



The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

November 18, 2010





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

Stirrings continues themes of Celtic Spirituality. Here is an Advent night prayer; I commend it to you as a simple and personal Advent observance. The Advent Liturgy at St. Timothy's offers a full expression of God's restoration in Christ. I heartily encourage you to be an active participant in our Advent worship as you bring to our community your stories of hope and Advent grace.

Jack +

Advent Night Prayer

In darkest night, we pray,
may the Light of Lights come to us.
We wait for the Lord more than those
who watch for the morning.

*Silence, confession, or meditative singing
followed by one of the readings below or
another*

Psalms 4; 17:1-8; 139:7-12; Isaiah 45: 2-8;
55:6-11

We wait in the darkness, expectantly, longingly.
Come, O God Most High.
In the darkness we can see the splendour
of the universe-
blankets of stars
the solitary glowings of the planets.
Come, O God Most High.
In the darkness of the womb,
mortals are nurtured
and the Christ-child was made ready for the
journey into light.
Come, O God Most high.
In the darkness the wise three found the star
that led them to you.
Come, O God Most High.
In the darkness of dreams you spoke to Joseph
and the wise ones
and you speak still to us.
Come, O God Most High.
In the darkness of despair and distress we
watch
for a sign of hope from the Light of Lights.
Come, O God Most High.

A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24th, at 7:30pm.

Invitation to Evening Prayer

The Benedictine Community invites you to join them for Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. The group meets at church, and Evening Prayer is over in 20 minutes.

We also invite you to provide prayer requests for whom the group will pray on a regular basis. You may simply drop the request in the Benedictine folder in the Gathering Space.
Sue Eastes

Music for December 2010

December 4 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Cantor and Soloist

December 5 - Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy String Quartet

6 p.m. – The St. Timothy Choir will sing
At the Advent Service or Lessons and
Carols at Christ Church Cathedral

December 11 – Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

December 12 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Bell Choir

December 18 – Saturday

John Hexem, Pianist and Cantor

December 19 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Brass

December 24 – Friday – Christmas Eve

5 p. m. – Family Eucharist

Marlene Gruber Clark, Soprano Soloist

10:30 p.m. – Festival Choral Eucharist

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Brass Quartet

The St. Timothy Bell Choir

December 25 – Saturday , Christmas Day

10 a.m. – Dean Bye, Organist
and Cantor

December 26 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

Congregational Christmas

Carols



Proposed Expansion Design Presented in Exciting Parish Meeting

It was a great day for St. Timothy's on November 7 when we presented the proposed addition to our church and answered questions about the new building: the entry tower, our new parish hall, the spacious classrooms, the bell tower, and the columbarium. This will be a beautiful new addition for us to be engaged in ministry in our community. We invite you to review the brochure we prepared to see this emerging vision for ministry for our community of faith. You can also go to our website and download these documents, www.saint-tims.org.

Please also take a few moments and thoughtfully and prayerfully complete the Feasibility Study survey that was mailed to you. (If you do not receive a survey we have copies at the church or you can download a survey from our website or fill it out online.)

You can mail the survey in the envelope provided in your packet to the Rev. Roger Ricketts, our consultant who is conducting our Feasibility Study. Roger provided counsel to us when we conducted the campaign to build our beautiful sanctuary, so we know we're in good hands.

Roger will prepare a report based on interviews he has conducted at the church and the surveys he receives. **All information you provide him is confidential.** No names or personal information will be shared by Roger with anyone at St. Timothy's.

We hope that all surveys will be mailed to Roger Ricketts by December 1.

Kurt Zwickelmaier

Around the Parish

Annual Intergenerational Advent Event Right Around the Corner

Mark your calendars...for Advent! This reflective season of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas begins November 28, Thanksgiving weekend. St. Timothy's will greet the Advent season with an event for everyone between the ages of one and one hundred one in the Parish Hall between services (9:00).

Come to assemble an Advent wreath or an ornament; help bag rice for the food pantry; enjoy fellowship and cookies! If you would like to help with this event, please sign up to assist at a table or bring cookies!

