# epistle



Dear St. Timothy,

From All Saints Sunday to Thanksgiving and everything in between, this month is a time for remembrance and gratitude.

We begin by remembering those who have transitioned to the Church Triumphant. It is a somber time, because many of these individuals meant so much to our church community right here. However, in our grief and remembrance, we find a call toward our own faithfulness. Their journey is done; their efforts to continue the work of Christ have been accomplished. Now, it is our time to take up the mantle. I hope that All Saints Sunday leaves you feeling encouraged about the work that is before us.

One aspect of that work is to continue serving our community, especially those who are struggling the most. Many of our neighbors who depended on SNAP benefits are losing them this month. As I was at Sharing House yesterday, I saw a wonderful push of folks dropping off donations. I was thankful for the community support, but it will take all of us. I encourage you to think about an extra donation to Sharing House, the Cove Shelter, Bread of Life, or another local agency helping feed those who don't have enough food.

We end the month thinking about gratitude. You may be in a place where you feel gratitude is hard. Many are in difficult seasons of life, have lost a loved one, are battling cancer, or are simply going through a tough time. Sometimes, I think we in the faith community can be too zealous about forcing people toward gratitude. However, as people of faith, there can be so much in our lives we aren't grateful for, and so much we wish was different. Yet, there is always the very source of our being—God's love—for which we can find gratitude. In fact, especially for those who have so much to be thankful for, it is a good practice to be grateful for the things that will never change. It prepares us for carrying gratitude into difficult seasons of life.

I am grateful for God's love that has nurtured me all my life. I am thankful for a church community that always seeks to connect people with that love. And I am truly grateful for all the saints who have faithfully served so that I might be connected to God's love in such a real way.

Your Pastor, Andrew Crimmins



### ewardship



#### BY OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Karla Atkinson Chris Barila Helen Barker JoAnn Bryson Elaine Gales Jayne Nash Gore

Gloria, Joe & Dylan Harris

Rose Hofman

Paula Bennett Paddick

Larry Sherrill

Juana & Nathan Siniard

Frances Siniard Christy Stansel

Lisa, Aaron, Abby, & James Thompson Judy & Larry Whatley

Glenn & Barbara Williams

Marge Woodruff

Doris Wright (Bonnie & Bill Sutton's friend)

Brian Gales (Elaine Gales' son)

Michaela Rowland (Mike & Judy Rowland's granddaughter)

Hayley (Paula Padddick's friend) Bob Szabo (David Mackey's friend)

Michael Weinstein (Susan & Dave Donaldson's son-in-law)

Rivers Stillwell (Helen Barker's grandson)

Mildred & John Abney (Harold Mullinax's friends)

Chris Seal (Al Seal's mother)

Firends & family of Max Dajnowicz

Kathleen Thill (Mike Uhler's friend)

Gaston Siniard

Mariella Heidy (Rose Hoffman's granddaughter)

Buzz Hill & David Belzer (Tony Dalton's friends)

Nathan McKee (Laura Lipe's son) Luke Brown (David Mackey's friend) Hilda Lance (Cindy Dalton's mother)

Kevin Kraft (Rose Hoffman's grandniece's husband)

Chris & Andrea Angelacos (Elizabeth Leff's neighbors)

Patty & Marshall Cheek (Marge Woodruff's daughter & son-in-law)

Larry Donaldson (Dave Donaldson's brother) Richard Nugent (Brian Hipp's friend)

Jay & Audrey Connors (Don Mozley's friends)

Paula & Monty Daniell (Michael Jones' sister & brother-in-law)

Angela Dematta (Don Mozley's cousin)

Calvin Honeycutt (David Mackey's neighbor)

Rick Fanning (Tony Dalton's cousin)

Steven & Sandra Harris (Gloria Harris' son & daughter-in-law)

Janice & Brian Woodard (Diana Allen's friends)

Dave Kaye (Betty Bullock's friend)

OUR PRESENCE								
		Sunday School	Worship					
Oct.	5	7	(11) 87					
	12	7	(16) 81					
	19	8	(20) 101					
	26	10	(15) 74					

BY OUR GIFTS					
2025 Ministries Budget	251,086.00				
Budget requirements for the month	20,924.00				
Amount received for General Budget for September	18,741.00				
Rent and Use of Facility	655.00				
Amount Spent from General Budget in September	24,386.00				
Additional Receipts					
AGAPE and Christmas Boxes	1,309.00				
Bread of Life	50.00				
Capital / Building & Grounds Fund	7,015.00				
Diapers & Wipes	245.00				
Oak Grove Cemetery and Ground Maintenance	1,000.00				
Sharing House	475.00				
Total Additional Receipts	\$10,094.00				

	BY OUR SERVICE							
Greeters								
Nov.	2	Andrea & Jeff Brewer						
	9	Shelly & Jim Hubbard						
	16	Cynthia & Dave Cady						
	23	Judy Drury & Betty Brewster						
	30 Agnes LaBree & Jean Price							
	Counters							
Nov.	2	Ginger Campbell & Don Mozley						
	9	Jean Price & Diana Allen						
	16	Michael Jones & Charles Wallis						
	23	Betty Brewster & Jeff Brewer						
	30	Betty Brewster & Charles Wallis						
	Ushers							
Nov.	2	Tony Dalton, Don Mozley, David Mackey & Dave Cady						
	9	Dave & Susan Donaldson, Mike Rowland & Jim Allen						
	16	Jim Hubbard Pam Winstead, Michael Jones & Brad Caldwell						
	23	Nathan Siniard, Jeff Brewer, Norm Campbell & Johnny Barnett						
	30	Michael & TBD						

If you would like to receive the newsletter and financial giving statements electronically, please email the office.

