



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

November 2015

Family Camp 2015



Dear Good People of Saint Timothy's,

Every year our parish makes much over the remembrance of the saints. We know that our own saints are not all miraculous, pious and perfect. We know that one does not have to be perfect to be good. And yet somehow the light of love within them shone in the world in such a way that people all around were drawn to God. The old song goes:

*They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in planes,
or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too.*

This song is a favorite among Anglicans throughout the English speaking world. In this simple way we are reminded that God's love is not just for a small group of special people, but that the love of God makes us saints just as we are and where we are.

So when we remember those we love, we don't need to edit our memories, forgetting their flaws and foibles. We can love them just as they were, with full confidence that God continues his work in them as they move on toward to perfection "in that kingdom where there is not death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints".

All Saints' Day, November 1, is one of the favorite days for the baptism of children.

As we look back to those great saints of the Church calendar, we also look to a future full of hope and promise. The babies we baptize are joined to Jesus by an indissoluble bond and thus joined to all the saints of ages past and even to us. As we share in the delight of parents and godparents, we remember our own baptismal covenant and see our own lives in the light of God's holy work within us. Do not hesitate to claim God's grace; that we are made saints by Jesus' love.

Of course, in this life, we are all works in progress, as Paul the apostle says of himself:

"Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own."

Philippians 3:12

All Saints is a celebration of all of them; great saints and tiny babies, and our own family and local saints as well. Some of you regularly make offerings at this time to remember them. This year those offerings will be designated to the Endowment to establish a legacy of faith for the future.

We will light candles. We will call out their names at God's table. We will know that they are present with us there, as your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.

Love,

Marvin +

Growing in Faith. Going in Love

Our 2016 Stewardship Campaign is now well underway. We started the month with stewardship testimonials at our church services. Posters are up in the church's gathering space illustrating our parish "Growing in Faith. Going in Love."

Our campaign goal this year is \$605K. This goal includes additional money over last year's pledges to better support our church's ministries. In particular, we're working with the Canon to the Ordinary to find an Assistant Rector to help out Fr. Marvin and all the wonderful St. Timothy's staff in carrying out our ministries.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their pledge forms. Our Stewardship Ingathering is the weekend of October 31/November 1. Please return your pledge forms before or at our ingathering church services.

THANKS-FOR-GIVING Holiday Food Drive 2015 for Circle of Concern

It's time again to be generous with our food donations for Thanksgiving. In addition to the food, we empty need boxes (computer paper boxes are great). Please join us again this year to bring a Thanksgiving offering for Circle of Concern. The food will be delivered to Circle of Concern on **Wednesday, November 18**.

In addition to the regular groceries, Circle Of Concern provides a Thanksgiving basket to clients and their families for Thanksgiving dinner. Your gifts of food and funds help provide Thanksgiving dinner to 700 families.

Thanksgiving Items: Cornbread Mix/Biscuit Mix, Stuffing Mix / Bread Cubes, Canned Fruit, Dessert, Mix Gravy (can or dry mix), Canned Vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed veggies), Jello gelatin, Broth or Cream Soup, Canned Milk (evaporated or condensed). **Your Cash Donation will help purchase turkeys! (make out checks to St. Timothy's with a memo for Circle Thanksgiving)**

Everyday Needs that you can put in the basket in the church entrance hall: Peanut Butter, Jelly and Jam, Canned Meals (chili, chicken, stew), Dinner "Helpers", Cereal Canned Fish, Meat Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce Mac & Cheese, Rice Mixes

MUSIC NOTES

On Sunday evening, November 1, at 5 p.m., the Choir of St. Timothy will sing the Evening Office for the Feast of All Saints'. The canticles (*Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*) will be those in B-flat by Charles Villiers Stanford, and the anthem will be Ralph Vaughan Williams' *O how amiable*.

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. This liturgy of sung prayer has been offered daily throughout the Christian era and it enables us to join with all those who have gone before, those today who offer their evening prayers, and those who will continue their sung praise, petitions, and thanksgivings in times to come.

(From the Evensong bulletin at The Church of St. Michael and St. George)

As is customary, a lovely reception will follow in the Gathering Space. Please consider joining with the Rector and the Choir at the close of the Sabbath on this special Feast Day for this beautiful and uniquely Anglican service.

Pax,

Mark

Mark R. Scholtz, Director of Music

Thanksgiving Plans?

