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**August -
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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

THE VALLEY OF VISION

LORD, HIGH AND HOLY, MEEK AND LOWLY,
Thou hast brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold thy glory.

Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.

Lord, in the daytime, stars can be seen from deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter thy stars shine;
Let me find thy light in my darkness,
thy life in my death,
thy joy in my sorrow,
thy grace in my sin,
thy riches in my poverty,
thy glory in my valley.

- Arthur Bennett

From the Associate Rector



Dear Siblings in Christ,

It has been quite a year so far, and it seems impossible that it is only halfway gone. We have watched a pandemic sweep across the world and land uncomfortably close. People are urged to stay indoors and wash hands, keep away from others, sanitize, quarantine, six feet is fine, no, actually ten feet is better, stand here, wait your turn, close the business, order the groceries, listen to the experts, do your research, and above all, don't panic unless you should. It is dizzying. And it feels a little bit like we have been robbed. Robbed of our social lives, robbed of worshipping in community, robbed of both Easter and Pentecost, robbed of milestones and celebrations.

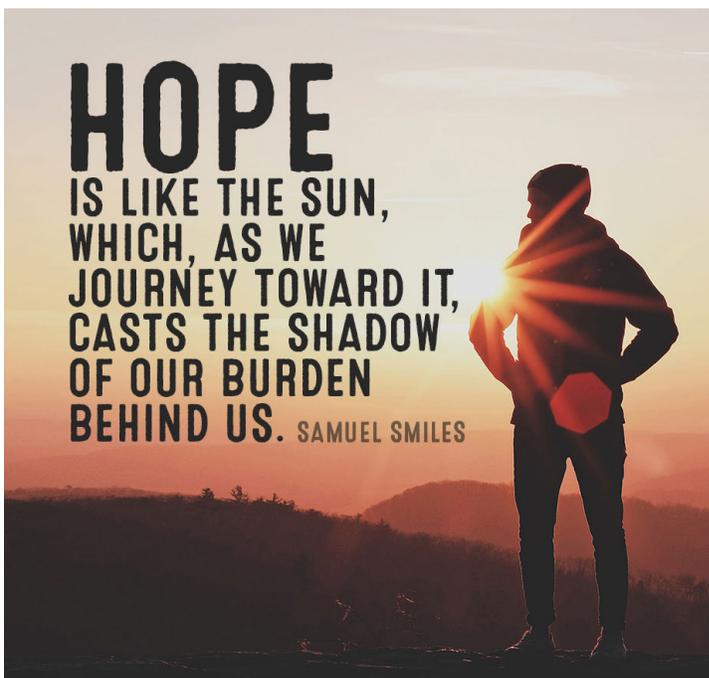
We have also watched the revived civil rights movement swell into what has become the largest of its kind in history. The urge to *do something* has never been stronger, and people have shown up and stood in solidarity with their siblings of color; have run Amazon out of stock on titles whose messages expose uncomfortable truths for white people. We are educating ourselves and standing up for justice in all the ways we feel comfortable in a time of global health crisis. It has been a sight to behold.

Wherever you fall on the opinion scale, our bonds of community have remained strong. Because of this church. Because of these people. Because of this God who continues to show us beauty in creation and grace in our weariness and anger. What St. Timothy's has proven these past four months is that it is so much more than just a building; that

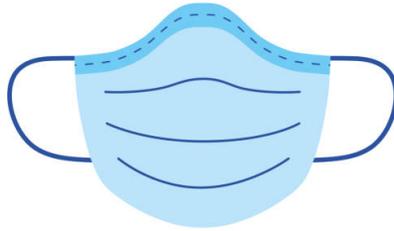
fellowship and worship and stewardship are not confined to four walls; that St. Timothy's survives even in crisis and uncertainty.

We may not be together in person, but we continue to be united in our community and in prayer. We refrain from in-person worship to protect one another, loving our neighbor by maintaining distance. Bishop Johnson's directive of September 1st sets our plans back, yes, and I know how much we all miss what feels like "real" church, but I promise you, the day will come when we can safely be together again. We will weather this a little longer. I pray you find ways to enrich your spiritual lives, and if I can help in that, please let me know. September brings renewed hope for in-person worship as well as our Interim Priest. My prayers and love for you and this community continue in abundance. Please pray for your vestry, wardens, clergy, and staff as we move forward in our discussion and planning for the coming months.

