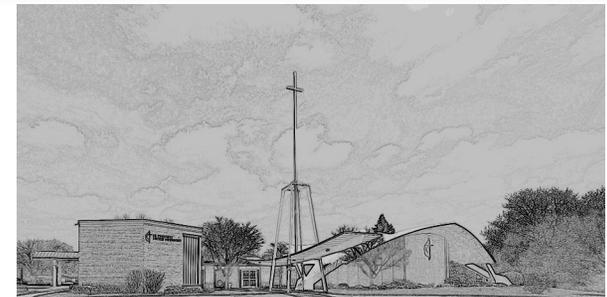


# Tims Tales



NOVEMBER 2022



## IMPORTANT THINGS

There is a parable told by Jesus about a man who lived his whole life thinking one thing to be important only to discover at the end that he had missed all that really counted. The story goes like this: "And a certain man's land brought forth plenty. The man said, "What shall I do? I have nowhere to store my crops. I know what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build larger ones." Then I will say to myself, "Take your ease, you have ample goods stored up for many years. Eat, drink, and be merry!" But that very night the voice said to him, "You fool, tonight you will die. Then whose will these things be?"

No thoughtful person can read this parable without some serious soul-searching. The question each of us must answer for ourselves is this: "Am I finding in life the truly important things?" We all must wrestle with what we value and hold in high regard.

It has been suggested that God intends for us to use things and love people. Turmoil usually results in our world when we attempt to reverse this adage by using people and loving things. We are expected to use our resources in service. When we fail to do this and attempt to hoard these resources, we do not become rich we become poor. Remember the land owner in the parable. He tried to keep everything and discovered he could keep nothing. There came the threatening voice: "You fool, tonight you will die. Then who will these things be?"

There is a story in the west of a friend visiting someone who owned a great deal of land. The friend said to the rancher, "How much land do you own? The rancher said, "Anywhere you look, you are seeing the land that belongs to me. It's all mine." That's not quite true commented the friend. It's not really yours. "Oh!" Said the rancher. "Why isn't it mine I hold the title to every acre of land you see I paid for it. If it isn't my land, to whom does it belong?" The friend's eyes twinkled a little as he said to the rancher, "Let's talk about that 100 years from now."

What we call ours does not really belong to us. We only hold it in trust. If that's true, then we are accountable for the use of it. That's what stewardship is all about. Perhaps that is the reason this timeless saying persists: "You only take with you what you send on ahead, as you Pay it forward." What we leave behind falls into the hands of others.

The challenge for each of us during the season of stewardship and Thanksgiving is to make sure our lives are focused on the important things of life. All of us want to be able to stand at the end of our journey knowing that we have so used our lives that we can now have joy and satisfaction. The only way to achieve that objective is to live each day to the fullest by spending the moments on things that really matter.

Someone has wisely said that everyone needs to stop now and then and ask, "If this were my last day to live, how would I spend it?" When you think about that question, life takes on a new perspective. We discover that many things we so often take for granted are more important than we dreamed.

May God bless each of us as we attempt to focus our lives on the important things of life.

With you on the journey,  
*Pastor Scott*



St. Timothys celebrated the lives of our loved ones, that have died this past year, with our annual lighting of candles in their honor and in our remembrance of them. Those honored:

*Eileen Gibson  
Harlan Hughes  
Keith Crew  
Mike Taylor*

## NORTHEAST IOWA FOOD BANK

November, of course, means **THANKSGIVING**. None of us at St Tims will have to choose between a delicious and bountiful feast OR paying rent or a utility bill.

Since the state disaster declaration went away in April and **decreased the amount of SNAP dollars** for needy folks, the NE IA Food Bank is seeing the **number of those using the Food Bank increase about 15%**.

People are working 2 and 3 low-paying jobs, people are affected by medical bills which may mean a loss of income, and some grandparents end up taking in their grandchildren.

Last fiscal year (*from July 2021-July 2022*) NEIFB distributed nearly 7.5 million pounds of food through its 8 programs and 16 counties. However, in the prior fiscal year (*between 2020 & 2021*), NEIFB distributed close to 12 million pounds of food. This decrease is not due to a reduction in our neighbors' needs or the capability of the Food Bank---it is due to the supply chain disruptions, fuel costs, and natural disasters, making food products harder to find and less available.

