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Pancake Breakfast

You are invited to a Pancake Breakfast on January 25th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the MPR lower level of the church.



The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and orange Juice. A “free will donation” will go to the Downtown Daily Bread in Harrisburg (downtowndailybread.org). This is a mission project of Pine Street Presbyterian Church, founded on March 23, 1983, and is a walk-in resource center for all hungry and homeless individuals. Additionally, they need the following gently used items:

- Luggage (prefer on wheels with handle-any size even kids)
- Winter Jackets (usually men and women size small to large, down/wool as long as warm)
- Long pants (warm—jeans are good. All men and women sizes)
- Boots (Winter, weatherproof all men & women sizes) Blankets (Warm, easy to pack, preferred waterproof)
- Sleeping bags

Before donating to Community Aid or Goodwill consider bringing it to the Pancake breakfast.

Seekers/Committed Disciples Orientation

**Saturday, January 25th
9:30 a.m. - Noon**

Learn more about being a Lutheran Christian and the opportunities for you to live and serve the mission of Christ through St. Timothy Lutheran Church. There is no obligation to church membership after attending. To register, please contact the church office at (717)737-5243. Invite a friend to join you!

Hello and Goodbye:

Please help us to thank Beckie Brunner for her time and talents serving as the Mission Edge Newsletter editor over the past 14 years! Beckie will continue serving in other areas at St. Tim including the Choir as well as looking for other things God has planned for her to do in the Church. We also want to welcome Dawn Urffer as the new editor and thank her for taking on this new role! Dawn is new to St. Timothy's; but has prepared newsletters in past jobs as well as professional organizations she has belonged to over the years.





SPIRITUAL CARE VISITORS TRAINING

Come on Saturday morning on **January 25th** at **8:30 am** to learn more about becoming a spiritual care visitor that would bless our congregation, other congregations, and the community in general with caring spiritual care, especially in a time of personal or community wide crisis. One of the first steps to training up skilled and caring visitors may be to invest in a program called “Spiritual First Aid,” and obtain a “Spiritual First Aid” certificate. The visitors training will include attending sessions of direct training with Pastor Keller. To sign up, please scan the QR



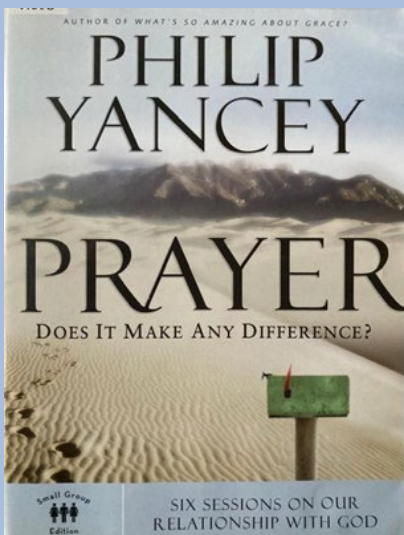
code, or go to: <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/sttim/groups/187> or call the church office. For additional information you can contact Jim Vogel, chair of shepherding, or Pastor Keller.

Bible Study

PRAYER: Does it make Any Difference?

NEW TIME!

Join us in the Youth Room starting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10 a.m. as we continue to explore and experience our relationship and “keeping company” with God in our prayer life. “Prayer is the act of seeing reality from God’s point of view,” say Philip Yancy. Ryan Hannigan



Shepherding Care Keep-in-Touch Phone Gatherings

Keep-in-Touch Phone Gatherings are a quick, easy, and fun way for us to stay connected through fellowship, God’s Word, and prayer.

Each gathering:

- Occurs by way of a group phone call
- Comprises about 6–8 people
- Lasts about 30 minutes
- Begins with a time for fellowship/sharing
- Continues with talking about an Our Daily Bread mini-devotion
- Closes with prayer and a blessing

For a gathering, all you need to do is:

- Pick a gathering date/time you’d like to attend
- Contact Eric/Tena Brown (717)440-0797 or Jim/Karen Vogel (717)719-9519 with your date/time selection
- On the date/time of your selected gathering, answer your phone so you can be connected into the group phone call
- Participate in the conversation as much as you wish!

January’s gatherings will occur:

- January 19th at 6:30 p.m.
- January 20th – 24th (each day: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)



St. Timothy Prayer Care & Concerns

Prayer Requests to the Congregation

Please join in prayer for the following members and friends who are in need. Many suffer long-term illness and injury. Others have urgent requests. But all are seeking the Lord for healing, restoration, strength, and stamina. Thank you for seeking the Lord on their behalf. Please remember that requests will remain on the list for 2 weeks unless an update is provided to the Team. Removed requests can always be restored by the requestee. Your requests for prayer may be submitted to the church office, Pai Swanger: 717-982-0882 for texts or pswanger56@gmail.com. Urgent prayer requests contact Amy Ewbank.

