

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Minister's Corner

The "physiological blind spot" is the invisible place in the visual field that corresponds to the lack of light-detecting cells on the optic disc of the retina. However, our brains interpolate the blind spot using surrounding detail and information from the other eye. So, we do not normally perceive any blind spots. This information leads me to ask a few questions:

The "physiological blind spot" is an established fact; we deal with it as part of who we are. Shouldn't we also acknowledge "an emotional and spiritual blind spot"? It's the place where we sweep difficult feelings and big questions under the rug so we don't have to deal with them. There, we can pretend they don't exist and we can be busy with less demanding and meaningful day-to-day tasks. How often do you resort to this man-made blind spot? Isn't it time to go there and do some spring cleaning? In the same way, since our brains construct the physical picture based on the feed from the other eye and the surrounding details, shouldn't we also acknowledge that we rebuild our own world and reality depending on what is common and acceptable around us?

We are in the Lenten season; this is a good time for some spiritual spring cleaning where we confront our difficult feelings and big questions that we have put far from sight for so long. It's a good time to be open to learn about life from the One who created the world and not try to create our own reality and concepts of right and wrong. Lent is about coming back to God. God is never far from us, but most of the time we bury him in our man-made blind spot. One thing to remember here, Jesus rolled the grave's stone away and came out a conqueror. May we experience this in our own life. Rev. Reine

Time & Talent

Moving beyond raising money to fund our church repair projects, our Stewardship Committee is implementing a Time & Talent Survey. Many of us are very busy with various volunteer positions at St Tim's, from hosting coffee hour to reading scripture to counting the offering. Yet, there just might be a volunteer position that you did not know about with your name on it. To that end, a Time & Talent Survey lists all volunteer positions at St Tim's. You are encouraged to review the survey to see if there is a job you would like to take on. On Sunday March 31, April 7 and April 14, a member from each church committee will be available during Coffee Hour to provide more information about these volunteer opportunities.

Planned Giving

Our Stewardship Committee has prepared an information document about planned giving. In short, planned giving involves tax incentives to charitable giving: you can donate to St Tim's in such a way as to maximise tax advantages for yourself while addressing your need for cash flow from your donated assets. For a copy of this information document contact Ernie McArthur or Joanne Payne.

Lenten and Easter Worship

There are three more weeks in Lent, three more weeks for some spiritual spring cleaning, as Rev. Reine called it, and to turn to our Creator for spiritual guidance; three more weeks in our spiritual journey towards Easter, the celebration of our Risen Christ! Your Lenten journey towards Easter could also include our Lenten worship services: **Maundy Thursday Service & Communion on April 18 at 7pm** and **Good Friday Service on April 19 at 10am**. Finally, let's celebrate our Risen Saviour at our **Easter Sunday Service with Communion at 10am**. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service..... Apr 7, 10am
Palm/Passion Sunday Service &
African Chorus..... Apr 14, 10am
Maundy Thursday Service &
Communion..... Apr 18, 7pm
Good Friday Service Apr 19, 10am
Easter Sunday Service &
Communion..... Apr 21, 10am
Sunday Worship Service..... Apr 28, 10am

Upcoming Events

Junior Youth Lunch & Games.....Apr 7, 11am
Youth Fun Day.....Apr 20, 3pm
Easter Fellowship LuncheonApr 23, 11am
Anniversary SundayApr 28, 11am

Church Groups

African Chorus Apr 7, 11am
Craft Group Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2pm
Day Bible Study Apr 3, 10, 17, 24, 10am
Evening Bible Study Apr 8, 22, 7pm
Not So Young Adult Group Apr 14, 11am
St Tim's Choir Apr 7, 14, 21, 28, 9am