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December
2021 -
January
2022

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO



The Light

SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT
OVERCOME IT.

- John 1:5

From the Interim Rector



Greetings, friends –

In my meditation for the November Vestry meeting, we reflected on Abraham Lincoln's saying:

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on!"

We are approaching the Christmas Season. We are emerging from a global pandemic. We are searching for a new Rector. It can be a time of high stress and anxiety in a world already plagued with division and discord, and I implore us all to follow Lincoln's advice. I assure you of this: God is present and working in our world and in our parish. Little miracles are happening everywhere. Your discernment Team is right on schedule in their work, and in January will begin poring over the resumes submitted by priests who have become captivated already by St. Timothy's.

In the meanwhile, we are entering another time that can seem stressful and overwhelming. In the secular world, they call it "the Christmas Season" but there is an antidote to the stress of a secular retail-centric Christmas called Advent. If we faithfully observe the practice of Advent within the church, we will be led to ponder, anticipate, and find glimmers of hope in the darkness that can, at times, overwhelm us. At St. Timothy's we will offer a series of worship experiences and studies in December to help us reimagine how Christmas, the Incarnation, and Christ's promised return will change the world. Keep an eye on the **Tim's Times** for details about our Wednesday Advent studies that will incorporate the ancient practices of Lectio Divina and Visio Divina on Wednesdays, and then join us in the

dimness of our sanctuary on Thursday afternoons at 5 PM as we resume our practice of sung Evening Prayer. If we walk faithfully through Advent, we will be guided into a Christmastide filled with fresh hope.

Recently, I spoke with the head of the Bishop's Task Force on the Pandemic; they gave us the go-ahead to have both The Advent Event (11/28) and The Cookie Walk (12/5) this year. Coffee hours will return soon. In addition, the Reaching Out committee will gather in the church kitchen to have a "Casserole Creation Event" to make casseroles to feed the folks who seek shelter in our Cathedral Shelter Cold Weather program. (To help, call Nancy Setzer.) Imagine, returning to St. Timothy's to find friends creating and cooking together and telling their stories of life during the pandemic. Glimmers of hope are all around us!

As we move into this season of anticipation and grace, remember this: God is with us. God will never leave or forsake us. And God will bring us the rebirth and new life that is promised to us.

You continue to be in my prayers. Tie a knot in your rope and hang on. Things are looking up! Let us make it a season filled with love, wonder, and grace.

Liz+



Advent & Christmastide at St. Timothy's

⌘ **ADVENT I** ⌘

28 November

Advent Event 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Holy Eucharist ONE SERVICE – 10 AM *

⌘ **ADVENT II** ⌘

5 December

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 and 10:45 AM *

⌘ **ADVENT III** ⌘

12 December – *Gaudete*

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 and 10:45 AM *

⌘ **ADVENT IV** ⌘

19 December

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 and 10:45 AM *

Greening of the Church – Noon

⌘ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ⌘

24 December

Music of the Season - 7:00 PM *

Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM *

⌘ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ⌘

25 December

Holy Eucharist – 10:00 AM

⌘ **CHRISTMAS I** ⌘

26 December

Holy Eucharist – ONE SERVICE – 10 AM *

⌘ **SUNG EVENING PRAYER** ⌘

Thursdays, 2 December through 23 December

5:00 PM *

* Service live-streamed on Facebook



Bishop Deon Johnson invites all in the Diocese to engage in this special reflection series. Each day during Advent, they will release a short video and written reflection based on the assigned daily Bible readings. These reflections will be offered by lay and clergy members from throughout the Diocese. A new reflection will be added each day.

Follow the daily Advent reflections [HERE](https://www.dioemo.org/a-journey-through-advent) (on the DioMO website: [dioesemo.org/a-journey-through-advent](https://www.dioemo.org/a-journey-through-advent)) and/or the diocesan social media. The series runs from November 28 - December 25, 2021.

Advent Studies at St. Tim's

Wednesdays during Advent

Join us at **10:00 a.m.** for Lectio Divina, a meditative way to read and experience scripture.

[Click here to join the Zoom.](#)

At **6:30 p.m.**, join us for "Close to Home: A Meditative Encounter with Scripture and Art," and experience scripture through multimedia meditation, discussion, and application. [Click here to join the Zoom.](#)





Be an Angel to Children in Detention

By Tina Warhover

As many of you know, ministering to children in St. Louis City and County detention centers is exclusively led by the Episcopal Church. Episcopal City Mission (ECM) provides on-site chaplains who provide counseling and mentoring to youth as they navigate the justice system and move back to school and society.

