



The **Angler**

Faith *Fellowship* *Service*

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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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

"O God, let each one find you mighty to save..." (from the Collect, the First Sunday in Lent)

It's not unusual when, or if, we think of the season of Lent, that we find a way to talk/think about what it is that we are going to do....an action taken, a ministry considered, a planning for mission implemented.....or what it is that we are working on...perhaps a personal discipline, a health related change we make, something we give up.

No argument....all good; all good beginning steps in the journey. Though one might note that the focus of this exercise is ourselves.

The Collect suggests that the better focus of our attention is the action of God in our lives; better yet, the saving action of God. As Christians we know that in some extraordinary way the Cross is integral to understanding how God may be acting in our lives, acting on our lives.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, poet, paleontologist, theologian (1881-1955) offers this perspective:

"Far too often the Cross is presented...as a symbol of sadness, of limitation and repression....this ends by conveying the

impression that the kingdom of God can only be established in mourning, and by thwarting and going against the current of humanity's aspirations and energies."

"In its highest and most general sense, the doctrine of the Cross is that to which all adhere who believe that the vast movement and activities of human life opens on to a road which leads somewhere, and that that road climbs upward. Life has a term: therefore it imposes a particular direction, orientated, in fact, towards the highest possible spiritualization by means of the greatest possible effort. To admit that group of fundamental principles is already to range oneself among the disciples----distant perhaps, and implicit, but nevertheless real---of Christ "

Is it not the saving action of the Risen Christ in our lives, in our community, at our Eucharist, at work in our various life's missions and ministries, that moves us forward?

Lent in all its springtime energy is a wonderful time for us to let God's nature take its course within us.

There are extra copies of the Lenten Devotion Booklets, "Peace and Compassion" on the desk in the Gathering Space. Feel free to give to friends.

From the Senior Warden

When Jack asked if I would be Senior Warden, I had to pray and think about this new ministry. Did I have the time, energy and most of all the ability to do this? After some prayer and thinking I said, yes, as I came to realize that I was being called to grow and become more engaged in the ministries and mission of this wonderful community of St. Timothy's.

I have a prayer that I found many years ago that I say every day and this is what urged me to say yes. I would like to share this prayer with all of you and hope that you will also be willing to say yes to become more involved in your own way to the ministries and missions that God is calling us as a community or as individuals to do:

*O God of my heart and understanding,
Be alive in me this day.*

Nourish me and challenge me.

Show me how to ask and how to receive from you.

Be in me, beside me, around me.

Open my heart to a way that will support your purpose for my life.

Amen.

Ms. Trudy James

Yours in Christ,
Holly Wilson, Senior Warden

Want to Learn More About the Episcopal Church?

A class designed for anyone who wishes to learn more about The Episcopal Church (TEC 101), its historical beginnings and development, its distinctive charisms, and current developments will be offered on Tuesdays at St. Tim's beginning March 3 and continuing through April 7 from 7 - 8:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Jack Fleming or Alice McLaughlin. If interested, but the time doesn't work for you, contact Jack and let him know of a time that does work. Any family members, friends, or neighbors you wish to invite would be most welcome.

This class is intended as well for Confirmation preparation. A syllabus for the class, with recommended readings, etc., will be posted on the website.

Make Sure You Get Your Angler

Let the church office know if you still want a hard copy or want to read it on the web. Let us hear from you!

We are still working on the issue of getting current information about parish activities to you in a timely manner. We know many are receiving The Angler after events have occurred, making it outdated and not useful. Here's what we're doing—*We'll continue to post the latest issue on our website, notifying everyone whose e-mail address is on file as soon as it's available. We will also have some hard copies available at church for people to pick up. At the Annual Meeting we polled the parish on how each household wants to receive the newsletter. If you didn't get the chance to fill out a form, you'll find extras on the desk in the Gathering Space. We know some members like hard copies and don't go online, so we will make sure we have correct mailing addresses so they can receive a mailed copy. **No one will be left out!***

If the office doesn't have your e-mail address on file, feel free to send an e-mail to the parish office at sttim@saint-tims.org, using the subject line Angler, so you can be added. Make sure you fill out the simple form so we know who would like a hard copy. In the meantime, use the calendar on the website, www.saint-tims.org, to keep up to date on what's going on. When you mouse over the event on the calendar you will get a pop up with details.

