



April
2017

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

From the Rector



We must observe both the days of the passion and the resurrection, so that there may be a day of woe and a day of joy, a fast day and a feast day... This is a holy Triduum... during which Christ suffered, was buried and rose again; concerning which he said: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ¹

We are near the goal. We are soon to be enfolded by the mysteries. Each year, fasting yields to feasting. Margaret Mead, anthropologist, and unexpectedly devout church woman, sternly reminds us: No fast. No feast. The rhythm of life, death and resurrection is the center of these mysteries. We take up the cross as Jesus commands us, because his death is not just "an accident on the way to the Empty Tomb."² It is the necessary precondition for the Resurrection. If we have entered the season with the brave resolve of self-examination, if we have carefully placed ourselves in the hands of God whose grace renews us, we will approach the mysteries with joy.

The story of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection is at the heart of our faith. The early Christians understood this and the gospel writers devoted far more time to the last week of Jesus' earthly life than to any other part of the gospel story. Holy Week is for us, bruised and heavy with sorrows, or distracted by the trivial, to find our healing in the embrace of his love. On Maundy Thursday we go with him to the upper room, where the Lord gathered with his disciples to make simple bread and wine into the sacrament of his body and blood. We taste and see the

goodness of the Lord. We feel his gracious touch. On Good Friday we give thanks for Jesus' death for us. He lived a life like ours and tasted death as we will. This is the story of divine love. Holy Saturday is a Sabbath of holy rest. No services are held until darkness falls.

The vigil is the threshold. We begin in the darkness of night, in the very real darkness that grips the world. We must patiently struggle to nurture a tiny fire. We coax it to a blaze. The great candle is lit and the light spreads from candle to candle. Around the baptismal font we tell the stories of hope and courage that sustain us as the people of God. In the middle of the service the fullness of resurrection light shines and we sing our alleluias. The fast of Lent is broken.

Easter Sunday is the feast of feasts. We baptize. We rejoice. The whole family gathers to celebrate as death is swallowed up by Christ's victory. Between the two Sunday services we celebrate a festive meal. Bring your own choicest favorite foods to the feast, so we may all share in a taste of your treasured traditions.

"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished,
heaven is won today!
Lo! the dead is living,
God for evermore!
Him their true Creator,
all his works adore!

Earth her joy confesses,
clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts return
with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow,
leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended,
hail his triumph now.³

Love,
Marvin +

¹Ambrose of Milan, Letter 23, Latin Fathers.

²Urban T. Holmes, Spirituality for Ministry

³Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (ca. 530-609);



Easter 2017 Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

It's taken me some years to realize it, but Jesus didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. He wasn't on vacation. He wasn't just hanging out in town. Jesus was in Jerusalem on purpose. He arrived in Jerusalem about the time of the Passover when pilgrims were in the city. When people's hopes and expectations for the dawn of freedom that Moses had promised in the first Passover might suddenly be realized for them in their time.

Jesus arranged his entrance into Jerusalem to send a message. He entered the city, having come in on one side of the city, the scholars tell us, at just about the same time that Pontius Pilate made his entrance on the exact opposite side of the city. Pilate, coming forth on a warhorse. Pilate, with soldiers around him. Pilate, with the insignias of Rome's Empire. Pilate, representing the Caesars who claimed to be son of god. Pilate, who had conquered through Rome the people of Jerusalem. Pilate, representing the Empire that had taken away their freedom. Pilate, who represented the Empire that would maintain the colonial status of the Jewish people by brute force and violence.

Jesus entered the city on the other side, not on a warhorse, but on a donkey, recalling the words of Zechariah:

*Behold your King comes to you
Triumphant and victorious is He
Humble and riding on a donkey*

Jesus entered the city at the same time as Pilate to show them, and to show us, that God has another way. That violence is not the way. That hatred is not the way. That brute force and brutality are not the way.

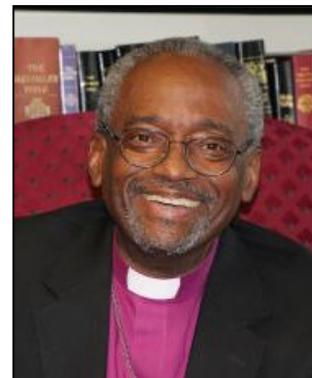
Jesus came to show us there is another way. The way of unselfish, sacrificial love. That's why he entered Jerusalem. That's why he went to the cross. It was the power of that love poured out from the throne of God, that even after the horror of the crucifixion would raise him from death to life.

