



The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

September, 2011





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

A sermon by the Rev. Jack Fleming on August 21, 2011, celebrating St. Timothy's 50th Anniversary

When we kicked off our capital campaign, I jokingly referred to us as "St. Timothy's Nation" ... like "Cardinal Nation." This morning it looks like we are both! Red, of course, is the traditional color for the Holy Spirit, whose presence has energized this good community for 50 years.

It was a young community that 50 years ago took to heart the mission of showing forth God's power through Jesus Christ. It was also a young community who 2,000 years ago embraced the mission Jesus envisioned for them ... the gospel text, though used as a proof text for primacy is really a commissioning of the whole community. It is on the foundation, the rock, of faith and hope that this message found its meaning ... seed cast on healthy soil—that early charism of a whole community invested in the good news of God in Christ still alive and well in this place in our time.

Our time—St. Tim's time—begins in 1961 when a small group of Episcopalians with their first Vicar, the Rev. Bill Thomas, came together in prayer and hope to be the Rock on Mason Rd. where a new community of faith would take on the creation of a new community.

April 20, 1961

Dear Bishop Cadigan,

As of this date, the Council of the Diocese by mail ballot has given consent to a group of people living in St. Louis County to organize themselves together as a mission under the name of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. With this approval you are now authorized under Canon II to receive the application of this mission for recognition as an organized mission. I endorse their petition.

*Cordially yours,
Charles Rehkopf, Secretary of the Council*

By mail ballot ...it would appear that we were "mailed in" so to speak. We've done better since! Not long after the first Eucharist was celebrated on this site 50 years ago to this day, in the old farmhouse, bits and pieces of which were discovered when we dug the foundation for this church, Bill Thomas wrote this, "It is difficult to predict what the future holds for St. Timothy's, but we believe that the years ahead will be exciting and meaningful ones..."

So here we are, hoping that we are that envisioned future. What do you think? We are gathered in this splendid place of worship, surrounded by beauty and light, our worship celebratory, engaging. Our community is intentionally welcoming ... we continue to broaden our vision, extend our mission ... vibrant ... hopeful ... creative. We are making a bold statement for the future ourselves as we have built this church and are not soon to build new spaces for our children and the larger communities we will be serving ... the future is now.

Stirrings, cont'd

When we were asked as a community, as a part of the new building feasibility study, what aspects of our mission and ministry we believed to be at the heart of our response to what we believed God has in mind for us, this is what we said:

86% of us indicated that our mission of outreach and gospel-based social action in the service of others is critical to our vision, for now and for the future.

89% of us said that youth and family ministry are core priorities as we create and build—literally—for now and for the future.

73% thought that inviting new colleagues in ministry—not members as such, but rather colleagues in ministry—a major difference, was of great importance as we become ever more a center for service; a community that has impact far beyond its members.

Let me quickly note this—there are a lot of us here this morning...good! Now, think for a moment about all the people whose lives have been influenced by the active faith and ministry of St. Timothy's over these 50 years. Most remain strangers, unknown to us, but their numbers, substantial numbers, are a very real measure of the integrity of our call to serve.

Now there were many other values expressed in that study, biblical and theological formation for adults and youth for one, but everything that was reported reflected clearly that we are most certainly a mission-focused church. "Missional" is a word used these days. "Relational" is another word that describes us. Relational: we care about each other; we invite freely new folks who want their lives to have depth and meaning because they are a part of a generous and vibrant faith community. "Friends in Christ" is not a cliché here. We mean it. "Missional," it's not about us. We remember the rock from which we were hewn and the quarry from which we were dug. It's about who we are called to serve.

Paul said to his young colleague Timothy, "Don't let people dismiss you because of your youth. Be faithful to that spirit in which you were called, that is to be strong, loving, and wise in doing God's work." To the extent that we strive to be strong, loving, and wise, so will we be the community that Jesus hoped for and envisioned.

For all that has been ... thank you. For all that will be ... yes; and yes again!!
AMEN

Jack +

Capital Campaign Update

As of August 19, pledges from parishioners stand at \$1.33 million. Contributions from the Danforth Foundation, which includes a special \$50k donation, brings the total to \$2.7 million raised to date.

