

THE EPISTLE OF ST. TIMOTHY

United Methodist Church
Brevard, North Carolina



Connecting People with God's Love

May 2012

A Pastoral Letter From Our Council of Bishops

As our every-four-year General Conference began this week, our Council of Bishops asks that the following letter be shared with all United Methodist congregations:

"For the sake of a new world, we see a new church. We see a new church. It is a church that is clear about its mission and confident about its future; a church that is always reaching out, inviting, alive, agile, and resilient. We see a church that is hope-filled, passionate, nimble, called by God, and courageous. It is a church that is passionately committed to the mission and vision of the Wesleyan movement. This church takes risks to serve the poor, reach new people, and search continuously for creative ways to help each person grow in grace, love, and holiness.

Today we call you to action, to join with United Methodist sisters and brothers from around the world in the adventure of becoming a New Church. The most important steps will not result from legislative action at General Conference or in annual conferences. Instead, they will require different actions and patterns of leadership by bishops, clergy, and laity. These changes must be grounded deeply in the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting. These changes have already begun, and the Call to Action is already starting to be employed in many congregations and conferences. We call you to:

- ***Grow vital congregations** that will make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world;
 - ***Demonstrate courageous turnaround leadership** that leads the church toward deep Holy Spirit change;
 - ***Take risks; experiment in ministry** as we go to the margins of society to minister with the poor, immigrants, prisoners, and the homeless, as well as with the non-religious and nominally religious people in our communities;
 - ***Unite as one;** develop deeper trust so that together we face our adaptive spiritual challenges;
 - ***Set visionary goals** and support one another as we eagerly experiment, innovate, embrace change, and regularly account for our ministries."
- The Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church, 2012

A Pastoral Letter From Our Pastor Karen

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is exciting to know that the St. Timothy congregation is already engaged in responding to the Council of Bishops' call to renewal, new life, and transformative change. We began that process over a year ago, when so many of you voiced your yearning for growth, for more young people to become part of our church, and for new ways for us to reach out to our community. The leadership of the church heard that desire and formed the Dream Team to help us define our mission, discern a new vision, and create a plan of action that will bring the vision into reality. On April 29th, we took the next bold step, in responding to the Spirit-led vision. The Dream Team is now hard at work on developing the action plan to present to the church. I ask each of you to be in daily prayer for us as we work. I also ask that we all take seriously what the Council of Bishops point out will be necessary for us to continue to be a vital congregation: courageous turnaround leadership; risk-taking and experimentation; unity; deep trust in one another and especially in God; and support of one another as we seek to be faithful to the mission of "connecting people with God's love."

Visioning a new future is always both exciting and scary. Let us not give in to fear, but instead, let us trust in the God who holds the future and will never leave us, and live together in love. If we continue to do this, our future will be bright and our church will be one of those "vital congregations that will make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Let us keep the momentum going!

Love, grace and peace, *Pastor Karen*

Dream Team News

The Vision For Our Future

WORSHIP We offer joyful, relevant, inspiring worship through multiple services. All ages are included. People encounter the living Lord and connect with each other, through word, music and sacrament. All of our worship services are scripture and mission-driven.

LAY INVOLVEMENT Gifts of all people in the church are identified and effectively utilized. Our people experience joy, appreciation and purpose as they employ their gifts and talents. We are all given an opportunity to grow in our gifts.

EDUCATION/SPIRITUAL FORMATION We provide a variety of spiritual growth and education opportunities throughout the week, at the church and offsite. We help people of all ages grow in their relationship with God and their discipleship to Jesus Christ. Our spiritual formation groups are well-led and well publicized. They reach head, heart and hands.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE We provide multiple avenues to care for the members of our congregation that are sensitive to needs, compassionate, encouraging, open-minded, fun, joyful, and loving.

HOSPITALITY Hospitality is a hallmark of everything we do. Our ministry of hospitality is genuine, outwardly focused, overflowing, enthusiastic, and inclusive, reflecting God's love and hospitality toward us.

OUTREACH Our service to others is compassionate, non-judgmental, generous, joyful, risk-taking, expectant, and relational. We offer a wide variety of outreach opportunities and seek to expand our reach through sending mission teams to other communities and around the world. Outreach is woven into the full life of our church so that all people are invited to be engaged in servant ministry.

STEWARDSHIP We dare to dream great dreams for the church and seek to live them out through our stewardship of financial, physical and spiritual resources. We make decisions about giving and spending, building and doing, based on faith, our mission, and joyful generosity. We believe God will provide all we need to live out our mission.

