

Happy January Birthdays

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| 1 Yusuf (Joseph) Pekgirgin | 14 Reneé Sanders Turner | 22 Marie Page Smith |
| 3 Linda Miller | Charlotte Daniel | 23 Audrey Fischer |
| Holland Carol Ellis | Julia Fielding | Isabelle Fischer |
| 4 Scott Tulloss | 15 Jane Lyon | 24 Perry Jenkins |
| Todd Wilkinson | Cliff Blanton | 25 Carrington Metts |
| Benjamin Rodriguez | Bobby Bryson | 26 Thomas Bardin |
| William Hinson | Sallie Gliarmis | 27 Dr. A. Tyson Jennette |
| 6 Tom Sheen | 16 Jennifer Long | Meredith Jinks |
| 8 Garland R. Homes Jr. | 17 Danielle Sheen Batts | Jamie Parker Varnell |
| Vickie Thompson | Ainsley Randolph | 28 Mary Helen Dempsey |
| Hackney Scott Tulloss | 19 Roy Moore | 29 Adam Reinhold |
| 11 Wills Edgar | Melissa Rees | 30 Margaret Holt |
| Brent Cook | Emily Fielding | 31 James H. Thomas, Jr. |
| 12 Doug Hackney | Olivia Fielding | |
| Grace Robbins | 20 Lamont Futrell | |
| Avery Williams | 21 Kim Joy | |
| 13 Creighton Agner | Margaret Jenkins | |



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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is a Christian community, welcoming to all, that nurtures worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and service.

Calendar of Events



Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church
We belong to one another.
Together, with God's help,
We can make one another stronger.



St. Timothy's during the time of COVID-19
Our buildings may be closed
but our hearts are open.

Opportunities for Worship & Teaching as well as ongoing updated information may be found at StTimothysWilson.org.

Find us on [Facebook@StTimothysWilson](https://www.facebook.com/StTimothysWilson).

Until informed by our Bishop, St. Timothy's is closed for all onsite worship services and meetings.

The following is excerpted from the Diocese of North Carolina website: The Diocese remains committed to following physical distance practices and doing all we can to ensure the health and safety of our brothers and sisters. As we have said all along, we are following the recommendations of both the medical experts and health authorities to do all we can to help stem the spread of the coronavirus, and so even as we look ahead to the journey toward reopening, as of today, the suspension of in-person worship and gatherings is extended. Read the full summary dated September 30, 2020, on the Diocesan website -- <https://www.episdionc.org>.



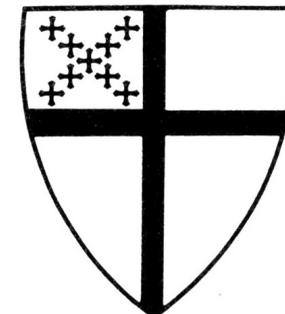
January 2021

Season of Epiphany

Office hours
Mon-Thurs 9-5; Fri 9-3

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From the Senior Warden



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Our Prayers for a new priest have been answered! His name is the Reverend Paul Castelli, and he is currently the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Milford, Michigan. Fr. Paul and his wife Michelle have two young daughters, Aria who is age 2 ½, and Alessandra (Aly) who is six months old.

Shelton Griffin, who led our Search Committee, has said that Fr. Paul met each and every one of the criteria that were established at the parish "sticky note" meeting last spring. Of particular importance is Fr. Paul's ministry with the youth of the church having served as a Youth Minister at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Pontiac, Michigan, from August 2011 to June 2013.

Needless to say our new Rector is young and energetic and will hit the ground running in Wilson on March 1, 2021. Please keep Paul and his family in your prayers and also extend a large thank you to Shelton and all the members of the Search Committee for their tireless efforts and a job well done.

Kenan Rand, Senior Warden

Vestry 2021

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The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021, 5:30pm, via ZOOM.

Announcements

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A Change in Women's Bible Study. We will meet in Anderson Hall on Thursday at 3:00 pm every week. We are studying 31 women of the Bible. You are welcome to come and observe to see if you would like to join us. Social distancing observed and face masks required.

Melba Martin 252-235-7110

The Church office will be closed in observance of
New Year's Day, January 1, and
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18.



St. Timothy's Food Basket Ministry

For the month of **January, Hope Station** is our recipient and they are asking for **all shelf stable foods, especially fruits, vegetables and peanut butter**. Donation bins are located in the narthex of the church, Anderson Hall, and the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Blazek-Guinan at (252)-373-3783.

