



2024 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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2024 Pastor's Report

Pastor's Report

This report marks the 16th time that I've had the opportunity to write down some thoughts and reflections about the prior year. The first one, written after 2009, was brief on memories but full of hope. At that time my goal was to develop connections within the church and community and strengthen our relationship with God. And all this time later, I have come to realize that these are the things I still value the most.

This wasn't always the case; when I first got out of seminary and was called to my first church, I believed that if I developed the best programs and led the best meetings and gave people the best experiences that I would be successful in my pastoral calling and the church would be full of people. And yet as time has passed and countless programs, meetings, and experiences have come and gone, what remains is what matters the most: people. It is developing relationships with people that makes serving in a church worth it! I'm glad I didn't have to go my whole ministry before figuring out this fundamental truth.

Every day I find myself thinking about *people* and what they mean to me. I think about all the people we lost this past year: Sally Novak, Pat Fahrner, Alan Richardson, Kathy Sautter, Claire Moon, Evelyn Ritenour, and Otto Chanko. Last year was a difficult one due to all these deaths because they are more than just names. They are pillars of the church, teachers, friends, leaders, leaving legacies of faith. They mattered so much!

I think about all those who serve and give and love, and I am grateful that we are able to do so much good together. Every month, elders show up to meetings and ponder and pray about our present as we look to our future. Every month, deacons show up to give and share and pray for those who need it. Every month, people come to meetings and worship and fellowship and mission opportunities. And we all do this together, as one body. We gather because we love Jesus and because we know we are better together than apart. We serve because it is a joyous expression of what God is doing in our collective lives.

My lasting memory of this past year occurred one Wednesday evening in the summer. We were gathered for our bonfire worship, about to start our singing, when all of a sudden, vans full of our special needs friends started pulling up. As they piled out of the vans, I could sense that we were in the midst of a holy moment. Their smiles and laughter and joy were contagious! They came because we had made the effort to get to know so many of them over the years. It has been wonderful serving them, but that night we were united together in worship, 30 of us joining our hearts and voices in praise. It was no longer us and them; it was the body of Christ as it was meant to be. The worship brought us together, our faith brought us joy, and our enduring relationships continue to blossom and grow. Friends, this is the church.

My hope is that in 2025 our relationships with God, the community, and one another will continue to grow – for what can be better than that? May Christ be with you, always.

Pastor Joel

Congregation/Corporation Docket

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

Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting
February 23rd, 2025 @11:30am

Docket for Annual Congregational Meeting

Call to order with prayer

Motion to elect the secretary of the congregation

Motion to approve minutes of the February 25th, 2024 and December 15th, 2024 congregational meetings

Review and reception of annual reports

Presentation and reception of 2025 proposed general operating budget

Note acceptance of pastor's 2025 terms of call from December 15th, 2024 Congregational Meeting.

Adjournment with prayer

Docket for Corporation Meeting

Call to order with prayer

Motion to approve minutes of February 25th, 2024 corporate meeting

Note acceptance of 2025 proposed general operating budget from congregational meeting

Motion to accept elders as trustees of the corporation

Motion to accept officers of the corporation as follows:

President: Beth Olko

Corporate Secretary: Kim Gaines

Corporate Treasurer: Tim Chanko

Financial Secretaries: Linda Delezenne and Melanie Gumz

New business

Adjournment with prayer



Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2024

A quorum was confirmed, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:34 am.

The motion to elect Kim Gaines as secretary of the congregation was made by Randy Wright and seconded by Ron Martin. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2023 (parts 1&2), September 3, 2023, and December 17, 2023, congregation meeting was made by Matt Johnson and seconded by Tim Chanko. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

The annual reports were reviewed. Pastor Joel extended his thanks for the Sabbatical Task Force and all congressional members who went over and above during his time away on sabbatical. The motion to receive the annual reports was made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Lou Suveg. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Tim Chanko presented the proposed 2024 general operating budget. Motion to receive the proposed general operating budget was made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Matt Johnson. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Tim Chanko presented the 2024 pastor terms of call. Motion to approve the 2024 pastor terms of call was made by Lou Suveg and seconded by Bob Taylor. The motion passed by the vote of the members present.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Johnson. The motion was seconded by Paula Boegner. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gaines
Recording Secretary

February 25, 2024 Corporation Meeting Minutes

A quorum was confirmed, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:48 am.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2023, corporation meeting was made by Paula Boegner and seconded by Bob Taylor. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Acceptance of the 2024 general operating budget from the congregational meeting was noted.

