



**SAINT TIMOTHY'S**  
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CREVE COEUR, MO



**June -  
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2023**

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

**Creve Coeur, MO**

I will ask the  
Father and he will  
give you another  
advocate to help  
you and be with  
you forever.

John 14:16-17



# From the Rector



## A Sacred Summer

In a perfect world, every vacation would be a sabbath. A time to rest and reconnect to God. Reconnect to the God that only wants good things, joyful things, to fill our lives. For many of us, vacations don't always fulfill that sense of longing that summer often brings. The longing for rest, fun, and a slower pace. Itineraries and logistics and the need to *plan* take over.

I know in my life, I put a lot of pressure on the summer to recharge my batteries. "Oh, things will slow down in the summer." "That's a summer project." When in reality, summer is filled with summer camp schedules, playing catch up at work, fitting in family trips, and frantically reapplying sunscreen to my family of four. Summer doesn't even have a chance to work its "magic" on us.

But God has a chance. Inviting God into your summer might not look like an eight-week-long Sabbath. Offering God the opportunity to make this season a holy one for you and your family can be as simple as offering up your thanksgiving for summer experiences in prayer or remembering a piece of scripture that reminds you of the place you're visiting.

Some examples:

Getting into a hot car: "Oh, I feel the heat! Do you remember the story of Pentecost from a few weeks

ago? Do you think the apostles felt this hot when they experienced the Holy Spirit like fire?" "Have you ever heard the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednigo?" Thank you God for getting us where we want to go.

Visiting the beach: "I remember a story about the disciples fishing all day and catching nothing. Then Jesus comes along and tells them to fish from the other side of the boat. And... surprise!" "The psalms teach us that God created the "leviathan" for the fun of it. I wonder what a leviathan is?" "Thank you God for creating this place."

Visiting a mountain: "So many important things happen to God's people on top of mountains. Most

of the time, that's where they go to see and hear from God. It's where Moses went to receive the Ten Commandments. It's where the disciples went to experience Jesus's Transfiguration. I wonder if we might meet God on this mountain today? What is God saying to us?" "Thank you God for coming to meet us."

You get the point.

We may not finish our summers with every project complete and completely caught up on sleep. We may cross the finish line limp and sweaty. But that does not mean that we can't find ourselves restored and renewed. God's sus-

taining and life giving power is available to us in every moment of our lives, but especially the ones where our expectations may be different from reality. God is there to bridge that divide and make our reality something holy and true, rather than something imagined.

May your travels be safe and delay-free. May your sunscreen applications be abundant. May your summer be a sacred season of invitation from God.



*Meghan +*

## Welcome to St. Timothy's New Curate!

**St. Timothy's is thrilled to welcome  
The Rev. Garron C. Daniels  
as its new Curate!**

What is a Curate, you might ask?

A curate is a person who is invested with the care or cure (cura) of souls of a parish. It is a term that we use for an assisting priest that is new to the vocation. It is generally a short-term (1-3 years) call that includes vocational learning and reflection alongside the ministry of priesthood.

Fr. Garron attended Truman State University in Kirksville, MO, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Justice Systems with Magna Cum Laude Honors. He went on to study for his Masters of Divinity at the University of the South: School of Theology in Sewanee, TN. In 2022 he was a recipient of the Griffin Fellowship that allowed him to complete a two week ministry formation course in the Holy Land at St. George's College.

The Rev. Garron has many different topics of interest, but finds himself most drawn towards Christian Formation and the Liturgy of the Church; especially in regards to Rite of

Reconciliation. He is a devoted member of the Society of Catholic Priests, which is an organization of Episcopal Clergy who promote priestly spirituality and catholic evangelism. He is also a member of the Guild of All Souls which promotes the Church's teaching in regard to the Faithful Departed through intercessory prayer. Fr. Garron is a published author with Perfect Ashlar Publishing, a Masonic Publisher.



