

# The Angler

*Faith Fellowship Service*



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**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

**Creve Coeur, MO**

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Early February, 2009



**Family Worship**  
**1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**



## 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

"We are members of the Episcopal Church, which means that we are a people who celebrate the presence of God in joyful Christian worship and ongoing spiritual development at every stage of life, with a hearty spirit of friendship and family. An inquiring mind and an open heart are all that's required to enter the Baptismal community, this holy place that is St. Timothy's."

What you have just read are the words that welcome visitors to our website; most people come to know of our life and mission online. People who know church websites tell me that ours is among the best they've seen. Our deepest thanks to those who have worked to make this happen.

Our website is clear on another critical point of our mission: the quality and extent of our outreach defines us just as powerfully as "inquiring mind" and "open heart."

We are clear and unequivocal about our mission. And that's an important value...as is the spiritual maturity required to ask the question:

"How effectively do we deliver on our mission and make a distinctive impact, relative to our resources"

If you detect the presence of a performance based business model in that phrase, you're right. The question is raised by business guru Jim Collins in his book "Good to Great", familiar to many of you, and now to St. Tim's staff and leadership. St. Timothy's is now in partnership with the Danforth Foundation to explore what that question means for us now and in the years ahead. We will begin the first phase of exploration this spring with a Loren Mead/Alban Institute conference...it's tentative title "Grace Upon Grace...A Conference for St Timothy's Future" strongly suggests that we are a strong and healthy Episcopal Church with a most promising future.

Here are some current indicators of my strong belief in our mission effectiveness and a sampling of my vision as your rector for our future together.

1. The cover of our Annual Report: families, young families, children - joyful, welcomed, celebrated. With leadership from our young families, we continue to seek ways to engage our youngest members and their parents with the values of a loving and stimulating spiritual environment.
2. The imaginative and substantial way of "doing outreach:" our compassion measured by our commitments to impact outreach is very much a part of our St. Tim's DNA and becoming more so...whether in rice-bagging, or New Orleans, Silex, or Sudan - where we are now in formal partnership with Lui parish - or South America, Habitat, Grace Hill, Episcopal City Mission, Trinity Food Pantry, Circle of Concern, or our young member's ministry to the Cathedral and the homeless of St. Louis.
3. Our ministries are supported by our search for the holy in our everyday lives.. in our joyful worship, which attracts and engages; our educational opportunities for every stage of life.. our excellent youth ministry leadership, teaching by word, yes, but so much by example; Bible Study, Benedictine Spirituality, Month of Guided Prayer, the Divine Office, Evensong; our Eucharists at 5, 8, 10:30, our Family/Children's Service.
4. To strengthen our ministry, in partnership with the Danforth Foundation, we hope to welcome soon a new priest to St. Timothy's, who will be a full partner in every phase of parish life, with a strong emphasis on youth ministry and mission development.

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5. We've entered into other new partnerships as well: the excellent and highly rated Parkway Adult Education program has become well integrated into our community life. The vitality of a diverse and well taught group of learners brings new energy, and new opportunity, for St. Tim's volunteering. We are also in the beginning stages of conversation with the St. Louis Public Schools.

St. Timothy's is very involved in the life of the Diocese of Missouri, with our members active in the national church as General Convention Deputies, in the Diocese - at every level - and as an open facility for many Diocesan events and classes.

Our question has been: "how effectively do we deliver on our mission and make a distinctive impact, relative to our resources?"

As we shape our answers, think for a moment about our stewardship campaign; in a time of economic chaos, our target was ambitious with a 15% increase. We actually increased by 8.7%. From my perspective, this is a profoundly faithful - and amazing - witness to our sense of purpose, our sense of mission.

Think for a moment as well about our continued growth as we have welcomed thirty three new members this year, many of them already active and in leadership roles.

Yes, we are welcoming. And, yes, there is so much more to us, and more to come.

Once again, "to have that mind and heart which was in Christ Jesus."

Thanks be to God!

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### Annual Meeting News

Congratulations to...  
Newly elected Vestry members:  
Marlene Gruber Clark  
Jennifer Barnes  
Eric Vachon  
George Podolsky

Newly elected Convention Delegates:  
Lynn Whittington and Rosemary Jasper

Alternate Delegates:  
Dorothy Bacon and Betsy Gee

Newly elected Endowment Trustee:  
Cletus Coughlin

Alice Fritsch reported that we ended 2008 with a surplus, and Kurt Zwickelmaier presented a balanced budget after a very successful fall campaign. In this time of economic uncertainty, pledges increased by almost 9%!

We are looking forward to increasing staff by hiring a full-time Associate Rector in the middle of the year.

Since the 2008 annual meeting we have gained 33 new members at St. Timothy's.

The meeting ended at 11:30, and we all headed out to brush snow off our cars!