The Parish Prayer List

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- **BUSTER DAWSON**
FAMILY OF PATTY DAWSON & LINDA CONNOR
- **BONNIE CAMPBELL**
FRIEND OF ELEANOR HYDE
- **EVA MORRIS**
- **BILL WRENN**
FRIEND OF MARTHA WRENN
- **DALLAS CLARK**
FAMILY OF JOANNA ROSS
- **APRIL LAMM**
FAMILY OF JAYE LAMM REASON
- **MILES JOHNSON**
FRIEND OF ELIZABETH SKINNER
- **CHRIS PERRI**
FRIEND OF ELIZABETH SKINNER
- **DON DOSTER**
FRIEND OF STEPHANIE BATTEN
- **MIKE PIERCE**
FRIEND OF CLAUDIA JENKINS
- **ANNA JANE RUFFIN**

- **TOM SHEEN**
- **JOSH & RACHEL WATSON**
FAMILY OF GINGER WILLIAMS
- **ALEXANDER RAWLINGS**

ONGOING NEEDS:

- **KRESHAUN BREWINGTON**
FRIEND OF MARY LONG
- **DAVID BALLARD**
- **DAVID HESMER**
FRIEND OF TAV GAUSS
- **PHYLLIS CONNOR**
FAMILY OF JERRI BATTS
- **DWIGHT BATTS**
FAMILY OF JERRI BATTS
- **RANDOLPH WALSTON**
FAMILY OF CATHERINE WALSTON
- **TYLER TURNER**
FRIEND OF CATHERINE BATTEN
- **SANDY REEBEL**
FRIEND OF DEWEY SHEFFIELD

- **HARRISON BARNETT**
FRIEND OF PAIGE WEBB
- **STEPHANIE MOORE**
FRIEND OF HARRY GAUSS
- **ALLISON PARKER**
FAMILY OF PAT PROUTY
- **JAMES BATTS**
- **BOBBY & EMILY CUNNINGHAM**
- **JIMMY THOMPSON**
FRIEND OF DANIELLE BATTS
- **LARRY DORSETT**
- **SUNSHINE BARNES**
- **CHARLOTTE BRIDGERS**
FRIEND OF LISA ROBBINS
- **RUBY BARNES**
- **COLE HARVIN**
FRIEND OF PATRICIA MILLER
- **FLOYD RICHEY**
FRIEND OF GARY DAYNES
- **LINDA SHEEN**

- **BOB ELLIS**
FAMILY OF PEGGY ELLIS
- **DICKIE TYLER**
FRIEND OF HOLMES SMOOT
- **SHIRLEY RETZLER**
FAMILY OF MELANIE STATNICK
- **BUTCH ACOSTA**
FRIEND OF GINGER WILLIAMS
- **MARY SCOTT GALLUS**
FRIEND OF PATTY DAWSON
- **LEE WILHELM**
- **DOUG ROBELEN**
FAMILY OF PAM EVANS
- **BILL ROBINETTE**
- **BETTY JEAN GAUSS**
- **JERRY HAMILL**
FAMILY OF CLAUDIA JENKINS
- **DEBBIE STYLES**



THE NO BAKE SALE CHALLENGE

ALL things come of thee O' Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.
1 Chronicles 29:14

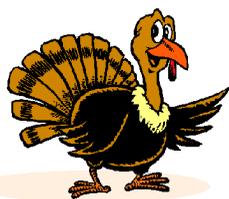
We learned in "Thankful for the Pearl of Great Price" that all we have comes from God. He trust us to be good stewards of these gifts. The

2020 NO BAKE SALE CHALLENGE

is an example of God asking us to return his goodness.

The ECW thanks the St. Timothy's church family. With deep humility, we are happy and amazed to report the results of the

NO BAKE SALE CHALLENGE:



\$29,293.00

(this total includes the \$10,000 challenge)

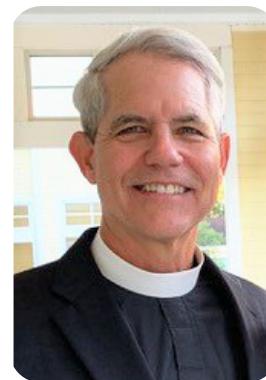


We will be able to distribute almost three times the amount to the designated charities as in the previous year.

The St. Timothy's family, in this most unusual year, has demonstrated their Godly generosity.

Thank you,
ECW Board

A Message from our Interim Rector



Dear Friends,

St. Timothy's two years search for a new Rector has come to completion with the answered call to Rev. Paul Castelli who will begin his service with you on March 1. This is a time for celebration and recognition of the hard work your vestry, search committee, Bishops and Canon Massey have done along with you. I'm sure that I can speak on behalf of Fr. Bill, when I say that we rejoice with you and give thanks to God for answered prayers!

