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**2017**

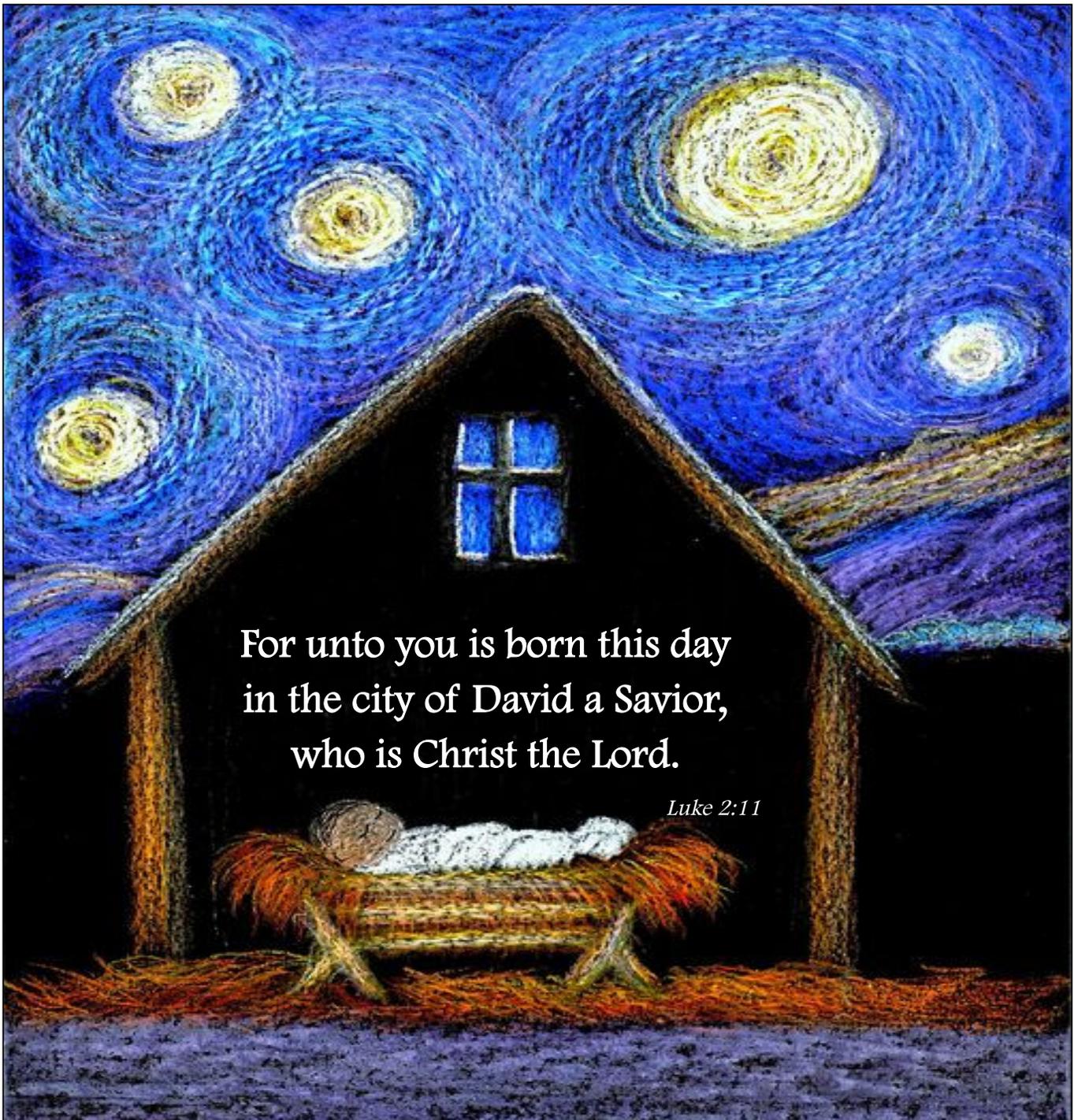


# The Angler

Faith Fellowship Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO



# From the Rector



The church draws its existence, its vitality, from the dying, rising and coming Christ, who is incarnate. So we live out of the two great cycles of fast and feast. Advent – Christmas – Epiphany reveals the first great mystery, how God enters our frame, becomes one of us. Lent – Easter – Pentecost is the second and greatest mystery; how God's act of self-offering of love, revealed in the mysteries of Holy Week, brings us into relationship with God and with one another.

