



2022 Annual Report

Our Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission it to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

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2022 Pastor's Report

Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible.

But with God everything is possible." Matthew 19:26 NLT

I believe that one of the strongest desires anyone of us can have is the desire to want to do things on our own: our own strength, our own understanding, our own power. Many of us are taught from a very early age the importance of personal responsibility. In a vacuum, this sounds like a great idea! But in reality, this desire can lead to our downfall if our lives become all about us. God said in Genesis that it was not good for humanity to be alone, indicating that at our best we are meant to be in community with one another. Even further, at the heart of our faith is a God who desires to be in relationship with us. Jesus' appearance on earth is proof that wanting to do things our own way will lead us away from God and down a path of destruction, because at the heart of sin is a desire to serve the self.

One of the things that 2022 made so clear to me is that if we take God out of our lives, so many things seem impossible. How can we forgive when it's much easier to hate? How can we move on from the things that bother us? How can we learn to love those who don't love us? How can we grieve well, when beloved members Jim Harrington, Carolyn Kordt, Steve Kateff, and Margaret Martin died? How can we build community with others who are different than us? How can we survive when our finances are so upside-down? In the Matthew passage above, Jesus makes the case that if put ourselves first, seek the gathering of wealth, and follow ourselves, then we can forget about entering his kingdom. But if we seek him first and share our blessings with others then his kingdom belongs to us. If we truly rely upon God, then everything is possible!

I've been pondering quite a bit about God's kingdom this past year. As I ponder on the work of Session and Deacon Boards, our committees, our service, our worship, even our fellowship, I marvel at the impossible things that God made possible. Out of our Matthew 25 conversation, 3 new small groups have begun, including one on Zoom. We hosted friendship club. We donated scarves and hats and gloves and holiday meals. We have study groups that meet on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday. We worshipped online and in person. We gave the most ever to Crop Walk. Do any of us believe even for a moment that any of this is possible because of us? Because we desired it to happen? Some may look at the size of our church and wonder how in the world we did anything at all. But our response is obvious: it wasn't us; it was God through us.

The wonderful upside of our faith in God is that we are not limited by our resources; we are only limited by our ability and desire to trust that with God everything is possible. *With God*. I continue to be on my own journey seeking to live out the "*with God*" part of my faith. And as I look ahead to 2023, I continue to trust that "*with God*" is the only way forward for us all.

May Christ be with us all and fill our hearts with his love and compassion,

Pastor Joel

Congregation/Corporation Docket

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154

Annual Congregational Meeting
February 26, 2023 @11:30am

Docket for Annual Congregational Meeting

Call to order with prayer

Motion to elect of the secretary of the congregation

Motion to approve minutes of the January 16, 2022 February 13, 2022, December 18, 2022 congregational meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the March 20, 2022 Town Hall meeting

Review and reception of annual reports

Presentation and reception of 2023 proposed general operating budget

Presentation and approval of pastor's terms of call for 2023

Adjournment with prayer

Docket for Corporation Meeting

Call to order with prayer

Motion to approve minutes of February 13th, 2022 corporate meeting

Note acceptance of 2023 proposed general operating budget from congregational meeting

Motion to accept elders as trustees of the corporation

Motion to accept officers of the corporation

President: Beth Olko

Recording Secretary: Linda Delezenne

Treasurer: Tim Chanko

Financial Secretary: Marilyn Taulbee

New business

Adjournment with prayer



January 16, 2022 Congregational Meeting Minutes

Pastor Joel confirmed a quorum was present, called the meeting to order, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Lou Suveg presented the new officers and the Nominating & Personnel Committee members as follows:

- A. Deacon: Rick Dunn, Beth Olko
- B. Session Elder: Linda Houghtby
- C. Committee Members: Margaret Barsch, Chris Korne, John Weiss

Pastor Joel made the request for any additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Bob Taylor moved to close nominations. Greg Kateff seconded, and the motion was approved.

Pastor Joel made the request for approval of the nominations. Paula Boegner moved to approve the nominations as presented. Greg Kateff seconded, and the motion was approved.

Kim Gaines moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim Chanko seconded, and the motion was approved. Lou Suveg closed the meeting with prayer.

February 13, 2022 Congregational Meeting Minutes

A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:40 a.m.

Motion to elect Linda Delezenne as secretary of the congregation was made by Paula Boegner. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2021 congregational meeting was made by Greg Kateff. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

The annual reports were reviewed. Motion to receive the annual reports was made by Bob Taylor. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Tim Chanko presented the 2022 proposed general operation budget. Motion to receive the proposed operating budget was made by Greg Kateff. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Lou Suveg presented the 2022 pastor's terms of call. Motion to approve the 2022 pastor's terms of call was made by Paula Boegner. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Boegner. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Delezenne

Recording Secretary

February 13, 2022 Corporation Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 12:05 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2021 corporation meeting was made by Bob Taylor. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Acceptance of the 2022 general operating budget from the congregational meeting was noted.

