

The *Angler*

Faith Fellowship Service



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

Late November





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

The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church initiated a nationwide survey. Here are some of the results. We will be using this information at St. Tim's in our future strategic planning.

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Episcopalians cite five goals for the future in Strategic Planning survey results

November 05, 2009

The results of the Strategic Planning survey indicate youth and young adults, evangelism and elements of congregational life are top on Episcopalian's suggestions for the future.

The results of the Strategic Planning survey were shared with Executive Council at the group's recent meeting in Memphis, TN. Complete results from the Strategic Planning survey along with other resources are available here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/strategicplan/>

There were a total of 6,697 responses the Strategic Planning survey, which was circulated last summer. Of those, 5,222 were lay people. A breakdown of the 1475 ordained responded were: 42 bishops, 1,249 priests, 184 deacons. About 70% of the respondents were over 50 years old; no more than 15% were under 40.

Cited as the five most important goal areas (out of 10) were: Reaching youth and young adults; Evangelism/proclaiming the Good news of Christ; Worship, music and liturgy; Leadership; and Strengthening congregations.

In addition, the majority clearly indicated that a "great effort" should be devoted to two particular areas: Focusing on God's Mission as the centerpiece of our church; and Expanding efforts to reach younger generations.

The results also showed great emphasis on communications, mission outreach and inclusion of different voices, including "the 'multicultural' perspectives and persons...those of different ages, nontraditional lifestyles (particularly gays and lesbians), and also to those who hold contrasting theological positions."

Last summer's survey, available in four languages (English, Spanish, French and Mandarin), addressed a wide range of topics: evangelism; multicultural issues, worship, music, and liturgy; youth and young adults; mission; leadership; congregational development; church administration; stewardship; advocacy and social justice.

From the Senior Warden

It seems ironic to me that we prepare for the Light of the World as the days grow dimmer. Winter sunsets cast long shadows and we bundle ourselves inside to keep warm and cozy when we should be out shouting for the Joy that is to come. Advent was an adventure when I was a young girl, with Advent calendars and wreaths and the promise of Christmas to come. These days it is more of a reflection on life, the past, present, and future. I remember that Christ came to be as one of us - a helpless child cared for by loving parents and a nourishing community. So I pray that all of us this Advent season can prepare to be cared for by one another and to nourish one another as we see the entire world as the face of the Christ Child. May we reach out to touch the world in a loving embrace that warms our souls. Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.
Holly Wilson, Senior Warden

Pastoral Care Ministry Volunteers Thanked

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team would like to thank all the volunteers who provide care to the St. Timothy's family. This care may be a meal, a card, a phone call, a visit, or transportation. Those receiving this care really appreciate it. If you would like to be an occasional volunteer, please call me at 636-949-9440. The more volunteers we have, the more care we can provide.
Jane Hood

From the Stewardship Committee

St. Timothy's is finishing up its annual stewardship drive. The pledges thus far are very good, but we need everyone's support to meet the needs of the parish and its programs for next year. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so soon.

St. Timothy's is a microcosm of the whole church that the Anglican Consultative Council envisioned a few years ago when they compiled what they called "The Five Marks of Mission":

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize, and nurture new members
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth

If you use these Five Marks as a checklist, St. Tim's is responding with enthusiasm and effectiveness to these challenges. The challenges are still formidable and will need our best efforts.

Keep these points in mind as we go into 2010 which will have even further challenges and opportunities. Thanks to everyone who has participated in the pledge campaign. There is still much to do.

Music for December 2009

November 28 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist
Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

December 29 – Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy String Quartet

December 5 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist and Soloist

December 6 – Sunday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist and Choir Director
The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Recorder Consort

December 12 – Saturday

Marlene Gruber Clark, Soprano Soloist
Matt Bear, Guest Organist and Cantor

December 13 – Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Bell Choir

December 19 – Saturday

John Hexem, Pianist and Cantor

December 21 – Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy String Quartet

December 24 – Thursday – Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Family Eucharist

Marlene Gruber Clark, Soprano Soloist
Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist and Cantor

10:30 PM Festival Choral Eucharist

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Brass
The Saint Timothy Bell Choir

December 25 – Friday – Christmas Day

10:00 AM – Dean Bye, Organist and Cantor

December 27 – Sunday – Music for this Eucharist will be entirely Christmas Carols

The Saint Timothy Choir
Rachel Kohn, Soprano Soloist

Big congratulations to sopranos **Miranda Robert and Rachel Kohn** who were chosen for the Missouri State Choir. Only 4 sopranos were chosen from high schools all over the state!

