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Faith Fellowship Service

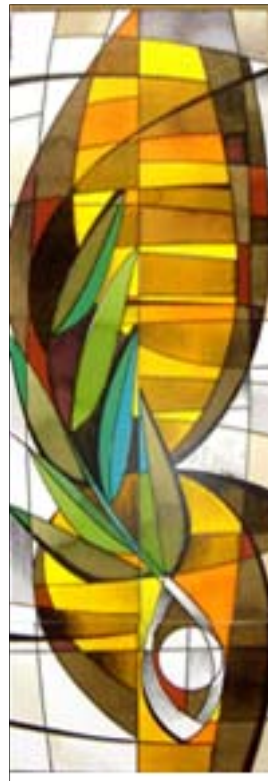


St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

Late April, 2011

The **Easter Window** exuberantly celebrates the new life of Christ: like all of nature, bursting forth from the good earth into fresh and renewed life; again, the high energy and movement of color and pattern speak of life renewed, life embraced and celebrated in the Risen Christ.





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

Legend would have it that the first Easter fire in Ireland was kindled on the Hill of Slane, not many miles north of Dublin. Lit by Patrick himself, it was a huge bonfire able to be seen for many miles. Slane as the place for that early Easter was apparently selected because it was significantly higher than surrounding hilltops, where the arrival of spring was noted by the Druids... with no surprise, huge bonfires! Patrick was a master of symbolic gestures, and the incorporation of Druid practice into the celebration of Christian Easter was in that context an excellent teaching moment.

In Celtic lands the coinciding of Easter with springtime gave powerful impetus to using imagery of new life in nature to illustrate the new life that the Resurrection of Christ brings.

The remnant of those huge bonfire symbols of light breaking the darkness, of Easter fire being a very real symbol of the power of new life generated in Christ, can be found of course in the small and quite tame new fire of Easter. Patrick didn't need to worry about civic ordinances about open fires. A very small symbol of a very large idea; the Celts had it right the first time.

Great bonfires lit on high places with significant visual impact are still a part of Irish cultural observance; on St. John's Day, for example. A brief story: I was in Connemara in the West of Ireland one summer when three fishing boats were reported missing from the tiny fishing village of Roundstone. Bonfires were lit up and down the coast, providing a beacon at sea for the fishing vessels. During the day, for three days, everybody scoured the beaches looking for wreckage etc. from the three boats; when on the third day, all the fishing boats were found and the crews alive and well, there was as you might well

imagine, a mighty celebration. "The lads have come back to us alive and well;" "this is the day the Lord has made...let us rejoice in it." Now, new fires were lit along the coast announcing the good news. Bold, bright, dramatic! Lights that no darkness could quench. They are alive! And we, locals and visitors, shared in their new life. (And perhaps as well, a pint of Guinness.)

He is alive! He is risen! In our celebration of Easter, and may it be a celebration and not an "observance," i.e., something we look at dispassionately from a safe distance, may we truly celebrate the emotionally powerful expression of our Easter faith this year at St. Timothy's. With new life breathed into our vision for the future of St. Tim's, we have most certainly embraced the power of an Easter faith that can illumine, inspire, renew.

Our campaign for St. Timothy's is still very much underway at this writing and knowing you well after these many years of sharing the light of Christ together, I have no doubt that we will be constructing our own beacon for the future not on the hill of Slane but rather right here on Mason Road. Just as bold, just as striking in its clarity. I believe that these new symbols of the Easter energy and spirit will illumine the lives of St. Timothy's parishioners yet to be welcomed for many, many years to come.

You abound with generosity!

Easter blessings to you, and Easter greetings from Tricia, Sean and 'himself',

Jack +



Praying the Daily Office

Ever wonder where our Eucharistic prayers, or other resources like the creed and the Baptismal Covenant can be found? Look them up in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) – the red book found in each pew. If you've ever found your mind wandering during the service, it's likely that you have picked up the BCP and leafed through it, only to be surprised by the richness of prayers and services found within.

While many of us may be very familiar with the BCP, others have had little experience with this resource. Every worship service, from baptism through burial, in addition to various historical documents and all of the psalms, are contained within the BCP. We use the BCP, in addition to other resources like *Enriching Our Worship* and various hymnals, to plan our worship services at St. Tim's.