*Send your generous check to St Tims with Food Bank in the memo.*

**Remember -**  
**every \$1 you give**  
**will help provide**  
**4 meals.**

*\*\*\*Volunteers are  
always needed at the  
Food Bank \*\*\**



## ONGOING:

The **HOMELESS** folks in our community need to know they are cared for and supported. Our weather affects those living under the bridges, in abandoned buildings, and in their cars. Everyone of us have basic needs (food, toiletries, etc!) Our homeless would appreciate back packs or duffel bags, tents, water bottles, hand-held food items, hand wipes, Chapstick, small toiletries, gift certificates for fast food, etc. Place your generous items in the tub under the mailboxes, and they will be taken to Hospitality House or to the Salvation Army.

**NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:** the books are given to People's Community Health Clinic

**WINTER WILL BE HERE SOON:** As you sort through your **clothes (children's and adult)** please consider donating the WINTER items that are still in good condition to church and placing them in the tote located under the church mailboxes. Folks being served by the Salvation Army, House of Hope, and Hospitality House will appreciate sweaters, sweatshirts, warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks, long underwear. The Salvation Army and Hospitality House are also accepting warm blankets as well.

**HYVEE RECEIPTS:** please remember to save and bring your receipts to the church for Walter Cunningham School, our Partner in Education. *The school receives \$1.00 for every \$250 recorded on the receipts.* What a wonderful way for St Tims to help! Place your receipts in the clear container on top of the mailboxes.





It has been said by several congregants in the past 2 years that they really miss going shopping for that special gift for a Cunningham School student. It seems to mean more than just giving money.

However, once again, the Missions committee is saying,  
“No shopping, but you can still have lots of  
**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.**”

We know that families' needs are great this year with groceries, gas, and most items priced much higher than last year, so we still want to be a giving congregation to those less fortunate than we are.

We have asked for 14 children & adults to support their holiday season. You are asked to donate money that you would normally have spent on gifts or donated to the cause. School uniforms will be purchased for each child, and the rest of your money will be divided between the 14 people in gift cards to either Target or Walmart. Families really enjoy being able to pick out that specific toy/gift for their kids.

Your money is needed by **NOVEMBER 27th**, so the parents can get their shopping done. Please write your checks to St. Tims with ADOPT in the memo.

*Same CARING & GIVING, just no shopping.*  
“Tis more blessed to give than to receive.”

### Giving Tuesday is November 29th

Give of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in our local community. Simple things, like making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger, showing up for an issue or standing up for people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help.

*Everyone has something to give!*

#GIVING  
TUESDAY

### Please help the Salvation Army's RED KETTLE campaign.

Volunteer bell ringers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises the funds that sustain the help The Salvation Army provides all year long. When you volunteer to stand at a kettle, you're not just ringing a bell--- you're changing lives. You can choose the location and the time of your bell ringing at [www.RegisterToRing.com](http://www.RegisterToRing.com) or call 319/235-9358. Call now before the really cold weather gets here.

*“Its what we do for Christ in the here & now that will make a difference in the then & there.” Max Lucado*



**Carol Luvert**, chair of Special Events committee, **Clover**, foster service dog, and **Carolyn Scoville**, chair of Missions committee, handed out candy to trick or treaters at Cunningham School. All kids were polite and gave us many unsolicited THANK YOU's.

### Important Things

There is a parable told by Jesus about a man who lived his whole life thinking one thing to be important only to discover at the end that he had missed all that really counted! *(more on page 2)*

## COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Timothys prepares and serves the Community Meal every other month on the 3rd Tuesday.

Would you like to help prepare and serve a delicious, healthy home-cooked meal to those who...

can't afford to purchase groceries  
don't have access to appliances to cook it  
don't want to eat alone  
just enjoy socializing with a variety of folks  
gratefully appreciate your time and those scalloped potatoes & ham?

What a joy it is to see them ponder which dessert to choose, to see their big smiles, and to hear an energetic and sincere "thank you!".

Contact Carolyn to volunteer to prepare food at 12:30, serve at 4:15, do dishes and help with cleanup (putting tables & chair away, vacuuming, etc.) at 5, or provide a pan of delicious bars. Bars need to be in disposable 9x13 pan or cut into bars and at St Tims by 11 am on the 15<sup>th</sup> or to FUMC by 2pm. Tables will be set up at 3:45 pm.

The Community Meal is so much more than just a place to get a good, warm meal. It is an opportunity for the guests to mingle with each other and to have someone *really listen* to their stories.

It is an opportunity for all of us to **"be with"** rather than just **"doing for"**.

Please consider coming to the meal, eating with our guests, chatting with them, and showing **we care**.

