

The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service

**December  
2018**

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO



Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:3

# From the Rector



Dear people of St. Timothy's,

I heard a story long ago about a church in a beach-side suburb of Sydney, Australia that decided to do something to help the crowds of Christmas shoppers who trudged past their doors each day. As an act of kindness, the provided free tea and coffee and a place to sit and catch one's breath. Many worn out shoppers took advantage of the offer ... much to the ire of nearby coffee shops. The Chamber of Commerce wrote to the church objecting to what they were doing, on the basis that "giving something away for free was not in the spirit of Christmas."

When I was the President of the Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Clergy Association in the northwest Suburbs of Chicago, our group decided that we would open the doors of a different church or temple each night to the homeless during the coldest part of the year to help to keep them alive. One of the local mayors warned us not to do it because it would attract homeless people. In addition, sheltering the poor was an activity that violated the zoning ordinances. The argument was that this was not part of the primary business of being a church. He actually sent police officers to record the license numbers of the volunteers who came.

After the secular Christmas holiday has passed and the merchants are marking down the merchandise, the Church is left with questions. What does it mean that Christ has come to us? What is the real business of the Church? It is always good to ask the primary questions. Who are we? Why are we here? Lest we forget...

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.<sup>1</sup>*

The great church Father, St. Irenaeus, said it this way: "The Word of God, Jesus Christ, on account of his great love for mankind, became what we are in order to make us what He is Himself." God knows totally what it means to be us. God identifies completely with our life and journey of struggle.

Our goal is to become fully human as Jesus was fully human.

Love,  
Marvin +

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<sup>1</sup> Howard Thurman



## Advent & Christmastide at St. Timothy's

### ADVENT I

*Episcopal Visitation & Advent Event*

December 2 One Service – Holy Eucharist – 10:00 A.M.

### ADVENT II

*Fr. Metzler's last weekend*

December 8 – Holy Eucharist – 5:00 P.M.

December 9 – Holy Eucharist – 7:45, 9:00, & 10:45 A.M.

*Reception for Fr. Metzler following 10:45*

### ADVENT III

*Holiday Pantry & Cookie Walk*

December 15 – Holy Eucharist – 5:00 P.M.

December 16 – Holy Eucharist – 7:45, 9:00, & 10:45 A.M.

### ADVENT IV

December 22 – Holy Eucharist – 5:00 P.M.

December 23 – Holy Eucharist – 7:45, 9:00, & 10:45 A.M.

*Greening of the Church following 10:45 A.M. service*

### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24 – Holy Eucharist & Pageant – 5:00 P.M.

Carols and Anthems of the Season – 9:30 P.M.

Candlelight Holy Eucharist – 10:00 P.M.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25 – Holy Eucharist – 10:00 A.M.

### CHRISTMAS I

December 29 – Holy Eucharist – 5:00 P.M.

December 30 – Holy Eucharist – 7:45, 9:00, & 10:45 A.M.

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2019 – Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows – 5:00 P.M.

January 6, 2019 – Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows  
7:45, 9:00, & 10:45 A.M.



Our beloved former rector, The Rev. Jack Fleming, died on the Feast of All Saints, November 1, after a long illness. Services for Fr. Fleming will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

There will be a visitation from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space at St. Timothy's, followed by the celebration the Burial Office and Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. Committal will follow in the St. Timothy's Columbarium. Clergy are invited to vest (white stoles) and process. Luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall.



***Eternal rest grant unto him.***

## A Note from Heidi:

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

Thank you so much for the nice Harry Potter themed cake and gifts on November 11th. Thanks, also, for your many kind notes and cards, filled with words of support and encouragement for my next great adventure. As Professor Dumbledore said, "Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remedying it."

Blessings &  
Peace,  
Heidi Carter

Heidi & Fr. Paul,  
who is leaving us  
THIS month...

Godspeed, Friends.



## “Jamming It Up” For A Better St. Tim’s

By Florrie Kohn

Got a craving for cookies, a taste for exotic fruit butter or perhaps a mysterious desire for fancy mustard? Then hold fast until the weekend of December 15 - 16. That’s when the canners, cooks, and bakers of St. Tim’s hold their annual Holiday Pantry and Cookie Walk.

All together, St. Tim’s parishioners are known to buy as many as 600 jars of jams, jellies and other fancy food fixings—and lots and lots of cookies. Jennifer Barnes and Karen Sharp head up the “new” venture—the Cookie Walk. It is almost 10 years old. Beverlee Critchell, SueAnn McAvoy, and Jennifer Barnes lead the Holiday Pantry, which has been around for at least 25 years.



SueAnn McEvoy and Beverlee Critchell in the early years

There is a whole army of St. Tim’s canners and bakers, some who work for months in advance, to create an incredible array of foods suitable for gifting and perfect for nibbling. The loving support and generosity of the parish is incredible, say the committee chairs.