In 2023, he was called to St. Timothy's to serve as the Curate of the parish. He and his fiancée Nathalia are new to St. Louis, but are quickly falling in love with the city.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Fr. Garron's Ordination to the Priesthood will be on Saturday, July 22, 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. We will have a reception for him at St. Tim's to celebrate this important occasion on Sunday, July 23.

## Music Notes



This summer we are going to try something different: offer an opportunity to sing in the Choir without the weekly obligation of singing in the Choir. What? How can that possibly be?

Well, it's really quite simple! On two Sundays this summer, 2 July and 20 August, folk who would like to try their hand (...eh.. voice) at singing, will gather before the service to learn a not-complicated anthem, and then experience the joy of being a part of the service's musical leadership. The ensemble will not vest (wear choir robes), and not process at the beginning of the service, but will sit together on the Choir risers. What a deal!

If you've been wanting to sing with the Choir but simply haven't the time or have been reluctant to make the commitment, this is *your* opportunity to give it a whirl. Rehearsal will begin 45-minutes before the service in the Choir Room. I'm very optimistic that this will be a great deal of fun. And, who knows, this might be the gentle nudge of encouragement you need to take the plunge and join the Choir for the regular season beginning in September.

No need to let me know that you'll be here. Just keep an eye out for the announcement in Tim's Times (weekly e-mail) and St. Timothy's FYI in the service bulletins, and then arrive that Sunday morning in anticipation of a great time making music!

Pax,

*Mark*

Mark R. Scholtz  
Director of Music



# The Many Gifts of Pentecost

By The Rev. James H. Purdy, Retired Clergy Associate

## The Day of Pentecost “(Some of) the friends of Jesus were all together in one place...”

**Then, there....** wind, rushing through a closed room; tongues of fire dancing on people’s heads; strange words coming from their mouths... God, living in the extraordinary, startling people, overturning their notions, puncturing their preconceptions, singeing their certainties with new fire, literally blowing people away on contact---people understanding one another---the dramatic debut of the Holy Spirit... (The Book of the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11)

**Now, here....** people from various parts of God’s precious planet, people meeting; many personal, familial histories, converging; adults and children considering former ways and old dreams, realizing that nothing they have inherited is all that can (or will) be; people, separating the wheat from the chaff of differing habits, customs and routines... The Holy Spirit once again connecting, yoking God and people---spanning barriers of human comprehension, broadening concepts, deepening and enriching the experience of life, leading faithful children and adults into truth---people understanding one another...

The Day of Pentecost, “then” and “now,” we believe and we say, is the Holy Spirit’s day, a day of extraordinary phenomena and a day of ordinary discovery, a day of fiery tongues and human understanding, a day of dramatic wind and quiet affirmation, a day of truth breaking in and life’s horizons expanded. It’s another day on which God gives gifts. It is a day on which people receive those gifts with gratitude and commitment.

What are those gifts, entrusted by God to people, both “there” and “here?”

**The first gift** of the Spirit is an open, loving mind. People filled with God’s spirit have strong, profound convictions, yet they hold their minds open to new truth wherever it is to be found. A friend never tires of reminding me to heed

the injunction: “Conceive it is possible that you may be mistaken.” Without a feeling, passionate, open and loving mind, we are overwhelmed by the oppressive amount of disastrous and frightening information that bombards us every day. The friends of Jesus, then, now; there, here.

**The second gift** of the Spirit is a warm heart. An open and loving mind and a warm heart need each other, companion each other. Marcus Borg applauds our enthusiasm for Jesus: “Uncertainty about God is particularly a problem among mainline churches. As everybody knows, mainline denominations have suffered a major decline in membership over the last thirty years. The causes are complex, but among the most important is doubt about the living reality

