



2025 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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2025 Pastor's Report

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (Jn. 14:27)

In a world that tells us that we should be troubled, how good it is to know that Christ is with us! In a world that is sore afraid, how good it is that God is for us and not against us! It's not that there aren't things that trouble us or things to make us afraid; it's that Jesus is revealing to all his disciples that what he gives us is greater than the world! What he gives us is peace that passes all understanding. He gives us peace that is quiet and powerful in the midst of a world that shouts with alarm. Every time in this past year when we had to face difficulties or joys, I have felt the nearness of Jesus in the presence of the Holy Spirit. What a blessing it is to receive his peace!

That sense of peace guides me every day as we pursue our mission at St Timothy. Throughout a year marked by both successes and challenges, what truly set us apart was the understanding that Jesus was guiding us through both the highs and lows. When we celebrated with our Friendship Club folks, when we worshipped, when we served our community, when we came alongside those who mourned or suffered, when we pondered on our financial situation, when we welcomed people, when we celebrated 60 years, we did not do it alone or on our own strength. We are not merely a gathering of people who like hanging out together and doing good work; we are led by Jesus in our midst.

How wonderful it is to know that because Christ is for us, we can be led through unknown doors and unfamiliar paths. His peace is one that calms and soothes the turmoil, turning difficulties into possibilities. Because of the peace of Christ, we can even look ahead to our future knowing that we are here because God intends us to be here! I am truly grateful for the time we've all spent in this past year reflecting on our future together. Many of you have prayed about how we use our building, manage our finances, welcome others, and influence our culture. In the upcoming year, we'll collect your feedback and start taking action based on it. With God's guidance, all our efforts in prayer and reflection will shape a vision that will guide us forward on our next faithful journey.

Therefore, friends, let not fret or worry about what comes next. We will continue to face many challenges in the road ahead, and it's likely that we will have to face some painful times. But we have an opportunity for Christ's peace to be the balm to soothe whatever troubles come our way. I have been so blessed to have had the opportunity to serve Christ with you at St Timothy and in our community, and I look forward to what comes next!

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Joel



Congregation/Corporation Docket

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church

16700 Newburgh Road

Livonia, Michigan 48154

Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting

February 22nd, 2026 @11:30am

Docket for Annual Congregational Meeting

Call to order with prayer

Motion to approve minutes of January 26th and February 23rd 2025 congregational meetings

Review and reception of annual reports

Presentation and reception of 2026 proposed general operating budget

Note acceptance of pastor's 2026 terms of call from December 14th 2025 Congregational Meeting.

Adjournment with prayer

Docket for Corporation Meeting

Call to order with prayer

Motion to approve minutes of February 23rd 2025 corporate meeting

Note acceptance of 2026 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: Margaret Barsch

Corporate Secretary: Kimberly Gaines

Corporate Treasurer: Tim Chanko

Financial Secretary: Linda Delezenne

New business

Adjournment with prayer



MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2025 Congregation Meeting Minutes

Pastor Joel confirmed a quorum was present and opened the meeting with prayer at 11:30 am.

Karlene Belaire, Beth Olko and Tina Puntigam were each nominated as deacons for a three (3) year term. Margaret Barsch moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Greg Kateff. The motion passed by the vote of the members present. Tim Chanko moved to accept this slate. The motion was seconded by Paula Boegner. The motion passed by the vote of the members present.

Tim Chanko moved that the meeting be closed. The motion was seconded by Chris Korne. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gaines
Recording Secretary

February 23, 2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes

A quorum was confirmed, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:29 am.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2024, and December 15, 2024, congregation meeting was made by Linda Delezenne and seconded by Lou Suveg. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

The annual reports were reviewed. Chris Korne provided an update of the church properties projects. The process of turning the kitchen into a commercial kitchen has been terminated. This is due to the inspection performed by Wayne County in which it was determined that the stove hood vent needed to conform to the current fire suppression regulations. The estimate for the

project was between \$60,000.00 and \$100,000.00. Due to the cost, the session voted to terminate the issue. The boiler parts have been ordered and were installed. The boiler is back functioning again. Work is in progress with the day care. Lansing has yet to issue the license to Brilliant Butterflies.

Scott Gaines inquired about appealing the decision of Wayne County regarding the stove hood venting as it was never an issue in any of the other inspections performed during the application process. Melanie Gumz also expressed her concern that the session just accepted this and inquired if there was any thought to look into additional financing such as applying for grants. Paula Boegner responded that the Finance Committee will be looking for additional ways to use the kitchen for profit.