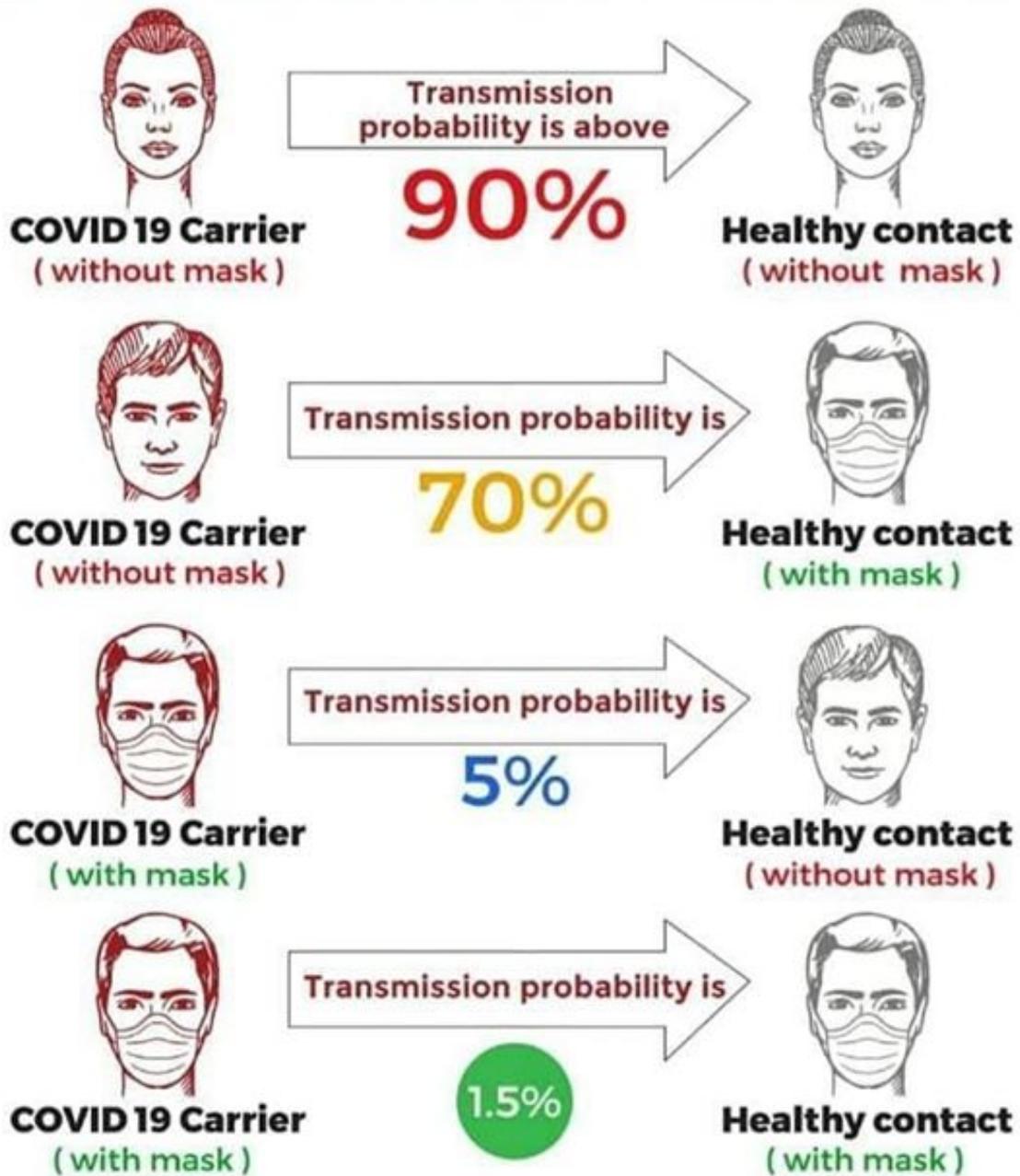
Blessings,
The Rev. Camie Dewey



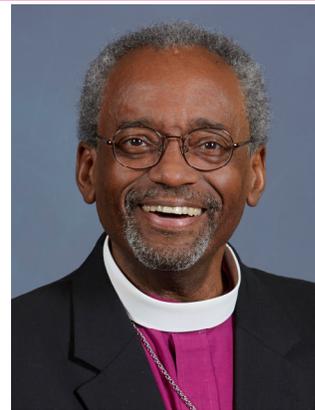
Love your neighbor.



WEAR A MASK.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Word to the Church: What Would Love Do?



"What Would Love Do?"

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me"*

Text of Hymn 549, verse 1 – Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95), alt.

The following is an excerpt from Presiding Bishop Curry's "Word to the Church" on April 29, 2020 regarding the rubric of love during the COVID-19 pandemic:

"Throughout the Book of Common Prayer there are rubrics, those small or italicized words that don't always catch our eye, that provide direction and guidance for how a liturgy or service is to be conducted. Rubrics tell us what must be done and what may be done. They limit us and they give us freedom. They require us to exercise our judgment. And when we are at our best, we exercise this judgment under God's rubric of love...

...We've been trying, making mistakes, learning, re-grouping, trying anew. I've seen it. Holy Week and

Easter happened in ways that none of us dreamed possible. I've quietly read Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline online with you. I've seen soup kitchens, pantries, and other feeding ministries carefully doing their work in safe and healthy ways. Zoom coffee hours, Bible studies, and small discipleship groups. I've seen this church stand for the moral primacy of love. I've seen it, even when public health concerns supersede all other considerations, including in-person worship. *That is moral courage.* Who knows, but that love may demand more of us. But fear not, just remember what the old slaves use to say, walk together, children, and don't you get weary, because there is a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Oh, I've seen us do what we never thought we would or could do, because we dared to do what Jesus tells us all to do."