Holiday Pantry Coming Soon

On December 4-5 St. Timothy's Holiday Pantry Helpers will hold the 15th Holiday Pantry, featuring 22 varieties of jams, jellies, preserves, chutneys, apple butter, lemon curd, fruit pie fillings, horseradish, pure maple syrup, "Tiger Butter" and chocolate candy. Every item will be wrapped and tagged for gift giving. Donations of food items are always accepted. Contact SueAnn McAvoy, (314.822.0337) or Beverlee Critchell (314.469.6570) if you have specialties you'd like to contribute. Watch for "set-up " night December 3 when we'll have a light supper before we set up. All volunteers get early shopping privileges. Proceeds from the sale go to outreach and in-reach programs of St. Timothy's.



St. Tim's Bakers to Hold Cookie Walk In Time for Holidays

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!! On December 4 and 5, 2010, we will sell holiday cookies on the Cookie Walk for \$8 a pound. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space to sign up to make your family's favorite cookies. Please stay away from making chocolate chip or oatmeal cookies, as we'd like to have festive cookies on the Cookie Walk. You'll be able to choose what cookies you want to be put in a decorative box that will be ready to give away to family and friends. So put on your aprons and beat the holiday baking rush. If you bake cookies now, you can freeze them for up to 3 months. If you're not a baker, I will need help with sales and set up. Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 314-542-2186. Jennifer Barnes



From Pastor Emily...

The Christmas Pageant

Continuing last year's tradition, St. Timothy's will organize a Christmas pageant, to take place as the Gospel reading at the 5pm Christmas Eve service. All children, no matter how young or how old, are welcome to participate - everyone will be given a role, and there will be no tryouts.

There will be one rehearsal, which will take place from 9 - 9:30am on Sunday, December 19 (in place of the Family Service that morning). Flyers and sign-up sheets (for children and parent-volunteers) will be available in the Gathering Space.

Please call or email Pastor Emily for further details about the Pageant or the Blue Christmas service.

Blue Christmas Service

While many experience Christmas as a time of pure joy and familial togetherness, others still grieve the loss of loved ones, whose absence is made all the more obvious at times of joyous celebration. In response to the many families at St. Timothy's who have lost children, parents, or other loved ones, we will be offering a Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 12 from 4:30-5:30pm. This simple service will offer all people who are grieving a chance to remember their loved ones, to celebrate their life and to grieve their death. Children are welcome, and child care will also be provided.



PG Movie Night—Friday, December 3

Join other St. Tim's families for a holiday-themed movie night from 6 to 8 p.m. While the main course is TBD, there will be holiday cookies for dessert and a holiday movie. During this particular movie night, Pastor Emily will survey parents about desired programming for Parents' Group Activities. Children of all ages are welcome at this event. This would be a great event to invite other friends to who might not have come to St. Tim's before; please RSVP via email to emily@saint-tims.org.

When Would You Like Mother's Day Out?

Finding time during the holidays can be a challenge, and so St. Timothy's Parents' Group would like to offer a Mothers' Day Out in the week before Christmas. From 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., you would be welcome to bring your child to St. Tim's where Christmas crafts, snacks and movies (and childcare) would be available, enabling you to run errands or simply have time for yourself. The two proposed dates for this activity are Monday, December 20 or Thursday, December 23. Please email Emily@saint-tims.org with your date preference, and we will put the most popular date on the schedule.

Sudan Reflection...

Recently, Pastor Emily spent eight days in Lui Sudan, traveling with Rick Kuhn and Debbie Smith on behalf of the Diocese of Missouri. The following is Emily's initial reflection on her time spent in Lui and the challenges faced there. This was her third trip to Sudan.

Each time I have returned to Southern Sudan, I have been struck by how much has changed, and also how much is the same. This time on our 10-mile trip from the airstrip, a number of things were distinctly different about Lui: a large generator station had sprung up on the outskirts of town; a UN encampment had formed nearby; new shops (such as charging stations for mobile phones) appeared along the main road; and three new buildings had been built on the hospital grounds.