The 104<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury said memorably in his 2004 Christmas sermon:

*And that's where Christmas is actually a bit strange and potentially worrying. When we're invited into the stable to see the child, it's really being invited into the engine room. This is how God works; this is how God is. The entire system of the universe, 'the fire in the equations' as someone wonderfully described it, is contained in this small bundle of shivering flesh. God has given himself away so completely that we meet him here in poverty and weakness, with no trumpeting splendour, no clouds of glory. This is how he is: he acts by giving away all we might expect to find in him of strength and success as we understand them. The universe lives by a love that refuses to bully us or force us, the love of the cradle and the cross.*

*It ought to shock us to be told year after year that the universe lives by the kind of love that we see in the helpless child and in the dying man on the cross. We have been shown the engine room of the universe; and it ought to worry us – us, who are so obsessed about being safe and being successful, who worry endlessly about being in control, who cannot believe that power could show itself in any other way than the ways we are used to. But this festival tells*

*us exactly what Good Friday and Easter tell us: that God fulfils what he wants to do by emptying himself of his own life, giving away all that he is in love.*

The angel who foretold this birth said, as angels often say, "Do not be afraid." The angel witnesses repeat this refrain at the empty tomb. We are called to live this brave life. It is not easy to entrust ourselves and everyone and everything we hold dear to Christ in a cradle and Christ on the cross. We live the Christmas miracle as Christ is born in us; as we find that "second naivete," a childlike wonder at the precious and vulnerable. For if we don't, we will live in fear and as much as we strive to secure ourselves, we will always lose sight of our heart's desire and the good of the stranger. If we live in fear, we have no share in the generosity of God. If we find this faith, we are born into endless adventure.

May we find this to be our joy and hope in this Holy Season!

Love,

Marvin +

"When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

*Titus 3:4-7 (New Revised Standard Version)*

# Come Home to St. Timothy's this Holiday Season

## The Season of Advent December 3 - 24

Advent 1	December 3	
Advent 2	December 10	
Advent 3	December 17	
Advent 4	December 24	One service at 9 a.m.

## Christmas Eve December 24

5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Pageant*	
9:30 p.m.	Anthems & Carols of the Season	
10:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Candlelight Service	



## The Season of Christmas December 25 – January 5

Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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## The Season of Epiphany January 6 - February 13

Join us during our weekend services (listed below) as the Nativity Scene gradually builds over the weeks with the arrival of animals, shepherds, the Holy Family, angels, and finally the Magi at Epiphany. Come and enjoy special music from the Choir, Bell Choir and Brass, celebrating the season with our St. Timothy's family.

### Weekend Service Times:

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (without music)
	9:00 a.m.	Guitar Services, Alternating Family Worship and Traditional* (9:40 - 10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Forum and Bible Study)*
	10:45 a.m.	Traditional Holy Eucharist with Choir*

\*Professional childcare provided during these services/activities

## Babies, Toddlers & Twos - Mom's Circle

By Joy Rouse

Moms of young children began meeting this fall to get to know each other and to enjoy focusing on their children together. Two Thursday mornings each month you'll find a small happy gathering of moms chatting in the nursery as their children play and talk. (How nice—it's toys, not screens!)

St. Timothy's member Joy Rouse, an early childhood specialist, facilitates the group. Each get-together

includes a brief discussion of a topic related to young children and parenting.