The entire message can be found here:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-currys-word-church-what-would-love-do>

A Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

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Fellowship Opportunities



Coffee Klatch



An hour to share joy and spend time together over coffee. **Every OTHER Thursday morning** at 9:30 AM on Zoom. (Next gathering: **August 6**)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88654546440?pwd=MDVrQlF5RDZAwW1OeitSMnBqQlZVQT09>

Happy Hour

A fellowship hour for catching up, laughter, and stories. **Every OTHER Tuesday evening** at 7:00 PM on Zoom. (Next gathering: **August 11**)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99830313172?pwd=Y0s0bUFOcXJCSi82NWdMcDRhUTBmQT09>

From the Office of the Bishop regarding the pandemic:

July 8, 2020

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." -1 John 4:16

Dear Friends in the Risen Christ;

As people of faith and followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our highest ideal and primal calling to be a people grounded and guided in love. During the past few months of pandemic, we have demonstrated our love for God made real and present in each other by wearing face coverings, washing hands, and refraining from gathering in-person for worship.



We are once again being called into a time of sacrificial love as cases of COVID-19 begin to rise in the State of Missouri and around the world. Effective **July 15, 2020** in-person public worship within the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri is suspended until **September 1, 2020**. Gatherings of 10 or fewer persons within the worship space may continue for the purposes of live streaming, prayer, and office administration. At this time, all prior safety protocols remain in effect throughout the Diocese.

Like you, I long for a time when we can safely gather for worship and ministry, to break bread and fellowship. I long to be able to meet you in person and to hear your hopes and dreams for the future of our common life. However, during this time of uncertainty the best way we can show love of God and love of neighbor is to continue to refrain from gathering for a time.

That does not mean that the work of serving Christ in others goes undone. That does not mean that kindness, grace, or hope are suspended. This time of pandemic challenges us as people of faith and as the Church to dream new dreams, to cast new visions, and to express our faith in Jesus Christ in new and creative ways. I invite you to join me in this sacred work of love.

As we continue on this journey, may God bless and keep you, those you love, and those whom you serve, now and always.

Yours in Christ,
The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson,
Eleventh Bishop of Missouri



Reopening Plan for St. Timothy's

As of July 1, 2020, we are in PHASE 2 of our Reopening:

- Offering a live-stream service on Sunday morning
- ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:45 AM
- Celebration of the Eucharist for those participating in the actual service.

To watch services via Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/StTimothysEpiscopalChurchCreveCoeurMO>

To access previous services: <https://www.saint-tims.org/online-worship.html>

St. Timothy's Church will follow the direction as set forth by the Office of the Bishop: In-person worship may resume in the Diocese of Missouri provided that the following criteria are met:

- A sustained reduction in COVID-19 cases for at least 14 days as reported by the State of Missouri.
- Hospitals are safely able to treat all patients requiring inpatient care.
- The city/county/state is testing all people with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Able to conduct active monitoring of confirmed cases and their contacts.
- Contact tracing is possible and readily available.
- A record of in-person attendees at services is kept.

Reflections on the Life of a Black Man in America

June 4, 2020

*By the Reverend Chester Hines, Jr.
Chairperson, Diocesan Commission on Dismantling Racism
Deacon, Holy Communion Episcopal Church*

NOTE: St. Timothy's has a connection to Deacon Hines! He served at St. Tim's from the spring of 2014 until November of that year when he moved to Christ Church Cathedral to be their deacon. Chester was involved in numerous activities during his time with us and is warmly remembered for his many gifts.

Here we go again. Or if you put it in the words of Henry Ford, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." My prayer is that this time we come away from the turbulence we are experiencing in our American history with a new direction and resolve to change what is needed and necessary in our racial relationships so that we really realize liberty and justice for all. Each one of us should be able to realize the opportunity to pursue life and happiness without fear because of how we look to the other.

As I watch the many news reports from around the country and the world relating to the death of George Floyd, killed by the Minneapolis police on May 25, 2020, and the significant protests and destruction that have occurred as a result, I am reminded of a similar time in our country's history which occurred in the range of a half century ago, during the Civil Rights Movement that resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Lessons from history

I also recall the first lesson I learned from my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, all of whom grew up and lived their adult or early adult lives in Mississippi. Even though my parents had relocated to St. Louis as a young couple, I was actually born in my grandparent's home in Macon, Mississippi -- a situation I later learned was attributed to a lack of available health care for my mother in St. Louis. So even though I have no recollection of actual life in the south, I have been educated and regaled with the many, many stories of how Black people in the south were treated and forced to live -- at least in Mississippi.

