



THE CHIMES

MAY / JUNE 2023

As April winds down, we continue in the Great Fifty Days of Easter, headed straight toward Pentecost as the "birthday of the church" on May 28. Celebrating the beginning of the new community of Jesus-followers is part of the story we share with the wider church. Easter and Pentecost are seasons of growth and are life-giving in every sense, so it seems a perfect time to explore opportunities for our own spiritual nourishment beyond our walls:

Join the LGBTQIA+ Committee for an evening with author Rev. Dr. Charlie Bell, who will be discussing "[Queer Holiness: Why Science, Experience, and Scripture Matter](#)" at St. Luke and the Epiphany -- June 3 @ 1:00 p.m.

Experience a different kind of liturgy on a special day:
On [Ascension Day](#), you can participate in the Procession and Eucharist at Good Shepherd, Rosemont. May 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Or listen to some fabulous live music:
Enjoy the next installment of The Jazz Sanctuary with fellow [Episcopalians at St. Francis-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, May 10 @ 7pm](#)

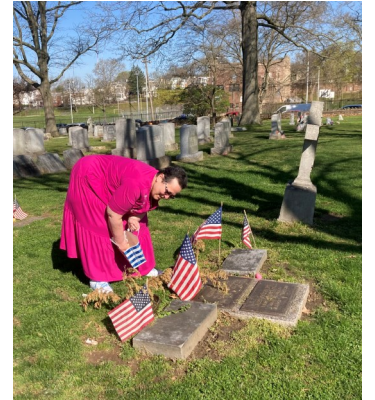
The Gospel Choir of St. Thomas African Episcopal Church will be performing at Abington Presbyterian Church on [Sunday, June 4 @ 4:00 p.m.](#)

I pray you find joy and wonder this Easter season, and that you can celebrate the life God has given you!

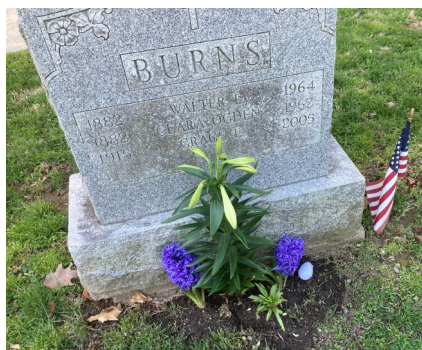
God's Peace,

Mother Bonnie+

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



Easter 2023



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Ethel Wesley



The March session of "Sunday on Saturday" had a surprise visit from father and son, Greg and Rory. They joined us for about one hour. The session began with prayer. All of us sat in a circle and placed some sacred items into the "Lenten Burial Box". A fancy candle, colorful flowers, the Alleulia, the Gloria, and the words of turning away from temptation were put in this box until Easter Sunday. We read a Bible story then decorated plain crosses using different shapes and Christian stickers. The class continued for the three Berry students as we explored the downfall of one king after another after the death of King David. They also began a new craft project.

As we came closer to Easter Sunday, several faithful helpers filled plastic eggs with special treats for the Easter Egg Hunt as well as creating Easter baskets for the children of the parish. This year, our new seminarian, Emily Given, provided us with new "Bunny Baskets" for the children. Craft items and new stuffed animals were included in each one. The morning of the Egg Hunt found the children and their parents gathered in the library to hear an Easter story and to open the Lenten Box. Thanks to Jackie and Michael Shockey for their contribution and hard work that made this event a lot of fun. Many thanks to Susan Allen, Pat Fitzsimmons, and Emily Given for hiding the eggs and directing the children in this parish activity. Most of all, we are grateful to the parents for bringing their children and joining in this fun event.



MUSIC

- Luke Staisiunas, Organist & Choir Director

Firstly, many thanks to those who have been enjoying the music for the past few months, and to the choir for their hard work! While the choir is on a well-earned break for the summer, we will be pausing chanted psalms until their return in the fall.

This summer, we will be introducing a new (but old!) practice: Metrical Psalms. Following the Protestant Reformation in the early 16th century, many reformers throughout Europe translated the Book of Psalms into the vernacular for use by their congregations, in meter. Meter refers to the number of syllables in each line, just as it does in poetry. Metrical translations of Psalms allowed for congregations to more easily sing them to music, many tunes of which still survive in our hymnal today. Examples of this include the tunes for "Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People," "A Mighty Fortress," and "The People Who in Darkness Walked," amongst others. Metrical Psalters were often printed without music, allowing the musicians of a parish to select ones to fit. Eventually, these metrical psalm translations gave way to less-direct paraphrased texts, and poetry inspired by (but not literal translations of) scripture—many of which are still found in today's hymnal!

