

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, July 31st, 2026

	Sundays in August Weekdays in August Monday to Friday <u>Except Monday, August 3rd</u>	10:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom (https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/ for the links)
	Wednesdays in August	12:00nn - St. Andrew's Group Meeting (online via Zoom)

Sunday Adult Education and all Weekday programming not listed above will be on summer break until September.

From the Incumbent



I hope you are having a wonderful summer. It has been a joy to see so many of you continuing to worship together over these quieter months. While our Sunday congregation is naturally smaller at this time of year, we are still welcoming around half of our usual attendance each week, which is wonderful. The simpler summer services, at times led by guest clergy, have a lovely rhythm of their own, and the lemonade fellowship afterwards is especially enjoyable. It has been delightful to watch people linger over conversation while looking out at the flourishing parish garden. Our newly installed benches, together with a few extra chairs, have already made the space much more inviting for longer conversations. If you are travelling or away at the cottage, don't forget that you can also join us online through our livestream.

My family has been making the most of the season as well. The younger children are enjoying summer camps, where our youngest proudly managed waterskiing on the rope and the middle has dropped a ski for the very first time. Our oldest is spending a large part of the summer serving as a volunteer camp counsellor, including two weeks of camp leadership training. She has already completed her Standard First Aid certification and ORCKA Level 1 canoeing certification, with Bronze Cross next on the horizon. In a couple of weeks, the children will also be taking part in their annual triathlon.

For me, summer has included some welcome downtime at my happy place—the cottage—with plenty of stand-up paddleboarding, along with the first Olympic-distance triathlon of the season. The swim took place in water that was just 14°C, cold enough to leave both face and limbs thoroughly numb. (For perspective, without a wetsuit, water that cold can lead to loss of consciousness within one to two hours!) So this was a slower swim for sure, but I have several more races ahead before the season is over. On the artistic side, I am also in conversation with a local gallery about joining an artists' collective, which is an exciting new possibility.

Behind the scenes, parish life continues to move forward even during the quieter months. Property improvements and deep cleaning of the church are underway, pastoral visits are taking place, plans are taking shape for another season of thought-provoking adult and teen education, and we are fine-tuning our children's

ministry with the long-term goal of creating more opportunities for teenagers to grow into leadership and receiving mentorship. Lutzen has led several enjoyable outings for our young adults together with our ESL students, helping to build new friendships across our community. Work on improving our website also continues, so please have a look at our redesigned home page.

Without wishing to rush the season, here are a few dates to keep in mind for September. On **September 11-13**, we will once again take part in our **annual work weekend supporting Moorelands Camp**, a wonderful non-profit organization serving children and youth from lower-income neighbourhoods. Then, on **September 20**, we will celebrate our **Back-to-Church Sunday with an intergenerational service, a parish barbecue, and a special Vestry meeting** to receive the 2025 audited financial statements. This year's later back-to-church date reflects the timing of Labour Day, leaving no Sunday between the holiday weekend and the Moorelands work weekend. We are also looking forward to introducing one or two parish town halls this autumn to explore new ideas for broadening the range of ministries and opportunities for involvement at St. Timothy's.

As we prepare for another year of **children's ministry**, **we are looking for a few more volunteers to join our clergy-led and volunteer-supported team**. Each week begins with a scripture lesson led by the clergy, followed by a response through creative and life-skills activities under Melanie's leadership, so there is no lesson preparation required—just a welcoming presence and a willingness to build relationships with our children. If you are able to serve once a month or more often, that would be especially helpful, though any additional volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

There is much to look forward to as our choir returns, our full liturgical life and weekday programming resumes, and our congregation gathers again in greater numbers. But before then, there is still plenty of summer left to savour. I hope these weeks bring you opportunities for rest, renewal, and time with those you love.

In Christ,

Irina+
Incumbent

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The office will be closed on **Monday, August 3rd (Civic Day)** due to the Federal Holiday.

In August, regular office hours are
10:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday

In-Person summer hours will vary based on vacation schedules so
please call ahead for an appointment.