Celebrations & Thanksgiving

Hallelujah! God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son to give us ever lasting life!
Answered prayers for Jane Bruns healing!

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregations of the Month

- St. Paul Lutheran Church, McConnellsburg, PA
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys, PA
- Saint Paul Lutheran Church, York, PA
- St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, PA

Grieving

- Family and Friends of Eugene Baldwin
- Family and Friends of Jim Jenesko
- Family and Friends of Audrey Hetrick

Homebound

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| George & Shirley Brown* | Margaret Mans* |
| Chip Custer* | Bernice Markle* |
| Joyce Horn* | Greg Slaybaugh |
| Phyllis Levensgood* | Tom Trayer* |

Military/1st Responders

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|---|---------------------|
| LC Preston Casper | SPC Aubron Swartly* |
| SFC Jonathan D. Pusztai | Cpt. John Tartline |
| Michael Kleindienst | |
| 1 st Responders (Fire, Policy, EMS), Seals, Delta Force & all service men and women, especially those heading to Isreal. | |

Care & Concern

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|--------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Myretta Anderson* | Alex James | Valerie Marino |
| Ell & Wendy Beckmann | Jenn | Jane Ann Marquardt |
| Eric Brown* (Recovering) | Cricket Jones | Kathleen Milbrand* |
| Eileen & Rick Bullock | Julie | Kevin Murphy |
| Barbara Chipppo | Judy K | Lynne Neibert |
| Donna | Bobbi Larson* | John Pusztai |
| Bonnie Ekas | Gary Larson* | Janet Reinbrecht* |
| Ross Flint* | Stephen Larson | Sue Schlegel* |
| Harry Fox | Leigha | Betty Semke |
| Jim G | Sandy Lingle* | Mel Strait* |
| Sandra Graham | Amy Little | Susan & all those being cared for by CAPC |
| William Hern | Jasmine Lopez | Theovision |
| Monica Hill | Baby Wyatt Lowe | Luann Verno |
| Dick Himler* | David & Debbie Malcein | David Wyant* |
| Pastor Sue Irons | Mary | Denny Yeingst |
| Carolyn Irvin* | Anthony Marino | Kathleen Milbrand* |

*Denotes St. Timothy member/friend

- Executive Director/Christian Churches United
- Hurricane Helene Flood Victims
- Hurricane Milton Victims
- Pastors, missionaries, & chaplains



UPDATES

2025-26 Registration—Registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens on January 6th when the children return after their Christmas break. Please let your friends and family know that we have openings in our 2½, 3-, and 4-year-old classes. Thank you!

Hands On Room—We will have our Hands On Room again this year beginning on January 21st. During the winter months when the children don't have the opportunity to play outside, we set up a Hands On Room in the church lounge for the three and four-year-old classes. This room contains items that the children enjoy touching, feeling, and manipulating but that would not normally be available at home or school. Parent volunteers take the children to the room in small groups to touch and experience what they see. The room begins as a business office, changes to a doctor's office, and ends as a nature preserve! The last day for the room will be February 21st.

Opportunities to help the Nursery School:

Weis 4 School Program—If you do your holiday grocery shopping at Weis Markets this year, make sure to register your Weis Rewards card online at weis4school and then use your rewards card when you shop! By participating in this program, you can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school. Thank you for helping us earn \$200 last year through this program!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

To all who contributed cookies for distribution to several organizations in the Harrisburg/Mechanicsburg area. We put together 297 bags (each with 3 cookies), which were delivered to Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven (CCU's Shelter), Bethesda Mission and New Hope in Lemoyne on Monday, December 16.



A special thank you to Linda Townsend, The Brunners, and The Elliots for sponsoring the flowers for January.

On behalf of New Hope Ministries, thank you for supporting the 2024 Christmas Basket Food drive with 75 boxes of Jello-O collected.



Thank you for your overwhelming response to our Angel Tree this year! The teacher who is responsible for this project at Mechanicsburg Middle School had several kids ask if they were going to be able "to shop" before Christmas—it seems they remembered St. Timothy's generosity from 2023. Donations included 151 puzzles, books, and toys, 25 body wash and bath sets, 210 hygiene items, and 40 assorted other gifts. A Thrivent Action team cards was used to purchase \$248 worth of food items.

Thank you to Deb Stein for sponsoring January's bulletin.



TO ALL OF ST. TIMOTHY'S WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

As we begin a new year, I would like to express my gratitude and thankfulness to our incredible group of volunteers who give willing of their time and support to the Church Office as well as St. Timothy. Your time and dedication is appreciated more than any words can convey. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to another wonderful year together! And - "THANK YOU" to God for continuing to guide our thoughts, words, and actions! Maria Cabezas



Valentine Fellowship Luncheon

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Valentine fellowship luncheon on Friday, February 14th at 12:00 pm in the back Sunday school room for widows, widowers, and singles. Invitations will be mailed on Wednesday, January 8th. Please RSVP to Deb Stein at 717 571-9313 or Carole Harmon at 717 991-7448.



