

12/03/17 Parish Announcements

Did you know that St. Timothy's has an email prayer list? It is called **St. Timothy's Prayer Partners**, and it's a great way to know who needs prayers, and to request prayers. Joining is easy – send an email to sttimothysprayerpartners-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com, and follow the instructions you get back. Already a member? Any member can send an email to sttimothysprayerpartners@yahoogleroups.com. If you have any questions, contact Sondra Griner or Carol Bohley, our group moderators at sttimothysprayerpartners-owner@yahoogleroups.com.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Rebekah Verghese, Anna Essington, Margaret Jones, Jim Conner, Lauren Crim, Lee Massoletti and Ben Laurel.

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week: No anniversaries this week.



61st Annual LIVING NATIVITY

Dec 8th, 9th & 10th

There are still a few spots that need to be filled. Please visit the sign up table next to the nursery door to volunteer.

We will also need cookies and small treats for the hospitality table!

Contact Heather Weis with any questions 979-417-8384 or brewsard@Hotmail.com.

The Living Nativity Schedule:

Dec 8th-10th:

- 5:00pm Cast dinner
- 5:30pm Costuming
- 6:00pm Rehearsal and sound set up.
- 7:00pm and 7:30pm Live Shows with hospitality.

"Estimate of Giving" card - if you still plan on turning in a pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

St. Timothy's Brotherhood of St. Andrew Tamale Fundraiser 2017: Last Call for Tamales...this is the last weekend to get your tamale order in to support the Brotherhood. They will be delivered on Sunday Dec 10th beginning at 9AM.

Please join Kim and Mark Lehnhoff during the 4 weeks of Advent for ***Living Well through Advent 2017: Practicing Wonder With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.*** During our Annual Family Advent Event on November 26th, drop by our table and pick up a "Living Well Assessment" and "Suggested Practices" handouts. Then beginning December 3rd, join us for a weekly gathering in the Blue Room. See the schedule below:

December 3rd *Making Room for Wonder by Removing Distractions*

December 10th *Finding God in the Ordinary, Messy Miracles of Life and Love*

December 17th *Giving the Gift of Wonder*

December 24th Receiving *the Gift of Wonder* (this session is optional, as this is Christmas Eve)

Bring your favorite pen, your favorite Bible, and a friend! Booklets are freely provided. Come, let's walk through Advent together.

Angel Tree Project. Last chance to participate in the Angel Tree program. The program allows parents in prison to strengthen their connection with their children by providing gifts for them with their personal message. Each child receives a toy gift, a clothing gift, and an age appropriate religious book. No gift should exceed \$20.00. Please take an Angel from the tree in the narthex, fill out the sign-up list near the tree, buy the gift, peel the backing and put the angel on the wrapped gift. If you prefer, you can take a "book" card and put it in the stocking along with \$15 per book (cash or check). If you took an Angel and didn't fill in the sign-up sheet, please contact Harriet Cutshall or Nancy Carter (wccarter006@comcast.net). We need all gifts by December 17.

Advent Evening Prayer - The Season of Advent is almost upon us. Advent is a time when we are to slow down and meditate on the true meaning of Christmas – the Nativity of Christ.

During Advent, which means "coming," St. Timothy's is offering three mid-week times of quiet reflection and prayer that allows us to focus on God's fulfillment of his promise through the arrival of Jesus.

On the **Wednesdays of Dec. 6, 13, and 20** there will be **Centering Prayer at 5:00pm** in the Guild Room and **Evening Prayer at 5:30pm** in the Chapel. Please come join us!

Help bring joy to those in need this Christmas. Join the volunteers who ring bells for the Salvation Army. A sign-up sheet will be located in the hallway outside the sanctuary after both worship services or call Susan Buell at 979-297-3024.

Did you know there is a Sewing group? Yes, we have a group of ladies (pretty sure men are invited too!) who meet Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00. Bring your sewing, crochet, quilt projects and join in the fun and fellowship. For more information contact Melissa David or Amelia Poore-Bone.

Quiet Bags and Packets are available for children to use during the worship service. Bags are designed for ages 3-5 and contain a quiet church friend, a book and activities. Packets for grades K-3 contain books, worship leaflets and activities. The Bags and Packets are available in the entrance hall to the church. Our Nursery is available for infants and toddlers from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 pm.

The Rector's Forum is taking a break for the holiday and will resume on December 3rd (see Living Well through Advent announcement above).

Faith Formation

Level One Atrium (3-5 year olds) – In November and December, students will understand the significance of the liturgical colors and calendar and will explore the prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus.

Level Two Atrium (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) – In November and December, students will understand the significance of the liturgical colors and calendar and will explore the prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus.

