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**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

**Creve Coeur, MO**

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May, 2015



The Food Pantry Garden -  
How Does Our Garden Grow? With Your Help!

Dear Friends of St. Timothy's,

Heraclitus, quoted by Plato in *Cratylus*, said, "Everything changes, nothing stands still." Or if you prefer, from Lemony Snicket, "'Love can change a person the way a parent can change a baby- awkwardly, and often with a great deal of mess.'" <sup>1</sup>

Last year our Vestry did one of those surveys which provoke more questions than the ones in print. The questionnaire intended assess our readiness for change as a congregation. Believe it or don't, we had no particular changes in mind at the time, although some assumed that we did. But, my oh my, did change come upon us, suddenly and without much warning shortly thereafter.

We have experienced lots of positive change; the joys of a new building, new faces in the pews and in the Sunday School, a member seeking the priesthood and a parish discernment committee assisting him, beautiful improvements to our landscape, more confirmations and baptisms. We have begun to do what we said would do by putting this beautiful building in service, not only to the parish but to the community around us.

We also experienced the discomfort of change. Even positive change can be uncomfortable. Do you remember the conversations about where to put the coffee? And do you remember how hard it was to get everything out of the storage and settled into the new space? These are positive things and yet they aren't easy adjustments.

Then we experienced the great staff exodus of 2014. Ouch! We experienced loss as we began to notice all the positive contributions those beloved leaders had been making for so long. And beloved and faithful pillars of parish life either moved away or moved into that greater life with God through death.

Thanks be to God, leaders have stepped into the gaps and we were able to make it through the Sunday School year. We have found the courage to think again fresh thoughts and strengthen relationships as we seek a new way forward in ministry with our children and youth. Our Pastoral Care Team has rallied to provide Shepherds for each family in the congregation to help provide that extra attention and prayer that marks our love for one another here in St. Timothy's parish. We have secured the assistance of the Reverend Dr. Paul Metzler to assist with the kind of pastoral care that clergy can provide. We found an excellent Music Director and Organist in Mr. Mark Scholtz.

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**From the Rector ...**

We used the traditional Lenten series, “Wonderful Wednesdays” to provide another option for Christian community and discipleship training. The offerings were excellent and I hope that we will continue to build upon this as a regular thing. We simply cannot fit every option we need to offer into the Sunday morning format.

Our stewardship efforts this year have been exceptional, allowing us to take the risk and seek a new priest who provide clergy support to our lifelong Christian formation ministries and serve at the altar and the pulpit. We are receiving names and continue to seek the right candidate for this new position.

We have begun to implement new policies for cost control and purchasing orders which will help us hold the line on expenses. We are working toward a better budgeting process for the ministries.

The latest change on the horizon is a trial change in service times. I have proposed the change to strengthen our 9:00 a.m. worship service where we have seen a regular influx of visitors and new members and to make more time available our Sunday School and Adult Forum. I also am seeking to implement regular opportunities during the Sunday School hour for adults to develop their own Christian discipleship and spirituality.

Christianity is, after all, about that great change we call the resurrection of the dead. “Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye!”<sup>2</sup> We are born into Christ for new possibilities and for God’s dream.

Love,  
Marvin +

<sup>1</sup> Lemony Snicket, Horseradish.

<sup>2</sup> 1Corinthians 15:51-52a

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**See Page 4 for important information in weekend worship times!**



## Adult Forum, Sunday, April 26

St. Timothy's has agreed to be present at the first-ever St. Charles Pride Festival, hosted by the St. Charles Community College, Saturday May 30. Come and help the co-chairs of this welcoming initiative explore who will go to represent us there, and what we will say to those who come to our booth about why we believe everyone is welcome at St. Timothy's church, and loved by God - no exceptions.

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If you would like to get your quarterly contribution statements by email (and don't already), you should email Alice Fritsch at [treasurer.at.saint.tims@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.at.saint.tims@gmail.com) with your preferred email address. This saves the church on paper, envelopes and postage and gets you your statements faster!! Alice Fritsch



### 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

### Time for Spring Clean-Up at St. Tim's

Come on Saturday, May 2, at 8 (or when you can) and help clean up the Prayer Garden and Columbarium and south patio. We have some tools, but you might want to bring your own rakes and such.

## Music Notes ...

To mark the conclusion of the Choral Season at St. Timothy's, the Choir will sing the Evening Office for the First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday, 31 May at 5.00. The evening's canticles will be those in *A Major* by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995). The anthem will be *Through the day* by Philip Moore (b. 1943). Evensong at St. Timothy's is a music-filled experience with the canticles (usually the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*) and anthem being sung by the Choir, and the appointed psalm and prayers being lifted up in chant by the entire Assembly. One of the most restful of our worship offerings, Evensong is a moment to revel in the last light of day, bringing the Sabbath to a gentle conclusion. Of course, in the best Anglican tradition, there will be a lovely reception following the service in the Gathering Place. Please consider joining with us for this beautiful service.

