

# Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

## Minister's Corner

**Hummus and cheese theology!** It was a special day at Riverview Presbyterian Church in Iroquois, Ontario, where I was serving at the time. I met with a few ladies from the church to teach them how to make homemade feta cheese and hummus. We spent a couple of hours talking, laughing and learning. At one point, I wondered: if Jesus were to come into the church during that cooking session, what would he do? Would he tell us: let's all go to the sanctuary I have something to teach you? Or would he just join us for some hummus and cheese?

The gospel story told by the four evangelists is only the tip of the iceberg compared to what Jesus said and did (see John 21: 25). They had to be short and concise in relaying the good news to their hearers and readers. We know for a fact that Jesus did not only teach his disciples and do signs and miracles in their presence, he actually lived with them; they must have talked, laughed, cried and cooked together. This is exactly what we were doing on that special day, and I would venture to say that this is what helped turn a group of 12 young men, most of them total strangers, into a community. In Jesus, God did not reveal himself to us in stone tablets or by the words of another prophet or messenger, but in person, in his own person (see Hebrews 1: 1-3). If God's eternal choice is to come to us and meet us face to face in Jesus, then creating a loving and caring community must be on his bucket list.

St. Tim's is going to open its own coffee shop in the near future, where people of all walks of life are invited to come and spend time together. This is not another 'cool thing' we're doing. It is a true reflection of who we are and what we're called to be and do. We want to help create a loving and caring community. Hopefully, those who show up will find a listening ear and a smiling friend. Sometimes, all we need is just one person to hear about our experiences in life and how we like to paint it in words. Life makes sense when we share our story with others. Faith is not only words and truths that we embrace; faith is a living thing. In this way, the person next to us is the most genuine place and time to meet God! So, maybe Jesus might actually care for hummus and cheese! Do you?? Rev. Reine

## Community & Environment

St Timothy's, as a place of worship, does not exist alone. We are part of a community and part of the environment. And as such, we reach out into the community and help protect the environment as much as possible.

Our **Spring Sale on May 11, at 8:30am**, is more than a fundraiser organised by the members of the Board of Managers. It is also an opportunity for the community to visit St Timothy's and witness Jesus in the faces of those helping out at the sale. The sale also provides an opportunity to purchase much needed clothing and articles at very affordable prices.

The **e-Waste & Used Clothing Collection on May 25 and 26**, provides an opportunity for the community to help protect the environment by providing a means to recycle their electronic devices instead of adding waste to the landfills. This is also a fundraiser organised by the Stewardship Committee to raise money for the Main Hall Reflooring Project.

## Mission Awareness Sunday

Our Sunday worship service on **May 26 at 10am is also Mission Awareness Sunday**. Guest speaker, **Rob Robertson** will deliver the sermon. Mr. Robertson is the Convenor of the Committee that oversees Presbyterian World Services and Development (PWS&D), the mission arm of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. Mr. Robertson joined PWS&D in 2015. He is the former general counsel of the International Development Research Centre where he specialised in programs on women's rights and intellectual property. He is the former president of Amnesty International Canada and former board chair of the HealthBridge Foundation Canada. He is currently an Elder at St Andrew's.

### Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service.....	May 5, 10am
Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus.....	May 12, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....	May 19, 10am
Mission Awareness Worship Service with Robert Robertson.....	May 26, 10am
Sunday Worship Service & Communion.....	June 2, 10am

### Upcoming Events

Sunday School Service.....	May 5, 10am
Spring Sale .....	May 11, 8:30am
E-Waste & Used Clothing Collection .....	May 25 & 26
Youth Fun Day.....	May 25, 3pm

### Church Groups

African Chorus	May 5, 11am
Craft Group	May 6, 13, 27, 2pm
Day Bible Study	May 8, 15, 22, 29, 10am
Evening Bible Study	May 6, 20, 7pm
Not So Young Adult Group	May 12, 11am
Senior Youth	May 13, 7pm
St Tim's Choir	May 5, 12, 19, 26, 9am

# St Timothy's Pictorial



Easter Gardens made by St Tim's Youth



Easter Fellowship Luncheon



Anniversary Sunday (Speaker: Ian Shugart; Polished Brass Quintet; Children's Time)



Youth Fun Day (Baking Resurrection Rolls and Making a Live Balloon Mummy)

