

# What's Happening



*at St. Timothy's*

Friday, June 5th, 2026

Sunday, June 7th

**10:00am**

Service of Holy Eucharist  
*The Second Sunday After Pentecost*

Monday, June 8th to Friday, June 12th

**9:30am**

Morning Prayer via Zoom  
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Wednesday, June 10th

**11:30am**

Mid-Week Eucharist

Sunday, June 14th

**10:00am**

Service of Holy Eucharist  
*The Third Sunday After Pentecost*

**SERVICE  
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US



Sunday, June 7th

**8:30am**  
Adult Education

Tuesday, June 9th

**10:00am – 12:00pm**  
ESL Conversation Group  
Potluck Lunch & Fellowship

**1:00 – 2:00pm**  
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday, June 3rd

**10:00am**  
Contemplative Art

**12:00nn**  
St. Andrew's Group Meeting (*in-person*)

**1:00 – 2:00pm**  
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday, June 4th

**1:00 – 2:00pm**  
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Sunday, June 14th

**8:30am**  
NO Adult Education

**After 10:00am Service**  
Indoor Picnic Lunch

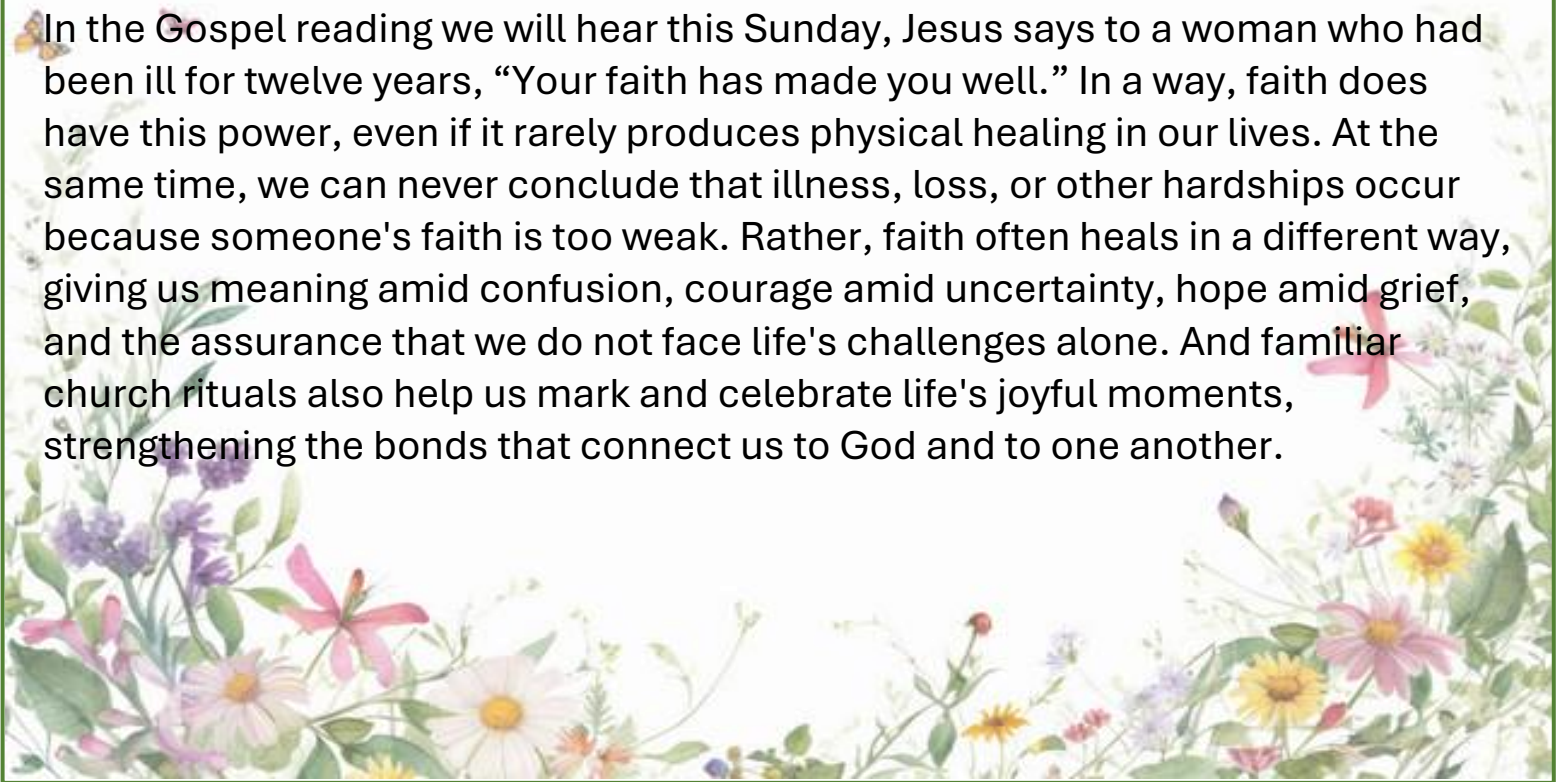
## *From the Incumbent*



This past week, my household experienced what June looks like for many families with children: one swim meet, two children at a track and field competition, multiple softball playoff games, a gymnastics meet, soccer season beginning, and all of that in addition to the regular training schedules and music lessons for three children! It has been wonderfully busy, and amid the inevitable juggling of calendars and carpools, I find myself grateful for the many opportunities and resources to which my family has access.

In parish life, one of the highlights of my week was a private family service that we held to accommodate a special family circumstance. The service included both a baptism and a blessing for a beloved family pet. The child's grandmother, who lives on the other side of the world, was here for a short visit for the first time since the baby's birth, making it possible for the family to gather together for this important occasion. We do not often hold private baptisms, nor have I ever combined a baptism with a pet blessing in a single liturgy, and the family's heartfelt participation made it an especially moving and joyful occasion. It was a reminder of the beauty and comfort that faith can offer as we accompany one another through the many milestones, transitions, celebrations, and challenges of life.