SueAnn and Beverlee more recently, with Pat Batty helping

As wonderful as the goodies taste, what’s extra special is what the Holiday Pantry does with the monies collected during this one weekend each year. The proceeds fund projects that are on the “church’s wish list.” A simple one was creating the coffee station in the hallway across from the work room. A more elaborate project—perhaps the most ambitious one to date, was the complete renovation of Father Marvin’s church office a year and a half ago. With funding from the Holiday Pantry, contractors were hired to gut the office, add high grade insulation to the walls and ceiling, and put up new dry wall and crown molding. The office was painted, the bookshelves were torn apart and rebuilt; a new desk was added and room was found to add in a refurbished church pew from the original sanctuary.

Holiday Pantry items are mostly sold by the jar, with decorative holiday lids. The cookies—baked by a long list of St. Tim’s members—are selected by the purchaser, sold by weight, and packed into white gift boxes with a cellophane window in the top. While the canners have been jamming and jellifying for months, NOW is the time for those of you who volunteer to bake cookies for the walk. *Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space and bring in your family’s favorite Christmas cookies and treats.* Please contact Jennifer Barnes or Karen Sharp for more information.

## 'Tis the Season to Give As Angels Would



By Florrie Kohn

The Angel Tree has sprung up in the St. Tim's Gathering Space. It is decked out in tags for you to exchange for board games and puzzles, big box store gift cards, black-and-white-speckled composition notebooks, and for other things, too. All of the offerings benefit troubled teenagers served by Episcopal City Mission (ECM). The ECM ministers to youth who are held in St. Louis City and County detention centers and charged with crimes, some serious. Some of these kids missed being home for Halloween, and many already know they'll spend Thanksgiving and Christmas in detention, too. A number of them have been given up on by family.

I plucked two tags from the Angel Tree: Composition notebooks and jigsaw puzzles. Tina Warhover serves as our ECM ambassador. I showed the tags to Tina Warhover, our St. Tim's ECM ambassador. "Kind of plain stuff for teenagers," I commented.

"It's the best we can do," said Tina. "They are troubled kids, who don't have much to do. These gifts really help out. The puzzles, playing cards and board games will go to restock the activity room. When the kids get together to play a game, they learn camaraderie, team work, patience, trust, and the hours pass faster."

The gift cards will make each child's Christmas special—perhaps for the first time in a long time. The detention center staff uses the gift cards to purchase a personal gift for each child. "Without the ECM donations, these children might not get anything that's just for them," she added.

"And composition notebooks?" I asked.

"The holidays can be especially hard. At this time, and throughout the year, the staff encourages the kids to journal," she replied. "For some of the teens, it really helps to write about what they are worried about or feeling or even to record what they did during the day."

I wished Tina 'good holidays,' and she wished 'good holidays' to me. I turned to go and then Tina added, "Did you know that the diocese cut back on funding for the ECM?"

"I didn't know," I said, and I felt a bit sad for not having paid enough attention to what went on beyond the walls of my own home and my own church.

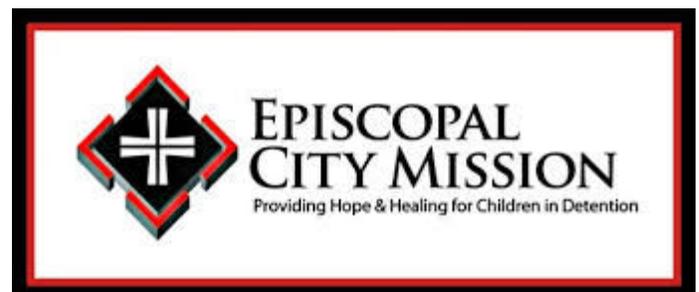
"It makes what we do through the Angel Tree that much more important," said Tina. "Episcopal City Mission reminds these kids that they are not forgotten—that as we pray for them and care for them, that God really loves them."

Once again, I wished Tina 'good holidays.' Those are my wishes for the kids in detention, too.

Please pluck a tag or two off the Angel Tree and brighten the holidays a bit for these kids. Donations to the Angel Tree need to be brought in to the church by December 9. Thank you!

***Diocesan Funding for Episcopal City Mission:*** *St. Tim's parishioner Rick Sharp serves as ECM treasurer. He confirmed that funding for ECM was cut for 2018. However, Rick said that due to the concerns expressed by ECM supporters, most of the reduction likely will be restored in 2019. "The new issue is that more of our churches are struggling financially, and general support for ECM is being negatively impacted by that," explained Rick. "It's really important that our healthier congregations like St Tim's help as much as possible. Some forget that this ministry to the children in the city and county detention centers is exclusively an Episcopalian endeavor."*

For more information on the important work done by ECM, go to their website: <http://ecitymission.org/>





## ST TIMOTHY'S STEWARDSHIP 2019

Do good, be rich in good works, be generous, share.

**I TIMOTHY 6:18-19**

### We are almost there!

The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for their incredible participation so far in our 2019 Stewardship Campaign and for giving back to God and sharing your treasure. We are getting very close to our goal of \$615,000 and, more importantly, *we are just a handful of pledges away from 100% participation*. It is our hope that every household will be able to participate with a pledge of their prayers and support. If you haven't yet pledged, there's still time! If you need a pledge form, packets are available in the Gathering Space beneath the television or on the "About Us" drop-down menu labeled "Stewardship" on our website. Thanks again to one and all for your commitment of time, talent and treasure in support of St. Timothy's mission and ministries.