Motion to accept the elders as trustees of the corporation was made by Lou Suveg. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Motion to accept these officers of the corporation was made by Bob Taylor:

President: Beth Olko

Recording Secretary: Linda Delezenne

Treasurer: Tim Chanko

Financial Secretary: Marilyn Taulbee

The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Beth Olko at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Delezenne

Recording Secretary

December 18, 2022 Congregation Meeting Minutes

A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:50 a.m.

Motion was made by Lou Suveg to accept the nominations of:

Dorothy Sanchez for a 3-year term as deacon,

Karlane Belaire for a 1-year term as elder,

Cassy Sautter for a 3-year term as elder,

Lou Suveg for a 3-year term as elder,

Dennis Delezenne for a 3-year term as elder.

The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Motion was made by Cassy Sautter to accept the nomination of Margaret Barsch, John Weiss, Dorothy Sanchez and Chris Korne to the Nomination and Personnel Committee. The motion was seconded and passed by vote of the members present.

Motion was made by Paula Boegner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Delezenne

Recording Secretary

town hall

March 20, 2022 Town Hall Meeting Minutes

Pastor Joel opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Joel reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Pastor Joel began by going over our values and mission as a church. He reviewed the church mission statement and indicated that for everything we do here, we use this mission statement to help in our prayer and discernment of the matter being decided. He noted that our decisions are not ours, but are Christ's decisions as He leads us to serve Him.

Pastor Joel talked about the Matthew 25 initiative using the governing outline for the Presbytery. He indicated that this initiative came from the General Assembly and indicated that Session has spent a great deal of time going through this program over the past two years. He then noted the seven marks of the program.

Pastor Joel then talked about the survey that was completed last fall. He discussed the results for each of the seven sections of the survey that followed the seven marks of the program. He stressed the specific sections that had a greater response, indicating to Session that we needed work on those areas.

At this point, Pastor Joel asked how the results of the survey match what the congregation currently felt is needed at the church.

Scott Gaines noted that he was surprised at the response that we needed more volunteers. Scott feels that whenever help is needed people seem to pitch right in. Pastor Joel noted that maybe this comment was more about committee work and not one-time volunteering opportunities.

Greg Kateff stated that with respect to the future of the church and the attitude of the congregation, he feels that what we do here is just fine. He is concerned about stepping outside the church to see what is currently happening with our young people. They seem to have less of a faith attitude toward church. Greg wonders how we can create more disciples to increase the number of people actually coming to church. Pastor Joel noted that if we continue to be irrelevant to an increasing age group, then that may be an area where we need to find ways to become a stronger voice in our community and our society. Maybe we do less of an organized ministry but do more on a personal level in our personal relationships.

Tina Puntigam asked about being mentored and being directed. Pastor Joel stated that it is about being mentored and then becoming a disciple. Tina stated that the average age of the church right now is about 70 years old, but we still desire to have someone walk with us and guide us. How much more is that for a younger person? That is an area with great growth potential for our church. It would give the older generation who has a desire for more mentoring an opportunity to share our experiences with others who are younger outside of the church. We would simply need to find the ability and outward focus. Tina asked if Session has looked at programs to address mentoring and spiritual direction in this way. Pastor Joel answered not, but these types of suggestions are the primary purpose for this town hall meeting, to talk about possible programs that may be of interest.

Pastor Joel stated that there are more people in attendance at the town hall meeting than who completed the survey. He asked for input from those who may not have completed the survey. Matt Johnson asked if there was differentiation in the survey between what we hope for and what we want. In the sense where people indicated that they were not hopeful, most people want the church to be strong for the future but may not be hopeful based on our current state. Pastor Joel noted the question and the results were split. This is an interesting result because we need to address what it means to be hopeful as a church. Melanie Gumz asked why people indicated that they were not hopeful and what would it take to change their opinion. Melanie noted that over her years of coming to this church, she has seen people leave because they have become upset by some higher level rules and decisions by church leaders and the Presbytery of Detroit. Sometimes people leave the church because they are not happy with what the Presbytery of Detroit is doing.

Dennis Delezenne noted that you can look at hope in two ways. The question may have lead people to see a weak financial situation and felt less hopeful about that. The other part of this question to Dennis is the walk in faith. If we are walking in faith, then everything always works out. His hope is great for the church right now. Pastor Joel stated that hope really depends on where our focus is. If people only focus on the difficult or challenging items, then they may not have as much hope for the church.