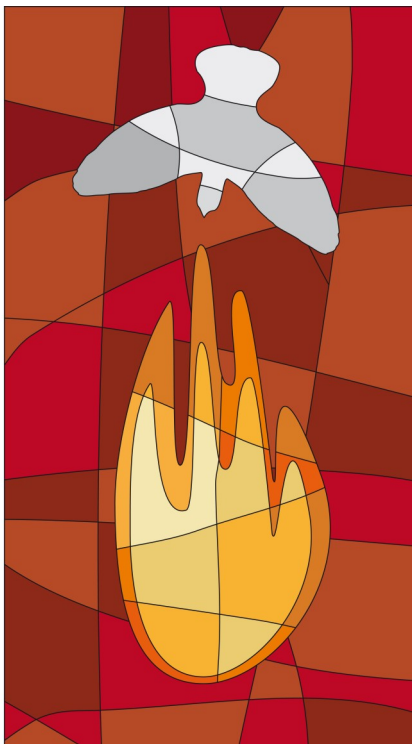
of God. Congregations that are full of God are full of people. The converse also seems to be true: churches that are uncertain about the living reality of God will find their pews empty of people.” The friends of Jesus, then, now; there, here.

**The third gift**---entrusted to the people, mission, and ministries of the first Pentecost congregation in Jerusalem and to those of St. Timothy’s Church from their beginning---a gift that will be quickened among us on Sunday, May 28, by God’s Spirit: a compassionate hand.

The Spirit of God opens the mind and warms the heart. The Spirit also makes us alert and sensitive to the cries of human need and empowers and challenges us to offer compassionate hands to relieve those heavy burdens.

A wise parishioner told me decades ago in Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania: “When I find my heart broken by the things that I am certain also break the heart of God, I respond with all that I can offer---my hands of compassion. When I serve the needs of the world, my life is transformed.” Empowered and challenged by the Spirit, you and I are God’s heart of mercy. We are God’s arms and hands of compassionate love.

The Day of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church, the birthing of a new church community, animated by the Spirit of God.





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

## St. John's Peace Meal



In 2006, St. John's Episcopal Church in Tower Grove began serving a free fellowship meal for all, which they call Peace Meal. They serve every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in their Parish Hall. The guests, many of them low income and food insecure, show up for Peace Meal. Some of them are mentally ill, homeless and/or lonely; many of them would go hungry if not for this ministry of presence without judgment.

St. Louis area Episcopal churches take turns preparing and serving this meal throughout the year. A set-up crew begins cooking about 2 p.m. and a clean-up crew comes in later for the meal and is finished with their work by 6:30 p.m.

St. Timothy's is forming teams of volunteers to do this good work.

We have been one of the churches helping with Peace Meal since the program began. Previous and current volunteers all say it is incredibly rewarding work, and is fun, too!

Volunteers are needed for our upcoming serving date of **June 10**; our next date is September 30. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Maloney or call the office. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board for each event.



## June & July Food Pantry Donations

St. Timothy's Food Ministries alternates its collections of donations between the Trinity Episcopal Church Food Ministry and Circle of Concern food pantry throughout the year. As you are doing your own shopping, please check these lists and get some items for those in need.

### Trinity Food Pantry request list: (Collecting for **June**)

Ramen Noodles  
Cereal, hot or cold  
Peanut Butter, all varieties  
Sugar  
Flour  
Vegetable Oil  
Chicken, canned  
or vacuum packs  
Canned pasta sauce

### Other Needs:

Toilet Paper  
Bar Soap (esp, Dove, Irish Spring, and Dial)  
Toothbrushes (in packs of 5 or fewer, please)  
Toothpaste  
Kleenex  
Paper Towels

### Circle of Concern request list: (Collecting for **July**)

Boxed Potato & Rice Mixes  
Peanut Butter, Jelly  
Ketchup, Salad Dressings, Salsa  
Dry & Canned Pasta  
Packaged Snacks (individual serving packs)  
Pasta Sauce  
Dinner "Helpers"  
Ready-To-Eat Soups

### Also needed:

Diced Tomatoes  
Tomato Purée  
Dried Beans  
Baking Supplies (flour, sugar, oil, mixes, etc.)  
Ramen Noodles  
(especially beef)

Circle of Concern's food pantry serves approximately 2,000 individuals monthly and more than 1,200 households annually. For more information, go to: <https://www.circleofconcern.org/>



Trinity's Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DAMILCBB431Z?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DAMILCBB431Z?ref=wl_share)

**Thank you for giving generously to those in need.**

# JUNETEENTH

By Lance Kramer

According to Britannica.com, “In 1863, during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state’s residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The former slaves immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance.”