- 1/3 Bill Brown
- 1/4 Will Harmon
- 1/6 Lucy Harris
- 1/9 Steve Brader
- Lisa Goldman
- 1/13 Richard Himler
- Samantha Milbrand
- Lincoln Rex
- Willa Rex
- 1/14 Michael Reich
- 1/15 Ann Bechard
- Baron Keefer
- 1/17 Cynthia Diodato
- 1/19 Gina Kerchner
- 1/21 Bill Schlegel
- 1/24 Russ Urffer
- 1/26 Al Kerchner
- 1/30 Sarah Castillo

Christian Churches United Valentine Tree

The Angel Tree will be transformed to a Valentine Tree. Each Valentine will list an item that is desperately needed now at the **WINTER OVERNIGHT SHELTERS** in Harrisburg. Please choose an item and donate as many as you are able. This campaign will run January 5 thru February 9. Please place your donations under the tree by Sunday, February 9. Thank you for your help with this cause.

1. Individual serving snack foods
2. Bags of sugar
3. Creamers—bulk powdered or mini cups
4. Small containers of deodorants
5. Paper bowls
6. Disposable cups (styrofoam or paper)
7. Disinfectant wipes (Lysol or other)
8. Breakfast foods (Granola Bars, Individual fruit cups, oatmeal packs)
9. Tissue boxes
10. 12 oz. bottle Gatorade (any flavor)
11. Laundry detergent (liquid preferred)
12. Hand warmers

Virtual Tour of Africa

You are invited to join us on a Virtual Tour of Africa with RJ Harris on February 1 at 4 p.m. This will be followed by light refreshments at 5 p.m. Please sign up either online or using the sign-up sheet on the Information table in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – DECEMBER 15TH

Praise God for the wonderful afternoon of caroling to our homebound members and friends! Many thanks to all who helped in making this such a blessed event!





Disaster Response Stuff the Truck

Thank you to all those who donated, volunteered and in some way helped out with the November 23rd Stuff the Truck for North Carolina event. It was a huge success! Deb Stein worked tirelessly to get the word out, via RJ and radio advertising, a newspaper ad and coordinating with other local NALC congregations. There were blankets and health kits from the Emanuel Lutheran Church Warehouse in Elmer, NJ, a large box of Bibles and 40 flood buckets from St Michaels Lutheran Church congregation in Hamburg, PA. Additionally, we were able to purchase \$250 worth of new toys with a gift card from Thrivent. Our big surprise of the day was a huge donation from Cumberland Perry Toys for Tots. They heard about the event on WHP 580 and blessed the event with a suburban and a trailer full of new toys! In all we sent a small mountain of toilet paper, flood buckets, bunches of blankets, Home Depot gift cards, and contributed a significant number (upwards of 2,000) new toys donated to date. All to bless our neighbors suffering through the aftermath of the devastating hurricanes. Our prayer is that they might have a brighter Christmas. In addition, approximately \$350 cash was donated that will go to purchase items to complete 19 more flood buckets and 20 health kits in the next couple of weeks for delivery to the warehouse in Middle River, MD by the middle of December. Jennifer Conrad



St. Timothy Lutheran Church Report Of Budget Financial Status For the Month of November 2024

	ACTUAL Budget Income	ACTUAL Budget Expense	POSITIVE (Negative)
Current Month	\$ 34,499	\$ 31,439	\$3,060
Current Year-to-Date	\$157,671	\$161,503	(\$3,832)
Prior Year-to-Date Results	\$154,084	\$162,520	(\$8,436)
NALC Benevolence Year to Date	\$4,120.27		
Atlantic Mission Region	\$2,258.21		
2020 Vision Appeal	\$1,700.00		

Shepherding Care: Opportunities to Serve!

Praise God for the opportunities we get to love and care for others as God, through Jesus, loves and cares for us (1 John 4:19)!

Contact Jim Vogel at (717) 719-9519 or KJMTVogel@gmail.com to let him know which “I can” is yours!

- I can...provide baked “goodies” for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship!
- I can...pray for immediate needs by receiving urgent prayer text messages!
- I can...pray with our Prayer Ministry Team for those on our congregational prayer list!
- I can...provide meals to those recovering at home following a recent hospital visit!
- I can...knit or crochet shawls with our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team!
- I can...welcome visitors to Sunday worship!
- I can...help with community care events!

Shepherding Care thoughts...be God’s light!

May the following promises of God encourage you to be the light of Christ to every person you meet...each and every day!

