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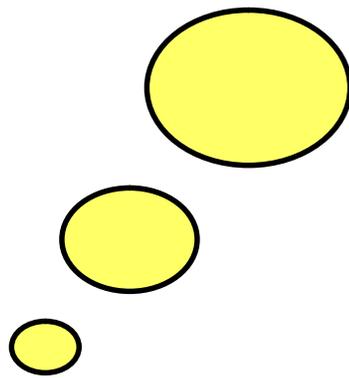
Fellowship

Service

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

What are my talents?



How can I serve others?

From the Rector



Good people of St. Timothy's!

I am well and truly back in the saddle again at the parish; very thankful for the blessing of the sabbatical and eager to continue reconnecting with you. A sabbatical is a benefit not only to the clergy, but also to the life of a parish. St. Timothy's didn't miss a beat during the time I was away and that is due to your faithful attention to the details of our ministry together. The supply clergy faithfully celebrated with you in word and sacrament. The staff went above and beyond in meeting the needs of parish and community. All of you have a part in the common life we share. I missed you.

I am particularly thankful for the extra time I found for reading. I read books that you suggested and found many of them important to our ministry at this particular time in our history. I read widely about ideas for bridging the social, political and cultural divides in our nation. I read some books for personal growth and spirituality. These books challenged me and helped me grow as a Christian.

I am also thankful for the time I spent with my family. We were able to see my mother and mother-in-law and other family members. We were able to meet Carl's new girlfriend and her family. It was good to spend time in Chicago and Kansas City, as well as our sabbatical home base in Wisconsin. Some of our plans were upset by a sick dog. Our Buddy is still recovering from a significant surgery. All in all, family time was great.

St. Timothy's leadership is working hard on adding a Vision Statement to our Mission Statement. As you recall, our Mission Statement was completed last year:

"To radiate Christ's presence through worship, care, and service." A mission statement declares our intention. A vision statement will state our desired outcome in parish life. How do we hope our work together will result in growth? The Vestry will dedicate the September Vestry meeting to pulling together the final statement.

We also have appointed a Team to begin work on Strategic Planning. Members of that team and of the Vestry will be asking for your thoughts about your personal experience of our parish life in worship, care, and service. Please try to make time for these important conversations.

We will begin our Stewardship effort on September 30 with a Ministry Fair. Most of the teams doing good things in the name of God and St. Timothy's will be available to share information and invite you to consider sharing your time and talent.

I continue to be amazed and blessed by all that God is doing among us.

Sincerely,
Marvin+



Friends, Families & Faves: Parish Concert Event on 9/29!

by Rick Sharp

It's hard to believe, but this month's "Friends, Families & Faves" concert event will be the 27th year St. Tim's has held its annual concert!

This year we've completely redesigned the evening. Instead of raising funds, we are providing an inexpensive, family-friendly opportunity for parishioners to socialize and share the joy of St. Timothy's with their friends.

Schedule for Saturday, September 29:

5:30 p.m. Doors open, picnic-style food served, music by Keith Pennel's "Yeah Whatever" band in the Columbarium. (Childcare Available.)

6:30 p.m. **Gateway City Big Band** performs in the Sanctuary. "Way Cool Balloons" will be set up in the Gathering Space, along with some games. The kids will be the stars of the concert when they parade through with their balloons!

7:45 p.m. Music ends and dessert served in the Colonnade. Mingling time!

8:30 p.m. Childcare Ends



The balloon artists (above) are from "Way Cool Balloons." As you see, these are complex and truly "way cool." Kids (of all ages) will love them!

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under, with a maximum price per family of \$25. Tickets sold between services or online at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3604427>

Stewardship Time & Talent Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 30, after one combined 10 a.m. service

Catered Breakfast immediately following service

As baptized persons, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and strive for Justice and Peace. And we are sometimes fatigued to the point of being overwhelmed by bad news, crammed schedules, and worry.

Let St. Timothy's be a part of the solution for you! Here we gather for strength, for peace and courage, holding on to each other, then go back out into the world to love and to serve.