In the Gospel reading we will hear this Sunday, Jesus says to a woman who had been ill for twelve years, "Your faith has made you well." In a way, faith does have this power, even if it rarely produces physical healing in our lives. At the same time, we can never conclude that illness, loss, or other hardships occur because someone's faith is too weak. Rather, faith often heals in a different way, giving us meaning amid confusion, courage amid uncertainty, hope amid grief, and the assurance that we do not face life's challenges alone. And familiar church rituals also help us mark and celebrate life's joyful moments, strengthening the bonds that connect us to God and to one another.



As we look ahead, this will be the final week of both our ESL program and our Wednesday Art Group before their summer break. The ESL potluck will take place on Tuesday, and we look forward to celebrating another successful year together. As parish activities begin to slow into the quieter rhythm of summer ministry, the Wednesday Eucharist will continue through the end of June in response to the interest expressed by its regular participants. Morning Prayer with clergy reflection will also continue through June. During July and August, Morning Prayer will continue, but without the clergy reflection, as we take some time for summer holidays and renewal.

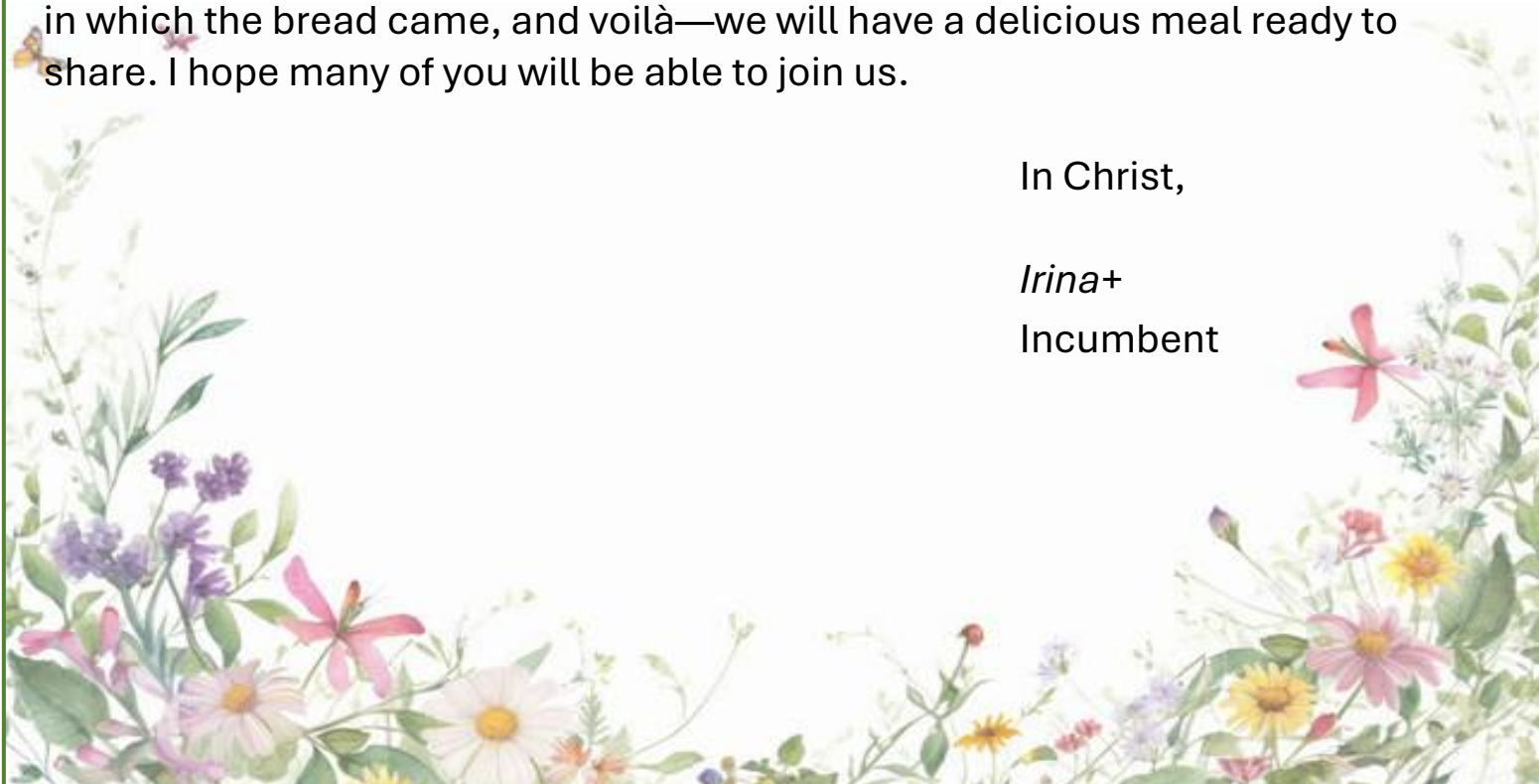
Personally, I am looking forward to a couple of weeks at the cottage, a few triathlon races, and spending time in my garden, which is finally beginning to look its best. The church garden is getting there as well. I would like to offer a special word of thanks to Deb, who has been faithfully watering the newly planted seedlings during this particularly vulnerable stage of their growth. If you are able to assist with the garden in the coming weeks, please consider signing up to help.