Level Three: Hearts Alive - lessons for 4th, 5th and 6th graders will follow the Lectionary and explore who we are as children of Christ and the need to put our trust in him personally for our salvation. The following weeks will look at how to walk the path Jesus showed us, including having mercy, generosity, humility, trust, love, gratitude and service to others. We will use our Bibles to look at scripture and discuss the lessons and their application to our lives while enjoying learning through drama, crafts and hands-on activities.

Classes will gather at the chairs in the Formation hallway. High schoolers are encouraged to attend the Rector's Adult Formation class in the Blue Room. Three year-olds and younger are welcome in the Nursery.

Food Basket Items for December: side dishes & personal hygiene items

Tuesday Bible Study in the Blue Room with Beth Moore's "**To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul.**" If interested, contact Nancy Carter at wcarter006@comcast.net or cell 979-285-4831.

The Hall Monday-Thursday 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. to Lake Jackson Intermediate students. 35-40 kids are arriving daily. We appreciate your prayers and support.

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Please consider giving 2 hours of your time once a month to prepare for the Sunday services. Each team is scheduled for one weekend a month and meets on Saturday mornings. We pray together, and then set the Altar for the Lord's Supper. On Sunday we take turns making the last minute preparations before each service or cleaning up after the last service. Each team of the Altar Guild becomes friends and we all learn the traditions that guide our service to St. Timothy's and our church. For special Holy Days, joyous occasions, and funeral services our monthly commitment may be a little longer but we know we are serving our Church family as well as God. I would love to share this ministry with you, please call me for more information. Call: Carol Bohley 297-2957 or 236-1832

Upcoming Events

- **December 6, 13, 20** – Three mid-week services of Evening Prayer during Advent with quiet time at 5:45 p.m.
- **December 8-10** – Living Nativity 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.
- **December 17** – Hanging of the Greens (after 10:30 service)
Service of Lessons & Carols 5:00 p.m.
- **December 24** – Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m. said service
Christmas Eve Family Service 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist 10:00 p.m.
- **December 25** – Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
- **December 25-28** – Church office closed. Abbreviated hours.
- **December 31** – 8:00 Rite I and 10:30 a.m. Rite II Christmas Services

We will be "Hanging the Greens" to celebrate Christmas at St Timothy's on December 17 immediately after the 10:30 service. We will get the church ready to celebrate the birth of Christ by hanging wreaths, garlands, placing poinsettias, assembling candles and bobeches for the candlelight service, and getting the crèche out of storage. There will be cookies and wassail available for all, as well as fellowship and fun. We have been known to dance down the aisle...Bring the family

We will be putting everything away after the 10:30 Epiphany Service on January 9. Help will be needed then as well and you are always welcome! Any questions can be directed to Carol Bohley, 297-2957 or rbohley@sbcglobal.net.

Camp Allen Corner

Camp Allen has so many things to offer to people of all ages, and groups of many interests. Here is what's coming up!

Dec. 1-3: Advent Retreat
Dec. 6-8: Needlepoint Retreat
Dec. 8-10: Holiday in the Pines
Mar. 2-4: Jr. High Mid-Winter Retreat (6th-8th grade)

Use this link to get to the master calendar and how to register! <http://campallen.org/calendar>

Registration is now open for Summer Camp at Camp Allen! All youth that will be aged rising 3rd Grade through Senior High are eligible.

Contact Chris Weis for more information or go to <http://campallen.org/summercamp>

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is open to all youth in grades 5-12. We meet for fellowship, lessons, food and fun. Contact: Chris Weis (cweis9@hotmail.com / [314-369-1979](tel:314-369-1979)) for questions or more information.

Fall EYC 2017

Dec. 8-10: The Living Nativity

This Week at St. Timothy's

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 a.m. – Faith Formation, Rector's Forum

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, December 4, 2017

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. – The Hall (open to Lake Jackson Intermediate Students)

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

1:00-3:00 p.m. –Bible Study (Blue Room) –Beth Moore's "Life and Ministry of Paul"

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. – The Hall (open to Lake Jackson Intermediate Students)

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

8:30 a.m. – Army of Retired Men (ARM), All welcome

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Sewing Group (Parish Hall)

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. – The Hall (open to Lake Jackson Intermediate Students)

4:30 p.m. – Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. – Centering Prayer (Guild Room)

5:30 p.m. – Advent Evening Prayer (in the Chapel immediately following Centering Prayer)

6:00 p.m. – Gentle Yoga

6:00 p.m. – Joiful Noyse Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7, 2017

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. – The Hall (open to Lake Jackson Intermediate Students)

Friday, December 8, 2017

9:00 a.m. - Healing Prayer Group (Home of Char Aslakson)

5:15 p.m. – Evening Prayer, St. Timothy's Chapel

7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Living Nativity

Saturday, December 9, 2017

7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Living Nativity

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:00 a.m. - Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 a.m. – Faith Formation, Rector's Forum

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Living Nativity