ECM believes that every child should know the magic of the holiday season. It's especially important this year when the children are allowed NO visitors. With your help, every child in detention will have at least one gift to unwrap. The message they receive is the true gift: they are beloved children of God, someone cares, and there is hope for a better life!

You can help by taking some tags off the Angel Tree located in the St. Tim's Gathering Space, purchasing the items listed, or by simply donating:

Buy a gift, gift card, or make a donation by *Sunday, December 12.*

Gift cards can be any amount, from Target, Walmart, Amazon, or Old Navy. They are combined to purchase a personal gift for each child.

Suggested gifts:

- ◆ Playing Cards
- ◆ Jigsaw Puzzles (100, 200, 350 pieces)
- ◆ Word Search Books (no wire/spiral binding, no Sudoku, no Crosswords)
- ◆ Fidget Spinners Fidget Toys and Stress Balls
- ◆ Children's version Bible Trivia
- ◆ Black ONLY Composition Notebooks for journaling (no spiral/wire binding)
- ◆ Coloring books & crayons (Super Hero and Teen-themed)
- ◆ Individually Wrapped Candy (no peanuts, bubble gum, or lollipops)

Place the gift under the Angel Tree in the Gathering Space at St. Timothy's and hang an angel on the tree, or contact Tina Warhover for porch pickup.

Monetary donations can be in the form of a check mailed to/dropped off at St. Timothy's (with "ECM Angel Tree" on the memo line) or through online giving [HERE](#) with a message at the bottom of the form specifying "ECM Angel Tree." Contact Tina Warhover at tinawarhover@gmail.com or at 314-750-7009 with any questions. **Be an angel!**

St. Timothy's Stewardship 2022

Every Perfect Gift



"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."

- James 1:17 NRSV

We thank all of you who have prayerfully made or will make a pledge for 2022. Because of your commitments, St. Timothy's can continue to serve its parishioners and community. If you have questions about pledging, contact Karen Sharp at karendkelly@juno.com. **2022 will be the year we welcome our new rector. Let's show them what a strong, vibrant community we are!**

If you'd rather make your pledge electronically, go to the Information tab on the St. Timothy's website and select Stewardship, or click here: <https://www.saint-tims.org/stewardship.html>. You can also print a pledge form available on that web page to fill out and return to church.

TIM Talks

Conversations Worth Having

St. Timothy's Adult Forums, Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Fleming Hall/via Zoom Fall-Winter 2021 - 2022

Dec. 5 "The Jewish People Today" -- a two part series exploring who Jews are today, where they came from, their values, etc. Rabbi Daniel Bogard joins us to share his insights and perspective. Part 1 focuses on the 40% of Jews in the world who live in America.

Dec. 12 In Part 2 of "The Jewish People Today," Rabbi Daniel Bogard discusses the 40% of the Jews in the world who live in Israel.

Dec. 19 "COVID-19: Year 2" – Dr. Jim Hinrichs will speak to us about the current status of the pandemic. Throughout his medical career, Dr. Hinrichs has treated people in many parts of the world as an Infectious Disease Specialist. He has been serving with the St. Louis County Department of Public Health since 2020.

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 – No Adult Forum

Jan. 9 "An Interim Priest's Reflections on Ministry during a Global Pandemic" – As our Interim Priest, Rev. Liz Meade continues to serve into her second year and will share her thoughts about this ministry during the most unusual period of our lives.

Jan. 16 Meet the Candidates – Hear from the candidates for Vestry, Diocesan Convention Delegate, and Endowment Committee.

We will meet in Fleming Hall as well as via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86787312348?pwd=c0Rqcm9KeFJXVVJ0Z1VhYmFpRIJSZz09>

Recordings of the sessions will be available on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StTimsEpiscopal>

For such a time as this...

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The 182nd Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

November 18 - 20, 2021



The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson, The Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri: The Bishop's Address

'...I want to begin by telling you a Church story. There is a wonderful story of two ushers who served the 8 a.m. service in their local parish church. Every Sunday, barring a few, they were present and faithful to their calling as ushers. For over 30 years, these two ushers greeted the faithful as they arrived and wished them well as they departed. They were inseparable on a Sunday morning. They couldn't stand each other! They had been friends, but at some point along the way they fell out. No one knew why, they just know that it had been over 20 years since the two spoke to each other.