Please Take the Endowment Committee Survey

The St. Timothy's Endowment Board of Trustees is considering sponsoring a program to increase the knowledge of St. Timothy's members regarding long-range financial planning and personal estate planning. Your thoughtful participation in a short survey will help us determine the level of interest for such an educational program and provide useful topics. The survey can be found at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=onR_2bbAryA_2bgwTAOqzg1tsA_3d_3d (Yes, the whole thing!) or in the Gathering Space. We would appreciate a response by December 10 to allow time to plan a spring program.

Amy Conard

*****You can also send me an e-mail requesting a 'hot' link to the survey: smoenkhaus@gmail.com. You might get told you're spam, but I check that folder daily.
Susan



Hammer and Nails

2009 Habitat for Humanity Project – GREAT JOB!!

St. Louis area Episcopal churches again sponsored part of a house in this year's Habitat for Humanity build in the Jeff VanderLou area of north St. Louis. St. Tim's participation was made possible by a generous monetary grant from our Outreach Ministry AND hands-on "sweat equity" provided by Mike Bacon, Stan Helfrich, John Wootton, Ron & Pat Batty, Jim Clark, Paul Pennel, Rich Kula, Susie Shelton-Dodge, Marc Vanacht, Tina Heuer, Mike Wyland, Keith Boyd, Mary Robert,

David Hawley, and Paul Michael. We worked on framing, flooring, drywall, siding, caulking, painting, and shelving. Construction started in June and concluded with a home dedication to the new owners on October 14. What a super effort! Everyone worked hard and left with a great feeling of giving and accomplishment. Thanks again to those volunteers whose schedules did not allow them to participate this year. Stay tuned for next year!
Paul Michael

Beyond Housing Outreach – Success!!

On Saturday, October 24, members of St. Tim's formed a Home Crew to help the Beyond Housing organization improve the condition of a low income rental property in Overland. We completely painted the interior and a shed in the backyard and cleaned/pruned brush from the backyard. John Wootton, Keith Boyd, Steve Crock, Mike Wyland, Tina Heuer, Alan Cain, Nancy Hazinski, Ron & Pat Batty, and Paul & Valerie Michael worked quickly and finished an hour and a half ahead of schedule! It was a beautiful day. Pictures are posted on the bulletin board.

"Beyond Housing, a non-profit community development organization, owns and

maintains over 200 affordable rental properties in more than 23 municipalities in St. Louis County. We are committed to maintaining these properties with high standards of quality living for families. Home Crews are volunteers from the community who contribute their time and talent to help us hold the line on the costs of routine property maintenance without compromising our high standards for quality living." To learn more about Beyond Housing, go to their website at www.beyondhousing.org.

Paul Michael



As we celebrate this Thanksgiving season, the people of St. Timothy's are generously sharing their bounty with others. Just look around the church:

- The "Mitten Tree" was spilling over with mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for the Grace Hill Christmas Shop which provides an opportunity for the Neighbors to "shop" for gifts using the "time dollars" (a barter system that has been replicated throughout the country)
- Boxes (25!) of canned goods for the Circle of Concern to provide Thanksgiving meals and restocking of their food pantry to meet the increased needs of our neighbors (Parkway, Rockwood & Valley Park school districts)

A Parish Hall overflowing with Trivia Night participants to support the Diocesan and Parish partnership with the Lui Diocese in Sudan (see the display in the Gathering Space)

The list can go on and on and does throughout the year. Giving Thanks to all for your generosity and passion for those in less fortunate circumstances.

Ginni Campbell, Outreach Chair

From Bea Comstock who coordinates the mitten tree project: "Again Saint Tim's parishioners have surpassed in their donations to the Hat, Mitten and Scarf Tree. We sent over 100 items to Grace Hill – 90% of them hand-made. WOW – What great job.

Corks Count!

Did you know that more than 15 billion wine corks end up in landfills each year? A new initiative is making it easier to keep corks out of landfills. Rewind Your Wine is a St. Louis regional wine cork recycling program aimed at collecting natural and synthetic wine corks from area residents so that they can be made into

building materials. Save up your wine and Champagne corks – regardless of what they're made of – and drop them off at a collection point. Drop boxes are located at Whole Foods, City Gourmet, Crushed Grapes Wine & Spirits, Erato on Main, Grapewine Wines, Pere Marquette Lodge, Madinger Wines and Robust.

Peace Meal Held at St. John's Episcopal Church

On Saturday, November 14, parishioners from St. Tim's gathered at St. John's Episcopal Church near Tower Grove Park to prepare and serve a scrumptious meal to the friends and neighbors of St. John's as part of the Peace Meal program. The dinner consisted of pasta shells stuffed with a mixture of cheeses, salad and some delicious gooey lemon bars for dessert. Special thanks to Georgiana Cameron, Ginna and Elise

Zwikelmaier, David Blackledge, Judy Maloney, Agnes Bolwell, and Carolyn Moore who did a great job of cooking, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

Our next opportunity to serve at the Peace Meal will be sometime early in 2010. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Kurt Zwikelmaier (kurtzwick@charter.net).