Motion to accept the elders as trustees of the corporation was made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Greg Kateff. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Motion to accept these officers of the corporation was made by Paula Boegner:

President: Beth Olko

Recording Secretary: Kim Gaines

Treasurer: Tim Chanko

Financial Secretaries: Linda Delezenne and Melanie Gumz

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Johnson. The motion was seconded by Greg Kateff. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gaines
Recording Secretary

December 15, 2024 Congregation Meeting Minutes

A quorum was determined to be present and the meeting called to order with prayer by Pastor Joel Puntigam at 11:30 am. The purpose of the meeting was to receive nominations for the 2025 officers and to review and accept the 2025 Terms of Call for Pastor Joel.

Terms of Call:

Motion to have Lou Suveg moderate this agenda item made by Greg Kateff and seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Lou presented a handout containing the 2025 terms for full-time clergy for the congregation to review.

Motion to approve the terms as presented made by Bob Taylor and seconded. Discussion took place surrounding the changes to the benefits, which included a 4% increase to medical coverage for 2025 with an additional 4% annual increase for each of the following two years as well. Motion approved unanimously.

Slate of Nominees:

Lou Suveg presented the list of nominees as follows:

Deacons

- Open position 3-year term
- Open position 3-year term

Lou noted that continued efforts are being made to fulfill the open positions.

Elders

- Linda Houghtby second 3-year term
- Bob Taylor 1-year term to complete the term vacated by Cassie Sautter
- Mary Baum first 3-year term

Nominating & Personnel Committee

- Margaret Barsch
- John Weiss
- Dorothy Sanchez
- Lou Suveg (Chair)

Lou opened the floor to accept additional nominations for any open position; none were made.

A motion to close the nominations made by Tim Chanko and seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the Slate of Nominees made by Greg Kateff and seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tim Chanko and seconded. Motion approved unanimously, and meeting was closed in prayer at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula K. Boegner
Head Teller



2024 Clerk of Session Report

Communicant Membership -- January 1, 2024:	64
Additions:	
By Confession or Reaffirmation of Faith	0
By Transfer	0
By Restoration to Active Membership	0
Confirmation	0
Baptism	0
Losses:	
By Transfer	0
By Removal from Rolls	1
By Deletion from Rolls (Death)	3
Communicant Membership -- December 31, 2024:	60



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

2024 Finance & Stewardship



2024 Financial Secretaries

Linda Delezenne and Melanie Gumz continue to jointly fill the position of Financial Secretary and believe this arrangement has worked well for both of them, as well as the congregation. As a team, they strive to serve St. Timothy with faithfulness, discretion, and integrity.

In 2024, the Financial Secretaries:

- Recorded contributions weekly for 50 members and friends
- Prepared and distributed contribution statements
- Provided monthly pledging updates for the Bulletin
- Participated in monthly Finance and Stewardship Committee meetings
- Prepared confidential giving analyses for the Finance and Stewardship Committee, to assist tracking to the 2024 zero budget

In 2024, contributors were provided the option to receive contribution statements via email, and 19 contributors have chosen this option. This option works especially well for contributors who are close in spirit to St. Timothy, but geographically distant.

St. Timothy is grateful for ongoing support of this congregation. There are many ways the generosity of the St. Timothy congregation manifests itself, including the faithful effort to keep up or exceed pledged giving amounts, contributing purchased goods and services, and making extra contributions to endeavors such as Boardwalk, Per Capita, Deacons, Faith Ed and the butterfly offering, and various other Committees. Your generous and dedicated efforts are crucial to meeting St. Timothy's financial obligations.

Our 2024 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 is our privilege to serve the St. Timothy congregation as financial secretaries.

In Christ's service,

Melanie Gumz & Linda Delezenne



2024 Head Teller

In 2024 St. Timothy continued to have a shortage of teller volunteers. The Teller Roster remains critically low, and the Teller Substitute Roster is non-existent.

That's the bad news....and now the good news:

In 2024 we had a small but mighty group of volunteers who supported our weekly deposit efforts and stepped in often to assist on very short notice.