God promises to provide our needs! (Philippians 4:19)

“And God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

God promises to forgive our sins! (1 John 1:9)

“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and He will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

God promises to grant eternal life in Christ! (John 11:25 – 26)

“Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

God promises to be with us always! (Matthew 28:20)

Jesus said: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”





January 2025 Worship Assistants

8:00 a.m. Service
(*Traditional Service)

Date	Jan. 5	Jan. 12*	Jan. 19	Jan. 26*
Assisting Minister	Greg Kincaid	Chappy Wagoner	Linda Townsend	Will Harmon
Lector	Michelle Elliott	Christine & John Brye	Pai Swanger	Kevin Kincaid
Ushers	Elliott Family	Tom & Cindy Kachel	Gary Larson Mel Strait	Rich Lepley Nancy Frankenfield
Greeters	Shannon Kincaid	Ross Flint Gary Bender	Bobbi Larson	Carole Harmon
Acolytes	James Hoover Ella Bechard	Susan & Jane Beaverson	James Hoover	Ella Bechard

10:30 a.m. Service

Date	Jan. 5	Jan. 12*	Jan. 19	Jan. 26*
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Conrad	R.J. Harris	Eric Brown	Russ Urffer
Lector	Micah Keller	Jennifer Keller	Laura Hoover	Eric Brown
Ushers	Charles Boyle Dick Himler	Bill Brown Chuck Irvin	Deb Stein Roger Williams	Ken Black Jerry Bruns
Greeters	Dee Titus	Pat Douty	Ann Krammes	Irvin Family
Altar Guild	Dee Titus	Pat Douty	Mindy Fesler Arlene Young	Carolyn Irvin Dona Colberg Dawn Urffer
Acolytes			James Hoover	

If unexpected conflicts arise, please trade with each other.

Shepherding Care Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? If so, why not bless others with your talents by making prayer shawls! Every other Monday from 1–3 p.m., this ministry group gathers at church for good conversation and fellowship as everyone stitches. And if you're unable to attend the group gatherings, consider becoming a remote group member!

Do you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls are available to give to people who are ill or in need of comfort. The shawl represents the Lord's arms wrapped around them, a special way to feel the Lord's love, presence, and healing power.

To obtain a prayer shawl and/or to be shawl maker, contact Bobbi Larson or Betty Semke.

January 2025

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29		30	31	1	2	3	4
5	2nd Sunday After Christmas 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
		1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Committee (Lounge) 6:00 pm - Mutual Ministry (Lounge) 6:30 pm - St. Tim's @ Carlisle - Hebrew BS 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	9:30 am - Fellowship Committee (3/4/5) 10:30 am - Database/Communications (L) 7:00 pm - Property Committee (Lounge)	10:00 am - Bible Study - (YR) 1:00 pm - Brookdale Service 10:30 am - Exec Committee (Library)	9:30 am - Peitcope (3/4/5) 1:00 pm - Care & Share (Lounge) 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Peppermill) Saturday 11:30pm - Leadership/Council/Staff Staff Retreat - St. Timothy Lutheran Church
12	Baptism of Christ 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7:00 pm - Worship Services @ Bethesda	7:00 pm - Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	10:30 am - Database/Communications (L)	10:00 am - Bible Study - (YR) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 11:30 am - Servant Leaders' Mig (3/4/5) 1:00 pm - Worship Committee (Library) 7:00 pm - Church Council (3/4/5)	6:15 pm - Journey in Faith Reunion (Lounge) 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	6 pm thru Saturday 3pm - Leadership/Council/Staff Retreat - St. Timothy Lutheran Church	St. Timothy Women's Winter Retreat Roxbury Holiness Camp
19	2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am - Funday Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Egg-making w/lunch (MPP)? <i>St. Timothy Women's Winter Retreat</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
		1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Committee (Lounge) 6:30 pm - St. Tim's @ Carlisle - Hebrew BS 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	1:00 pm - Prayer Ministry Team (YR)	10:00 am - Bible Study - (YR)	6:15 pm - Journey in Faith Reunion (Lounge) 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	St. Timothy Women's Winter Retreat Roxbury Holiness Camp	8:30-9:30 am - Spiritual Care Visitors 8:30 - 11:30 am - Fellowship Pancake Breakfast 9:30-12 pm - Seekers Gathering Snow Date for Leadership/Council/Staff Retreat Snow Date for Leadership/Council/Staff Retreat St. Tim's - MPRLounge
26	3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 am - Worship 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	27	28	29	30	31	1
		7:00 pm - Boy Scouts (3/4/5)	10:30 am - Database/Communications (L)	10:00 am - Bible Study - (YR)	9-11 am - Preschool Speech Screening (L) 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	



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ST. TIMOTHY MISSION STATEMENT

We the baptized, responding in our faith created and sustained by the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacraments, commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, making disciples, and proclaiming His salvation by the grace of God through faith alone.