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The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service



**October -
November
2021**

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

Pentecost ~ Advent



“While the earth remains,
cold and heat,
day and night

seedtime and harvest,
summer and winter,
shall not cease.”

Genesis 8:22

From the Interim Rector



BUILDING HOPE

Dear Friends -

I'm tired of saying, "Wow, what a year" – so, for this issue of the Angler, let us talk about HOPE.

The church is still here. God is still being glorified. We are functioning and faithfully serving our Lord even as God is doing a new thing. This week at our Diocesan Clergy Conference the guest speaker warned us that church communities that survive this pandemic will have to be nimble, ready for change, and open to new ways of being church. Churches that die, she reflected, will be those so set in their ways that they resist change.

The same was true in Jesus' time. Jesus challenged the status quo at every turn, but in so doing, birthed a whole new way of being "at one" with God. Out of fear, we may resist change, but resisting change is to resist God. God is change; the Spirit promotes change, and invites us into that ever-expanding, cosmic community that we call The Kingdom of God, that "world without end." We can only join that life-force if we are open to the Spirit's nudges; open to discerning what God is trying to create.

Our retreat leader cited this alarming fact: for every nine deaths in the Roman Catholic Church, there is only one baptism. You don't need to be an economist to understand how dire that figure is. God is trying to get our attention, God is doing something new, and it is up to us to participate in that new thing, or to resist it. Nimble parishes, parishes that are willing to experiment and take risks will be those that survive.

St. Timothy's is nimble. During this pandemic, we continued our ministries and continued to live into

our mission statement: *To radiate Christ's presence through worship, care, and service.* We never missed a Sunday during the pandemic, we invested in new equipment, we held outdoor services, we reclaimed our inheritance of Evening Prayer. We designed new ways of "being church." We also continued our ministries of care: We prepared home activity kits for our children, increased the number of offerings for Adult Christian Formation, Pastoral Care ministers reached out with calls and cards, and our Vestry made calls to every member twice during this year, just to check-in.

I say all this to remind us that God is here. Right here, right now. To have faith is to believe that. To have faith is to believe that God is inviting us to find HOPE in a world that is sorely short of it. Scripture promises us that God will never leave us or forsake us – and I believe this: God keeps God's promises. In our times of trial, in our doubts, some may be tempted to give up, to abdicate their responsibility for raising up a new kingdom, but that is not God's will for us. God is doing something new and inviting us to be a part of it; inviting us to be co-creators of a future where God will wipe every tear from our eyes, a world where the poor and the lonely will be lifted up, and where justice and peace will become reality. Will we resist it or embrace the change?

Sending my love and gratitude for all you are and do for this community.

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St. Timothy's Stewardship 2022

Every Perfect Gift

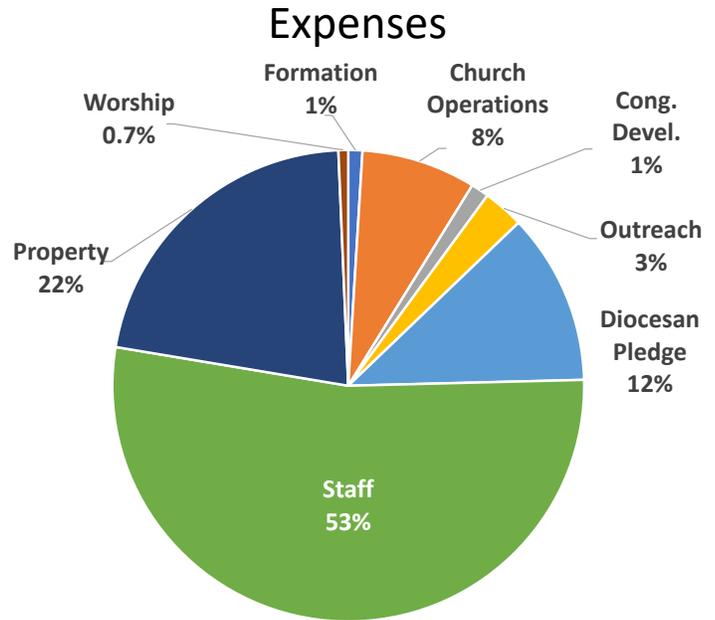
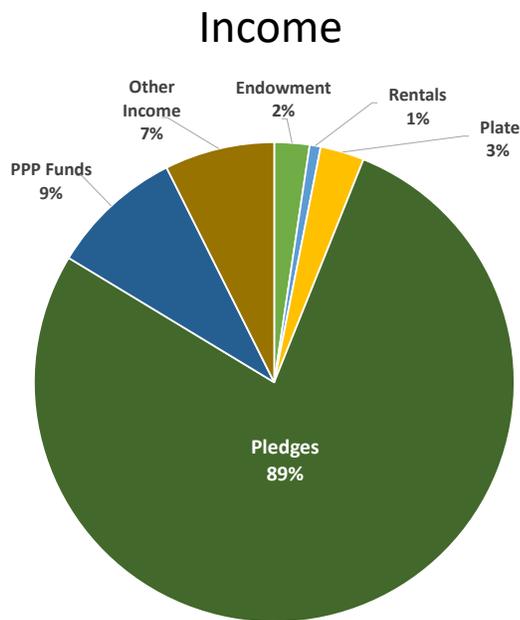


