



The **Angler** 

Faith Fellowship Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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The Care of God's Garden

See details of Bible Study inside.



Stirrings...



"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you. The spirit God has given us is no timid spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise."
2 Timothy 1 6:7

I thought these observations by the Bishop of Colorado, Robert O'Neil, would be helpful as we process news items coming from the Lambeth Conference.

Do we really need a Communion?

By Robert O'Neill, June 24, 2008

As the bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion prepare to gather next month at the Lambeth Conference -- a gathering held only once every 10 years -- many people are waiting to see if our global Communion of 38 independent churches can remain unified in the face of deep disagreements, ostensibly over issues of human sexuality.

But the real question is not can we stay together, but do we really want or need unity within the Anglican Communion?

The question is not new.

In 1988, as Anglican bishops gathered for the Lambeth Conference and as religious and secular media speculated about the possible dissolution of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie raised the same question: "Do we actually need a worldwide Communion?" The issue then was the ordination of women, and specifically the expected consecration of the first woman bishop, Barbara Harris, who was elected bishop suffragan in Massachusetts in September 1988. The question was as pertinent then as it is now, and it is the primary question that must be answered before our Communion can begin to resolve any of the divisive issues that are before us.

This week, the conservative leadership of the Global Anglican Future Conference, meeting in Jerusalem, released a document declaring that

"there is no longer any hope...for a unified Communion" and that the cost of unity is too high. At the same time, other conservative voices, like Durham Bishop N.T. Wright, claim equally solid evangelical credentials and argue that "the ship hasn't sunk yet," making a case for staying in relationship and bringing their voices to the table in order to strengthen and renew the mission of the church. Ironically, the liberal spectrum can be seen having much the same debate.

But the issue is not simply about sexuality.

The Anglican Communion has changed and so has the world around it. The center of gravity of global Christianity has shifted from north to south. The greatest growth in membership in Anglican churches in our time has taken place in the churches of Africa. There is no question that Anglicanism has moved from being a loose assortment of colonial churches into a new post-colonial configuration of independent national churches with indigenous leadership wanting and needing to make their voices heard. Overlay that with the glaring economic disparity between the first and third worlds. Mix in the unilateral foreign policy exercised by the West. Combine it with the inter-religious, cultural, racial, and political tensions in every region of the world. Set it all in a context of globalism. Is it any surprise that there are tensions, disagreements, and conflict in our Communion?

Even so, the question remains: is it worth it? Do we really need a worldwide Communion?

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The answer, I believe, is a resounding and heartfelt "yes."

No one finds God alone. The intricate web of relationships that form our global Communion provide an invaluable network of mutual benefit, often bringing desperately needed resources into remote communities that others either cannot or will not reach, often making the difference quite literally between life and death. Those same relationships call us all out of our self-limited little worlds, cracking open our hearts and minds, challenging and compelling us as a kind of corrective, to see and to understand the full spectrum of Christian witness that often takes place under circumstances and with a kind of courage that many of us cannot begin to understand.

Do we have differences? Certainly. But as Archbishop Runcie observed, "it is only by being in communion together that diversity and difference have value." Do those differences challenge us? Unquestionably. But those same challenges, by the grace of God, form the very crucible of our own transformation.

Communion, in other words, is not our gift to God. It is God's gift to us.

Only to the degree to which we learn to empty our selves in humility for the sake of "the

other" do we bear witness to the cross, the very mind of Christ, showing forth the true nature of divine love. Only to the degree that we willingly embrace "the other" do we reveal the unity of the new humanity that God intends for all humankind.

In the kingdom of God, we can never give up on one another. When it comes to the mission of the Church, in the deepest sense of that calling, no one is off the hook.

We live in a world plagued by division, conflict, and violence, much of it rationalized, justified, and glorified in the name of God. Indeed our world is starving for a more transcendent vision itself. So how about something new? How about a global Communion that reveals a deeply challenging but wonderfully divine truth. Archbishop Runcie said in 1988, "that without relationship difference only divides." But I would add, that in relationship difference actually redeems.

We keep our Bishop Wayne Smith in our prayers this eventful time in the life of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.



Concert Under the Stars Update

This year's Concert Under the Stars was a beautiful evening enjoyed by over 220 members and friends of St. Timothy's. The event raised over \$3200 for outreach. The cocktail party, the food, and the *Gateway City Big Band* combined (along with the perfect weather) to produce an outstanding night of fellowship and good time. An event like that is possible only with team work and we certainly had that. Listing everyone who helped would almost be a reproduction of St. Tim's membership directory. So, to all those who were involved with the set up and take down, decorating for the cocktail party, buying and/or donating food, preparing desserts, grilling, staffing tickets sales and the food line, and many other miscellaneous jobs - THANKS!! Last, but not least, thanks to all who came and had a good time.