One way that you can explore the BCP at home, is to try praying the Daily Office. What is the Daily Office, you might ask? The Daily Office is a system of prayer, handed down to us through the monastic tradition, that allows us to mark time by regular prayer. The BCP offers four offices written in contemporary language (Morning Prayer p. 75, Noonday Prayer p. 103,

Evening Prayer p. 115, and Compline - night-time prayer- p. 127) and three written in more formal language (found on pages 37-74).

While the Daily Office is intended to be prayed with other people – as you can see from the 'we' and 'us' language that each Office utilizes – praying the Daily Office at home can be a great way to connect with our Anglican tradition, and to explore a new prayer form. For someone who is new to the Daily Office, it can be intimidating to figure out the 'correct' way to pray the office. Any one of the clergy at St. Tim's would be happy to sit down with you to discuss how you might pray the Daily Office. Additionally, for an excellent online resource – try: <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com/>. This blog posts the daily readings, biographies of saints who might be remembered each day, and special prayers.

For busy people, the Daily Devotions (p. 136-140) are shorter and might be more appropriate – try a number of different prayer forms, and see which one fits you best! Many blessings in the development of your prayer life.

Pastor Emily +

Noted Author Coming to St. Louis

Many of you read and discussed *The Help* with our book group in October. On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 7 p.m., author Kathryn Stockett will be appearing at Christ Church Cathedral to sign copies of *The Help*. This ticketed event, sponsored by Left Bank Books, takes place at 1210 Locust St., Saint Louis, MO 63103. Parking is available on the Cathedral and adjacent lots, and street parking at meters is free after 7 p.m.

To coincide with the release of *The Help* in paperback, Left Bank Books is presenting this book-signing at the Cathedral as a ticketed event: Purchase a paperback copy of *The Help* and receive two tickets--now on sale at Left Bank Books. For additional information, call Left Bank Books at (314) 367-6731.

Deacon Jan





Grace Hill Women's Business Center

The Grace Hill Women's Business Center added five more female entrepreneurs to its Wall of Fame on March 24, 2011. The candidates from the Grace Hill Women Entrepreneur's classes have maintained strong and growing business ventures for three or more years. The celebration was both inspiring and uplifting. The guest speaker, Tessa Greenspan, former owner and CEO of Sappington Farmers Market, spoke about her humble beginnings and her hard work in sustaining a business that has become international.

St. Timothy's Entrepreneurs, please contact Carolyn Moore at cmoore5711@aol.com, if you are willing to speak to the Women Entrepreneurs class about your experiences in beginning and sustaining a business. I will give Arthur Porter, the class leader, a list of people upon whom to call if he has need of a speaker. At the celebration, the class leader praised St. Timothy's entrepreneurs who have shared with his class.

Carolyn Moore

Episcopal City Mission Announces Date for Summer Solstice

ECM board members thank you for your response to the ECM Sunday campaign. **Mark your calendars:** ECM Summer Solstice celebration will be held on June 10, 2011, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The celebration

will be inside to avoid excessive heat and the possibility that rain will interrupt the activities. Watch the weekend service leaflets for details.

Carolyn Moore

Sigel Elementary Celebrates Volunteers

Nancy Setzer shared her expertise about literacy development with the primary teachers at Sigel Elementary.

St. Timothy's volunteers to Sigel Elementary School are invited to attend the celebration of St. Louis Public School Volunteers

at 6:00 pm on Monday April 25, 2011. The invitation will be posted on the Outreach bulletin board.

Carolyn Moore

Concert Under the Stars To Be Earlier This Year

In hopes that the temperatures will be a bit cooler in early June, the Concert Committee has set the date for June 11. You won't want to miss this fun evening, with music by the Gateway City Big Band and food by St. Tim's cooks. Chair Stan Viglione will be looking for lots of volunteers, so watch for the Big Sign-Up Board to go up in the Gathering Space. This is an all-parish and guests event.

More...



