

The **Angler**

*Faith Fellowship Service*



**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

**Creve Coeur, MO**

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**The Season after  
Pentecost**

Dear Friends of St. Timothy's,

The feast of Pentecost is the last Sunday of the Easter season. For Christians it is the liturgical celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus on that day, as described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2. Pentecost is also called Whitsun or Whitsunday in the UK and other English-speaking areas.

According to the Book of Acts, the coming of the Holy Spirit in power was experienced by a group of faithful disciples who were awaiting this promised gift. Then a large crowd gathered as the anointed witnesses proclaimed the gospel of Christ in languages they did not learn, causing confusion and inspiring both fear and faith.

*When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.... Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ...Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Acts 2:6-12*

The Apostle Peter, standing with the 11 other apostles, spoke to the crowd. He explained that these strange events had been predicted by the prophet Joel, and that Jesus' coming had been prophesied by David. Peter explained that these events confirmed David's prophesied exaltation of Jesus. Peter then exhorted his listeners to turn to Christ. When Peter was asked what men should do he responded by saying "Repent, and be baptized

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." About 3,000

responded to Peter's sermon and were baptized. Thus this Holy Day is considered by some to be the birthday of the Church.

It is symbolically related to the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the end of the Counting of the Omer literally, "Counting of the Sheaves." This is a verbal counting of each of the 49 days between the Jewish holidays of Passover and Shavuot. The idea of counting each day represents spiritual preparation and anticipation for the giving of the Torah, which was given by God on Mount Sinai on the fiftieth day, Shavuot.

All faithful people seek the gift of divine and holy wisdom. We share the gift of the Torah with the Jewish faithful. We also seek the touch of the heavenly fire of the Spirit in our daily lives to interpret the call of God upon our community. Without the gift of God's loving instruction, we are profoundly lost in this world. Without the fire of the Spirit, we lack enthusiasm and the courage to do the work of love and justice. May we continue to move into more obedient preparation for these gifts and find our place in the mission of God to our world.

Love,

Marvin +

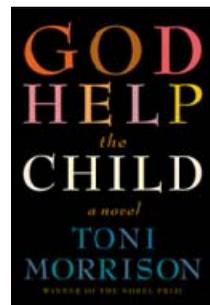
## Considering Worship

Our Book of Common Prayer contains two Rites for weekly mass, cleverly called Rite I and Rite II. They “order” our worship services, including those with a celebration of the Eucharist, according to the traditions and theologies of the church. Also available to Episcopalians in the prayer book is “An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist” (BCP400). This order is what the 9:00 service follows. It includes the most basic elements of the other two Rites, in the same order: Gathering in God’s name, Proclaiming & Responding to God’s word, Prayers, Peace, and Communion. We add a Confession and an Offering, in their proper place, but mostly what you typically see in a Rite I or II service, you will see at the 9:00. There has long been a desire at St. Timothy’s to try different ways to worship God without venturing from our prescribed orders of worship, and without compromising our principal services. A group of brave souls have stepped forward to begin to consider another opportunity to gather together to worship God. This would happen on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, at 9:00. Looking at contemporary language and musical styles, we will prayerfully consider a way to invite not just St. Timothy’s members, but people from around the community (including our friends, colleagues, and family members) around the idea of something like “Strength for the Journey: Prayers & Bread for Sinners and Saints.” You are invited to be a part of this new undertaking. It will be collaborative, “of the people,” and all requests for themes, readings, music, and voices will prayerfully be considered. For more information, please contact Father Marvin at [marvinleefoltz@gmail.com](mailto:marvinleefoltz@gmail.com)

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**Women’s Book Group – June 3, 7 p.m. and June 4, 9 a.m.**

**God Help the Child** ~ *Facilitated by Heidi Clark,*  
*Associate to the Rector*



We are offering an evening and morning option to gather to discuss the latest novel from Pulitzer Prize winning author Toni Morrison. Described as a troubling fairy tale by some, this short novel certainly has both villains, and villagers. However, the heroes and heroines are so knotted-up with the aftermath of crimes against themselves and others that whatever measure of bravery they possess is buried deep within their own struggles for survival and reconciliation.

All women of St. Timothy’s and their guests are welcome. We will provide a nursery on Wednesday evening if it is requested by May 27. (Please note that “God Help the Child” contains a few troubling scenes of child sexual abuse, so use care when considering participation.)



## REACHING FOR THE STARS Everything You Need to Know

The countdown to a wonderful evening has begun ...  
we're at T minus Saturday, June 13 and counting for this year's  
Reaching for the Stars Concert!

