

The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

April, 2015



At the round earth's imagined corners, blow
Your trumpets, angels, and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go.

John Donne, Divine Meditations 7

From the Rector— Eastertide is Party Time, Hallelujah!

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church will be in Party mode throughout Eastertide. Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

So, beginning with the Great Noise at the Easter Vigil and continuing with the expanded Easter egg hunts and Festive Easter Brunch, we break our Lenten fast. Easter is a time for joy in the Church. We renew our Alleluias! Our hymns take up a joy tone! We stand more and kneel less. We make every effort to have a wonderful celebration of our common life in Christ.

We continue with frequent regular Wonderful Wednesday opportunities and encourage that we, as much as possible, arrange our team meetings on Wednesdays.

On April 19, our own Bishop, the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith, will make his official visitation to the Parish. The Bishop requests that there only be one Eucharist that weekend, "signifying the oneness of the church in the presence of the Bishop, the sacramental person charged with guarding the church's unity". The Bishop will be receiving new members into this communion at this service. The one service this year will be at 10:30am. Bishop Smith will be present for a time of teaching 9:30am and there will be Sunday School for the children.

To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows.
He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.
The deed He honors and the intention He commends.
Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!
You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.
Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! *Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom*

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On May 24, we celebrate Pentecost, a feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). It is the end of the fifty days of Easter and at present it is of equal rank with Easter Sunday. It is also a Sunday for Holy Baptism. Please let everyone among your circle of family and friends know that this opportunity is available. Baptismal preparation may be completed by attending three sessions with the Pastor. Sign up for baptismal preparation by calling the church office.

Party time! Excellent!

Love, Marvin +



Holy Week Services and Events at St. Timothy's

April 2, Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. *

April 3, Good Friday: 12 noon and 7 p.m.*

April 4, Great Vigil of Easter: 8 p.m.*

April 5, Easter: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.*

*Holy Communion offered at these services.

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Easter Fellowship at St. Timothy's

Easter Morning Brunch

Everyone is invited to enjoy a festive Potluck Easter Brunch in the Parish Hall between the Sunday services beginning at 9:30. Please bring holiday foods to share, maybe a tried and true recipe, from your own family tradition so that we may break the fast of Lent together.

Please join us whether you can bring food to share or not.

Easter Egg Hunt

All kids, are invited to participate in the Easter egg hunt at 10:00 on Easter morning. We'll have two age groups--one for the little ones, up to age 4, and one for the bigger ones, K - 5th grade. BYOB (bring your own basket!) or use a provided bag.



The Acts of the Apostles

Please join us at 6:15 PM in the Library on Wednesday, April 8 for the conclusion of our study of Acts, facilitated by Cathie Horrell. All are welcome.

Date	Book	Facilitator
April 8	Acts 15-21	Cathie Horrell

Altar Flower Sign-Up Dates Available Year 'Round

The flowers that adorn our worship space are an important and beautiful symbol of what we offer to God in our worship.

Every member of St. Timothy's is invited to participate by contributing funds to the altar flowers on a particular Sunday, to the glory of God, and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration for people or events that are important to that donor. We are hoping to have two families each Sunday to contribute to the beauty of our worship space.

The costs for each family will be \$45 beginning after Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please be sure to memo your check, "altar flowers". The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or you may call the church office at 314-434-5906.

New Email Addresses

Beginning April 15, we will only be using the following email addresses:

- Marvinleefoltz@gmail.com
- Heidi.at.saint.tims@gmail.com
- Alice.at.saint.tims@gmail.com
- Music.at.saint.tims@gmail.com
- Paul.at.saint.tims@gmail.com
- Office.at.saint.tims@gmail.com

The old email addresses (name@saint-tims.org) will no longer work.

Wonderful Wednesdays at St. Timothy's for Lent 2015

This week we gather for a light supper at **5:30**, followed by a short evening prayer service at our tables.

