

Timothy Topics

February 2023 newsletter

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church

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Do you want to meet Rev. Reine? She loves to meet with you online or in-person by appointment. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am. Our building is open. Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

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-Bible Trivia-

Who is considered the 13th apostle to replace Judas Iscariot?

Find the answer on your own or wait for the next *Timothy Topics*.

Last issue's answer: 3 John

Minister's Corner: Some high schools, ask their graduating students to provide a quote they hold dear, live by, or mean a great deal to them to be put in the yearbook next to their picture. What about you, do you have a favorite saying, wisdom, or quote?

For the largest part of our human experience, we exist and function in the practical domain or aspect of life. Daily commitments, bills, deadlines, assignments, grocery shopping, meals, property maintenance, taxes, doctor visits, and so on make up a sizable block of our daily routine...And when we have a chance to part from this never-ending list, we like to take time for ourselves to rest and recharge. But here is the point, whether it's work or play we are involved in, we need some kind of an intellectual substructure for everything else to stand on. We need a foundation, a value system, or a life philosophy so we can make sense of what we're busy accomplishing at the moment and gauge our long-term goals. And it is very understandable when we have too much on our plate and just want to pull through our to-do list, it sounds like a total waste of time to ponder the meaning of life or a value system. But the fact remains when we don't connect existence, meaning, and happiness with virtues and beliefs, we will be flying blind on empty tanks. When schools ask graduate students for a motto or a quote to put in the yearbook, it comes at a time when they are really struggling and stressed to meet all kinds of deadlines. No one wants to do it at that point, but when they look back, they realize how important it was to stop for a little while, take a breath, and consider the foundation upon which they wish to build a meaningful structure for the future. This is why it is very important that we find the time to move from the practical or businesslike aspect of life to the analytical, intellectual, or spiritual aspect - however you call it- so we walk in the light and have the energy to persevere because we see and, to some extent, understand the bigger picture. So, what is your philosophy in life? What do you use to knit together a value system to live by? In the OT, the book of Proverbs, we hear the words of divine wisdom that is the wisdom of God personified and inviting us: **"Come, eat my bread and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your folly behind, and you will live; walk in the way of understanding."** In the NT, the book of John, Jesus picks up this theme and identifies himself as the bread and wine that will help people live and understand. Surely, there will always be many ways and different beliefs to embrace, but you will want something that endures, something that can anchor you and give you meaning when everything else becomes shallow and empty. Jesus uses the word TRUE, he says: I am the TRUE bread and wine. He sets this bread over against all other breads. He is saying, this is the authentic bread that is and does all that it claims to be and does. Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror: - Church is fun 😊!! After the service on December 4, some of our Kids & their families had fun decorating their gingerbread houses while listening to Christmas Carols. All enjoyed the yummy pizza & had a wonderful time singing & dancing.

-Tuesday, December 6 was another joyful event at St. Timothy's. The special Christmas program was enjoyed by everyone. It was great to see some long-time-no-see members. Christmas carols were led by Molly Olshefsky & Mike Powel.

Rev. Reine served communion and all had fun chatting and visiting over coffee & cookies.

- Third Sunday in Advent was distinguished with great participation by many gifted and dedicated people. The candle of Joy was lit.

- A Joyful Sunday at St. Timothy's 😊! Our Sunday school kids presented the Christmas pageant 2022, A New Star.

They did a great job sharing with us the Christmas story & sang beautiful hymns.

Big thank you to our Christian Education committee & the Sunday school teachers for making this service a big success.

- Christmas Eve Candlelight service was held virtually on Dec. 24 & in person on Dec.25. We enjoyed singing Christmas carols, listening to the biblical nativity story, and lighting the Christ Candle. Christ is born, Halleluiah.

Looking forward: - Save the date! On February 19, 2023, we'll be celebrating Black History Month; a rich cultural, musical, and spiritual experience. Enjoy Food with delicious flavors of Africa by joining the fellowship time following the service.

AGAPE GATHERING: Join us in the Goforth Room on the last Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 12 for a time of hymn singing and communion, followed by light refreshments and socializing. This is an opportunity for those unable to regularly attend church to join your friends at St Timothy's for a time of worship and chatting. All members are invited to join in the fellowship on these occasions. These AGAPE GATHERINGS will begin this month and continue through June.

- Youth 13 and above who are interested in joining church membership classes, please contact Rev. Reine or Kelvin Lee.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

February 5,12,19,26

In-person & Online

Sunday school during the service

Coming Events

Black History Service Feb. 19, 2023

@10am

In-person Bible Study Wednesdays (Feb. 1,8,15,22) @10am.

AGAPE Gathering February 28, @ 10:30 am

Ash Wednesday Service Feb.22 @ 7 PM

Virtual Church Groups

'Bedtime with Jesus' every Sat @ 7:00 pm

'Café Connections' every Fri @ 10:00 am

Prayer Time: Do you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving? Please contact Rev. Reine or a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

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CHRISTMAS HYMN SING & COMMUNION

Third Sunday in Advent



***Congratulations
Caroline & John
May God richly bless your life together***



**Jesus
is
Born**



St. Timothy's Board of Managers



**Board members: David Gowdy (Convener), James Douglas, Peter Olshefsky
Donna Mbenoun, Ron Williams, Edward Peprah (Treasurer),**

This is a brief synopsis of the duties of the Board of Managers:

Church Matters, Pay all invoices and salaries.

Keep Church Property in good condition. Count and Bank the Offerings each Sunday.

Provide envelopes for donors and provide statements of their givings in a year-end tax receipt, and oversee the PAR program.

Keep the congregation informed of the financial situation of the congregation.

Prepare a year-end Financial Report, and with the Session, develop a budget for the next year.

Appoint and outline the duties of the church custodian and church secretary

Via Personnel Committee, consult paid personnel annually concerning contracts and salaries.

Put insurance in place and ensure premiums are paid in a timely manner