Still have questions about the event? Here are the basics:

### The Evening:

**5:45** Arrivals begin. Parking available at schools to the north of St. Tim's.

**6:00-7:00** Welcome Party and Self-Guided Tours

Everyone is invited to enjoy a variety of free Appetizers and Non-Alcoholic Beverages served in the parish hall. Beer & Wine available with food tickets. Use this time to tour the facility with your guests, highlighting the prayer garden, the sanctuary, and our remodeled Christian Formation spaces.

**6:00-7:00** *Open All Night: The Fund A Need Marketplace, highlighting this year's partner agency Magdalene House, and the outreach ministries of St. Timothy's, will be open all evening. Please make time to visit before the evening ends.*

**7:00** – Dinner starts outdoors. Purchase Food & Beverage Tickets

**7:15** – Concert Begins!

**9:30** – Evening Ends

**Childcare WILL be provided for infants to 12-year-olds!**

**More helpful information:** After you arrive, before you come into the building, stop at the ticket table to buy tickets for the evening. Tickets are \$1 each for all food and drink purchases.

**The Causes:** Visit the Fund-A-Need Marketplace in the Parish Hall and help Magdalene House [www.magdalenestl.org](http://www.magdalenestl.org) and St. Tim's Outreach partners continue to provide their ministries locally and globally. We will take credit cards and checks.

**Your Table:** If you purchased a table (or two) you've been notified of your table number. If you've forgotten, we will have a big poster in the colonnade with all the table numbers on it.

**Parking:** Our neighbors to the north, Andrews Academy and Hope Montessori, have kindly allowed us to use their parking lots, which will have signs to direct you. We have contracted with a professional parking service to direct drivers. You will be able to drive into the church lot to drop someone off, and if you don't mind a short walk, we hope you will park in one of the lots to our north.

**Music: The Gateway City Big Band will play swing, show tunes, pops for our entertainment. And yes! There will be a dance floor. St. Tim's own, Karen and Rick Sharp are long-time band members—you're in for a treat.**



## What's Happening in Sunday School?

Sunday school for the 2014-15 school year ended on May 17, but the work of Christian formation for our children and youth will continue this summer, with Vacation Bible School in July, Camp Phoenix at the end of July, and hopefully some special events during the summer months. Watch the Worthy of Note for announcements. Sunday school classes will resume on September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day.

I want to recognize and thank all of the hard work put in this year by our Sunday school teachers: Lori Hotra, Mitzi Uyemura, Steve Crock, Paul Pannel, Becky Porter, Angela Mitchell-Phillips, Mike Omahen, Jim McCullough, Keith Boyd, Kim Dressel, George Podolsky, and Don Dewey. Also a special thank you to the other parishioners who helped out by substituting or assisting at various times during the year when called upon. We are looking for additional teachers for this next school year, so if you have an interest in exploring this ministry, please contact Fr. Marvin or Robert Phillips ([rwphillipsstl@me.com](mailto:rwphillipsstl@me.com)).

Regarding Vacation Bible School, please note that it is planned for four consecutive Wednesday evenings July 1-22, starting at 5:30 pm each night. The program is designed for preschool through 5th grade children, with TLC childcare available for infants and toddlers. The intent is to combine a traditional VBS curriculum with a "Mother's Night Out" schedule, and thereby appeal to a more diverse group than the traditional weekday-mornings schedule. Volunteers are still needed, so please check the sign-up sheets on the Christian Education bulletin board in the Gathering Space or contact any of Hopey Gardner ([hagardner@gmail.com](mailto:hagardner@gmail.com)), Sarah Johnson ([sjohnson926@yahoo.com](mailto:sjohnson926@yahoo.com)), or Robert Phillips.

Last, a special congratulations to our graduating high school seniors this year, Will Crock and Julia Fox.

Robert W. Phillips  
Interim Director of Christian Formation





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## **Sigel Elementary School Tutoring Highlights**

The team from St. Timothy's tutored the Kindergarten class at Sigel Elementary School this year. Sigel is located just south of I-44 near Lafayette Square.

*Nancy Setzer reads to her student, who like many of her classmates, returned from spring break missing her two front teeth.*

The tutors were assigned two children and spent about ½ hour with each one. Tutors and students worked on learning the alphabet, sight words, and letter sounds. By the end of the year the students were beginning to read on their own. They were always excited to see their tutors and jumped out of their chairs when their tutors arrived to pick them up.

