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Epiphany is  
the season of  
growing light  
leading us  
into the  
journey  
of Lent.

- Inspired by The Rev. Camie Dewey



# From the Interim Rector



*Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; Joel 2: 12*

Lent approaches. This year Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, March 2 signifying the beginning of the season of Lent. The Book of Common Prayer invites us to observe a holy Lent with these words:

*"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."*  
(BCP, p. 265)

In Lent, things are more subdued. Many churches fill their baptismal fonts with sand and stones to remind us of the wilderness Jesus endured after his baptism. The rite of reconciliation is offered privately. Many churches do not allow flowers in the sanctuary during Lent. Weddings are not held in Lent and we drop the celebratory word "Alleluia" during our worship services.

For many of us, Lent was a time to "give up" something, to practice austerity. What I discovered, however, was this practice caused me to lose focus. I focused more on what I was "giving up" (chocolate, television or alcohol) more than I did on what the Prayer Book invites us to practice: self-examination, prayer, repentance, and meditating on God's holy Word.

This year, St. Timothy's invites you to observe Lent in several new ways. On Sunday March 6 we will

introduce "The Lent Event," a time of activities and crafts to help our younger members better understand this season of praying, fasting, and giving. On Wednesdays, instead of our customary weekday service of Holy Eucharist, we will walk the Stations of the Cross, followed by distribution of Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament. On Thursdays, we will practice reflecting on God's holy Word in two ways. First, we will observe the ancient practice of *lectio divina* and scripture reading on Thursday mornings and on Thursday evenings, Mother Camie will lead us in a study that focuses on forgiveness called, "That we may walk in your ways."

Join us in the observance of a holy Lent this year in a new way. (You might not even want to give up chocolate this year!) As we participate together, may we all come to a deeper understanding of how Christ factors into our common life, and how we can better prepare our hearts for Easter by practicing repentance, forgiveness, patience, and self-examination. I look forward to journeying with you.

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## In Epiphany service and Lincoln Memorial speech, presiding bishop calls nation to wake from ‘the nightmare of Jan. 6’

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By Egan Millard

In a livestreamed Jan. 6 [worship service](#) from Washington, D.C., that marked both the Feast of the Epiphany and the first anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, and later in an address to the nation from the Lincoln Memorial, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called on Christians to reclaim the spiritual light that the holiday celebrates and reject the “deeper darkness” shown in the attack.

**“Epiphany, at its deepest roots, is about the light and life and love of God,”** Curry preached in his sermon at the [Church of the Epiphany](#), just east of the White House.

“And what happened here in this country that we love a year ago was not about light and love and life. And we are better than that. And we must declare it.”

Standing near the monument to President Abraham Lincoln, who led the U.S. through the Civil War, Curry spoke about the “peril and promise” of this moment. The “nightmare of Jan. 6” was “a revelation that there are forces intentionally seeking and working to divide us,” he said in a video recording. “Left unchecked, un-addressed, and unhealed, this can lead to the decline and deconstruction of our nation.

“Such a moment demands moral vision that sees beyond mere self-interest and beholds the common good — a spiritual strength stronger than any sword.”

At the invitation of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the presiding bishop also offered a prayer during a brief early evening vigil with members of Congress at the Capitol.

The noon worship service highlighted the contrast between the [Feast of the Epiphany](#) — which celebrates the revelation of Jesus in the world, particularly to the magi who came to visit Bethlehem — and the [attack on the Capitol](#) by supporters of then-President Donald Trump, who breached and ransacked the building for about five hours after being spurred on by the former president’s false claims about election fraud.

In a passionate sermon, Curry presented Christians with a stark “moment of decision:” the light of the Epiphany or the darkness of anti-democratic insurrection.

**“It never occurred to me in my 68 years of living that it would be necessary for me to stand up in front of the people of God and declare that it is necessary to reclaim**

**Epiphany,”** Curry said. **“But one year ago, ... darkness descended [on] the land and Epiphany was eclipsed at the Capitol of the United States of America. And it occurred to me a few**

**months ago that whatever else goes on, we who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ must reclaim Epiphany.”**

The bilingual service, spoken in English and Spanish, and co-led by Washington Bishop Mariann Budde and the Rev. Glenna Huber, Epiphany’s rector, included musical performances from Kory Caudill and Chanda Leigh Adeogba and a litany inviting all to re-commit to Jesus’ Way of Love. Curry also reiterated his vision of the [Way of Love](#), repeating the idea that drew international attention in [his sermon at the 2018 wedding](#) of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle: “If it doesn’t look like love, it’s not about God.”

