

Timothy Topics

June 2023 newsletter

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church

2400 Alta Vista Drive,

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am

Do you want to meet the minister?

Rev. Reine loves to meet with you online or in-person, by appointment.

Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

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-Bible Trivia-

Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. What does the number fifty indicate ? Find the answer on your own or wait for the next *Timothy Topics*.

Last issue's answer: The first Christian martyr

Minister's Corner We ask questions all the time. They are the best way to go from what we know to what we don't know. They are our ultimate tool to explore what's around us. We approach life with questions; this is how we learn new things. Our questions are behind the pleasure of finding things out.

They are behind the "aha" moments in our life. But, what kind of questions do we usually ask, is there a pattern to them? We ask questions because we are inquisitive. Learning is usually a fun experience. Asking questions & learning things allow us to explore what we like. **Our most interesting questions are about the stuff we like the most.** It is funny that our favorite question is: "What's for dinner tonight?", but it is a direct application of the fact that our points of interest create most of our questions. Most of our daily questions are in the same line of **"What's for dinner tonight?"** what to eat, what to drink, what to wear, where to live, what to drive, how to invest & so on. Jesus was very particular about asking this kind of question; He said: **"Do not be anxious, therefore, asking 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'** Interestingly, he didn't say "Don't ask these questions", Jesus said: don't be anxious asking these questions. Do you remember his words to Martha: **"Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things."** Asking the wrong questions will lead to distraction and engaging life on a superficial level. When we have Jesus in our lives, then we will have a change in the profoundness of our questions. When we realize that there is a whole different realm in this life past the sensory one, we start to want to engage life on that deeper level. This is exactly what it's all about; it's about asking the right questions & approaching life with bigger questions, so we learn the important & enduring meaning of life. It is about finding the biggest "aha" moment in life, the most fulfilling & inspiring moment which leads to change, not only a short-lived one, but a profound and enduring change. Rev. Reine.

In the rearview mirror: On May 7, Mark H, the Grace Field Camp director was our guest speaker. He introduced the activities of the camp & encouraged our young people to be part of the camps during this summer.

-Christian Family Sunday was celebrated on May 14. Some of our families took part in the service and the SS kids sang 'I am a child of God' & made paper roses to give to their moms. After the service carnations were handed to all our ladies.

- Rev. Tom H, led the service on May 21 and preached a powerful message which was enjoyed by all.

Looking forward: Our SS kids are invited to drop off their bravest stuffy on June 4th for a week-long sleepover at St. Timothy's. Minister Rabbit Speedy will be taking care of the stuffies during this time. On June 11th the kids will be reunited with their stuffies and will watch a slide show to learn what their stuffies have been up to in their absence.

- Save the date! June 10 from 10 am-2 pm is St. Tim's Garage sale. Got items to sell? Tables are available for 40\$. It will be great if you donate baking and preservers. Don't miss our yummy barbeque. Come one, come all!

June 25 is our Youth Service. Our wonderful young people will be leading the worship that Sunday. A congregational BBQ follows.

-Big Thank you to David, Kelvin, Anna & John for their work to purchase, set up, and fine-tune the new AV Units to improve our live streaming. We look forward to meaningful and enjoyable online services for those who can't make it to church. We still encourage all to come and be part of our in-person worship services & connect with their friends at St. Tim.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

In-person & Online

June 4 (communion),11,18,25

Sunday school during the service

Coming Events

In-person Bible Study Wednesdays @ 10 am

In Person Cafe Connections, June 9 @ 10 am

Garage Sale June 10 @ 10 am

Youth Service June 25 @ 10 am

Youth group meeting, June 18 @ 11:45 am

AGAPE Gathering June 27 @ 10:30 am

Virtual Church Groups

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

'Cafe 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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Meet Our Minister

Reine Boghos, came to St Timothy's to 'Preach for the Call' in November 2018. Though she doesn't particularly like driving and lives an hour away from the church, thankfully she still accepted our call.

Reine attended the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, and graduated in 2001 with a double major in Theology and Christian Education. When she came to Canada, she continued her studies at Presbyterian College, Montreal.

Reine has been involved in ministry all her life; her father is a minister and she lived close to their church where she was a Sunday School teacher and Youth director. She is a people person, enjoys ministering to all ages, and loves to tell everyone about Jesus.

She is full of energy and excitement always looking for new ideas to help spread the love of God and move the church to thrive. To Reine, ministry at St. Tim's is like a musical piece, each note has its place in the bigger melody. She truly believes God gave each person unique talents, and together we can make joyful and meaningful musical pieces to glorify our Lord. One of her highlights as our minister was her first baptism. She is keen on children and young people's ministry, always eyeing improving Christian education at St. Tim's.

Reine finds time to be involved in every committee, as she feels they are the backbone of the church, with the goal of equipping believers and facilitating spiritual growth.

In her time at home, she and Firas enjoy taking walks together. They enjoy meeting up with friends and watching movies among other activities with their family. Cynthia has now finished her second year at Queens. Amy has finished high school and starts at McGill this fall. Michelle will go to grade 3 in the fall.

It is my feeling that we are truly blessed to have Reine as our minister, she is full of new ideas and creativity. She has created different activities for the children, helped with setting up new musical groups, encouraged participation in the service by many in the congregation, and always enthusiastically participates in congregation events.

Truly, 'Love Never Fails!' as her email signature keeps reminding us.

Submitted by Linda Walker