"This group is really special—a new little community of faith," commented Joy. "It is a delight to see the children grow in trust and comfort, and to know that the mothers are gaining important support from each other."

The next get-together is Thursday, December 14, from 9:30 to 10:50. Beginning in January, the group will come on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. There's room for more families! Please contact Joy Rouse or call the office for more information.

# Ginni Campbell, Honored with Grace

by Florrie Kohn

St. Timothy's longtime parishioner Ginni Campbell recently received the prestigious Guardian of Grace Award presented by the Grace Hill Settlement House, a social services provider that works in partnership with neighbors and stakeholders to identify social and economic challenges in impoverished areas of North and South St. Louis, supporting families and building communities that are strong and self-sustaining.

Grace Hill honored Ginni as the cofounder of the Women's Business Center (WBC), an economic development initiative within the Grace Hill Settlement House, which is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The WBC offers in-depth business development training, one-on-one counseling, legal clinics and other opportunities focused on women and minority entrepreneurs. Although most of its clients are women, men are also served.

In 1999, Ginni, who was Director of the Small Business Development Center at St. Louis University and St. Louis businessman Larry Parker applied for a grant from the U.S. SBA to start Grace Hill's WBC. During its



nearly 20 years in operation, the WBC has helped countless numbers of women create and grow small community-centered businesses that generate income and open up dreams and opportunities for their children. Some of these enterprises have developed into million dollar business operations.

"Ginni is a trailblazer at Grace Hill," says Alyce Wilson, director of the WBC. "Ginni helped create a place where women, who wanted to start a business and didn't know how, could learn. Today, we offer programs at many different levels and many of them are offered at no charge. We also have a 16-week business development class that St. Timothy's supports through scholarships."

Here at St. Tim's, Ginni is also 'a Guardian of Grace.' She pitches in wherever she is needed and has done so for many years. Ginni and her former husband George first came to St. Tim's in 1967. They were a young married couple. George worked for International Shoe in an upwardly mobile job that required travel and frequent relocations. Ginni kept house.

"We lived close to St. Tim's, and so we tried it," recalls Ginni. "The congregation was very small, very friendly and we were needed, right from the start. That's what I liked about it."

Soon, Ginni was teaching the kindergarten Sunday school class. She and George became sponsors for the senior high and junior high youth groups. A few years later, George's job transferred them to Ohio. "That's when I found out that all Episcopal churches weren't the same," says Ginni. "We were introduced to 'the lay reader' at the church, and it was obvious that only that person was 'the lay reader.'"



Ginni receiving the Guardian of Grace Award on Nov. 11, 2017

In Ohio, Ginni and George's marriage fell apart. Ginni applied for jobs in Dallas and St. Louis. "I knew retail. I studied retail in college because I didn't want to be a nurse or a teacher. Retail was the other occupation where women could do well," she says.

Famous Barr offered Ginni a job. She moved back here and returned to St. Tim's. "A lot of the congregation had turned over. It was like I was new again and needed again," she said.

St. Tim's put Ginni to work. It's impossible to remember every position Ginni has held, every committee she has served on, and every program she has volunteered for—too many years have passed. Ginni is always busy for St. Tim's, including serving at least two terms on the vestry and one stint as senior warden. Currently, she is a frequent lay reader for the Saturday evening service, a member of the Finance Committee and an endowment trustee.

"I can't say that I've liked doing one thing best," says Ginni. "I've done a lot. I always want to be interested in what I'm doing. I think that's what is important; to find something that interests you."

Today, Ginni serves as Chair of the WBC Advisory Board. She sees lots of grace and goodwill surround-

ing the WBC. "The staff running the center and the women who work so hard to learn and succeed are the everyday guardians of grace," says Ginni. "Many years ago, I was divorced and I had to start again. But I knew what I could do. I'd been to college. I had seen women working. I never had to worry about food on the table, managing a checking account or borrowing money. That's the difference between me and the women served by Grace Hill. They have to work much harder than I did. It's such an honor to support them."



