



Every Thanksgiving we see images of our Pilgrim forebears sharing a feast of thanksgiving with Native Americans who helped the Pilgrims through their difficult year by teaching them their practices. Despite some scholars “deconstructing” that part of history as not completely true, I think we can still glean a lesson from that “questioned” history so that Thanksgiving can still be a time of sharing and goodwill.

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In such a time like this, when partisan politics dominate the headlines, it's hard for some of us to find anything to be thankful for and even harder to believe that God is with us and in control. It's in these times that we feel powerless, like when Peter walked on water then began to sink when he looked at the raging waters and Jesus said to him, **“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”** It's like the joke I told last month of the atheist who fell off a cliff and was desperately hanging on a branch and God offered to help. The atheist promptly promised to do anything until God told him “Just let go! I'll help!” And, of course, the atheist shouted, **“Is anyone else up there?”** We just can't trust God to be there in our difficult times.

The traditional gospel lesson for Thanksgiving is the story of ten lepers who came to Jesus to be healed. Jesus healed all of them and sent them to the Temple to show themselves to the priests. They all left joyfully; but, **only one of them turned back and went to Jesus to thank him.** That might be a message for modern-day America as we spend the day relaxing, watching football games on TV, and stuffing ourselves with turkey and all the fixings. **Like the one leper who returned to thank Jesus, I hope we'll remember to thank God for the blessings we do have and not complain about what we don't have.**

As the war in Gaza appears to be coming to an end, we are hopeful for an enduring peace in the Middle East and we should continue to pray for a breakthrough in Ukraine and other places where conflict and civil wars rage and where injustice and oppression and poverty rob people of hope. In times when there is little hope, it's so easy to take our eyes off Jesus and to sink into the waves of despair and fear and to lose faith and forget that Jesus promised us at his Ascension, **“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

As President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed on Thanksgiving Day in 1863, “In every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea, and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.”

So, as in Lincoln's Civil War America, despite all the turmoil and chaos of today, let us pause and set aside this November 27 as a "Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to our beneficent Father who dwells in the heavens," because **God is with us always, even to the end of the age.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
- Pastor Yukio & Marilyn



**St. Timothy Church Council meets the second Tuesday of
the month at 6:30pm.
November's meeting:
November 11th at 6:30pm**

Nominations for the church council and budget items: Karen Ropar is seeking budget requests from committees now. Email, text or call her.

Nominations for council are open. For officers we are electing President and Financial Secretary for 2 years. General council members of up to 7 are open too. The term is 1 year. Never served before? Interested in learning more? See Sherry Willmschen.

Holiday Craft Box Event by Twila Reis

We had 3 people in attendance who made lovely boxes for the season.

Also, due to the generous donations given, there was an excess of \$20.00. This will be donated to St. Timothy's Food Bank.

Thank you for participating and your generous donation.



November Worship Services If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.					
	November 2nd	November 9th	November 16th	November 23rd	November 30th
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Shannon H	Ray W	Shannon H	Sherry W	Shannon H
Lector	Twila R	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Twila R
Usher	Steve & LeAnn	Gladys & Tim	Skip & Marcia E	Steve & LeAnn	James & Jayce
Communion	Candace O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Marie R & Karen O	Cathy H	Candace O & Gladys K
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Karen O	Amanda M	Monica G	Brigit D
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Tim H & Mary F	Candace O & Cathy H	Tim H & Ray W	Cathy H & Ray W	Ray W & Mary F
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O



A Note from your Parish Nurse!

Weather is getting colder!

SOCK IT TO ME! Health Ministry is collecting warm socks for winter packs to give out through the food pantry.

Please consider donating a pair or a pack of socks!

Karen Olomua
Parish Nurse

Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday is over, pledges have been gathered, and information has been shared with our treasurer so she can determine our yearly budget for 2026. Thank you to everyone who turned in their pledges.

I noticed, however, that several of you did not fill out the back of the pledge card for Time and Talents. Many of you have been doing the same thing for many years, so you probably didn't think it was necessary. It is important. The information is gathered and passed on to the committee heads each year, allowing them to plan for meetings, events, and regular Sunday worship duties. I will be passing out a sheet on Sunday for the various committees. Please take a moment to list your name under any committee for which you are willing to participate. Thank you.