If you're not going out of town, or relatives aren't coming to you, or perhaps you just want to try something different this year, St. Tim's is the place to be along with your guests. We will have a late afternoon dinner on November 26 and we will have one planning meeting to decide on the menu and how to split up the various jobs involved with this feast. Sign up in the Gathering Space and either Nancy Setzer or Caroline Kelsey will call you. This is our second year to have this dinner—last year's dinner was great fun.



How Our Donations on a Humble Tree Can Transform St. Louis

It's time for the Mitten Tree at St. Timothy's! The tree will be up in November waiting for your donations of new or homemade mittens, scarves, and hats. The knitting ministry has been busy making items you will see on the tree. They will go to Grace Hill Settlement House. Grace Hill works toward ensuring that every child, every family, and every community has the opportunity to succeed. Children get the opportunity to pick the items we donate for holiday gifts for family members. <http://gracehillsettlement.org>.

Start Your Shopping List for the Holiday Pantry



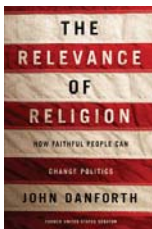
What comes to mind when you see the words, "canning session"? At St. Tim's the "Canning Session" makes treats for the annual Holiday Pantry, which takes place the 2nd Sunday in Advent. Each year four to five hundred canned jams, jellies, salsa, pickles, etc. are presented for sale at this weekend event at church. Several folks have expressed a desire to help, thus the "canning sessions" in our own kitchen. The next canning session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00p.m. Proceeds fund various programs such as the black chairs for the parish hall, and the good tableware in the kitchen. You'll find hostess and friendship gifts at this event. Watch for details on the Holiday Pantry.

Beverlee Critchell and SueAnn McAvoy

News from parishioners -

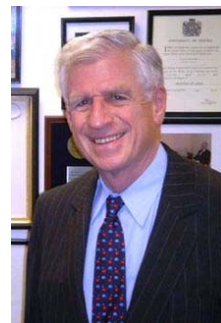
Mary Robert and David Hawley are appearing in First Run Theatre's annual festival of Short plays on November 6th, 7th & 8th and 13th, 14th, and 15th. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm. This is a series of eight ten-minute plays of all types, in one evening. David Hawley also wrote two of the plays. The venue is Southampton Presbyterian Church Theatre, 4716 Macklind Ave, St. Louis MO 63109-2988. Several St Tim's Parishioners went last year and had a great time. Tickets are as low as \$8 in advance from firstruntheatre.com and go up to \$15 for full price tickets bought on the night.

How Faithful People Can Change Politics



Sunday, December 6
4:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Book Discussion
and Book Signing
with Jack Danforth



The book can be purchased at the event by check only - made out to St. Timothy's - for \$28. Reservations are required to this free event. Sign up by going to <http://www.saint-tims.org/danforth-book-signing.html> St. Tim's parishioners will have 10 days to sign up before others outside the parish can register. Seating will be limited. Questions, call Betsy Gee.

The Food Pantry Garden is closed but will reopen in March!

On October 24th Judy Maloney, J. Anderson, Michelle Holmes, Jim Thorley, Alice Fritsch, and Nancy Setzer harvested the remaining produce, turned over the beds, and put away all the tools. Plans for next year's garden will begin in February, why not become involved? We not only need people to garden and water, we need the experience of vegetable gardeners to help plan, and drivers to take the food to Circle of Concern.



This summer we harvested 185 pounds of produce from the church garden plus 50 extra pounds donated from the gardens of Kirk Fritsch, Roy Moore, Georgia O'Brien, J. Anderson, and Holly Wilson. That is 235 pounds of fresh produce taken to Circle of Concern's Food Bank. This fresh produce is an extra "treat" that families can choose in addition to the prepackaged bags of food they receive. Cucumbers and green peppers were the most prolific while our zucchini and spinach did not fare as well. A garden is a constant surprise!



Additional thanks for helping in many different ways go to: Holly Wilson, Lynn Whittington, Claudia Uccello, Mike Bacon, Debbie Smith, and Angela Mitchell-Phillips. I look forward to adding more names to the list next year!