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 2025 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.

The acceptance of pastor's 2025 terms of call from December 15, 2024, Congressional Meeting were presented.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Delezenne. The motion was seconded by Cassy Sautter. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gaines
Recording Secretary.

February 23, 2025 Corporation Meeting Minutes

A quorum was confirmed, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:53 am.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2024, corporation meeting was made by Cassy Sautter and seconded by Bob Taylor. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Acceptance of the 2025 general operating budget from the congregational meeting was noted.

Motion to accept the elders as trustees of the corporation was made by Matt Johnson and seconded by Cassy Sautter. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present.

Motion to accept these officers of the corporation was made by Ron Martin:

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.

No new business was brought to the congregation to be discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Boegner. The motion was seconded by Bob Taylor. The motion was passed by the vote of the members present. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Joel at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gaines
Recording Secretary

December 14, 2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes

This meeting was called to order at 11:22 AM by Pastor Joel as moderator who opened the meeting with prayer. He then confirmed the presence of Quorum plus noted that the meeting may also be viewed online. The purpose of this meeting is to first, elect new members of Session and Deacons for 2026 and second to present the Pastors Terms Of Call for 2026 for review and approval of the congregation.

Lou Suveg as Chair of Nominating and Personnel presented names of the new officers for the coming year with each for a 3-year term. The nominee for a position as Deacon was Janet Richardson and Dennis Deleszene as Elder. He then asked if there were any nominees from the floor with a requirement that anyone nominated has agreed to such nomination. There were none presented. Paula Boegner moved to close the nominations. This was then approved by vote of the members present. Greg Kateff moved approval of the two nominees and following a second, the motion passed by vote of members present.

It was pointed out that one additional Elder is needed and efforts to resolve this will continue.

The Pastor then relinquished the position as moderator and left the sanctuary to permit an open discussion in his absence of the 2026 Terms of Call. Lou then presented the terms including a printed version for review and discussion. Following a few minor comments Paula Boegner moved approval of the terms of call and this was passed by vote of the members present. Lou also informed the congregation that a 2 percent increase had been approved by Session for the two other employees.

The Pastor was then invited back to take the position of Moderator. He was then informed of the approval of his 2026 terms and thanked all for our actions. At 11:38 AM Paula Boegner moved adjournment of the meeting which was completed by vote of the members present. Pastor Joel then closed the meeting with prayer.

Bob Taylor, Clerk of Session.



2025 Clerk of Session Report

Communicant Membership – January 1, 2025	60
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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	0
	By Deletion from Rolls (Death)	0

Communicant Membership – December 31, 2025	60
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STEWARDSHIP &
FINANCE TEAM

2025 Finance & Stewardship



2025 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 2025 the Financial Secretaries:

- Recorded contributions weekly for 50 members and friends
- Prepared and distributed contribution statements
- Provided monthly pledge updates for the Finance Elder
- Participated in monthly Finance and Stewardship Committee meetings
- Prepared confidential giving analysis for the Finance and Stewardship Committee, to assist tracking the 2025 zero-based budget

Twenty contributors have chosen to receive their quarterly statements via email. 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, the Butterfly Offering, and various committees. Your generous and dedicated efforts are crucial to meeting St. Timothy's financial obligations.

Our 2025 budget contained 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 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 and Linda Delezenne



2025 Head Teller

In 2025 St. Timothy continued to have a small but active group of volunteers who supported our weekly deposit efforts and stepped in often to assist on very short notice.

Due to the limited volunteer resources, we either managed the deposit on Sundays, or we locked up the envelopes in the office vault and met during the week to complete the deposit when it is more convenient for the volunteers.

Looking into 2026, 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. There are options for computer and non-computer roles.

A BIG thank you to our tellers Kim Gaines, Bob Taylor and Patty Kreitmeyer, as well as a BIG thank you for the assistance provided by Melanie Gumz, Linda Delezenne and Shelly Walldorff when resources are thin. Together we make it all happen smoothly.

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



2025 Memorial Committee

I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3 NIV

The Memorial Committee is under the supervision of the Finance Committee. Several people donate to this committee in the name of people who have passed away, and this continues. The main focus of our committee in recent years is the Memorial Garden.

Our Memorial Garden is filled with engraved bricks. The names on the bricks are of well-loved friends and relatives. Of course, the names of our loved ones don't have to be in our garden to be remembered, but for me, wonderful memories flood my mind when I "read the bricks" and spend some time there. It is a quiet place to think of God, and our friends and family. And to be grateful to God every time we remember.