## Communications Committee Working on Thorny Issue

Delivery of The Angler, still our main communication vehicle, has been poor recently, at best. We know many are receiving it after events have occurred, making it outdated and not useful. We are working on this serious problem and propose the following: *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](mailto: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 mean time, use the calendar on the website, [www.saint-tims.org](http://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.

Also, take your service leaflet home each weekend. Someone mentioned to me today that she "feels guilty" taking hers home because people turn them in at the end of the service! That leaflet is yours to take and refer to during the week, and remember, it has the prayer list so you can include the people on the list in your prayers.

Susan Moenkhaus

## Rice Bagging Schedule

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: February 20, March 27, April 24, May 29.

## Music for February 2009

January 31 – Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

February 1 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Bell Choir

February 7 – Saturday

Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist

February 8 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Brass

February 14 – Saturday

John Hexem, Pianist

February 15 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Youth Choir

Bob Bell, Bass Soloist

February 21 – Saturday

Miranda Robert, Soprano Soloist

February 22 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Jazz Ensemble

February 25 – Ash Wednesday

The St. Timothy Choir

Bob Bell, Bass Soloist

Karen Sharp, Trombone

February 28 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Baritone Soloist

March 1 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Recorder Consort

### From the Stewardship Committee

“Is it really a surprise that each of us is called to our own vision of the plan of the world, that each of us has a voice to speak something unique to a special reality of the world?... Training in discipleship involves increasing the sensitivity we have to the pain of the world at the same time we are more deeply engaged in the good news of the Jesus story lived out in our congregations.”

---Loren Mead

These two excerpts from one of Loren Mead's books sum up for us the double-edged nature of our Christian life. We do live out the good news within the St. Timothy's community. It feeds us, inspires us, sustains us as we make our journey of faith through life within this fellowship. At the same time, we, as Christians, must also look outward, seeing the wounds of the world, helping to cure them as best we can, sharing the pain of so many in the world around us. This is the reality of the Christian life--sharing the joy, feeling the pain. We must see both sides; we must respond to both sides. But the joy and comfort of the community enables us to face the realities of the outside world in its need for Christian compassion. St. Timothy's does allow us to experience both realities, and we thank God for that. Together these realities form our stewardship obligation and opportunity.

Jim Hood for the Stewardship Team

From the  
Director of  
Christian Education

Peggy  
Huesemann

*October 23 – November 1 was an opportunity of a lifetime for me. I went to Israel. This is a continuation of some of my experiences and thoughts.*

As the news reports of current fighting in Gaza, my mind flips through its own slide show. I see young Jewish boys running to neighborhood schools, one hand clutching their books, the other holding their much too large black hats in place as the fringe of their prayer shawls flap behind them. There are little girls dressed in navy blue, walking hand in hand along a stone paved street – their eyes gaze downward as they realize I am smiling at them. A bundled, grubby –faced Bedouin boy yells in panic as the donkey he is riding gets out of control. There is a bus depot filled with teenagers but unlike our teens, they are in military fatigues, many armed with semi-automatics. I see the Muslim man bow his head in gratitude as I compliment him on his restaurant. I think of the Israeli woman lovingly telling me about her children. Then there is the shop owner that points to my cross and confides that he too is Christian, a Palestinian Christian. There are families: together for Shabbat; responding to a call to worship; gathering at a church. I flash through so many faces, wondering about so many people, as I pray for peace.

Peggy

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An Invitation to a Special Event...

You are cordially invited to  
“MOM”

(Mornings with Other Moms)

Thursday, February 19 at Saint Timothy’s  
10:30 — Noon

There will be fellowship, fun and food (for all ages)

RSVP by Feb 15

with number of adults and number of children

[peggy@saint-tims.org](mailto:peggy@saint-tims.org)

Through the Guild of the Christ Child, families of our youngest parish members (birth to kindergarten) are able to connect spiritually and socially.

## Knitting Ministry News

Starting in the fall of 2004, our knitting ministry (and this includes those who crochet) at St. Tim's has grown considerably. Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month, year 'round we have been a very productive bunch. We started out meeting once a month but soon added a second date by popular demand.

Our primary purpose was knitting prayer shawls for family and friends of parishioners who were undergoing chemo treatment or ailing in other ways. We also knitted christening blankets for newborns. When completed they are then blessed at one of the Eucharist services. We now contribute to the annual "mitten tree" here at St. Tim's and send scarves and hats to the Seaman's Church in the ports of New York and New Jersey.

As our inventory has grown, we have sent some of the excess to Nurses for Newborns and Warm UP America, and this past Christmas we contributed 14 blankets and smaller prayer shawls to the Shriners' Hospital for Children. This outreach program has become one of the least demanding, most rewarding programs here at St. Tim's.