When Sunday efforts were fruitless, we met during the week to complete the deposit and sometimes this included Shelly Walldorff, who served as our second person for "dual control".

Looking into 2025, we will continue to seek and train additional volunteers, even if these are substitute tellers that are pulled into service only 1 or 2 times a year. It all helps.

A BIG thank you to Kim Gaines and Bob Taylor, with assists from Melanie Gumz and Shelly Walldorff.

Teller volunteers ensure that your offerings are 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.

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



2024 Memorial Committee

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. I Corinthians 3:7 NIV

With God, our Memorial Garden is growing well. We are blessed with God's helpers: Linda Delezenne and Carol Prevost and the STARS, and others who step in when needed.

The plantings around the "big green box" have made the box a less prominent presence. And regular attention to maintenance has given us a beautiful garden.

Six new memorial bricks honoring the memories of Dolores Horiski, Sally Novak, Benny Moon, Claire Moon, Evelyn Ritenour and Rev. E. Dickson Forsyth were placed in the garden.

There are and were many volunteer workers in the garden: if you have weeded, fertilized, planted, transplanted, winterized, mowed, planned, or pruned, your efforts are very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

Please feel free to use our garden. It is a wonderful place to sit and pray, read, observe, contemplate...

Prayerfully submitted,

Karlane Belaire, Chairperson



Deacon Ministry

2024 Deacons

1 Peter 4:10

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”

The Deacon Board meets every third Monday each month. The 2024 Deacon Board members were Beth Olko (Moderator), Kathey Turnbull (Vice Moderator), Carol Prevost (Secretary), Dave Houghtby, Rick Dunn, and Dorothy Sanchez. This year, we held our meetings on Zoom, thanks to the excellent suggestion from Pastor Joel, who continues to guide us. This great use of technology has made it feasible for all Deacon members to attend meetings, even if you are a snowbird!

The mission of the Deacons is to love, support, and offer assistance to our fellow members as needed and possible. The Deacons strive to reach out to our flock members through phone calls, sending cards, home visits and connecting with members at church. Deacon sub-ministries include taking Sunday morning attendance, scheduling Sunday morning greeters, hospital visits, assisting with Home Communion, transportation needs, along with spiritually supporting families in the loss of a loved one. This past year, we expressed our deepest condolences to our church family, and we prayerfully remember: Pat Fahrner, Claire Moon, Sally Novak, Alan Richardson, Kathey Sautter and Evelyn Ritenour. Alan Richardson and Otto Chanko also died in 2024.

Throughout the year, often working with other committees, the Deacons hosted various coffee hours including ‘Souper Bowl’ Sunday, Easter morning breakfast, Cinco de Mayo day, the June Annual Picnic, and Rally Day....always seeking to provide fun and fellowship! We joined the Mission and Outreach committee in collecting many cold weather gear donations with our

“Warming Tree” and packing lunches for the Hope Clinic. Deacons also supported other activities including Trunk or Treat and Hanging of the Greens.

The Deacons’ Food Ministry was brought back this year and will be continued as we move forward. Deacons are now also supporting a Nativity project. Formerly, Chrismons had been handmade by women in the congregation and distributed to the youth. New this year, Nativity Sets have been handmade by Carol Prevost, Tina Puntigam, and Dorothy Sanchez. In November, recipients received a knitted Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and donkey, along with a scripture. These adorable, knitted figures will surely be treasured, and additional pieces will be knitted and distributed going forward.

Seasonal caroling to our homebound and community is definitely a highlight for the Deacons and all who join in and attend! This year, we again sang songs and hymns, with Greg Kateff and Mike Baum accompanying us by guitar. We caroled at Easter time, 4th of July, and during Advent. We first sang to members of our congregation via phone in the sanctuary, and then headed out to members’ homes and other communal residences. It is always a very special and joyful time of fellowship for all involved!

In 2025, we gladly welcome Karlane Belaire and Tina Puntigam to the Board of Deacons. We also greatly appreciate and thank Rick Dunn, who has faithfully served and completed two consecutive terms as a Deacon. It is truly a great pleasure striving to best serve the members of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church. We encourage you to reach out to any one of us if you need any assistance, have any questions about what we do as Deacons, or if you have an interest in joining us!