"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."

- James 1:17 NRSV

The beautiful butterfly in this campaign's theme represents the soul breaking free from its shell—free to discover, to inspire, to create, to communicate, to share. These are also spiritual gifts, gifts that when we free ourselves to serve in the world, we need and share with others; and they are gifts of our stewardship. As we share our time, talent, and treasure with our church and with the world, we unleash those same gifts in our communities: discovery, inspiration, creativity, communication, sharing. Through the ministries that are enabled by our gifts, the inspiration we show to our neighbors to unlock their generosity in the world, and the stories we tell about ourselves and our experiences, we participate with God in an abundant vision for the world. Every perfect gift comes from God above. [tens.org]

2021 Stewardship Campaign Report



2020 Budget	\$675,500
Total Pledged	\$519,082
Number of Pledges	125

Average Annual Pledge (Monthly \$346)	\$4,153
Median Annual Pledge (Monthly \$185)	\$2,220
Total Households Pledged	75%

Put Curtains Up, Make Learning Easier!



Help Sigel School go from THIS ↑

...to THIS !! ↑

Let's make learning easier for students at Sigel School!

St. Timothy's has had a relationship with Sigel School in the St. Louis Public School District for over 20 years. During that time, many of our members have been dedicated tutors for some of the youngest students, helping them learn to read. The pandemic has kept these volunteers from going to the school in person, but efforts are underway to get "virtual tutoring" up and running this year.

Even though the students are back in person this year, things aren't completely back to normal. Sigel continues to use computers and virtual learning in their classrooms. And while there are a few makeshift window coverings, there are no curtains on the **five-10 ft. x 4 ft.** windows in every classroom. The glare on the computer screens from the light coming in from those very large windows makes it nearly impossible for the kids to see the screens properly. Putting curtains up on those windows will reduce that glare and make it easier for them to learn. **And that's where YOU come in!**

Leslie Corey and her volunteers put these curtains up in one classroom to make sure they worked. (See photo above right.) These are some of the comments made by the teachers at Sigel about the difference the curtains make:

"Beautiful! We can see the SmartBoard!!!!!! So nice! We can't thank you enough!

So calming! The color and the effect on the light make a more peaceful atmosphere!

Everything is gorgeous! Have noticed a lessening of students' anxiety!

We don't get nice things like this! This is amazing! The rods are really nice!"



By donating \$50, you can pay for a set of beautiful royal blue curtains and a rod for one window.

There are 5 windows per classroom, and 30 classrooms in the school. That's 150 windows in total.

By donating \$250, you can do an entire classroom.