PROPERTY The entire property of St. Timothy UMC is inviting and beautiful, well-maintained and up to date, and reflects good stewardship of the environment. Our facilities are redesigned, redecorated and/or expanded when needed to accommodate growth and new needs. Our property is used in many ways to meet people's needs and to support bold visions of ministry.

TECHNOLOGY We incorporate current technology into all aspects of our life together and throughout our property, as appropriate – in administration, worship, education, and communication – to fulfill our mission, engage all people, make participation easier, and connect with people in other places.

STAFF Our staff reflect and embrace our core values and our mission. They receive ongoing training and resources needed to do their work with excellence and effectiveness. Our staffing continues to grow as needed to fulfill our mission.

You're Invited!

Wedding Shower on May 20

The church is having a wedding shower for Amanda Griffin and Andrew Lewis on Sunday, May 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! They are registered at Mud Dabbers and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Over 50's

The Over 50's is not an exclusive club. It's not something that you have to join. It is a group of older members of the church who get together about once a month to have lunch together and fellowship.

Our final luncheon before the summer will be on Tuesday, May 8th at the Pisgah Inn. We will meet at the church at 11:15am and carpool up to the Inn. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space, so sign up and plan to come. We always enjoy good food and good conversation with friends.

Communion Servers Needed

We have opportunities for more people to serve communion on the first Sunday of each month. Men and women are needed. It is a very special experience to serve Holy Communion to the congregation. If you'd like to be part of a serving team, speak to Pastor Karen.



Lemonade In the Shade Starts Soon!

Lemonade In the Shade, our summertime hospitality gathering after worship, will begin in mid-May. We are looking for "hospitable hosts" who would like to help this year. Hosts set up the table and lemonade outside, offer a cup of cold lemonade to everyone after the worship service, and help everyone feel welcome, then put the table and supplies away. It's easy – it's fun – it's a great way to get to know others – it's a way of serving and extending our hospitality! Let Laura Lipe know right away if you'd like to help host.



Flowers from Your Garden

May through August bring your flowers from your gardens for the Sanctuary. Your own vases can be used, one or two arrangements each Sunday. Be creative! Tall, short, pussy willows, or arrangements of fruits, vegetables and leaves. Have fun! Michelle will call to see if you want your flowers in memory or honor of someone.



Pentecost is May 27 – WEAR RED

Pentecost Sunday is May 27. On that day, we ask everyone to WEAR RED and come experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost has become a highlight of our worship together. Join us on that day, and bring friends. We will have our annual birthday lunch after church in the Fellowship Hall, as we celebrate everyone's birthday along with the church's birthday, with themed table decorations and cakes for each month of the year! Bring a covered dish to share (no desserts) and end the meal with plenty of birthday cake!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space to host a birthday table and bring the cake. We need hosts for each month.

This is another good opportunity to serve your church. We also need help setting up tables and chairs, taking care of food as it comes in, getting it on the serving tables, and cleaning up. Another sign up sheet will be in the Gathering space for these volunteers. Call Gloria Harris of the Nurture Committee at 885-2806, if you have questions.

Lydia Circle

The Lydia Circle met in the Conference room on Thursday, April 19th with 8 members and 2 visitors present. Anne Weed and Jean Potter served as hostesses. After enjoying a delicious dessert made by Anne, we continued with our study of "Faith Is The Answer, But What Are The Questions?" Our next meeting will be on May 17th when we will be studying chapter 9, "What In The World Are We Supposed To Do As Christians?". We are also planning our Spring luncheon to be held at Marco's on June 21. Any ladies of the church interested in attending the luncheon or a meeting, please contact Leilani Roberts. We would welcome sharing Christian fellowship with you!

Women of St. Timothy: Save the Date!

Women of St. Timothy – young, old, and somewhere in-between: put Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar for a special evening JUST FOR WOMEN. More information is coming your way!

Highlights from Church Council Meeting on April 12, 2012

Outreach team delivered groceries, blankets and other needed items to Sharing House. Nine of our members went to clean up after lunch and help with the clothing closet at Haywood Street Church in Asheville.

Our next fellowship meal will be the church-wide birthday party on May 27.

Twenty children (15 from our community) attended the egg hunt and breakfast and had a great time. We had a chance to tell them about the upcoming Vacation Bible School.

Our financial health continues to be poor in March. We spent \$3300 more than we took in. We did have normal expenditures. We have collected \$1615 to date for the Education wing roof. Through March we have paid 77% of our to-date pledges. In other years, giving at this time of year is at 95 to 98% of the pledges.

