

The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

November—December, 2011

Advent 2011
St. Timothy's





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

At St. Timothy's we begin the season of Advent in the richness of the liturgical season; the music of Advent, O Come, O Come Emmanuel; the recalling and the retelling of the prophetic vision of Jesus as we hear again from the great prophets of Israel whose hope for humankind was so abundantly fulfilled in the person and character of God's Holy One. Jesus present in the life of the community, more than Jesus coming in some vague future. The Christ is with us now; we recognize Him in the breaking of the Advent Eucharist bread and we recognize Him in the sharing of our bread with the hungry. "Your kingdom come...your will be done...." accurately captures both the hope and the urgency of Advent time. Advent is also a healing time, and we recognize that dimension of this time of year with our service of Anointing, calling on God's healing Spirit to be for us "balm in Gilead" for whatever struggles life has brought to us.

Again, Advent speaks to here, now, if now, when?.....not only some time later on....the urgency of God's word, which cannot return to God empty, demands that we hear that word in sometimes surprising places and from people whom we do not usually hear much about in our churches.

The prophetic voice of Mohandas Ghandi, whose impact continues to stir consciences to actions of justice and compassion, expresses even today an Advent clarity, cutting through rhetoric and blah-blah-blah to a sharp and compelling call to conscience, almost startling in its contemporary application.

Ghandi's "Seven Deadly Social Sins"

Politics without principle

Wealth without work

Commerce without morality

Pleasure without conscience

Education without character

Science without humanity

Worship without sacrifice.

Reinhold Niebuhr was fond of saying that he preached with the bible in one hand and the New York Times in the other; I invite you, as we hear once again the scriptures of Advent, that we hear them in the light of these Ghandian insights.

A blessed Advent!

Jack +



Waiting for Advent
Wednesday, December 14
6:00p.m.

Already burned out by Christmas commercialism? Please join the St. Timothy's Spirituality Group as we explore Advent preparations, expectations, joys ... and examine the question, "What star am I following?"

We will gather in church for Evening Prayer at 6, followed by BYOBB (bring your own brown bag) meal, (cookies and coffee provided), fellowship, and meaningful revelations!

The sign-up sheet is posted in the "Education" section of the bulletin board.



Advent Event

Thanksgiving weekend will be winding down, but the season of Advent will just be starting! The church calendar sets the four weeks before Christmas aside as a time of contemplation and hope, and St. Timothy's will welcome this liturgical season with festivities in the **Parish Hall** between services on **Sunday, November 27**. Who is invited? Everyone in the parish! What could you do there? You could make an Advent wreath for your own dining table..... or connect with your artistic side through a craft activity. You could just relax -- enjoying fellowship along with coffee or punch and some home-baked cookies. You might keep your hands busy bagging rice for Trinity Food Pantry. You could take a few minutes to visit the display celebrating St. Timothy's fiftieth year. Check out all the activities till you find which best suits you!

Daytimers to Tour Channel 9 and Dine at the Fountain on Locust

The Daytimers will enjoy a docent-led tour of Channel 9's spacious facilities on Olive in Grand Center. Dick and I recently attended a reception at KETC, which took place in a beautiful, spacious studio. We are eager to see the rest of the facilities.



Date: Wednesday, November 16

Departure time from church: 10:15 for our 11:00 a.m. tour

Lunch will follow at The Fountain on Locust (winner of the Best Restroom award in 2010!!)

The sign-up sheet is posted in the Gathering Space. Daytimers events are for all ages, and guests are welcome. Any questions, contact Mary Wrausmann at 314-469-3365

Music for December 2011

November 26 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist
Bridget Evers, Solo Piano

November 27 -- Sunday

The First Sunday of Advent
The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Bell Choir

December 3 – Saturday

Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist and Cantor

December 4 – Sunday

The Second Sunday of Advent
The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy String Quartet
PM –The St. Timothy Choir will sing at the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Cathedral

December 10 – Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

December 11 – Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent
The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Recorder Consort

December 17 – Saturday

John Hexem, Pianist and Cantor

December 18 – Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Brass

December 24 – Saturday

Christmas Eve
5:00 PM Family Eucharist
Pat Evans, Flute
Jane Wyland, Piano
Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist and Cantor
10:30 PM Festival Choral Eucharist
The St. Timothy Choir
The St. Timothy Brass
The St. Timothy Bell Choir

December 25 – Sunday

Christmas Day
The St. Timothy Choir
Congregational Christmas Carols

January 1, 2012 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir
Congregational Christmas Carols

Holiday Pantry and Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars for Dec. 2nd and 3rd. St. Tim's is having their annual Pantry Sale. A wonderful time in the church to purchase jams, mustards and other yummy items to give away as gifts or buy for yourselves. All proceeds collected will go towards something special for our new building!