In 1955, Emmett Louis Till was a 14-year-old African American boy who was lynched in Mississippi after being accused of offending a white woman in her family's grocery store. I was slightly younger than Emmett Till at the time but we certainly are of the same generation. The

brutality of his murder and the fact that his killers were acquitted drew national attention to the long history of the violent persecution of African Americans (more commonly referred to as Negroes at that time) in the United States. I learned many lessons from the Emmett Till killing.



Another lesson I recall was from my cousin who was a year or two younger than me at the time and was extremely upset and disappointed because his parents would not allow him to go and visit his grandparents the following summer. His grandparents lived in Aberdeen, Mississippi, which was a little more than a hundred miles from Money, Mississippi, where Emmett Till was killed. However, the message and lesson was clear: this type of attitude and behavior that led to the death of Emmett Till was a general type of attitude and behavior that white people held toward black people. Then, as today, this attitude and behavior knew and knows no geographical bounds and was not and is not constrained by distance.

My parents used this event to lay the foundation for my education in what was necessary for me to survive in white America. They gave me the same lessons I had to give my sons more than a quarter of a century later. You are a black person in a country controlled, owned and orchestrated by white people; you are deemed a threat because of your skin color; you are the lesser in all situations and circumstances; even when you tell the truth, you are likely not to be believed; when the authorities come, if you are there, you are the immediate suspect; you will be denied equal access to goods and services, even government services. And this list goes on and on. The conclusion of this lesson ended with, but it is "your" job to overcome all of these challenges. Even for the most capable and well-prepared person, this is an insurmountable task.

Avoiding the ultimate sacrifice

Nevertheless, through oral histories and lived memories, I learned both the needed mental, physical and psychological skills for survival in white America. But for some black men, even with the best and most intense training for survival, that is not enough. All of the structured systems, family input, personal preparedness, knowledge, skills and abilities were not and are not sufficient to overcome the insidious effects of the deeply seeded and rooted racism that lives and breathes heartily in our country. Though I have been able to avoid the ultimate sacrifice

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for being a black man in America, I have personally experienced and can testify to the sometimes sub-human and intimidating experiences of the different life lived because of the darker color of my skin.

I am confident that Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Laquan McDonald, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Jamar Clark, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Stephon Clark, Botham Jean, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd (and this list is not all inclusive) all received similar types of lessons, histories and memories. But the challenges presented to them by a local police department/police officer was more than they could overcome and the outcome was fatal. There is no lesson to be given or learned when you are eating ice cream at home and the police break in and kill you; there is no lesson to be taught or learned when you are at home asleep in your bed and the police break in and kill you in your own bed. These situations and circumstances are for me beyond comprehension and I would not know where to begin in terms of preparing myself to give this lesson or preparing a student to receive it.

None of these men or the woman, Breonna Taylor, were doing anything that warranted them being killed by the police. The only thing they had in common was the color of their skin. We don't even have the excuse of them being at the wrong place at the wrong time. And even though we may discuss the level of the amount of melanin in their skin, that is whether they black or brown, one thing we can all agree on is that they were not white and as a result were not afforded, or in the minds of some, not entitled to the rights, protections and equal access under the law and the constitution of the United States. These types of deaths are no longer an aberration, they have become a pattern of behavior.

So there is no confusion, I am an ardent supporter of the police and respect and appreciate them for the difficult tasks they perform daily in serving and protecting our communities. As a community we give them the power of policing, we do not give them the power of judge, jury and executioner.

Experiencing racism

Racism is an extremely powerful force and comes in many forms, institutions, ideologies and practices. The misuse of this power and prejudice against others because of the color of their skin is destructive to the community and debilitating to the individual. I have experienced all of these

forms of racism over the course of my life -- too, too many to begin to share with you in these brief words.

Over the course of the past nearly two weeks we have seen the impact and effect that practicing racism on a continuing basis can have on large populations of people. What is happening in our country today is an outward manifestation of the research and studies that have been completed and reported on for nearly the past hundred years or more, that is before and after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Our community has to have known this day was coming, black and white, and all colors in between. All of us have lived the effects of racism in St. Louis and the affect has been very destructive.

The effect of oppression and suppression on a group of people for no other reason than the color of their skin will not stand. It was and is inevitable that this conflict and confrontation would occur. Over fifty years ago, it occurred over the issues of segregation and discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin and gender in the workplace, schools, and public accommodations and in federally assisted programs. Some, not all, of that has been addressed.

Following the Civil Rights Act, life moved forward for both black and white people in America. The result was not and is not perfect, but in the main, life was marginally improved. Clearly there is more work to do but the foundations for an improved quality of life and standard of living were laid in this legislation.

The battle for change

We are again on the frontline of a great battle for change in America. I applaud the youth for picking up this mantle for change in the way they want to live their lives. A change not for one population of people or another population of people but for all people in America. I am greatly struck by the composition of the crowds of protesters. From my view they are a complete and absolute cross section of the population of the people who make up America. That is very heartening and a very different composition from the protests and marches of the fifties and sixties. This new generation has a very different perspective on what it is going to take to move our country forward. I encourage them to continue while I simultaneously admonish those who would use this opportunity for ill gain and destruction.