To use St. Tim's Online Giving, go to https://www.continuetogive.com/4886772/donation_prompt

You are also welcome to write a check to St. Timothy's with "Sigel Curtains" in the memo line. **THANK YOU!**

Contact Leslie Corey for details at lesliecorey@mac.com



Bring Some “Holiday Joy” to Those in Need



Decades of Serving Those in Need

Circle of Concern is a food pantry located in West St. Louis County that provides food to more than **2,000 individuals monthly. More than 1/3 of those are children.** Originally run completely by volunteers, Circle formed officially in 1967, meeting in area churches for 22 years before moving to their first location in Valley Park. Circle’s clients live in the Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school districts and are families, working adults, children, seniors, disabled people, veterans, the under-employed, homeless individuals, and others who struggle with poverty and hunger.” (www.circleofconcern.org) St. Timothy’s has a long and strong relationship with Circle, and there are some special ways we can help during the upcoming holidays.

Circle of Concern’s “Holiday Joy” Program

Thanksgiving: St. Timothy’s has partnered with Circle of Concern for many years to help provide Thanksgiving dinners for those in need. In most years at this time, they have a Holiday Food Drive so they can give Thanksgiving Food Baskets to nearly 600 families. And we at St. Tim’s always collect food and accept monetary donations to assist in this food drive.

Because of continued COVID-19 concerns, there are some adjustments to that tradition. Circle of Concern is emphasizing monetary donations this year because of these concerns. Their clients will pick up holiday dinner ingredients in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Circle will provide a turkey and fresh produce for each family and give them the non-perishable food items

supplied by St. Tim’s and other churches to complete their holiday meals.

What you can do:

Please consider a monetary donation. A \$50 donation will provide a turkey and fresh produce for one family. To help Circle of Concern make these purchases, you can:

- Write a check to St. Timothy’s with “Circle--Holiday Joy” in the memo line.
- Or you can use St. Tim’s online giving feature on our website at <https://www.saint-tims.org/online-giving.html> Just fill out the online form and type “Circle--Holiday Joy” in the Private Message box at the bottom of the form. **Deadline for Thanksgiving monetary donations is November 1.**

We are also asking for **donations of holiday food items** which should be placed in our Thanksgiving Box, which will be in the Colonnade from **Oct. 31 - Nov. 22.**

- Boxed or Bagged Stuffing/Dressing Mix
- Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy (Canned) or Turkey/Chicken Broth
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pumpkin

Christmas: Please consider a donation to their “Holiday Adoption” program. Their goal is to warm the holiday season for 2,000 Circle clients with gift cards to purchase gifts. **Deadline for Christmas donations is Nov. 15** to allow time to order gift cards and distribute them.

Please e-mail judy.flacke@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Tim’s Ongoing Food Pantry Donations

St. Timothy’s Food Ministries continues to collect food for Circle of Concern and Trinity Church CWE food pantries.

Circle of Concern request list: (Oct., Dec., even months)

Dinner “Helpers”	Razors
Rice, Beans, Potato sides	Shampoo
Canned Chicken	Ibuprofen
Beef Stew	Laundry Detergent
Chicken and Dumplings	Dish Detergent
Ready to Eat Soup (Not Condensed)	
Baking items (Flour, sugar, mixes etc.)	

Also check Circle of Concern Circle of Concern’s website: <https://www.circleofconcern.org/>

Trinity Food Pantry request list: (Nov., Jan., odd months)

Chili with Beans
Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Vegetables (No carrots or garbanzo beans)
Canned Fruit (No Pumpkin)
Ramen Noodles/Soup

Also suggested:

Bar soap	Men’s T-Shirts (all sizes)
Toilet Tissue	Men’s Belts (all sizes)
Toothpaste	
Gold Bond Lotion	

Make a donation to the Trinity Food Pantry: <https://www.trinitycwe.org/donate>

In a Divided World, We Need to Choose Empathy

It's gotten harder to empathize; that's why it's so important we work at it. Luckily, we can.

By [Jamil Zaki](#) | May 29, 2019
<https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/>

As I dialed the number, my palms began to sweat. The person on the other end wasn't a loan officer or angry lawyer; he was an old friend and we were about to catch up. This should all be mildly pleasant but was instead nerve-racking. You see, I had reached out to him because we had a problem.