Bob Taylor noted that he originally came for a job, but he found that he enjoyed the congregation and the involvement in the church at that time. Bob talked about various programs that are no longer active at the church. He agreed with Melanie Gumz that society has made it acceptable to schedule other activities on Sunday mornings. He also noted that the death of our previous pastor and the change in orientation of the sanctuary caused others to leave. People are using these and other personal reasons to leave. Bob also noted that there have been a number of people who have come to the church just as others have left. If we get upset because someone at General Assembly

pushes through a directive with which we do not agree, then he feels that we are missing the most important part of being in church, which is the fact that we are here for our collective faith and to worship.

Marlene Korne wondered why some of our efforts to reach out are not bearing fruit. Bob Taylor stated that even if our outreach efforts do not seem to be working we need to continue. Pastor Joel noted that many things have changed here over the years, along with losing a beloved pastor. Things take time to work past, and some people take longer than others to get through difficulties and changes.

Nancy Pleasant indicated that she feels as though she belongs at this church. Tina Puntigam wonders if the way to increase hope in the church is to talk about hopeful things from the pulpit, calling this sharing moments of ecclesia. Sharing something uplifting would definitely help to build hope and uplift the congregation.

Jim Tindall stated that other churches in the area have a lot of people who attend, and he is wondering what those churches are doing that maybe we are not. Pastor Joel stated that some of those churches often make it feel like you are not really going to church. Pastor Joel indicated that attending a smaller church is more like being in the big leagues. If you're missing, then people notice. At those big churches, it is easy to be anonymous, so it gives people a good feeling about going to the church building but not necessarily about actual worship or having to be an active member of the congregation.

Pastor Joel reviewed the survey results and what they indicated Session should focus on going forward. He noted that the desire to care for one another is still a very important part of our church. Randy Wright stated that we need to put more pressure on the Presbytery of Detroit to project a more positive image so that all churches in the Presbytery would benefit. Pastor Joel asked what that would look like. Randy stated that radio and TV advertisements could help, and General Assembly could improve as well. Pastor Joel indicated that members and pastors make the bylaws, which could be causing a gap where our church is not necessarily in tune with other churches in our area. Dennis Delezenne indicated that there is great hope for the Presbytery of Detroit right now. They are searching for a new executive and looking at everything through a reorganization that could ultimately help the churches in the area. They are doing some hard work, and we need to be patient to give them time to move through this difficult process.

Pastor Joel noted that he serves on three committees in the Presbytery of Detroit because he feels called to do so. Pastor Joel is helping to work through some of the issues currently taking place. Scott Gaines asked what does the church get out of being part of the Presbytery of Detroit. Pastor Joel stated that if we ask for anything they will provide it. They need to be invited, but once asked, they will do whatever is needed to assist us. Tina Puntigam noted that we don't need anything from them, so we don't get much attention from the Presbytery of Detroit. If we needed them, they would definitely be here. Pastor Joel noted that it may feel like they don't care out our church, but the fact is that we truly don't need their help because we are doing very well on our own.

Greg Kateff stated that he is surprised that loving and caring relationships is a priority. Linda Houghtby feels that this question was misunderstood because this church does love and care for its congregation and members. Pastor Joel stated that the majority could feel that this is truly happening but that people feel it is still important. Greg Kateff feels that he needs to be more equipped to pass along information to people who ask him about ways to engage with others

outside of the church. He feels that we need to be more creative with how to get a message across to people.

Marlene Korne asked about the number of people who watch the live broadcast. Pastor Joel stated that the average is about 20-30 views, which is not insignificant. Marlene Korne asked if there was a way to engage and invite those watching online to attend in person. Tina Puntigam noted that she interacts through the chat and invites them to participate as they can online. Matt Johnson indicated that the online service was very important to him when he was struggling and could not attend worship in person. Simply being connected to the church in that way was a positive experience.

Mary Baum noted that some may feel as though we should just keep doing whatever they feel we are doing well. Mary wonders if we are willing and able to take steps outside of our comfort zone to involve others outside of the church or in the community. Joni Dunn feels that the deacons and congregation do a great job in caring for our members. If one person can't do something for someone, then we direct them to someone who can support their need.

Beth Olko feels that we are confirming what we do well based on these survey results, and others agreed. Tim Chanko stated that one of the hard things to do is to determine how the person answering the question actually interpreted the question. Sometimes the question could seem a little vague to someone.

Marilyn Taulbee wondered if the first and last questions are connected somehow. Maybe there are some who feel that we do well in caring for one other but maybe don't reach out to others through outreach and should work on this.

Tina Puntigam noted that this survey was completed right at the time when we were just starting to worship in person again. Pastor Joel indicated that it would be interesting to see if we would receive different answers if the congregation took the survey now. It is possible that Covid had some effect on the answers.

Mike Baum indicated that he struggled to complete the survey because of the context under which it was completed. He felt that having more background or more specific questions could have possibly clarified the results.

Pastor Joel stated that it is important to care for ourselves so that we are able to care for others. Dennis Delezenne stated that we are the mightiest little church around. Joni Dunn noted that when we have drives for various things, our church always excels in these areas. There are so many things that we give to help our community, and we do these things well.