God came among us in the person of Jesus to start a movement. A movement to change the face of the earth. A movement to change us who dwell upon the earth. A movement to change the creation from the nightmare that is often made of it into the dream that God intends for it.

He didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. He went to Jerusalem for a reason. To send a message. That not even the titanic powers of death can stop the love of God. On that Easter morning, he rose from the dead, and proclaimed love wins.

So you have a blessed Easter. Go forth to be people of the Resurrection. Follow in the way of Jesus. Don't be ashamed to love. Don't be ashamed to follow Jesus.

Have a blessed Easter. And bless the world. Amen.



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church



MUSIC NOTES

Sunday morning, 16 April, we will gather to rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection. Anthems with brass and organ, glorious hymnody, baptism and the renewal of our own baptismal vows, beautiful flowers, and, of course, the warmth of our St. Timothy's community gathered to share in the Paschal Feast.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to what is *the* most important and holy of all Masses in our Church's liturgical year...the Great Vigil of Easter. It is the first celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, a service during which people are baptized and adult catechumens are received into full communion with the Church, and the first moment to exclaim "Alleluia!" since the beginning of Lent. We gather in darkness at the labyrinth in the Memorial Garden, the "new fire" is kindled, the Paschal Candle lighted, the flame shared with all in attendance,

and then the solemn procession into the dimly-lighted church. At St. Tim's we gather around the Font for the beginning of the service. The chanting of the *Exultet* (a hymn of praise sung at the Paschal Candle, before the Liturgy of the Word), reading of lessons, chanting of psalms, and the renewal of baptismal vows usher us to the moment of great rejoicing: "Alleluia! Christ is risen." "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

If you've never experienced the power of this beautiful service, I invite you to join the Clergy and Choir Saturday evening, 15 April, at 8.00 in the Columbarium Prayer Garden.

Pax,

Mark

Mark R. Scholtz



KIVA Continuing the Mission

Kiva allows lenders to make loan to people in more than 80 countries, so they can start a business, go to school, or otherwise improve their lives. This non-profit organization has a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Leveraging the internet and a worldwide network of microfinance institutions, Kiva lends individuals as little as \$25 to help create opportunity around the world.

St. Timothy's has provided loans through Kiva since April 2011. To date we have made 211 loans, totaling \$20,125 across 62 different countries in 11 different sectors: Agriculture, Arts, Clothing, Construction, Education, Food, Health, Housing, Personal Use, Retail, and Services. Learn more about Kiva loans made by St. Timothy's on our lender page:

<http://www.kiva.org/lender/saint3913>.

Please join us on **Thursday, April 27, 2017** from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Library to help us chose new loan recipients. Everyone is welcome.

Daytimers Do Blues and Barbecue!

Join the Daytimers on Wednesday, April 19 for a visit to the National Blues Museum. The National Blues Museum is the only museum dedicated exclusively to preserving and honoring the national and international story of the Blues and its impact on American culture in the United States. Cost is \$15 each (\$12 over 65). *If we have over 20 people, everyone will pay \$12.* After our visit we'll have lunch next door to the museum at Sugarfire Smoke House. **See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Will Bolden or Karen Sharp with questions.**

If you'd like to carpool, meet at St. Tim's at 9:15 a.m. If you will drive separately, please arrive at the museum at 10:00 a.m.

Spring Women's Dinner

Please join us **Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for an evening of fellowship and a special program! Joan Dewey will share some of her experiences as a realtor. She is also bringing a friend who is a stager and will give us some useful tips. Invite a friend to join you! Sign up on the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Nancy Setzer.

Liturgy, the Pipe Organ & the Warmth of the People

By Florrie Kohn

Each week, the liturgy of the Sunday 10:45 a.m. service draws in Gary Stansbery. The 79-year-old retired corporate attorney refreshes his faith and reaffirms his commitment to Christ through the ebb and flow of reciting of the Nicene Creed and the other foundational phrases that make up the Episcopal Service.

These days are not easy ones for Gary. “I continue on, but there is some stress,” he notes. Gary’s wife Marylen is in hospice care. She is at home, with skilled caregivers. While she is very limited in what she can do, Gary feels fortunate that she has survived much longer than medical professionals expected. Worship at St. Tim’s provides Gary with a regular break.