New locks for all outside doors have been installed (cost approx. \$330). Anyone who feels they need a key can get one from the church office. The damage to the Education Wing roof was much worse than we thought. The new roof is in place and the cost was \$16,200. We have the necessary permits to rebuild the covered walkway and will start on it soon. We have had an acceptable offer on the Montgomery estate and will probably proceed with the sale. Funds will go into the Endowment Fund.

The Equipping Ministries team has begun to re-write our church's job descriptions in the new format prescribed by the District, including qualifications, skills, and spiritual gifts for each job. They should be ready for the various team leaders to review soon.

The Dream Team has been trying to discern how connecting people with God's love through our various programs will look. They have tried to involve the congregation through an evening meeting, an after worship meeting, and now will do so during worship as we meet in the Fellowship Hall on 4/29.

We used memorial funds to purchase 25 new folders for the choir at a cost of \$12 each.

Karen encouraged us to continue to invite others from outside the church to our various events. We can hold events for "just us" but our role is to invite others to "come and see".

OUTREACH



Angel Project

The Angel Project for May will be to offer our appreciation to the staff at our community schools- Davidson River School and Pisgah Forest Elementary. We will provide pre-packaged snacks, such as granola bars, peanut butter crackers, dried fruits, nuts, chocolate candies, and other single-serving snack packs. Please place the snacks in the baskets in the Gathering Space by Sunday, May 20. Thank you for your support of this project as you share God's love with others.

Third Mile Giving

The Third Mile Offering for May will be for Stop Hunger Now, whose mission is to end world hunger in our lifetime. With your offering St. Timothy can be instrumental in achieving this goal. As you give generously to others, we are reminded, *"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers and sisters of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me."* Matthew 25: 40

Sharing House Needs for May

During the month of May, St. Timothy will be collecting items that can be used and will be greatly appreciated by the homeless members of our community who live in the forest. The Sharing House has requested tents, sleeping bags, tarps, cooking utensils, and other items that can be used while camping. Also, canned foods are always needed. Thank you for being generous in your gifts to those in need. You are the hands of the risen Lord.

Bread of Life

Members of St. Timothy volunteer at the Bread of Life on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Service is from 9 am to around 12 noon where we chop fruits and vegetables for salads, fill to-go boxes with food that is delivered to those in need in this county, and serve those who choose to eat at the Bread of Life. You may choose to serve from 11 am to about 1:30 pm where you serve and do clean up. More volunteers are needed. Our next day to serve is May 10. Please see Agnes LaBree with any questions about this wonderful and inspiring service.

Children & Youth News

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

St. Timothy's new UMYF group got off to a great start on April 22! A group of 13 youth and adults went rock climbing and rappelling at the Brevard Rock Gym. We reflected on what it means for Jesus to be our rock. The youth challenged themselves and found out that they could go farther than they thought! The next week we joined the GoldFISH group and did a service project, cleaning up the walking trail that goes by our church. Then we enjoyed a tasty picnic in the park, and rode bikes and skateboards on the trail.

Coming up:

May 6: Act Up! A zany drama, games and discussion

May 13: No UMYF. Love your Mom on Mother's Day!

May 20: Tennis Anyone??? Tennis games galore. Bring your tennis racquet.

May 27: Big End-Of-School Party! Final UMYF for the school year.

June: Asheville Tourists Game

July: Mystery Trip... You won't know where we're going till we get there!

August: Mission Week! Details t.b.a.



Invite all your friends who aren't part of a youth group to join us!

OPERATION OVERBOARD – GO DEEP WITH GOD

Vacation Bible School is coming! June 24-28 will be here before we know it. Have you invited children to come? It's not too early to invite them to come. And it's not too late to volunteer to help with VBS. The next planning meeting for VBS will be Monday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. All volunteers are asked to be here.

Items we need for VBS – Can you provide any of these? 60-80 new or used CD's, 20-30 clothes pins and 15-20 pairs of knee-highs or regular pantyhose (new or used). If you have any questions, please call 877-8217 or 577-8076.

Upcoming GoldFISH Activities

Saturday, May (date TBA) Picnic/Tour Allison-Deaver House with Gladys Taylor.

Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28 Vacation Bible School, 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Sunday, July 1 Vacation Bible School Celebration during Worship Service.

Saturday, July 14 Ice Skating at the Pavilion in Greenville, SC.

Sunday, July 29 5th Sunday, participate in Worship Service.

Sunday, August 12 Back to School Blues Party.

Look for more details to follow...be sure to bring your friends!