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Juneteenth>

Juneteenth commemorates the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865 announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army General Gordon Granger, which proclaimed freedom for enslaved people in Texas, the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery. The order said: “...all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves...”

President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863, had freed the slaves in Texas and all other Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy. Nonetheless, it was the Union troops that provided the reinforcement of the proclamation in 1865. Texas, as the most remote state of the former Confederacy, had seen an expansion of slavery and had a low presence of Union Troops as the war ended, so enforcement there had been slow and inconsistent before Granger’s pronouncement.

Britannica.com continues: “The following year, on June 19, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. The original observances included prayer meetings and the singing of spirituals...Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals with music, food, and dancing.” <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Juneteenth>

Juneteenth has usually been celebrated annually on the third Saturday in June. More recent celebrations include lectures and exhibitions on African-American culture, and community leaders have used this day to help instill a sense of heritage and pride in Black youth. A combination of “June” and “Nineteenth,” Juneteenth is also known as

Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day. It was officially recognized as a U.S. federal holiday on June 17, 2021 after Congress passed legislation and President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

Celebrations of the end of slavery have three goals, according to the historian Mitch Kachun, Associate Professor of History at Western Michigan University: “To celebrate, to educate, and to agitate.” Picnics, parades, and festivals are held in many locations to celebrate the holiday. Lectures and exhibits are held to showcase African-American culture. Juneteenth is also a time for us to remember the history and continued experience of racism and oppression that has defined much of the African-American experience in our country.



Here at St. Timothy’s, the Ministry on Racial Reconciliation Committee (MORR) will lead our celebration on **Sunday, June 18**. Parishioners are urged to invite neighbors and friends to the services. Meaningful changes have been made to the liturgy and music to honor this important event. There will be many components to our celebration:

- All attendees will receive cards for an auction to win two professionally baked **Red Velvet Cakes**.
- Other baked goods will also be served. This is especially noteworthy, since a common culinary sight is on this day is red colored food and drink, because “the crimson is a symbol of ingenuity and resistance in bondage,” according to the New York Times.
- St. Tim’s own poet/author Will Bolden will give away copies of the book of poetry he and his granddaughter, Kacy Anne Carr wrote, “From the Willow Peck.” Donations are welcomed.
- **Enslavement to Emancipation**, a film explaining the long journey of enslaved Africans, will be shown in Fleming Hall in between services, starting at 10 a.m.

**All proceeds from this day recognizing Juneteenth will be donated to the Diocesan Deacon Chester Hines Racial Reconciliation Fund. Let’s make this day special!**

# BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY

## A Juneteenth Celebration Isn't Complete Without Food!

St. Timothy's will offer some of the special foods served at Juneteenth celebrations every year:

- Two professionally baked **Red Velvet Cakes** will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, one at each service. The cakes will be on display and everyone attending the services will be given a card on which to write their bids. The cards will be collected and the highest bidders will win the cakes!
- We will serve homemade Red Velvet Cupcakes, Deep South Tea Cakes, and traditional Red Punch as refreshments after each service.
- Our St. Tim's Juneteenth Baking Team will also prepare Red Velvet Layer Cakes and packages of Deep South Tea Cakes available for purchase, with donations going to the Racial Reconciliation Fund (see below). Donors may choose a half or whole cake; Tea Cakes will be packaged by the dozen. **These would make perfect Father's Day gifts!** (Our celebration is on Father's Day.)

Over time, red food became an important fixture in Juneteenth food, recipes, and celebrations.