Linda Delezenne, Carol Prevost, Sue Zabell and the STARS, as well as others who step in when needed, do a wonderful job of keeping things growing and beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped in the garden this past year.

We did not place any new engraved bricks in the past year. If you ever wish to purchase a brick engraved with the name of a loved one, please speak to me. And, if you have any plants that have outgrown their space in your garden, speak to Carol or Linda.

Please come visit the St. Timothy Memorial Garden anytime.

Prayerfully submitted,

Karlane Belaire, Chairperson



2025 Deacons

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves" Romans 12:10

The Board of Deacons for the year 2025 were Kathey Turnbull (Moderator), Beth Olko (Vice-Moderator), Carol Prevost (Secretary), Karlane Belaire, Dave Houghtby, Tina Puntigam, and Dorothy Sanchez. We were guided by Pastor Joel.

Deacon Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM via Zoom. This enables all to attend even if there are weather difficulties or transportation challenges. The Deacons continue to serve the church through various ministries as well as having individual flocks. We have Deacons who schedule greeters and monitors Sunday attendance, provides support at funerals and memorial services, and work with the Mission and Outreach Committee to provide hats, gloves, and other cold-weather gear through our "Warming Tree" donations. Our other ministries include providing transportation, food, and home and hospital visits as needed. We also will be providing a special package for our college student, Max, this spring.

Three times this past year we were able to bring joy to some of those members who are not able to attend church in person. We "carol" at Christmas, Easter, and the Fourth of July and even though our 'home' visits have dwindled down to about two we are still able to reach out to those who would like to hear and participate with us via phone. Greg Kateff, Mike Baum, and Paul Moon accompany us on their guitars and also lead our singing with a great deal of enthusiasm. I believe that this activity provides as much joy for those who participate as for those we sing for.

Deacons are always available to help with other outreach activities such as Trunk or Treat, Rally Day, and Hanging of the Greens. We host an annual Easter breakfast and a picnic in June as well. Many of us attend the Friendship Club parties and enjoy them as much as the participants.

We are welcoming Janet Richardson to the Board this year while Dorothy Sanchez is rotating off. We are grateful to Dorothy for her many years of service on the Board maintaining the Greeter Schedule, attending Nominating and Personnel meetings as Deacon representative, and was available to help out where and when needed. Thank you Dorothy!

St. Timothy is welcoming Another Day Resource to our church, an organization that will be based within our building. We are looking forward to supporting this ministry whose mission to serve, strongly aligns with our church and Deacon Board. What an exciting year we are looking forward to!

The Deacon Ministry is a fulfilling one, full of joy and allows us to do God's work on Earth. If you have never been a Deacon and have a caring heart, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the current Deacons to find out what it's all about!!

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Turnbull, 2025 Deacon Moderator



60th Anniversary Celebration

In May, we celebrated St. Timothy's 60th year by having an anniversary party. Over 70 members, friends and past members came together to eat and share their stories and memories. Several testimonies were heard. Some were read from those that could not attend. Entertainment, including music, skits and singing was provided by Tim Falk and the choir. Sixty years of photos, memorabilia and important events were on display for guests to see. Everyone enjoyed this time of fellowship together.

The planning committee for this event was Kim Gaines, Beth Olko, Linda Houghtby, Greg Kateff and Mary Baum.



2025 Faith Education

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

2025 has been a busy and fulfilling year for the Faith Education Committee. The Committee continues to provide Worship Bags as needed containing activities for children to assist in keeping them engaged in Sunday Worship services as well as providing lessons and activities in a classroom setting during the Sermon time for elementary aged and younger children on the Sundays that St. Timothy is blessed to have them in attendance. Our youth continues to be a focus of the committee in organizing celebrations such as Max's graduation and gifts for Youth Appreciation Sunday. A training regarding the Child and Youth Safety Policy engaged those who work with youth on the policy, as well as covering updates on the policy with regards to digital communication. The monthly "Butterfly Offering" continues to help provide resources to obtain materials needed to produce and purchase resources for activities listed above and below, we thank the entire congregation for their giving spirit!

We thank our volunteer presenters for sharing their insight and thoughts with the congregation throughout the year during A Time for All God's Children. Their efforts each week continue to make this another valuable opportunity to learn and grow during Sunday Worship.

Bible Studies and Topical Discussions continued to meet on select days during the week and on Sunday After Worship. Each group has its own topic and style of study and discussion. Thanks to all the leaders in their hard work leading these groups.

