

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Rev. Reine's Virtual Office Hours: Tuesdays, by appointment

Sunday Worship Service 10am

Fun Fact!

The word honey occurs 60 times in the NSRV Bible: first appearing in Genesis, the first book, and the final occurrence is in Revelations, the last book. Cheese occurs only 3 times: in Samuel and Job.

Minister's Corner

There are voices in our life that we take to heart. They are called "voices of authority" because we choose to embrace, pursue and believe them. They speak to convictions, values, relationships and goals that seep into our life knowingly or unknowingly. Collectively, they help shape our character and help us decide how to meet the world. They define worth and dictate identity. They determine failure and impose victory.

A picture, a colour, a tune, an app and even a product may vie for our attention and buy-in. So, our 'voices of authority', as the judges of our personal federal court, hear and decide on all these cases that arise in our daily life. Important, and expensive, decisions are made accordingly. So, it becomes very dangerous when those "voices of authority" tell us inaccurate things like "you are not enough" or "you will never measure up", because we are simply going to listen to them and act accordingly. So, what can we do?

We want to ensure that the "voices of authority" in our life are actually ours; that is, they are of our own intentional and intelligent choosing. For example, our fears and our need for acceptance and belonging can install some "voices of authority" into our life, especially in critical life stages like teenage years. But do we really want these particular "voices of authority"? Is this not the time for more constructive thoughts to claim a seat in this higher court? You should connect to the "voices of authority" of timeless and enduring values. This will help avoid any whim that might sound 'cool' at the time, and instead help connect decision-making to a more profound and meaningful process.

Finally, it will be great to tune to **The Voice** that gives our life true meaning and purpose; not for a while, not for a season, but for all of life's seasons and beyond. I believe God is the ultimate "voice of authority" in our life. Listen to him when he tells you that you are loved, strong, held and you belong. **My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.**

No one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28. Rev. Reine

Virtual Services

The number of COVID-19 cases has risen in Ottawa and so Session has decided to cancel in-person worshipping. Instead, Rev. Reine has worked very hard at creating a virtual service using Zoom. Zoom was chosen because we can see Rev. Reine and other worship participants as they speak; we can see the slides showing the hymns and Scriptures; and we have a time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. By using Zoom, people can join in early before the worship service and spend time chatting with others already on-line. The Zoom is kept open after the worship service for more time of fellowship. The link to join Zoom is emailed to congregants the previous Saturday evening. If you would like be added to this email list, contact Rev. Reine at reineboghos@gmail.com. You are welcome to forward the email to friends and family you think would be interested in joining our worship service. **Worship with us on Zoom, Sundays, 10am.**

Main Hall Heating

Little by little, our Board of Managers tackles the church building's many needed up-grades and repairs. The next big project is the Main Hall heating system which stopped working last winter. To that end, we need \$12,000 to pay for the new system. A fund has been set up, and a St Tim's family has offered to match donations to this fund to a maximum of \$5,000. What a wonderful start! You can mail or hand deliver your donations to St. Timothy's or donate on-line via the website (under "Fund", select Main Hall Heating Fund). We are aware of the COVID-19 hardships which many are experiencing but ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the new heating system.

Cheese and Honey

We are selling cheese from Empire Cheese and honey from Crerar's Honey. Delicious varieties available, not found in stores. They make a great Christmas gift! Proceeds will go towards the new Main Hall heating system. A list of Cheese and Honey products and prices is available from the church office, or from our website at www.sttimsottawa.com under "Coming Events", or from Shirley Norris, Joanne Payne or Ernie McArthur. Deadline for orders: **Nov 22**. Pick up date from church: **Dec 4, 11am-3pm**. Thank you for supporting St. Timothy's.

Virtual Worship Services

Reformation Sunday Oct 25, 10am
Sunday Worship Service from
St Mark's Presb. Church. Nov 1, 10am
Remembrance Sunday Nov 8, 10am
Youth Worship Service Nov 15, 10am
Sunday Worship Service..... Nov 22, 10am
1st Advent Sunday..... Nov 29, 10am

Upcoming Events

Cheese & Honey Sale
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Church Groups

Virtual Café Connections Fridays 10am

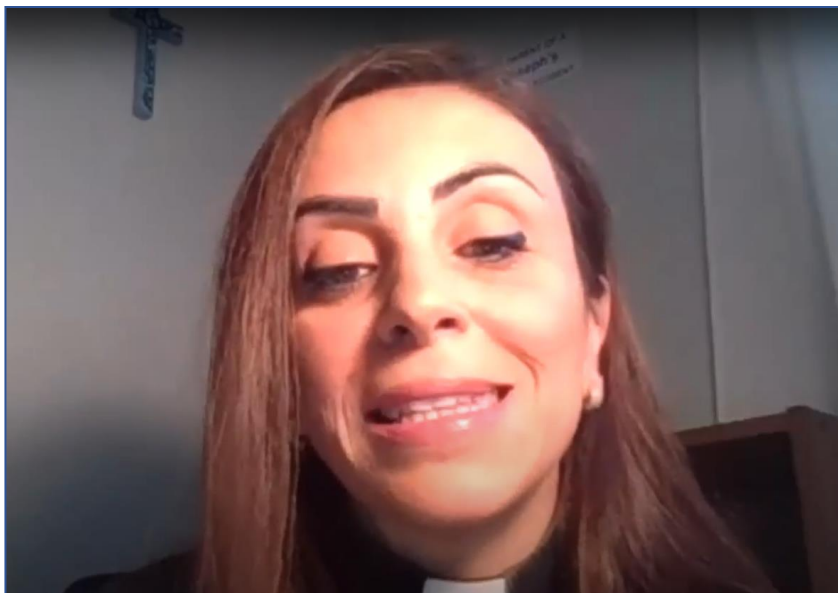
ST TIM'S PICTORIAL: Virtual Worship Service



Prayer

Song of Praise

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE
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I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE
LET IT SHINE, LET IS SHINE



Sermon