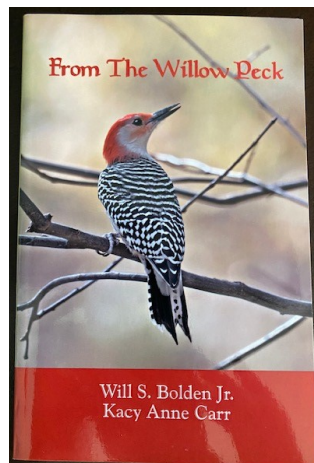
### Why Is Juneteenth Food Red?

- Symbolizes the blood of enslaved ancestors;
- In the West African Yoruba and Kongo cultures, red symbolizes spiritual power;
- Remembrance of African ancestors lured with red cloth by slave trappers, since red cloth was used in spiritual practices;
- Red drinks call to mind traditional West African drinks made from ruby red hibiscus flowers and the kola nut.



## Meet St. Tim's Poet/Author!

Receive a complimentary copy of ***From the Willow Peck***, the newest book of poetry from St. Tim's own poet/author, **Will Bolden!** He wrote this collection with his granddaughter, Kacy Anne Carr. Get a copy signed by the author himself, and talk with him about his writing. Donations to the Racial Reconciliation Fund (see below) welcomed.



## Join us for a Movie Inspired by Juneteenth:

### *From Enslavement to Emancipation*

This 2009 documentary was produced by the Washington, DC Office of Cable Television to commemorate DC Emancipation Day. The film is a stirring account of African-American history from the colonial period through the Civil Rights era.

**In Fleming Hall at 10:00 a.m. on June 18**

**All donations received during St. Timothy's Juneteenth celebration will go to the Deacon Chester Hines Racial Reconciliation Fund at the Diocese of Missouri.** This is an endowment fund to finance the work of repairing racial injustice. The Diocese of Missouri understands that justice is a core value rooted in the Gospel and is central to further God's mission. This fund is named after the Rev. Deacon Chester Hines, who has been actively working toward social justice in the Diocese of Missouri for more than 40 years. Chester Hines continues to serve as a deacon at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in University City, and is warmly remembered as a former deacon at St. Timothy's.



# On Juneteenth, Three Stirring Stories of How Enslaved People Gained Their Freedom

from The Washington Post, June 19, 2021

By Gillian Brockell

**Eliza Bogan**

“There was no one moment when freedom came to the enslaved in the United States. When President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, the clouds did not part, the sun did not shine beams of freedom, and the shackles of slavery locked for nearly 250 years did not magically fall away. And it doesn’t diminish Lincoln to acknowledge that.

“It’s a pretty entrenched story in our national memory that Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and on Jan. 1, 1863, enslaved people were free,” says historian Amy Murrell Taylor. “We need to puncture a big hole in this national mythology—without diminishing Lincoln.”

The truth is much more complicated. Millions of Americans gained freedom from 1861 to 1865 in a slow-moving wave that includes the Emancipation Proclamation, Juneteenth, and the passage of the 13th Amendment. There are millions of stories to tell.

Many ran across Union lines and emancipated themselves, flooding into hastily constructed “contraband” camps. (Taylor calls them refugee camps.) Some brought family members and wagonloads of belongings, others were forced to choose between freedom and their children. For some, the Union line and its liberation came to them.

Some formerly enslaved people encountered sympathetic White soldiers and missionaries who helped them. Others were treated like vagrants or were handed over to be re-enslaved. Some gained freedom by enlisting in the Union Army and fighting the people who had enslaved them. Some states read the writing on the wall and abolished slavery by state action during the war; others dug in their heels and wouldn’t let go until the 13th Amendment forced them to months after the war was over.

“For many people, the process went on for years,” Taylor told The Washington Post. “I think we miss the actions of enslaved people, how pivotal they were in pushing emancipation forward, when we focus just on one moment.” Without them, she said, the Civil War might have ended without abolition.

In Taylor’s 2018 book, *Embattled Freedom: Journeys Through the Civil War’s Slave Refugee Camps*, she used a “treasure trove” of military records to reconstruct this period from the perspectives of individual people who forged new lives in the refugee camps that dominated the landscape but were forgotten in historical reports.

