, let's look at the various church groups within St Timothy's where you will find people who care.

JOY (Just Over Youth) Group share a time of fellowship with a movie and a warm, homecooked lunch. The African Chorus gathers monthly to praise God with their African music. The Craft Group chats and socialises while knitting, crocheting and creating other crafts. The Evening, Day and Senior Youth Bible study groups discover God's Word while sharing their insights. The St Tim's Choir not only leads the congregation in praise, but their practices are also a time of fellowship. The Not So Young Adult Group meets to praise, pray and socialise.

Consider joining any of these groups, their meeting times are listed below. Or, you may consider starting a new group, someone may be looking for you to show you care.

## Chilli Lunch and Black History Service

The Youth Mission Project, in support of the Heron Emergency Food Centre, is a **chilli lunch on February 10**, immediately following the worship service. Free will offering. Come support our youth as they learn to show a caring spirit towards our hungry neighbours.

Don't miss the **Black History Service**, celebrating Black Heritage through worship and praise, on **February 17, at 10am**. Join us immediately following the worship service for a delicious lunch featuring authentic African food.

### Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service .....	Feb 3, 10am
Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus .....	Feb 10, 10am
Black History Service .....	Feb 17, 10am
Sunday Worship Service .....	Feb 24, 10am

### Upcoming Events

Youth Lunch & Games .....	Feb 3, 11am
Chilli Lunch .....	Feb 10, 11am
Black History Service and Lunch .....	Feb 17, 10am
Youth Fun Day .....	Feb 26, 3pm

### Church Groups

African Chorus	Feb 3, 11am
Craft Group	Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, 2pm
Day Bible Study	Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, 10am
Evening Bible Study	Feb 11, 25, 7pm
JOY Group	Feb 19, 10am
Not So Young Adult Group	Feb 10, 11am
Senior Youth Bible Study	Feb 4, 18, 7pm
St Tim's Choir	Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, 9am

# St Timothy's Pictorial



Christmas Pageant



Celebrating October, November & December Birthdays



Induction Service for Rev. Reine Boghos