

ear St. Timothy Folk,

Here comes July! For some it is only part way into summer. But if you have children, depending on when the last day of school was, and when it starts in August, it is already the middle of summer!! How did that happen?!?!

We know that many of you travel during the summer, but if you are home, keep your spiritual life healthy and vibrant this summer by coming to church. Your presence nourishes not only you, but your fellow worshipers as well. Your presence makes a statement “that God’s reign in your life is not suspended just because it is summertime” (my friend the Rev. Ron Pogue). If you have out-of-town visitors, invite them to come with you – you know how welcoming St. Timothy’s is!

If you are traveling, remember to look for the blessings of God in the beauty of Creation. You can check out an Episcopal (or other) church where you are visiting. You may find new ideas to bring back and share. Or photos of beautiful church structures and interiors. You may hear a hymn you haven’t heard before or a sermon that touches or challenges your heart. And you can always catch up with St. Timothy’s on our Facebook page!

If you have extra free time in the summer or a slightly slower pace, explore a ministry you haven’t tried, or have let lapse a while. Serve as an usher or lector or Coffee Hour host, or offer some of your time to the church or to outreach ministries in the community. Another opportunity open to all of us is to more intentionally include those on our prayer list in our personal daily prayers. We do not have to know the individuals to ask God’s blessing and healing for them. It is part of our privilege as believers to lift up our brothers and sisters. Additionally, please check the prayer list, and if you have placed yourself or someone else’s name on the list, let Kerry know if they need to stay on, or can be removed.

Looking ahead, we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 4th as our young members prepare to return to school. Our prayers will also include those attending college and those who teach or work in other ways in our schools and colleges. We will also have

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+

Rev. Linda Baker Pineo

Note: We would like to know how many folk need the bulletin in the long form with all of the text of the service. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal at home, we would be happy to provide them.