Though our country is presently overshadowed by a dark cloud of division and the problems we face seem overwhelming, I believe it is important for us to recognize God's Spirit at work in St. Timothy's as you prepare to move forward with your Rector in the months to follow. Together and along with the wider Church, you face this New Year called to be a visible reality of God's love and community in a divided world.

I know that you will greet Fr. Castelli and his family with open arms and a renewed faith in Christ. Do not let the cares of this life take away the joy you have in the Spirit now. As strange as it might seem, the problems of our times present opportunities for the power and grace of our Lord to shine through the darkness. The way of Christ brings down strongholds, heals the broken, and frees those who are captive by sin. It is not the way of violence nor hatred. It is the way of compassion, grace, and love. As you begin this new chapter in the life of St. Timothy's take time to get to know the Castelli's so that you can begin fresh, and together building on the solid foundation of the Gospel that has been laid.

Your new Rector and his family will need your help when they arrive in Wilson. I know that you will overwhelm them with love, encouragement and help. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they go through saying goodbye to the community they are leaving behind. They do so with mixed feelings.

Next month will be our time to say goodbye. But in the meantime, let us remain united and resolved together in God's love to finish the work we share.

Faithfully,
Fr. Jim+
Interim Rector

From the Music Minister



During Xmas week, I've had the immense honor to play for mega-star pianist: Cyprien Katsaris. Katsaris is a Greek who lives in Paris and has won major competitions and has recorded for major record labels(Sony, RCA, etc.) for many decades. He offered, to anyone interested, five lessons before Christmas dubbing it 'A Special Christmas.' It sure was! Since he lives in Paris, these lessons took place via Zoom. It is rare for someone of his caliber to so freely offer up his talent and wisdom to us. I may unveil more of this singular experience latter in the new year.

Happy New Year!

Dexter Ruffin, Music Minister

From the Commissions

FINANCE / STEWARDSHIP

FINANCE: I have mentioned before that one of the pleasures of being the Treasurer is seeing the heartfelt giving that goes on in our church. Back in December I received a call from a Parishioner wanting to know what the shortfall of the Cash Plate was. I told him it was \$7,000.00. He assured me that the shortfall would be covered and a week later checks started coming in that eliminated that \$7,000.00 shortfall.

The good news for 2020 is that we finished the year with a surplus. The bad news is that it came at the expense of not having a Rector and no church services. Please keep in mind going forward that as we crank things up again we will be facing higher costs on everything. As an example, health insurance for our covered staff has increased an average of 7% the last three years and no end in sight.



faith and finances
Keeping Your House in Order.

Randy Prouty
Treasurer

Pledges and donations to the ministries of St. Timothy's can be made securely online through our website? Just visit www.sttimothyswilson.org and click on the blue button located at the bottom of the home page.



STEWARDSHIP: A GENTLE REMINDER! If you have not yet sent in your 2021 Pledge Card to the church office, please do so as soon as possible. Many Thanks!

Stewardship Committee

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach Committee would like to recognize all who participated in the Annual Angel Tree Project to benefit the Wesley Shelter. In an attempt to minimize social interactions, Theresa assisted in setting up virtual signups for donations. All Angels were adopted in record time! We were able to assist approximately 35 shelter residents with Christmas gifts. Thanks to all who blessed these families with the true meaning of Christmas. We have been overwhelmed with the eagerness of St. Timothy's parishioners to take part in all of the Community Outreach Committees many projects throughout this trying year that is has been difficult for so many. Though so many of us have been physically separated from our church family, it is so joyful to know we can come together in spirit and spread our good works and fellowship with this community. Prayers for a peaceful Christmas and a New Year full of hope and promise.



Peace,
Page and Melissa

As in the past tradition, Wilson downtown churches St. Timothy's, First Methodist, and First Christian all have supplied lunch on Christmas Day for the needy.

Because of Covid we were unable to serve food as usual. Food was secured by Marty's in prepackaged quantities. St. Timothy's contributed to this wonderful tradition by giving a donation. Hopefully we will get back to our normal this coming Christmas.

Outreach commission

Announcements

Plastic Grocery Bags Needed



St. Timothy's CHEW team are in need of plastic grocery bags to provide bagged weekend meals for school children in need in Wilson County. Bags can be dropped off at the church office Monday-Friday between the hours of 10am-12pm and 2-3pm.



Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and for the Health and Safety of our staff, our members, and you,

A FACE MASK IS REQUIRED TO ENTER ST. TIMOTHY'S FACILITIES AND YOU MUST SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT.

If you do not have a mask, ask and we will provide one to you.