Wednesday, April 1

1. Fellowship & K. P. Relax, hang out after supper
2. Reconcile – Moving Forward in Peace. A study of conflict and resolution based on six stories from the Bible, and reflections from the lives of the South Sudanese, created by leaders in the Episcopal Diocese of Wau. Led by Debbie Smith.
3. Board and card games in the Youth Lounge
4. Community of Hope - learn about this marvelous pastoral care ministry.
5. Christian Formation - Building on our last meeting, continuing planning for future programs for children and teens, with an egg-stuffing option.

Special Volunteer Recognition

For the past 8+ years, Rita Podolsky has provided hours and hours of important and appreciated time to her St. Timothy's family. This is especially noted this time of year, when there are so many different service bulletins created during Lent and Holy week alone. Another really big thing she does is cover the whole enterprise for the staff when we are away. Rita's friendly manner, helpful attitude, and supreme gifts as a baker are very much appreciated by the balance of the staff, and we all benefit from her service. Thank you Rita!



Think Spring—All Women and Guests Invited

The next women's dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, after the snow and freezing nights! We will have a catered dinner, and the program is being presented by Susan Lounsbury. She is going to discuss the art of rug hooking, explain how our tapestries were made and by whom, and tell us about the symbolism of each one. It will be a lovely evening and everyone is invited to bring a guest or two.

Nancy Setzer and Judy DeMarco

Have you tried the 9:00 Service yet?

It is very different in its *feel* from the services to which you may be accustomed, but the content is the same. We gather, read scripture, hear the lesson, say the prayers of the people, make confessions, break bread, and leave in peace. Please read the article on our website for the details of each part. <http://www.saint-tims.org/news/what-happens-at-family-worship> One of the more ancient actions we do has to do with the use of "confession stones." This was brought to the Episcopal church through a Celtic Spirituality conference over 20 years ago. The adults were so struck by the simplicity of holding a symbol, a stone, into which you place your mistakes, fear, and brokenness, then symbolically wash those hurts away with the waters of our baptism, that they brought it into alternative services. It didn't take long for educators, parents, and clergy involved in those liturgies to see how such a simple act might also translate to our younger members, so it has become a regular feature in many liturgies across the country designed for tactile engagement across the generations. We are pleased that more and more adults come, without children, for this different-yet-the-same, engaging communion service. All are welcome.

Heidi Clark, Associate to the Rector

Family Worship Service Dates

Due to the Special Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in April (Easter & Bishop's Visitation), the 9:00 "Family Worship" Service this month will be on April 12th. The regular schedule - 1st and 3rd Sundays - resumes in May. See you there. Thank You

Please Note: April 19 - Bishop Smith's Visitation to St. Tim's

One service the weekend of April 18/19 at 10:30 on Sunday.

Healing Bible Study

Come and explore what the Bible says about Jesus's healing miracles. What took place for Jesus to heal someone? Can we ask Jesus to heal us? Can we ask for healing for others? Did He ever turn away someone who asked for healing? Join us in the library at 9:30 Sunday mornings starting April 12 for a look at what the Gospels says about healing and how we can use God's healing power in our community.

World Food Day Update and Date Announcement

Holly Wilson, St. Tim's World Food Day (WFD) Coordinator, received the following note and pictures from the St. Louis WFD Coordinator. Mark your calendars for October 16, the next assembly day. Ask Holly about World Food Day and watch for details in a few months.

Hi Holly:

My sister Laura has arrived in Tanzania and I thought that you (and others from St. Tim's) would want to see these pictures. The STLWFD 2014 food is safely on the ground! You can see the "cafeteria" where it is served (and even a pic of the kids in action with lunch cleanup!) Thanks for all that you did to make this a reality. I wonder if I will ever get over to Tanzania to see first hand how very much the World Food Day event is actually helping people? Laura says it is a life changing experience.