Oppression to Opportunity Response Team

is pleased to announce that thanks to the \$1,500 from St. Timothy's Grant Team, we have created a lending team with Kiva, "a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty." This is a micro financing organization that loans money to borrowers/entrepreneurs. In third-world countries a \$100 loan goes a long way toward starting a business to support a family. As the loans are paid back, we will then loan to additional entrepreneurs. To learn more about this exciting Outreach ministry go to www.kiva.org and click on "Community." The next step is to type in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in the search

box and click on "Search Teams." You will then see our team's profile featuring one of our beautiful stained glass windows. Our motto is "We loan because: We use the gifts that God has given us to do God's work." We will extend loans to groups and individuals worldwide in areas such as health, education and agriculture. You can join St. Tim's team by selecting the "Join Team" box and following the prompts. You will learn of hardworking people around the world who benefit from our loans. These stories have inspired us to action. We think you will want to be part of this vibrant ministry. Join us at our next meeting on April 27 at 7:00 PM in the library. Jane Coughlin

What is Peace Meal?



A group of St. Timothy's Volunteers have been going to St. John's Episcopal Church on Arsenal Street approximately five time a year to prepare and serve a hot meal to the people living in and around the area.

Scott Splater, St. John's Peace Meal Coordinator, assigns the dates of service. The remaining dates are July 2, September 3 and November 12.

How does it work?

- Shift #1 2:00-4:00pm Prepare food 4-5 people needed
- Shift #2 4:00-6:30pm Serve food and clean up 2-3people needed

Carpooling is arranged by individual volunteers who meet at St. Tim's and leave about 45 minutes before assigned shift.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a Peace Meal Volunteer, please email jam330@att.net and I will add your name to our volunteer list. Watch for the next Peace Meal sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at St. Tim's. Thank you. Judy Maloney

Weekly Food Collection

The Hunger and Health Committee will continue with ITEM OF THE MONTH for a local Food Pantry. May's collection will be PEANUT BUTTER (plastic jars, please) to benefit Circle of Concern. Other items that were previously requested can also be brought over the next several weeks. Ann Schweiss

And still more...

Almost two years ago (Pentecost Sunday, 2009) we launched a new Outreach initiative, "St. Timothy's Outreach Transforming Compassion." The basic premise of this effort was to encourage and foster Outreach projects and activities that bubbled up from parishioners: their passions, their involvements, their discovery of new needs. I am very pleased to report it is working!

Some of the new activities we have launched in the past 2 years:

- ⇒ Sigel School Partnership: tutors, mentors, faculty support & thank you's, school supplies, decorating the reading room, books for reading room
- ⇒ Grace Hill Women's Business Center: Speakers for Start-Up class, mentors for class participant
- ⇒ Oppression to Opportunities: KIVA micro lending, HOINA scholarship, childbirth healthcare for South Sudanese women
- ⇒ New Mission Trips: Youth to New Orleans, Peru
- ⇒ Health Fair targeted to the ESL participants
- ⇒ St. Tim's Garden
- ⇒ Peace Meal at St. John's
- ⇒ Partnership with St. Paul's Carondelet

And we are still actively supporting the many projects we have pursued for years. There are opportunities for all parishioners to participate in these ministries. Watch the bulletins and Angler for more information and contacts. Contact Ginni Campbell, Outreach Chair, if you have questions or have an idea for a new Outreach project: gincamp@swbell.net or 314-878-3627.

Adult Forums in May—Others Listed on page 11

May 15 - The Anticipatory Corpse: Medicine, Power, and the Care of the Dying.

Dr. Jeffery Bishop, Director, Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, St. Louis University.

Dr. Bishop is an M.D. and also has a Ph.D. in philosophy. He will lead a discussion on the subject matter of his forthcoming book, "The Anticipatory Corpse: Medicine, Power, and the Care of the Dying." This interactive session will begin with a reflection on the paradoxes of life and death, and will explore why people find medicine so impersonal at the end of life.

*From the
Director of
Christian Education*

**Peggy
Huesemann**

Is “egg shopping” evangelism?