RECENT HAPPENINGS

It was worse than we thought!

Many have asked why replace the Education Wing roof now when we have so much going on at St. Timothy. We are renovating two classrooms, have just replaced our locks because of recent break-ins, and are about to start replacing the covered walkway. So why add the cost of a roof replacement now?

We have been patching leaky places in the roof around the chimney in the furnace room for some time. But recent inspection of the Education Wing roof showed that the roof had to be replaced NOW! We knew there was deterioration, but when we got the shingles off, we found it was MUCH WORSE than we had thought. There was extensive damage to the rafters and in some places the ceiling was just a thin shell with all the wood above it gone.



A plastic layer under the roof was holding a large volume of water. So bad was the damage that a section of the ceiling in the crafters room had to be totally replaced. So while we would not have chosen to add this expenditure at this time, we are grateful that we corrected the problem when we did. It would have gotten worse and caused more damage. Our thanks to Trustee Mike Bradley for urging us to take on this project at this time!

Now our job as a congregation is to pay the bill. We depleted our capital fund and borrowed from various "designated" accounts to cover the cost of \$16,168 and we need to repay those funds. The Stewardship Team has set up an Education Wing Roof account. Let's dig deep and get this bill paid off and be thankful we're "In The Dry" once again!



The new brown color better matches our brick. We will match the sanctuary to it when that roof is replaced in future years.

Stewardship

One of the hallmarks of the St. Timothy congregation is generosity. We trust that God will provide whatever is needed so that we can continue to be the body of Christ in this place. The Stewardship Committee has noticed that giving in the first quarter of the year is down – only 77% of what was pledged was given. We have been able to pay all of our bills during this time by using savings, but we can't continue that pattern for long. Please do all you can to honor your pledge during this second quarter. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to our church and to our Lord. Together, we can do all that God calls us to! May the Lord's blessings be upon everyone.

The Stewardship Committee



Grace

There's nothing I can do to win Your love,
Not one thing I can do or say,
And there are times I feel so unworthy
That I can't even pray.
Sometimes it's so hard to imagine
That Your gift of love is free,
That grace, greater than all my sins
Is the gift You bestowed on me.
Please help me Lord to remember,
I need but walk in Your light,
To know Your grace is sufficient
And I am precious in Thy sight.
And though my sins I can not hide,
They are washed away by Your grace,
Freely bestowed on this unworthy one
By Jesus who died in my place.
Then when my life on earth is finished,
By Your tender mercies and grace,
I will walk through the gates of heaven
And feel Your loving embrace.

- Lora Cox

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

*"I will be loyal to The United Methodist Church and uphold it
with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness."*

BY OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Our Armed Forces
General Conference
Charles Ayers
Glenn Brown
Alice Carr (Room 404 The Oaks)
Hester Carter
Anna Dennis
Jean Hollingsworth
Lorene Kenney
Orrille Kirkpatrick
John Passmore
Jean Penland (Room 226 Brian Center)
Nancy Strickler
Audrey Siniard
Tink Siniard
Thomas Siniard
Cliff Siniard
Kristen Simmons
Joan Uhler
David Mackey
Linda Stevenson
Andrew Priddy (Sarah Hodges' brother)
Mary Jo Hicks (Wendell & Mimi Hodges' sister)
Buzz Hicks (Wendell & Mimi Hodges' brother-in-law)
Bib Mullinax (Harold Mullinax's mother)
Billy Fowler (Laura Lipe's brother-in-law)
Charles Winchester (Ruby Oliver's brother)
Christine Burgest & Jennifer McDonald
(Vivian Ritenour's granddaughters)
Don & Jean Moll (Pam Moll's in-laws)
Harold & Jo Sturdivant (Pam Moll's parents)
Kathi Bayne
Margaret Keehn (Evelyn Keehn's niece)
Shane Mackey (David & Debbie Mackey's nephew)
Paul Owen (Virginia Penland's brother-in-law)
Hilda Parker (Barbara Rogers' sister)
David Biemer (Marge & Sam Woodruff's son-in-law)
Ted Ambrose (Paula & Gary Paddick's son-in-law)
Bob Hunt
Helen LaTulipke (Donna Mullinax's friend)



OUR PRESENCE

	Sunday School	Worship
Mar 25	33	125
Apr 1	30	145
Apr 8	27	141
Apr 15	21	98
Apr 22	34	126

