

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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The Rhythm for Worship
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CONTINUES ON TWO
WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER
at 5:30 P.M.

A program of learning for children, age 12 and under, continues on Wednesdays, on December 3rd and 10th, at 5:30 P.M., followed by supper at 5:55 P.M.

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH
IS DECEMBER 7th
immediately following the
service. We need 3 hosts
to sign up to set up the
potluck lunch that day.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Thursday, Dec. 11—Beading & Jewelry Making group and the Needlework Guild meets in Fellowship Hall @ 6:30

Monday, Dec. 15—Parish Book Club meets at El Rayos Restaurant, Piedmont Street, @ 6:30. We will be discussing *Taps* by Willie Morris. This is his final novel and an instant classic.

Thursday, Dec. 18th—Scrapbooking and Stamping group will meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:30.

CONTACT NUMBERS
FOR FR. TONSMEIRE:

706-629-1056 - OFFICE
770-386-9417 - HOME
404-660-0918 - CELL

SEASONAL CHOIR

FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY will rehearse on Sundays, December 14th and 21st, from 12:10 to 1 P.M. Childcare will be provided.

The Christmas season begins December 24th, until then, we will observe **Advent**.

The **12 days of Christmas** begin on Christmas Day; until then, we will observe the preparation time of **Advent**.



PERSONAL PREPARATION TIME

FOR CHRISTMAS - Do you need a quiet place during the days **BEFORE** Christmas Eve? Our church will be open and heated on Monday, Dec. 22nd, from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. for that quiet place. Fr. Louis Tonsmeire will be available that day, 4-7 P.M., or by appointment, for

reflection of the liturgical rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MEAL, DECEMBER 17TH - Our pre-Christmas holiday meal for families will be on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, at 6:30 P.M. **RESERVATIONS** are required. The sign-ups begin now—a list is in the fellowship hall.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 11 A.M.

Our annual Parish meeting will be conducted during the 11 o'clock liturgy on Sunday, December 7, 2008. One important task is to elect two persons to serve on the Vestry for three years. Nominations must be completed by Sunday, November 30th, through Brian Charbonneau, phone 770-877-9400. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Be sure to get that person's permission, and be sure that person is qualified. Qualifications include:

- (A) being a confirmed (communicant) member of this congregation;
- (B) regularly participating in worship;
- (C) having made & fulfilled a financial commitment/pledge in 2008.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

- *Daughters of the King (DOK) on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:05 P.M.
- *Parish Life on Sunday, December 7, at 1 P.M.
- *Outreach Committee on Wed. night, December 10th, at 7:05 P.M.
- *Vestry meeting on Thursday, December 11th, at 7 P.M. (note the change of date and time).

IT'S HEIFER PROJECT TIME AGAIN!!

With the seasons of Advent and Christmas fast approaching, we are beginning to think of our "gift lists." This year, as in years past, we invite you to consider giving a "renewable" gift from the Heifer Project.

Heifer International is a global nonprofit working with communities to end hunger and poverty, and **care for the earth** - there's that "stewardship" again! Since 1944, Heifer has helped 8.5 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. The impact of each initial gift is multiplied as recipients agree to "pass on the gift" by giving one or more of their animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to another in need.

"Gifts" consist of livestock and training, seedlings, bees, etc. and range in amounts from \$10 to \$5000 for an entire "Ark". I will be available downstairs after church starting on November 23rd. I will have materials and will answer questions. We all have more "things" than we can possible use, so please consider this "alternative" gift this Christmas season. Thank you!!

Charry Chaapel



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS

Christmas poinsettias may be given for Christmas Eve in memory and/or thanksgiving for loved ones. Cost is \$12 per plant. Please use the order form in the Sunday bulletin and pay at the time of making the order.

Orders will be accepted November 30 through December

14. Please take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service.

OUR PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 P.M. – First liturgy for Christmas Holy Eucharist and Sermon

9:00 P.M. – OPEN HOUSE

10:30 P.M. – Sing carols in the church

11 P.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST and SERMON with "MID-NIGHT" EUCHARIST



SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER

The Church Office will be staffed Monday & Tuesday, December 22 and 23, and Monday, December 29, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

MAKE NEW YEAR'S EVE LESS HECTIC FOR THE TREASURER

We must close out the books for 2008 and complete all financial chores before the close of business on December 31. If you have any receipts to turn in for reimbursement, please do so as soon as possible.