Pastor Joel noted that Session went through each of the seven steps of the Matthew 25 program. Pastor Joel stated that Session feels that we need to focus on discipleship and servant leadership. Half of the respondents said that we need to focus on these items. Generally, the congregation is satisfied with most areas of the church, which is very good news. Our congregation is pretty healthy, and Pastor Joel feels blessed to serve here because of this congregation.

Pastor Joel talked about some things that we could possibly do moving forward. The first is to have the congregation complete the Matthew 25 study to help the congregation gain more knowledge and background about the program and why Session chose to move forward with it. We could have a member of Session invite smaller groups to their home to have more personal conversations and to draw out additional ideas about what people feel the church should be doing.

We could brainstorm more ideas for giving us hope for the future. Pastor Joel went around the room asking about next steps.

Karlane Belaire stated that small group bible studies could be good. Nancy Evans stated that we could bring back some of the small social groups that we once had. Pastor Joel stated that we do have a lot of small group things that we do, but there are many that don't attend those activities.

Mike Baum stated that since we are such a small church, he wonders if we can compile a list of things that take place at the church regularly for those people who may want to participate but don't know how or where help is needed. There is something for everyone to do, even those who are homebound. Mary Baum likes the idea of putting together small home groups to brainstorm about what congregation members feel should be the next steps for our church.

Janet Richardson also likes the idea for smaller groups in personal homes. She also thinks it is a good idea to move forward with service activities, but not necessarily only social activities. Beth Olko noted that it is important to keep in mind that some may be a little apprehensive about participating, but we could open these activities up to friends and family to help boost participation and support.

Marcy Shiels feels that there is a gap between what used to be and what is now. It is difficult to compare what was done in the past because many things have changed.

Ron Martin stated that Session meetings are not open to the public. He feels that we need a way to contact Session if we need them. Cassy Sautter asked all Session members to stand and be recognized. Pastor Joel asked Deacons to stand next. Lou Suveg stated that if anyone in the congregation has any concerns they should feel free to contact a member of Session.

Dennis Delezenne stated that he has been through this process with other churches. Without training, small groups often follow what a specific individual wants. It is not necessarily what God is calling us to do. We should be trained in small group leadership before we go down this path, and others agreed.

Scott Gaines feels that Session should ask a question of the month. Provide a topic and see what the congregation feels about that topic. Then, Session can review and discuss what we can realistically do as a church following our mission statement. Randy Wright stated that it is important to develop a consistent message and confirm what is required of Session members or other volunteers for various roles and activities in the church.

Tim Chanko thinks of evangelism as knocking door to door. He is wondering how we leverage our online presence and really publicize as a 24/7 church. People have the ability to watch our services all the time. We could grow our membership by providing more visibility online to help gain followers, which could ultimately lead to higher in person attendance.

Bob Taylor recognized the Stars and what they do for the building maintenance. Bob noted that although these people are older and retired they find the time and energy to do whatever is needed. He also recognized Linda Houghtby and her efforts to arrange students from her school to come and help clean around the building, set up the fellowship hall, or do whatever tasks need to be done. Cassy Sautter mentioned Dave Houghtby and others who rarely leave their homes still find time and ways to serve.



2022 Finance & Stewardship

2022 Financial Secretary

As financial secretary, I recorded contributions weekly for 55 members and friends, prepared and distributed quarterly giving statements, provided monthly pledging updates for the Bulletin, and participated in monthly Finance and Stewardship Committee meetings. Several times during the year, confidential giving analyses were prepared for the Committee to assist tracking to the 2022 zero budget.

This has been another challenging year with Covid still threatening our comfort levels. We were so blessed to have online worship services available to us as an alternate to in-house worship if we experienced illness, bad weather or were out of town. Most of us have made a faithful effort to keep up their pledges and a few have exceeded pledged giving. Others have contributed purchased goods and services during the year, and some have made extra contributions to Per Capita, the Deacon Board, to Faith Ed through the butterfly offerings and various other Committees. This dedicated effort has been a great help in helping to meet our financial obligations.

Our 2023 budget contains only critical expenses. Committees will continue to self-fund for their needs. It is our hope that with the continued faithful support of our church family, we will be able to meet and exceed “hoped for” expectations, support innovative and inspiring programs that enhance our spiritual growth, fund and support mission and outreach projects, continue to maintain and update our excellent facility, and that all of these efforts together will honor and glorify our Lord and Savior.

It has been my privilege to serve the St. Timothy congregation as financial secretary this year.

In Christ’s service,

Marilyn Taulbee

2022 Head Teller

In 2022 St Timothy continued to have the following teller processing challenges:

- Volunteers are in short supply: the Teller Roster continues to be critically low, and the Teller Substitute Roster is non-existent.
- Migration to a software-based teller platform requires computer training which dissuades new volunteers. So we are reaching out for more volunteers! (Sunday processing optional so weekday processing can be arranged!)



