

The Chimes

"Building relationships with God, community and one another through faith and fellowship."



2023 DIOPA Convention

Held October 20 -21, 2023
- Jeff Franz and Ethel Wesley

The 240th Diocesan Convention began Friday evening with a festive Eucharist. On Saturday, the day started with cell phone registration, light snacks, and finding a place to sit, and the Office of Morning Prayer. The participants sat at tables in long rows that made it difficult to get in or out of your seat. Large screen televisions were placed so that videos could be viewed as well as voting results.

I had the pleasure of being at the convention with Jeff Franz who was new to the workings of the diocese. I replaced Bob Campbell as the alternate from St. Timothy's. After making sure that the convention had the correct number to vote on resolutions, the bishop opened the proceedings. New clergy were introduced, as well as deacons and seminarians. The bishop gave awards to several people in the diocese and named new canons for life. They are: The Rev. Frank Allen, Al Dandridge, The Rev. Betsy Ivey, The Rev. Arlette Benoit Joseph, The Rev. Tim Stafford, and The Very Rev. Judith Sullivan.

Resolutions to be considered were in the "Live Binder" on people's computers. The following resolutions were passed: the 2024 budget (with an 8 % increase from each parish), a compensation package for the clergy, as well as a resolution that states that the 240th convention join with the Archbishop of Jerusalem in condemning all acts of violence and advocates for a just peace for all living in the troubled areas.

On the other hand, a resolution about Israel and Palestine had people on both sides on the floor debating for some time. It stated that a resolution

be referred to General Convention concerning discriminatory rule over Palestinians in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories. That one did not pass.

The Bishop gave his message to the convention based on Matthew 25. He stated that we are the people of "the story." He acknowledged that the laity was the heartbeat of the churches and they are faithful and dedicated. He said that being ordained is "a call". The bishop asked us to think about love (which can't be explained). Jesus said the "kingdom belongs to children" and then gave examples of that love. He went on to say that he has been in this diocese for nine years and that things are being done that others thought could not be done. The bishop said that he and his staff are listening to the communities in this diocese. He went on to say that Christians must be different because we live in a world that is in pain. He called on us to respect the dignity of all by reaching out to the poor and hungry, those in prison, the homeless, those who have mental illness. We must listen to each other's stories. He called on us to live radical, generous lives.

The day continued with music, lunch, and the final voting that needed to be done. The convention concluded with a brief Evening Prayer Service. It is a different convention with little or no paper to handle, voting results calculated quickly, however, the spirit is alive and working in this diocese.

Christian Education

- Ethel Wesley

"You are all sons and daughters of God through faith in Christ Jesus"...

Galatians 3:26

Our "Sunday on Saturday" classes began at the end of September. The older students completed their Old Testament studies learning about how the Greeks overran the Holy Land and trashed the Temple. After they were defeated and the clean-up began, the eight day "Miracle of the Oil" took place. That is what is celebrated each year at Chanukah.

Next, they learned that a class of leaders called the Pharisees imposed new laws on the people with many rules for their lives. Before we finished, the Romans were in the Holy Land with rules and taxes on the people of God. When we gather again, the story of the birth of the Messiah will begin their new studies. After a quick snack, the fun started with a lively game of Monopoly. No one won, but the game will continue.

The first class for our children under five was held from about 12:15 to 1. Walter and his parents enjoyed a story about "Noah and the Ark." Godly Play materials were used to help Walter move the animals in and out of the Ark. A colorful book was shared then we concluded with a snack. I hope the younger children and their parents will come again for the next session of Sunday of Saturday.

An intergenerational craft day will be held on Saturday, November 18th to get ready for Advent and Christmas. We will gather to paint and color from 10:30 to about noon. Snacks will be served as young and not so young work side-by-side.

*** Advent/Christmas Craft Day: November 18th**

*** Sunday on Saturday classes: December 2nd
10 to noon for older students
Noon to 12:45 for our under five's**





Music

- Luke Staisiunas,
Organist & Choir Director

Happy fall!

It's hard to believe that it's been over a year since I started at St. Tim's, which means Christmas Eve is coming soon! Our services will be full of great music, some familiar and some new. But before then, and before Advent, is Christ the King and the leadup to that. The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, before Advent. Where Advent begins the year with the proclamation of the coming Messiah, Christ the King makes the proclamation of his sovereignty over all things. The readings appointed by our lectionary reflect this as well, meaning that the hymns will too. While many of the hymns I have planned are familiar, some may not be. Dipping into the Hymnal 1940, we will sing quite a few which fit this theme well.