Shannon Holley, Stewardship Committee



Joe Ropar
Dorian Willmschen
Pastor Chuck Hunt

Georgia Vogele
Melissa Standley
Fred Warren

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St. Timothy News November 2025

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Trunk or Treat 2025





Thank you to all of the volunteers, participants and donations for our annual Trunk or Treat event!

This year was a huge success with dozens of families attending.

Sunday School Update

Sunday School continues every Sunday! You do not have to have children/youth in Sunday School to be a helper. Please consider signing up to volunteer with the youth.

YOU CAN DO IT! Additional helpers means that each helper is only scheduled every 4-6 weeks.

Contact Karen O if this is something you might like to do.



Supporting St. Timothy in creative ways!

DDHS Annual Holiday Bazaar

9:00-1:00 Saturday, December 6, 2025 at David Douglas High School
1001 SE 135th Ave Portland, OR

I have a table at the bazaar, selling ornaments and other small hand-made items (under \$10 only).

All proceeds will be donated to the St. Timothy food pantry.

All congregation members, especially children and youth, are invited to provide items to sell.

Goal 1: advertise our church and food pantry

Goal 2: raise some money

Goal 3: our children/youth recognize their contributions are important

I hope you can join me!

Lisa Sanders

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East County Ministry Alliance

FEEDING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MONDAY

St. Timothy Lutheran 10a-1p
Zarephath Kitchen 11a-1p

TUESDAY

St. Timothy Lutheran 10a-1p

WEDNESDAY

St. Timothy Lutheran 10a-1p
Zarephath Kitchen 11a-1p

THURSDAY

St. Timothy Lutheran 10a-1p
Zarephath Pantry 10a-1p

FRIDAY

Centennial Christian Church 2-4p
Zarephath Kitchen 11a-1p

SATURDAY

East County Food Pantry 10a-12p

Food Resources

Free Food:

Heretic Coffee
5120 SE 28th

East Imagio
3130 SE 148th
Sunday Breakfast
8:30a

Wed/Fri Dinner
6-7:30p

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In the face of food benefit interruptions there are additional food pantry hours and local businesses offering free food to those impacted.

Do you need food help?

Please reach out to office staff or Sherry W for resources.

Social Concerns by Sherry Willmschen

Food Pantry: We received 1234 pounds of food from the Portland Food Project on October 11th. Four volunteers helped at Open Door and one unloading at the church. We have added a volunteer, Tim Henderson, on Tuesdays so we open at 10. We served people in October and expect that number will increase with the end of SNAP beginning Nov. 1. We are connecting with other Food Pantries to serve our community as we can. Look for more information in the bulletin .

Snow-Cap: We continue to collect egg cartons and family clothing. Do you have bags of clothes in the closet not worn. Bring to the church or directly to SnowCap at 180th and SE Pine.

Cultivate Initiatives: We continue to support this organization on a monthly basis.

Fifth Sunday Update: Coats and coats and more coats. Please donate to this cause for winter coats for Centennial School District. We expect donations from Gethsemane's overflow from their event. Shoppers from last year, proceed with Kindergarten through High School. Our goal is the same as last year: grade school (100) sizes childrens small through xl with girls, boys, or generic. Middle School children (50) Large to xxl and women/men small to xxl, High School (50) women/mens small to xxl.



Other community events: St. Timothy with other ECMA members will again serve a turkey dinner to people in the community at Pilgrim Lutheran on November . Want to help--see Karen O or Sherry.

Worship with music:

Mark your calendars--The Singing Christmas Tree will perform in Beaverton November 29th through December 7th. I am not singing this year but hope we can get a group to go to an afternoon performance over Thanksgiving week-end.

Another performance in the new choir I joined is the Gresham Community Choir on December 7th at 3 pm at Reynolds High School. Entry fee is canned foods to donate to food pantries. This is a fun and dedicated group practicing at Gresham United Methodist Church.

Property Updates

Properties committee has upgraded the lighting in the parking lot! If you have been here after dark, you know how **dark** the parking lot was. These lighting upgrades will keep our space safe, comfortable, and more readily available for evening events!

Weekend work parties have ended for the year. If you have a project you are interested in, or would like the most up to date property work party information please reach out to Ray W.

Thanksgiving Word Search

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Beets
Bread
Corn

Cornucopia
Mashed Potatoes
Pie

Pumpkin
Stuffing
Turkey