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Olko,
Deacon Moderator



2024 Faith Education

Committee Members: Karlane Belaire, Linda Houghtby, Matt Johnson,
Pastor Joel Puntigam and Dorothy Sanchez

Faith Education has had a wonderful year planning and engaging St. Timothy with activities and resources to continue growth in faith by way of educational experiences. The Committee continues to provide Worship Bags as needed containing activities for children to assist in keeping them engaged in Sunday Worship services. Devotionals for Lent and Advent for different age groups continued to be available for use during those seasons. An Advent Wreath “table topper” was also available to congregants during Advent. The monthly “Butterfly Offering” helped to provide resources to obtain devotional materials.

The Time with the Children section of Sunday Worship was renamed “A Time for All God’s Children” and the enjoyment and insight provided by our volunteers to the congregation is so valuable to Sunday Worship. We thank Linda, Karlane, Kathey, and Tina for sharing with us throughout the year.

Bible Studies/Topical Discussions remain as an important part of St. Timothy. Groups met on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday After Worship. Each group has its own topic and style of study and discussion. Thanks to Carol, Tina, and Joel for their hard work leading these groups.

Two special events were also hosted by the Faith Education Committee. The first was the Lent “Wilderness” Activity. This activity, done by participants at home with some materials provided by the Committee, had a daily activity which focused on elements of Lent. The second was Rally Day, which was co-hosted by the Deacons. There was a butterfly launch prior to Lunch and games including word finds, Pictionary, and trivia (including finding out that Tim Falk’s favorite band in high school was The Beach Boys, Shelly’s favorite pizza topping is crunchy green pepper, and Joel’s favorite candy bar is Strawberry Charleston Chew). Rally Day concluded summer activities and began new sessions of Bible studies and kicked off Church activities that had taken breaks over the summer.

Faith Ed continues to look for new ways to help the congregation grow in their walk with the Lord. If the above sounds fun, and you’re looking to serve, come and join this small but mighty group!

For the Committee,

Matt Johnson



2024 Faith Circle

Faith Circle (Women's Association) meets every second Wednesday at 12:30 pm September through June. Our meetings begin with prayer and a Bible study led by Mary Baum.

We hosted 3 Fellowship hours, a Luncheon for STARS, Gardeners, and St. Timothy Staff and a Christmas Luncheon with Christmas gifts for all our guests that attended. We took a "Summer" Break from regular luncheon meetings.

We bought Christmas gifts for our "Shut-Ins", 2 teens - a girl and a boy through Operation Good Cheer chaired by Kim and Scott Gaines, and we donated gifts for Father's Day at the Luncheon we hosted. We continued with the already established Missions donations while exploring others for which we could be useful. We also have a Card Ministry for "Shut-Ins", illness and other such needs.

We are so very pleased that our Faith Circle Christmas Luncheon was a wonderful success. We look forward to hosting again in 2025.

Our current officers are: Trish Abela (Circle Leader), Margaret Barsch (Moderator), Patty Kreitmeyer (Secretary and Card Ministry), Shelly Walldorff (our Church Office Manager is our Ad-hoc Treasurer).

Since all women of our congregation are members of Women's Association and in the interest of attempting to include everyone and to help us to get to know each other better, we continue the monthly lunch established last year. Mary Baum is the coordinator but, we are looking for others to coordinate different events of interest. Several of us attended some events earlier this year such as the Peony Gardens, the Farmers Market, 3 Cedars Cider Mill and we visited Oakland County Foster Closet, one of our Mission Projects. Perhaps some of you would like to organize something of your interest in the near future...Please let us know your ideas or feelings in this regard. We look forward to hearing from all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Abela and Margaret Barsch



2024 Mission and Outreach

St Timothy Presbyterian Church

2024 Mission and Evangelism Annual Report

Committee Members: Mary Baum, Kim Gaines, Patty Kreitmeyer, Linda Houghtby, Margaret Barsch, Karlane Belaire, Kathey Motley and Dennis Delezenne.

The Mission & Evangelism committee continues working to provide opportunities for our members and friends to reach outside the church and serve and love our neighbors. This year we were blessed to be able to expand our ministry to Hope clinic and Community Outreach Center thanks to you!

Hope Clinic

This year we were able to pack over 300 lunches and deliver them to their Ypsilanti headquarters. They give out 500 lunches every week.

