



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

Late May, 2008





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 tend to agree with those who say that for too many years in the church, the work of lay members in the life of the community has been described as "volunteering".. i.e. something extraneous to real life, but rather something one does at church in response to a particular need or a request by a (usually clergy) staff member. Sometimes, as in the Episcopal Church, we can be elected, e.g. vestry membership, representation at the diocesan or national church councils, diocesan positions.. The sometimes unstated assumption is that "real ministry" is done by the professionals, the clergy, professionally trained staff and that all the rest of the work is done, all too frequently some are wont to say, by the same people etc. In too many churches, its almost impossible for new members to take an active leadership role in the community until they have been thoroughly trained-indoctrinated?- into the prevailing ethos...as in "of course we have found this to be the best way, don't you think so?"

I see it quite differently. The work of the lay membership in a truly dynamic faith community is not "volunteering", it is ministry. It is the expression of our relationship to the spiritual community and yes, to God, marked by our Baptism and the promises we have made and renew periodically. A mark of a spiritually mature church is how it goes about responding to that call in ways that empower lay ministry by encouraging leadership to receive necessary training to carry out their discerned ministries.

When I first came to St. Tim's, there was a minimal amount set aside in the budget for lay ministry training; we raised the amount significantly, but the reality of our new church loan resulted in significant cuts in lay education. It is my intent to restore and substantially enhance funding for lay ministry. When in our strategic plan people are called to take leadership roles on a rotating basis, it is equivalent to an unfunded

mandate if further education is neither expected nor required. Not to be prepared is to invite early burnout, cynicism, a reluctance to learn, to innovate, to create.

At a recent vestry retreat, our consultant, Jane Klieve, affirmed who we are and what we are about-and was very complimentary in her appraisal-but quickly challenged us to move to the next level, that of being a highly performing leadership team who would have significant impact on the world, which, in Christ's name, we are called to serve.

I think the same principle of reaching for the next level in all of our praying and thinking and planning is essential if we are to fulfill the great promise we have as St. Timothy's. We need training for vestry, ministry chairs and co-chairs and members of specific ministries; teachers in youth ministry, everybody involved in our public worship, outreach, hospitality.

Clergy and lay leadership should be expected to care for themselves spiritually so that they can continue to lead. To that end, I strongly encourage those engaged in active ministry to participate in our bible study programs, including the Sunday adult forums, to do the necessary study and reading to be current and fresh in their thinking, and to more fully appreciate the wondrous calling that is theirs, as baptized Episcopalians, to be "stewards of the mysteries of God" as Paul described the church at Corinth.

What kind of church would God have us be? A church, I suggest, that realizes that to whom much is given, very much is expected.



**18th ANNUAL
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SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2008

Doors Open @ 6 pm; Concert 7 to 9:30 pm

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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808 N. Mason Rd – 1 mile west of I-270 & Olive

- ½ mile South of Olive & Mason

Reserved Tables of 8 - \$175—Includes Pre-Concert Cocktail Party with complimentary appetizers and beverages

Lawn Seating - \$7 in advance, \$9 after June 16th.

Children 10 and under—free!

Bring chairs and blankets

Concessions – Grilled Brats and Hanburgers * Chips * Homemade Desserts * Beverages * More

Ample parking, drop-off lane for handicapped attendees

Volunteers - We Need You

Sign up on the big Concert Board in the Gathering Space

Music for June

June 7—Saturday

Percy Vanacht, Piano and Violin
Sara Vanacht, Piano

June 8—Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Handbell Choir

June 14 – Saturday

Jess Kohn, Soprano Soloist

June 15 – Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Recorder
Consort

June 21 – Saturday

Marlene Gruber Clark, Soprano
Soloist

June 22 – Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Brass

June 28 – Saturday

Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist

June 29 – Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Handbell Choir
(Accompaniment)

Jess Kohn and Rachel Kohn,
Soprano Soloists

July 5 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist and
Soloist

July 6 – Sunday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist and
Soloist

Conversation With Jack Danforth a Great Evening

Approximately 175 people came to St. Tim's on Tuesday evening to hear Jack Danforth speak about his book and answer questions. The evening was an unqualified success, with the attendees enjoying a reception after the very stimulating discussion.

