



The **Angler** 

Faith *Fellowship* *Service*

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

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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

Sabbatical notes: Inishbofin
(This is the first of a series of sabbatical reports and reflections from our rector, Jack Fleming)

Wild air, world-mothering air,
Nestling me everywhere,...
I say that we are wound
With mercy round and round,
As if with air, the same...
And makes, O marvelous!
New Nazareths in us.

---Gerard Manley Hopkins

The day was bright, sunny; the sea air, cool, breezy, blowing from the west as Tricia and I took the small coastal ferry to the Irish island known for centuries as Inishbofin, from the Gaelic for "Island of the White Cow." "Wild and mothering air" in Hopkin's words, welcomed us to this remote spot a few miles off the Galway-Mayo coast, in the shadow of the great mountain known as "Croagh Patrick," a holy and sacred place long before the coming of Patrick. There are some permanent residents on the Island; a few fishing families and not many more farmers; the winters are long and grey in the North Atlantic and if the seas are up, it is cut off from the mainland. For maritime travel, it is particularly dangerous because of the many submerged rocks. The island itself, other than a few small B&B's, farming homestead, a small Roman Church, and many, many unspoiled and magnificently empty beaches, is pretty much the same as it was in the seventh century, when Colman, abbot of the great monastic foundation of Iona, left that desolate and windswept corner of Scotland's Hebrides, and sailed with a hundred or so monks to an even more desolate and windswept Irish island, known even then as "Inishbofin."

The seas were the interstates and the air routes of the time, and Irish monks were accustomed to long sea voyages, frequently seeking the most

inaccessible place imaginable to get away from the distractions of the world, and Colman and his Irish and British monks found the right place. Truly the right place for Colman to create a new spiritual home for Celtic Christianity which had been dealt an almost fatal blow at the Synod of Whitby in Northumbria, where emissaries of the Church of Rome had been dispatched by the pope to put an end to the freedoms enjoyed by Christians in Ireland and the British Isles. Colman represented the Celtic position on a number of church matters and the synod was at an impasse until the local king chose to support the Roman side, saying that "St. Peter held the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and Colman was just the Abbot of Iona." His decision changed the history and direction of Western Christianity.

The small and scattered remnants of St. Colman's Abbey on Inishbofin, neither well marked nor well preserved unlike most Irish historic abbeys and early Christian monuments, bear witness to the fact that Colman's vision of Christianity, with its strong focus on the equality of men and women in the Church, the beauty of God in creation, an emphasis on the intellectual and the spiritual rather than on law and minute regulation of one's life in Christ, was almost destroyed.

Almost destroyed.....now, once again with the re-discovery of the unique gift that was, and is, Celtic Christianity, the spirit of Colman and Brigid and Columba and all the great saints and scholars of early Ireland lives and thrives. The long exile ended.

Wild air...mothering air....wound with mercy.

Jack +

Music for September and First Weekend of October 2010

September 4, – Saturday

John Hexem, Solo Piano and Cantor

September 5 – Sunday

Bob Bell, Baritone Soloist and Piano Soloist

September 11 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Baritone Soloist and Cantor

September 12 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Bell Choir

(Accompaniment)

The St. Timothy Brass

September 18 – Saturday

Marlene Gruber Clark, Soprano Soloist

September 19 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Recorder Consort

September 25 – Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist

September 26 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Bell Choir

Percy Vanacht, Piano

October 2 – Saturday

Percy Vanacht, Piano

Sara Vanacht, Piano

October 3 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Brass

From the Stewardship Team...

The theme of this year's stewardship campaign at St. Timothy's is "Sharing God's Grace." Every week as we listen to the teachings of Jesus and his ongoing message of giving to others we hear of Jesus' love for those who need help and those who provide a helping hand. Jesus' love empowers us to act as the conduit to share God's grace with those around us. The community of St. Timothy's has been a wonderful example of sharing God's grace as we have given of our time, talent, and treasure in many ways over the years.

Stewardship is not necessarily demonstrated just by making a pledge, but includes volunteering one's time to one of the many fine ministries at St. Timothy's or elsewhere. It can also be devoting talents individually or collectively in any manner or form that advances God's work.

This year we will be kicking off the 2011 Stewardship campaign on Rally Day - September 11 and 12. On Sunday the 12th we'll have our traditional continental breakfast for everyone and a new feature...two stewardship themed workshops. Emily Bloemker will facilitate "Family Stewardship Planning," and Jim Hood will lead a presentation on "Biblical Stewardship." Both of these will be held between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We will host the traditional wine, cheese, and hot cider reception following the Saturday service on the 11th.

Please join fellow parishioners in supporting the total ministry of St. Tim's for 2011.