Community Outreach Center (COC)

We affectionally call them the Friendship Club.

1. We started a Wednesday morning worship service. We welcomed a number of Friends and their staff for a while. It turned out that Wednesday morning was not good for their home schedules so we invited them to the Wednesday Night Campfires. Many Friends came and had an awesome time.
2. We had our annual Christmas Party and a summer picnic party with 170 Friends and staff. They were serenaded by the hot group - Baum & Kateff.
3. Folks from St Timothy answered the call and have been going to some of the homes and reading to folks and helping with crafts.
4. The COC home in Plymouth right in the middle of town had become overgrown. Seven St. Timothy members went over and spent the better part of the day chopping and pulling. We filled 18 compost bags for pick up. A bonus was received by some - poison ivy.
5. We sold 27 Mum plants this fall which benefited the COC.
6. We found out that 8 Friends had no family and were not going to get a gift for Christmas. St. Timothy took care of this and got gifts for all.

Detroit Presbytery

We supported our Presbytery's mission work again this year.

1. St. Timothy donated over 200 rolls of toilet paper this year.
2. We collected 187 boxes of cereal for food challenged kids who can't get breakfast at school during the summer.

Neighborhood

1. Trunk or Treat was another success this year. This year we had 20 cars and 225 children.
2. The Easter egg hunt was again a success. Over 60 candy craving kids ran to get the candy filled eggs hidden around the church.
3. Crop Walk brought together a group of neighborhood folks from Livonia to walk and put together 108 feminine kits that will be distributed to needy girls. We delivered them to Lansing where they were distributed around the world.

Special Offerings

	2023	2024
Christmas Joy Offering.	\$415	\$418
One Great Hour	\$450.	\$449

Once again, this little church touched the lives of many for Christ. We are blessed to have people like you with a missional heart.

Yours in Christ,

Dennis Delezenne
Mission & Outreach Elder



2024 Nominating and Personnel

The Nominating and Personnel Committee is tasked to recruit members who are willing and able to serve as Elders, Deacons and Corporate Officers each year who match the needs of those positions. Additionally, there is a responsibility to assist the church staff as well as provide evaluations of their performance in service at St. Timothy during the year. This includes the Pastor, the Music Director/Accompanist and the Office Manager. The committee consists of Lou Suveg (Chairperson), Margaret Barsch, John Weiss, Chris Korne, Bob Taylor and Dorothy Sanchez (Deacon Representative).

This year, we were successful in filling Deacon and Elder positions. Karlane Belaire, Tina Puntigam and Beth Olko have accepted nominations as Deacons. This will be Karlane and Tina's 1st term and Beth's 2nd. Bob Taylor and Mary Baum have accepted nominations as Elder. This will be their 1st term.

Compensation increases of 2.5% for Joel Puntigam, Tim Falk and Shelly Walldorff were presented to Session, discussed and approved. Session also approved to cover pastors 4% increase in medical benefit. Ted, our custodian, was given a \$5 rate increase in pay for weekly cleaning. Thank you, Shelly, Tim, and Pastor Joel, for everything you do for St. Timothy and our congregation!

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 or Elder or on a 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.

In Christ,

Lou Suveg
Chairperson



2024 Properties/STARS

Another year has gone by. 2024 had quite a few property and building improvements. The STARS have had a very busy year with all the upgrades along with the normal maintenance schedule. I'd like to give a big shout out to them for their dedication and expertise in maintaining the property and building.

2024 improvements include:

The kitchenette was planned and came to fruition with the help of a local electrician - Travis who volunteered his time and expertise to the project. This was a full team effort to get this project accomplished and the STARS rose to the occasion.

The big tree in the front yard had to be removed and was quite an undertaking, one that the STARS were not able to tackle ourselves.

The next big improvement was the remote access system and was quite an upgrade and change from the old key system. It had a challenging start as any new upgrade in technology can be, but in the end, we think it is working well for ease of operation and the security to the building.

Next big project was the new camera system throughout the building (including the day care area) which adds another layer of security. This upgrade has provided us with the ability to monitor who is coming and going through the building at any given time.

We added handrails to the pulpit area in the sanctuary. This was done for safety purposes and has been welcomed by the congregation.

In January of 2025 a new camera and lighting system was upgraded in the sanctuary to provide a much-improved viewing experience for streaming our Sunday service.