It is my hope that throughout the summer, you will enjoy engaging with the Psalms in a different way, utilizing another branch of our musical tradition!



GIRL SCOUTS



St. Timothy's hosted Girl Scout Sunday, on March 26th. The Scouts participated in our 10:30 a.m. service by being our readings, ushering and bringing up the gifts. They provided a lovely coffee hour for the congregation and their families in attendance. It was nice to get to know our resident scouts!

The Girl Scout troops partnering with us to help clean up the churchyard so our Easter Egg Hunt would be safe for the children. And they planted some spring bulbs that we look forward to seeing next year!



JULY 4TH @ ST. TIMOTHY'S

On Tuesday, July 4th St. Timothy's Church will proudly march in the annual Fourth of July Parade along Lyceum Ave. We'll meet on the porch of St. Tim's church promptly at 8:30 a.m. If you would like you can meet us along Manayunk Avenue just south of Lyceum Ave. It is our tradition to wear red, white and blue for the Fourth of July, so come dressed for the occasion. Stay and watch the rest of the parade, then join us at 11:00 a.m. on the front lawn of St. Timothy's for lunch. Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be provided. We welcome donations of sides, salads and desserts to share. We'll also have iced tea and lemonade. Please come and join in the festivities! And bring a friend!

Coffee on the Lawn



Beginning Sunday, May 14th
following our
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
(Weather permitting)



Sunday, June 11th begins our Summer Worship Schedule - **One Service Only on Sunday - 9:30 a.m., Rite II, with Coffee on the Lawn to follow.** This schedule will continue through the summer. We will resume our regular schedule of 8 and 10:30 in the Fall, date to be announced.



MEDICAL MISSION

Ginny Kaufman will be returning to Peru in June to work with Global Health Ministry again. They are in great need of Children's Chewable MVI with Iron and Prenatal Vitamins. No gummies! Expiration date must be *ON or AFTER January 2024*. Ginny would like to thank St. Timothy's family and friends for their continued support.



A Prayer For Mother's Day

Gathering God, thank you for the loving-kindness of all mothers, those who have held us, blessed us, and taught us, in whatever manner or relationship we found them. Be with those who are grieving or struggling with the remembrances of this day. Let your mercy be present in every space and home, and help your church have the arms to welcome all whom you send for us to steadfastly care for; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who told us that God desires to gather us like a mother hen, with all her beloved under her tender wings. **Amen.**



Across the church and around the world, we are hungry for revival and renewal. Join us for **“It’s All About Love,”** a churchwide festival of **worship, learning, community, and action** for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, to be held Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12, at the Baltimore Convention Center. [Register](#) by **May 8** for **Early Bird rate of \$185.**

“It’s All About Love” features three Jesus Movement festival “tents” – **Evangelism, Creation Care, and Racial Reconciliation.** Each tent will offer an evening revival worship service and major plenary speaker, plus dozens of day-time workshops, panels, practice opportunities and other ways to engage. Stick with one tent or explore across the tents, following the themes of: worship and liturgy, formation, justice and advocacy, leadership, preaching, stewardship, and youth and children.

Featured speakers, preachers, and artists to include **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, President of the House of Deputies Julia Ayala Harris, Brian McClaren, Rev. Mariama White-Hammon, Dr. Kwok Pui-lan, Sarah Augustine, Lilly Lewin, Live Hymnal & Friends,** and more!

More info at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/>

ST. TIMOTHY'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

May

5/04 Rich Krueger
5/10 Sandy Abrams
5/12 Matthew McCrickard
5/19 Brian Sheridan
5/22 Bob Kirkpatrick
5/24 Jim Massey
5/28 Joseph Szeliga

June

6/01 Drew Pownall
Kate Evans
6/15 Avery Sheridan
6/21 Susan Allen
6/23 Hoau-Yan Wang
6/30 Lynn Tomko



Anniversaries

June Anniversary

06/2 Nancy & John Little

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS - Hybrid in person & zoom - in the library at 9:15 a.m. before the service. All are welcome, no preparation required.

OUR ONLINE WORSHIP - Livestream is available on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., with recordings available anytime on Facebook.

MID-WEEK MORNING PRAYER - Morning Prayer is held every Wednesdays @ 8:30 a.m.

ST. TIMOTHY'S STAFF & VESTRY MEMBERS

Parish Staff

The Very Rev. Dr. Bonnie McCrickard, Rector; 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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