For 2022, I wish to thank all the tellers on our active list who continue to serve as needed throughout the year, and at times on very short notice:

Rick Dunn, Kim Gaines, Bob Taylor, and Marilyn Taulbee. And a big thank you to Shelly Walldorff who often serves as my teller partner during the week when we lack the ability to have dual control on Sunday after service.

Teller volunteers ensure that your offerings were safely and securely deposited so that St. Timothy could meet the cash flow needs to cover expenses. The willingness of these volunteers to serve is much appreciated.

Looking into the 2023, we are migrating to a new online portal process for those seeking to eliminate manual checks. Access to this option will reside on our webpage. Communication will be forthcoming with details for those interested in accessing that portal.

It's been a blessing to serve as your Head Teller and I look forward to training more volunteers!

Your servant in Christ,

Paula Boegner
Head Teller



2022 Memorial Committee

Psalm 130:7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

The Memorial Committee reports to the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and then to Session, and functions under advisement of the Pastor to recommend and oversee the use of memorial funds and gifts, both in our Memorial Garden and in our church.

This committee oversees the Memorial Garden and maintains it, but only with the invaluable help of STARS, Carol Prevost and Linda Delezenne, Bob Taylor, and Linda Houghtby.

The garden is being rehabilitated and rejuvenated, although progress is slow. This past year, the arbor vitae shrubs along the parking lot were removed, and new burning bush shrubs were planted in their place. One diseased crabapple tree was also removed as well as the center tiers.

Twelve new memorial bricks were placed in the garden this year, honoring the memories of Marge Aird, Ed and Edna Bauman, Joseph Bittemen, Sr., Jimmie Harrington, Charmaine Johnson, Carolyn Kordt, Margaret Martin, Mary Riker, Ed Sproul, Ginny Starr, Arlene Turnbull, and Glenn Wickersham.

If you would like to become part of our committee, and/or assist in the rehabilitation of our garden, you would be very welcome. We are planning to concentrate on the area around “the big green box” this spring.

Prayerfully submitted,

Karlane Belaire, Chairperson



2022 Deacons

The members of the 2022 Board of Deacons were: **Greg Kateff (Moderator), Kathey Turnbull (Vice Moderator), Beth Olko (Secretary), Rick Dunn, Karen Kateff and Dorothy Sanchez, along with guidance, support, and faithful counsel provided by Pastor Joel.**

This concludes my first term as a Deacon. It has been a memorable and faithful journey. While I held the ordained office for three years, in so doing, I realized that everyone at St. Timothy, whenever called, are able and willing Deacons. I would encourage anyone approached by nominating and personnel to serve on the Deacons Board, to not shy away, because we've all been well trained and are more than ready to be the caring Deacons are called to be.

The Biblical role of Deacons is to take care of the physical and logistical needs of the church so that the Elders can concentrate on their primary calling. Deacons are the "arms and legs" of our Pastor and Session coming along side our members, not necessarily with a solution to every problem, but to be there as needed, to offer up a meal, a ride to a Doctor's appointment, offer help with a move, a word of encouragement and prayerful support. As we fulfill our duties, others on Session often help us as we help them. Special thanks also to both Joni and Rick Dunn for faithfully moderating our Tuesday morning weekly prayer and praise time, keeping us all aware of the congregation's special needs with weekly updates. Finally, we are thankful for a faithful Session and Pastor Joel for their guidance, and supervision of our Deacons Board.

Deacons sub-ministries include: scheduling Sunday greeters, monitoring worship attendance, home and hospital visitation, transportation needs, food for families with health concerns or coping with grief of a loved one, assisting Pastor with home communion, funeral support and direction,

young adult (18-25) care, and supporting the events hosted by our Community Outreach & Fellowship Committee.

More specifically, our 2022 ministries, included:

- Collecting hats, scarves and mittens for our narthex “warming tree”, the contributions of which were donated to Open Door Ministry at Fort Street Presbyterian Church.
- Delivering a week of meals for the Harrington family as they gathered at Pam’s home in the midst of their grief over the loss of their beloved Jim, who entered the Church Triumphant.
- Attending a Presbytery sponsored Deacons leadership training, “Walking with Individuals Through Grief”.
- Hosting a special Congregational Easter Day Breakfast organized by Deacon Karen Kateff
- Expanding our ministry to homebound members to include visitation and caroling at **Christmas, Easter and the Fourth of July**. (Many thanks to Mary Baum for her committee’s help and participation in what has become a greatly appreciated and loving member care outreach).
- Organizing a special Suicide Prevention training for all church officers led by Kelly Mays (Hegira Health).
- Hosting a Congregational June Picnic, with good food, fellowship and featuring our first annual Corn Hole Championship games.
- Hosting a Summer Social at the Kateff’s home for our newly graduated confirmation class and their mentors. We enjoyed games, songs, taco bar and transformers.
- Supporting various Congregational and Community Outreach events--Trunk or Treat, Rally Day, and Hanging of the Greens;.
- Keeping in touch with our assigned “flocks” throughout the year with cards, notes and calls.