2025 we'll bring new challenges, but I'm confident the STARS will be able to meet these challenges with the same level of dedication that they have in the past.

Regards,

Chris Korne



2024 Strategic Planning Committee

Committee Participants: Tim Chanko, Scott Gaines, Matt Johnson, Greg Kateff (Elder-Chairperson), Tina Puntigam

Committee Advisor: Pastor Joel

2024 completes my first year of another three-year Session term. As in past years serving on Session, I was again asked to Chair Strategic Planning (SP). SP serves both the Session and Congregation. For the Session we may be asked to assist in projects that have a perceived longer-term impact on St. Timothy ministries but would be difficult for Session to do as a larger governing Board. Likewise, we serve the Congregation, with God's help in formulating plans meant to lead us into God's calling for St. Timothy by moving us in the direction our prayerful discernment calls us to be. Our efforts in 2024 focused on two areas:

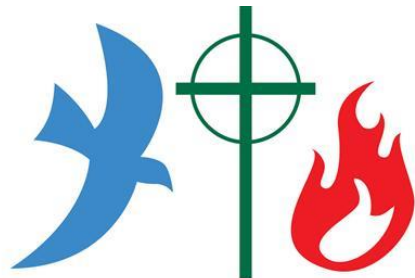
1. **GO TO BOARDWALK FUND-RAISER:** SP worked with our Finance Committee to develop plans for a major Fund-raising campaign, which was labeled "Go To Boardwalk" playing off the popular Monopoly board game theme. The result of that planning was a communication to our Congregation most creatively made by our "resident actor" and Finance Committee member, Tim Chanko, dressed as the "Monopoly Man", proposed a **three-year \$150,000 Fund- raising campaign**. As part of that fund raising, we recommended, and Session approved, a 10% (tithe) allocation of all money contributed for St. Timothy to support community Mission needs as identified by Session and the Mission and Outreach committee.
2. **ST TIMOTHY FACILITY RENTALS:** The second major project undertaken by SP was to revise and reformulate a comprehensive rental policy covering the rentable areas of our building (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Classrooms) that may be requested both by members and non-members. What sounds like an easy task actually gets quite complicated when you consider the distinction between members and non-members, the manner in which our facilities may be used, what is deemed to be appropriate use,

varied types of groups and or individuals seeking to rent space, appropriate rental rates, capacity of our own staff to manage a rental relationship and whether the rental use is short or long term in nature. We attempted to cover those variables in our rental policy statement (which Session did approve), and as a final step our committee drafted a standard rental contract and agreement to be used with non-member lessees.

As we approach SP in 2025, we are mindful that finances remain tight, opportunities to pass along the Gospel message may exist in the newer community right next door to us, ministering to the surrounding special needs community continues through our Friendship Club activities, other area churches are struggling to keep their head above water, and on the national front, we seem to have a new Administration strongly communicating the importance of life, faith and family. Our challenge is to be focused on process and not outcome by having the doors of St. Timothy swing from the inside out spreading the truth of the Gospel message and God's Word into the community. Please pray for divine wisdom and guidance in our planning.

From our committee participants, we continue to be blessed with a blend of personalities and experience, supported by wisdom grown in faith. Thank you one and all and thank God for your faithful hard work!

Respectfully submitted in Christ's Service,
Greg Kateff



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

2024 Worship Committee

The month of January began as usual - pretty quiet!

February began with the beginning of Lent. On February 14th, we served an Agape Meal before the Ash Wednesday Service.

March brought Holy Week from March 24th through the 30th. Presbyterian churches in Livonia each did their own services. (In prior years, the three churches worshiped together on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.) On Palm Sunday, we had our traditional procession with palms into the sanctuary for a service of passion. On Maundy Thursday we had no service. We did have a Good Friday service. Our early Easter service at 8 AM had our youth participation and then we went on to our 10:30 am Easter worship celebration.

We began our 2024 campfire worship in July and ended in mid-September. Our Friendship Club friends came many weeks and they were a wonderful addition to our campfire worship time.

In August, we had our annual worship service at Mies Park. It was very much enjoyed by all churches.

This year's Rally Day was a fun time of games, entertainment and of course food! Everyone enjoyed that as well.