We could not have done any of it without your enthusiastic help and hands on support. Thanks again and please mark your calendar (and drum up support!) for STLWFD 2015 (Friday, October 16th at Burroughs).

*Hope this finds you well,
Mary Beth
www.STLWFD.org*



Program for Those Working in Palliative and Hospice Care to be Presented in April

The Rev. Paul Metzler is bringing a national program on Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia to Eden Seminary on Tuesday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information go to www.hospicefoundation.org. *This program will be useful to nurses, social workers, counselors, nursing home administrators, case managers, funeral directors, and marriage and family therapists.*

Dismantling Racism Workshop at St Timothy's--April 24-25, 2015

The Dismantling Racism Commission (DRC), led by The Rev. Chester Hines, will present two, 7-hour sessions reviewing, presenting, and facilitating deep discussion around the issues and sub texts of racism. Surf the DRC website - <http://www.diocesemo.org/ministries/diocesan/dismantling-racism-commission/> The registration form is on the website, or contact Tony Corey for a form.

This workshop is being offered to members of St Timothy's church. Space is limited so please give this serious consideration earlier rather than later. The DRC will open this up to other churches and outside organizations, so do not tarry. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served each day.

If you cannot make this workshop, there's more good news. St. Timothy's has established a new ministry to keep this conversation in front of us and guide us on our journey. Stay tuned as we get ourselves organized.

Contact: Tony Corey at agcore@mac.com, 636-346-4065 or Alice McLaughlin, Parish Administrator, at St. Timothy's, 314-434-5906.

Food Pantry Garden Needs More Hands

Spring is around the corner and we have started making plans for another year. But, first a short summary: This is the 5th year. The food is donated to The Circle of Concern in Valley Park. Some will be used to prepare a Peace Meal for St John's. We now have 5 raised beds surrounded by a fence, and **EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD, IS WELCOME TO HELP IN ANYWAY THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE IN HELPING!!**

As the season progresses, we will need help in planting, moving mulch, watering, harvesting, and delivering food to The Circle of Concern. This year we will be weighing the produce picked so everyone can see how much was grown.

Our first work date is March 21 at 9 a.m. We will do a little amending of the soil and then plant potatoes and onions. Come and plant, or offer moral support, or just come to visit and find out more about our garden!

Nancy Setzer



Volunteer for Peace Meal—You Won't Regret It

Every Saturday our sister parish, St. John's Episcopal Church in Tower Grove, offers a free hot meal to whoever needs one. It is called the Peace Meal. A group of St. Timothy's volunteers has been going approximately five times a year to prepare and serve this meal to the public living in and around the area.

How does it work?

Shift #1 – 1:30 - 4 p.m.	Prepare food	5-6 people needed
Shift #2 – 4 - 6:30 p.m.	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.

Judy Maloney

2015 dates: Saturday , April 18, June 27, September 12, and November 21.

St. Timothy's & The Lord's Prayer

Members and visitors alike have noticed that when we pray together at St. Timothy's we use one of the two versions of what is called "the Lord's Prayer" – both located in our prayer book side-by-side on page 364. There are two versions of it in our Bibles. The longer version appears in Matthew, beginning in chapter 6 verse 5 as a part of the Sermon on the Mount, included within a series of instructions on how to pray, including the direction "do not babble." The second appearance of these words is in the gospel of Luke, 11:1-4. This shorter version might not actually have been a prayer, per se, because it was an answer to a question. One of the disciples asked Jesus to teach/remind them how to pray like John (the baptizer) had taught, and Jesus was offering more of an outline. Much of what he offered came from his being Jewish, and was based heavily on the prayers and prayer-forms he had learned in the synagogue. The Trinitarian doxology added to the end, applied in both versions found in our prayer book, is not in the original texts. Becoming familiar with many different versions of this prayer in use across Christendom (there are several more) helps us learn what Jesus believed about prayer, and expands our understanding of this particular set of instructions.