The Cookie Walk is the same weekend. Look for the sign-up in the Gathering Space to sign up to make your family's favorite cookies.



Building Addition Update

Chiodini Associates is quickly moving to finish the construction documentation for the new addition. They have delivered a set of documents to the church that is 95% complete. The drawings are available from the office to anyone wishing to review them. The committee is looking them over to make sure they meet the needs expressed by the St. Tim's community. When the committee is satisfied with the information contained in the drawings, they will release to a list of prequalified bidders.

This portion of the project's schedule has slipped a couple weeks. However, the committee wants to make sure the design is really reflecting what we all want. A couple weeks' delay will not make a substantial difference to the overall project. The committee is trying very hard to make sure what gets built is appropriate.



Caryl Kinsey Fox

Children and Family Worship Team Welcomes New Member

The Children and Family Worship Community is happy to welcome the Rev. Nathaniel Pyron to the leadership team, as the regular priest to the family service. Nathaniel has been in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri for 17 years, serving in Sikeston, Warson Woods, Crestwood, Webster Groves and others. He currently makes his way around the diocese as a supply priest in our many and varied congregations. Nathaniel brings deep wisdom, kindness, and a deep respect for children and their worshipping lives. We are already benefitting from his joy-filled and steady presence among us here. Welcome Nathaniel!

Heidi Clark

Adult Forums

- Nov. 20** *Report from Diocesan Convention*
Nov. 27 *Parish Wide Advent Event* - See bulletin board for details
Dec. 4, 11, 18 *From Prophecy to Apocalyptic* The Rev. Dr. Ben Asen

This series of three classes will explore the basic elements of Hebrew prophecy and how the Old Testament prophetic message is picked up and developed further in the New Testament. Special attention will be given to the biblical criteria for distinguishing true prophets from false ones and how the prophetic message is still crucial to the church's life and faith today.



Oppression to Opportunity Response Team Update



St. Tim's micro financing lending team keeps on growing. Parishioners joining our team are making a difference in the lives of others. Consider Nelly Maribel of Ecuador. Nelly is 24 years old, single, and lives with her parents and her 4-year-old son. Nelly makes a living in agriculture, planting corn and potatoes. Our loan of \$100.00 helps her realize her dream to purchase land and finish her studies. As of early November our team has made 53 loans. Please join us when we meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the library. Help us select new loans and plan for non-commercial holiday gifts. Contact Deacon Jan, Danielle Pennel or Jane Coughlin.

Food Pantry Collection for December

The food pantry collection in December will go to Trinity Episcopal Church. They need canned meats, canned pastas, canned fruits, soups, breakfast cereals, and other nutritious non-perishable food items. They also need personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, disposable razors, feminine care products, facial tissue, paper towels, and toilet tissue.

United Thank Offering Grant Applications Being Accepted

Grant application and instructions can be found at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

- ⇒ The completed application should be in our diocesan offices no later than Monday, December 5.
- ⇒ The UTO Screening Committee will study each application and choose one to go to the national level.
- ⇒ After the committee makes their choice, the Bishop must approve it.
- ⇒ All applications must be received in New York by January 15, 2012.
- ⇒ To look at which grants were selected in past years go to the above website and click "Grants."



Report on Habitat House From the Hammer and Nails Team

Paul Michael reports that our participation in this year's Habitat for Humanity build is off to a great start! On 2 days, one in September and one in October, volunteers from St. Tim's (Keith Boyd, John Wootton, Tina Heuer, Marc & Percy Vanacht, Jim Clark, Mike Wyland, and Paul Michael) participated in the phase 2 build, working on structural and exterior components.

Work on the interiors is being delayed until prospective owners are identified. That process has been delayed due to tightening

credit requirements. Once interior work starts we will likely have another call for volunteers. In related news, the previously announced HabiJam fund raiser, held by the Episcopal churches on October 1, was successful and netted approximately \$2000 for use in funding part of a house for 2012.

Stay tuned!

Mitten Tree Was 'Decorated'

Many thanks to all who contributed mittens, hats and scarves for the Grace Hill Christmas Shop. At the shop the families that Grace Hill serves can 'purchase' items (mostly clothing) for their Christmas giving. Many items were hand knit.