Sadly, we said good-bye to several of our St. Timothy Brothers and Sisters who died in 2022: Jim Harrington, Steve Kateff, Margaret Martin and Carolyn Kordt. This good-bye is only temporary, because as the people of God, we believe that through the Grace of God, we will one day all be united eternally in the Kingdom of God. We pray for God’s comfort and peace to be upon the dear loved ones connected to these Saints who before us have gone home to Glory.

The Deacon Board is now left in the caring, faithful and able hands of our 2023 Moderator, Kathey Turnbull. Beth Olko will be serving the Board of Deacons as Vice Moderator. May God continue to bless our Deacon service as we strive to be true to our mission to **“serve and love our neighbor”**.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Kateff, 2022 Deacon Moderator



2022 Faith Education

Psalm 31:24 Be strong and take heart, all you who **hope** in the Lord.

This committee is focused on providing educational opportunities for everyone at St. Timothy to support and grow their faith by offering the following opportunities:

- Daily devotionals (Our Daily Bread), Lenten devotionals, and we produced our own Advent devotional using new and legacy compositions
- Children's Chapel, curriculum and recruiting teachers
- Birthday cards and encouragement to our students
- Rally Day activities, along with the hope Verse Challenge
- Memory card Bible verses about love
- Adult Sunday School and the Thursday Morning Bible Study
- Confirmation Class and honored our high school graduate with a gift
- Easter Egg hunt for our children
- Butterfly Offering (which supports all Faith Ed. activities)
- Time with the Children presenters (Children's Sermons)
- Tuesday Prayer Call (6:45 and 8:15 a.m.)
- Youth Appreciation Sunday honoring our children and youth

In June, a weekly (Monday at 12 Noon) Zoom Bible study began, with Tina Puntigam as leader, studying Mark, and then synoptic Gospels.

Karlane, Linda H, Greg, Beth, Tina, Dorothy, Marilyn, Kathey T and, of course, Pastor Joel all taught in 2022. They shared their talents either in Children's Chapel or Time with the Children in Bible studies. And, Kim Gaines shared her clever Teacher Appreciation gifts again.

Several of our young people participated in a Christmas program during Special Music time in December. Thank you to Tim Falk for arranging this.

The confirmation class, consisting of four young people, finished in May. Each student was provided with a Teen Life Application Study Bible, inscribed with their name, and we celebrated their accomplishment with a party during coffee hour. Thank you to the mentors: Greg Kateff, Linda Houghtby, Dorothy Sanchez and Marilyn Taulbee and the class leaders Pastor Joel and Linda Houghtby, and to Greg and Karen Kateff for hosting everyone at their home.

Thank you to Linda Houghtby, Dorothy Sanchez and Marilyn Taulbee, and Pastor Joel for faithful service to this committee. St. Timothy has been blessed with many who enjoy teaching and leading classes. If you have thought of a study you might enjoy, or might wish to lead a study, please let us know.

Prayerfully Submitted,

K. Belaire, L. Houghtby, D. Sanchez, M. Taulbee



2022 Faith Circle

Faith Circle (Women's Association) meets every second Wednesday at 12:30 pm from September through June. Our meetings begin with prayer, and then a Bible study is led by Mary Baum. We are currently studying the book "Growing as a Christian 101".

We hosted 3 or 4 fellowship hours and also hosted a luncheon for the STARS, staff members and gardeners. We provided three funeral luncheons for Steve Kateff, Margaret Martin and Carolyn Kordt.

We bought Christmas Gifts for two teenagers, a boy and girl, through the Operation Good Cheer program chaired by Kim and Scott Gaines. We have also contributed Gifts to the Salvation Army and Charitable Resale Shop for needy families. We have a card ministry for shut-ins, illness and other such needs. We are exploring other ways to "Mission" in which we might be useful and are open to suggestions.

We were so very pleased that our annual St Timothy Faith Circle Christmas Luncheon was a wonderful success! We look forward to hosting again in 2023.

Our current officers are: Trish Abela - Circle Leader, Margaret Barsch - Moderator, Sally Novak - Assistant Moderator, Patty Kreitmeyer - Secretary and Card Ministry. Shelly Walldorff our Church Office Manager is now our ad hoc Treasurer.

Just a reminder that all women in our congregation are considered members of Faith Circle whether active or inactive. We would love to have more inactive members become active. Please know you all are ALWAYS welcome to attend our meetings when you are available.