We cannot make the needed and necessary progress and change by fighting each other because of the color of our skin; we cannot do it fighting each other because of our sexual beliefs and values; we

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A Gathering of Memories

The necessity for us to maintain safe physical distancing during the pandemic kept us from being able to have a proper going away party for Marvin as he retired and left St. Louis. The messages below are from some St. Timothy's members as Marvin and Cindy leave our midst.

I remember Marvin saying in reference to the vestry meetings something like, "Adrian can be a bit impatient." It still makes me laugh. It's so true.

--Adrian Moore



Dear Father Foltz,
Thank you so very much for your friendship and ministerial care. We came to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church after we lost our church where we spent 50 years.

Thanks to you we felt very welcome and loved at St. Timothy's. You made our new church home a great place to be. We are sorry to lose you, but please enjoy your retirement and thank you again for helping us.

Sincerely,
Drs. Nathaniel and Sandra Murdock



Marvin,

We fondly remember many ways you enriched our lives as our spiritual leader (a house blessing!) but the ones we cherish most were your role in joining not only us in holy matrimony but also our son/step son and daughter in law. Your grace-filled manner put everyone at ease (including the brides and grooms!) and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all in attendance. We remember your thoughtfulness as you addressed each ceremony with personalized and inspiring remarks to capture the essence of the the new couples you joined.

Thank you Marvin may God continue to bless you and your family.

Love,
Peter and Sarah (Ryan and Lauren)

I remember singing "All Are Welcome...here in this place" at the service for the celebration of new ministry for Marvin. That is his byline. I remember serving as deacon with Marvin many Sunday mornings and his affirmation of my ministry here. I was moved when Marvin blessed Mike and me during the 10:45 service on our 50th wedding anniversary.

I remember serving as deacon with him at weddings, baptisms and funerals: he had a sense of these holy moments. I remember his commitment to social justice. I remember his belly laugh. I remember his awe and wonder on the birth of his first grandchild, Penelope. I think of Marvin proclaiming God's unconditional love.

--Jan O'Neil



Marvin,
When I look up, I think of you. As our priest and my priest, you have been there! I was tearfully glad along with Adam to do the drive by and see you and your family to say goodbye. I am also thinking of your other family member: Cat, hopefully right in your house getting ready for your new surroundings. I think back on the time your cat entered a service. Your cat contributed to what is real and close up. Thank you. My family and I send you much love. You have been a remarkable priest to our congregation and to me. If ever in years ahead, I can be of help to you or family, I will always be there. I send you love, dear Rev. Marvin Lee Foltz.

--Robin Lee Turner



Thank you, Father Marvin for your time at St Tim's. I appreciate the support you gave to MORR and AHC. I wish you and Cindy many blessings on your new adventure. Enjoy your time in God's country (WI).
With gratitude!

--Kim Dressel

Memories of Marvin

I have attended St. Timothy's since 2002 and found all ministers and congregation warm and welcoming. From the moment he arrived at St. Tim's, however, Father Marvin took this warmth and compassion to the Nth degree.

Toward the end of 2014 I felt my physical condition deteriorating. By mid-2015 I had to retire from my job and was unable to live in my home partly because it had a lot of stairs I could no longer manage. Luckily, a couple of friends in Belleville kindly took me in. I was able to attend a few services at St. Tim's but the drive became a bit much.

However, this didn't deter Father Marvin. One day he made the hour-long drive to give me Communion and to meet Leo and Mina, the couple with whom I was living. They were both very impressed with the effort and with Marvin. The couple's youngest son, Frank, and his wife Julie later that year brought me and their two dogs Jett and Tugger to the Blessing of the Animals. To this day Frank says how grateful he is that Father blessed Tugger before the bloodhound passed away a few months later.

I'll miss Father Marvin very much, but pray he and Cindy and their wonderful family have many happy years together.

--Pat Hutchison



Father Marvin's departure is as if I am losing a best friend. He was always there for me with good advice and sense of direction. If I needed encouragement Marvin was there with words of wisdom for me to feast upon. I will miss him and his strong presence in my spiritual life. My thoughts and prayers go with him and Cindy.

--Will S. Bolden Jr.



Good food, good company, good conversation and good memories from our shared Saturday meals at GC Pub and Brewery. We will miss your friendship and those shared times.

--Julia and Gerry Amies

Dear Father Marvin,

As you enter into this next phase of your life and ministry I write to share with you my sincere thanks and appreciation for your guidance, leadership and support as I began my own spiritual journey following my ordination as a deacon in the diocese. My time at St. Timothy's under your and Jan's guidance has proved to be foundational in my ongoing ministerial duties and activities. I have had multiple professional training experiences over the course of my career. My engagement with you and the people of St. Timothy's ranks at the top of the list as one of my most enjoyable and beneficial. You set the tone and provided the overall leadership for me to succeed not only at St. Timothy's but also at Christ Church Cathedral, Holy Communion Episcopal Church, and my continuing work with the Diocesan Commission on Dismantling Racism. I grew exponentially as a result of my experiences with you and the people of St. Timothy's. I thank you for your support and the sharing of your expertise.

Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family today, tomorrow and always. Peace and all the blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Reverend Chester Hines, Jr.
Deacon, Diocese of Missouri

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of St. Tim's parishioners that came out for Marvin's Retirement Parade on June 28th. I was blown away with the turnout! Even though we couldn't have an in-person reception, this was a close second. I think everyone enjoyed talking to each other in person on the parking lot beforehand. Father Marvin and Cindy were so touched by the parade, the signs and good wishes. After the parade I delivered the cards and gifts to Marvin's house. Thank you for your presence and for giving Fr. Marvin a good send off from St. Tim's!

--Madeline Zwickelmaier

Reflections on the Life of a Black Man in America, cont.

other over who is upper class and who is not; we cannot do it by denying those who are without food, housing and healthcare. It can only be achieved if we work together.

Skin color has been surfaced as the foundational liability for being at risk in the community. Like race and racism, skin tone and experiences of colorism -- an often overlooked form of discrimination that privileges lighter skinned over darker skinned individuals -- although not uniformly, may also result in traumatic stress. ¹

This issue can bring us to the table to work to resolve how we might live a better life together.

The greater issue and challenge for all of us, however, is where do we go and what do we do from here; how can we move everyone toward God’s Kingdom. With desire, commitment and the grace of God, we can accomplish this through love; for love crosses all colors, all genders, all sexual orientations, all views, circumstances and conditions. We must have faith that love can and does so; we must not lose hope. We are all called to hold on to this belief, this hope, for it is through this, the fulfillment of God’s will on earth, that all things will be accomplished. Amen.

¹ Skin-Tone Trauma: Historical and Contemporary Influences on the Health and Interpersonal Outcomes of African Americans—Antoinette M. Landor and Sharde McNeil Smith, August 14, 2019 <https://www.diocesemo.org/news/2020/06/04/reflections-life-black-man-america>

How Does Our Garden Grow?

By Nancy Setzer

St. Tim’s Food Pantry Garden was started back in 2006. And while it has been in a variety of locations on and off church property, the best one is our current space, behind the parish hall by the dumpster! All produce is taken to Circle of Concern in Valley Park which serves individuals and families who live in the Rockwood, Parkway, or Valley Park School Districts. They feed approximately 2,000 people per month. More than a third of those are children.



Nancy Setzer and Kirk Fritsch (pictured above) planted in the spring and harvest has already begun with cucumbers and dwarf eggplants. Tomatoes, beans, squash, cabbage, and peppers will soon begin



ripening and we need helpers to harvest, water, and always for weeding. Please consider helping by sharing your time. Working in the garden is a

good way to get some fresh air, exercise, and can be done safely, following social distancing guidelines, working by yourself or with your family.

The need for food has grown even more during the pandemic, and their clients always enjoy getting fresh from the garden produce.

Please contact Nancy Setzer at nsetzer@sbcglobal.net if you can volunteer once a week or more!



Music Notes



What a crazy time! Talk about being up-ended, tossed-about, having your life come to a screeching-halt. The emotions and mood-swings these last several months have been more than any therapist could hope to keep up with.

For musicians, singers in particular, this has been a profoundly sad and challenging time as we have been prohibited from meeting in community to sing and breathe as one, to perfect our art, to lead worship, or for fellowship.

As much as I detest “virtual” anything, this thing called Zoom has been undeniably beneficial. St. Tim’s staff, membership, and Choir have made good use of our new “virtual reality” equipment. But it’s just not the same. We miss our weekly rehearsals, we miss the music that we make, and we miss the sense of oneness that we create by singing and worshipping together.

While trying to navigate the confusing and oft times contradictory information with which we’re confronted, I’m looking ahead with great interest and encouragement at developments coming down the road. We’ve all heard the cautions that choirs are “super-spreaders,” and certain instrumentalists, too, may be culprits in the spread of this horrid virus. Well, there might be a glimmer of hope on the horizon, at least for choral-folk. A company in Missoula, Montana, is developing a mask specifically for singers (they’re looking at a price-point of around \$30 per mask).

Follow this link to view a You Tube presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ϖ z4DI0zlfM>

Does wearing a mask distort the sound of the singer?

Here is a link to a Czech choir singing Johann Sebastian Bach’s motet *Komm, Jesu, komm* with masks snugly in place (the orchestra, too, is masked!): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BC-KF89S0No>. I suspect that most folk will not notice a significant difference in the quality of the sound.

Even with such signs of encouragement, it’s still necessary to recognize that we are saddled with significant uncertainty. What will our Choir look like when we gather again? Is it only a quartet of singers in the beginning?