At any of our twice monthly gatherings we will have a dozen or more ladies in attendance. We meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, but many come and go as their schedule dictates. All are welcome and we are happy for the opportunity to teach the very basic skills required to make these items. We even have the yarn and needles to get you started. It is a fun time for a good cause. If you've thought about coming but haven't gotten around to it, please put it on your calendar soon! We appreciate your participation, be it regular, sporadic, or even seasonal.

**TO EVERYONE:** Please do not hesitate to call one of us (numbers below) or catch us at Sunday services or stop by the church during regular hours and select a baby blanket or a prayer shawl for anyone you know who might appreciate it. The quality of the pieces varies by design and experience, but the care and love that go into the making of these items is unparalleled.

*Rita Podolsky 314-821-1804*  
*Dee Dee Stone 314-878-5945*  
*Claudia Ucello 314-434-4831*

## Forums

**February 1 and 8** - The Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause, Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean at Eden Theological Seminary, "The Message of St. Mark for the Church Today."

**February 15** - Debbie Smith, Mission Team co-leader, "A Look at Lui"

**February 22** - The Fat Sunday Breakfast

**March 1** - Michael H. Creer, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics and Director of the Laboratory Medicine Division in the Department of Pathology at St. Louis University School of Medicine, "The Biologic Basis of the Stem Cell Controversy"

**Missing something? Gloves? A book? A sippy cup? Glasses? Umbrella? Potholders? Check the Lost & Found box located on the shelf over the coat rack in the Gathering Space.**

### **From Deacon Jan...**

I'm passing on a heartfelt thank you from one of our adopted Silex families affected by the flood. It gives us a glimpse of their gratitude. After they are back on their feet, these family members hope to help another family next year. Thank you again to all who contributed! Jan O'Neil, Deacon

*I can't thank you enough for the smiles and laughter that reigned through our home yesterday. The kids were amazed there*

*was so much wonderful stuff under the tree. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner, great gifts and thoughts of you and St Timothy's yesterday. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers and thanks can't ever be enough for the kindness and love you displayed this holiday season.*

*Happy Holidays  
The Schulz Family*

## ***From the Senior Warden***

Two years...it does not seem like nearly that long ago that Jack talked to me about being Senior Warden. I must admit I took the job with some degree of apprehension. But, time has gone by quickly and I feel very lucky. St. Timothy's has continued to grow and prosper. There have been no crises to deal with (change in clergy or staff, big budget deficits, rebellion by the congregation over local or national church issues, ...). But, after reflection, it really has nothing to do with my luck. It has everything to do with the people who make St. Timothy's what it is. I feel very fortunate to be a member. Thank you for all of your involvement and encouragement.

Paul Michael  
Retiring Senior Warden

**The Ways of Wisdom** is a series of classes, led by The Rev. Dr. Ben Asen, on Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Multi-purpose room at St. Timothy's. A lesser-known collection of Old Testament works called "Wisdom literature" will be investigated. The books of Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes) and the apocryphal book of Wisdom will be discussed, as well as the idea of the feminine in the wisdom tradition and its importance in Old Testament theology. Dr. Asen is an Associate Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at St. Louis University.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Nancy Metcalfe Verne Luther	13—Ellen Lindsey Irena Pennel	23—Chelsea Holland
2—Emma Barnes	15—Norty Lieberman	24—Rick Dyer
5—Carol Rogler	17—Bob Rutter	26—Steve Jasper
6—Richard Smith	19—Sasha Hinrichs	27—Kate Buckley
9—Brad Huesemann	21—Lorraine Weisler	
10—Kirk Fritsch	22 -Deanna Mason Paul Pennel Adeline Kim	



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Eric and Kate Buckley  
14 - Jerry and Pat Evans  
19 - Rick and Karen Sharp



### Pastoral Care Ministry

Through its Pastoral Care Ministry, St. Timothy's reaches out to its parishioners and the wider community with God's love. Many volunteers visit, provide emergency transportation, food, child care, and care-giver relief, send cards, and provide grief support. If you know of anyone in our parish who may have a pastoral care need, please call the office or speak to any member of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team. Contacts are kept confident.

Jane Hood, Chair

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Cookie Ahillen and the Ahillen and Moenkhaus families on the death of Cookie's husband, Bob. Bob and Cookie were members of St. Timothy's before they retired to Tablerock Lake.

**Ladies Mark Your Calendars...**  
**Tuesday, April 21**  
**Women's Fellowship Dinner**  
**Let's Get Your Garden Ready for Spring!**

### **Missed the Annual Meeting?**

You can pick up a copy of the Annual Report of the Parish on the desk in the Gathering Space.

Also, please fill out the poll on Angler delivery that you'll find on the desk. You can't miss the pink paper!

### **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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