Curry also stressed the need to reclaim Christianity itself, referring to the Christian imagery and language [co-opted by many of the rioters](#).

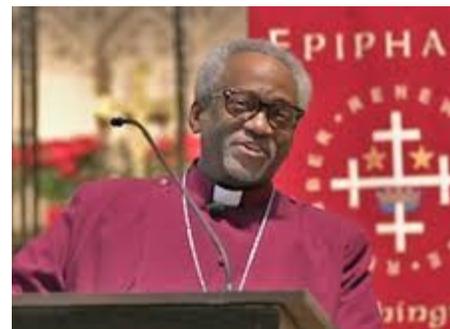
“We saw the Capitol of the United States of America breached, the temple of democracy desecrated ... We saw symbols of Christianity used to perpetuate the desecration,” he said. “We must reclaim it by choosing the light.”

In his Lincoln Memorial speech, Curry offered three “spiritual keys” Americans can use to come together and move forward: renewing relationships with God, reviving relationships with each other and resurrecting commitments to shared ideals. Sharing the thoughts of leaders like the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Lincoln and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Curry pointed to “unselfish, sacrificial love” as the antidote to violent chaos — “to truly seek justice and not mere revenge.”

The service, speech and prayer vigil in Washington were among [a number of events](#) scheduled to mark the anniversary of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

To watch Curry’s Epiphany sermon and Lincoln Memorial speech videos, click on the link below:

<https://www.episcopalnewservice.org/2022/01/06/in-epiphany-service-and-lincoln-memorial-speech-presiding-bishop-calls-nation-to-wake-from-the-nightmare-of-jan-6/>



## Reaching Out to Afghan Refugees

By Karen Luecking

The unstable political situation in Afghanistan turned into a humanitarian crisis in that country starting in the summer of 2021. Tens of thousands of Afghan citizens had to flee, becoming refugees, and some have come to the St. Louis area to resettle.



The International Institute of St. Louis (IISTL) is St. Louis' immigrant service and information hub. According to its website, the IISTL, founded in 1919, "offers essential economic and cultural integration services, including English classes, employment, orientation, and citizenship preparation. They also host events and make presentations to build inclusive and mutually respectful relationships between foreign-born newcomers and all community members."

The IISTL is looking for teams of 4-5 individuals each willing to support resettlement of Afghan refugee families in a variety of ways, including donation-related activities such as apartment set up, providing furnishings and home supplies, and stocking the pantry. There is also a need for more hands-on activities such as assisting with transportation to and from the grocery store (explaining the mysteries of Schnucks!), financial education, mentoring, tutoring, and acting as a resource to orient families to their new community. There are participation activities at all levels.

That's where St. Timothy's comes in! Our Vestry believes that the St. Tim's Reaching Out Ministry is a perfect fit for this effort. Nancy Setzer, Reaching Out Ministry's chairperson, is very excited about helping to put together a team from our parish to help these refugees get settled in our community. This IISTL program lines up very well with Reaching Out's values, described in its vision statement:

*"We are a visible demonstration of St. Timothy's commitment to living out our Baptismal Covenant by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being."*

The Reaching Out Ministry participates in many hands-on activities such as food collection, rice bagging, the Food Pantry Garden, and tutoring at Sigel School, among others.

St. Timothy's has great depth in its congregation in terms of resources and generous and loving people. The Afghan families who, due to the assistance they provided the United States during the war, have seen their lives placed in great peril. To leave your homeland, know that you may never be able to return or see family members again and begin a new life takes a special kind of courage. St. Timothy's support could make a huge difference in successfully welcoming these families to and integrating them into their new home in the St. Louis area. (We already have one member at St. Timothy's that has agreed to donate a car!)

If you are interested in learning more about participating in this effort to support Afghan families, please email Karen Luecking at: [karenlue@live.com](mailto:karenlue@live.com). The next orientation session for the teams will be on **February 17**, so we'd like to get organized as soon as possible. The meeting will be held via Zoom and will provide greater detail on what's involved, best practices, available resources, and coaching. Nancy and I will contact you with the exact date and time of the meeting. After that session, we can discuss various activities we believe are a good fit for potential participants and get ready to welcome a family.

Thank you so much considering this adventure and reaching out to our new neighbors!



