

Timothy Topics, April 2024 newsletter.

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church
2400 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00am

Do you want to meet the minister? Rev. Reine loves to meet with you, by appointment.
Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

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-Bible Trivia-

What was the name of the woman whom the four gospels mention visiting Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning.

Find the answer on your own
or wait for the next *Timothy Topic*.
Last issue's answer: Mary Magdalene

Minister's Corner: Usually, we use keys to open closed doors, but this is not always the case. In different occasions we use something else. The doors speculation can sometimes be opened by one small word: "if". "If" can open the door to allow us to peek into a certain situation or scenario; it is called "the power of what if". Last Sunday, we celebrated Easter Sunday; which is the summit of our life & faith. There is absolutely nothing more important to a Christian than this day & what it means. Unfortunately, in our world today, many think faith in the resurrection is an outdated concept. For them, Christianity is merely a vestige of a bygone era. We will use the conjunction "if" to peek into the changes Easter can bring; what happens if we choose to believe in the empty grave and resurrection of Jesus from the dead? **Among other things, if Jesus is risen...you will not come for anointment, rather you will come for testimony.** Some ladies went to the tomb to anoint the dead body of Jesus, but when they left the tomb, they had totally a different mission: they were to tell Jesus' friends that he is not dead & is risen. There is no way to compare the two things: the first is so painful & sad (a mother anointing her dead son), the second is bringing the good news to the world. What would you choose? If Jesus is not risen in our life, there is no sense of real mission; rather, we are absorbed with mundane and lifeless tasks. However, because resurrection is true and extremely powerful, those who came to anoint a dead body left with a transforming mission. They were to bring good news to the world. So, in what sense are you anointing dead bodies in your life? Do you want to have a real change in your life? Do you want to have a real mission? If Jesus is risen, you have a life-giving mission that can fill you with purpose and meaning. **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age"** (Matthew 28:19-20) Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror: - March 3 was a Joyful Sunday at St. Timothy's. We started our service with the Bailey family leading our call to worship. During the service Helen sang a beautiful hymn "Lord I lift your name on high" accompanied by our organist Louise and Violinist Karen. After Rev. Reine's sermon which focused on following Jesus and carrying the cross, four of our young men were baptized. During the communion, seven people declared their faith and joined our church family as new members. What a blessing! Afterwards, we celebrated cute Abigail's second birthday & then a pleasant lunch was had by all.

-On March 10, the 4th Sunday in Lent, the Gintings family led the call to worship, and we enjoyed special music "Oceans" by Andrew L. and Karen A. Our young Christians learned about keeping their hearts clean. Rev. Reine demonstrated this idea using many different kinds of detergent containers. Saying sorry keep our heart clean and pure!

-Palm Sunday was celebrated at St. Timothy's with the children marching and singing Hosanna. After the service, our church family held our 67th Annual meeting. We look at the future with hope in and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Holy-Week Agape Gathering with first century Palestinian meal. We accompanied Jesus in His last week with melody & text liturgy. Communion was served and great fellowship was had by all.

-For Good Friday, remembering how Jesus served his disciples, we washed the feet of Jesus' young disciples.

-Easter Sunday was celebrated with joy and hope. The singing Saints performed two beautiful Easter hymns and the children learned about the meaning of Easter egg and the new life it implies. Communion was served during the service and afterwards the children enjoyed playing egg hunt outside. Happy Easter from all of us at St. Timothy's to you and yours. Christ is Risen Hallelujah

Looking forward: -Save the date! On Sunday, April 14th St. Timothy's will be celebrating its 67th Anniversary. How exciting! Don't miss this important occasion in the life of our church. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Tom Hamilton. Special music will be presented by a solo singer as well as our talented members & children. Meaningful faith testimonies will be shared during the service. A potluck lunch will follow. Invite your friends and join us.

-M&O mission Project 2024: This year, thanks to your donations, we have chosen to contribute to the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian College in Montreal by supporting international students from Syria, Nepal, Ghana, and Kenya. Those will be the future leaders of the Presbyterian church domestically and abroad. Thanks to this program, we have our present minister today.

- Lentil soup fundraising project: Buy our homemade healthy soup and support St. Timothy's various activities.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

In-person & Online
April 7,14,21,28

Sunday school during the service

Youth Group meeting April 28 after the service

Coming Events

In-person Bible Study, Wednesdays @ 10:00 am
Craft Group, Mondays @ 2:00 pm
Café Connections, April 12 @ 10:00 am
St. Timothy's 67th Anniversary, April 14 @ 10:00 am
Agape Gathering, April 30 @ 10:30 am

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

St. Tim's Pictorial