“I have an enthusiasm for the Episcopal Church,” he says. “And the longer I have stayed at St. Tim’s, the more I want to be here.”

That’s quite the compliment as Gary has attended St. Tim’s for 42 years. Over that time, the church has changed. Its sanctuary evolved from a dramatically tight U-shaped space—an unfortunate design, says Gary, who describes the design as a semicircle with the back-half cut off, into its current open, light-filled area for worship. And five rectors have served—Arthur McNulty, Warren Crews, Frank Crumbaugh, Jack Fleming, and now, Marvin Foltz. “They all brought their unique values to our church and made it better,” he says. “I learned from each of them.”

Just as we learn from each other. Gary stays engaged by being involved in the life of the parish. He serves as an Endowment Fund trustee—a committee he chaired when it was first created in the 1980s. He was an early and long-time leader of the Sunday Adult Forum. He envisioned the forum as a program to spark intellectual curiosity about the Bible, theology, church, the community and relevant social issues. To this day, under Amy Conard’s leadership, the Adult Forum continues to be relevant. And Gary remains on the committee.

For a long time, Gary served as Head Usher and still continues to usher. He lectures frequently. “I’ll keep doing it as long as they’ll have me,” he says. “I like to interpret the words and give them the emphasis I think the author intended. It takes a little effort, but it is not difficult.”

The collectiveness of worshipping with other Episcopalians—at St. Tim’s and around the world—matters a great deal to Gary. “There is beautiful variation in the liturgy,” he says. “It is authentic. It represents tradition and thoughtful evaluation by a church. The people who created and sustain our church are saying: ‘This is the liturgy. These are the prayers that we are going to use.’”

While Gary believes in using a Prayer Book that contains the liturgy of the Church, he also believes that the language should be updated from time to time by action of the General Convention, which acts for the Church.

“When we participate in the liturgy, there is that connection with the church as a whole and with the history of the church,” he says. “The Episcopal Church—with its tradition of apostolic succession—drew me in as a liberal protestant church that satisfies.”

He is also a big fan of the pipe organ. “It is part of my spirituality,” he says. At the same time, he is not adverse to change. At the 10:45 service, more songs could be introduced from outside the hymnal, he suggests; perhaps once a month, drums and modern music. Though nothing could ever replace the pipe organ, he feels.

Liturgy, the Pipe Organ & the Warmth of the People, cont.

“New to St. Louis, I visited St. Tim’s. The church welcomed me and I stayed,” he says. Eventually, he met Marylen. “On our first date, we discovered we were both Episcopalians, which in the middle-aged, single dating world is not all that common,” says Gary. “I brought her to St. Tim’s and we were eventually married at St. Tim’s.”

Marylen went on to become an Episcopal deacon. As she served at one church and then another, Gary always kept the home base at St. Tim’s. “This year, the church has been a great help,” says Gary. “Holly Wilson comes over often. And Pastor Marvin and Pastor Paul have brought communion to Marylen. We are getting a good bit of support, also from our friends in the diocese.”

By any measure, 42 years is a long time to be part of the evolvement of any one church. “Numbers show that the Episcopal Church is slowly declining in numbers,” says Gary. “Parts of our nation have abandoned religion and the middle class has lurched toward secularism. That will have its effect on St. Tim’s future. However, St. Tim’s has a good backbone of young families, a balance of younger and older people, excellent physical facilities and an intelligent priest who is very good at his job.” Those attributes, he says, will keep the congregation growing.

“To the newcomers that come here,” he advises, “be as welcoming as the St. Tim’s congregation was to me at my first visit. I came because I felt the need to worship God and relate to the role that the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ has in my life. St. Tim’s fulfills that need and I enjoy it.”

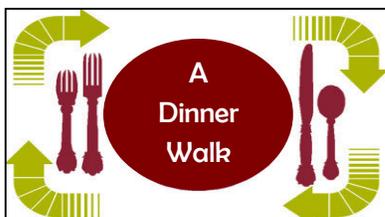
A Successful “Dinner Walk”

By Nancy Setzer

For the first ever event on March 4, there were 51 adults and 15 youth who had more delicious food than they could possibly eat! It was an enjoyable evening of conversation and many laughs for the adults—some of the groups had very enlightening “get to know you” activities and learned new things about people they’d known for years! The kids had their own fun watching movies and eating pizza in the youth lounge. All parts of the church building were used, allowing some people to see the Sunday School classrooms for the first time.