## Why St. Timothy's Participates in Black Lives Matter Vigils

*For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

*1 Corinthians 12:13*

By Amy Conard

I have heard directly and indirectly that some members of our church are very concerned that others in this church are attending Black Lives Matter (BLM) vigils and that information regarding the vigils is included in the church's communications. I hear two reasons for these concerns.

First, some concerned members think that we should stay out of any controversial policies or issues, perhaps to reduce conflict within our church. In a time where we see and hear conflict daily across our country, I understand the desire for peaceful and friendly fellowship at church. I believe our church celebrates diversity in thought, background, and beliefs as well as that our church is calling us into the work of racial reconciliation. So, I think we need a "both-and" approach where we both come together in services as a caring community, and we seek to be with our differences gently, while at the same time, standing firm with justice.

Second, some concerned members think that the support for the BLM vigils indicates that we want to defund the police, are anti-police, and/or we advocate for special treatment of Blacks over whites. A few clarifications:

- St. Timothy's Ministry on Racial Reconciliation (MORR) group does not have a platform or a set of advocacy objectives. We have diversity within our group about what we can and should do. Attending BLM vigils is one advocacy activity some of us support.
- The BLM vigils are organized by the West County Action Network (WE CAN - <https://www.facebook.com/wecanstl>) which is not affiliated with the national BLM organization. This organization has been active since 2014 in the St. Louis area and has good relationships with several police organizations with ongoing dialogue about safer policing practices.
- At the vigils, someone will occasionally shout from a car that "All Lives Matter." The response from the long-term vigil members is, "We agree, which is why

we are trying to make Black lives matter." This aligns with their vision to create an equitable, supportive community.

I have attended vigils and find them both disheartening and uplifting. While a very small number of drivers react negatively, some react with extreme anger at those holding signs and waving. At the same time, the vigils are uplifting because the majority respond favorably with smiles, honks, and waves. By holding a sign, I believe I'm showing support for all those striving for criminal justice reform, improved education and healthcare, and the many other needs of our neighbors to live full and happy lives.

If you have these concerns or others, I'd like to have a conversation. Not so I can convince you to change your mind, but so I can understand your concerns. Please contact me—Amy Conard ([atconard@gmail.com](mailto:atconard@gmail.com)) or reach out to Tony Corey or Lance Kramer who both attend the BLM vigils when possible but offer up conversation as well.

(Interim Rector Liz Meade preached on this very topic in her sermon on 1/23/22. To listen, click [HERE](#), @ 25:20.)



## Save Those Trees! Build a Library

By Susan Moenkhaus

It was 2004, and the plans were finished for St. Tim's beautiful new worship space, gathering space, and offices, but wait! What was going to happen to the stately walnut trees on the church grounds? In spite of efforts to design around them, they were going to have to be cut down and hauled away. No one wanted them ... except for one person ... long-time parishioner, Norm, a.k.a. "Woodman," Moenkhaus. He had created a plan that required the construction company to cut two 10-foot lengths out of each tree and transport them to the back of St. Tim's property to rest on sawhorses. They remained there for more than a year until they were seasoned and ready to be milled.

Norm discovered the milling was not going to be an easy job—again, no one wanted them. When he'd call lumber yards and mills they'd all tell him they couldn't take trees from farm or residential property because of the danger that someone had put nails in the trees for a fence. The embedded nails would ruin the mills' equipment.



Finally Norm found a small, independent mill in North County that would take the logs and mill them to the sizes Norm's plans required. He needed only one tree for the library shelves, drawers, and cabinets, so he gave the other tree to the mill in payment, and the work began.

Once the trees were milled into boards, Norm took them home to his garage where he had built a special work bench just to work on them, and for the next two years he cut, sanded, stained, routed, sanded, and stained some more. The bookshelves and counter are the pews from the former worship space that needed a lot of work to



## Spotlight on St. Tim's Member Norm Moenkhaus

be presentable. Needless to say, Norm did not park on his side of the garage the whole time!

No nails were used in the creation of the bookcases; all of the boards are attached with biscuit joiners (oval shaped

piece of wood on work bench in photo at lower left) and glue. The brass pieces on the fronts of the cabinet doors were taken from St. Tim's former baptismal font. (Note the cross shape on the cabinet front.)



While he was waiting to build the shelves and cabinets, Norm stayed busy encasing the industrial-looking beams in the library with wood from the pews in the former worship space that he stripped and finished to give the Library a more appealing feeling.