Finally, a reminder to let us know if you can assist with our Indoor Picnic on June 14. We are anticipating this gathering with great excitement as our final community celebration before the summer season begins in earnest. For the potluck, we are inviting donations of homemade sandwiches. Buy a loaf or two of bread, add your favourite filling, place the sandwiches back into the same bag in which the bread came, and voilà—we will have a delicious meal ready to share. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

In Christ,

*Irina+*

Incumbent



# ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC

## PICNIC DAY

**Sunday  
June 14th**

Just when we thought winter would never end, we're planning our highly anticipated indoor picnic.

**After the  
10am  
Service**

Tasty food and excellent company are assured. This is a wonderful occasion to get to know your fellow parishioners and to welcome summer.

**Volunteers are requested** to assist in setting up the luncheon, contributing salads and desserts, and undertaking the clean-up afterwards. **Sign-up lists are posted on the Church bulletin board** for picnic volunteers, including a request for one or two people to assist in taking the lead in making these arrangements, and another for those wishing to contribute to the menu!

*Please speak to Deb directly.*

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the Advisory Board meeting held on **May 25th** are now available [here](#) or you can read them on the bulletin board outside the office.

# OUTREACH CORNER

## St. Timothy's Summer 2026 Indigenous Reading Challenge

June is National Indigenous History Month, so it is a fitting time for the Outreach Committee to launch our second annual Indigenous Summer Reading Challenge. This year we have created a smaller, more curated list of books that cover many different genres, with the hope that participants will be able to connect more deeply with each book. As always, the goal of this reading challenge is to provide a space where readers can connect more deeply with Indigenous authors and voices, in order to deepen our understanding and strengthen our commitment to justice, healing, and respect for Indigenous Peoples. Each month, we will be focusing on two books: one non-fiction and one fiction.

Books for July:

- ***The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer***
- ***Crow Winter by Karen McBride***

Books for August:

- ***A Mind Spread Out on the Ground by Alicia Elliot***
- ***There There by Tommy Orange***

Participants are encouraged to read each (or any) book, think deeply about the perspectives offered, and share their own thoughts with the parish community. Similar to last year, there will be a display at St. Timothy's where readers can write down and post their thoughts. Discussion questions will be posted for those who are unsure of what to write. Additionally, folks who are out of town can participate digitally by emailing their thoughts to Elisa, [where they can then be shared](#) in What's Happening.

The reading challenge is open to all! Copies of each book are available in multiple formats through the Toronto Public Library, and are available for purchase at bookstores. 1 copy of each book is also available in the parish library for those who wish to borrow. A list of books for younger readers will also be shared for any of our younger parishioners who would also like to participate.