Nancy Setzer

Family Camp 2015

St. Timothy's families enjoyed another wonderful weekend away together October 23-25. This activity, sponsored by the Family Ministries Team, gives our busy families a wonderful weekend to relax, say our prayers, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and spend much needed down-time with one another. The kids get to run free, the parents get to enjoy them away from chores and homework, and people of all ages sneak-in much needed naps throughout the weekend. The fellowship builds connections to each other, and we find many areas of overlapping passions and



possibilities, which strengthen us as a family of God here at St. Timothy's, \empowered to change and heal the world. \Special thanks to the individuals and families who participated in the fundraisers, and who donated scholarships to ensure that all of our families who wished to participate were able to do so. Check out the Photo Album on the St. Timothy's Facebook page (you don't have to be a member) to see more pictures of this wonderful weekend away.

~ Heidi Carter Clark, Associate to the Rector

Family & Friends Sunday : Our second annual Family & Friends Breakfast Program was a tremendous success thanks to the efforts of our Men's Group and also some ladies who helped in a big way ! We had a great gourmet breakfast prepared by some of the finest chefs imaginable ! Over 130 members and guests attended, including at least 14 guests this year ! We know that we will miss some who helped and we apologize for any unintended omissions ! A special thank you to the following who gave much of their time in planning, buying food and supplies, cooking, serving breakfast, planning the program, clean up, etc.: Jon and Lori Hotra and their "budding performers", Michael, Daniel, Adrianna, and newborn Caitlin for the great job that they did in telling what St Tim's means for their family !

Mike Wyland, Brad Barnes, Tony Corey, Jim Clark, Jim McCullough, Caroline Kelsey (for the beautiful flowers), George Podolsky, Peter Wangler, Paul Michael, Tim & Mimi Butler, Lynn Whittington, and my co-chairman Don Dewey ! Don was instrumental in Family & Friends planning for everything especially the food, and without him this event would not have been the success that it was !



Dennis Whittington, Co-Chairmen Family & Friends Program

Adult Forums

Focus on Theology, Service, and Engagement: Every Sunday morning in the North Parish Hall, St. Timothy's welcomes a great variety of guest speakers, theologians, Service Agencies, and local ministries to help us put our faith in action. Details of each presentation will be made available as the dates approach.

Nov 1 – Dr. Dale Anderson, member of the Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission, will share his insights of the challenges of overcoming racism.

Nov 8 – Our Talents – Published Authors and Members of St. Timothy's. We have several published authors here at St. Timothy's, including Sarah Johnson, Cathie Horrell, James McCullough, Will Bolden, Senator Danforth, and others. The Stewardship Ministry Team is inviting them to come, as they are able, and tell us their stories of work, revelation, faith, and the world of writing.

Nov 15– Diversity and You. Reginald Williams, adjunct professor at Webster University will explore the ways we are informed, and misinformed, by today's media.

Nov 22 – Diocesan Convention Report – Come and hear from our delegates about the decisions, opportunities and challenges we face as members of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.

Nov 29 – Advent Event – An all-ages (adults too!) event to prepare our homes for the observance of a Holy Advent.

Dec 6, 13, 20 – Advent Series – featuring discussions on the Advent lections as seen through the arts and prayer.



Be sure to pick up your copy of “**Adult Formation & Forums**” at church to learn about this ministry. You can also get the details on our website:
<http://www.saint-tims.org/>

And, we say a hearty, “You’re Welcome” to recent thank yous!

“The 2015 September District 13 AI-Anon Workshop was a great success and I would like to thank St. Timothy's for their generous hospitality.

The Facility was perfect for this event. As always I hope you will convey to your leadership how grateful we are to St. Timothy's and the commitment the congregation has to being a resource for the community.

In service,

Sue Kieffer, District 13 representative”

“Dear St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Packaging Teams #1 & #2:

Many thanks to all of you for (once again!) ensuring the success of this year's St. Louis World Food Day event by participating as Packaging Partners. At this year's World Food Day commemoration more than 1650 St. Louisans registered as Packagers, 95 people served as Leadership Volunteers (helping with event execution), and 22 high schools (226 students) were represented at the annual High School Rally Night.

Last Friday, St. Louis came together to help feed the world! We are thrilled to report that (even though the ever faithful and true StLWFD supporter **Holly Wilson was unable to attend**) **the group still managed to assemble 362,556 meals in a single day.** The St. Louis Area Foodbank will distribute the mac & cheese meals locally and the international rice & bean meals will be delivered by the Outreach Program of Union, IA to a school-based feeding program in Tanzania.