In 2008 Norm transported the finished shelves, cabinets, and drawers to St. Tim's and spent weeks installing them on site.



*Special thanks to parishioner Steve Crock, who gave Norm a brand new ½-inch shaft router so he could make the cabinet doors he spent hours designing.*

## Faces of Change: Portraits of African American Leaders who have Changed our Lives

One of the ways we are celebrating Black History Month at St. Timothy's is by displaying "Faces of Change," portraits of African American leaders who have changed our lives. Spend some time reading their stories on the posters in the Colonnade throughout the month of February. You can also see them on our website at: <https://www.saint-tims.org/black-history-month-2022.html>

*"Remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."*

- Harriet Tubman

A few of the leaders featured in the display:



**The Reverend Absalom Jones**  
**Founder of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas and America's First Black Priest**  
 1746 – 1818



**Mary McLeod Bethune**  
**Racial Justice Activist and Founder of Bethune-Cookman College**  
 1875 – 1955



**Marian Wright Edelman**  
**Lawyer and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund**  
 1939 –

You can also learn more by borrowing a book off the cart in the colonnade. The members and supporters of the Ministry On Racial Reconciliation (MORR) have provided a wonderful selection of books to help us understand and appreciate the diversity of God's world. There are selections for our little ones, our youth, as well as adult readers.

### Winter Outreach: St. Tim's Helps

The Winter Outreach ministry at Christ Church Cathedral is part of the larger St. Louis Winter Outreach program. Currently in 2022, due to the COVID pandemic, they are staffing a larger shelter at St. Paul's UCC Church in South City on Wednesday nights. The shelter opens when temperatures drop below 20 degrees (or 25 with precipitation). Volunteers provide dinner, breakfast, and a safe, warm sleeping space for people who might otherwise spend the night in deadly cold. Volunteers serve in a number of roles including food preparers, greeters, overnight innkeepers, or clean-up/set up.

St. Tim's members Susan Moenkhaus and LaVerne Moseley volunteered recently and called it "an enlightening expe-

rience" and "an amazing opportunity to touch true basic life." They encourage others to help with this important ministry. For more information or to sign up, please contact Nancy Setzer at [nsetzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nsetzer@sbcglobal.net).



## Reflections From a New Priest

St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians 1:4, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus."

My dear St. Timothy's community, I too give thanks each time I think of you. You have made a loving and lasting impression on me.

Who could have ever imagined that the six months I spent with the St. Timothy's community for my transitional diaconate could pass by so quickly? I am grateful for the warm and welcoming hospitality that was extended to me; for the heartfelt prayers and wishes as I approached my priestly ordination; and for your ongoing prayers as I move forward on my faith journey of serving Christ and His Church. I will always remember fondly my ministry as your deacon - in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in preaching the word of God as it was revealed to me, in serving beside Mother Liz and Mother Camie at the Eucharistic table, in teaching an adult formation class on our Book of Common Prayer, in engaging the Pastoral Care Committee members, and in attending several Sunday morning adult forums. All great hands-on experiences which was the intent of my time among you.

I am thankful for the new friendships that we developed together. Unfortunately, there are many in the community that I didn't have a chance to meet due to the ongoing pandemic. We'll remain optimistic that God's plan for our paths to cross again will take place.

And so, by the grace of God and the abundant power of the Holy Spirit, along with the sacred hands of Bishop Deon and Bishop Gene Robinson, and a number of my priestly colleagues, and the sealing of my palms with Holy Chrism, Deacon Jeff is now Father Jeff. Thanks be to God! What an amazing journey this has been, culminating with a sacred ordination liturgy. I even had my yellow lab Clare there to witness such a life changing event. I celebrated my first mass at the Cathedral on December 21st, the Feast of St. Thomas. I saw a parallel with my life and that of Thomas', I who doubted for decades that I would ever be ordained a priest, and Thomas who doubted the resurrection of Christ, each of us having our doubts, yet overcome with belief and reality.

I was thrilled to be the presider and preacher at St. Timothy's on Christmas Day, and the following day on the first Sunday after Christmas. Thank you for that memorable opportunity. I can now say I have celebrated my first Christmas mass as an ordained priest.

For me, the most emotionally moving part in the ordination ceremony was when Bishop Deon anointed my palms with Holy Chrism, giving me the priestly authority to anoint, bless, and consecrate, (the A,B,C's I mentioned in my previous Angler article) that differentiate the role of a deacon and that of a priest.