The following people brought delicious food for the reception, which added to the evening. Thanks go to Cindy Somers, Lynn Whittington, Sally Macke, Jane Hood, Jennifer Barnes, Rosemary Jasper, Linda Wilson, Beverlee

Critchell, LaVerne Riebold, Kathy Ehrhardt, Rick Dyer set up, served, and cleaned up. Caroline Kelsey brought food and arranged the beautiful flowers on the reception tables. Norm Moenkhaus was in charge of parking and chairs, and keeping the rain away! Holly Wilson, Communications Chair, sent press releases far and wide, so many non-parishioners came to the program. Thank you Holly for helping make it a memorable evening.

Susan Moenkhaus

From the Senior Warden

St. Tim's annual vestry retreat took place on May 10 at the Mercy Center in Kirkwood. Our retreat leader was Jane Klieve who is a consultant specializing in organizational and leadership development. Jane is an active member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville and has participated in a number of diocese activities.

The retreat covered a broad range of topics with good discussion by all. Emphasis was on strengthening leadership and continuous improvement in the context of St. Tim's growth. The retreat planted the seeds of many concepts that we expect to grow over the rest of 2008 and beyond. Stay tuned!

Paul Michael

Can You Hard-Boil Eggs?

It's summer egg time—meaning that volunteers once again are needed to hard-boil and bring 3 dozen eggs to St. Tim's once each summer month. Due dates for each month are posted on the sign-up. *(During the school year, our Youth Ministry team provides 36 dozen eggs per month for the Cathedral's Saturday Breakfast program where approximately 140 homeless people are fed each Saturday morning.)* If you can help with

this project, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space – and, yes, you can sign-up twice (meaning you will cook 6 dozen eggs). Or sign up with a partner and each do 1 1/2 dozen. Creativity encouraged! Questions? Please call or email Kathy Rogers, 314-434-5906/ kathy@saint-tims.org.



St. Tim's Tots Celebrate Earth Day

On Sunday April, 20 St. Tim's Tots and their families met in the parish hall to celebrate Earth Day. The children got the opportunity to experience a rainforest, plant seeds, create a pair of binoculars and a musical instrument using recycled items and paint their own t-shirt before sharing a pot-luck

dinner. Thanks go to Jamie Omahen, Danielle Pennel, Sarah Johnson and Kate Buckley who assisted with the planning of this event. Thanks also go to John Hexem for sharing his musical talents and Amy Conard for providing our afternoon snack.

Louise Pooley

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>3rd Sun. After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Evening Prayer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Evening Prayer</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>8 <i>4th Sun. After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Evening Prayer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Knitting Ministry Evening Prayer</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>15 <i>5th Sun. After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Evening Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Holy Eucharist 6:45am Vestry</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Pastoral Care Evening Prayer</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>No 5:00pm Service</i> 6:00pm Concert Under The Stars</p>
<p>22 <i>6th Sun. After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Morning Prayer 7:00pm Outreach</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Evening Prayer</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Knitting Ministry Evening Prayer</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Morning Prayer 11:00am Daytimers Planning Lunch 11:15am St. Tim's at Friendship Village 6:30pm Rice Bagging</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>29 <i>7th Sun. After Pentecost</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>		<p><i>Morning and Evening Prayer Call the church office for time</i></p>			

Renowned Scholar and Author to Present Program in June

Renowned biblical and Jesus scholar, Marcus Borg is coming to St. Louis! The title of his upcoming conference is *Christian Spirituality in the 21st Century: How We Can Be Passionate Believers Today* and will be held on Friday, June 13 from 7 - 9:30 PM and Saturday, June 14 from 9 AM - 4:30 PM.