Susan Moenkhaus

More Outreach

Rice Bagging Scheduled

Rice bagging is usually scheduled for the last Friday of the month in the Parish Hall downstairs. Bring a simple dish to share (casserole, salad, dessert, etc.) for a 6:30 pm potluck and then we will start bagging around 7 pm. We will offer an age appropriate movie for the younger children. 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.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming dates: March 27, April 24, May 29.

Music for March 2009

February 28 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Baritone Soloist
Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

March 1 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Recorder Consort

March 7 – Saturday

Percy Vanacht, Piano
Sara Vanacht, Piano

March 8 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy String Quartet

March 14 – Saturday

Rachel Kohn, Soprano Soloist
Jess Kohn, Soprano Soloist

March 15 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

March 15 – Sunday, cont'd.

Pat Evans, Flute and Steve Crock,
Guitar

Marlene Gruber Clark,
Soprano Soloist

March 21 – Saturday

Kurt and Elise Zwickelmaier,
Vocal Duet

March 22 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Bell Choir

March 28 – Saturday

Marlene Gruber Clark,
Soprano Soloist

March 29 - Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Recorder Consort

From the Stewardship Committee

This season of Lent is clearly a good time to examine and pray about our stewardship--our use of our time, talent, and treasure in God's service. Lent began as a time when the Church prepared new converts for baptism and full inclusion in the body of Christ. Lent then is a good time for us as individuals and St. Timothy's as a parish to examine our faithfulness and to seek direction and guidance for the future. As stewards, we can keep Psalm 25 from the first Sunday in Lent in mind: "Teach us your paths." In particular, at this time of year as we approach and long for Spring, we can focus on our responsibility to God's natural world, our environment. We can always be sure that, as we go through Lent, that "He will teach them the way that they should choose."

Jim Hood for the Stewardship Committee

From the
Director of
Christian Education

Peggy
Huesemann

Constantly floating atop my desk is a yellowed piece of paper titled "A Prayer for Lent." It was written by The Rt. Rev. Arthur J. L. Lichtenberger, the seventh Bishop of Missouri.

*Fast from criticism; and feast on praise
Fast from self-pity; feast on joy
Fast from ill-temper; feast on prayer
Fast from resentment; feast on contentment
Fast from jealousy; feast on love
Fast from pride; and feast on humility
Fast from selfishness; and feast on service
Fast from fear; and feast on faith.*

Blessings ~ Peggy

Drumroll please.....

And the big winners for February 1 were...City Angels and Heifer International. February 1 was "Souper Bowl Sunday" with youth Elliot Barnes, Irina and Sasha Hinrichs, Alex and Nicholas Huesemann, and Elise and Ginna Zwickelmaier who used soup pots to collect \$367 for the aforementioned charities. Thank you to all who participated in the fun and goodwill.

Ya Wouldn't Be Thinkin' o' Missin' the St. Paddy's Day Dinner, Now Would Ya?



Faith and Begorrah...the youth at St. Tim's are feedin' the flocks again! And so soon after that wonderful pancake breakfast too. Be markin' yer calendar for the 14th of March...that's a Saturday, now...and come for the best corned beef and cabbage this side of the River Shannon! Dig out yer green clothes and join the fun in the Parish Hall. This is a family event...there will be hot dogs for the wee ones.



Come at 6 for appetizers, dinner starts at 6:30. And, you'll be treated to an assortment of desserts. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 for kids. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop Scheduled

The "second annual" Spiritual Gifts workshop will be held after Easter. Designed by Agnes Bolwell, the course's guiding text will be "Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service" available on Amazon.com. The purpose of the workshop is to help you begin to identify your particular spiritual gifts, deepen your spiritual life and find your particular place of service and ministry in God's Kingdom. Let Deacon Jan O'Neil know if you are interested.

Daytimers Plan Trip to Wright House

On Friday, March 27, we are taking a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House in Ebsworth Park, Kirkwood. It is one of five Wright designs in Missouri and is notable for retaining all of its original Wright-designed furnishings and fabric. Tickets are \$10. We'll carpool from church, leaving at 9:15, and we will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant. The tour is limited to 20 people, so sign up will be on a first come, first served basis. (Keep in mind that this tour of about an hour involves a lot of standing since the furniture can't be touched.)

Wednesday, April 29, will be a trip to the Sheldon Concert Hall to hear "Cornet Chop Suey"! They have been wowing audiences since 2001 with their exciting style of traditional jazz, swing, and the blues. We have purchased 20 tickets at \$9.25 each for this Coffee Concert. We will carpool from church at 9 and once again eat lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Planning for the May event is still in progress; June will feature a "talk" about the Shakespeare in the Park play performed this summer; and July will be a night trip to the ball park. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Setzer.