Over the years, my friend's politics and my own had taken incompatible turns. On social media, I saw him growing reactionary; he saw me becoming a soft, "politically correct" academic. We sniped at each other online, then over text. After a while, I realized we'd forgotten our friendship, and I proposed that we talk to each other to try and bridge our differences.



Why did this seem so hard for my friend and me? And why do so many of us feel that human connection has become increasingly out of reach?

That's what I address in my new book, [The War for Kindness](#). For over a decade, I've documented the many ways that empathy helps individuals, relationships, and teams. I've also learned how fragile it can be. But there are ways to reignite empathy—and if more of us can do so, we'll all be better off.

How we (all) got here

Just 30,000 years ago, humans were unremarkable, medium-sized mammals—not particularly strong or fast, lacking sharp teeth, claws, and wings. We weren't even the only smart ape; five other large-brained species shared the planet with us. But humanity did have something that set us apart: each other. More than any other species, *sapiens* worked together cooperatively. This helped us become super-organisms who quickly took over the planet.

Our collaborative flair stems from **empathy**: the capacity to share, understand, and care about what others feel. Individuals who feel empathy in abundance experience [greater happiness](#) and less stress and [make friends](#) more easily. These benefits ripple outwards—[patients of empathic doctors](#) are more satisfied with their care, [spouses](#)

[of empathic individuals](#) are more satisfied in their marriages, [children of empathic parents](#) are better able to manage their emotions, and [employees of empathic managers](#) suffer less from stress-related illness. Empathy [strengthens our social fabric](#), encouraging generosity toward strangers, tolerance for people who look or think differently than we do, and commitment to environmental sustainability.

Yet for all its benefits, empathy often goes missing just when we need it most. To understand why, think back to our paleolithic past—the environment in which empathy evolved. Humans lived in tiny bands of hunter-gatherers, so that anyone you encountered was likely familiar, similar, and maybe even related to you. You counted on each other, knew each other, and could hold each other accountable for your actions.

Even now, empathy comes most naturally when those rules are in place. We care up close, when we can see suffering or joy on someone's face, and when we can *be* seen. And we are most inclined to help people who look or think like us.

But these days, the rules that encourage empathy are being broken. More than ever, humans are urban, isolated, and anonymous to each other. We meet irregularly, often in online spaces that privilege outrage and leave cruelty unpunished. We are increasingly tribal, and sometimes view outsiders not as human beings but as symbols of ideas and groups we fear and hate. And when we learn about tragedy, it's often as an abstraction. We might hear about thousands of people affected by a disaster or civil war, but think of them only as faceless statistics, without any way to access their emotions.

This is not fertile soil for empathy, and by some measures empathy has shriveled. One particularly alarming [study](#) found that the average American in 2009 was less empathic than 75 percent of Americans just 30 years before. In other words, empathy is fading, but maybe you didn't need a study to tell you that. Our culture appears more callous by the year. Norms of civility are being steadily shredded. Our species rests on human connection, but that foundation feels shakier than ever.

How emotion and reason contribute to empathy

This might look like a one-way trip. The world we've built is poorly calibrated with the caring instincts that allowed us to build it in the first place. As long as these trends continue, maybe we are doomed to become madder and meaner over the years.

This view jibes with one of the oldest, most stubborn stereotypes in psychology and our culture. For centuries, we've been warned that "passions" are irrational impulses

that take people over and steer us into all manner of bad decisions. In other words, we can't do anything to control our emotions in the moment, or to shape our emotional lives over time. This belief cuts both ways: When an emotion overtakes us, there's nothing we can do to calm it. And when we *don't* feel anything, there's nothing we can do to turn our emotions up.

This would be bad news for empathy. It means that when we hit the limits of our care, there's nothing we can do to overcome them and become more empathic. And if the modern world has sapped our collective empathy, there's nothing we can do to recover that, either.

Thankfully, this stereotype gets emotion backwards. Reason and passion work *together*, not against each other. Every time you remind yourself that a scary movie is just a movie, or breathe deeply before reprimanding your child, or choose music to psych yourself up for a big game, you [decide how you want to feel](#), and deftly tune your emotions to suit your will.

