

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Fun Fact!

The Angel Gabriel is known for bearing good news of Jesus' coming birth to Zechariah (Luke 1:19) and then Mary (Luke 1:26-27), but his first biblical appearance is in Daniel 8:16, when he is told to explain a vision to the prophet.

Minister's Corner

Is it Advent? Then it's time for a checkup for your knees.

In our day and age, our favourite 'muscle fibre' to deploy and exercise when tackling an assignment or situation is our brain. We like to 'have it all figured out' so the outcome is predictable and under control. In Mark 13:35-37, Jesus says: "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake". Here Jesus calls us to be humble, embrace our human limitation and accept that we are not in control. To do this, you don't need any special skill, only "good knees". Advent is a time of prayerful waiting.

I get it, no one likes waiting; my little daughter was less than two years old when she said: 'waiting is boring.' Waiting reminds us that someone else is in control and at Advent, we are reminded that God is in control and that our life is in his hands.

Jesus' words in Mark 13 talk about our ability to wait prayerfully and to not predict! Again, we are not excited about waiting; but in this time of Christmas preparations, where many people agree that there is more to life than our daily routine and tasks, we feel that love and compassion are 'in the air'. **We are invited to build our life on something bigger than ourselves: on God and his promises.** Here are some suggestions of promises that God makes to you, just to name a few: We are promised to be filled with the spirit. We are promised to meet the ones who have gone ahead of us. We are promised our wounds will be healed; to be made whole again. We are promised that grudges, misunderstanding and lack of communication will cease. We are promised our needs will be fulfilled. We are promised our weaknesses will be perfected.

Do you have good knees to prayerfully wait for all these promises to occur? Rev. Reine

A Crafty Bazaar!

Our Christmas Candy Cane Bazaar, held last month, is a major annual fundraiser for St Tim's and as such depends on many hands and volunteer hours to succeed! Thank you to all who contributed, too many to mention here. This year we raised more than \$7,000 and over \$1,000 of that was raised through the sales of crafts. These crafts were contributed largely by the women of the **Afternoon Craft Group** which meets most **Mondays from 2-4pm from Sep to Jun.**

These ladies use their knitting, crocheting, sewing, crafting and plastic canvas needlepoint skills to create mitts, scarves, hats, baby blankets, dish cloths, cat toys (catnip-filled cloth fish on a string), dog coats, aprons, baby clothes, place mats, floor mats, Christmas ornaments and decorations, and the list goes on. All the crafts created during the year are donated for sale at the bazaar. Much time is spent on pricing and labelling and creating a wonderful display to entice buyers.

The Afternoon Craft Group extends an invitation to you and your friends to join them in their camaraderie as they enjoy conversation and a cup of tea while honing their craft.

Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Don't miss these special services! **Worship Service and Communion (Dec 1, 10am)** commemorates Jesus' last supper. And during this worship service, three persons will make an Affirmation of Faith to join our church. Led by St Tim's Youth, the **Christmas Pageant and Worship Service (Dec 22, 10am)** re-enacts the Nativity story. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion (Dec 24, 7pm)** celebrates the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Worship Services

Advent Worship Service & Communion Dec 1, 10am
Advent Worship Service & African Chorus Led by Doug Simpson Dec 8, 10am
Advent Worship Service Dec 15, 10am
Christmas Pageant & Worship Service Dec 22, 10am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion Dec 24, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service Dec 29, 10am

Upcoming Events

Café Connections Dec 6, 13, 20, 9:30am
Communion Service Dec 1, 10am
Jr Youth Lunch & Games Dec 8, 11am
Christmas Pageant Dec 22, 10am
Christmas Eve Service Dec 24, 7pm

Church Groups

African Chorus Dec 1, 11am
Craft Group on break till Jan 9, 2pm
Day Bible Study Dec 4, 11, 18, 10am
JOY Group on break till Jan 21, 10am
Jr Youth Fun Day Dec 7, 3pm
Not So Young Adult Group on break till Jan 12, 11am
Sr Youth Pizza & Devotions Dec 2, 7:30pm
St Tim's Choir Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 9am

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Autumn Fellowship Luncheon



Crafts for sale
at Bazaar

Children making Gift Boxes for Operation
Christmas Child during Fun Day