The sealing of hands is a validation of all that has been and a prayer towards all that can be. Our hands are capable of so much and so many things. We know hands can be used in many violent acts, and yet those same hands can bring compassion and love, working to build the kingdom of God with all of God's children. I am reminded of the words of St. Teresa of Avila who is attributed as saying, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on the world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands with which He blesses the world." We each, as faithful followers of Christ, have important and holy work to do!

Within moments of my ordination liturgy concluding, I had dozens of friends and colleagues lined up requesting a blessing from me, including Bishop Deon. I am grateful that I wasn't caught off guard. A former classmate who was ordained last July forewarned me that this would happen. It was still a bit surreal. And there have been other surreal moments since my ordination as well. Consecrating simple bread and wine, through the invocation of the Holy Spirit, into our spiritual food and drink, is another awesome encounter with the Divine. I am humbled and grateful.

For those of you asking, I am unsure of my new assignment as a priest. I have established some parameters on what I would like my call to be, so my opportunities are limited. I would prefer a part time associate role in a congregation, or perhaps a supply role. I also want to continue my ministry as a hospital chaplain, where I find great personal satisfaction of representing Christ to the infirmed and grieving. God has been patient with me, and thus I am patient with God in revealing the next path on my journey.

As you await the selection of your new rector, I pray abundant blessings to each of you. May you continue to grow in the love and grace of our savior, Jesus Christ, and may you always feel his presence and peace within you. My prayers surround you all. Please remember me in prayer as well.

Fr. Jeff Goldone

## Report from the Treasurer For the Year 2021



At first glance St. Timothy's annual results look great; we came in more than \$45,000 over budget. However, this was a complicated year, and the year's results don't tell the whole story.

Pledge income received in 2021, our largest income source, fell to \$512,741 from \$583,442 in 2020, a reduction of \$70,901 or 12% of our pledges. This is in "YIKES!" territory and will generate much discussion. My quick analysis is that the largest category of lost pledges can be attributed to parishioners who made retirement-related moves or passed away. The pandemic likely accelerated some of the retirement moves and slowed the normal flow of new pledge income. Our primary challenge is that our average age range continues to skew upward, the pandemic has accelerated the impact.

This shrinkage in pledge income was obscured in the financials by two unusual income items. The first was that we received a 2020 government Paycheck Protection loan of \$60,242 which was forgiven in 2021. Essentially, it became a grant from the government that was then counted as income for this year. Secondly, the "Other Parish Support" income line, totaling over \$49,500, contains a large amount of additional donations intended to replenish our cash after 2020's deficit. Together these items contributed over \$100,000 of income in 2021 that will not continue in the 2022 budget.

Total expenses were about \$47,000 less than budget, and this underage is the main reason for our budget surplus. Most expenses were under budget because of reduced operations. We were also understaffed for several months. The office systems and telephone budgets are over budget a combined \$2,113 because we upgraded our phone system and replaced a couple of computers and our router. A budget error caused utility expense to exceed budget, but lower maintenance costs offset most of the higher utility expense.

We ended 2020 with operating cash of \$247,209. Thanks to the additional donations mentioned above, we are ending this year with \$285,888. It is good news that we've been able to navigate through this unpredictable time without having the need to borrow. Though we can't predict pandemic-related events, I'm [optimistic](#) that 2022 will be a good year for St. Timothy's as we hire a permanent Rector and begin to move forward.

I'd like to thank my fellow treasurers Alice Fritsch and Kurt Zwickelmaier for their continued service in this unique ministry. Their counsel and rock-solid dependability are much appreciated.

I also want to thank our tireless offering counters who stay after church on a rotating basis to tally and make our weekly deposits. This is an under-recognized ministry, and it's essential to our operations. Thank you to Dee Dee Stone for chairing the group, and to Blaine Stone, Paul Michael, Rhett Schwent, Nancy Sinise, Sarah Keeley, Ruth and Wayne Birch, and Cletus Coughlin for their time and efforts.

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(To view the St. Timothy's Treasurer's Annual Report for 2021, click [HERE](#) , pages 20 - 25)

### Volunteer for St. John's Peace Meal

In 2006, St. John's Episcopal Church in Tower Grove began a free fellowship meal for all, which they now serve every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. St. Louis area Episcopal churches take turns preparing and serving

this meal throughout the year. St. Timothy's is forming teams of volunteers to help set up, cook, serve, or clean up. Volunteers are needed on March 19, June 4, and October 8 this year. If you are interested, please contact Judy Maloney at [jamaloney330@gmail.com](mailto:jamaloney330@gmail.com) .