*"I was hungry & you fed me. Whenever you did this for someone overlooked or ignored, that was me---you did it to me."*



Dear Scott ,

We received your organization's contribution of \$1,387.00 to Women at the Well UMC. We are humbled by the generous support of organizations like yours who give to keep this ministry going.

We are a mission congregation. The women inside the prison will never be able to fund the costs of this ministry. With less than 25% of our annual budget being supported by various grants, many of which are diminishing during these difficult economic times, we depend on organizations like yours to make this ministry possible. Thank you so very much!

We are always hopeful that we can deepen and expand our relationship with those who are supportive of our ministry. Some options we would invite you to prayerfully consider include:

Creating a Partner relationship with Women at the Well UMC! (Visit our website at [www.WomenattheWellUMC.org](http://www.WomenattheWellUMC.org) to learn more!)

Sign up for our E-Newsletter. (Also at [www.WomenattheWellUMC.org](http://www.WomenattheWellUMC.org).)

- "Like" Women at the Well UMC on Facebook. (Get regular updates about what's happening in our ministry.)
- Extend an invitation to us to share our story with your group or congregation, or connecting with our ministry through our volunteer opportunities. (Contact our administrative assistant at 515/822-4599, or by e-mail at [womenatthewell@iaumc.org](mailto:womenatthewell@iaumc.org), to explore these possibilities.)

We hope that you will continue to follow and support the growth and development of this ministry. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Pastor Paul Witmer  
Women at the Well UMC





42nd Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on Saturday November 5, 2022.

The Purpose of Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs.

# Because of You

St. Timothys committee packaged **100 Personal Dignity Kits** which were blessed in our worship service October 30<sup>th</sup>. A prayer card was placed in each kit that was signed by a Mission member, stating "We are praying for you" and "packaged with love by your brothers and sisters in Christ." These were taken to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, a United Methodist warehouse that is used by UMCOR, and will be shipped to disaster areas in the United States and worldwide. The following monetary gifts were also given to Ingathering from the Missions Endowment Fund:

- \$1000 to Heifer, International
  - \$1000 to Self-Help International Feeding Project
  - \$1000 to Mobility Worldwide Iowa (carts for the disabled).
- We helped fulfill the purpose of the Mission Ingathering:  
*"to show the love of Christ to the world's people  
 by ministering to their needs."*



**Many hands at work - - -**  
Thank you to our many members that assisted with the packaging of **100** personal dignity kits. These kits were delivered to Ingathering on November 5th.  
Jan & Mike Kellner  
Pat & Mike Dreyer  
Paula Gilroy & Phil Patton  
Jay Agnes  
Emily Borcharding,  
Jean Meehan  
Diane Helmrichs  
Al Yakish  
Carolyn Scoville



- \* Bob Rule
- \* David Pounds
- \* Diana Gruver
- \* Darline Balm-Demmel
- \* Carol and Danielle Herzmann  
 (Bob Huber & Lyn Countryman's niece and her 1 year old baby)
- \* Dennie Grovo
- \* Jan Kellner's niece's aunt – Mary Lee
- \* Terry Bates
- \* Our food closet recipients
- \* Johnny Linnel - in hospice care
- \* Our friends at Jubilee UMC
- \* All who are shut-in
- \* People of Ukraine
- \* Our leaders and our military
- \* Our country





**2022 District Charge/Church Conference** was held October 25th, at FUMC. Thank you to those who attended:  
Spencer Luvert, David Walker, Al Yakish,  
Paul Fredericksen, Jane Moen, and Pastor Scott.

### Upcoming Offerings for the remainder of 2022

You may wish to give to one of these ministries before the month when we feature them. This is our plan for the remainder of 2022.

December: United Methodist Students, Boys & Girls Club

*Social Principles to start*

*January 15th*

*and will be on the first and third*

*Sundays at 3:00 p.m.*

**ONLINE ONLY**

#### **CD Connection Program**

The Connections Team wants to make sure that everyone has a chance to stay in connection. For those who are not able to access the worship services online, CD audio recordings of the services are a great way to continue to feel a part of the church family. So, if you are still at home, and would like to receive regular CD recordings, we want to know. If you do not have a CD player, we need to know that too!

**And**, if you have an easy to use CD player that you no longer need and would like to donate it to this program, please let us know. Contact Kate for all inquiries about the CD connection program: [kate.sttims@gmail.com](mailto:kate.sttims@gmail.com)

### **St. Timothys 2023 Stewardship Campaign**

began on October 30th and we are trying something new this year with the use of online links for both your pledge commitment and for your Time and Talent. Both links are available on St. Tims website: [www.sttims-umc.org](http://www.sttims-umc.org)

For anyone that prefers a "paper" form or that has questions, please contact the office.

#### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

will be November 20<sup>th</sup> with a celebration Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner after worship in Fellowship Hall.

EVERYTHING IS FURNISHED

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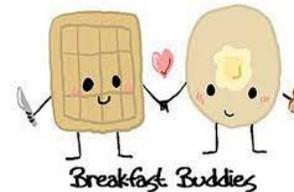
ENJOY WONDERFUL FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.



#### **Staying Connected**

The Connections Team would like to send out cards (with a little treat) to all our college students before finals. We want to make sure we don't forget any of our students, so if you know of a college student with a connection to

St. Tims, please email their name and college address to Kate Kitzman at [kate.sttims@gmail.com](mailto:kate.sttims@gmail.com) by November 20th. Thank you!



#### **FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST**

is meeting at the Cedar Falls Village Inn on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Come and enjoy!**





**The MITTEN TREE** - The Missions committee will again be collecting your donations of:

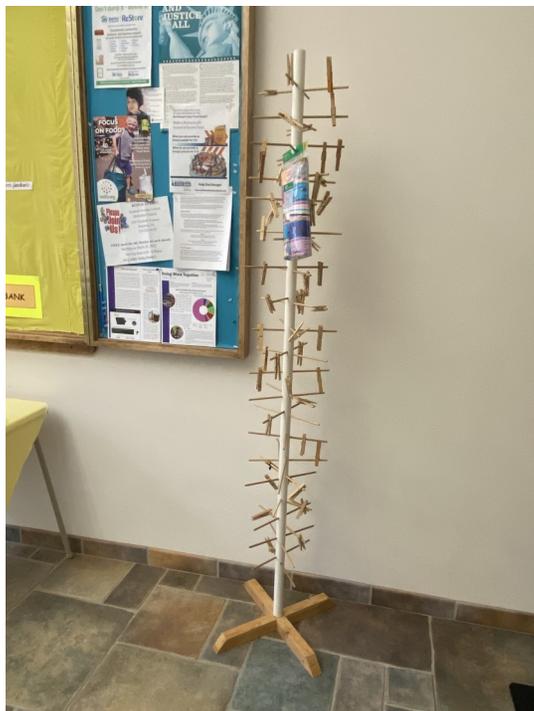
**children's hats,  
mittens/gloves,  
scarves, socks,  
and underwear**



for the children at **Cunningham School**.

Please place these needed items in the tote under the mailboxes  
before **December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

*Thank you for thinking of these kids.*



Our Mitten Tree is located in  
the Great Hall and is ready for  
your generous donations.



### USHERS:

November	Phil Patton	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
December	Bob Clark	4th, 11th, 18th

### HOSPITALITY HOSTS:

November	Jan & Mike Kellner	6th
November	Lois & Merlin Taylor	13th
November	Diane & Terry Helmricks	20th
December	Kathy & Jay Agness	4th
December	Louise Odle & Jean Meehan	11th
December	Alice Sawin & Tony Reid	18th



### Applause Opportunity

Remember, if you know of upcoming events our members are involved in, please let the office know so we can share it in our weekly reminders and newsletter. Pictures of events are always great!

**The church office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on November 25th.**

### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit news for the **December** issue of Tims Tales to Patricia at [sttimsadmin@cfu.net](mailto:sttimsadmin@cfu.net) by **Friday, November 23rd**.

### Keeping up with St. Timothy's

**Worship CD:** If you missed Sunday's Worship Service, you can keep up with the current worship service or listen to a previous service with a CD available from the church office. If you cannot make it regularly to church, please contact the church office to be added to the CD distribution list.

**Email Connection:** Get a weekly update as well as special announcements. Subscribe by sending your email address to our office manager at [sttimsadmin@cfu.net](mailto:sttimsadmin@cfu.net).

**Newsletter:** Receive our monthly newsletter, Tims Tales, in the mail – contact the office with your mailing address.

**Calendar:** See [www.sttims-umc.org/calendar](http://www.sttims-umc.org/calendar)

If you don't see an event that should be there, please let the office know!



**Facebook:** Like us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/sttims-umc](http://www.facebook.com/sttims-umc) to get all the latest posts from St. Tims.

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### Our Witness of Inclusion

The congregation of St. Timothy's United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls celebrates God's gifts as a faith community built upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are called and strive to be an open, loving, and caring congregation; to proclaim Jesus' love and justice to all; and to live out God's unending love through the inclusiveness and welcoming of all persons, including those of all sexual orientations and gender identities.



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