The Dinner Team thanks everyone who helped with this event and especially those folks who helped with the set up for eight different areas! Thank you to Mary Lou Blackhurst, Mimi Butler, Steve Crock, Larry and Michelle Holmes, Mark Schuerman, Dennis and Lynn Whittington, and Kurt and Madeline Zwickelmaier.

If you weren’t able to come this year, make plans to attend next time. Who knows what interesting things you’ll learn about your fellow churchgoers?!



Restoring our Faith

By Karen Sharp

I was picking up Rick's shirts at the cleaners a few weeks ago, and while I was waiting for the gal to retrieve his shirts, I saw vestments hanging on the wall behind the register. I squinted at the tag attached and saw they were for St. Timothy's. I recalled Linda McDowell asking me for a recommendation for a dry cleaner, and figured she'd taken me up on the suggestion. Then I noticed a note stapled to the bottom of the receipt that said "Give to whoever picks this up - it is paid for." I thought about going ahead and taking them since I was there but didn't want to inconvenience Linda if she was planning on stopping by for them. When the gal came back, I mentioned what a small world it was since the vestments were for my church. She commented that the bill had been paid by some of their other customers who simply asked for a prayer in return. The note read:

"Another customer has paid for your order. She said she and her husband are both on aviation crews and all she asks in return is that you say a prayer for them for safe travels. Their names are Valerie and Timothy Parks."

I called Linda to tell her the story and let her know I'd picked up the order. She was as amazed as I was! I just wanted to pass it on. Of course the important thing is the good deed the Parks did just for a prayer. Let's all remember them in ours.

Outreach Spotlight: Peace Meal

Feeding the Hungry at St. John's

by Florrie Kohn & Judy Maloney

Each and every Saturday evening, St. John's Episcopal Church, near Tower Grove Park, feeds 80 - 100 neighbors who are considered guests. Five times a year, St. Timothy's Peace Meal Volunteers commit to preparing and serving a full hot meal, salad and dessert.

Those who arrive come in all shapes and sizes—lonely, elderly, young, hungry. Some are barely getting by or are homeless. Some fit in anywhere and others feel as though they seldom fit in, except at the Peace Meal.

Judy Maloney coordinates St. Timothy's participation and needs 10 - 12 volunteers each time. Five to six volunteers arrive at 1:30 pm to prepare the meal, and the remaining four to five volunteers arrive at 4 p.m. to serve the meal and clean up. Volunteers often carpool from St. Tim's to make the trip easier.

Once you arrive at St. John's, a Captain (Certified Food Handler) has recipes and ingredients ready to go. Preparing a meal of this size is a challenge, but "working side by side with church friends is a blessing," says Maloney.

Another challenge is sometimes getting enough volunteers from St. Tim's. This is a large project and St. John's is a small church community, but the need in their area is great. They could not serve the community without our help and the help of others.

Maloney views Peace Meal like feeding a large family. She raised seven children and their shared dinner table anchored the family. "That's what happens at Peace Meal, too. People connect and are fed," she says. "The Peace Meal is a big job, and it warms my heart to be able to serve in this way.

"Peace Meal is such a vital opportunity to feed those who are hungry—whether in food or spirit," she says. And, as is often the case when helping others, the helpers often get as much out of it as those who are helped. It provides an appropriate service project for families with older children, such as tweens and teens. It is also a great way for newcomers to meet other parishioners. And for couples, Peace Meal can kick off a special date night. Come for the early shift (1:30 - 4:00 p.m.) or later shift (4:00 - 6:30 p.m.) Either way, you're finished in time to enjoy the rest of your Saturday.

The next St. Tim's Peace Meal opportunity is April 15, which is Holy Saturday. Check the Outreach Bulletin Board for the sign up sheet. Sign up early so you can secure the shift of your choice. If you would like more information, contact Judy Maloney at: jamaloney330@gmail.com or (636-778-9633)

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35



Some St. Tim's volunteers help prepare Peace Meal at St. John's

St. Timothy's Adult Forums: Spring 2017

April 9 "St. Paul and the Corinthians"

These sessions will focus on the thoughts of St. Paul as expressed in First Corinthians, including wisdom by human standards, problems of factionalism and the gifts of the Spirit. The speaker for this series will be The Rev. Dr. Sean Martin, President and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Aquinas Seminary.

April 16 No Forum—Easter

April 23 St. Tim's new Youth Minister, David Coulter, will speak about his philosophy of youth ministry and his ideas for engaging the children, youth and families of our parish.