I keep reminding myself that this is temporary! Nothing keeps us from singing at home, in the shower, or on Sundays to the organ accompaniment of our on-line service. Nothing keeps us from singing during our walks outside or in the car. We can continue to enjoy this gift that has been given to all creation, connecting us to God and to each other.

To conclude this epistle, here is an updated, quarantine version of the *Choristers’ Prayer* from Anne Matlack, Organist and Choirmaster at Grace Church, Madison, New Jersey:

*Bless, O Lord, us thy singers, who once sang within thy temple.
Grant that what we sing in our homes, may yet be heard in the world,
and what is heard in the world, may lead us all closer to thee, until we’re choirs again.
Amen.*

Pax,

Mark

Mark R. Scholtz
Director of Music

A (Long) Note from the Treasurer



Most of all, I want to thank all of you for your faithfulness in giving during these months when we have been unable to gather. At halfway through the year (6/30/20) we have received 51.1% of our budgeted pledge income. Our income is at 49.7% and expenses are at 49.6%. The income stream was boosted greatly through Easter offerings and plate donations during the Easter season. These have offset the lack of income expected from renting our facilities, which we have not been able to do during these days of social distancing.

Despite our having done so well thus far, I suspect the second half of 2020 will be extremely challenging, predominantly due the inability to rent our facilities and the additional expenses which will be incurred in terms of cleaning and sanitation costs when we do rent the premises. Our maintenance costs have been high this year, but we have accomplished several necessary upkeep items which had been put off for many years. These will in turn prevent possible future major problems. There is now a very active and determined maintenance committee which is pro-active as opposed to being reactive (waiting until machinery fails or creates a major issue.)

In these strange times you have been extraordinarily generous, not only in terms of pledges and Easter offerings, but also in your goodness in helping the Uyemura and Nelson families during hard times and giving Fr. Marvin and Cindy a nice retirement purse. These latter three items totaled more than \$11,000!!

We have been through a long period of change, and there is more change to come. Remember that although change can bring out some fear and trepidation, it also offers the excitement of new opportunities and ideas.

Hope to see you all soon.

Faithfully,

Alice Fritsch

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Photos from Marvin's Going Away Parade 6/28/20



Implementation of St. Timothy's New Logo



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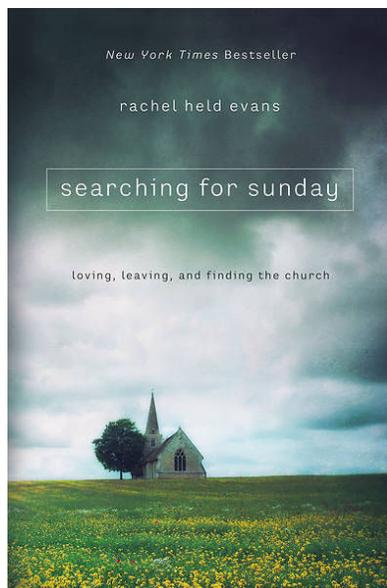
By Caroline Kelsey

I am sure by now you have seen our new logo on the website, church bulletin and other communications from church. When the logo was introduced by video, the feedback was positive, and we received congratulations from the larger diocese as well. Now the important work of implementation begins.

This logo is now the visual statement of who we are as a church community. Our designer, Rene Michel-Trapaga (a St. Timothy's member), described it best: *"inclusive, open, traditional and yet forward thinking."* This image was developed from one of our stained-glass windows. It is unique to us which is very valuable to us.

I have been charged with implementing the logo on all our print and online materials going forward. This means I will be helping to review all publications before they are printed to maintain the integrity of the logo on all materials associated with St. Timothy's. I look forward to developing a style guide for the use of the logo. This will serve as a guide to everyone who is working on print and online communication.

We are so fortunate to have a powerful recognizable logo that will serve us for many years to come. Please contact me with any questions or concerns during this transition to our "new look." carolinekelsey68@gmail.com



St. Timothy's Women's Book Club

The St. Timothy's Women's Book Club is starting a new book! This quarter, the selected book is *Searching for Sunday*, by Rachel Held Evans. It is a dive into loving, leaving, and finding the Church. Evans was an American Christian columnist, blogger, and author. Sadly, she died after a short illness in April 2019 at the age of 36.

We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m.** You should have read at least some of the book by this date. If you'd like to participate, please contact Camie at revcamdewey@gmail.com She will send out a Zoom link just before August 18. Copies are available through the STL County Library, Half Price Books, Amazon, Left Bank Books, Barnes and Noble, and others. Let's get reading, ladies!

St. Timothy's Prayer Garden

By Caroline Kelsey

St. Timothy's is fortunate to have place dedicated to prayer in the heart of our church grounds. It is the first thing people see when they enter our doors—the Columbarium Prayer Garden.