Ginni (bottom left) and some friends from St. Tim's celebrating with her at the Guardians of Grace Award Dinner.

*The Guardian of Grace Award was established in 2011 to honor individuals or organizations who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the mission and vision of Grace Hill Settlement House. Awardees have made Grace Hill a part of their life's work, honoring and protecting a legacy of grace for generations to come. One of the 2017 Awards was bestowed on our own Ginni Campbell at the Images of Grace Gala on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Bissinger's Caramel Room.*



## Olivia Buckley Shines!

St. Tim's own Olivia Buckley was recently accepted in the prestigious St. Louis All-Suburban Honors Band after auditioning on her trumpet for both the Jazz and Concert Bands. Those who audition are recommended by their band directors and include music students from all over St. Louis. Over 400 kids from 24

different middle schools tried out. Olivia auditioned for both and was one of the few who made it into both Jazz and Concert Bands; she had to choose one, and chose Jazz. There are only five trumpet spots available for Jazz Band. The groups are rehearsing for the concert to be held in early January. Way to go, Olivia!

Olivia is also active in the Episcopal **Diocesan Youth Advisory Council (DYAC)**, and was recently elected as the group's **Secretary**. Her yearlong term just started. Congratulations on letting your light shine brightly, Olivia!

## MUSIC NOTES

Gosh, Advent ... NO, WAIT ... CHRISTMAS ... and 2018!

The older I get, the more rapidly time seems to zip by. By the time this issue of *The Angler* hits the stands, the first Sunday of Advent will have already been observed. As is always the case, there are a multitude of holiday events taking place in the next few weeks. Here are a few worthy of mention:

- **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**, Sunday 17 December at 5.00, the Church of St. Michael and St. George. A pre-service organ recital of Christmas music featuring David Erwin will begin at 4.30.
- **Christmas Candlelight Concert** at Powell Hall, Tuesday 19 December at 7.30. The Bach Society of St. Louis and the St. Louis Children's Choir will combine to create a wonderful holiday experience.
- **Advent 4**, Sunday 24 December – yes, the same day as Christmas Eve. So, this day we will have only ONE morning service at 9.00 with the Choir, followed by the “greening” of the Church for Christmas Eve.
- **Christmas Eve** services at St. Tim's: Christmas Pageant with the young people of our Parish and Holy Communion at 5.00, Anthems and carols of the season will commence at 9.30, and the service with the Choir at 10.00.
- And, of course, **Christmas Day** celebration at 10.00 with the Choir.

With everything that accompanies the Christmas season, haste, irritation, excitement, anxiety, joy, merriment, exhaustion, I do not want to forget to mention the herculean efforts of our Choir. This ensemble of musicians works diligently each week to enhance worship at St. Tim's with appropriate repertoire. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to each of them for their generous contribution to this ministry.

And *our* warmest wishes to each of you for a blessed Christmastide and an outrageously wonderful 2018!

Pax,

*Mark*

Mark R. Scholtz

Director of Music



### St. Timothy's Sunday Bible Study December 2017

Join us for a discussion-based Bible study led by a wonderful team of clergy and lay leaders. We welcome first timers and old timers alike! Come down to the lower level of the Education Wing from 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

**December 10** Mark 1:16-20 "You did not choose me, but I chose you"

**December 17** Mark 1:21 - 2:12 "Go and tell what you have seen and heard"

**December 24 & 31 NO CLASS**

### Adult Forums: December 2017

Join us at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday in the North Parish Hall for great variety of guest speakers, theologians, service agencies, and local ministries to help us understand more fully our faith in action.

**December 10 & 17** "Authority of Scripture, Tradition and Reason (and Experience)" Adam Ployd, Assistant Professor of Church History and Historical Theology at Eden Theological Seminary speaks, exploring these tenants of our faith.