Each month our Youth Ministry (Rite 12, J2A and YACs) hard boils 36 to 45 dozen eggs for those in need. On many months, I purchase the eggs at Sam’s, Restaurant Depot, even Walgreens when there is a sale. Today’s

purchase of 36 dozen eggs was at Sam’s. The man in front of me in line was having a bad day and the checker in-training was most definitely feeling it. When it was my turn, the trainer nodded in acknowledgement as I handed the trainee my cards explaining that the eggs went on one account while the items on the conveyer belt would be going on another. She stared at the eggs. The trainer then announced, “She’s in here all the time. Her church cooks them for the homeless.” I added that our teenagers cook them as part of a “brown bag breakfast program” in downtown St. Louis. “Wow,” she replied, then asked several questions about St. Tim’s, and then focused on her work. At the close of both transactions, she thanked me. I respond with a “have a great day.” She then said, “No, thank you for what you are doing. Your church sounds great!” It was my turn to say “Thank you. Yes it is!”

Blessings,
Peggy

Register Now for Camp Phoenix 2011, July 24 – 30!

Camp Phoenix, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Missouri, will take place during the last week of July (7/24-7/30) of 2011. In addition to serving as the Associate Rector of St. Timothy’s, I am also the Co-Director of Camp Phoenix! Camp is one of my favorite times of the year – 80 kids from ages 8-15 spend a week swimming, riding horses, hiking, doing arts & crafts, and having special worship services designed especially for kids. Boys and girls live in cabins with their counselors, who have all graduated from high school and who have all been professionally trained.

I want to see as many St. Tim’s kids at camp this summer as possible! It’s a great way to get to know other kids across the Diocese of Missouri, and you are welcome to bring friends with you! Camp costs \$325 per camper for six nights and seven days; scholarships are available. To register, visit camp-phoenix.org. Questions? Contact me by phone or email, emily@saint-tims.org.

Pastor Emily +



It’s Pomp and Circumstance Time...



Do you have a student graduating from high school, trade school, or college? Please let us know so we can recognize them, and tell us what they’re doing after graduation if you know.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Derrick Brauner	8 - Laura Sorsen	15 - Kathy Holland
2 - Robert Phillips	Duncan Lewis	16 - Jared McAvoy
3 - Rick Sharp	10 - John Sorsen	17 - Nancy Summers
4 - Jan O'Neil	Blaine Stone	23 - Betsy Gee
Monika Volkhardt	12 - Marlene English	24 - Bob Stross
5 - Bill Dunworth	Linda Lambert	25 - James Sorsen
Sara Vanacht	13 - Will Metz	29 - Michael Hotra
AJ Becker	Noah Agne	30 - Gina Nessel
6 - Bill Stehnach	14 - Debbie Smith	31 - Josh Wangler

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Mitzi and Rob Uyemura	24 - Caryl and Joe Fox
7 - Mary Lou Blackhurst and Jim Hinrichs	27 - Kellie and David Aldrich
9 - Louann and Craig Boyd	30 - Florrie and Frank Kohn
14 - Becky and Blair Porter	31 - Jane and Cletus Coughlin
19 - Lenene and George Andre	



Adult Forums in May

May 1 - "The Relationship of the American Jewish Community to the State of Israel," Rabbi Mark Shook, retired Chief Rabbi at Temple Israel in Creve Coeur, will discuss the history and current state of the American-Israeli relationship from the perspective of the American Jewish community. Rabbi Shook has traveled to the Middle East many times and is very knowledgeable about this important topic that continues to influence American foreign policy objectives and actions. This should be a very interesting session in light of recent developments in the nations surrounding Israel.

May 8 - "Greening our congregations - loving God's planet as much as He loves it." Join us for a time of learning about sustainable ways to green our congregations. Hear about what other faiths are doing and what parishes in our diocese can do to lower the impact on God's creation. How are our choices affecting our brothers in sisters in the developing world? What are the best ways to lower our carbon footprint in our church buildings? Sabine McDowell is the wife of Todd McDowell, rector at Grace in Kirkwood. She is a LEED AP with the US Green Building Council, a co chair for the Creation Care Ministry at Grace and a founding member of SustainAFaith, the Diocesan Green Group. Sabine is especially interested in bringing easy and doable ideas to our parishes so that they can become more sustainable co-creators.

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Financial Snapshot March 2011

Target revenues and expenses for 3 months (Budget %)	25.00%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 3 months	22.76%
Actual expenses for 3 months	25.15%

Although income is running slightly behind budget through March, we will see a significant increase in income in April due the receipt of the final grant from the Danforth Foundation. Due to the outstanding efforts of our clergy and staff, we continue to hold expenses in line with budget.

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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