For those parishioners who have a family member interred in the Columbarium, the peacefulness of the garden can help comfort them in their grief. It is also a quiet place to meditate. It has been the site of worship at Palm Sunday and Easter. The labyrinth in the center can be used as a means to pray, or as a path to walk or run by the children of St. Timothy's. Some of us remember great fun in this space as well. Our youngest members often delight in finding Easter eggs hidden there during our annual egg hunt.



During this time of isolation, the garden still needs care. While major transplanting, trimming and spreading of mulch have been done with some professional help, it is our wonderful dedicated team of gardeners that faithfully maintain the garden. If you would like to join the gardening group, please contact Caroline Kelsey carolinekelsey68@gmail.com. I will meet you (wearing a mask) the first time you come in to assign you an area to call your own.

We ask that volunteers come in wearing a mask and go directly to the garden (once in the garden you may remove your mask while working). Please keep proper physical distance from anyone else who may be working there, too. Bring your own gloves, weed bag, and any other tools you would like. Thank you!



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Dates to Remember

August Birthdays

1	Tina Heuer
2	Peggy Boyd Laurel Leigh Dunworth Sean Fowler Jack Jones William Pooley Ken Warhover
4	Cathie Muschany
5	Brad Barnes Eric Buckley Richard Buckman
6	Keith Pannel George Podolsky
7	Oliver Buckley Marj Gold
9	Gary Stansbery
10	Nancy Helmer Grace Holland Nash Morgan

11	Noah Wangler
12	Jim Clark Donald Mazhou
13	Bridget Evers
16	David Neise
18	Rhett Schwent Samuel Snyder
20	Will Knight
24	Robert Falk
25	Jeremy Gibbs Cindy Kozak
26	Brooks Hawkins
27	Ashley Snyder
28	Craig Boyd Laura Catalano Susan Moenkhaus Dick Sinise

August Anniversaries

1	Kim & Pat Dressel
3	Susie & Lance Kramer
11	Norma & Stewart Rayfield
14	Tina & Ray Heuer
20	Jan & Mike O'Neil Joy & Bob Rouse
22	Marlene Gruber & Jim Clark
23	Gina Frey & Bill Buhro Judy & Donald Flacke
26	Alice & Kirk Fritsch
30	Patricia Feeney & Rhett Schwent
31	Sandra & Nathaniel Murdock

September Birthdays

2	Becky Porter
4	Bob Rouse
5	Jack Danforth
6	Jon Hotra
7	Connor Smith
8	Ken Dobbins James Hinrichs Caitlin Hotra
9	Lance Kramer Dee Dee Stone
11	Maxine Sharp
13	Lenene Andre
14	Dick Gold Michael Spung
15	Adam Barnes Marin Moenkhaus Tina Warhover

17	Christy Ratliff
20	Teresa McDowell
23	Larry Thomas
24	Callan Goff Clark Loechner
25	Bud Bosanquet Mike Cummins
26	Sarah Johnson
27	Caroline Kelsey Robin Turner
30	Nick Mason

September Anniversaries

1	Sasha & Tyler Saliski
5	Peggy & Keith Boyd
7	Sally & Jack Danforth
10	Rita & George Podolsky
20	Linda & Larry Lawless
30	Jennifer & Brad Barnes Fran & Mac Connelly

WHAT DOES LOVE DO?

Living the Way of Love during Pandemic

Love **URNS**

Love chooses to turn and trust in God, who grants us freedom in the midst of adversity, uncertainty, selfishness, and fear.

Love **LEARNS**

Love seeks guidance from the life and teachings of Jesus and notices God's story unfolding in the world around us.

Love **PRAYS**

Love offers up concerns, thanksgivings, and intercessions, and listens for the voice of God in every situation and season of life.

Love **WORSHIPS**

Love gathers with community to pray, sing, replenish strength, and celebrate the goodness of God wherever possible — online, in homes, in small groups, in creation, and in congregations.

Love **BLESSES**

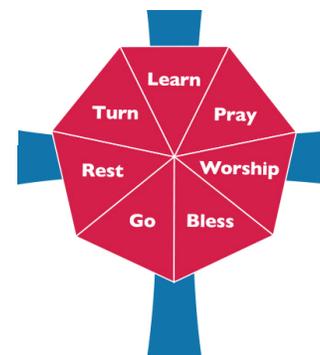
Love practices generosity and compassion rather than scarcity and division, unselfishly sharing whatever we have: our faith, our care, our stories, our resources, and our time.

Love **GOES**

Love stands in solidarity with the most vulnerable and oppressed, sacrificing ease and seeking the other's well-being.

Love **RESTS**

Love trusts in God's gracious call to rest, releasing control into the hands of the One who abides and will not let us go.



Please join us for a special summer Adult Forum series on *The Way of Love*. Together we will enter into Bishop Curry's call to establish spiritual disciplines and a Rule of Life that will allow us to grow "following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus."

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Contact Ashley Snyder (snyderfamily812@gmail.com) with questions and for the link to the Zoom sessions.

For more information about The Way of Love: <https://episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>

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