None the less, the time came when one of the ushers died. The community gathered for the funeral only to find out that the remaining usher paid for the reception afterwards. The usher threw an extravagant party after the funeral. (Victory lap perhaps?) The priest of the parish was a little puzzled by all this and decided to ask why the surviving usher would go to the expense for someone he couldn't stand. So she pulls him aside and asked, "Why go through all this for someone you haven't spoken to in over 20 years?" The usher replied, "I've been in this church for most of my life and I've heard more than a few sermons and I've read the bible a couple of times. I could not stand him. Did not like him one bit, but I loved him. And love will make you do things that like never could."

Love will make you do things that like never could....'

To read the rest of The Bishop's Address, or to watch and listen to the video recording of his address, go to:

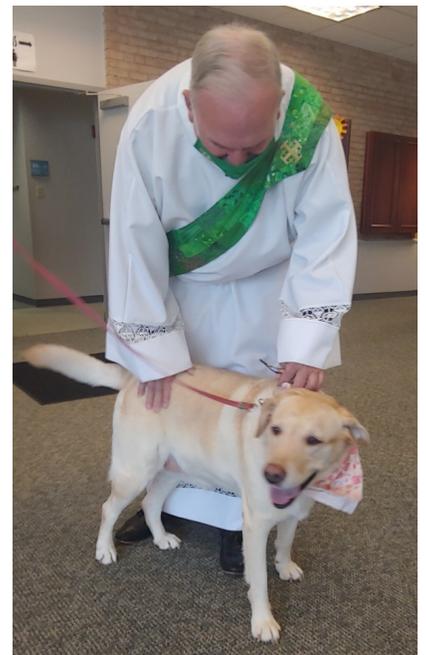
<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/bishops-2021-convention-address/>

St. Tim's Goes to the Dogs! (and Guinea Pigs, and...)

Sunday, October 3 was The Feast of St. Francis, otherwise known as "Pet Blessing Sunday." We had one 10 a.m. service to allow members to bring their beloved pets with them to church to be blessed by Mother Camie and Deacon Jeff. Threatening weather brought everything into the sanctuary, but it was a wonderful service with a lot of joyful noise (and no accidents)! We ran the gamut on breeds of dogs, with Maddy's guinea pig, Teddy, in attendance, along with Jan's stuffed cardinal! We are thankful for our pets—they bring us so much comfort and joy.



Feast of St. Francis: Pet Blessing Sunday



Remembering Those We Have Lost



As 2021 comes to an end, we remember our loved ones who died this year. Let us also remember the nearly 780,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19 in the U.S., and the 5,200,000 worldwide who have been lost to this pandemic. We need to pray for all of those souls, and for their loved ones who grieve.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Ed Merschen, March 18, 2021

Gary Hall, March 27, 2021

Brendan Fowler, April 12, 2021

Lorna Peirce, May 30, 2021

Joe Yokota, July 10, 2021

John Blecha, August 21, 2021

Nancy Summers, August 22, 2021

John Ziebold, October 19, 2021

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Work of Your Church: A Conversation with the Presiding Bishop and His Canons December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. EST

Join us as Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry discusses the year ahead for The Episcopal Church with:

- The Rev. Cn. C. K. Robertson, Ph.D., Canon for Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church
- The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers, Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation
- The Rev. Cn. E. Mark Stevenson, Canon for Ministry Within The Episcopal Church

The conversation will be moderated by The Rev. Winnie Varghese, Rector of St. Luke's Atlanta, Georgia.

Registration is free, but required. Register [HERE](https://episcopalchurch.org/development/work-of-your-church-webinar). (episcopalchurch.org/development/work-of-your-church-webinar)

Report from the Treasurer

October 2021



	2021 Budget	As of October 31	% of Budget
Income	\$675,000	\$553,113	81.76%
Expenses	\$672,678	\$505,380	75.13%
Net Income	\$ 3,822	\$ 47,733	

St. Timothy's had an operating gain in October of \$6,430, bringing our YTD gain to \$47,733. With 83% of the year past, we have received about 82% of our total income budget and 80% of our budgeted pledges so far. This month's income included the scheduled \$4,000 payment from the Endowment Fund.