The first time Eliza Bogan crossed over to the Union side, she wasn’t seeking freedom. She was trying to get her husband, Silas Small, to come back to the cotton farm in Phillips County, Ark., where he had been enslaved.

In the fall of 1862, Union troops got hold of nearby Helena, Ark., on the Mississippi River. The commander hired escaping enslaved men, who showed up, to build a fort, promising them freedom. Small was among those men. But then the fort got a new commander, who wasn’t interested in paying or feeding them and didn’t mind returning escapees to their enslavers.

Bogan got word that her husband was severely ill, so she brought him back to the plantation where she lived and nursed him back to health. Jan. 1, 1863—the day Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation, freeing enslaved people like Bogan and Small—came and went without notice.

By April, Lincoln sent a general to tour the Mississippi Valley to make it clear to the officers and soldiers in the region that they should be enforcing his proclamation. It was on this tour that the first Black soldiers were recruited for the Union army. Small was one of them, and this time Bogan followed him over the Union lines, probably leaving her seven children within grasp of their cruel enslaver.

Her husband was soon captured by Confederates and spent a short time re-enslaved before escaping again. This time, Bogan wouldn’t let him out of her sight; she joined the regiment as a laundress, earning a wage and rations from the army. After a campaign through Mississippi, Small came down with the measles. She tried again to nurse him back to health, this time unsuccessfully.

Although her husband was gone, Bogan stayed with the regiment for the rest of the war. Confederates so often raided the “contraband” camps that she was probably safer with the soldiers, Taylor noted. Eventually they were sent to Texas, where they helped enforce emancipation, contributing to the celebration that became known as Juneteenth.

Bogan married again, to a man in her regiment, and they returned to Arkansas in January 1866, where they became sharecroppers. She was still alive in 1920 when, 25 miles away, more than 200 Black people were lynched in the Elaine Massacre.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/06/19/juneteenth-emancipation-slave-stories/>



# Work with our Afghan Family Continues

By Joy Rouse

What a unique experience the St. Timothy's Afghan Team is having as we continue to work with our refugee family of nine! The "A Team," short for Afghan Refugee Family Support Team, is led by Karen Luecking, with group members Steve Crock, Susan Moenkhaus, LaVerne Moseley, Joy Rouse, and Mary Saggau. We have met many challenges as we've worked to make a difference in the lives of our family members despite the huge language barrier and significant cultural differences.

It's been over a year now since we started working with our family. Starting in February 2022, we received training from the International Institute-STL and later the Immigrant Home English Learning Program (IHELP), with first visits to the family's home in April 2022. The many hurdles the family members and our intrepid volunteers have faced is mind boggling.

St. Louis is not without agency support to offer, but the need is great. Navigating that bureaucratic and logistical maze is not the easiest task in the world! Gifts of money, clothes, diapers, toys, bedding, appliances, etc., demonstrate the generosity of St. Tim's parishioners. We think some of the items we gave found their way to the homes of other Afghan refugee families.

There was also the physical work of helping them move from one house to another and making some repairs and installations along the way. And of course, there was the challenging mental work of trying to help them understand our banking system and the best way to pay bills that fit with how the father wanted to manage money.

Our focus now is on empowering the family to continue their growth in handling things on their own, and on helping the mother learn English. Joy and Susan visit their home in South St. Louis weekly with lessons for her and attention and toys for the little ones (ages 1 ½ and 3 years). The other five boys have been in school, and now we'll see what summer brings.

The mother's task is enormous. She is illiterate in Pashto, her native language, so we can't just show her something translated into Pashto to try to explain English content. She is very busy with cooking, cleaning, and everything it takes to care for a family of nine. She doesn't get out much and cannot attend any classes that various local

agencies offer. We continue a lot of experimenting because some of the curriculum we've been provided just doesn't fit with her needs. But it does seem we're in a bit of a groove now, and her progress in communication is showing—with understanding, speaking, reading, and writing.