With the Choir only a few weeks away from enjoying their well-deserved summer holiday, I would like to extend an invitation to members and friends of the Parish to think about lending their special musical talents to our Sunday morning worship. There are, undoubtedly, many in the pews who have a musical giftedness of which I am not aware. So, please, think about contacting me via e-mail or the Parish Office to chat about sharing those talents during the course of the summer. I know that your offering will be very warmly received by everyone.

Pax,

*Mark*

Mark R. Scholtz, Director of Music

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## CONFIRMATION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Book of Common Prayer says of confirmation that, "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. Those baptized as adults are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith" (BCP 412).

So the rite of confirmation is indelibly tied to baptism – not the completion of it but an *affirmation* of the vows made either on behalf of an infant or by an adult. Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. While confirmation doesn't make a person any more of a Christian, it is a rite of Christian commitment; an important part of living out one's life in Christ.

Baptized persons who choose not to be confirmed are still considered full members of this community of faith. While the Episcopal Church assumes that adults will seek confirmation at some point along their faith journey, confirmation is not a requirement for participation in church

activities or programs. Confirmation *is* required for certain leadership and ministry opportunities, such as Vestry membership, Convention delegate, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee or Eucharistic Minister or Visitor.

### **CONFIRMATION AT ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CREVE COEUR ~ MISSOURI**

St. Timothy's offers confirmation preparation for adults and teenagers who desire to make a public commitment to Jesus Christ in front of the bishop. Any adult interested in confirmation should make this desire known to the rector. As needed we offer an adult confirmation class entitled "Inquirers." The course includes basic instruction on Anglican church history, the Book of Common Prayer, the sacraments, Scripture, church doctrine, spirituality, and church polity. This class also serves to prepare members to be received into this communion from another church, as well as make a re-affirmation of one's baptism.

### **CONFIRMATION FOR TEENAGERS**

Teenage confirmation classes will be offered each year. Those who have reached the age of thirteen may enroll. Classes for teens will be offered on week nights. The classes will be taught by the clergy of St. Timothy's and/or an adult mentor who will be licensed by the Bishop as a Catechist. Confirmation will take place in the spring as a part of Diocesan celebration or at the Bishop's Annual Visitation.

It is important to note that participation in this process does not obligate the student to be confirmed. A student may withdraw at any point, or even decide not to be confirmed at the end of a successfully completed program. Part of the process of becoming a mature Christian is being ready to make a commitment to Christ on one's own.

There are certain expectations for teenagers engaged in the confirmation class. First, since participation is voluntary, a positive outlook and a willingness to engage the faith is the most important expectation. Each student is expected to attend every class. While there may be circumstances where this is not possible, full attendance is the norm.

### **THE ROLE OF PARENTS**

The role of the parents is vital to this process. First, each parent must support their child in this process while allowing them the freedom to delay or withdraw if they desire. Parental worship life and discussions about faith will also have an indelible effect on the inquiring process of their children. Help them to keep this process a priority in the busy schedule that is part of a student's school life.

### Food Pantry Garden Needs More Hands

Planting in the garden has begun with lettuces, kale, beets, potatoes, and onions. In the next couple of weeks as the weather warms up we will put in more.

I applied for an outreach grant to purchase "watering supplies" because we want to figure out a more efficient and more effective method to water everything. Three people did all the watering last year and that is a lot of work, but with more volunteers and a more efficient system, it will be easier.



Nancy Setzer

### Wonderful Wednesdays at St. Timothy's

**Wednesday, April 29 - No meetings are scheduled. Watch for the next one.**

### Together We're Better—St. Timothy's Gift Card Program For Your Shopping Ease

Do you buy groceries? Eat at restaurants? Buy books and clothing and pharmaceutical items? Play golf? None of the above? Really?? Do you need to buy a gift for someone who does? Then you might want to support St. Tim's gift card program, which benefits the Rector's discretionary fund.

Stop by the small desk in the gathering space and pick up a list (too large for this space!) of all the merchants in this program and then order your gift cards; they are available for pick up the next week. **You pay face value NOT an upcharge.** How handy will it be to use your gift cards the next time you shop?

Ellen Lindsey

St. Timothy's  
**OUTREACH**  
*Transforming Compassion*



### Habitat for Humanity Needs You

St. Tim's is again working with the West County Methodist Churches of Manchester United and Salem United on a Habitat Build. This year we are working in the Tiffany Neighborhood (44 and Grand). We have been given the dates of May 16 - Exterior finishes; July 18 - Flooring Installation; August 15 Interior Finishes; September 12 Interior Finishes.