We still have a number of pledge cards outstanding and can reach our goal only if we get **full parishioner participation**. Please send your pledge card in as soon as possible and begin making your pledge payments.

Thanks again to all who have pledged so generously.

Kurt Zwikelmaier Capital Campaign Committee

Music for September 2011

September 3 – Saturday

John Hexem, Solo Piano and Cantor

September 4 – Sunday

Pam Bye, Soprano Soloist and Solo Piano

September 10 – Saturday

Matt Bear, Baritone Soloist and Cantor

September 11 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy Brass

The St. Timothy Bell Choir

(Accompaniment)

September 17 – Saturday

Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist and Cantor

September 18 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

The St. Timothy String Quartet

September 24 – Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist and Cantor

September 25 – Sunday

The St. Timothy Choir

Percy Vanacht, Solo Piano

St. Tim's Facilities Update

It may seem like our facilities expansion project has seen little action since the campaign kickoff in May, but we have had a beehive of behind the scenes activity. During the last few months:

- Our architects, Chiodini Associates, have begun work on engineering drawings while working closely with St. Tim's Facilities team to refine details of the plan. This activity will continue for the next ~2 months.
- Soil cores have been taken to ensure the ground will support the new foundation.
- Samples of building materials have been taken in the educational wing to test for the possible presence of lead and asbestos containing materials. If these materials are present, special precautions will need to be taken when we start renovation of that part of the building.
- A topographical survey of the site has been completed to determine directions of water runoff. This information will be necessary when applying for a permit from Metropolitan Sewer District.

Our goal is to complete the necessary drawings and specifications by the end of October. That will enable construction contractors to bid on the project and allow us to award the contract to the "winner" in early December. *(There will be a special Adult Forum on November 13 at 9:15am where Chiodini Architects will update us on the plans.)*

If you have any questions about this project feel free to contact any member of our team: Ron Batty, Peggy Huesemann, Gary Stansbery, Bud Bosanquet, Keith Boyd, Caryl Fox, Stan Helfrich, Paul Michael, Paul Pennel, Holly Wilson, Mike Wyland or Jack Fleming.

**On SEPTEMBER 14
AT 6:00 PM
Everyone's IRISH**



Come listen and explore with Father Jack some of the many aspects of **Celtic Spirituality**.
It's a way of drawing closer to God that includes

- ⇒ Love of nature and a passion for the wild and elemental as a reminder of God's gift
- ⇒ Love and respect for art and poetry
- ⇒ Love and respect for the great stories and higher learning

Our program will begin in the church with Evening Prayer at 6PM, followed by a light dinner and Father Jack's program.

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space under "Education"

Sponsored by

St. Timothy's Spirituality Group

A Community of the Faithful Where We Grow in our Life in Christ

St. Tim's Community Garden Update from Angela

I never liked gardening. Growing up in southern Missouri, gardening meant picking rocks--lots and lots of rocks--before the tiller even came out. Then, as the growing season continued, there were weeds to be pulled and--you guessed it--still more rocks. I'd forgotten about this dreaded part of gardening until this summer when my family and I were vacationing in the west of Ireland. I looked around at the fields--patch-worked with miles of rock fence built from generations of limestone that had pushed its way up through the green grass--and my early gardening memories came back in a rush. Gardening isn't easy in land like that and full-on farming would seem nearly impossible.

Hunger and nutrition are serious, though often overlooked, issues in our country. Farming,

too, is a vocation we've come to regard as an afterthought to our existence, something seen as dirty work performed by dirty people who anonymously toil behind the scenes, who silently make possible those grocery store aisles full of plenty. This summer, St. Tim's Community Gardeners got a taste of farming life as we cared for a 4x16 foot raised bed of potatoes, another of zucchini and cucumbers and five containers of tomatoes, peppers and basil. Some of it thrived (the basil, zucchini and cucumbers), some of it did pretty well (we harvested about six and a half dozen potatoes, though one row suffered from rot), and some of it floundered (the tomatoes took a beating from the extreme weather, though now late in the season, they are trying their best to produce fruit).