Presented by the New Awakenings Community, Dr. Borg will speak at Mercy Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Rd., Frontenac, MO, 63131. Cost for the conference is \$100 and includes lunch on Saturday. Registration will close when capacity is reached or by June 6.

Marcus Borg holds the Hundere Chair in Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Dept. at Oregon State University. His most recent book, *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Birth*, was co-authored with John Dominic Crossan.

More information plus the registration form can be found in the *Angler Online* or in the Gathering Space at St. Tim's (brochures are on the desk close to the front entrance).

Sally Macke

Everyday Stewardship at St. Timothy's

At the dawn of the Church, St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians "...think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." (I Cor. 4:1)

Service and stewardship go together, the one (service) is encouraged and enabled by the other (stewardship) of our time, talent, and treasure.

What are the mysteries that Paul spoke of in the passage? They are the very work of the Church--the Holy Eucharist, Baptism. They are the basic body of belief: the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, grace, care for the poor and the unfortunate.

These ideas may be familiar to us, but they are increasingly unfamiliar to many people

in our world. We have to make them known. We do this partly by teaching and prayer and partly by our actions: our work in the community and the world.

So the work of the Church encompasses what we believe and what we do. We have to welcome and encourage people to join us in our fellowship. We must recognize the plight of many people in our society and world and reach out to them. We have to nurture ourselves in our beliefs and practices, so that the Church never becomes indifferent or complacent or satisfied.

The Stewardship Committee

From the
Director of
Christian Education

Peggy
Huesemann

There is so much going on...

On the weekend of May 11 & 12, the J2A class created chocolate covered strawberries as a fund raiser for their pilgrimage. Six pounds of chocolate later, net sales equaled \$270.

Thanks to leaders Keith Boyd and Lainie Ives for their time and to all who enjoyed the sweets.

"Wants and Needs," is a frequent topic in the Journey to Adulthood program. On May 12 we began the discussion by watching a five minute video out of Australia, "Teenage Affluenza." I urge you to check it out. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFZz6ICzpjI>

May 18 is our last day of Sunday school before our summer hiatus. Many thanks to leaders: Madeline Zwikelmaier and Becky Porter – Godly Explorers; Jane Wyland – Godly Explorer Music; Steve Crock and Kathie Hoyer – Senior Explorers; The Journey to Adulthood Program: Kathy Holland and George Podolsky - Rite 13; Keith Boyd and Lainie Ives – J2A; and Brad Huesemann and Kim Dressel – YAC.

June 7, J2A class members: Lexi Dressel, Sasha Hinrichs, Chelsea Holland, Nicholas Huesemann, Rachel Kohn, Miranda Robert, and Ginna Zwikelmaier with leaders Peggy and Keith Boyd, depart as pilgrims to the Pacific Northwest. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Dear God,
Bless those who travel.
May your word be a lantern to their feet
And a light upon their path,
That at the journey's end
They may safely rest
In the knowledge of your grace and protection.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

Faithfully ~ Peggy

Holy Cross Lutheran Offers Vacation Bible School

For children 3 years old through 5th grade: Have fun this summer at Rain Forest Adventure VBS at Holy Cross Lutheran. The program runs 9 a.m. to noon from Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25. Activities include storytelling, crafts, games, singing, and snacks. Cost is \$10

per child or \$25 for 3 or more siblings. Register before July 1 for a free T-shirt. To register, call Karen Fatzinger at 314-434-0546 or go online www.holycrosselca.com.

Kathy Dyer

Stross, Fleming, Moore, and Heuer Take Golf Trophy

The crowd was tense and hushed on the last hole as the team of Ruth Ann, Jack, Roy, and Tina approached the tee. Would they pull it out at the end of a fiercely fought tournament? Yesss!! They did it and won the trophy for having the highest score of all the foursomes playing 9 holes. Never mind that they were the only ones—they're the champs until the next competition!