This goes for empathy as well. We actively [turn it up or down](#), and make choices about empathy all the time. Will you cross the street to avoid a homeless person, or pay attention to their pain? Will you dismiss someone who disagrees with you, or cultivate curiosity about why they feel the way they do? Over time, empathic choices add up—building empathic habits and, eventually, empathic people.

In other words, empathy is like a muscle, which we can build or leave to atrophy.

How to build your empathy

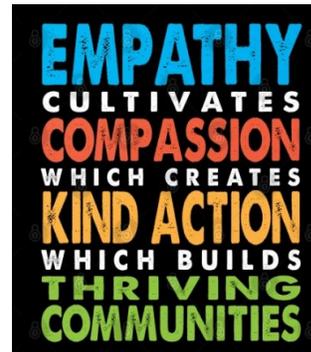
Psychologists have explored many ways that people can work out their care muscles. Some of these techniques not only make people kinder in general, but also help us empathize in circumstances that make doing so difficult, such as encountering people from different social groups like my friend.

Here are some tools psychologists have found to help people connect better:

Meditation. The idea that we can control what we feel may run counter to our beliefs, but other traditions have embraced it for millennia. Contemplative practices such as loving-kindness meditation were developed specifically to help individuals sharpen their empathy, and an [increasing amount of evidence](#) suggests that they work.

In one [dramatic example](#), people practiced loving-kindness meditation for nine months, and researchers scanned their brains before and after training. Remarkably, parts of the brain associated with empathy grew in volume as individuals practiced, suggesting that these techniques can have deep and long-lasting effects.

Storytelling. Where statistics fail to move us, stories succeed. They bring us into one person's perspective,



Learn how to strengthen feelings of kindness and connection toward others: <https://ggia.berkeley.edu/practice/loving-kindness-meditation?ga=2.261539150.298276264.1633491826-2001960343.1633491826>

allow us to resonate with their joy and pain, and are steeped in humanity. In fact, even fictional stories help us to empathize with real people.

Evidence suggests that bookworms grow better at understanding others the more stories they eat through. Even [small "doses" of fiction](#) can make a difference, especially when they connect us with voices from cultures or groups we might not think or care about otherwise.

Friendship. Empathy dissolves when we see the world in terms of "us and them," but it recovers just as quickly when we return to "you and I." Decades of [research](#) demonstrate that when people make close, personal contact with members of other groups, [under the right conditions](#), they experience less prejudice. This is in part because they find it [easier to empathize](#) with that individual's perspective and—by extension—with their group as a whole.

This last principle is what I was going for in calling my old friend. We had stopped being people to each other, but I believed a conversation could bring us back. To do so, we focused not on our opinions, but on how we had gotten to them in the first place. We talked about moments of fear, alienation, and anger, and how much we both feared the hatred that seems to be blooming in our national dialogue. Our conversation didn't make us agree, but it did help us to understand each other, to feel heard, and to remember our common humanity.

I wouldn't have called my friend if I didn't know that people can build their empathy. If it's impossible to change, why waste the energy trying? And indeed, [my own research](#) suggests that people who think of empathy as a trait they can't control empathize lazily—for instance, only when it's easy, or with people in their own tribe. Understanding empathy as a skill empowers and challenges us to decide what we want to do with it, and what type of people we want to become.

The first step toward building our capacity to care is believing we can succeed. Hopefully by now you know you can. What you do with this knowledge—and with your capacity to care more—is up to you.



Voices from the Choir



Some members of our St. Timothy's Choir talk about what it means to them to be able to gather as a group and sing once again after so much time apart.

I can't imagine one of us not missing this activity. We are so deeply invested in singing by virtue of the time required to adequately prepare for the many services which we support throughout the church year. A normal week involves five hours of time at church between rehearsal and service activities. Those hours can be highly variable if one considers evening and special occasion singing. Commuting adds time and expense to the mix. Still, people persist in singing, not only because it is a meaningful addition to the quality of the service but because the personal reward is so great. I've always said that I am the primary beneficiary of my singing due to my many limitations, yet, in combination with the talent of others, the end result is deemed worthwhile so I persist.