Ladies Mark Your Calendars...

Save The Date

Tuesday, April 21

Women's Fellowship Dinner

Let's Get Our Garden Ready for Spring!

Guest Speaker—Jack Lane from the Missouri Botanical Garden

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Social Justice and Environment Team to Meet March 19

The Social Justice and Environment Team is one of five ministry teams that make up St. Timothy's comprehensive outreach ministry. This team addresses questions of social inequality, poverty, diversity, and environmental sustainability within the Episcopal Church, the community, and in the world. The mission is to involve our parish and its members in these critical issues to make a difference in people's lives and help to fulfill the Millennium Development Goals.

The Social Justice and Environment Team will hold its initial 2009 planning meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at St. Timothy's. The purpose of the meeting is to explore opportunities for our parishioners to become involved in a variety of issues essential to our Christian mission, plan activities for the year, and set future priorities. The Social Justice and Environment Team is committed to the belief that passionate Christians can make a positive difference in our community and our world. Join us with your enthusiasm and your ideas. Questions should be directed to Mike McDowell at 314-995-7273.

Seeking Concert Co-Chairs

The Vestry and Outreach committee are searching for co-chairs for the Concert Under the Stars on Saturday, June 20, 2009. This is a major fund raiser for Outreach and an important social event for the entire parish. The members of Vestry and Outreach will gladly take on responsibilities to assist in this effort - you won't be out in the cold looking for volunteers.

As Deacon Jan O'Neil so aptly put it: "Being a member of St. Tim's gives us an automatic membership benefit: each of us is also a member of "outreach." We have energetic leaders for Outreach Core and outreach sub-committees to lead us in helping others. At the same time, as baptized members of our community we all are part of outreach. Please give some thought to your personal contribution to our group commitment to offer our God-given gifts to serve others. "Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit."

New Orleans Mission Trip Opportunity Offered

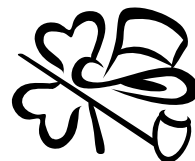
All parishioners in the Diocese of Missouri have been invited to participate in a mission trip organized by Emmanuel in Webster Groves in cooperation with the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. The group will leave on Saturday, March 28 and return on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Although applications are due by March 2, there may be some flexibility based on available space. The cost is \$300. Fifteen missionaries will travel, work, live, and worship together as a community, staying in the Urban Ministry Center in New Orleans. Contact Deacon Jan O'Neil if you are interested in more information (jawoneil@gmail.com). This may be the Lenten opportunity that calls you!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Charlotte Smith | 12 - Stu Thompson | 24 - Bill Crowell |
| 2 - Nancy Sinise | Lynn Whittington | Claire Warhover |
| 4 - Beverly Rhea | 15 - Mike Bacon | 26 - Claudia Uccello |
| 6 - Beverly Buder | Mary Gaffey | 27 - Luke Nauman |
| 7 - Gerald Amies | Bill O'Brien | Karen Hafeli |
| 8 - Dorothy Bacon | 17 - Pat Evans | 28 - Matt Aldrich |
| 9 - Anne Teymouri | Vincent Perna | Howie Wilson |
| Joanna Njama | 19 - Gracy Wangler | 30 - Bea Comstock |
| 10 - Mo Buder | 20 - Joy Rouse | |
| Mike Teymouri | Bill Buhro | |
| 11 - Lexi Dressel | 23 - Mark Nauman | |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 - Ron and Pat Batty



Dear Friends in Christ,

I thank you for the many cards, calls, and visits and expressions of kindness. I look forward to returning to your midst in several weeks.

May God bless you in our continued ministry at St. Timothy's.

Roy Moore

Thank you from the Office

There are a group of devoted volunteers who help us out in the Office. Many, many thanks to Rita Podolsky, Bitsy Hastings, Georgia O'Brien, Linda McDowell and all those who would rather not be named.

Financial Snapshot January 2009

Target revenues and expenses for one month (Budget %)	8.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for one month	14.20%
Actual expenses for one month	8.92%

We are off to a great start in 2009. Due to some early payments on 2009 pledges and the efforts of the St. Tim's staff to hold expenses in line with budget, we ended the month with a \$30k surplus. This puts us in a strong position to make it through the summer months when pledge income tends to drop somewhat. Thanks to all for your commitment and support!

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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