

# St. Timothy UMC to host the ADOX Spiritual Formation and Training Event Sunday, January 21 from 3-5pm

The District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown, will be with us as we welcome ADOX to the first of three District Training and Spiritual Formation Events in 2018. During our time together we will focus on the strategies (see below) of our District and our individual churches.

We will look at our churches and communities as well as the District as a whole and explore such questions as:

“Who are you/we?”

“What is your/our goal?”

“What is the future picture that God is inviting our churches to see”

as we seek to reach the ADOX District goal to reach 5000 new people for Christ.

## We need your help:

- people to greet our guests both in the parking lot and in the building
- people to host a light reception and still others to donate bottled water and light refreshments
- someone to run the sound and AV equipment for the District Superintendent

If you are able to help—please email Pastor Deanne @ mdeannelynch@gmail.com or drop her a text or call: 678-938-0443 or let Peggy know how you can help.

This is an exciting time in the life of St. Timothy UMC and the ADOX District—come and be a part of it!

Please note our next Spiritual Formation and Training Events will be  
April 22 (Snellville 1st UMC) and September 16 (Salem UMC).

## This event is open to both clergy and laity.

### WHAT

*what are we doing?  
(mission)*

Equipping churches to imagine new ways of connecting people with Jesus

### HOW

*how do we accomplish  
our mission? (strategy)*



D R E A M

**Mission & Vision**



D I S C E R N

**Assessment**



D E V E L O P

**Systems**

### WHEN

*when are we  
successful?  
(measures)*

**Risk-taking  
to Reach New  
People**  
*so that churches  
become relevant and  
influential*

**Pastors/Laity Leading  
by Listening**  
*so that people are  
connected through  
relationships*

**Leaders Saying  
Yes to  
Mission/Vision**  
*so that churches  
are healthy and  
growing*

### FUTURE PICTURE

*where is God taking us?(vision)*

Creating a better future for East Metro Atlanta by cultivating 500  
leaders to reach 5,000 new people



# THE GRAPEVINE

John 15:5 – "I am the vine, you are the branches"

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Greetings and welcome to 2018,

Each New Year brings new hope for things to be better than the past year, even if the past year was an awesome, unforgettable year. We all yearn to be taken to higher heights as we experience the joys, even the sorrows, of living in this world. Some of us may have a mixed bag of emotions and memories. Whether you have just experienced the greatest year of your life, or you are exceedingly glad that the past year is finally over, remember this one truth—you are not alone. Remember, we are told in Deuteronomy 31:8, and reminded in Hebrews 13:5, that God promises to never leave or forsake us.

God has a wonderful plan for your life and this New Year as you seek God's promises and blessings. Beginning the year anew provides us with time for reflection and renewal. Take time to honor the past year by celebrating your joys, mourning your losses, and shaking your head at the wonder of it all. Take some time to think about the year behind then look ahead. Think about what went well and acknowledge the people who helped. Think about how you grew and the stand-out moments when life felt right and good. Think about why.

Likewise, spend some time reflecting on what did not work well, what is not working. Pondering these things can help with goal-setting for the year ahead. As you move toward renewal spend some time thinking, even meditating on who you are and the thresholds you will have to cross to accomplish what you want in life. Give some thought to the kind of person you want to be, what kind of leader, peer, friend, partner, etc., you want to be then focus on how to put this plan into action. Don't focus so much on the results because you may never change; however, if you focus on change you will get results. Resolve to hold fast to your dreams by trusting in God and putting God first in your life.

Happy New Year! I pray that the rest of your life is the best of your life.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Rev. Tanya Y. Pittman

## St. Timothy United Methodist Church

Our mission is to reach out in the love of Christ through worship, education, and relationships to serve God, our community, and the world.

Our vision is to be a Church filled with people of all nations, on fire with the love of Jesus.

## January Highlights

### January 7

9:30 am Mission Cafe

### January 14

8 am UMM Breakfast

### January 19

11:30 am FYI Luncheon

### January 21

3 pm ADOX Training & Spiritual Growth Event



## FYI

Forever Young Inside

**Friday, January 19, 11:30am**

Bring a large dish to share, \$3, a friend and a donation for the food pantry.

## United Methodist Men's News

Please join us on Sunday, January 14 at 8 am in the Dining Room for our monthly breakfast.

### January Sunday Servers

**Acolytes:** TBA

**Counters:** Jan. 7 - Elaine Corley, Dave Funderburk, Jan. 14 - Richard Carey, Elaine Corley, Jay Sanders, Jan. 21 - Bobby Dykes, Blanche Nichols, Michelle Walton, Jocelyn Disher, Jan. 28 - Bobby Jones, Cynthia McMillian, Bob Wilson, Charlotte Redwine.

**Security Crew:** Jan. 7 - James Pirkle, Richard Carey, Jan. 14 - Richard Carey, Ron Vaughn, Jan. 21 - Herman Ottley, Fred Hartley, Jan. 28 - Bobby Jones, Ron Vaughn.