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."*

# Dates to Remember

## February Birthdays

2	Emma Barnes Thomas Loew Luc Wiggins	12	Robert Coots Judy DeMarco Norm Moenkhaus Chase Nauman	24	Aaron Agne Dan Hagrman
3	Stephanie Smith			27	Kate Buckley Clay Kaufman
5	Alfonso Gioia Carol Rogler	13	Ellen Lindsey Irena Pennel		
6	Mitzi Uyemura	14	Sharon LaRue		
8	Wayne Birch JoAnn Graziano	15	Fran Connelly	2	Sharon LaRue & Bob Lipscomb
9	Susan Lounsbury Lindsey Short	16	Jennifer Barnes	5	Kate & Eric Buckley
10	Kirk Fritsch	18	Michelle Ridlen	14	Irene & Mike Cummins
11	Elizabeth Fogt Andrew Schuerman	19	Sasha Saliski	19	Karen & Rick Sharp
		20	Hongxia Wang	22	Cathy & Chuck Agne
		21	Pat Wootton	26	Leslie & Tony Corey
		22	Nathan Linneman Paul Pennel		

## February Anniversaries

## March Birthdays

1	Brent Pennel Leann Schuering	10	Clara Ruth Bosanquet Mike Teymouri	22	Avery Collins
2	Sophia Mazhou Nancy Sinise	11	Lexi Hummert	23	Rich Jacobs
4	Beverly Rhea	12	Lynn Whittington	24	Mark Nauman
7	Gerald Amies Ruth Birch	13	Emmett Schuering	26	Claudia Uccello
8	Dorothy Bacon Carol Mullins Caitlin Schuerman Leland Schuerman	14	J. Andreson Doug Detloff	27	Luke Nauman
9	Anne Teymouri	15	Mike Bacon		
		16	Zach Cameron Pat Dressel	15	Dee Dee & Blaine Stone
		17	Charlotte Spung	21	Pat & Ron Batty
		19	Nolan Wischnowsky		
		20	Bill Buhro Joy Rouse		

## March Anniversaries

*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*

# TIM Talks

Conversations Worth Having

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Winter - Spring 2022 Adult Forums 9:45 a.m. Sundays, Parish Hall/Zoom

**Feb. 6 "How Context Shapes How We Do Ministry"** – We will talk about the relevancy of why we are where we are, and how context shapes how we do ministry. We will practice a skill for listening to the ministry and work God is calling our faith communities to do next. Presented by The Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker, Assistant Professor, Community Engagement and Contextual Education, Eden Theological Seminary.

**Feb. 13 "An Outlook for the U.S. Economy: Impacts of Monetary and Fiscal Policy"** – Key variables for the U.S. economy including inflation, employment, interest rates, and budget deficits will be examined. Special attention will be given to how recent and possible changes in monetary and fiscal policy are likely to affect the near-term outlook. Presented by Cletus Coughlin, Senior Research Fellow at St. Louis University and Retired Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, also a St. Tim's member.

**Feb. 20 "Coffee with Camie"** – Come join the discussion with Mother Camie.

**Feb. 27 "Quality Nutrition in Food Deserts. How?"** – St. Tim's member Marc Vanacht has worked for over 25 years in advanced agricultural technologies. Unfortunately, the issue of "food deserts" has not been solved by existing high tech or biotech practices. In China, Marc learned about "passive solar greenhouses" and is now working with others in St. Louis to develop these low-cost options.

**March 6 "Missouri Interfaith Power and Light"** – St. Timothy's has recently joined Missouri Interfaith Power and Light (IPL), a non-profit interfaith organization promoting stewardship of God's creation. IPL coordinator Tracey Koch will talk about what this means for St. Timothy's as we strive to become more conscious of our impact on the environment and the created world.

**March 13 "St. Timothy's Environmental Impact and What We Can Do Now"** St. Timothy's teens will join the forum to talk about the environmental impact of the church in the community and the world, and what they hope to accomplish in terms of positive changes within the parish.

**March 20** No Forum – Spring Break

**March 27 & April 3 "Exploring Our Episcopal Identity"** – Have you ever been asked by someone to explain what it means to be an Episcopalian? What makes us different from other denominations? This two-part series will explore these questions to see if we can find some good answers. Presented by The Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, adjunct professor at Eden Theological Seminary and Priest Affiliate at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

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