Looking forward to a wonderful and Christ honored year!

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Abela and Margaret Barsch

P.S. Another opportunity to meet together as women of the church is the opportunity to have lunch together on the 2nd Thursday each month. Watch for an announcement from Mary.



**Our
Church
Mission**

2022 Mission and Evangelism

The members who served on the Mission Committee for 2022 included Muriel Martin, Ron Martin, Linda Osborne, Kim Gaines and Mary Baum as elder. While our committee was small in numbers, we were able to continue to provide God's work.

With the most generous help of our members the annual cereal drive was a huge success. Our goal was to provide more boxes than the previous year. Even with the rising cost of food, our goal was reached, 356 boxes were collected! Ron Martin, Dennis Delezenne and I packed up our cars and delivered the cereal to the Presbytery. To say they were overjoyed at our donation was an understatement. The shelves of their pantry were empty, and our timing couldn't have been better.

The summer brought a time to provide 5 families with picnic themed food meals. All of the families were truly grateful to receive these meals.

In September we partnered with the Outreach committee with the collection of school supplies for needy children.

"God Never Leaves" was our theme for our fall fellowship and free will offering for holiday meals. Your donations enabled 5 families to receive Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

It was a blessing to serve as your Mission Chairperson this year. Thank you to all that have supported our projects for that God has asked us to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Gaines

The church has left the building.



2022 Outreach and Fellowship

The Outreach and Fellowship Committee continues to provide and seek new opportunities for us to reach out to help and serve our communities as well as our St. Tim's family and friends.

In January, we had a collection of toiletries and personal items that were donated to Samaritas House. Everything was passed on to shelters and organizations throughout Michigan. The donations from the warming tree also went here.

The committee started to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on the first Sunday of each month during fellowship hour. Everyone enjoyed being recognized for their special day. The Sunday brunches were popular along with the soup luncheon.

We began a ribbon ministry on Memorial Day. People were encouraged to write a name, a prayer or a praise on a ribbon and attach it to the fence. It is meaningful to watch the ribbons blowing in the wind. A few visitors to St. Tim's have contributed a ribbon as well.

An Easter egg hunt was held on Palm Sunday for the community. More than 500 plastic eggs were filled with candy and hidden throughout the lawn, trees and shrubs. Thank you to the congregation for donating most of the candy and eggs and for volunteering your time.

On October 29th the church sponsored a trunk or treat. We served hot chocolate and popcorn to over 100 visitors. This continues to be a success because of all the volunteers that donate candy and the people that pass out the goodies from their cars. Dinner was served to the volunteers.

In November we had a fall festival for Livonia's Community Opportunity Center (Friendship Club). Everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner along with crafts. Thank you to Greg Kateff and Mike Baum for providing the wonderful music and for everyone that came to help.

The committee asked for donations of men's jeans and winter coats for Fort Street Presbyterian Church Open Door Ministry program. Again, the congregation was very generous.

We assisted the Deacons with 3 caroling events to our homebound members. Along with Christmas caroling we added Easter and the 4th of July to the list. The recipients along with the singers agree that these are meaningful experiences.

During August, we held a school supply donation drive. The school supplies were given to the Hope Closet, Foster Closet of Livonia and a Detroit Public School. The donations exceeded our expectations.

I have enjoyed working with my committee members. I look forward to the coming year with the guidance from our Lord leading the committee.

If you have an interest in serving as Deacon, Elder, or serving on this committee please let me know. It would be a pleasure to have you. May God continue to bless our committee efforts and the members of the St. Timothy congregation.

Blessings,
Lou Suveg
Chairperson



2022 Properties/STARS

This has been an interesting year although somewhat less costly than the previous year. Many projects have been handled well by the STARS and I am most grateful for their help and the hard work they did. Some of the most visible work of all occurred in the memorial garden with help and some guidance from Linda Delezenne and Carol Prevost. It was necessary to have some professional assistance for tree removal as well as some trimming completed but much of the work was completed by the Stars.

Some work has already occurred in advance of the planned commercial kitchen including replacing the ceiling tiles in the restrooms across from fellowship hall. There will be more to do during the coming months to complete the necessary updates, so keep your eyes open.

Each Tuesday morning, the STARS took care of the normal needs such as gathering the trash and recycle materials so they can be picked up, sanitizing various surfaces to help prevent virus spread, clearing or setting up the fellows ship hall as needed for meetings or cleaning and work on items in the sanctuary or other rooms as needed. And of course, the STARS took care of all needed lawn care through the year.

Thanks for the support of Shelly and Pastor Joel as well as session members throughout the year as we look forward to 2023.

May God bless us all.

Bob Taylor

Worship

2022 Worship

January and February were relatively quiet months for the Worship Committee.

It was decided that communion Sunday elements would continue being only served in the pews.