**Media Team:** Jan. 7 - Richard & Gail Carey, Jan. 14 - George Disher, Kellen Haynes, Jan. 21 - Fred Hartley, Jewel Ingram, Jan. 28 - Ron & Georgette Vaughn.

**Greeters:** Levone Brathwaite, Lee Ealy, Udo Ekpo, Fred Hartley, Sally Hill, Huey Hooter, Kerry McMillian, Jasmine McPherson, Charlie Miller, Madison Price, Tom Stryjewski, Charles Wilson.

**Ushers:** Bobby Dykes, Bobby Jones.

### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:** January 1 - Rev. Tanya Y. Pittman, January 4 - Pastor Suresh Dongerdiva, January 5 - Nasir Brathwaite, Bobby Jones, January 6 - Chip Fortenberry, January 7 - Cynthia McMillian, January 11 - Sterling Day, January 14 - Djory Ngandu, Michael Vann, January 15 - Edi Ekpo, January 16 - Jackie Cooper, Mary Dykes, January 18 - Vanessa Macauley, January 20 - Mildred Gale, January 21 - Charlotte Redwine Williams, January 24 - Liz Fortenberry, James Pirkle, January 25 - Marian Wusi, January 30 - Lora Ingram.

**Anniversaries:** January 1 - Calvin & Michelle Walton, January 18 - David & Mozelle Funderburk, January 25 - Bobby & Mary Dykes.



## Happy New Year from STS!

**As always, St. Timothy School thanks God for what He has already done,** for what He is about to do, but simply for who He is.

Our school is a St. Timothy UMC weekday ministry *in ministry*. And in keeping with our school mission "to empower students to become their best selves, *spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially*, in a Christian environment", service projects are an integral part of implementing our mission.

Ministry highlights include:

- We **collected diapers and water for people impacted by Hurricane Harvey** that were delivered to Texas by a local radio station drive and another church congregation.
- Our **Pennies for Patients service project**, which benefits The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society **raised \$340.61!** Blessed to be a blessing! Funds enable the discovery and delivery of therapies that improve the quality of life for kids with cancer.
- **Spooky to be Hungry Canned Food Drive:** We donated **over 500 lb. of food** for the Fall Canned Food Drive that went to the Stone Mountain Food Pantry which blessed so many families in our own area and helped our neighbors in need. And our middle school students volunteered at the Pantry in November (St. Timothy UMC's volunteer month!)
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Our generous families donated **over 116 Operation Christmas Child boxes!** That went to children around the world sharing toys, essential items, and the good news of Christ.

This school year has also been **a year of growth:**

**We added an infant room.** It opened in January with one child and now we have a waiting list.  
**We added a second PreK Four's classroom.**  
**We added middle school** grades, six and seven, with plans for grade 8 Fall 2018.  
Thank you, St. Timothy United Methodist Church for your prayers and support. And registration opens soon! Our goal, prayer, and New Year's resolution is that more STS families join STUMC. Happy New Year! And Happy New School Year Registration!

To God be the glory!

Lora Ingram

STS School Board Meeting Sun., Jan. 7 at 12:15pm



**Leader Commissioning during worship  
Sunday, January 14**

**As our leaders begin a new year, make plans to be in worship Sunday, January 14 for a service of Installation.**

**2018 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

**NOMINATIONS & LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Rev. Tanya Y. Pittman, Jo Harbert (Lay Leader)  
Class of 2018: Harold Kennell, Cherri Slomiany  
Class of 2019: Delilah Wynn-Brown,  
Sheila Haynes  
Class of 2020: Ihouma Kalu

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Jo Harbert (Lay Leader) Emmanuel Smith  
(Annual Conf. Lay Delegate)  
Marty Collier, Chair  
Class of 2018: Richard Carey, Ernie Allen,  
Cynthia McMillan  
Class of 2019: Agbai Kalu, Delilah Wynn-Brown,  
Marty Collier  
Class of 2020: Kalu Kalu, Stephanie Wedderborn,  
Ronald Vaughn

**TRUSTEES**

Bobby Jones, Chair  
Class of 2018: Irene Vann, Charlie Miller,  
William Small  
Class of 2019: Frank Ingram, Herman Ottley,  
Bobby Jones  
Class of 2020: James Pirkle, Michelle Walton,  
Osbert Nelson  
*Technology Committee:* Richard Carey, Chair  
*Parsonage Committee:* Bobby Jones, Chair  
*Outside Maintenance Committee:* David  
Funderburk, Irene Vann, Sylvia Skafidas, Charlie  
Miller

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dahlia Ottley, Chair Bobby Dykes, Treasurer  
Brenda Kennell, Financial Secretary  
Committee Members: Marty Collier, SPRC Chair,  
Bobby Jones, Trustees Chair,  
Rebecca Reeves/Elaine Corley, Church Council,  
Lora Ingram, School Director, Bob Wilson

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Rebecca Reeves & Elaine Corley, Co-Chairpersons  
Jo Harbert, Lay Leader  
Elilah Wynn-Brown, Associate Lay Leader