From the Senior Warden

St. Timothy's has been blessed over the years with exceptional clergy, outstanding staff, and a very active and generous congregation. All of this has put us in a very enviable position of growth and with a healthy balance sheet. As the vestry has pondered the questions of where do we go from here and how do we get there, the number one priority that has surfaced is the addition of another full time clergy person. This is a strong endorsement of Jack's leadership as our rector. The current thinking is for the new person to work closely with Jack and under his direction to focus on programs and ministries for young adults, a

broad age ranging from those in college to those starting new families.

This will be big step for St. Timothy's and it will not happen overnight. It will require financial commitment and much discussion and searching to find the right person for our needs. Starting from the question of "can we afford to do this" to refining the criteria that describe who we need to locating the ideal candidate will easily be a 12 month process, if not longer. You will be hearing much more about this during the coming months. As we go through this process, please let vestry members know your thoughts and concerns.

Paul Michael

Habitat Update

Ten St. Louis area Episcopal churches have partnered with CitiGroup and Travelers to build a house in the Jeff VanderLou area, north of Page and east of Grand Ave. Ours is one of approximately 30 houses St. Louis HFH hopes to build this year. In 2008, as in each of the last 10 years, St. Tim's is contributing time, talent, and treasure. Construction began the first week of June and is on schedule for the August 2 completion target. The new home owner will be Mario Ware. She has four

children: Mario (boy) age 18, Shante (girl) age 16, Michael, age 15, and Crystal, age 7. The address will be 3043 Thomas, 63106. To manage the construction process, the number of volunteers on site is limited to about 20. Because of the large number of sponsors this year, St. Tim's is limited in the number of volunteers. We had more people sign up on the volunteer list than we can accommodate!!

THANKS! The Outreach team is working on another opportunity for this fall. Stay tuned.

Rally Day/Ministry Fair - September 7

Watch for details in the next Angler

Everyday Stewardship at St. Timothy's

In a recent Living Church article, the retired bishop of Tennessee recalled an anonymous poem that he remembered from years ago:

Giving is living, the angel said,
Go, feed the hungry sweet charity's bread.
Must I keep giving and giving again?
My selfish, quarrelsome answer came.
"No," said the angel, her eye pierced me
through,
"Just give till the Lord stops giving to you."

This bit of doggerel reminds us that our stewardship is the sum of our lives, our talent, our treasure, our time. We are responding to the unending love and care given to us by our Lord. We are not repaying; we could not ever do that; we are responding in love to the love shown us.

The Stewardship Committee

Music for August

August 2 -- Saturday

John Hexem, Piano

August 3 -- Sunday

Marlene Gruber Clark, Soprano Soloist

August 9 -- Saturday

Jess Kohn, Soprano Soloist

August 10 -- Sunday

Bob Bell, Bass Soloist

August 16 -- Saturday

Miranda Robert, Soprano Soloist

August 17 -- Sunday

The Saint Timothy Brass

John Hexem, Piano

August 23-- Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

August 24 -- Sunday

The Saint Timothy Vocal Ensemble

August 30 -- Saturday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist and Soloist

August 31-- Sunday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist
Georgia O'Brien and Jane Wyland,
Recorders and Piano

Check out the new interactive calendar on the parish website. It's been expanded to include details of parish events and activities. Paul Pennel and Charlie Holland created this useful tool. www.saint-tims.org

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Morning Prayer 10:30am Daytimers Trip	2 5:00pm Holy Communion
3 <i>12th Sun. After Pentecost</i> 8:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Family Worship 10:30am Holy Communion	4 Morning Prayer	5 Evening Prayer	6 10:00am Holy Communion	7 Evening Prayer	8 <i>Angler Deadline</i> Morning Prayer	9 5:00pm Holy Communion
10 <i>13th Sun. After Pentecost</i> 8:00am Holy Communion 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	11 Morning Prayer	12 Evening Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	13 10:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Outreach	14 10:00am Knitting Ministry Evening Prayer	15 Morning Prayer	16 5:00pm Holy Communion
17 <i>14th Sun After Pentecost</i> 8:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Family Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	18 Morning Prayer	19 Evening Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	20 10:00am Holy Communion 6:45pm Vestry	21 Evening Prayer	22 Morning Prayer 11:15am St. Tim's at Friendship Village 6:30pm Rice bagging	23 5:00pm Holy Communion
24 <i>15th Sun. After Pentecost</i> 8:00am Holy Communion 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Holy Communion	25 Morning Prayer	26 Evening Prayer	27 10:00am Holy Communion	28 10:00am Knitting Ministry Evening Prayer	29 Morning Prayer	30 5:00pm Holy Communion
31 <i>16th Sun After Pentecost</i> 8:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Holy Communion						

Please call the church office for times of Morning and Evening Prayer



Bible Study Class to be Held in August

In August The Rev. Dr. Roy Moore will lead a Bible Study on The Care of God's Garden. The study will be offered on Sunday morning at 9 on August 10, 17, and 24; a duplicate class will be offered on Tuesday evening at 7:00pm on August 12 and 19. In the book of Genesis we are reminded that we have the responsibility to be "guardians of the earth." We will study the biblical texts pertaining to the care of God's creation, and especially this planet, Mother Earth. This study is very timely in our day of global warming.