Our purpose, as representatives of the Diocese of Missouri on an 8-day trip to Lui, was threefold: one, to work with the Diocese of Lui's other international partners from Lund, Sweden and Blackmore Vale, England to develop a more comprehensive strategy for doing work in Lui; two, to strengthen and assess our relationship with Lui in order to make recommendations to Bishop Smith about the mode of continuation of our partner relationship with Lui; and three, to lead diocesan conferences for four groups: pastors, youth leaders, the Mothers' Union, and Sunday school teachers. My other individual purpose was to visit Lui Parish, St. Timothy's sister parish in the Diocese of Lui.

I spent the first two days working with nine youth pastors discussing how to do long-, medium-, and short-range planning for these projects. Two more days were spent leading twelve pastors in self-sufficiency workshops, in which each pastor presented a plan that would enable their parish to take steps towards self-sufficiency in the next year. Pastors had many

creative ideas, ranging from smaller projects (the parish planting a garden and selling half of the produce) to larger ones (purchasing a grinding mill to pay for the construction of a new church building).

Sunday was spent in Lui Parish, preaching about All Saints' Day, which is not celebrated in the Diocese of Lui. I explained our take on the Communion of Saints, and my belief that we are all (those past, present and yet to come) linked throughout time and space in the Communion of Saints. This, I explained, was why we return to Lui with such regularity: to learn more about, and to become more connected to, Christians across the world and particularly in Southern Sudan.

In this time of uncertainty for Sudan, I believe these connections are more and more vital. In January, Southern Sudan will vote about whether or not to remain as one country with the North, or to separate and form an independent country. From what we heard, the church is advocating strongly for separation – many priests feel that only through separation will Southern Sudan be truly free from oppression. This almost certainly will spark conflict and a humanitarian crisis – nearly 1 million Southern Sudanese people live in the north, and the northern government in Khartoum has not only threatened those people with suspension of their civil rights (for example, their abilities to own property and move freely) but has also indicated that it will cease flights from the north to the south beginning on December 1, 2010. This will close yet another avenue for many southerners (who moved to the north during the previous civil war) to return home. Those who do make it home will have missed the planting season, and they will return to places like Lui with no resources, no food, no shelter, and no way to plant a crop in the upcoming year. Many of these people will be extremely and will tax civil and church resources beyond their ability to provide assistance.

Sudan Reflection, cont'd.

Over the next year, the Companion Diocese Committee will be monitoring this situation, and providing recommendations as to how we as a diocese can assist Southern Sudan as it faces these looming challenges. Also, we will provide recommendations as to how the Diocese of Missouri might continue to partner with the Diocese of Lui in general, as it is written into our companion agreement that we would mutually revisit and reevaluate the agreement every five years. I look forward to

sharing more of my stories from Sudan through preaching, formal education efforts and informal conversation over the upcoming months. Thank you again to Saint Timothy's for your prayers and support, both for our team and for Sudan.

Pastor Emily

From Deacon Jan and the Women's Book Group...A call to action

Men and women of St. Timothy's please take five minutes and go to the website halftheskymovement.org today! Don't delay....

Women hold up *Half the Sky* literally and figuratively. Our women's book group is currently discussing this book, but we do not want to limit exposure to these human rights violations to only women. It will take all of us to address this unspoken violence. The book itself is full of stories rather than statistics; and many of the personal accounts are uplifting because the world is beginning to respond and provide hope. The first step to change is **awareness** and we urge you to go to the website and click on "Stories" where you will see thumbnail sketches of the stories of Edna, Angeline, Prudence, Dina, Goretti, and Srey. Personal stories invite us into powerful reality that we can't ignore. If you are moved to read the whole book, it is available on Amazon in paperback; the authors are Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.



The paradox of preparing for Christmas...