Without the requirement for practice and services, my week lacks structure. I have a hard time knowing what day of the week it is. Furthermore, one's voice deteriorates for lack of use resulting in a loss of identity. I'm proud to say I'm in the choir and I haven't been able to say that for the past 19 months.

When in the pews vs. in the choir "stalls," the quality of the exercise is diminished. It just doesn't seem like church to me, after 25 years of being a chorister, if I'm not involved in the liturgical singing. I value the opportunity to be in relationship with the many talented people who make up the choir.



I didn't realize how much my spiritual health depended on singing with the choir until it was suddenly taken from me. Singing engages my whole self in worship. Just speaking prayers or reading them silently, I struggle to feel wholly focused and connected to God and to everyone else. It's like swapping a lavish Thanksgiving dinner for cold gruel in a lonely prison cell. That kind of diet doesn't sustain you for long. Thank God we are back together and can feast on one another's joy, offering prayer with many voices blending!



Being together last Thursday as our choir after 18 months was amazing. What a joy to be together again - we are like family. Mark brings us together like a wonderful shepherd getting our best effort. It feels so good being back together. We really are a caring group of individuals bound together in our love of our liturgy, music, our Church, and each other.



As a designated cantor, I was able to continue to sing solo during live streaming services; but it isn't the same as singing in the choir. Don't get me wrong, I loved being able to share my voice during the restricted singing schedule, but the camaraderie of the choir is something special. It's an extended family that hasn't been able to celebrate our voices in a long time and to finally be back together is beyond words. We are working hard to get back to the level of music we were at pre-lockdown. Like any instrument, we have to practice and retrain our voices. I'm so excited to be back with the choir and look forward to the music we will provide in the coming weeks. Enjoy!!



Is There Church Without Choir?

I have to admit that I'm probably never going to that heavenly rest, but I really had a hard time getting interested in the church services when not participating in the choir. At first I did pretty well, watching the services on zoom, either in real time or at a subsequent time. Then I started just watching the parts of the service involving music – the cantored psalm, offertory solo, prelude and postlude. Then I started just listening to the organ preludes and postludes. Then I stopped completely. Church just wasn't doing anything for me if I wasn't actively participating.

Some saint (maybe Francis?) is credited with saying "Singing is praying twice." That resonates with me. First, one has the words of the song, which praise and glorify God, extol the life and words of Christ, invoke the Holy Spirit, or celebrate our liturgical seasons. All these are varieties of prayer. Secondly we have the music to which these words are set. Music, especially sacred music such as that sung by the choir, draws out emotions from one's heart, or even deeper, that is often entirely unexpected. Perhaps these emotions or their unexpectedness opens us up to God or the Holy Spirit, experiencing wonder, joy, love or need. I want, or more exactly *need* to be a part of being in a choir and attempting to move those who listen. The ability to sing is one of the gracious gifts I have been given by God. It is only right that I should make use of it to praise Him and affect those who worship. I can't do it alone. There is too much incredible sacred music with all the gorgeous harmonies, whether joyful or lamenting, requiring the uniting of voices – the choir. Without the choir, I am lost, feeling no purpose and unnecessary. Now that I am back as a part of the choir, with all my choir family surrounding me, I am at home again in church. Hallelujah! 🎵

Voices from the Choir, cont.

It is wonderful to go back to choir rehearsal and sing in church. Music is such an important part of the liturgy and truly it is a joyful sound. I missed that. I look forward to rehearsals every Thursday, not only for the mental challenge of learning new music but the fellowship. We are a diverse (all levels of musicianship) and caring group of parishioners who love singing! All are welcome so come and join us. Mark is a fabulous choir director, knowing exactly how to encourage us and pull the best from us so that it is fun to work on the music. I must say though that singing with a mask on is quite a challenge, breathing has never been so important. I look forward to the day when masks can come off and we'll make a joyful sound.



Oh, happy days for choir members! It feels SO good to be back together singing again. I've missed the music, and I've missed my friends. I've missed the special way to pray and praise God, and I've missed the relationships. However...