Come and learn how you can make a difference, without being crushed, because together with God's help we can make a difference.

Please plan on coming, and bring a friend!

**For more information, contact Heidi Carter, Lay Associate,
or Rob Muschany, Stewardship Chairman.**

Discover which of your talents can help serve others.





St. Timothy's Fall 2018 Adult Bible Study

Jesus said, "Come and see."

We invite you to "come and see," and join us for stimulating discussions in Adult Bible Study at St. Timothy's. Our program features passages that speak to both mind and heart. We'll listen to particular voices from various people of God, as they hear, and interpret, the Word of God. And we'll look at responses evoked by those voices – responses that can be useful for us today – as invitations to our own discipleship.

Discipleship Bible Study meets every Sunday in the **Lower Level** classroom during the Christian Formation Hour, starting at **9:40 a.m.** It is a discussion-based study open to everyone, organized by The Rev. Sue Eastes, and led by Chuck Agne, Linda Lawless, Agnes Bolwell, and Bill Ray. Join us as we begin our next year of compelling Bible Study – to study **Jesus in the Gospels**.

DATE	TOPIC	BIBLE READING
Sept 9, 16	Destiny of Jesus, as seen in symbols	Mark 11:1 - 25
23	When life questions, how does Jesus respond?	Mark 11:27-12:12
30	NO CLASS: One combined 10 a.m. service	
Oct. 7	Part 2 of Chapter 18	
14 & 21	Living with fear and signs of danger	Mark 13:1-8
28	Can we seize our own destiny?	Mark 14
Nov. 4	Part 2 of Chapter 20	
11, 18	How did Jesus manage His destiny?	Mark 15
25	NO CLASS: Thanksgiving Weekend	

TIM Talks

Conversations Worth Having

St. Timothy's Fall 2018 Adult Forums 9:40 a.m. Sundays, North Parish Hall

Sept. 16 "Baptism" Christy Henke Ratliff will lead us in a parish-wide art project that will depict what baptism means to us. We need as many parishioners as possible to come and lend your creative ideas, input, and ideas.

Sept. 23 "Hidden Poverty in Parkway" Diane Peterson, Social Worker with Parkway School District, will discuss the hidden poverty around us, the Parkway food pantry, and food insecurity. Come see how our new food ministry is supporting her efforts.

Sept. 30 "Discover, Pledge, Participate!" The Stewardship Time and Talent Ministry Fair is happening this morning. We will combine ourselves into one festive 10am Worship Service, then enjoy a delicious breakfast and Ministry Fair

in the Parish Hall. Where will you pledge your time and talent for 2019, to help St. Timothy's mission 'To Radiate Christ's Love through worship, care, and service?' Come find out. It will be fun!

Oct. 7 "The Episcopal Church General Convention" Hear a firsthand report from the folks who were there. Also, learn how to make your voice heard in the conversation about the new *gasp* Book of Common Prayer and other important topics facing the church.

Oct. 14 "Mission Trip to El Salvador" Christy Henke Ratliff will share her experiences of her summer mission trip.

Oct. 21 "Advocacy" Nancy Nix-Rice, Vice President of Advocacy at NCJW will provide an overview of both issues and advocacy how-tos, with tips about how to get more info and move forward as an advocate.

Oct. 28 & Nov 4 - "All Saints" Rev. Dr. Warren Crews. As we approach All Saints Sunday (Nov. 4), our thoughts turn to our images of saints, past and present. The early church thought of martyrs, the medieval church of famous monks and nuns, and the Victorians about pure morals. Today our models are focusing on compassion and social justice. Our first session will look at past models and our second on contemporary ones. *(Complete schedule available)*

MUSIC NOTES

September marks the return of the Choir of St. Timothy's for the new choral season. There are a number of particularly special moments on the Choir's musical "menu" this year.