In November we had our annual Thanksgiving Eve service. Pastor Joel and Tina provided us with talk time and then we also had a sharing of the things that we are thankful for. We also had communion around the communion table which was very meaningful as well.

On November 29 the Hanging of the Greens was done to decorate the church with wreaths Christmas trees, etc. That was followed by a time of fellowship and dinner.

Advent began December 1 with "Hope" the first Sunday, followed by "Peace" the second Sunday, "Joy" the third Sunday and "Love" the fourth Sunday.

Our youth were an important part of our Christmas Eve service as they were the readers. Having them be part of the service made it even more meaningful. It was a beautiful time to celebrating the birth of Jesus.

This year on Christmas morning we had a Moravian Love Feast. There were 12 of us in attendance and again a very meaningful time of being together and sharing and just enjoying ourselves.

There have been several other things happening throughout the year. The cross was moved in the sanctuary to the wall behind the pulpit where it is better seen by all. More lighting has also been added, which makes for quality viewing online.

The committee is searching for new banners for the sanctuary and hopefully and prayerfully we'll be able to accomplish that in 2025!

We are thankful for our Technology people who help stream our service each Sunday to those who can't be here in person. They are Tina Puntigam, Tim Chanko, Scott Gaines, and Melanie Gumz.

We are blessed to have our Music Director, Tim Falk, who provides very meaningful music and our pastor, Pastor Joel who speaks the word of our Lord each week!

Lastly, I want to thank the members of the committee for their contributions: Linda Delezenne, Tim Falk, Karen Kateff, Pastor Joel and Randy Wright.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Houghtby



2024 Chancel Choir

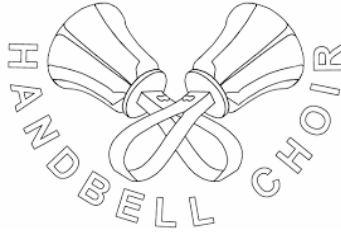
The chancel choir consisted of basses Joel Puntigam and Bob Taylor, tenors Matt Johnson, Mike Baum, and Greg Kateff, altos Paula Boegner and Tina Puntigam, and sopranos Cassy Sautter, Sue Zabell, Linda Houghtby, and Margaret Barsch. The music librarian was Linda Delezenne, who would sometimes play an instrumental part for an anthem on the 2nd keyboard. Once in a while different choir members would add to the arrangements by playing various instruments such as the guitar, wind chimes, djembe drum, and the tambourine. On Sunday mornings, either Paula or Linda Delezenne would help with the hymns and other music by playing along on the 2nd keyboard. Making special appearances from time to time to sing solos or help with the choir singing were Tim Chanko and Dave Olko and David Olko, Jr. For youth Sundays, (the third Sunday of each month), the special music was mostly provided by Jillian Sautter, Lexi Barsch, and David Olko Jr, and they all did a great job. Shelly Walldorff in the office and music techs Tina, Tim Chanko, Scott Gaines, and Melanie Gumz all helped to make the music program work. When I had vacation time off, Tim Chanko, Paula, and Linda would take my place at the piano. Rehearsal times for the full choir were the same as in the past; 7:00 on Thursday nights and 9:45 on Sunday mornings.

There were no combined church services and music for Ash Wednesday or Holy Week in 2024.

The choir took the summer off and special music was performed by soloists or very small groups during that time. St Timothy provided music for the combined church service in the park in August. We had a small group of singers and musicians perform and lead the singing. There was no Christmas cantata performed.

Looking forward to a great 2025 for the chancel choir, by God's grace!

Tim Falk



2024 Handbell Choir

The handbell choir kept chugging along in 2024. The ringers were Cassy and Jillian Sautter, Mike Baum, Sue Zabell, Linda Delezenne, and Paula Boegner. As in the past, we sometimes would play arrangements that used handbells only, and sometimes arrangements that required the ringers to play other instruments. Those instruments included guitar, trumpet, dulcimer, voice, violin, bassoon, and keyboards. As normal, we took a break from June to August. With the help of God, 2025 will be a great year for the handbell choir!

Tim Falk

2025 Officers

Session

Class of 2025

Lou Suveg
Bob Taylor (1 years)

Class of 2026

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Class of 2027

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Class of 2027

Karlane Belaire
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Tina Puntigam

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Melanie Gumz	Financial Secretary