> Security Check for November Nathan Siniard



## Poinsettias for Christmas



Pat Messer will be taking orders for poinsettias in the Gathering Space on November 9, 16 and 23. The estimated price is \$10.00 per pot.

## Happenings

#### Over 50s

The Over 50's will meet in the Lady Slipper Room on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:30am. Please bring your own lunch.

## Hanging of the Greens



#### Come help Hang the Greens!!

At 9:00am on Tuesday, November 25, we will be decorating our church space for the upcoming Christmas season. We will put up and decorate two trees—one in the sanctuary and one in the fellowship hall. Other areas will be decorated and we need YOUR help to get our space ready for the Advent Season. There are lots of "easy" things you can do sitting in chairs like putting batteries in outside walkway lights and putting candles in the holders for the Christmas Eve service, so women attending the women's group time please come early to help get ready for Advent season. See you there!

# Christmas Card "Post Office" is Open!



If you are new to St. Timothy, we wanted you to be aware that during Advent we have what we call our "post office" in the Gathering Space and how it works. It is a way to save each of us postage and gives us a place to share Christmas greetings with each other. If you are so inclined. The "post office" goes up when we decorate for Advent and stays during the Advent season. The "post office" has cubicles for each letter of the alphabet, so using the first letter of the family's last name (C for Crimmins, B for Barker, etc.) you deposit your Christmas cards to others in the appropriate cubicle. You then look through the cards in the cubicle of your last name's first letter to get the cards addressed to your family. There is no postmaster and cards are not mailed out by the church if they are not picked up. Cards to our shut-ins should be mailed via the USPS as we do not deliver to them, as a rule. If you put your return address on the envelope, we will try to return to you any of your cards not picked up; otherwise they will be tossed when Advent ends. This system for exchanging Christmas greetings has worked well for us in past years. It's a fun way to "meet at the Post Office" as we pick up and drop off our cards.

### O u t<u>reach</u>

November's Third Mile Giving and Angel Projects will be monetary collections for Davidson River School and The Sharing House—Christmas Blessing Program. Please mark your check or giving envelope for Davidson River School or Sharing House—Christmas.

Funds collected for Davidson River School are used throughout the school year to purchase needed supplies including Kleenex, Clorox wipes and laundry detergent, as well as special treats for students and staff. St. Timothy also sponsors a catered lunch for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and provides refreshments following graduation.

The Sharing House Christmas Blessing Program is an annual tradition that provides gifts to children in Transylvania County. Each year The Sharing House sets up a shop where parents or guardians can "shop" for \$50 worth of special items per child. They expect to be able to share the joy and hope of Christmas with over 1,000 children again this year.

St. Timothy's Gleaning Team has been hard at work this Fall. They have gathered 15,364 pounds of potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and apples since late August. The produce goes to Manna Food Bank, Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville and Bread of Life in Brevard.

October donations were \$1,275 for Transylvania Habitat for Humanity (Third Mile Giving), \$435 for The Sharing House—Food and Supplies (Angel Project), \$100 for Bread of Life, \$50 for UMCOR, \$50 for The Haven and \$5 for The Cove.





# NOVEBER



# birthdays

- 7 Paul Rutherford
- 4 Ashleigh Bonar
   Sandy Case
   Desmond Crimmins
   Pam Wilkie
- 6 Gale Barnett
- 10 Julianna Summey

- 12 Brantley Wilkie
- 14 Marion Smalls
- 17 Joe Harris
- 18 Ellen Hooper
- 19 Claire Griffin Frank Lipe
- 22 Al Hooper
- 24 Mikinzy Wevley

- 26 Addison Dalton Nancy Forrest Rita McKinnish
- 27 Debora DurhamBunny Sprouse
- 29 Al Seal
- 30 Juana Siniard

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 10:00am Prayer Group 10:30am Knitwits	9:00am Men's Coffee @ FH	5 5:00pm Choir Practice	6	7	8
9	10 10:00am Prayer Group	9:00am Men's Coffee @ BRB 11:30 Over 50's	5:00pm Choir Practice	13	14	15
16	17 10:00am Prayer Group	9:00am Men's Coffee @ BRB	5:00pm Choir Practice	20	21	22
23	24 10:00am Prayer Group	25 9:00am Men's Coffee @ BRB	26 5:00pm Choir Practice	27 Office Closed	28	29
30		9:30am Hanging of the Greens				

#### ST. TIMOTHY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:55 am Worship Service

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