Rally Day concluded summer activities and began new sessions of Bible studies and kicked off Church activities that had taken breaks over the summer. The committee enjoyed co-hosting with the Deacons. Games and food were enjoyed by all who attended.

Lent and Advent Devotionals, each daily devotion written by past and present St. Timothy members, were produced for each of these seasons. Each devotion included a scripture passage, thoughts on the passage, and a reflective prayer. It was an honor to have these devotionals for the congregation to use during these important seasons.

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



2025 Faith Circle

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

We hosted three Fellowship Hours (one of them Father's Day), provided a luncheon for the STARS, Gardners, and St Timothy Staff. We held our annual Christmas Luncheon with entertainment by a wonderful ensemble of dulcimer musicians called Silver Strings followed by singing carols which was led by our talented Music Man Tim Falk and Choir member Matt Johnson. We are so very pleased that our Faith Circle Christmas Luncheon was a wonderful success. We look forward to hosting again in 2026

We bought Christmas gifts for our "Shut-Ins" and two Operation Good Cheer teens (girl and boy). 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.

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).

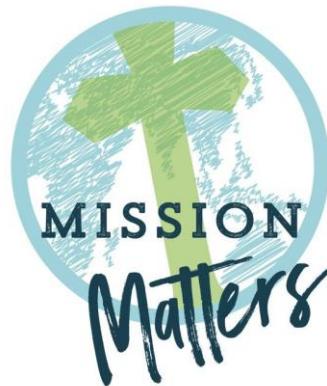
Since all women of our congregation are members of Women's Association and in the interest of attempting to include everyone and to help us to get to know each other better, we continue the monthly lunch established last year.

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 a visit to Belle Isle, picking flowers at a flower farm and also visited the Taylor Botanical Gardens.

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



2025 Mission and Outreach

Matthew 25:35-40: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I needed clothes and you clothed me...Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

The Mission and Outreach Committee continues to provide opportunities for our members and friends to serve our community, our neighbors and each other.

We have built a wonderful relationship with our Friendship Club folks. They are a part of Livonia's Community Opportunity Center. Every month we assist or host a craft class with several of their residents. We have an annual party that includes dinner and bingo. Greg Kateff, Mike Baum and Bob Taylor entertain everyone with a fun sing-along. Thank you! Some of the residents enjoy attending and participating in the summer bonfire worship services. We supported their fundraiser by ordering 40 Fall mums. Many of them participated in Trunk or Treat. Thank you to St. Timothy members and to TOPS for buying Christmas gifts for 13 Friendship Club friends.

The committee helped to organize a fasting weekend during Lent. It ended on Sunday with Communion and a meal. Many people participated and the feedback was positive.

Over 150 lunches were packed and delivered to Hope Clinic along with 60 boxes of cereal and diapers.

Our annual Easter Egg hunt was a lot of fun for children in the community. Over 500 eggs were filled with candy and goodies.

There were about 80 visitors to Trunk or Treat. Thank you to everyone that passed out candy from their cars and those that donated candy.

The cereal drive was a huge success. Cereal was delivered to Hope Clinic and Presbytery. We also donated over 100 rolls of toilet paper that was delivered to Presbytery.

The City of Livonia reached out with a request to help a resident with yardwork and trash removal and help we did! Thank you to those that came to help.

We had several requests from charities and organizations for monetary donations, clothing, winter accessories and toys. Contributions were made to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Mission Cry Resources, Ashes to Glory Foundation, Detroit Rescue Mission, Another Day Resource and Children's Orchards Services. A sofa and chair were donated to a family in need.

From May through October the prayer ribbons were available for anyone to write a prayer, a praise, etc. and tie to the fence.

Fellowship was offered every Sunday after worship with different themes weekly. Committees and groups signed up to help with this. Birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

The committee bought cleaning supplies to help support Crop Walk. The supplies went to communities that needed assistance cleaning up after natural disasters.

A community prayer box will be placed in front of the church in the spring. Thank you to Rich Belaire for undertaking the task of building the prayer box.

Thank you to committee members Patty Kreitmeyer, Linda Houghtby, Margaret Barsch, Kathey Turnbull, Karlane Belaire for all that you did and continue to do. Kim Gaines has stepped back from the committee after many years of service and we thank her for her hard work and dedication. We are blessed to have a congregation that helps and supports our outreach and missions. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Baum



2025 Nominating and Personnel

The Nominating and Personnel Committee is tasked to recruit people 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 support the church staff in service at St. Timothy during the year. This includes Pastor Joel, Tim Falk our Music Director/Accompanist and Shelly Walldorff our Office Manager. The committee consists of Lou Suveg (Chairperson), Margaret Barsch, John Weiss and Dorothy Sanchez (Deacon Representative).