Book Group Forming to Study “Christianity — The First Three Thousand Years”

Diarmaid MacCulloch, a Professor of History at Oxford University has written a book - a big one - of some 1,160 pages. It has received outstanding reviews, e.g. "a landmark in its field...astonishing in its range...full of insight...it will have few, if any, rivals in the English language." (Rowan Williams) "topped my reading list for Sabbatical study...rich in content, mind-opening, spirit-lifting." (Jack Fleming)

This is an invitation to you from Dr. Jim Hood and me to participate in a monthly Theology Book Group conversation focused on this book and its importance for today's vision of the Church in the world. Jim has developed an excellent study guide to facilitate a lively and informed conversation.

Proposed schedule: the First Wednesday of the month, starting in October and ending in May from 7pm to 8:30. If this offering interests you, please let the church office, or contact Jim or me directly. If you have questions etc. contact Jim or me.

I think this might be really valuable...and very interesting; let us know if you agree and would like to participate.

Jack and Jim

Popular Adult Forum Speaker Offers Course on Apostle Paul

Dr. James A. Kelhoffer, Assistant Professor, New Testament and Early Christian Literature at St. Louis University will teach a course, “The Legacy of the Apostle Paul in Early Christianity” on five Mondays beginning September 13 from 7:00-9:30p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd., Chesterfield. Tuition is \$68. This course will first give an overview of Paul’s ministry and the seven authentic letters of Paul then will examine the six New Testament deuteron-Pauline letters, the Paul of Acts, and other early Christian literature that mentions Paul. You can register online: <http://www.lststl.org>. Phone number is 314-725-9710. The recommended texts are your study Bible and Calvin Roetzel, *The Letters of Paul: Conversations in Context*.

Dr. Kelhoffer has been an Adult Forum speaker at St. Tim’s. After teaching this course, he will assume chairmanship of New Testament Studies at Uppsala University of Sweden.

Men’s Bible Study resumes meeting on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:45 a. m. in the library. The week’s lectionary will be discussed.

Architect Selected...Feasibility Study in Preparation

St. Tim's Facilities Update

The Facilities Needs and Design Team has selected Chiodini & Associates as the architect for our expansion project. Chiodini was the unanimous selection from the 4 proposals we received. They have completed many prominent church projects in the St. Louis area. Their proposed design produces a unique campus environment while addressing all of our key project goals:

New parish hall located on the east side of our property, near the education wing
Renovated education wing with classrooms expanding into the "old" parish hall
Handicap access to all areas

During the next several weeks we will have a series of meetings with Chiodini to refine their plans with the goal of meeting as many of our needs as possible. We are planning a special Adult Forum in late September or early October to present the floor plan, site layout, and interior/exterior views and to give the congregation an opportunity to meet the architects. Stay tuned for more news! If you have any questions about this process feel free to contact any member of our team: Ron Batty, Peggy Huesemann, Emily Bloemker, Bud Bosanquet, Keith Boyd, Caryl Fox, Stan Helfrich, Paul Michael, Paul Pennel, Holly Wilson, or Mike Wyland.

St. Tim's Feasibility Study Update

What an exciting time for St. Tim's!

Now that an architect has been selected, the work preparing for the feasibility study will begin. Currently, we anticipate conducting feasibility study interviews and surveys beginning in early October. Our target is to complete the study by year end and to present the results and recommendations of the study to the vestry in January 2011. At that point in time, a decision will be made as to whether we move forward with a capital campaign. The Feasibility Study Team members consist of Ron Batty, Amy Conard, Alice Fritsch, Norm Moenkhaus, Susan Moenkhaus, Robert Phillips, Rick Sharp, Eric Vachon and Kurt Zwickelmaier. Please contact any of us if you have questions.

Save Those Calendars

It's already starting -- many charities and other groups send out annual wall calendars. If you receive wall calendars that you don't need, please consider donating them to Lakeside. We have been making donated calendars available to the youth during our monthly Reading is Fundamental book distribution. All calendars (unused) for 2010 and 2011 are requested. Please leave them in Kathy Dyer's mail folder in the gathering space. Thank you.

Sharing God's Grace

Stewardship at St. Timothy's

Sunday, September 12 - Forums and Other Opportunities at 9:15 am with Continental Breakfast

What Does the Bible Say?

Jim Hood, Carolyn Moore, and George Podolsky

The Bible has much to say about us and our "stuff." We will explore some of these insights together as we look at what Scripture says to St. Tim's about Stewardship in the Fall of 2010.