Thinking about Advent as preparation for Jesus' birth among us? Thinking about how to make Christmas less commercial in your family? The women's book club may have some great ideas of simple ways to reach out to those with the most basic of needs. Stay tuned for new ideas while you reflect on what it means to have God incarnate present in our world.....Deacon Jan



Potluck Pals—Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

A great big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and cooking talents to this ministry in 2010. Thank you also to Kathy Holland for delivering the prepared casseroles to Circle of Concern each month. It's time to schedule volunteers for the 2011 Potluck Pals Program. Many volunteers choose to prepare casseroles quarterly. Please feel free to try it once or sign up more frequently if you wish. Casserole pans and recipes are provided. Volunteers buy the ingredients, prepare the casserole at home, and deliver it to the church freezer for delivery to Circle of Concern.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space for quarterly volunteers who like to have a pan reserved for them on their designated months. Each month, there are also a few pans labeled "Volunteer Needed" outside of the church office, for folks who would like to help out once in awhile, without a regular schedule.

Happy Cooking!
Kathy Dyer, 314.576.2049

Paul Pennel is taking over as chair for the rice bagging project. Watch the Angler for news and bagging schedule. Thanks go to Kathy Dyer for her hard work setting up the program and making it such a success. The next date is during the Advent Event.

Health and Hunger December Food Collection

The Health and Hunger food collection in December will be for the Trinity Food Pantry. Please pick up an extra item as you do your family grocery shopping and bring in to the designated bins in the Gathering Space. Trinity will appreciate canned meats, vegetables, fruits, 100% juices, peanut butter, and packaged mixes and food items.

Thanks for your participation.

Ann Schweiss

UTO--United Thank Offering

The application process for the 2011 UTO grants is now open. All grant applications are reviewed in the Missouri diocese by the local UTO Grant Committee. The deadline to submit 2011 grants at the diocesan level is **November 29, 2010**. All applications must be submitted to the Offices of the Bishop, Diocese of Missouri by this date. Grant applications, along with information on criteria and past projects is available online at the UTO website, www.episcopalchurch.org/uto. If you would like to have a UTO Thankful blue box in your home or Sunday school classroom year



Teaching People To Fish

Grace Hill Women's Business Center

The Women's Business Center has started new entrepreneur class. In the class, the women will:

- ⇒ Evaluate a business concept/ idea,
- ⇒ Develop a business plan,
- ⇒ Seek financial assistance,
- ⇒ Identify potential grants,
- ⇒ Market a business, and
- ⇒ Legalize a business.

The class meets for 10 weeks on **Thursdays, 6 - 9 pm from October 7 – December 16, on the Washington University West Campus – Room 350, 7425 Forsyth Boulevard, 63105.**

If you own or plan to start your own business, Grace Hill would love you to share what you learned from the process. **Please call Lynn Steele at (314) 584-6841, to share your journey during one of the remaining Thursday sessions.** Lynn is the Director of the Business Center and can direct folks to Arthur Porter who teaches the class. Lynn's e-mail is lynnes@gracehill.org

If you shared during the last session, don't hesitate to volunteer to share again. This is a new class.

Episcopal City Mission "Providing Hope and Healing for Children in Detention"

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) is an organization that depends on and truly appreciates St. Timothy's continued commitment of monetary and human resources. With our support, we not only help to sustain ECM's program with troubled youth in detention, we also fulfill our Baptismal covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

ECM provides the chaplains that oversee programs for and work with youth who find themselves frightened and alone in a cell in one of the three youth detention centers in St. Louis city or county. ECM's chaplains also work with the students in Judge Edward's school for troubled boys.

In addition to monetary support, St. Timothy's maintains a presence on the ECM Board of Directors. Father Jack and Norm Moenkhaus recently completed terms on the ECM board. Currently, Eric Vachon, The Rev. Emily Bloemker, and I (Carolyn Moore) are serving terms on the board.

Warm Heads and Hands

With your help, almost a hundred scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, and matching sets were donated for the residents of the Grace Hill neighborhood on the Mitten Tree. Good work, St. Tim's!