Angel Tree

St. Tim's Angel Tree will be set-up on November 17th. This year St. Tim's has adopted four families with children from Circle of Concern. A tag from the Tree may be chosen by a single parish family or group of parish families.

Please return the wrapped gifts with tag attached by the weekend of Dec. 10/11. Any questions? Call the church office.

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.

From the
Director of Christian
Education

Peggy
Huesemann

OK, I'll admit it – I have a shelf and a half of Bibles in my office. And as I am looking at them right now, I smile, knowing that each one has a special purpose:

For our Weavers 1 class, age 4 – 1st grade, three Bibles are referenced :

The Beginner Bible – With pictures on every page, this Bible tells our stories in a concise, simple manner.

The Rhyme Bible – While only containing 35 stories, the rhythmic writing invites children to hear more.

Children of God – Archbishop Desmond Tutu ends each two page story with a prayer as artists from around the globe enhance his gentle text.

For our Weavers 2 class, grades 2 and 3, we use the Spark Story Bible.

Weavers 3, grade 4-6, enjoy the Adventure Bible. This Bible is complete and includes introductions to each book with questions like:

“What happens in this book?” “What do we learn about God in this book?”

“What people are important in this book?”

Our Youth Ministry classes: Rite 13 (grades 7 and 8), J2A (grades 9 and 10) and YAC (grades 11 and up) prefer:

The Teen Study Bible

The Oxford Study Bible – The footnotes provide extra or background information.

The Message – Written in contemporary language, Peterson's The Message is considered to be “more relatable.”

Different Bibles for different people... I wonder what your favorite Bible is.

Blessings, Peggy

From the Coordinator of Family Ministries:
Congratulations to our Trunk or Treat prize winners!

Best Treat went to the Tate & Kate Mitchell,
Best Trunk went to Lynn Whittington and Linda Wilson,
and **Best Costume** went to Jacob Mitchell! Thanks to Mitzi Uyemura and Stephanie Nauman for running the craft and snack room, to Michael Omahen and Michael Wyland for keeping the parking lot safe, and to Susan and Norm Moenhhaus for serving as judges. And thanks St. Timothy's, for making this a fun event for the children and families of the parish.

Heidi Clark

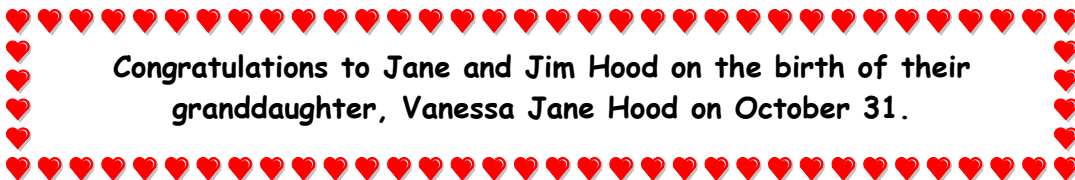
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 - Toby Hafeli | 14 -John Loomis | 23 - Pat Arras |
| 4 - Pat Hutchison | Mary Robert | 24 - Ginni Campbell |
| 5 - Kurt Zwikelmaier | 16 -Stewart Rayfield | Brooke Mason |
| Jane Wyland | 18 - Kate Mitchell | 27 - Mike O'Neil |
| 8 - Nancy Setzer | 19 - Louann Boyd | Lainie Ives |
| Marlene Gruber Clark | 20 -Jerry Evans, | 28 - Rose Marie Bell |
| 10 -Ned English | John Hexem | 31 - Katie Omahen |
| Dennis Whittington | 21 - Nya Moenkhaus | Jason Mihal |
| 11 -Gabriel Porter | 22 -Louise Pooley | |
| 12 -Jane Perna | Judy Viglione | |
| Duncan Phillips | | |



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 | 29 - Teresa and Mike McDowell |
| Marj and Dick Gold | 30 - Jane and Vincent Perna |



Congratulations to Jane and Jim Hood on the birth of their
granddaughter, Vanessa Jane Hood on October 31.

Lorraine Weisler wishes to thank everyone who helped with Harlan's memorial service and the luncheon afterwards. She is very grateful.

Financial Snapshot October 2011

Target revenues and expenses for 10 months (Budget %)	83.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 10 months	82.86%
Actual expenses for 10 months	80.57%

Our finances continue to be very strong through October of 2011. We show a surplus at this point of \$36k and anticipate attaining our budgeted surplus by year's end.

Please be sure to pay your pledge in a timely manner so that we can continue on a firm financial footing this year.

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.

Saint Timothy's Calendar

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