God as The Giver: How to Talk as a Family about Resources and Faith

The Rev. Emily Bloemker

When was the last time you had a conversation as a family about how our Christian faith impacts what we do with our resources of time and money? Our culture is not set up to make a direct connection between the two. This forum aims to equip families with tools to sustain a conversation about Christian stewardship. We will spend time playing a hands-on stewardship game, complete with a child-friendly debrief; also, we will explore online resources such as threejars.com and gamesforchange.org, in addition to sharing the ways in which we as families already address these topics at home. All parents and children are welcome!

(Throughout the morning, a special youth and family "Grace Activity" will be available. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space.)

Grace In Action - Slide Show

After the 8:00 and 10:30 services, be sure to enjoy the recap of the many activities of our St. Tim's youth – shown in the Gathering Space.

Endowment Trustees

Several Trustees will be available to answer individual questions about the Legacy Society and Planned Giving.

Saturday, September 11 - Brief Stewardship Presentation/Reception following 5:00 service

What Does Scripture Say about Stewardship at St. Tim's in the Fall of 2010?

You are invited to Rally Weekend

Saturday, September 11

Brief Stewardship Presentation/Reception following
5:00 service

Sunday, September 1

Forums and Other Opportunities at 9:15 am with
Continental Breakfast

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Please see reverse side for forum details and opportunities



Educational and Fun Event Coming Up

On October 15 and 16 we will join the Danforth Plant Science Center and 1500 other volunteers to commemorate World Food Day by packaging 200,000 fortified rice-soy protein meals for Africa. Packaging sessions are for one hour, and can be scheduled either day. Children 7 years and up are welcome, so it is a wonderful family opportunity.

Following your session you will be able to tour their labs and greenhouses, meet the staff, and learn about their goals to end world hunger. There are also opportunities to volunteer for the event in other supporting roles. You may register on-line as an individual volunteer in any of these roles, but St. Timothy's is putting together 2 teams of 12 to participate at 7 p.m. on Friday, and at 10 a.m. on Saturday. If you'd like to be part of a St. Tim's Team, please sign up on the list in the Gathering Space. The charge to participate is \$15 for students and \$20 for adults, which will be used to cover the cost of the food product, packaging, and international shipping. Some limited scholarships are available, and Holly Wilson can provide information about these. If you have questions regarding the event, contact the church office (314.434.5906) or Ginni Campbell (314.878.3627).

From the Senior Warden

Can you feel it ...that anticipatory tingle that says something exciting is coming? The air is a bit cooler, drier, clearer. Fall will be here soon, and this summer's intense heat and humidity will be a dim—but often replayed—memory.

Read all about it in this Angler or on our website. Hear about it at church. We're moving forward with a possible expansion of our facilities with the choice of a top-notch architectural firm. Next steps are outlined by the two teams who have been working hard on the first phase—see page 5.

Outreach, educational, and spiritual growth opportunities abound—pages 4, 8, 9, 10, in this Angler and inserts in our weekend service leaflets offer new and continuing programs.

Jack has begun to share his sabbatical with us in his page 2 article where we get his personal perspective as well as a history lesson on Inishbofin.

And of high importance...our stewardship campaign will kick off the weekend after Labor Day, page 3. Soon you will receive an invitation in the mail to the Rally Day activities—we hope to see everyone there.

Less drama in our weather, more excitement at 808 N. Mason Rd!



Health and Hunger Team Collection for September

The Outreach Committee's Health and Hunger Food Pantry Collection in September will be for Circle of Concern. They will appreciate canned meats, canned fruits and fruit juices, peanut butter, cake and muffin mixes, and other nutritious non-perishable food items. Please remember to pick up an item or two when you shop for your family, and remember to bring it to the Gathering Space. Thank you for participating in this effort to assist the people of West County.



Thank you, Ann Schweiss

Community Garden Winds Down First Season

Thank you so much to Florrie Kohn, Norma Rayfield, Nancy Setzer, Angela Mitchell-Phillips, and Karen Sharp for watering and weeding our garden during the July-August heat wave. This took quite a commitment! We hope to gather in September with those who have an interest in brainstorming ideas to make our harvest more bountiful. Keep tuned. Deacon Jan

Hammer & Nails Helps Renovate Rectory

On 7/17, 7/24, and 8/7 members of St. Timothy's congregation helped renovate the rectory of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Carondelet. St. Paul's is a small, beautiful church in south St. Louis that very much resembles a church you might see in a historic English countryside. Their congregation is also small and many are home bound. Robert Ard, who preached at St. Tim's during Jack's sabbatical, will be their new rector when he is ordained in the near future. The rectory is an old house adjacent to the church and was in need of "sprucing up." For 3 Saturdays we painted, spackled, removed old flooring, etc., to allow Robert and his expectant wife to move in during the month of August. Participating on one or more Saturdays were: John Wootton, Keith Boyd, Steve Crock, Mike & Anne Teymouri, Derek Brauner, Holly Wilson, Tina Heuer, Miranda Robert, Deanna Mason, Sarah Davidson, Rebecca Dyer, Jennifer Barnes, Emma Barnes, Adam Barnes, Marc Vanacht, and Paul Michael. Several of St. Paul's members were also involved as well as several deacons from the diocese of Missouri. This was a unique and gratifying project. The transformation was remarkable!!