In particular, is one with text penang by Benard of Cluny, a medieval Benedictine Monk. Best known for his *Contempt of the World*, a long poem satirizing and criticizing all aspects of society and the corruption he saw in the world, he wrote a number of hymn texts which were later translated and published in various hymnals. *The World is every evil*, spans 14 stanzas, and largely references apocalyptic scriptures but speaks of the hope found in Christ, and the eternal reward for making it through life on the earthly world. The Hymnal 1940 breaks this up over four hymns, once of which made it into the 1982–*Jerusalem the Golden*. These line up very well with the readings for the Sunday preceding Christ the King, and the text paints a nice arc to line up with the end of the church year as a whole!

Outside of all the Advent planning at St. Tim's, November and December also means that other organ playing ramps up too. I'll still be playing regularly on the Wanamaker organ in center city, and elsewhere. The Wanamaker Light Show begins after Thanksgiving, and when that coincides with the noon and 5:30 recitals, the organist will often play along with the end before resuming their normal programming. Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall will also resume daily recitals in the lead up to Christmas! Once those dates are set, feel free to come down and check it out!



Greening of the Church

The annual Greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 17th at 11:30 am. Help transform the church as we prepare for Christmas. There are jobs for all whether you like to climb ladders or keep your feet firmly planted on the ground. Children are welcomed. After the work is completed, stay for hot dog, and chili (including vegan chili.)

Advent & Christmas Schedule

St. Timothy's Advent and Christmas Schedule will be posted on St. Tim's Monday Email Blast, our Facebook page, and our website as soon as details are available. Keep your eyes open for dates and times!





This year was the 25th year St. Timothy's hosted the Annual Flower Arranging Workshop. To honor the memory of our long time Altar Guild member and organizer of the workshop, it will now be known as - *Mary Wood Memorial Flower Workshop*.

The workshop was held on Saturday, October 28th, with 22 people participating. Kevin Shaw, florist, showed the group how to create attractive floral arrangements. The morning began with coffee, tea and Danish. After taking a break for lunch, the group used their newly learned skills to finish their own arrangements.





Altar Flowers

Flowers can be placed on the Altars to recognize an anniversary or birthday. Flowers are also placed for perpetual remembrances for deceased loved ones, as well as single Sunday remembrances. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Christmas Flowers in Memory and Honor

St. Timothy's Parish Altars and Shrines are decorated each Christmas season with beautiful poinsettias, offered in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings.

To donate poinsettias, email or send your list of names for memorials for your deceased family members and friends, and/or thanksgivings for blessings received, to the parish office by Monday, December 11th. These names will appear on our Christmas Memorials list on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Please send your donation for poinsettias by check, to "*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church*", note "*Christmas Flowers*" on the memo line.



ST. TIMOTHY'S COOKIE EXCHANGE

St. Timothy's Cookie Exchange is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall. All interested bakers are invited to bake their favorite cookie recipe. Each baker is to make 8 dozen cookies, bag them 1/2 dozen cookies per bag, bringing in 16 bags to share. Bakers must register by Sunday, December 3rd. The sign-up sheet is in Parish Hall, or you can email the office with your contact information and the type of cookies you will be baking.

The evening is open to everyone in the Parish to attend, not just our bakers. Sign-up to bring a light snack or wine to share with the group.

Contact Claire Morgan at romckm@aol.com with any questions.

Outreach Opportunities

- Jackie Shockey



North Light Food Pantry

North Light is always in need of shelf-stable food for their food pantry. In November, they will be distributing food for Thanksgiving meals as well as their regular offerings. Please bring your donations to church and they will be delivered to North Light. If you get a free turkey or ham that you can't use, please place it in our freezer and it will be delivered to North Light.

Thanksgiving Needs

Jellied Cranberry Sauce
 Boxed Stuffing Mix
 Canned Turkey Gravy
 Instant Mashed Potatoes
 Canned Vegetables
 Canned Sweet Potatoes
 Canned Pie Filling (pumpkin, apple, blueberries)
 Heavy Aluminum Roasting Pans

Pantry Items

Breakfast: cereal, syrup, pancake mix, oatmeal, grits
 Sides: white rice, brown rice, coconut rice, macaroni & cheese, canned potatoes
 Canned fruits
 Canned vegetables and beans
 Pasta items: any pasta, pasta sauce
 Canned proteins: tuna, chicken, chili, salmon, soups
 Baking items: flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, Crisco
 Condiments/other: mustard, ketchup, oil, vinegar, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jelly,

Christmas at Barnes Mountain

Father Bryant Kibler from St. Timothy's, Barnes Mountain, has retired! He will still be working on the Christmas program at Barnes Mountain this year. Here are his requests: Gifts will be distributed on December 21 so they need to be received by December 14. Please keep gifts around \$10-\$15 dollars. Gifts can be ordered at sites like Amazon or target.com and shipped directly. If you are going to have St. Timothy's ship them, please bring them to church by December 5 so there is time to box and ship them. You can also ship yourself. Father Kibler asked that you NOT wrap the gifts. It is easier to match the gifts to appropriate recipient if they are unwrapped. They are happy to do the wrapping.