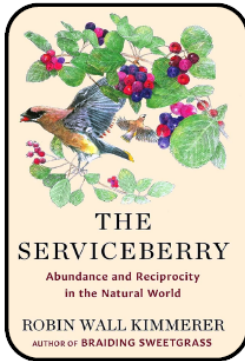
We hope that this reading challenge acts as one of many steps that we as a parish community are able to take on the pathway towards Indigenous reconciliation.

Please contact the Outreach Committee with any questions.

READING CHALLENGE

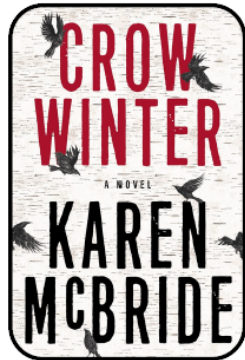
**How to Participate:**

- **Read the books:** read as few or as many as you want, throughout summer
- **Think deeply:** how do these books inform your perspectives on reconciliation? What did you learn about Indigenous peoples and perspectives?
- **Share your thoughts:** add a message to the display at church, or participate virtually by sending an email to [elisakuhn19@gmail.com](mailto:elisakuhn19@gmail.com)



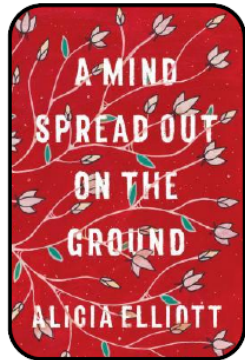
**The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**  
**by Robin Wall Kimmerer**  
*nonfiction, philosophy, environment*

By the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, a bold and inspiring vision for how to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity, and community, based on the lessons of the natural world.



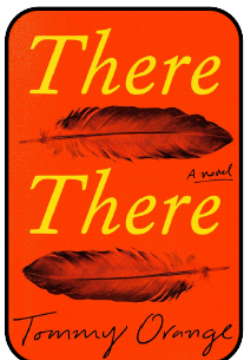
**Crow Winter**  
**by Karen McBride**  
*fiction, folklore, mystery*

*Crow Winter* follows Hazel Ellis as she returns home to her reserve and begins dreaming about Nanabush, an Algonquin demigod, prompting Hazel to confront her grief and the aftermath of her father's death.



**A Mind Spread Out on the Ground**  
**by Alicia Elliott**  
*nonfiction, essays, memoir*

A bold and profound meditation on trauma, legacy, oppression and racism in North America from award-winning Haudenosaunee writer Alicia Elliott.



**There There**  
**by Tommy Orange**  
*fiction, contemporary, literary*

Tommy Orange's wondrous and shattering novel follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize.



Join us for a thought-provoking and enjoyable evening honouring the late Stephen Lewis and supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation's *Grandmothers' Campaign*.

COME HEAR **Harvey Brownstone** discuss his new book  
*Without Prejudice: My Life as a Gay Judge*.

Harvey is now retired from the Ontario Court of Justice and was Canada's first openly gay judge. He is a renowned celebrity interviewer as the host of "Harvey Brownstone Interviews".

*A colourful evening is guaranteed, so prepare to be sentenced to a good time!*

**When:** Thursday, June 18, 2026

**Time:** 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**Where:** Lawrence Park Community Church, 2180 Bayview Ave (just south of Lawrence Ave E, parking across the street and easy TTC access)

There is no charge for this fundraiser, but **registration is required and donations to the *Grandmothers' Campaign* are warmly appreciated.**

**To donate:** [Click here](#)

**To register:** [Click here](#)

# ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

The St. Andrew's Group Cupboard has collected a treasure-trove of items over the years and we are happy to share our stash with anyone who is interested!

Here's a list of some of the items available to come and live in your craft cupboard:



1. MANY Knitting needles and crochet hooks and a few rug-hooking latch hooks.
2. Yarn! Some is pure wool, some is acrylic, some have multiple balls/skeins of the same lot, some are singles.
3. Crochet and knitting patterns: both 'singles' and books, many of them are vintage.
4. Collection of vintage stitching books (embroidery, ecclesiastical embroidery, tapestry etc.)
5. Buttons (different colours and sizes)
6. Sewing supplies

If you are interested in having items from the cupboard, please speak to Janet Fraser and she'll make arrangements for a group member to meet with you so that you can shop (for free ● )

**UPDATE!** Books and patterns are now available in the library.  
Feel free to borrow or to keep.



In addition to supplies, the St. Andrew's Group always has baby blankets and sweaters made by group members available for purchase. There are multiple colours available and they make a lovely gift.

# Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at [envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca](mailto:envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca)

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.  
100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, ON, M5M 2E2  
Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy**.

- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to [office@sttimothy.ca](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca)

