

The Angler

Faith Fellowship Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

November, 2014



Gratitude for all our blessings

From the Rector—

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is the day on which we honor that which we most often forget: the attitude of gratitude. The opposite of thankfulness is complaint and discontent. Our lack of thankfulness has become such a prevalent state of mind, that in 1993 Robert Hughes' book, "The Culture of Complaint: The Fraying of America" landed on the best seller's list . Hughes' contention is that the dominant assumption of Americans is a sense of entitlement and a relative sense of deprivation. Despite the fact that the poorest among us are among the wealthiest people in the world and that we as a people possess and consume far beyond our share of all that the whole world produces, we somehow figure out a way to be discontented and to strive to accumulate more. We drive ourselves with this discontent and overwork, over achievement and stress. Of course there are still a lot of folks for whom this does not apply, but most of us are strivers, our reach exceeding our grasp.

Jesus mostly seems to point us in another direction. Our anxious fears, Jesus tells us, add nothing to our life. They don't add an hour to our life span. They don't make us taller and or help us regrow our hair. We can worry forever and achieve nothing by it. Worry gives us the illusion of having worked at a problem when in fact we haven't touched the problem. One of the problems is, as Jesus points out, that we have failed to realize our starting point. We begin the race of life ahead, because we start out blessed.

We begin our lives with Holy Baptism. We start our lives ahead of the game, not because we have fabulously wealthy parents, because we are loved. We need only open our eyes to see the faces of our little ones shining with the original and unearned blessing of God's love. We enter our lives with God on our side, in our hearts and with a sacrament of that love is the holy and blessed water of baptism.

We are baptized into a Christ who constantly reminds us not to be afraid, to remember our blessings and our blessedness, and to trust in the Almighty. This little lesson is one for all of us and for the ages. He's 'Got the Whole World' in his hand. This blessing far surpasses all other blessings in value. Our comforts and our joys, our possessions and our achievements pale beside that fact that we are loved by the one who knows every bird in the sky and feeds them their crumbs, the one who paints the wondrous colors of the flowers' petals, and the rosy hues of dawn's breaking light.

From the Rector, cont'd:

We are loved and our future is secure, not by our material success, but because love that comes from on high is sufficient for us. When all other loves leave us behind and determine that we are not worthy, the original lover just keeps on loving, through life's long valleys and to life's end and beyond into the paradise of God's beloved.

Jesus Christ is the way back to the attitude of gratitude. Jesus Christ is the bridge between here and there, between complaint and contentment, between bemoaning and blessing. Jesus is the foundation of a life well lived. His teaching, his love, his values, his sacrificial life are both exemplar and atoning sacrifice. By his actions of love in his life on this earth and by his death as a protest against violence and oppression, Jesus has bought us a new ticket back to our pure selves.

If that is not something to be thankful for, I don't know what is.

In Christ,
Marvin

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 1.
REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR. "SPRING
FOWARD, FALL BACK."**

**Thanksgiving Dinner With St. Tim's Friends
Get Out Those Stretch Pants!**



If you aren't going out of town and relatives are not coming to you or you just want to try something different this year, why not join St. Timothy's community to celebrate the day! We can plan a meal together, invite friends, and be thankful for our many blessings. Depending on the number of people involved, we will have our feast at church or someone's home. Please talk to Caroline Kelsey ([314-205-0084](tel:314-205-0084)) or Nancy Setzer ([314-878-2500](tel:314-878-2500)) if you are interested.



Holiday Brass Concert - Manchester United Methodist Church

Tuesday, December 2 - 10:15

Join the Daytimers for this wonderful concert featuring The Clayton High School Marimba Ensemble, Bagpipers, MUMC Chancel Choir, St. Charles County Youth Choir and the Holiday Brass Ensemble led by Susan Slaughter. Tickets are \$21. Place your ticket money, made out to St. Timothy's in the offering plate or give to Georgia O'Brien. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant.