Heidi Clark - Associate to the Rector



The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson , Saturday, April 18 at St. Martin's

The former Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire, The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson will visit the St. Louis community for a discussion of his faith journey. The Conversation is from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Gene Robinson will cover the changes in the church in the last 10 years and the challenges of inclusiveness in the church today. What did he leave of himself at the door, and what do we ask our congregations to leave outside on Sunday morning? His talk will be followed by small groups discussing these questions, trying to find answers for our individual communities.

Registration begins at 9 a.m.; the event starts at 10 a.m.

NOTE: If you require child care for this event, please contact Colleen Hall at 314-630-0295.

Temporary Sunday Morning Schedule Shift

After years of rushing things, and cutting things short, we've decided to try something new. It is a small, simple, 15-minute-something that has been long in demand.

Starting this summer, June 7th, and going through the end of the program year in May 2016 our Sunday Morning Schedule will look like this.

7:45 – First Service (previously at 8:00)

9:00 – Second Service 1st & 3rd Sunday (no change)

9:40 – Christian Formation for all ages, including Adult Forum (extends sessions to an hour)

10:45 – Third Service (previously 10:30)

The primary reason for making this shift is to give the Adult Forum and Christian Formation classes, and their leaders, an hour to gather, teach, connect, and learn. The secondary reason is to give the 9:00 service the time it needs to set the altar and end in time to get worshippers to class on time. Finally, in many of the conversations, surveys and inventories we've had recently, parishioners have asked for an occasional alternative Sunday liturgy. Different words, different music. We simply have not had the real estate on our schedule to respond. This new schedule opens-up a space on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:00. Maybe a Taize service, or contemporary music, or an abbreviated prayer book healing service with ancient service music. Many leaders, including teachers and Adult Forum leaders, parents, liturgists, and staff members, have been in the conversation and/or the appeal to make this slight time shift. Feel free to ask any of them any questions you may have about this proposed, temporary shift, and share your insights, concerns, experience, and your support. We have also planned a time for a conversation with whomever is interested to learn more, on Sunday morning the 24th of May at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 - Lori Hotra
Anna Spinks | 12 - Jacob Conard
Sally Metz | 25 - Julia Amies |
| 4 - Alice Fritsch | 14 - Brian Rouse | 26 - Scott Wootton
Wini Crock |
| 5 - Judy Flacke | 15 - Diane Hoff | Don Dewey |
| 6 - Rita Podolsky
Joan Coots | 16 - Amelia Pooley | 27 - Jeff Johnson |
| 7 - Philip Muzik | 17 - Joyce Helton | 29 - Brigitte Gutsche
Georgia O'Brien |
| 10 - Michael Wyland | 20 - Will Bolden | |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 7 - Beverly and Mo Buder | 26 - Joan and Don Dewey |
| 17 - Sally and Frank Sandy | 27 - Nancy and Dick Summers |
| 18 - Anne and Mike Teymour | |
| 21 - Janine and Bud Bosanquet
LaVerne and Willard Moseley | |

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Rick Sharp and his family on the death of Rick's father, Robert Sharp, and to Robert Phillips and his family on the death of his father, Alan Woods Phillips.

Congratulations to Jen and John Wischnowsky and big brother JP on the birth of Nolan Edward Wischnowsky on March 29. The whole family is doing well.

Save the date: Camp Phoenix July 26 - August 1

Register and find more information at: www.camp-phoenix.org No child is turned away due to financial concerns. Applications for assistance through the Daniels Scholarship Fund are available online. Open House at the camp— Sunday, May 17. Check their website or more info on the bulletin board

Financial Snapshot February 2015

For the first 2 months of 2015:

Target revenues and expenses (Budget %)	17%
Actual plate receipts	8%
Actual pledge receipts	19%
Actual expenses	15%

So far this year expenses are less than plan and pledges are greater than plan. Plate is a little behind. Year to date we have a \$23,000 surplus!

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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