**Peggy
Hueseemann**

*From the
Director of
Christian Education*

The Chapel was "Standing Room Only" August 22 as pilgrims Sarah Davidson, Rebecca Dyer, Leland Fox, Irina Hinrichs, Deanna Mason and Percy Vanacht with leaders Keith Boyd, Kim Dressel and Jessie Michael spoke of their spiritual journey this summer to Portland and the Columbia River Gorge. With a spattering of laughter, the group retold stories of fun and fellowship. They read aloud the prayers that they each had selected for the day's lessons and they openly explained why they chose the prayer. They spoke on the power of mediation and the awe of God's creation. They relayed their concerns for the environment and the importance for religions to "coexist."

And while they expressed gratitude for such an "amazing opportunity," I thought, "What a wonderful group of young adults and incredible leaders. And what a wonderful community Saint Tim's is to support their youth in such powerful ways."

Blessings,
Peggy



Your Pastoral Care Ministry is Here For You

Guess who's bringing you dinner? The person may be one of many who volunteer to provide a meal to someone in St. Tim's community. Pastoral Care Ministry volunteers are there for those who need a little help after surgery, an illness, or the birth of a baby. Pastoral Care Ministry volunteers also provide transportation, emergency baby-sitting or dog-sitting, and grief support. Please let the office or Jane Hood (636 949-9440) know if you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry.

Annual MS150 Bike Ride

The Express Scripts Gateway Getaway Ride 2010 will be held in Columbia, Missouri on the weekend of September 11-12, 2010. Rick Dyer will be riding for his 7th year and Rebecca Dyer will be participating for the second time. Because of new age requirements, Nathan is not eligible to ride this year, so Kathy and Nathan will serve as volunteers. Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the US and 2.5 million worldwide. Go to www.bikems.org if you would like to learn more about Multiple Sclerosis or the annual bike fundraiser.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Sally Hall | 14 - Elise Zwikelmaier | 23 - Larry Thomas |
| 2 - Becky Porter | Dick Gold | 25 - Bud Bosanquet |
| 4 - Bob Rouse | 15 - Adam Barnes | Percy Vanacht |
| Mary Wrausmann | Marin Moenkhaus | Mike Cummins |
| 5 - Jack Danforth | Sally Sandy | 26 - Nancy Wetzel |
| 6 - Andy Becker | Tina Warhover | Sarah Johnson |
| Jon Hotra | 16 - Charles Holland | 27 - William Crock |
| 8 - Jim Hinrichs | 17 - Joan Dewey | Robin Turner |
| Susan Sorsen | Jessalyn Kohn | 28 - Jimmy Aldrich |
| 9 - Lance Kramer | Robert Bell | 29 - Peg Luther |
| Dee Dee Stone | 20 - Teresa McDowell | 30 - Nick Mason |
| 11 - Maxine Sharp | Kate Lewis | Kimi Becker |
| 12 - Linnet Dean | 21 - Kris Mullin | |
| 13 - Lenene Andre | 22 - Patrick Fox | |



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 - Peggy and Keith Boyd | 14 - Jane and Michael Wyland |
| 7 - Sally and Jack Danforth | 20 - Nancy and Bob Levitt |
| 10 - Robin and Chuck Turner | 22 - Karma and Bill Crowell |
| Rita and George Podolsky | Rose Marie and Robert Bell |

Congratulations to Mike Omahen who graduated with honors from SLU with a Masters of Business Administration.

*The sympathy of the parish is extended to Ellyn Neise and family on the death of her nephew, Camden Edmund Calvert Fine;
to Linda Lambert and family on the death of her mother, Harriett Schmitt;
and to Paul Michael and family on the death of his mother, Josephine Michael.*

We celebrate the birth of Lachlan Avril Sharp, son of Susie and Doug Sharp, and grandson of Karen and Rick Sharp. He was born on August 16 and joins big sister, Annemie.

Financial Snapshot July 2010

Target revenues and expenses for 7 months (Budget %)	58.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 7 months	62.02%
Actual expenses for 7 months	59.02%

Our financial condition remains strong through July 2010. Income is ahead of budget and our expenses are pretty much in line with the budget. We have a surplus of \$20.5k through July 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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