This year, we were successful in filling Deacon and Elder positions. Janet Richardson and Dave Houghtby have accepted nominations as Deacons. This will be Janet's 1st term and Dave's 2nd. Dennis Delzenne has accepted nomination as an Elder. This will be Dennis' 1st term. At present, two elder positions for 2026 are open.

Compensation increases of 2% were presented to Session, discussed and approved. Session also approved to cover Pastor Joel's 4% increase in medical benefit. Thank you, Shelly, Tim, and Pastor Joel for everything you do for St. Timothy and our congregation!

I enjoy working with my committee members. My term as elder expired at the end of 2025, I will continue to chair the Personnel and Nomination committee reporting to session.

If you have an interest in serving as Elder, Deacon or to serve on a committee, please let me know. I appreciate everyone for your help and support. May God continue to bless our committee efforts and the members of the St. Timothy congregation!

In Christ,

Lou Suveg,

Chairperson



2025 Properties/STARS

We accomplished many things around the church this past year.

We had successful spring and fall clean up days. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help make that happen. It's nice to brighten up the church and have it cleaned and freshened up.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped paint the church, both inside and out. We painted some window trims, doors and parts of the west side of the church which really needed to get done. And, we painted Room 16 as well as the restrooms in that same area. Big improvement!

We cleaned out Rooms 14, 15 17 and 18 of all the daycare items. We sold the majority of it to other daycares, members of St. Timothy and used Facebook too. We have a new tenant coming this spring so it was good to get that big job done.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church helped with getting their beautiful organ donated to St. Timothy. The organ will be fully operational in 2026.

We look forward to 2026 hoping for a bright future.

Regards

Chris Korne



2025 Strategic Planning Committee

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

Committee Advisor: Pastor Joel

Strategic Planning is the process where an organization, whether it be a club, company, or church, defines its long-term vision, sets goals, identifies key priorities, and creates actionable strategies and resource plans to achieve them, essentially acting as a roadmap for future success by turning broad ideas into measurable outcomes. It involves clarifying what the organization wants to be (Mission/Vision), how it will get there (strategies/initiatives), and how it will measure success, aligning teams (Session directed committees) and resources toward common objectives. Several years ago, St. Timothy restated its Mission:

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our Mission is to Seek God, Follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor”.

2025, was a year characterized by Pastor Joel as a year of “discernment”. The Congregation was asked to pray over **Building Use, Finances, Invitation, and Affecting the Culture**, seeking discernment from God, that will help us formulate a more defined future Vision in support of our stated Mission. So, Strategic Planning hit the pause button as we await the gathering of ideas, thoughts, impressions our Congregation received in prayer. Our committee will assist in the gathering of your prayers, followed by a report to Session. Session will then take your prayer feedback and work towards defining a detailed future “Vision” for St. Timothy”. From that Vision we will work toward creating actionable strategies and resource plans to attain it. This is delicate work as it involves the coordination of many committees, congregational support and a whole lot of prayer. In the meantime, we will assist Session with shorter term tasks which in scope go beyond what a large governing Board can practically do. Last year those tasks included:

- **ST. TIMOTHY FACILITY RENTALS:** Completed 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. As a follow on to that policy we completed a standardized rental contract and agreement, which Session approved, to be used as a starting point with any non-member group wanting to rent our building and its facilities.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Identified the many ways we communicate both internally and externally to the community at large and began reviewing for effectiveness our communications methods and procedures. We completed a thorough review of the St. Timothy website and issued a formal report to Session. Several of the suggestions made have already been implemented.

A principal aim of strategic planning is having the doors of St. Timothy swing from the inside out spreading the truth of the Gospel message into the community. Please pray for divine wisdom and guidance in that planning.

Sue Zabell joined our committee in 2025, and from all 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

2025 Worship Committee

The month of January began as usual - pretty quiet, as was the month of February.

March brought Ash Wednesday on the 5th, the beginning of Lent.

We hosted the Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Rosedale Gardens and St. Paul's on April 18th. Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday followed with our traditional early service at 8:00 am on Easter morning and our youth participated as usual. Our Easter Service was at 10:30 am.

We were blessed to have purchased (through donation) two Ordinary Time banners and two Lenten banners. In addition to those banners, we had ordinary time green banners (made by Dorothy Sanchez) made for the west wall.