**MINISTRY WORKAREAS**

**CHRISTIAN ED/SPIRITUAL GROWTH TEAM**

Cherri Slomiany, Chairperson  
Harold Kennell, Vice Chair  
Michelle Walton, Sunday School Superintendent

**CHILDREN'S COUNCIL**

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

Jarod Disher, President  
Noah Kennell, Vice-President  
Laurel Haynes, Secretary  
Jarod Disher, Treasurer  
Caleb Walton, Chaplain  
Leatitai Ngandu/Olivia Stephenson, Outreach Co-ord  
Caleb Walton/Noah Kennell, Marketing  
Delilah Wynn-Brown, Youth Coordinator

**FOREVER YOUNG INSIDE (FYI)**

Melanie Jones, Coordinator

**EVANGELISM TEAM**

Pastor Suresh Dongerdiva, Chair  
Tom Stryjewski, Vice Chair  
Huey Hooter, Greeter Chair

**MISSION /OUTREACH**

\_\_\_\_\_, Coordinator

**CARE AND COUNSELING (MEMBERSHIP CARE)**

Sylvia Skafidas, Chair

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Melanie Jones/Irene Vann

**WORSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

**St. Timothy School SCHOOL BOARD**

Lora Ingram, Liaison Sheila Haynes,  
Rebecca Reeves, Consultant  
Class of 2018: Pat Johnson, Vice Chair, Willie  
Wilson, Mozelle Funderburk  
Class of 2019: Lynne Collier, Shirley Stryjewski,  
Phil Hancock  
Class of 2020: Richard Carey, Harold Kennell,  
Thomas Stryjewski

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 New Year's Day</b> Church and school closed No events scheduled	<b>2</b> Reg. Tues. Schedule	<b>3</b> Reg. Wed. Schedule	<b>4</b> Reg. Thurs. Schedule	<b>5</b> Reg. Fri. Schedule	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Reg. Sun. Schedule Plus 9:30 am Youth Mission Café (Kirkwood Kitchen) 12:15 pm STS Brd Mtg (ConfRm)	<b>8</b> Reg. Mon. Schedule Plus 7 pm Scout District Training (DR)	<b>9</b> Reg. Tues. Schedule	<b>10</b> Reg. Wed. Schedule Plus 11:30 am STS Chapel (Sanct)	<b>11</b> Reg. Thurs. Schedule	<b>12</b> Reg. Fri. Schedule	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Reg. Sun. Schedule Plus 8 am UMM Breakfast (DR)	<b>15 MLK Holiday</b> Church and school closed No events scheduled	<b>16</b> Reg. Tues. Schedule	<b>17</b> Reg. Wed. Schedule	<b>18</b> Reg. Thurs. Schedule Plus 7 pm Flintridge Forest	<b>19</b> Reg. Fri. Schedule Plus 11:30 am FYI (FH)	<b>20</b> 9 am Pinewood Derby (CLC)
<b>21</b> Reg. Sun. Schedule Plus 3 pm ADOX Training Event (Sanct & FH)	<b>22</b> Reg. Mon. Schedule Plus 7 pm Finance (ConfRm)	<b>23</b> Reg. Tues. Schedule	<b>24</b> Reg. Wed. Schedule	<b>25</b> Reg. Thurs. Schedule Plus 6 pm PRISM Board (ConfRm)	<b>26</b> Reg. Fri. Schedule No Cub Scouts	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Reg. Sun. Schedule	<b>29</b> Reg. Mon. Schedule	<b>30</b> Reg. Tues. Schedule	<b>31</b> Reg. Wed. Schedule	<b>Notes:</b> Legend: CR- Choir Room, CLC- Christian Life Center, ConfRm- Conference Room, DR- Dining Room, FH- Fellowship Hall, SR- Scout Room		
Reg. Sunday Schedule  9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 4 pm Children of the Light 6 pm Young Adult Basketball	Reg. Monday Schedule  St. Timothy School Open 7 pm-TOPS (K109) 7 pm Sugar Canes (FH) 9 am-1 pm Church Office open (Mon-Thurs)	Reg. Tuesday Schedule  St. Timothy School Open 7 pm Boy Scouts (SR)	Reg. Wednesday Schedule  St. Timothy School Open 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Prayer Mtg (ConfRm) 7 pm Chancel Choir (CR)	Reg. Thursday Schedule  St. Timothy School Open	Reg. Friday Schedule  St. Timothy School Open Church office closed 7 pm Cub Scouts (CLC)	

## St. Timothy UMC Church Staff

Ministers.....The Congregation  
 Pastor..... Rev. Tanya Y. Pittman  
 Director of Music .....Dr. Mark Fiddie  
 Organist .....Barbara Sherrill  
 Pastoral Assistant .....Rev. Deanne Lynch  
 Pastor of Community Outreach ...Pastor Suresh Dongerdive  
 Treasurer..... Bobby Dykes  
 Church Secretary.....Peggy Stewart  
 School Director .....Lora Ingram  
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