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STEWARDSHIP AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

RALLY DAY AND MINISTRY FAIR, 2011
Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11

RECEPTION, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

**AFTER THE 5 P.M. SERVICE IN THE
GATHERING SPACE**

Light Refreshments and Beverages
Pick up your stewardship packet that evening

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 9 A.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL

See what Ministry is all about at St. Tim's
Many volunteer opportunities are available
Stewardship Packets Will Be Available for Pickup

Continental Breakfast for All
AND
The Ice Cream Truck Will Bring Your Choice of Cold Treat

Stewardship at St. Timothy's 2012

Of God's abundance we have all received
GRACE UPON GRACE

John 1:16



Hammer and Nails Team—Habitat Update

Looks like things are rolling again this year. This marks our 13th year of participation in this extraordinary effort to help provide affordable housing for the disadvantaged in St. Louis. Most who have been able to spend a day(s) at the construction sites have found the experience to be fulfilling, rewarding, and sometimes educational. Please give consideration to the 2 items below.

1. Build dates – Our house is in phase II which starts in August and goes through November. Scheduled dates for us so far are:
Sat. 9/17 rough framing & subfloors
Sat. 9/24 set roof trusses & exterior walls
Sat. 10/15 exterior siding & interior framing
Sat. 10/29 complete siding
Activities on these days involve structural work. For those who like to do painting and interior finishing, that will come later and I will let you know ASAP when dates are established.

2. Fund Raiser – To supplement funds donated by member churches, participating churches are organizing an event called “HabiJam.” This will be very similar to our own Concert Under the Stars. It will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood on Saturday 10/1 in the afternoon (approx. 3-7pm). Tickets will be \$10 in advance and food will be available for purchase.

If you would like to participate in the build, buy concert tickets, or need more information, please contact Paul Michael at prmich@sbcglobal.net or 314-750-2402. If you have already responded to the e-mail to previous participants, no need to sign up. Thanks in advance!

Paul Michael

Food Collection for September

The Food Pantry Collection in September will go to Circle of Concern. Their current needs are paper towels, breakfast cereals; canned tomato products such as sauce, paste, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, etc.; canned fruits; canned meat items such as chili, stew, meat and pasta, chicken and dumplings, etc.; and cake, brownie, cookie and muffin mixes.

Ann Schweiss

Grace Note

Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake ~ Martin Luther



Joplin Update

Orchestrated by Tina Heuer and Don Dewey, 13 adults and youth headed to Joplin, to assist in the relief efforts Thursday August 4 – Sunday August 7. The group (including Sarah Davidson, Noah Agne, Deanna Mason, Brooke Mason, Nick Mason, Mimi Butler, Mike Wyland, Tina Heuer and Keith Boyd) stayed on the outskirts of Joplin at Abundant Life Christian Church where the food was tolerable and the bunks were soft. Other groups from across the country joined us.

Three months post-tornado, Joplin has reached a transition stage. Although huge piles of debris litter the city, most of the clean-up has been completed and the town is about to enter the rebuilding stage. A ¾ mile path of near-total devastation crosses the town for over six miles. A review of the area before the tornado on Google Earth shows typical neighborhoods with many trees – these areas are now bereft of homes and only portions of the strongest trees

remain, many with large pieces of aluminum wrapped around their upper branches. The feeling was almost surrealistic.

Although the high temperatures ranged from 103 degrees to 107 degrees, the group adapted by working from 6:30 am to 2 pm, avoiding the real heat of the day. Tasks included final grooming of yards where the home had been removed, housekeeping and meal preparation/serving at Abundant Life, and, everyone's favorite, hauling (piece by piece) a freshly demolished home to the curb so that the "giant claw" could load it in the large trucks to be hauled away.

Although exhausting at times, the group felt this was a worthwhile endeavor and that we made a difference, albeit a small one amongst such grand devastation.

Keith Boyd

St. Tim's Garden, cont'd.