Outreach continues on Page 11

**Peggy
Hueseemann**

*From the
Director of
Christian Education*

Bibles Abound in Church School

Leaders of the Godly Explorers class (ages 4 to 6) are excited with the arrival of a new Bible, Rhyme Bible Storybook. The joy grew as the class participants requested the story seven additional times!

I have 22 different Bibles in my office; the key is the right Bible for the right age.

For the Godly Explorers, we rely on Rhyme Bible Storybook, Usborne Children's' Bible and The Adventure Bible for Little Kids.

For Come & Worship, (ages 4 – 7) the Beginner's Bible is used.

The Adventure Bible is also written for: Ages 6-10; Ages 8-12 (no longer in print)

Ages 9-12

Selections from these three as used in the two "besT" classes: grades 2 & 3 and grades 4 & 5.

For the Youth Ministry: classes Rite 13, J2A and YAC, we use

The traditional Good News and Revised Standard

The Teen Study Bible

The Message (the Bible in contemporary language)

The Oxford Study Bible (a leader favorite)

Of course, it is not the number of Bibles but the use they receive. We are grateful to our Christian Formation Leaders: Madeline Zwickelmaier, Mitzi Uyemura, Gina Frey, Lori Hotra (Godly Explorers); Becky Porter, Mike Omahen (besT grade 2 & 3); Holly Wilson, Rick Dyer (besT 4 & 5); Steve Crock, Jennifer Barnes (Rite 13); Lainie Ives, George Podolsky (J2A); Emily Bloemker, Eric Buckley, Don Dewey, Kim Dressel (YAC); Kimi Becker, Danielle Pennel, Amy Conard, Laura Catalano, Jamie Omahen, Elise Zwickelmaier (Come & Worship); that our youth read, reflect, and discuss the Bible.

Blessings, Peggy

New Group Forming at St. Timothy's

PARENTS OF TEENAGERS: MON. NOV 29th, 7- 8:30 p.m. - Raising a teenager can be a unique parenting joy and challenge. Come to St. Tim's for our first Parents of Teenagers event. Find support, trade stories, and share ideas with parents of other teenagers. Our topic for this event is The Holidays, Money and Teenagers, though the conversation will surely be broad. Desserts and beverages will be provided; please feel free to invite other parents of teenagers who do not attend St. Timothy's.

Ben Asen Returns in December

On **December 5, 12, and 19 at the Adult Forum "Out of the Whirlwind: Fear and Faith in the Book of Job"** This series of classes will explore the major theological themes in the Book of Job, its relation to Wisdom literature, as well as Job's supposed "patience" and the role of his "friends." Job challenged ancient Wisdom and refused to accept its comfort. For Job—and for us—there are no simple answers to the problem of suffering. Dr. Asen is an Associate Professor, Department of Theological Studies at St. Louis University.

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, John Hexem | 31 - Katie Omahen Jason Mihal |
| | 21 - Nya Moenkhaus | |
| | 22 - Louise Pooley Judy Viglione | |



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Claudia Uccello on the death of her brother-in-law, John Twining.

Outreach continued

The Angel Tree Is Coming Soon

The Angel Tree will be up in the Gathering Space the week end before Thanksgiving. This year St. Tim's is "adopting" 15 individuals from Circle of Concern. If you chose to participate, take a tag from the tree and return the wrapped gift by the date specified. You are encouraged to share the tag with another parishioner whether for an item or a gift certificate. Tags for movie tickets for Lakeside Detention youth and counselors will also be on the tree. Check the instructions beside the tree, and If you have any questions, call the church office.

Financial Snapshot October 2010

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| Target revenues and expenses for 10 months (Budget %) | 83.33% |
| Actual pledge and plate receipts for 10 months | 83.50% |
| Actual expenses for 10 months | 82.74% |

We continue to be blessed with a strong financial position through October 2010. Both income and expenses remain in line with the budget. We have a surplus of \$6.6k through October 2010 and we continue to anticipate an overall surplus for the year. Ending the year with a surplus will ensure that we can remain financially strong through 2011 and beyond. Please continue to honor your 2010 pledge.

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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