Other winners in the St. Tim's Annual Golf Tournament at Crystal Springs Quarry Golf Course on the 18th were Eric Vachon, Longest Drive; Pat Batty, Closest to the Cup; Bill O'Brien, Toby Hafeli, and Don Dewey, 3rd Place; Dwight Rasmussen, Peter (Boom-Boom) Wangler, Dennis Whittington, and Jim Clark, 2nd Place; and...drum roll please...Blaine Stone, Cletus Coughlin, and Kim Gutsche 1st Place. We thank Jim Clark who gave each player a thermal jug and Roy Moore who gave everyone a sleeve of 3 golf balls. Everyone had a great time—watch for the next golf outing, possibly this fall.

Still Time to Register for the Race for the Cure Last Day to Register Online is June 2, 2008

The Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure will be held this year on June 21. You can register at komenstlouis.org, and then on the right, click on the register link. Our team is St. Tim's Angels. Please invite your friends, scout troops, other groups to register with our team. We need at least 20 people to have team status. They don't need to walk with us, but I will pick up everyone's team materials, so it makes it easy for team members.

You can register to do the run or the walk. Most of us do the walk, which is about 3.4 easy miles downtown. We carpool and meet at the beginning of the race/walk. It's a fun Saturday morning.

If you can't make it on the 21st, you can still provide support by signing up for "Sleep In For the Cure" and get a t-shirt after the race.

You don't have to raise funds, but it's all for the cure, so be creative!

Contact me if you have questions.

Susan Moenkhaus, smoenkhaus@earthlink.net, 636.532.0252

You'll still have time to help out with the Concert Saturday evening!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Sue Eastes | 8 - Paul Michael | 22 - Marina Mason |
| 2 - Linda McDowell
Danielle Pennel | 9 - Yvonne Kirkpatrick | 23 - Sue Jones
John Wootton |
| 3 - Patrick O'Brien | 11 - Roy Moore | 24 - Dick Summers |
| 4 - Allison Boyd
Jimmie LeLaurin
Rola Sarkissyan | 12 - Matthew Wootton | 26 - Karen Sharp |
| 5 - Hank Conard
Stephanie Nauman | 14 - Pete Elsaesser | 28 - Bong Hwan Kim |
| | 17 - Mary Roberts
Julia Fox | 29 - Bill Rogler |
| | 19 - Rebecca Dyer | |
| | 21 - Jim Hood | |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



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| 7 - Pam & Dean Bye | 18- Peggy & John Ziebold |
| 9 - Jonelle & Jim Joyner | 19- Jackie & Ron Fleck
Laura & Mike Sorsen |
| 10 - Elinor & Bill Alexander | 20 - Lorraine & Harlan Weisler
Annie & Melvin Rayman |
| 11 - Marlene & Ned English
Yvonne & Ron Kirkpatrick | 26 - Amy & Hank Conard
Wini & Steve Crock |
| 12 - Pam & John Wootton | 28 - Danielle & Paul Pennel |
| 13 - Sally & Gary Hall | 29 - Priscilla & Roy Moore |
| 15 - Dorothy & Mike Bacon | |
| 16 - Liz & Pete Elsaesser | |
| 18 - Ann & Norty Lieberman | |

Daytimers—Mark These Dates

- June 27- Panning for next year - luncheon at church
- July 17- Attend a Cardinals baseball game in the evening

All adults are welcome at Daytimer events. Bring your friends if you think they'd enjoy a good time with new friends!

Financial Snapshot April 2008

Target revenues and expenses for three months (Budget %)	33.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for four months	31.36%
Actual expenses for four months	35.09%

Plate receipts continue to be strong running ahead of budget at 38.04%. Unusual expense items this month include refurbishing our parish hall and fixing leaks in our roof. The full financial statements are always posted just inside the double doors leading down the hall.

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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