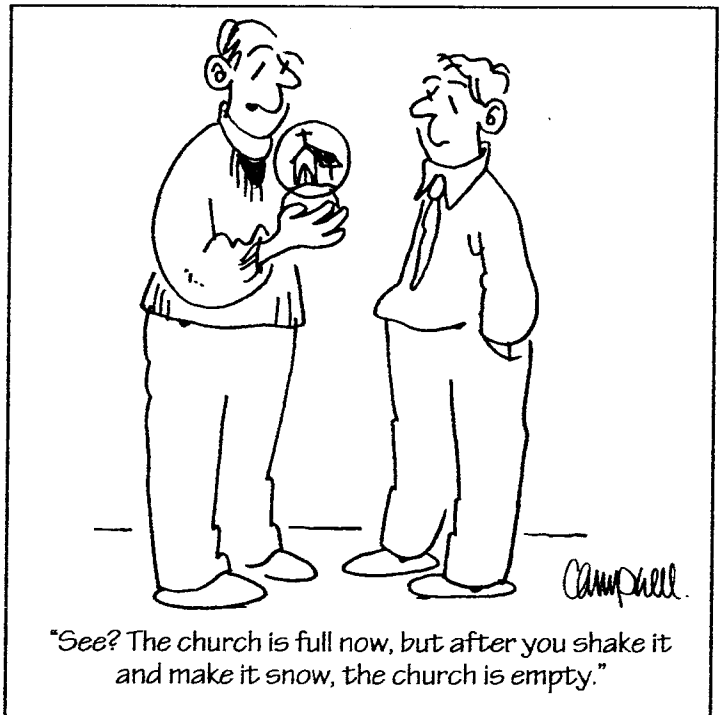


Birthdays

- 12/01 Chelsea Williams
- 12/08 Stephania Lackey
- 12/10 Sabrina Dutch
- John McCoy
- 12/11 Mickey Tasker
- Sam Tomasello
- 12/12 Jesse Shirley
- 12/18 Juan Valera
- 12/19 Elizabeth Cantrell
- 12/20 Gene Jones
- Bradley Weaver
- 12/21 Bill Anderson
- Carol Frost
- 12/22 Sally Smelcer
- 12/26 Jim Smelcer
- Steve Vedrody
- 12/27 Carl Blanes
- 12/28 Mildred Poirier
- Kerry Dunbar
- 12/30 Donna Schwartz

Anniversaries

- 12/05 Louis & Sally Tonsmeire
- 12/08 CK & Ilene White
- 12/14 Tom & Chareen Chaapel
- 12/21 Bob & Peggy O'Connor
- 12/23 Charlie & Linda Phelps
- 12/30 Bernie & Donna Schwartz



"See? The church is full now, but after you shake it and make it snow, the church is empty."



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ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm Nurturing Parents	2 6:15 pm Men's Group 6:30 pm Journey Group 7:00 pm N.A.	3 5:30 pm Child's Learning 5:55 pm 1st Supper 6:30 pm Eucharist 7:05 pm 2nd Supper DOK Meets	4	5 7:00 pm N.A.	6
7 9:30 am Breakfast 10:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 2 PARISH MEETING 11:05 am Sunday School 12:10 pm Cov. Dish Lunch 1:00 pm Parish Life 7:00 pm EFM	8 6:00 pm Nurturing Parents	9 6:30 pm Journey Group 7:00 pm N.A.	10 5:30 pm Child's Learning 5:55 pm 1st Supper 6:30 pm Eucharist 7:05 pm 2nd Supper Outreach Meets	11 6:30 pm Jewelry Making, Knitting/Needlework Guild 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	12 7:00 pm N.A.	13
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21 9:30 am Breakfast 10:00 am Adult Class 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 2 11:05 am Sunday School 12:10 pm Adult Choir Rsl. 7:00 pm EFM	22 Church open and heated 10 am to 7 pm Rector available 4 to 7 pm	23 7:00 pm N.A.	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist 2 9:00 pm Open House 10:30 pm Carols 11:00 pm Holy Eucharist 2	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 7:00 pm N.A.	27
28 11:00 am Lessons & Carols 12:00 pm Share Leftovers	29	30 7:00 pm N.A.	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE No Liturgy No Supper			

Special responsibilities for the month of December to be announced later.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Calhoun.
End of November REMINDERS....**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th
9:30 A.M.-- Breakfast served**

10:00 A.M.- Adult Class meets

**11:00 A.M.- HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON
(THIS IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT)**

**11:05 A.M.- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
(kids rejoin parents in church at the offertory)**

**12:05 P.M. -MAKING OF ADVENT WREATHS
(about 11 families made reservations)**

**12:25 P.M- LUNCH TO BE SERVED FOR ALL
(Bar-B-Q, sandwiches, salads, deserts)
We are hopeful that Betty Cantrell will come, also**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, BEGINNING 4 SUNDAYS OF
PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF THE CHRIST.**

The liturgical color is purple; a change in a pattern from previous years: in Advent, we will use Rite 2. We will sing ADVENT hymns through December 21st. Episcopalians are "First Day Adventists".

**IT'S CRUCIAL; FOOD FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH VAC;
PUT NON-PERISHABLE FOOD IN WAGON IN VESTIBULE.**



*Our Mission Statement:
"To emulate Christ and be a loving and caring family to the community and ourselves."*

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