St. Tim's needs to supply the needed volunteers - 8 for exterior finishes and flooring installation, 6 for interior finishes. If these dates do not work for you, you will note there are plenty of other volunteer opportunities.

The website to volunteer is up and running – please click on the link <http://bit.ly/1lvMV6p> and you will be on the Methodist Episcopal Partnership Build Day page, scroll down and you will see all the build dates, click on the ones you will be able to volunteer and complete the registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tina Heuer at 314.799.6903 or [Heuer@rabbittlawfirm.com](mailto:Heuer@rabbittlawfirm.com). Thank you for your time and talents!

Tina Heuer

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### The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri Donation Drive



The diocese is partnering with the International Institute of St. Louis to support local refugees, many of whom arrive with no belongings.

Needed are: Umbrellas      Rain boots      Rain jackets

And: Toilet paper, Paper towels, Trash bags, Trash cans, Buckets,

All-purpose cleaning spray, and Diapers size 3-5



Look for collection bins from May 3 through May 17 in the Gathering Space.

### World Food Day Update and Date Announcement

Mark your calendars for October 16, the next assembly day. Ask Holly Wilson about World Food Day and watch for details in a few months.

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**Altar Flower Sign-Up Dates Available Year 'Round**  
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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 contribute to the beauty of our worship by giving 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. More than one family can give on any particular Sunday.

The costs for each family will be \$45 beginning after Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for contributing to the beauty of our worship. 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.

**Parishioner Highlight**

**Steve Crock . . .** You might have noticed his wife Wini's educational awards, or his son Will's breathtaking violin playing in church, but there's even more to this family. Steve is not just the rice guy, although that would be enough. He arranges for many pounds of rice to be delivered, divided, and placed on food pantry shelves to feed numerous families each month. And he's not just the Sunday School teacher, although that would also be enough. For a lot of years he has sat in circles of children, pre-teens, and youth exploring the gospel with them, and seeking and serving Christ through the lenses of their lives. Steve Crock has also been the organizer, and primary provider music for the 9:00 service, since 2008!

Steve has appeared at almost every 9:00 service, and brought other musicians along with him, including the regular keyboardist Sharon Givan and the more recently recruited Guitar Group. He selects music based on the readings for the Sunday, rehearses his musicians, submits information for the bulletins, and joyfully leads that service in singing and prayer each service. Steve's steadfastness, cheer, and faith have been central to every generation here at St. Timothy's, and we are grateful for his service, his life and his witness.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Nathaniel Pyron | 10 - Blaine Stone   | 17 - Nancy Summers    |
| 2 - Robert Phillips | Sheila Morse        | 22 - Loryn McCullough |
| 3 - Rick Sharp      | Mike Thake          | 23 - Betsy Gee        |
| 4 - Jan O'Neil      | 11- Brendan Johnson | 29 - Michael Hotra    |
| Monika Volkhardt    | 12 - Linda Lambert  | 31 - Josh Wangler     |
| 5 - Bill Dunworth   | 13 - Noah Agne      |                       |
| Sara Vanacht        | 14 - Debbie Smith   |                       |
| AJ Becker           | 16 - Jared McAvoy   |                       |
| 6 -Grant Schuerman  | Alonzo Collins      |                       |



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 - Mitzi and Rob Uyemura                | 24 - Caryl and Joe Fox            |
| 7 - Mary Lou Blackhurst and Jim Hinrichs | 27 - Kellie and David Aldrich     |
| 9 - Louann and Craig Boyd                | 29 - Stephanie and Marshall Smith |
| 14 - Becky and Blair Porter              | 30 - Florrie and Frank Kohn       |
| 19 - Lenene and George Andre             | 31 - Jane and Cletus Coughlin     |
| 20 - Kimi and Andy Becker                |                                   |

*Congratulations to Hopey Gardner and Vishal Viswambharan on the birth of Sonia Anna on April 16. She joins proud big brother, Rohan Vishal.*

**Save the date: Camp Phoenix July 26 - August 1**

Register and find more information at: [www.camp-phoenix.org](http://www.camp-phoenix.org)

No child is turned away due to financial concerns. Applications for assistance through the Daniels Scholarship Fund are available online.

## **Financial Snapshot March 2015**

For the first 3 months of 2015:

Target revenues and expenses (Budget %)	25%
Actual plate receipts	15%
Actual pledge receipts	25%
Actual expenses	23%

Plate and Total Expenses continue to run less than plan while pledges are on plan. Outside organizations are using our new space resulting in more revenue than planned for our Facility Use line item. Year to date we have a \$14,625 surplus, which is good news as is the fact that we brought on additional clergy earlier than planned – but this means we will expend a bit more in total on that expense than planned. Other good news is we brought in \$382 more during Easter than 2014.

### **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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