Our prayers continue. At this point that includes asking for God's gift of stamina and creativity so that the mother, in particular, keeps working on English and is always available for the lessons, and that we keep discovering new ways to encourage her efforts. The phrase "starting from square one" has never held more meaning for us!

We have our lighter moments, too, and know that laughing is a universal language. Mary, whose primary role has been to teach the father about money in the United States and how to pay for things, also ended up teaching one of the boys how to ride a bike! It happened spontaneously and was a delight to everyone. We're grateful for all the times we've shared laughter and joy.

The caring we have for this family is genuine and strong. Plus, the mutual appreciation we have for each other with our varied skills and talents plays an important role in the help we've been able to provide. Ministry is good!

Our A-Team was given a \$1,000 grant by the Diocese of Missouri in 2022 to start to fund our ministry. The Diocese requested that we create a video explaining how this grant was used. Many parishes within the DioMO received these grants, and the videos were shown at the Diocesan Convention held last November.

To watch our team's video, click [HERE](https://www.saint-tims.org/news) or go to St. Tim's website: <https://www.saint-tims.org/news> & scroll down.



# Congratulations, Graduate!



**Peter Conard**, son of Amy and Hank Conard, is a graduate of Saint Louis Priory School. He will attend Tufts University in Medford (Boston), Massachusetts. He will be in the School of Engineering and rowing on the crew team.

Peter is competing in the USRowing Youth National Rowing Championships in June, and will be traveling this summer—including to Iceland—and working at Cane's Chicken.



## Report from the Treasurer April 2023



Overall income came in under budget for the month of April, but it was bolstered by our quarterly distribution from the Endowment Fund (\$6,000). Although pledge income was down from previous months, our plate income continues to increase, and we also benefited from the Easter Offering (\$1,300) which appears on the "Other Parish Support" line. Total income for the month was \$36,000. Year-to-date income now stands at \$194,500. This is slightly under budget for the year. The upcoming summer months will likely also show our income weakening, but we anticipate catching up again in the fall months.

Fortunately, our YTD expenses have also come in slightly below budget. Although we showed an overall deficit for the month of April (-\$9,500), on a YTD basis, we have a lesser deficit of - \$3,500k. Maintenance expenses include \$4,300 for repair work to the youth lounge area in the basement of the educational wing. All other expenses are tracking fairly close to budget.

On the balance sheet, you will notice a new line item for the Deacon's Discretionary Fund, which is showing a negative balance that is associated with the charges for printing checks for the new account. This will be offset by donations in future months.

Our cash position remains strong with \$285,000 available for operations. If you would like to view the detailed financial statements for April 2023, please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kurt Zwickelmaier, Treasurer

# Dates to Remember

## June Birthdays

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 1  | Tim Butler       |
| 5  | Hank Conard      |
|    | Stephanie Nauman |
| 6  | Bev Robinson     |
| 7  | Desirae Burch    |
|    | Caitlin Hagrman  |
| 8  | Paul Michael     |
| 13 | Donald Flacke    |
| 14 | Pete Elsaesser   |
| 15 | Marshall Smith   |
| 17 | Mary Roberts     |
| 18 | Emmy Purdy       |
| 21 | Sharon Givan     |

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|----|--------------------|
| 22 | Mary Ann White     |
| 23 | Mary Schuh         |
|    | John Wootton       |
| 24 | Charlie Catalano   |
|    | Jennifer Sidor     |
| 25 | Brier Sidor        |
|    | Tony Corey         |
| 26 | Andrew Schuering   |
|    | Karen Sharp        |
| 27 | Lilly Goff         |
| 29 | Bill Rogler        |
| 30 | Elizabeth Catalano |
|    | Genevieve Fowler   |