Deacon Jan's second chapter about China:

I just returned from the trip of a lifetime with my younger daughter Karyn. On October 16 we spent the day in Fenyang where my grandfather, as a missionary, started the first modern hospital in China and where my father was born and spent his youth. Our journey continued to the Great Wall on October 20. We were welcomed with unmatched hospitality and I am reminded about how community, love and gratitude connect us throughout the generations and throughout God's holy world. Peace!



Stewardship Update

The stewardship campaign for 2015 appears to be following the trend we saw in 2014. This is good news. We had a very successful campaign for 2014. We had excellent participation in our ministries and received \$562K of pledges. This year we have a more ambitious goal of \$618K. The budget increase for 2015 includes additional funds for an associate rector. Having an associate rector will allow for even higher quality ministries and pastoral care at St. Timothy's. I believe the addition of an associate rector will ultimately lead to growth in our parish both in terms of numbers and in our own personal relationship with God.

Please consider the almost 10% increase in our stewardship goal when pledging this year and what we can accomplish together with our combined stewardship gifts.

Jon Hotra
Stewardship Chair

Music Notes ...

The choir of Saint Timothy's will sing the Office of Evensong for the Feast of All Saints' Sunday afternoon, November 2, at 5 o'clock. The Evening Canticles in C Major of Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), and his anthem *Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord* will be sung by the choir. Of course, there will be a lovely reception in the Gathering Space following the service.

The Office of Evensong is sung at the close of each day in cathedrals, collegiate chapels, monastic communities, and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion. Derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, it is a service of rare beauty offered through the singing of psalms and canticles, the reading of scripture, and prayer. It is an incredibly beautiful way with which to close the Sabbath.

On a practical note: Clocks will be turned back one hour to return to Standard Time on Saturday evening November 1.

Our merry band of singers is eager to welcome new choristers to the fold! Though there is no audition to sing in the choir, an ability to read musical notation and sing in tune will greatly enhance the choral experience. So, if you're interested in giving it a whirl, please join us on Thursday evening at 7.30. You will be warmly welcomed!

Pax,
Mark R. Scholtz
Director of Music

Pete Seeger Tribute Night at St. Martin's



When: Friday, November 7, 7pm – 9pm

Where: St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 15764 Clayton Rd, Ballwin, MO

Description: St. Martin's will host The Rev. Ron Clingenpeel, formerly of this Diocese, now living in New Orleans, and his acoustic band for a tribute to the life and music of Pete Seeger. Bring your friends for a fun evening.

The event is free and a free-will offering will be donated to St. Stephen's, Ferguson Food Pantry.

Simply Great

Hello, for those of you who don't know me I'm Jon Hotra. I regularly attend the 9 AM and 10:30 AM services along with my wife Lori and my three children: Michael, Daniel, and Adrianna. We've been parishioners at St. Timothy's since 2010.



Today I have a stewardship story to share with you about the “simply great” things in life that God gives us.

In my line of work, we deal with innovation and in the more physical manifestations of innovation, inventions. A few years ago, I had a conversation with an inventor who had six patents that changed my entire outlook on the subject. What he said to me is that every invention is not the “invention of the light bulb”. In fact, most inventions are much simpler than that, but these inventions are still great and important. He said don't try to come up with the “invention of the light bulb” every time.

Today I'm going to talk about great and important things that are not the “invention of the light bulb”, but rather they are things that are “simply great”.

In life, we often look for great stories where God profoundly impacted a person's life through a particular big event. These are great and powerful stories and fall into the “invention of the light bulb” category. But just like in innovation, always seeking the big story perhaps draws us away from appreciating the “simply great” things that God gives us.

Everyone should take time to pause and reflect on what is happening around them, because there are “simply great” things and events happening around them all the time.

A “simply great” thing can be an awesome place that God put on this Earth for us to enjoy. One place that jumps immediately into my mind is Estes Park in the Rocky Mountains, where you stand in the middle of a cathedral of mountains and valleys, where each one is more impressive than the last. But again, maybe I’ve went to the “invention of the light bulb” category again.

