



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2023

# *The Chimes*

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

**Sunday, September 17**

## *Welcome Back Sunday*

**We return to two Sunday services. 8 am & 10:30 am**

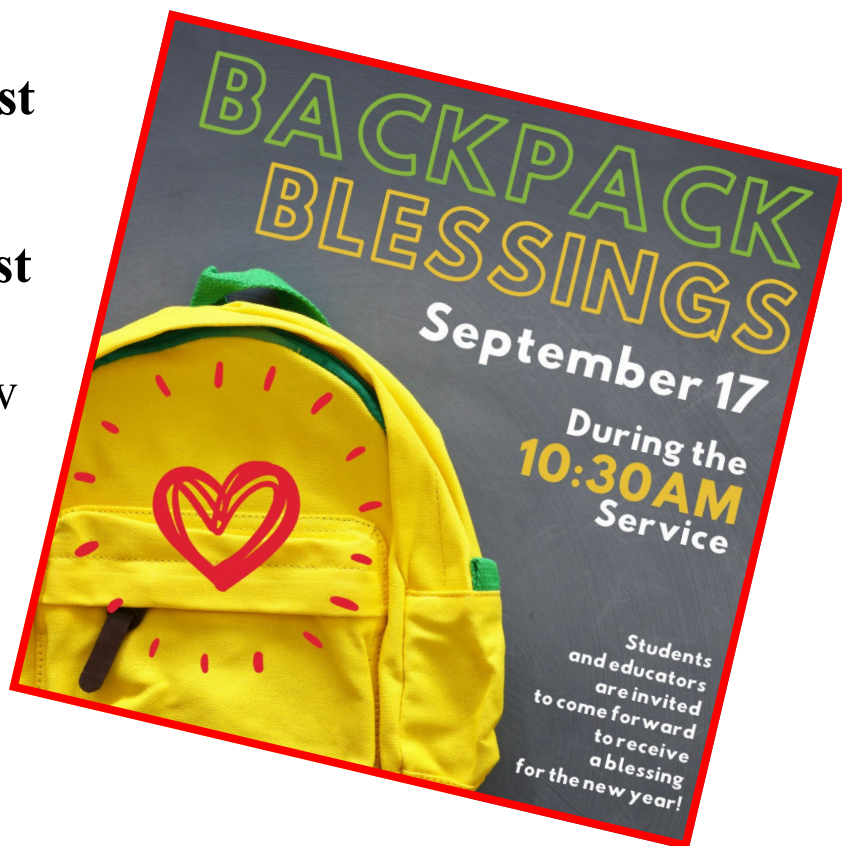
**8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
Rite I**

**10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
Rite II**

With a blessing for the new  
school year!

**11:45 Luncheon**

A time of Reconnecting,  
Fellowship, and Good  
Food



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Ethel Wesley

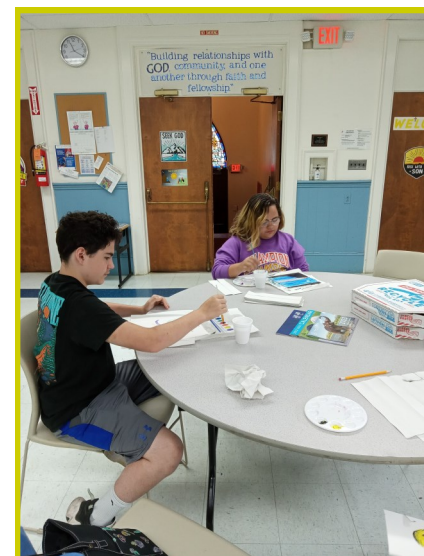
This summer, we held two Vacation Bible days. Since our students were involved in other programs, we met on August 9th and August 23rd. The focus this summer was on "Exploring the Sacraments." Our pre-teen students have experienced many church topics in the past summers, so looking at who we are as Episcopalians will help prepare them for Confirmation.

Session one started with the "Rite of Baptism" followed by the study of "The Holy Eucharist" ( or Holy Communion). While touring the church and participating in a fun scavenger hunt, the young people learned the different parts of a church building. Back in the parish hall, we discussed "the onward and visible signs" of both Sacraments. We also went over what was "the Inward and Spiritual Grace" of each one. Prayer, snacks, and crafts rounded out our time together.

Our next session focused on "The Liturgy of the Word" and the seasons of the church year. We looked at our Sunday leaflet, as well as The Book of Common Prayer. We matched each church season with the color assigned to it. John Kracker introduced the students to the hymnal and how to locate service music and music for each church season. We had a great time exploring from the front of the hymnal to the back. The study of the Sacraments will continue in September at our "Sunday on Saturday" class time.