Total expenses continue to run below budget, with only 75% of our budget spent YTD. The Family Camp event was cancelled last year, and \$1,810 was transferred to the Family Formation budget from last year. Telephone expenses already exceed the amount budgeted due to the cost of our new phone system. Office systems will also exceed budget this year, as we've experienced higher repair and replacement costs than expected.

We filed an insurance claim for the water damage in the youth area but have not received an answer yet.

Our total cash available for operations at the end of 2019 was \$296,448. That amount fell to \$247,209 last year because of pandemic related events. Happily, cash reserves are now back up to \$287,418 thanks to this year's operating gain.

Budget planning for 2022 is now in progress. The good news is that almost half of the pledges we've received reflect increases in the pledged amount. The not-so-good news is that the number of pledges received in total is down, and it appears we will fall significantly short of what is necessary to operate St. Timothy's.

If you intend to pledge this year, please submit your pledge soon. Our current outstanding pledges are very important for St. Timothy's success in 2022 and beyond.

Rick Sharp, Treasurer
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"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

-James Baldwin



Dates to Remember

December Birthdays

2	Stacia Kaufman	12	Jane Perna	24	Ginni Campbell Johnson
3	Toby Hafeli	14	John Loomis	27	Mike O'Neil
4	Pat Hutchison		Mary Robert	28	Rose-Marie Bell
	Jane Klieve	15	Scott Wischnowsky	31	Jason Mihal
5	Heath Lindsey	16	Stewart Rayfield		
	Jane Wyland	18	James Bosanquet		
	Kurt Zwikelmaier		Madeleine Snyder		
8	Marlene Gruber Clark	19	Louann Boyd	11	Hongxia Wang & Marc Vanacht
	Patricia Feeney	21	Nya Moenkhaus	19	Marj & Dick Gold
	Nancy Setzer		John Wischnowsky		Lynn & Dennis Whittington
10	Robyn Merschen	22	Doug Hagrman	27	Beverly & Larry Rhea
	Dennis Whittington		Louise Pooley	29	Ruth & Wayne Birch
11	Gabe Porter	23	Steve Cameron		

December Anniversaries

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

January Birthdays

1	Ryan Linneman	19	Ella Kaufman
	Sue Ann McAvoy		Emma Kaufman
8	Phyllis Knight	21	Keith Boyd
	Katherine Spung		Irene Cummins
9	Kellie Aldrich	29	Amy Conard
	Diane Brost		Ron Fleck
10	Madeline Zwikelmaier		Bobby Magers
13	Ellen Ciesla		Marian O'Reilly
14	Toba Agarawal		Blair Porter
16	Charlotte Bukowski	30	Jennifer Wischnowsky
	Gary Gannon	31	Norma Rayfield
	Gary Shreiner		

January Anniversaries

3	Mary Robert & David Hawley
5	Alicia & James Moses
7	Cathie & Rob Muschany
12	Madeline & Kurt Zwikelmaier
21	Pat & John Wootton
22	Emmy & Jim Purdy

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Music of the Season

One of the best things about the seasons of Advent and Christmas is the **MUSIC!** The list below provides some suggestions for listening to the wonderful variety of music of the season, both religious and secular:

Advent Hymns and Carols

After the short text written by an Anglican parish music director, you'll find links to a hymn or carol for each day of Advent.. A choir sings each piece either a capella, with organ, or with an orchestra.

<https://thehomelyhours.com/2018/11/28/advent-hymns-carols-one-per-day/>

Christmas Hymns and Carols (2 per day)

Links to two hymns or carols for each day of the season of Christmas and the beginning of Epiphany. There are a variety of musical accompaniments for these pieces.

<https://thehomelyhours.com/2018/12/24/christmas-hymns-carols-2-per-day/>

“Handel’s Messiah in Grace Cathedral”

American Bach Soloists, American Bach Choir, Jeffery Thomas, Conductor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-QV_I-xseA

Songs of Hope (Peace, Love, Joy) for Advent

Contemporary Christian singers perform hymns and songs for each week of Advent, and for Christmas.

<https://www.praisecharts.com/song-lists/songs-of-hope-for-advent-week-1>

Eddie Higgins Trio “Christmas Songs”

Instrumental jazz piano, mellow and smooth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HM3jRCAA61A>

Classic Christmas Songs and Carols

Many of the most well-known Christmas songs sung by your favorite artists.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdcnJB_9Z8M

A Classic Christmas

“A good hour of the good old classic Christmas songs!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE9Q4JN-Yek>



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