Rob Muschany, Stewardship Ministry Team Chair

## A New Way to Celebrate New Year's Eve

Please join us at [Christ Church Cathedral](#) on Monday, December 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a very special New Year's Eve service in the style of Taizé.

The Taizé service blends scripture, silence, prayer and contemplative chants.

We will conclude with a toast to the New Year. All are welcome!

FREE off-street, lighted, secure parking is available on the south side of the Cathedral.

Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust Street, Saint Louis, MO

Music under the direction of David Sinden, Director of Music at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue.



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# Report from the Treasurer, October 2018



Target revenues and expenses for 10 months (Budget %)	83.33%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 10 months	80.45%
Actual expenses for 10 months	81.78%

We had a very solid month in October. Income for the month was strong at \$66,500 and expenses for the month were in line with budget at \$56,600. The result was a \$9,900 surplus for the month which brings our year-to-date deficit to \$17,800.

Our income this month included our final quarterly distribution from the endowment fund (\$3,000). There was a significant expenditure related to the stewardship campaign of \$1,800 which covered the cost of the breakfast on September 30.

Although we are confident that income will continue to increase over the next 2 months to bring us in line with the budget, we anticipate that our expenses may exceed budget which will likely lead us to a deficit somewhat larger than we budgeted. At this point, it is difficult to say exactly how much the impact of the overspend may be.

Please keep paying your pledges in a timely manner so that we can continue to stay financially strong through the remainder of the year.

- The Finance Committee

## December Dates to Remember

### December Birthdays

1	Jacob Sidor	1	Jane Perna
2	Stacia Kaufman	14	John Loomis
3	Heidi Carter	15	Mary Robert
	Toby Hafeli	16	Scott Wischnowsky
4	Pat Hutchison	17	Stewart Rayfield
	Jane Klieve	18	Jasmine Deken
5	Heath Lindsey		James Bosanquet
	Jane Wyland	19	Cindy Perkins
	Kurt Zwickelmaier	19	Madeleine Snyder
7	Tara Harris	20	Louann Boyd
8	Marlene Gruber Clark	20	John Hexem
	Eric Hayes	21	Nya Moenkhaus
	Nancy Setzer	21	John Wischnowsky
10	Robyn Merschen	22	Louise Pooley
	Dennis Whittington	23	Steve Cameron
11	Gabe Porter		Stephanie Dickinson
		24	Ginni Campbell
			Chelsy Piatt

27 Mike O'Neil

28 Rose-Marie Bell

31 Jason Mihal

### December Anniversaries

11 Hongxia Wang &  
Marc Vanacht

19 Marj & Dick Gold  
Lynn & Dennis Whittington

27 Beverly & Larry Rhea

29 Ruth & Wayne Birch

## Love Your Worship Service? Then Help Keep it Going Strong!

Do you know what a "Service Participant" is? It's a fancy term for all those people who help with each service in various ways. Know those nice, smiling folks who greet you at the door before the service? They're called "Greeters." The people who take the bread & wine up to the altar? They're "Presenters." We need St. Tim's members to volunteer for these roles and others to make every worship service a fulfilling one for all parishioners:

- Eucharistic Ministers (requires training and certification by the Rector)
- Ushers, Greeters, Presenters (experienced volunteers will train you)
- Acolytes (**all ages** are welcome & will be trained)
- Lectors and intercessors (read OT/NT lesson or Prayers of the People.)

Usually it's a once-a-month assignment, and we need to fill the ranks at ALL services. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can be a part of these important and fulfilling ministries. *Please contact Susan Moenkhaus to sign up, or for more information.*

## "And At the Last"

Please save the date of **Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. for an important seminar on end-of-life planning sponsored by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and its Endowment Committee. Fr. Paul Metzler has agreed to return to coordinate the program, which will include:

- An engaging questionnaire on "last-things" by Katherine Ziegler, BSN, MPH, former parish nurse at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves
- An educational presentation by Martha Brown, CELA, on important legal, medical and financial documents that all persons age 18 or older need in the State of Missouri.
- A presentation on "Spiritual/Ethical Wills" by Fr. Metzler

Additionally, information about St. Timothy's Endowment Committee and bequeath-giving will be available.

<h3>Events in December</h3>	<p><b>Sunday, Dec. 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ONE SERVICE at 10am</b></li> <li>• <b>Advent Event</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, Dec. 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fr. Paul Metzler's last Sunday at St. Tim's, Farewell Reception, pre &amp; post 10:45 svc.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, Dec. 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Babies/Toddlers/2s Parent Group, 9:30am</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, Dec. 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth Event: Video Game Bus, 1 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sat. &amp; Sun., Dec. 15 &amp; 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holiday Pantry &amp;</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Cookie Walk, before and after services</b></p> <p><b>Monday, Dec. 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECM Gift Wrapping @ Emmanuel Church</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, Dec. 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greening of the Church, after 10:45</b></li> </ul>
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