I want to thank John Kracker for helping with the class lessons and games this summer. Also, thanks go to Mark Sullivan and Janice Fetscher for their continued support.

As we move into the fall season, look out for "**Something New for our Children Under Five.**" After the older children have their "Sunday on Saturday" lessons from 10 to noon, a class time is being designed just for our younger children. It will include a Bible story, hands-on fun with the "Godly Play" materials, and an art project. This class will meet from 12 noon to 12:30 pm. Snacks will be included as well. We hope the parents will see this as a new way to introduce Bible lessons to their children. The next session will be held on **Saturday, September 30th**. Remember to keep all of our children in your prayers as they return to a new school year.



## MUSIC

*Luke Staisiunas, Organist & Choir Director*



Happy end of Summer! It's hard to believe a year has already gone by since I've first come to St. Tim's! This fall will see the return of our choir, Anglican chant, and more! I very much look forward to building on what we accomplished last Choral season, and pushing the choir further to do more great things. Many thanks to everyone for their continued support of the ministry, and I look forward to hitting the ground running when the choir returns on September 17th. Much time has been spent planning hymns and anthems to match with the readings for this fall. Some hymns may be familiar, while others may be new. I hope that you all will appreciate and understand the connections between the readings and the hymns—some are quotations of scripture, while others are thematically relevant. Additionally, the return of the choir means that we can explore more service music settings. We are fortunate to have Communion Service and Mass settings in our library, and fortunate to have a choir to help lead you with them!

## *Prayer In Action*

*- Ethel Wesley*

The "Prayer in Action" team was formed shortly after the departure of our past rector. Our diocesan bishop believes that a good, strong prayer team can help a parish through its discernment process. St. Timothy's team has been meeting since June. Each session has a different prayer focus; however, we are committed to lifting up the parish during this transition time.

We have focused our prayers for the entire Vestry, the Church staff, and for those neighbors who leave requests in the Prayer Box in the church yard. Before each meeting, we focus on a Bible verse and read a Parable from the New Testament. Hearing the words of scripture reminds us of the task before us.

We are blessed to have on this team: Alex Ames, Jackie Shockey, Jeanne Maria Todd, Donna Backus, Zack White, Sylvia Eve, Rich Krueger, and Ethel Wesley.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, September 24th** after the second service. Let us know if we can pray for someone you love or for any situation in your life.

## **FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Beginning Sunday, September 17th:**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

**Wednesday Morning Prayer - 8:30 am**

# Blessing of Pets



Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 Noon

@ St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
5720 Ridge Avenue, Roxborough

- Pets of all types are welcome (must be caged or leashed.)  
Or bring a photograph of your pet to be blessed.
- The Blessing will be offered by Emily Given, our Seminarian.
- Donations of Pet Supplies will be collected for a local animal shelter.
- Stay for a simple lunch of Hot Dogs and Hamburgers!  
A free will donation will be collected for lunch.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, break-down, directions, and food. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer to help make our Pet Blessing day a success.

*St. Timothy's Annual*  
***Flower  
Workshop***

**Saturday, October 28 - 10am-2pm**

*Florist Kevin Shaw will teach us the art  
of flower arranging for all occasions.  
Bring your own Scissors and Containers!*

**Cost: \$30** per person

Reservations required – deadline October 8th

Reservation includes  
Coffee, Danish, Lunch, and Flowers

To reserve your spot:  
call - 215-483-1529  
email - [sttimothyrox@gmail.com](mailto:sttimothyrox@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to:  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
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## *St. Timothy's Birthdays & Anniversaries*



### *Birthdays*

#### *September*

09/12 John Kracker  
 09/12 Rob Grow  
 09/12 Ralph Morgan  
 09/15 Lynn Nedzwecky  
 09/20 Ada McCunney  
 09/22 Joanne Knapp  
 09/23 Ann Greene  
 09/26 Judith Hamilton  
 09/26 Billy Bailey  
 09/30 Jackie Shockey

#### *October*

10/02 Millie Bond  
 10/03 Bryant Backus  
 10/03 Jill Duffy  
 10/26 Curt Kaufmann  
 10/26 Alexandra Compton  
 10/28 Dan Fitzsimmons  
 10/28 Dan McCunney



### *Anniversaries*

#### *September*

09/21 Curt & Ginny Kaufmann

#### *October*

10/03 Donna & Bryant Backus  
 10/09 Bob & Barb Texter  
 10/23 Joe & Janet Szeliga  
 10/17 Rob & Pat Grow  
 10/28 Brian & Heather Sheridan  
 10/28 Rich & Lynn Krueger

## *Everyone is welcome at St. Timothy's*

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** - Beginning September 17th: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10:30 am 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)

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

## *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.

## ***CONTACT US***

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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