Our campfires continued in 2025 with our friends from their group homes. We have really become "one" in worshiping in the out-of-doors. Again, we are blessed to host them.

Worship in the Park was held in August as it has been in past years. This is a combined service with Rosedale Gardens and St. Paul's.

Thanksgiving Eve service was preceded by a simple dinner that our Deacons hosted. Pastor Joel and Tina provided us with "Talk Time". Communion was received around the Communion Table by intinction. We also expressed our blessings and thankfulness.

On November 28th, we had hanging of the greens so that we were ready for the first Sunday of Advent which was November 30th. We had a nice dinner and fellowship time after we completed the hanging of the greens.

Advent was followed by a beautiful Christmas Eve Service celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Our committee is thankful for the organ and the cross (and many other items) that St. Andrews donated to St. Timothy. We are looking forward to dedicating the organ in May.

Chris Kateff helped out with a power point presentation for Ash Wednesday (that accompanied a poem by Tina Puntigam) and a music arrangement when he was visiting this last summer.

We are thankful for our technology folks (Tim Chanko, Scott Gaines, Melanie Gumz and Tina Puntigam) who work the tech desk so the service can be streamed online for those who can't attend in person. .

We are so grateful to our Music Director Tim Falk and our Pastor Joel for all that they give through Jesus to us.

I want to express my gratitude to the Worship Committee: Linda Delezenne, Tim Falk, Karen Kateff, Pastor Joel and our newest member Kathryn Radamis.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Houghtby



2025 Chancel Choir

The chancel choir wrapped up another great year of worshiping God through music. Our singers were Cassy Sautter, Sue Zabell, Linda Houghtby, Margaret Barsch, Tina Puntigam, Paula Boegner, Joel Puntigam, Bob Taylor, Matt Johnson, Rick Dunn, Mike Baum, and Greg Kateff. Rick rejoined the choir this year after being away for awhile. Tina took some time off for part of the season to attend college classes. Although not regular choir members, Dave Olko Sr and Tim Chanko were very helpful and always ready to sing when called upon for solos or special music events. Also helping out with the singing were David Olko Jr, Jillian Sautter, and Lexi Barsch, three youths who would sing on Youth Sundays. (The third Sunday of each month.). They all did a great job. Linda Delezenne continued to do a great job as music librarian for both the chancel choir and the bell choir. Linda Delezenne or Paula also played the 2nd keyboard every week and covered for me during my vacation time. The AV team led by Tina did a great job and worked hard every Sunday.

The choir, as usual, took the summer off. Soloists, duos, and small groups did the special music during that time. We had combined choirs for two events in 2025; Ash Wednesday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, and Good Friday at St Timothy. The music went well for these services, although each year seems to bring fewer and fewer singers to these

services. In the summer weeks, we had a campfire service on Wednesday evenings and the music at these events was led by Mike Baum and Greg Kateff.

The big news for the music department was the donation of a used top flight digital church organ with speakers from a church that had recently closed, St Andrews in Dearborn Heights. A moving company was hired to move the organ from St Andrews to St Timothy in mid-December. STARS members were instrumental in helping with the move and also getting the organ in place and setting it up in the sanctuary. This organ was a wonderful gift that cost us very little other than the cost of hiring a moving company. Even though the organ is currently operational, there is still some more setting up and fine tuning to do. St Andrews also donated several hundred pounds of choir music to St Timothy. I am in the process of going through and sorting out that music. This is a great blessing as it will give the choir lots of new (to us) music arrangements to sing in the years to come.

A big thanks to all the choir members for their hard work and great singing the past year and for their faithful attendance every Thursday and most Sundays (the choir was off every third Sunday for Youth Sunday). I appreciate their flexibility and ability to sometimes change plans at a late moment for whatever reasons. Looking forward to a great 2026!

Tim Falk



2025 Handbell Choir

The handbell choir keeps chugging along, with the same lineup as last year: Cassy and Jillian Sautter, Paula Boegner, Sue Zabell, Linda Delezenne, and Mike Baum. Kim Taylor briefly joined us in the Fall but had to retire due to physical challenges. We continue to do a mixture of instrumentation, with sometimes playing a song or hymn with just handbells, and other times doing arrangements that might utilize voices, guitar, trumpet, violin, keyboards, handbells, percussion, dulcimer, or any possible combination of those instruments. We usually played on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month and it was usually the introit and offertory music on those Sundays. The handbell choir continued, as in the past, to take the summer off.

I am very pleased and happy with the hard work and effort that the handbell members put forth.

Tim Falk

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