BY OUR GIFTS

2012 Ministries Budget	\$197,666
Budget requirements for the month	16,472
Amount received for General Budget in March	13,110
Amount received for Use of Building	375
Amount spent from General Budget in March	16,841
Additional Receipts	
Capital Fund	405
Stained Glass Fund	1,050
New Roof-Education Wing	1,195
Oak Grove Rent	100
Special Ministries	
Sharing House	75
Third Mile-Nothing But Nets	422
One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)	221
Piano Fund	30
The Haven	<u>10</u>
Total - Special Ministries	\$758

BY OUR SERVICE

Greeters

May 6 - Kathi Gaburri & Valeka Ramakis, John & Colleen Lisk
13 - Evelyn & Alan Keehn, Dale, Darlene & Claire Griffin
20 - Bernie & Sandy Case, Aaron, Lisa, James, Abby Thompson
27 - Charles & Eunice Ayers, Lee & Margaret Schleining

Acolytes

May 6 - James Thompson
13 - Valeka Ramakis
20 - Dylan Harris
27 - Hannah Stansel

Lay Readers

May 6 - Linda Uhler
13 - Mike Uhler
20 - Evelyn Keehn
27 - Mary Griffin

Nursery Attendants

May 6 - Mimi Hodges
13 - Paula Bennett Paddick
20 - Paula Bennett Paddick
27 - Paula Bennett Paddick

Ushers

May 6 - Tony Dalton, Jack Bryson, Bernie Case, John Barker, Don Mozley
13 - 4 L's Class
20 - Wendell Hodges, Pam Winstead, Jean Potter, Guis Siniard, Bill Roth
27 - Marty Griffin, Jim Deacon, Karl Will, Nathan Siniard, Gladys Taylor

Security Check in May

Sam Woodruff

May Birthdays



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| 1 - Cindy Dalton | 12 - Emily Houts | 27 - Allan Allman |
| Gregg Nelson | 14 - Greg McCarty | 29 - Larry Weed |
| 4 - Chris Clark | 15 - Jean Price | Anne English |
| 5 - Glen Valentine | 16 - Jeff Thompson | Michelle Galloway |
| Judy Thompson | 17 - Leilani Roberts | 30 - Aaron Thompson |
| 6 - Jean Potter | Bernie Case | Joan Uhler |
| 8 - Graham DeLoach | 20 - Martha Bonar | 31 - Lucy Baker |
| 9 - Gleason Snow | 25 - Helen Meece | |
| 10 - Larry Clark | Marge Woodruff | |
| 11 - Adrienne Dalton | 26 - Ruby Oliver | |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
		9:00am Men's 1 Coffee Hour 10:00am DiscipleIII 12:00 - 5:00pm Dream Team Retreat 6:30pm Tai Chi	11:00am Prayer 2 Group 5:30pm Trustee Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Men's 3 Coffee Hour 9:00am Stamping 1:30 Maud Freeman Circle 4:30pm Disciple I	4 1:30pm Dartball	5
6 12:30pm UMYF	7 5:30pm VBS Meeting	9:00am Men's 8 Coffee Hour 9:00am DiscipleIII 11:15am Over 50's 4:00pm WitnessTeam 5:30 Church Council 6:30pm Tai Chi	11:00am Prayer 9 Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Men's 10 Coffee Hour 9:00am Stamping 9:00am Bread of Life 4:30 Disciple I	11 1:30pm Dartball 6:30pm Sylvan Squares	12
13 	14	9:00am Men's 15 Coffee Hour 5:30pm Stamping Class 6:00pm Women'sAA 6:30pm Tai Chi	11:00am Prayer 16 Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Men's 17 Coffee Hour 9:00am Stamping 1:00pm Lydia Circle 4:30pm Disciple I	18 1:30pm Dartball	19
20 12:30pm UMYF 2:00-4:00pm Wedding Shower for Amanda Griffin 3rd Mile Giving Stop Hunger Now Newsletter Deadline	21 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Line Dancing	9:00am Men's 22 Coffee Hour 10:00am DiscipleIII 3:30pm Koinonia 6:30pm Tai Chi	11:00am Prayer 23 Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Men's 24 Coffee Hour 9:00am Stamping 4:30pm Disciple I	25 1:30pm Dartball 6:30pm Sylvan Squares "Squirrel Twirl"	26
27 12:30pm UMYF	28 	9:00am Men's 29 Coffee Hour 6:30pm Tai Chi	11:00am Prayer 30 Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Men's 31 Coffee Hour 4:30pm Disciple I		

ST. TIMOTHY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship

10:00 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service

Wednesday

11:00 am Prayer Group



St. Timothy Staff

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Michelle McQuaidSecretary
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"Nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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