## June Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------------|
| 5  | Carolyn & Mark Schuerman       |
| 8  | Mimi & Tim Butler              |
| 11 | Janet & John Loomis            |
| 16 | Liz & Pete Elsaesser           |
| 17 | Sarah & Tim Johnson            |
| 19 | Jackie & Ron Fleck             |
| 20 | JoAnn Graziano &<br>Alan Weber |
| 26 | Wini & Steve Crock             |
| 28 | Meghan & Alonzo Collins        |

## July Birthdays

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Owen Uyemura      |
| 3  | Sally Danforth    |
|    | Tino Mazhou       |
|    | Jim Mullins       |
| 4  | Joe McAvoy        |
|    | Val Michael       |
| 5  | Carolyn Schuerman |
| 7  | Irina Neupert     |
|    | Jim Purdy         |
|    | Flynn Smith       |
| 9  | Shannon Hagrman   |
| 11 | J.P. Wischnowsky  |
| 13 | Susie Kramer      |
| 14 | Brooke Forsyth    |
| 15 | Leslie Corey      |
|    | Ellyn Neise       |

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| 17 | Elliott Barnes   |
|    | Heidi Gioia      |
| 19 | Timothy Johnson  |
|    | Florrie Kohn     |
| 21 | Ron Batty        |
| 22 | Cletus Coughlin  |
|    | Jane Gordon      |
|    | LaVerne Moseley  |
| 23 | Kim Dressel      |
| 25 | Cathie Horrell   |
| 26 | Joseph Gioia     |
| 28 | Mimi Butler      |
| 29 | Lucy Denkler     |
| 31 | Pat Batty        |
|    | Gina Perna       |
|    | Celeste Roberson |

## July Anniversaries

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| 5  | Ann & Richard Buckman    |
| 8  | Louise & Ian Pooley      |
| 9  | Julia & Gerald Amies     |
| 10 | Jan & Bobby Majors       |
|    | Ellyn & David Neise      |
| 11 | Susan & Norm Moenkhaus   |
| 15 | Val & Paul Michael       |
| 23 | Karen & Doug McCollom    |
| 25 | Stephanie & Mark Naumann |
| 26 | Leyna & Jeremy Gibbs     |
| 31 | Phyllis & Will Knight    |

*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*



## Our Part of the “Communion Forest”

As part of St. Tim’s recent Rogation Sunday event, the oak tree our parish received at last fall’s Diocesan Convention was planted on the hill above the Food Pantry Garden. Caroline Kelsey and Steve Crock, part of our Property Team, carefully planted it in a spot where it can grow and provide shade for many generations of St. Tim’s members.

To refresh our memories of why we had a tree to plant, the following was taken from the DioMo website:

“What if every bishop, every congregation, and every member of The Episcopal Church and worldwide The Anglican Communion committed to the work of environmental restoration?”

The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, has launched an intentional effort to be good environmental stewards by giving every congregation in our diocese an oak tree to plant as part of the “Communion Forest.”

[The Communion Forest](#) is a global act of hope which involves a wide range of creation care activities. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, spoke of the possibility of the Communion Forest becoming the “most widespread and diverse” environmental project in the world. Archbishop Welby and other bishops attending the Lambeth Conference planted the first tree of that forest in the garden of Lambeth Palace on Aug. 3, 2022.

Bishop Deon Johnson was at that tree planting and brought the idea back home. During our annual convention Nov. 18-19, 2022, the bishop gave a young oak tree to each of our congregations and instructed them to care for the tree until it can safely be planted...” ‘Each congregation could see this as a seed towards being more cognizant of environmental stewardship,’ said Bishop Deon.



The Northern Red Oak will take approximately 30 years to mature and will grow to a height of 60-75 feet, with a spread of 60-70 feet. What will our diocese look like in that time? What will happen in the life of that tree and your congregation—births, weddings, baptisms, deaths, construction, storms, maybe even additional creation care activities? Bishop Deon is asking every congregation to record the “story” of your tree. We’ll collect your stories and share them at the 2023 diocesan convention.”

What will St. Timothy’s story be?

<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/planting-trees-in-the-communion-forest/>

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