For our commemoration of the Feast of All Saints', Sunday morning, 4 November, the Choir will sing portions of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* accompanied by a small orchestra. This is one of the classic "beauties" of the choral repertoire: splendid melodies, gorgeous orchestration, and sincere spirituality.

The service of Choral Evensong will be sung four Sundays this year at 5.00 PM:

- 14 October for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
- 27 January 2019 for the Feast of Saints Timothy & Titus (Patronal Feast). Our Choir will be joined by the Choir of Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church.
- 31 March for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (*Laetare*)
- 19 May for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The October Evensong will feature the canticles in A-Major by Gloucester Cathedral organist Herbert Sumson (1899-1995). Philip Moore's beautiful evening anthem *Through the day Thy love has spared us* will also be sung. It is a wonderful thing that this Parish continues the tradition of singing the evening office. In the wider church, it is becoming increasingly evident that tradition is something to be eschewed - clearly not "fresh" enough to be relevant or attractive. In Britain and parts of our own country, however, services of Choral Evensong are experiencing huge growth in the number of people attending, due in part to, among other things, the beautiful music, and the duration of the service (about 40-minutes). Of course the smashing receptions afterward are pretty awesome, too. Could this be the ideal opportunity to invite someone to visit St. Tim's and experience something unique to our Episcopal tradition?

A parting thought from composer Gustav Mahler (1860-1911): *Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.* I whole-heartedly endorse that sentiment!

Pax,

Mark

Mark R. Scholtz



Report from the Treasurer, August 2018



Target revenues and expenses for 8 months (Budget %)	66.67%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 8 months	63.67%
Actual expenses for 8 months	66.17%

August was a challenging month. Income for the month was low and expenses for the month were higher than average. The result was a \$36,000 deficit for the month which brings our year-to-date deficit to \$24,000. Unusual expense items included \$5,300 for repair of the A/C unit, \$8,000 for our quarterly property insurance payment, higher than average electricity expense (\$3,300) as well as payment of our quarterly water bill (\$1,700).

We anticipate that income will begin increasing over the next 4 months which should bring us in line with our budget. We still have significant funds on hand to cover operations (~\$300,000). Please keep paying your pledges in a timely manner so that we can continue to stay financially strong throughout the year.

- The Finance Committee

Adventures in Laser Tag

By David Coulter, St. Tim's Youth Minister

"Come on, let's take the far stockade!" is not necessarily a sentence I thought I'd ever have to say as a youth minister. And yet, the Sunday after Labor Day, I found myself charging up a ramp to a second-story room with three teenagers, peering out into the darkness as they took defensive positions at the windows, pointing their laser rifles to repel an attack by the Red Team. Yes, technically laser tag falls under my job description. So, once again, it was time for our youth group's annual pilgrimage to SportsFusion in Chesterfield. Seven kids from St. Tim's, plus four friends they invited along from outside our congregation, spent the afternoon with Keith Boyd and me, running, climbing, dodging, and laughing.

Eight of us took to the dodgeball court while we were there, passing a poster bearing Patches O'Houlihan's mantra: Dodge, Dip, Duck, Dive, and Dodge. We found ourselves facing a team of older, bigger folks (who, frankly, could throw a lot harder than we could). Our team played valiantly but found itself outmatched--at least until one of the older teens from the other team took mercy on us and switched sides!

Laser tag is always a big hit when we visit SportsFusion, and we had a blast maneuvering through the dark, zapping each other. The kids excitedly discussed strategy between rounds, a number of them heading straight from the exit back into the line for the next game. I'm convinced some of them would have spent six hours in the arena if we'd given them that much time.