Circle of Concern Sponsoring School Supplies Drive

We support Circle of Concern is several ways throughout the year, and at this time of the year they are sponsoring a **Back to School Supply Drive**. Items needed are colored pencils and markers, pocket folders with brads, large, sturdy backpacks, solar scientific calculators, pencil pouches, student size Fiskar scissors, glue sticks, 2" 3-ring binders, Post-It Notes, and

gift cards. Join Circle in providing **new supplies** for students who otherwise couldn't afford them. Please bring to St. Timothy's by August 3 and put in the box outside the church office

Circle of Concern provides services to the needy in the Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school district areas.

Rice Bagging Schedule

Rice bagging is scheduled for the 4th Friday of the month through October 2008 in the parish hall downstairs. Bring a dish to share for a 6:30 p.m. potluck and then we will start bagging at 7 p.m. We will offer an age appropriate movie for the children.

Please mark your calendar:

Friday, July 25	6:30 p.m. meal & 7 p.m. bagging
Friday, August 22	6:30 p.m. meal 7 p.m. bagging
Friday, September 26	6:30 p.m. meal & 7 p.m. bagging
Friday, October 24	6:30 p.m. meal & 7 p.m. bagging
Sunday, November 30	9 a.m. -- during the Advent Event



This is an event for all ages. We scoop a cup of rice into a plastic sandwich bag, and tape it closed. With a few people helping, the project is done in about an hour. The bagged rice is then delivered to Trinity Episcopal Food Pantry in the Central West End.

Thank you to the Omahens for buying the rice and bringing it to church. Thanks to John Hexem for delivering it to Trinity Food Pantry.

From the
**Director of
Christian Educa-**

**Peggy
Huesemann**

For the Godly Explorers, we refer to the time between Pentecost and Advent as “the green growing days.”

As I reflect on my own “green growing days,” I think of the following prayer, “for Beauty of the Earth” from our Book of Common Prayer, page 840.

*We give thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea;
for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers;
for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.
We praise you for these good gifts,
and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity.
Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation,
to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Blessings ~ Peggy

Please Donate Toiletries

The need for toiletries has grown. Youth Ministries will be collecting the following items year ‘round to benefit Haven House and Saint Louis homeless:

- Travel Size
 - Bath soap
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Hand lotion
 - Tooth paste
 - Mouthwash
- Full size
 - Chapstick
 - Deodorant
 - Tooth brushes

Please leave items in Peggy’s office or the office workroom. Watch for sales and help stock up. Thank you.

New directories are available on the desk in the Gathering Space.

Volunteers Needed to Bring Snacks for Fellowship After 10:30 Service

The coffee and snack fellowship needs volunteers to sign up on our new sheet for either making 2 pots of coffee, and 2 pitchers of ice water or to bring snacks, which can be cookies, fruit, pretzels, muffins, etc. Many thanks to all who have helped the past couple of months. We invite everyone attending the 10:30 a.m. service to sign up, so we can continue to enjoy this special fellowship. Directions to make coffee are

in the coffee service area in the hall. Pitchers are in the kitchen cabinet that backs up to the parish hall, and the ice maker is by the single sink.

Questions? Contact Cindy Sommers about snacks (314.567.7015) and Lynn Whittington about coffee (636.256.0746).

Upcoming Daytimer Activities Announced 2008-2009

This is a tentative schedule that the planning committee (Roy Moore, Jane Perna, Nancy Setzer, Lynn Whittington, and Mary Wrausmann) worked on. There may be changes as we finalize dates and make reservations, so please check the Sunday bulletin, the Angler, the bulletin board in the gathering space, or the website for details as each month approaches. Nancy Setzer

August 1 - a tour of the Mercantile Library, which includes the Billy O'Donnell exhibit of Missouri paintings. This is located on the UMSL campus and then we will have lunch at Spiro's on Natural Bridge.

September - we will once again attempt to tour the weather station located in the Weldon Spring area, followed by lunch at the Wild Horse Grill.

October – to be announced because we have already had to make some changes

November – a soup luncheon at church along with a program

December 19 – an afternoon performance of the Rockettes at The Fox

January – watching the eagles along the Missouri River

February – we hope to have a program about support dogs followed by lunch at church

March – we are planning a tour of a historic home

April – a coffee concert at The Sheldon. The group is called Cornet Chop Suey and they play traditional jazz, swing, and the blues.

May – a tour of the new baseball stadium

June – a program about the Shakespeare Festival play The Merry Wives of Windsor

July – another baseball game

Mark Your Calendar for the Diocesan ECW Meeting

The Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen meeting will be held this year on Saturday, October 25, at Trinity, St. Charles. The featured speaker is The Very Reverend Marilyn Engstrom, Dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie, Wyoming.

All women in the Diocese are invited to attend this meeting. We'll have more information in future Anglers.

St. Timothy's Mission Statement

Inspired by the Spirit of Christ, we glorify God by being a welcoming Christian community with meaningful and joyous worship, challenging education and care and respect for all God's creation, while proclaiming the Gospel and reaching out to the world.

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