The address is:

St. Timothy's
 C/O Bryant Kibler
 607 HWY 1746
 Irvine, KY 40336-8701



Ditty Bag Project

- Jackie Shockey




Each year, between Thanksgiving and Epiphany, the Seamen’s Church Institute delivers thousands of ditty bags to merchant seamen. These seamen are away from their homes and families for months at a time. Their voyages to deliver goods to our ports can be uncomfortable and even dangerous. The Ditty Bag Project is a way to thank these seaman for all they do for us. Each ditty bag contains practical gifts and treats as our expressions of thanks.


For many seamen, it is their only Christmas present.



Last year, St. Timothy’s delivered thirty full ditty bags to Seamen’s Church. I’m happy to report that we have exceeded that number this



St. Timothy’s Birthdays & Anniversaries



	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
November	December	
11/02 Winnie Pierson	12/04 Maisie Shaw	11/26 Hoau-Yan & Kim Eberle Wang
11/02 Pattie Rae Rigler	12/16 Eve Ramos	12/29 Steve & Lynn Nedzwecky
11/06 Zack White	12/17 Pat Grow	
11/07 Bob Campbell	12/18 Donna Backus	
11/15 Larry Allen	12/20 Sabrina Wang	
11/20 Linda Johnston	12/24 Linda Birch	
11/20 Claire Morgan	12/24 Bill Roberts	
11/21 Evelyn Moore	12/30 Larry Birch	
11/30 Mark Sullivan		

Everyone is welcome at St. Timothy’s

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I & 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

OUR ONLINE WORSHIP - Livestream is available on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:30 am, with recordings available anytime on Facebook. [facebook.com/sttimsrox](https://www.facebook.com/sttimsrox)

St. Timothy’s Staff & Vestry Members

Parish Staff: Emily Given, *Seminarian*; Luke Staisiunas, *Organist & Choir Director*; Janice Fetscher, *Parish Administrator*; Mark Sullivan, *Sexton*

2023 Vestry: Donna Backus; Ken Burgess; Bob Campbell, *Rector’s Warden & Property Chair*; John Kracker; Paul LaFollette, *Treasurer*; Lynn Nedzwecky; Ralph Morgan, *Assistant Treasurer*; Michael Shockey, *Secretary*; Lynn Tomko, *Accounting Warden*



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Dear Family and Friends of St. Timothy's Church:

In this time of transition, the Vestry of St. Timothy's wanted to take a moment to thank all of its dedicated supporters for their gifts over the past year, including gifts in time, talent, and treasure. We have accomplished much over the past year, look no further than our south side accessibility ramp. Our ongoing community missions like Gamblers Anonymous and Girl Scouts continue to be just a small example of our commitment to our community.

Jesus tells us of abundance and trust in the One who made us. Each of us are worth more than many sparrows (or squirrels, or nuts!). We are given what we need, we are cared for just like the lilies of the field. We are given good work to do and a community in which to accomplish it. Trusting that God will provide for us is necessary for our hearts to accept that abundance.

St. Timothy's lives and breathes today thanks to the practice of those who came before us making regular contributions from their own resources. Our ministries continue because YOU give of yourselves to make them happen. We are blessed with the many helping hands that keep St. Timothy's thriving. Let these blessings overflow into your heart, and give thanks to God for St. Timothy's!

There are many opportunities to put your talents to work here at St. Timothy's, acolytes, choir, readers, and Vestry are just a few. For more information, please ask one of the Vestry members. They will be more than happy to direct you.

In planning for our 2024 budget, please prayerfully consider what you are able to commit in time, talent or treasure, to the mission of St. Timothy's.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Gratefully,
 St. Timothy's Vestry

 Ready to contribute **RIGHT NOW**? Go to <https://www.sttimsrox.com/giving-1>
 Want to support outreach into the local community and beyond? <https://www.sttimsrox.com/local-outreach-opportunities>

Check out what's happening and what we're talking about: <http://www.facebook.com/sttimsrox>

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
 2024 COMMITMENT CARD
 PLEASE RETURN BY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Please check one): I would like to receive giving *Envelopes*
 I would like a *Giving Number*

(Envelopes or a giving number is necessary in order to provide a tax receipt.)

My total gift as a participant in the ministry of St. Timothy's for the year 2024 is
 \$ _____

I will be paying a portion of this (circle one): Weekly Monthly Single yearly payment

I am interest in serving St. Timothy's either on committees or the Vestry:

List interest: _____