We hope you know how very much our family appreciates your church’s continued support of this hunger-relief initiative. Thanks to you and other St. Louisans, a lot of hungry people living locally and around the world are going to receive a nutritious meal. We are, truly, grateful to you for your help and hope you enjoyed the experience.

Thank you so very much and take care.

Sincerely,

The Soffer Family, www.STLWFD.org”



Circle of Concern and Trinity Food Pantry—Have you wondered about the basket on the table right before you enter the gathering space at church? The one that always has bags of food and personal care items in it? Donated items from parishioners are given to Trinity Food Pantry and Circle of Concern. Trinity, Central West End, fills about 7,000 requests for food each year, and people receive

produce (from our garden this summer), staples, and canned goods. Bread Co. donated fresh bread, and cleaning supplies and personal items are often given when available. Circle of Concern serves more than 2,200 people each month and is located in Valley Park. Families receive groceries based on the size of the family, and they receive personal care items, pet food, and diapers when available. Local stores provide frozen meats and fresh produce and bakery items, and milk and eggs. Watch St. Tim's website, The Angler, or the Upcoming Events flyer for information on what to donate.

Two more thank yous from people who have enjoyed our facility—

“Greetings, People of St. Timothy's! I have the distinct pleasure of leading the music at the 9:00 AM Family Service on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month. If you haven't already attend this service, I invite and encourage you to check it out: it's relaxed, non-traditional, thoroughly Episcopal, and over in half an hour! With the other Eucharists offered each weekend, St. Timothy's offers a wide range of worship styles and opportunities.

Your own George Podolsky provides percussion & I play guitar, but I'd like to add another musician or two. Is there one among you who plays bass? How about a melodic instrument like a violin or flute? Please let me know if you or someone you know might be interested in joining our merry worship band.

If you'd like more information just ask me or Heidi Clark. It's great being with you at such a fine parish, and I look forward to working and worshipping with you.

Brooke Myers brookemyersinstl@gmail.com
314-791-7151”

“Please find a way to express our thanks to the people and leadership of St. Timothy's for their stewardship efforts that have resulted in such a wonderful facility. Very many of our guests commented on how lovely it is. We found the kitchen, closets and parish hall easy to use and clean up, and the key pad door locks really were convenient for everyone concerned. What a truly nice facility you have, and what a blessing it is to those of us in the community outside St. Timothy's who have the good fortune to make use of it. I imagine there are other individuals and groups for whom St. Timothy's physical plant is a blessing, and of course it exists only through the efforts of the congregation and staff.

THANK YOU!

Angela Breeher
Parish Administrator
Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion”

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Joe and Irma Yokota	15- Michelle and Derek Bolden
Michael and Jamie Omahen	24 - Nick and Pat Mason
7 - Jeff and Andrea Johnson	Dick and Nancy Sinise
10- Peggy and Brad Huesemann	

Advent Event

Sunday, Nov. 29th, 9:00-10:15 Parish Hall

'Tis the Season! Begin your preparation for Christ's birth at the annual Advent Event. Instead of Adult Forum and Sunday School, this intergenerational event features making advent wreaths*, ornaments, crafts, small gifts, and general merriment! Cookies and other holiday snacks will be served.

If you would be interested in:

- working a table (helping children with the activities-no planning, the crafts will be ready to go)
- would like to host a table (if you have a craft you would like to plan & organize)
- would like to bring cookies or snacks to share

Please sign the Purple Volunteer Sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space or contact Madeline Zwickmaier [314-983-0693](tel:314-983-0693)/ kurtzwick@charter.net

Catch the Spirit of the Season!

**nominal fee for greenery and advent candles*

Financial Snapshot for September 2015

Target revenues and expenses (Budget %)	75%
Actual plate receipts	64%
Actual pledge receipts	73%
Actual expenses	69%

Year to date revenues continue to outpace expenses in by \$18,948 but we did have a 13,546 shortfall in September. This was due to September pledges falling below the monthly average. The good news is we've already offset that shortfall in October. As the Finance Committee continues the detailed 2016 budget planning process, it is critical for us to know what revenues will be available to fund our awesome ministries. This is why it is so important for us to know your pledging intentions for 2016. Please send in your pledge card as soon you can so we can create a solid 2016 budget.

Thanks for your support! 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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