My backyard can be just as awesome a place. While it is in no way as visually impressive as the Rocky Mountains. It is a place where I can relax and enjoy my family through a game of cards or catch. It is a place where I can just sit and listen to the squeals of delight from children playing on a trampoline. My backyard is a place where my children come back to me with excited reports on how big the pumpkin has become or with how many little watermelons are now on the vines in our garden.

I see these “simply great” gifts that God has given me most easily in my family.

I see it in my son Michael through his own compassionate and giving nature. At a recent carnival, Michael won what I could only call a zoo of stuffed animals. But he won these animals not for himself, but for his little sister. Adrianna welcomed them all into our home with a big hug and an excited thank you to her big brother. Michael at nine already understands that it isn’t in the getting, it is in the giving where true joy can be found.

God’s gifts in its simplest but perhaps most powerful form is in everyday events. It is a kiss from my wife every morning, just to say I love you. It is coming home from a long day at work and having my kids shout “Daddy!” and running up to give me a hug. It is a fantastic piece of artwork that my child made for me, just because they were thinking about me during the day. These are “simply great” things that God has given me.

I encourage everyone to take some time with their pledge forms this year, pray, and think about what we can accomplish together with our combined stewardship gifts. The act of stewardship through the gifts of your time and money should not be viewed as a burden. It is a time of great joy. Stewardship is a time of action and an opportunity for us to give thanks to God in a material way. It is a time to reflect and act upon on how “simply great” everything is that God has given us. Amen.



Please Help Circle of Concern Provide Thanksgiving Meals

In addition to the regular groceries Circle of Concern provides to families each month, they provide a Thanksgiving Basket for Thanksgiving dinner. Your gifts of food will help them offer Thanksgiving dinner to as many as 700 families plus supply more than 2,000 people with food each month. **St. Timothy's also needs boxes – especially computer paper boxes – to hold the food!** The pick-up date for St. Timothy's is Wednesday, November 18. Here's a handy shopping list:

Thanksgiving Items:

- Cornbread Mix
- Biscuit Mix
- Stuffing
- Canned Fruit
- Dessert Mix (cake/cobbler mix, canned pumpkin or pie filling)
- Boxed Rice Mix
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Gravy (can or dry mix)
- Canned Vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed veggies)
- Jello Gelatin
- Yams/Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Broth or Cream Soup
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Milk (evaporated or condensed)

Everyday Needs: Peanut Butter

- Jelly and Jam
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Fish
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Meat (chili, chicken, stew)
- Cereal

Last Peace Meal for 2014 Coming in November

What is Peace Meal? A group of St. Timothy's volunteers have been going to St. John's Episcopal Church on Arsenal Street, St. Louis, approximately five times a year to prepare and serve a hot meal to the public living in and around the area.

Scott Splater, St. John's Peace Meal Co-coordinator, assigns the dates of service for St. Timothy's and other Episcopal Churches in the St. Louis area.

The remaining date for St. Timothy's this year is: **November 22**

How does it work?

Shift #1 – 1:30-4:00pm

Prepare food

5-6 people needed-

Shift #2 – 4:00-6:30pm

Serve food & clean up

4-5 people needed

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

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a Peace Meal Volunteer, please drop an email to jam330@charter.net and I will be happy to add your name and email address to our volunteer list. [*This is a fun, busy activity, but it's very gratifying. Susan M.*]



Thank you, Judy Maloney

Book Discussion Facilitated by Heidi Clark

Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM & Wednesday, October 29 at 8:30 AM.

Join Heidi Clark as she facilitates a discussion of Nadia Bolz-Weber's book Pastrix: The Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint.



Did You Know We Have a Knitting Ministry?

A group of dedicated knitter and crocheters (made that up, so Word doesn't like it!) meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 10am to make prayer shawls, scarves, blankets and other items that are then blessed and delivered to the homebound, crisis nursery, and scarves and gloves to the needy. The coffee and fellowship are always warm!

BTW, if you know someone who would appreciate having a lovingly handmade shawl while they are recuperating or to help them through a tough time, please give them one from the table in the space between the double doors into the worship space, and sign your name on the list.





THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



**JOIN US
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**6:00 PM EVENING PRAYER
FOLLOWED BY A BROWN BAG SUPPER**

JIM MCCULLOUGH

Will moderate a discussion of the Gospel of John

Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast words of eternal life." John 6:67

Sponsored by St. Timothy's Spirituality Group

World Food Day Food 'Hairnet Heroes' Surpassed the Goal for Meal Packages

St. Tim's sent two teams to partner with the St. Louis Area Foodbank for local meal distribution and the Outreach Program for international distribution to Tanzania. Along with thousands of volunteers of all ages we packaged 382,000 meals, well beyond the goal of 250,000 meals. We filled bags, measured the contents (to the gram), and heat sealed a nutritious meal of rice and dried vegetables and then cheered mightily as we taped the boxes for shipment. It is always a most productive hour that passes too quickly.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Beverlee Critchell | 11 - Kathy Dyer | Leyna Loechner |
| 2 - Don Lambert | Jane Williamson | 19 - Tyler Nauman |
| Carolyn Moore | Willard Moseley | 25 - Jessica Michael |
| 3 - Luke Spinks | Michele Holmes | Ann Schweiss |
| 4 - Lauren Trembley | 12 - Robbie Catalano | Judy Leicht |
| 6 - Janine Bosanquet | Alex Huesemann | 26 - Holly Wilson |
| Nathan Dyer | 13 - Matthew Holmes | 27 - Cathy Agne |
| Daniel Hotra | 14 - Jane Coughlin | Uma Segal |
| Adrian Moore | 15 - Liam Wyland | 28 - Andy Arras |
| Alex Vachon | 16 - Tommy Gordon | 29 - Mary Lou Blackhurst |
| 7 - Andrew Hexem | Kudzai Mazhou | |
| 8 - Kathleen Cameron | 17 - Ethan Uyemura | |
| 10 - Andrea Johnson | 18 - Thomas Warhover | |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 - Joe and Irma Yokota | 10- Peggy and Brad Huesemann |
| Michael and Jamie Omahen | 24 - Nick and Pat Mason |
| 7 - Jeff and Andrea Johnson | Dick and Nancy Sinise |

With sympathy ...

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Gary Deken and his family on the death of his grandmother, Dorothy Louise Pieschel, who died October 6; and we also offer sympathy to Verne Luther and family on the death of Peg Luther, a St. Tim's parishioner, who died October 10.

An entertaining evening for Women's Dinner! Fifty women came together in fellowship and enjoyed each others company along with a delicious meal catered by Mission Catering. All the profit from the meal goes towards feeding children in Guatemala which is the ministry of the caterer. We also "celebrated" All Female Souls Day by playing a game which involved famous women of the past. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped set up for the evening, to those who stayed afterwards to help with the clean up, to everyone who brought an appetizer, and to those who helped with sign up and collecting money. It takes many hands for a successful event and thankfully we have many volunteers!

Financial Snapshot September 2014

For the first 9 months of 2014:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Target revenues and expenses (Budget %) | 75% |
| Actual plate receipts | 59% |
| Actual pledge receipts | 77% |
| Actual expenses | 73% |

Revenues continued to outpace expenses, with pledges ahead of plan and plate and total expenses a slightly below plan resulting in a \$32,800 year to date surplus as we continue with our fall stewardship campaign. We are hopeful that the 2015 Stewardship pledges will allow us to continue to support fully our many wonderful ministries.

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 Episcopal Church
808 North Mason Road
Creve Coeur, Mo 63141-6306

Address Service Requested

The Rev. Marvin Foltz, Rector
Church Office (314) 434-5906
Fax: (314) 434-4103
Web Site: <http://www.saint-tims.org>

Heidi Clark, Associate to the Rector
Alice McLaughlin, Parish Secretary
Chester Hines, Candidate for the Diaconate
Susan Moenkhaus, Editor

Dated Church Material
Prompt Delivery Appreciated