April 30 "Youth Ministry in our Diocese"

The Rev. Loren Lasch, Youth Minister for our Diocese, will share her work to engage and support our youth.

Report from the Treasurer, February 2017



St. Timothy's finished February year-to-date with a \$13,000 deficit. February represents 16.67% of the year, but actual income year-to-date was only 13.5%. Historically, February income is low and the gap is made up later in the year. Actual year-to-date expenses were 14.88%. Within the next couple of months we will receive the annual distribution from the Endowment Fund, which will add \$8,600 to income.

Expenses were low in several large categories, including building maintenance (14.31%) and utilities (10.17%). Payroll expense continues to be low because we were not fully staffed as of the beginning of the year (14.43%).

Our monthly financials are posted in the hallway near the office and we encourage everyone to examine them at any time. Questions are always welcome!

--The Finance Committee

(Steve Cameron, Ginni Campbell, The Rev. Marvin Foltz, Alice Fritsch, Norm Moenkhaus, John O'Bryan, Rick Sharp, Mike Wyland, Kurt Zwickelmaier)



April Dates to Remember

April Birthdays

- 2 Lori Hotra
- 4 Alice Fritsch
- 5 Judy Flacke
- 6 Joan Coots
Rita Podolsky
- 10 Michael Wyland
- 12 Jacob Conard
Sally Metz
- 14 Joan Packer
Blake Stelzer
- 15 Nathan Kummer
- 16 Amelia Pooley
Sonia Vishal
- 17 Joyce Helton
- 18 Mark Vanacht

- 19 Mark Schuerman
- 20 Will Bolden
- 25 Julia Amies
Tony Corey
- 26 Wini Crock
Don Dewey
Scott Wootton
- 27 Declan Fowler
Jeff Johnson
- 29 Brigitte Gutsche
Georgia O'Brien

April Anniversaries

- 18 Anne & Mike Teymouri
- 19 Sharon Givan & Doug
Detloff
- 21 Janine & Bud Bosanquet
LaVerne & Willard Moseley
- 26 Joan & Don Dewey
- 27 Nancy & Dick Summers

Did You Know?

You can learn to knit or crochet with our amazing Knitting Ministry members? We would love some new members to help us provide baptismal and baby blankets, prayer shawls and mantles, etc. to our members and others. And if you already know how, we'd also love it if you would join us on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Please contact Jane Wyland for more information.

We're having an Open House to welcome David Coulter, our new Youth Minister? Youth and families, please join us on Sunday, April 23 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Carolyn & Mark Schuerman's home at 11345 Moseley Lane, 63141. Please RSVP to Carolyn Schuerman at cmschuerman@sbcglobal.net.

You can order flowers for Mom or Grandma through our Mother's Day Flower Sale, going on during April? You can choose a 10" hanging annual basket for \$14, or hanging fern baskets for \$17. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space, and are due on May 1. Please contact Carolyn Schuerman at cmschuerman@sbcglobal.net for more information.

St. Timothy's Discipleship Bible Study Spring 2017



Please join us for **Discipleship Bible Study** in the South Parish Hall during the Christian Formation Hour starting at 9:40 a.m. on Sundays. This is a discussion-based study open to everyone and is led by Rev. Sue Eastes, Chuck Agne, Linda Lawless, and Agnes Bolwell.

This spring, we'll be studying the New Testament. Everyone is welcome to these stimulating discussions. Please join us for compelling Sunday morning Bible Study!

April's Schedule:

- 2** The Power of the Tongue (*readings in James*)
- 9** Vision of End Time (*readings in Revelation*)
- 16** **NO CLASS—EASTER**
- 23** Letters to the Churches (*readings in Revelation*)
- 30** What Must Take Place (*readings in Revelation*)

Events in April

Wednesday, April 5

- Lenten Dinner Series, 5:30 - 8pm, "Magical Mystery Tour"

Saturday, April 8

- Garden Clean Up Day, 9 a.m. in Columbarium
- April 9: PALM SUNDAY

Thursday, April 13: MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 14: GOOD

FRIDAY, Noon & 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 15: GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 16: EASTER SUNDAY, 8:30 & 10:30am Easter Breakfast, 9:30am

Wednesday, April 19

- Daytimers: To National Blues Museum, 9:15 am
- Saturday, April 23
- Open House welcoming David Coulter, new Youth Minister, 1 - 4 p.m. at Schuerman Home

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