But even when the harvests weren't as plentiful as we'd hoped, what we did manage to bring forth has been warmly received by the folks at Trinity Food Pantry and Circle of Concern. We pray the fresh flavor and nutrition of these vegetables have served well those who received them.

As we come to the end of this growing season, our Community Gardeners are starting to dream of the next season to come, thinking about how we can improve the soil, what plants will yield the largest and most nutritious

harvest, and how we can get more folks involved. Next year we'll have the pleasure of "hitting the ground running" with our garden plots already in place and ready to go. Consider joining us as we continue to learn and grow. We can't promise that the work won't be hard (though there is no rock picking involved), but we can assure you that it will be rewarding.

Interested? Contact me at 636-527-5855 or amitchstl@aol.com or Deacon Jan at 314.434.5906.

Angela Mitchell-Phillips

From the
**Family Ministries
Coordinator**

Heidi Clark

The summer of family fun, vacations, and gatherings is slowing down. Families are settling into new schools, old friends, and more steadied schedules. During my first two months here at St. Timothy's I have had the honor of sitting in many sacred circles. A morning gathering brings the sunny noises of younger children in the next room, while the mothers circle around for shared insights, encouragements, and prayers. An evening gathering brings the changing lights of adolescents, as the parents of teenagers gather to seek assurances, prayers and wisdom for this important time in the life of their family. You are the rest of the family – the village spanning the generations - in which we are raising this fresh generation of Episcopalians. Doing so is no small task, and we need all hands on deck. Your support means a lot to these parents and their families. "Family Ministry" is something we can all do. Offer to hold a child, refresh a drink, or say something positive to the teenagers you see. They are each a gift to this place, as are you. Blessings ~ Heidi Clark

Men's Bible Study Resumes

The Men's Bible Study will resume meeting on September 14. Each Wednesday morning from 6:45 to 7:45 am, we study and discuss the forthcoming lessons for Sunday. Fr. Jack leads the group in discussing and applying the central message of the day. The discussions can be spirited.

On the 14th, we will also have a full breakfast to kick off the year. All men of the parish are invited to participate in this stimulating event.

The Rev. Roy Moore

50th Anniversary Celebration Picnic a Huge Success!

On Sunday August 21 we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St Tim's, and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to the Picnic team of helpers, The Barnes Family, John and Rebeca Davidson, Ruth Ann and Bob Stross, Karen and Toby Hafeli, Ginni Campbell, Ron and Pat Batty, and Betsy Gee.

Mitzi Uyemura and Peggy Huesemann, planned and oversaw the games and activities. Special thanks to The Brass Quintet and to Kevin Herr (friend of St. Tim's) for the use of his excellent sound system. The food, the games, the music, and the wonderful weather all made for a memorable celebration. Also thank you Michael Wyland for stepping up to take the leftovers to Haven House. Again many thanks to everyone who helped.

Picnic committee co chairs, Pat Batty, Betsy Gee and Mitzi Uyemura



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



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 | 28 - Rose Marie and Bob Bell |

Log into diocesemo.org for information on Diocesan activities, upcoming 9/11 commemorations, and news about the damage to the National Cathedral during the recent earthquake. While you're there, why not sign up for iSeek, the emailed Diocesan newsletter if you're not already getting it?

Adult Forums -September 18 and 25: "From Anglican to Episcopal and Beyond" Jim Hood, Ph.D.

The Church of England was brought to the New World by the first English settlers in 1607 and existed throughout the long colonial period. It passed through much trauma during the American Revolution and was presented with a major challenge with American independence. We will look at the colonial church, the drama of the Revolution, and the dilemma of the post-revolutionary period. We will see how the problem was met and look at the history of the young Episcopal Church as America moved west, eventually reaching the Promised Land (otherwise known as the American Middle West), creating missions and dioceses as they came. It finally reached a high point of excitement with Bishop Jackson Kemper and the Diocese of Missouri.

Financial Snapshot July 2011

Target revenues and expenses for 7 months (Budget %)	58.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 7 months	63.56%
Actual expenses for 7 months	56.73%

Our finances continue to be very strong through the July of 2011. We show a surplus at this time of \$58k 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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