**December 24 & 31 NO FORUM**

# Report from the Treasurer, October 2017



Target revenues and expenses for 10 months (Budget %)	83.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 10 months	81.46%
Actual expenses for 10 months	79.52%

We had a very strong month in October. Our receipts from pledges were about \$30,000 more than in September giving us overall income of \$67,900. Our expenses continue to run under budget which gave us a \$6,500 surplus for the month and brought our Year-to-Date deficit down to \$10,700.

Unusual expenses this month included our quarterly property insurance payment of \$8,400 as well as a \$1,700 expense for maintenance of the Sanctuary AC unit.

Please be sure to pay your pledge in a timely manner as we near the end of the year so that we can finish the year in a financially strong position.

- The Finance Committee



## December Dates to Remember

### December Birthdays

- 3 Heidi Carter
- Toby Hafeli
- Molly Hladky
- 4 Pat Hutchison
- 5 Heath Lindsey
- Jane Wyland
- Kurt Zwickelmaier
- 8 Marlene Gruber Clark
- Eric Hayes
- Nancy Setzer
- 10 Robyn Merschen
- Dennis Whittington
- 11 Gabe Porter
- 12 Jane Perna
- 14 John Loomis
- Mary Robert
- Diana Warren

- 15 Julie Thake
- 16 Stewart Rayfield
- 18 Kate Mitchell
- Cindy Perkins
- 19 Louann Boyd
- 20 Jerry Evans
- John Hexem
- 21 Nya Moenkhaus
- John Wischnowsky
- 22 Louise Pooley
- 23 Steve Cameron
- 24 Ginni Campbell
- Brooke Mason
- 27 Mike O'Neil
- 28 Rose-Marie Bell
- 31 Jason Mihal
- Katie Omahen

### December Anniversaries

- 11 Hongxia Wang & Marc Vanacht
- 19 Marj & Dick Gold
- Lynn & Dennis Whittington
- 24 Marylen & Gary Stansbury
- 27 Beverly & Larry Rhea
- 29 Ruth & Wayne Birch

We remember those beloved  
St. Timothy's members who died in 2017:



- Andy Arras Jr.
- Bitsy Hastings
- Carol Rogler
- Lyn Dew
- Mary Wrausmann

***Eternal rest grant unto them.***

## A Successful Harvest of Hope

I would like to thank the Harvest of Hope committee members for their hard work over several months: Cathy Agne - Co-Chair, Rick & Karen Sharp, Pat & Ron Batty, Leslie & Tony Corey, Tina Heuer, Michele Holmes, Holly Wilson, Caroline Kelsey, LaVerne & Willard Moseley, Bev Rhea and Nancy Setzer.

It was a delightful evening of music and fellowship. I appreciate all the time and effort given to make this such a success! This event made approximately \$12,000 for St. Timothy's Outreach and Episcopal City Mission, the most money ever raised in 26 years of concerts. Thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest of Hope Gala!

Gratefully,  
Mimi Butler



*"I was hungry and you fed me..."*



Many thanks to all those who donated to the Circle of Concern Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Food Drive last month. You really came through again this year, St. Tim's, contributing **568** pounds of food! Many people enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner thanks to your generosity. Please continue remember these people in need and keep donating as we approach the holidays and an extended school break.

## Events in December

### Sunday, Dec. 3

- Advent Event in Parish Hall, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

### Monday, Dec. 4

- Daytimers to Holiday Brass Concert @ MUMC, meet at St. Tim's at 8:45 a.m

### Sat. & Sun. Dec. 9 & 10

- Annual Holiday Pantry and Cookie Walk! During all weekend services.

### Thursday, Dec. 14

- Babies, Toddlers & Twos, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

### Monday, Dec. 18

- ECM Gift Wrapping at Emmanuel, 11a - 1p

### Sunday, Dec. 24

- Greening of the Church! After the one (9 a.m.) service. All hands on DECK!

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