Welcome Back to Church BBQ on Sunday, September 20th

Mark your calendars now.

*St. Timothy's Welcome Back BBQ with Corn on the cob will be on Sunday
September 20 immediately after the 10am service.*

*Volunteer Sign up sheets will be posted outside the office in late August. Any
questions please reach out to David and Anne DeGrasse*

Wanted – 125 and 250ml Jam Jars!

If you have any empty mason-type jam jars (the kind that has the two part lid as shown in the photo) that you are willing to donate to the church they would be most welcome! It is helpful if you can include the two-piece lids but it is not necessary. We are happy to accept jars at any time throughout the year.

On Sundays, they can be put in the main floor kitchen in the counter corner between the pass-through window and the stove. During the week, if the kitchen is not open, they can be dropped off at the church office.

Questions or want more information? Email ChristmasKitchen@sttimothy.ca or speak to Rosemary Hendra.



OUTREACH CORNER

Supporting Ontario Indigenous Communities Impacted by Wildfires

As you're all too aware, Canada and Ontario have been experiencing the worst level of devastating wildfires that our country has ever seen. The present wildfire season has had a particularly severe impact on First Nations in Northwestern Ontario. As of today, 868 fires are still burning in Canada, and 180 in Northern Ontario. Some 3,000 people in Northern Ontario have been forced from their homes, many having to be housed in Southern Ontario. Of those communities directly impacted by the fires in Northern Ontario, most are First Nation, including:

Armstrong
Collin's First Nation
Lac La Croix First Nation
Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation
Whitesand First Nation

We aim to support the needs of Indigenous communities as part of our broader outreach effort and right now the need is greater than ever. You are encouraged to give monetary donations to the charity of your choice, including those registered charities that are already positioned to provide immediate assistance to those impacted by wildfires.

Canadian Red Cross [Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross](#) – One of the primary organizations responding to this disaster. It supports emergency lodging, food, personal supplies, recovery assistance and other relief services for people displaced by wildfires.

Global Medic Canada [GlobalMedic - Disaster Relief | Emergency Humanitarian Aid](#) – This Toronto-based humanitarian organization is providing wildfire assistance, including support for evacuated communities and Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario

Atlohsha Family Healing Services – Wabaseemoong First Nations Evacuee Support Fund – [Atlohsha Family Healing Services](#) This indigenous-led organization is collecting donations to help First Nations evacuees with emergency needs, culturally appropriate supports, transportation, food and temporary accommodation.

It is anticipated that other charities, including Faithworks and Alongside Hope, will be positioned to assist, and we will keep you posted on all developments.

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.

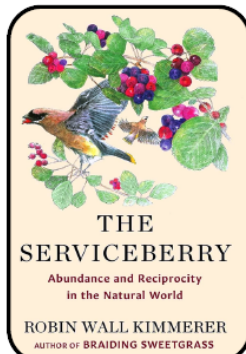
We hope that this reading challenge acts as one of many steps that we as a parish community are able to take on the pathway towards Indigenous reconciliation.

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

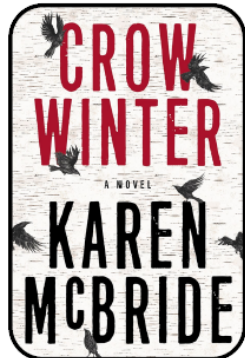


The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

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.

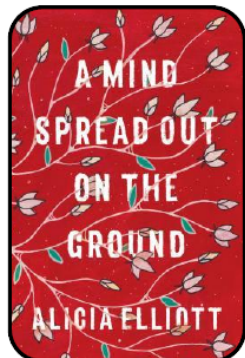


Crow Winter

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.

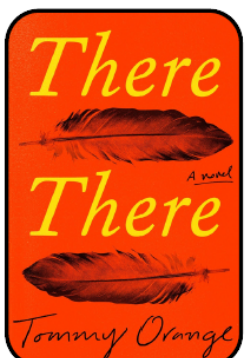


A Mind Spread Out on the Ground

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.

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

- 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