As we approached Lent, we continued joint services with Garden City Presbyterian, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian and St. Paul's Presbyterian. Ash Wednesday was at St. Paul's and Pastor Joel delivered the sermon. Maundy Thursday service was at Rosedale Gardens. Good Friday service was held at Garden City. St. Timothy did not host this year.

On Palm Sunday we had our processional with palms which has become a tradition. There were two services Easter Sunday. Sunrise service at 8:00 am which the youth participated in and the 10:30 am service in the sanctuary with communion.

We had two Wholeness and Healing Services May 29 and October 30. We decided that two a year would be good.

Our campfires began on July 6 and continued on Wednesday evenings through August.

The annual outdoor service was held at Meis Park in Livonia on August 14th with five churches participating.

September 11 brought Rally Day, the beginning of a new church year.

Our Thanksgiving Eve service was small but very meaningful as it is every year.

After Thanksgiving came Advent, and St. Tim had a very special Advent Devotional that was comprised of former and current members writing their own devotion.

Christmas Eve brought a very cold and windy evening but the service was warm and beautiful as we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Our Moravian Love Feast was like no other. We arrived at church to the sound of water gushing. The winds and very cold temperatures caused a pipe to break. We thanked God for the timing because the church was being used Christmas morning, otherwise it would not have been found for several days.

Tim Falk, our very talented music choir director and the choir provided beautiful music throughout the year.

A big thank you to all who help each Sunday to make our worship services so wonderful.

I especially thank the committee members: Linda Delezenne, Helen Chanko, Karen Kateff, Tim Falk and Pastor Joel. I also thank Tina Puntigam and Melanie Gumz for bringing St. Tim worship online for those at home.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Houghtby



2022 Chancel Choir

2022 was a good year for the chancel choir as we were able to start to move beyond the Covid pandemic rules and requirements and return to normal music procedures and practices.

We currently have a decent balance of singers. The soprano singers are Cassy Sautter, Linda Houghtby, Margaret Barsch, and Sue Zabell. The alto singers are Paula Boegner and Tina Puntigam. The tenor section is Matt Johnson, Greg Kateff, Rick Dunn, Mike Baum, and Randy Wright who is the newest addition to the choir, having joined at the end of the year. The bass section is Bob Taylor and Pastor Joel Puntigam. Our music librarian is Linda Delezenne.

St Timothy did not lead the music in any of the combined Easter season services. (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday). That is because we had 4 churches participating this year and St Timothy was the odd church out. However, St Paul, because they did not have a music director at the time, asked me to plan and direct the music anthem at their Ash Wednesday service, which I did.

I took a vacation for several weeks in October. During this time, the music planning, playing and singing were covered by Paula Boegner, Linda Delezenne, Tim Chanko and Bob Taylor, with others helping out.

For Christmas season, we did not perform a cantata. Instead we used Christmas anthems from our music library. Tim Chanko, Dave Olko, and Karen Kateff joined us for some of the Christmas season services.

I tried to use youth for the music on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Singing at different times on

these youth Sundays was Jillian Sautter, Lexi Barsch, and Dave Olko Jr.

Our musicians that helped with the music during 2022 were keyboardists Paula Boegner, Linda Delezenne, and Tim Chanko, guitarists Mike Baum and Greg Kateff, and violinist Sue Zabell. Also helping out on the Djembe was Linda Houghtby.

Tina Puntigam helped greatly on the AV board and Melanie Gumz was also starting to help out in that capacity. Shelly Walldorff in the office has been very helpful and Pastor Joel has been very supportive of the music program and has allowed me the freedom and liberty to be creative and pick out the music that I think will work best for the services.

I am grateful for all the talent, hard work and great attitudes of everyone in the choir. I look forward to a great 2023 season! - Tim Falk

Handbells

2022 Handbell Choir

2022 was a good year for the handbell choir as we were able to start to move beyond the Covid pandemic rules and requirements and return to normal music procedures and practices.

The choir for the most part played on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. We took the summer off, as we have done in the past. Our rehearsal time was on Thursdays from 5:55 pm to 6:55 pm.

Our ringers in 2022 were Cassy and Jillian Sautter, Mike Baum, Sue Zabell, Linda Delezenne, and Paula Boegner.

The great majority of our handbell library music is for 2 and 3 octaves, which usually requires a minimum of 8 ringers. I purchased special music for six ringers and we played some of that. We also played special arrangements that took advantage of the different musical skills of our ringers, which include solo voice, keyboard, violin, guitar, bassoon, trumpet, and dulcimer skills. I believe this is where the strength of our handbell choir lies, and it seemed like the congregation enjoyed hearing the different instruments and arrangements from time to time.

The ringers had great attitudes and worked hard to learn the music and unique arrangements. Thank you, ringers! I am looking forward to a great 2023 for the handbell choir ringers. - Tim Falk

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