A number of new students joined the Kindergarten class after the Christmas break. Several children were behind and needed additional help. Unfortunately we were not able to supply enough tutors for all the children. Our goal for next year is to have enough tutors to assist all the Kindergarten students who require assistance.

When asked how the tutoring was progressing, the teachers stated, "I can tell that the extra tutoring is really working for some of my students! Thank you so much for all you have done for my students!!!" and "Thank you for everything you do. The progress has been remarkable in several students."

This year's new tutors received training through the Oasis Tutor Training Program. In addition to the initial training, Oasis provides teaching supplies, follow-up training, and age-appropriate books. Our tutors also worked together to enhance the tutoring experience and handle any issues or questions as they arose.

The second Monday of the month was teacher appreciation day, and refreshments were provided for the teachers. A grant requested by Sigel was used to purchase "Stallion Store" items for the students to purchase with "Stallion Bucks" that were earned by exhibiting positive behaviors throughout the school day. We communicated with the principal, staff and teachers at Sigel to maintain open and cooperative relationships.

Thank you to this year's tutors: Carolyn Moore, Tony Corey, Leslie Corey, Jon Fatsinger, Michele Holmes, and Nancy Setzer

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## Diocesan Collection for the International Institute

...Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these....Matthew, 25/40

Once again, the St. Timothy's community demonstrated our commitment to living our creed. Thank you for your response to the Diocesan request for items to assist the less fortunate among us.

Carolyn Moore, Outreach Chair.



## We Did "Think Spring" and Had a Great Time

Fifty-nine women gathered at the Spring Women's Dinner for a very enjoyable evening! We began with appetizers and time for everyone to visit. The delicious dinner was catered by Art of Entertaining in Webster Groves. They have a special Tuesday night dinner, which fits our schedule perfectly. The program was presented by Susan Lounsbury: the art and history of rug hooking and information about our tapestries. Susan brought several examples of completed projects and a collection of tools that are used in the process. I think everyone appreciated learning something about our tapestries and meeting family of the original designer and creator. A big thank you to those of you who brought appetizers and helped with the set up, and the clean up. The evening always runs smoothly with everyone's help.

Nancy Setzer and Judy DeMarco

## "LETTUCE" Be Thankful for the Spring Rain!

The Food Pantry Garden is growing rapidly now, and you should stop to look. We have added tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, peppers, and squash. Remember to plant at least one vegetable in your garden so the produce can be shared with Circle of Concern's Food Pantry. Fresh vegetables and herbs are readily taken by shoppers.

(The herb flower which was shown on the TV monitor was a chive.)

Nancy Setzer



**Episcopal City Mission  
Summer Celebration  
Family-Friendly Carnival**

Summer Celebration is right around the corner on Friday, June 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Grace Episcopal Church - Kirkwood.

This year, Summer Celebration is a family-friendly carnival which will include carnival games for children, a balloon artist, and a complimentary petting zoo and bounce house. Carnival games are being created and managed by youth groups from several Episcopal parishes.

All children will be given 5 free game tickets and additional game tickets will be 50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00.

Additional features of this year's Summer Celebration:

- Silent Auction
- Yummy Food and Beverages
- Raffles & Gab Bags

<http://ecitymission.org>



Tickets for general entrance includes food and drink.

- Adults: \$15
- Children Ages 5-12: \$5
- Children Under 5: Free!
- Maximum per Family: \$50

For more information and tickets call 314.436.3545

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**Daytimers to Tour Art Museum—All Invited**

Please join us on Tuesday, June 16 when we'll have a docent led tour at 10:30 at the Art Museum. We'll carpool from St. Tim's, leaving church at 9:45. If you wish to go directly to the Museum meet us at the East wing information desk.

We will see the new East Wing of Modern Art first and then tour the Impressionists.

Lunch will follow at the Panorama restaurant in the East wing of the Museum.

If you have questions contact Caroline Kelsey [314 378 7945](tel:3143787945)



### **Financial Snapshot April 2015**

For the first 4 months of 2015:

Target revenues and expenses (Budget %)	33%
Actual plate receipts	29%
Actual pledge receipts	35%
Actual expenses	30%

Things continue to go well financially for St. Tim's. Revenues outpaced expenses in April by \$16,174 yielding a year to date surplus of \$30,799. Pledge income in April matched our expectations and we now have collected 34.9% of our pledges in a third of the year. Facility Use income also continues to be strong. Thank you for your faithful giving that allows us to serve all these great ministries!

### **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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