**From the
Director of
Christian Education**

**Peggy
Huesemann**

While visiting with a friend, the conversation veered to family traditions. With my youngest soon to turn 15, I brought up that "The Birthday Dinner" was an important event in our home. A meal of favorites selected by the honoree was prepared and then enjoyed in the dining room by family and friends. I reminisced about my mother doing the same for me. As a child, I knew that the meal was a gift; I didn't realize until I was older that it was a gift of her time.

Time. It is one of our most precious gifts. We spend our time in various ways: at work, behind the wheel, in stores...We complete a "things to do list" a mile long. We often fail to put the most important things on the top of that list: the people we love and care for, and even ourselves.

As we near a major "gift-exchange" period, I urge you to think about giving the gift of your time. Share a bagel and tea with a friend; enjoy a dinner together--whether a feast of favorites or a Fortel's pizza; play a game with a child; treat yourself to a walk or a good read. Whatever you choose, make sure that it is time enjoyed.

Blessings,
Peggy

Dear People of St. Timothy's,

I am writing on behalf of the people of Lui Diocese and the Companion Diocese Committee to thank you for all your support and generosity. St. Timothy's Outreach Committee has been designating money for Lui since the beginning of the relationship, and the recent grant is a wonderful and most generous addition to that tradition. The Moru people will be so grateful for Sylvester Mazawa's theological school tuition, assistance for his family while he's in school, and a teacher's salary for a year, and the current mission team very much appreciates the support for the November mission trip.

Trivia Night was an especially outstanding moment in the history of St. Tim's generosity to Lui Diocese. As far as I know, this event was the first in our diocese to raise funds for the new diocesan center in Lui. I am very excited to be able to go to Lui over Thanksgiving and tell the people about your kindness. Deep thanks to all who worked so hard to make the evening a success, and to all who participated.

Not least, your thoughts and prayers for the safety and effectiveness of our trips mean a lot to me and our mission teams. Thank you so much for all you do to support the companion relationship.

Lu karu ami (God bless you all),
Debbie Smith

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 - Toby Hafeli | 12 - Jane Perna | 23 - Pat Arras |
| 4 - Pat Hutchison
Amber Hollowell | Duncan Phillips | 24 - Ginni Campbell
Brooke Mason |
| 5 - Kurt Zwickelmaier
Jane Wyland | 14 - John Loomis
Mary Robert | 25 - Karma Crowell |
| 8 - Nancy Setzer
Marlene Gruber Clark | 16 - Stewart Rayfield | 27 - Mike O'Neil
Lainie Ives |
| 10 - Ned English
Dennis Whittington | 19 - Louann Boyd | 28 - Rose Marie Bell |
| 11 - Gabriel Porter | 20 - Jerry Evans | 31 - Katie Omahen
Jason Mihal |
| | 21 - Nya Moenkhaus | |
| | 22 - Louise Pooley
Judy Viglione | |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 - Rosemary and Steve Jasper | 24 - Marylen and Gary Stansbery |
| 15 - Jane and Tommy Gordon | 29 - Teresa and Mike McDowell |
| 19 - Lynn and Dennis Whittington | 30 - Jane and Vincent Perna |
| 21 - Ruth Ann and Bob Stross | |



Name 4 Days That Begin With 't'

That was one of the questions at the trivia night that had a few people stumped, but we all had a great time. The winners were Table 5—Mike and Teresa McDowell, Judy Maloney, and Mary Gaffey...along with their various sons (ringers, all 4 of them!!). They kept the “smiley” balloon most of the night. Last place in trivia but first place in table décor went to the pilgrims—Battys, Bosanquets, Bev Critchell, McAvoy, and Detloffs who held onto the black balloon almost all night!

The best news is that we raised close to \$5000 for Lui! Joan Dewey came up with the idea, and the following people jumped in to

help out: Jennifer Barnes, Linda Lambert, Danielle Pennell, Lynn Whittington, Susan Moenkhaus, Bea Comstock, and Karen Hafeli. Dennis Whittington, Norm Moenkhaus, Don Lambert, Paul Pennell, Toby Hafeli, and Ginni Campbell stayed to clean up, and everyone went home in a great mood. (If I've forgotten anyone, let me know, and I'll put your name in the next Angler.)

Susan Moenkhaus

Oh, the answer??? **Tuesday, Thursday, today, and tomorrow!** Easy!

Financial Snapshot October 2009

Target revenues and expenses for 10 months (Budget %)	83.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 10 months	85.71%
Actual expenses for 10 months	87.12%

Although we ran a slight deficit though October 2009, we anticipate coming in on budget at year end.

The Finance Committee

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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