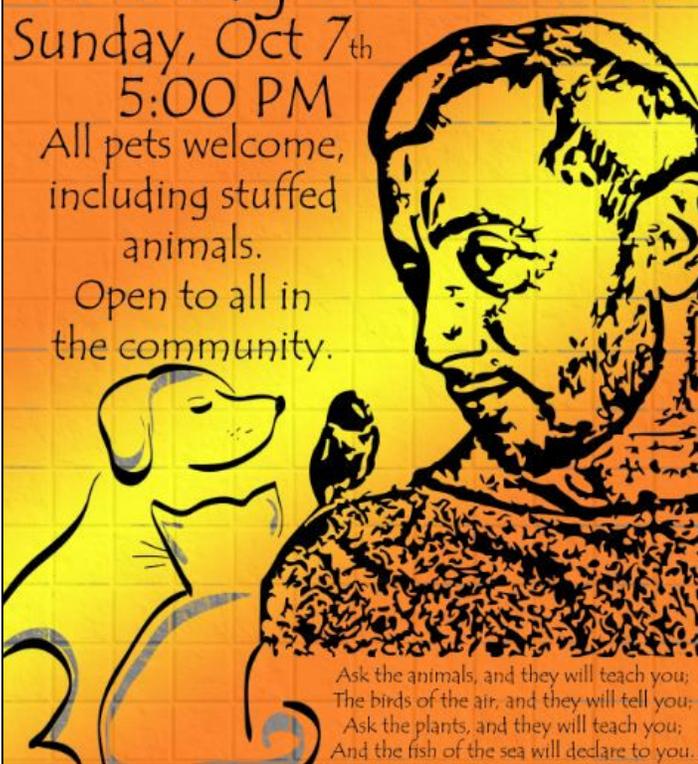


We enjoyed a number of other activities while we were there, too: scaling a 20-foot high rock wall to the ceiling. Running, crawling, and climbing over a giant inflatable obstacle course. Basketball and miniature golf. It was great fun to spend time playing with the kids, and to watch them laughing and having fun with each other. Community is such an important part of what it means to be a church, and it's a blessing to get to see our younger generation building that sense of togetherness among themselves.

We have some upcoming events over the next few months, as well! We have two great service opportunities where we'll help put together meals for hungry families, both here in St. Louis and around the world. Saturday, October 13, we'll join an interfaith youth team at Good Shepherd Lutheran, working side by side with Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Hindus to alleviate hunger. And Friday, November 2, we'll return to the John Burroughs School for World Food Day, an event that packages over a quarter of a million meals every year. And for another day of fun and togetherness, we'll be bringing a video game bus to St. Tim's on Saturday, December 15. Kids can come for the gaming, parents can drop them off to finish up their shopping, wrap presents, or just enjoy an afternoon by themselves. Email me (david.st.tims@gmail.com), swing by my office, or see me on Sunday to find out more!



St. Timothy's invites you to the
St. Francis' Day
Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, Oct 7th
5:00 PM
All pets welcome,
including stuffed
animals.
Open to all in
the community.



Ask the animals, and they will teach you;
The birds of the air, and they will tell you;
Ask the plants, and they will teach you;
And the fish of the sea will declare to you.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for Trunk or Treat at St. Timothy's!
Sunday, October 28 at 9:40 a.m.

Kids, wear your **COSTUMES** and get ready for candy, treats, and music! Bring a container to collect candy.

Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, get into the spooky spirit and **decorate your car** to make things even more fun! Pass out candy to adorable trunk or treaters!

Sign up in the Gathering Space or e-mail Meghan Collins at med434@gmail.com to host a trunk!

Spooky decorations are great, but please stay away from too scary or gory decorations.

<h2>Events in September & October</h2>	<p>Sat/Sun Sept. 22-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rice Bagging 	<p>Sunday, Sept. 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One combined service, 10 am • Stewardship Time & Talent Ministry Fair & Catered Breakfast following service 	<p>Sunday, Oct. 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessing of the Pets, 5pm in Prayer Garden 	
	<p>Thurs Sept. 27, Oct. 11 & 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babies/Toddlers/2s Parent Group, 9:30am 	<p>Sunday, Oct. 12 - 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Camp @ Trout Lodge, Potosi, MO 	<p>Sunday, Oct. 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trunk or Treat, 9:40am 	
	<p>Saturday, Sept. 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends, Families & Faves Event, 5:30 pm 			

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