There's the mask dilemma. That was the first challenge I faced when we returned. You see, it's difficult for me to take a deep enough breath without getting a mouthful of mask! I had settled on paper masks for summer since they are cooler—but they definitely get into your mouth more easily than cloth when you inhale. So now for me it's a firm cloth mask with a replaceable filter—they stay in place pretty well.

Mark Scholtz has promised us all special singers' masks like the soloists have been wearing. They have that snout-like appearance that leaves room for air in front of your nose and mouth. Yay! Hopefully we'll have them by the time you read this. Since all choirs want them, they're hard to get.

Some of us are still getting our voices back, hoping something comes out when we open our mouths and intend to sing. So if you're thinking about joining us, this is a good time. We are in an early re-learning mode. We want you! Being in choir is a very special and wonderful experience. I invite you and urge you to give Mark a call.



Discernment Team Update

We have made great progress on the path to welcome our next Rector into our community. After listening to many of you in a series of conversations in May and June, we compiled responses to 11 questions and other information for the Office for Transition Ministry (OTM) form. This form is provided to interested candidates to learn more about us. This step also allowed us to officially seek candidates, and the job posting was put on the Episcopal site.

In addition, we completed a Parish Profile. The style and format of these profiles has changed significantly over the years, and ours is now a series of web pages on our public site. This provides an overview of our church to candidates and provides additional insights to supplement the information provided on the OTM form.

Candidates have until November 15 to submit their information to Rev. Doris Westfall, Canon to the Ordinary, for our

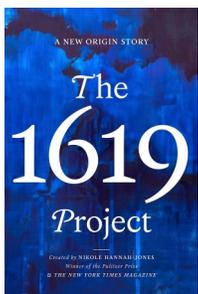
position. She will then screen the candidates and provide them to the Discernment Team to proceed with interviews. So during the next couple of



months, the team will be preparing questions for the interviews as well as what additional stories and information we want to share during the interviews. Given the holiday season, we expect that interviews will continue into early 2022.

Do you know someone who would be a wonderful Rector for us? Know anyone who might? Please share our Parish Profile and encourage candidates to apply. <https://www.saint-tims.org/parish-profile.html>

MORR to Discuss *The 1619 Project*



"Four hundred years ago, in August 1619, a ship carrying more than 20 enslaved Africans arrived in the English colony of Virginia. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the 250 years of slavery that followed." (From *The New York Times Magazine*)

The 1619 Project is a long-form journalism project developed by Nikole Hannah-Jones and writers from The New York Times which "aims to reframe

the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of our national narrative." (*NY Times Magazine*) in addition to the written piece, there is also an accompanying podcast, interactive website, and school curriculum materials. Link to the PDF of the full issue of *The 1619 Project*: <https://archive.org/details/1619project>

On Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m., MORR will host a conversation on this series, inviting all perspectives based on listening or reading the transcript of at least the first episode of the podcast: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/23/podcasts/1619-slavery-anniversary.html> **All are welcome--please join us!**

Report from the Treasurer, August 2021



	2021 Budget	As of August 30	% of Budget
Income	\$675,000	\$459,653	67.95%
Expenses	\$672,678	\$396,457	58.94%
Net Income	\$ 3,822	\$ 63,196	

St. Timothy's has continued to do well since I last reported for June, although our accumulated net income has declined about \$5,000 since then. As a reminder, about \$60,000 of our net income was received from the federal Paycheck Protection Program and will not continue in the future. Without the PPP funds, however, we would still have a small gain for the year so far.

With 66.7% of the year elapsed, our income has been slightly ahead of budget, with about 68% of the budgeted income received during the first two thirds of the year. Expenses are running lower than projected, at about 59% of the annual budget, however, we should see expenses increase as we continue to resume our various activities. We also expect higher maintenance expenses in the coming months.

In August we had to replace two old furnaces in the education building, however the funds had been set aside in a reserve account and didn't impact the budget. We still appear to be on track to finish the year close to budget, but the primary reason for that is the additional income we received from the PPP program.

The coming Stewardship campaign will be extremely important. Our pledge income decreased substantially last year because of the pandemic. If we can reverse that and increase our pledge income over last year, the improved trend will send a strong signal that this parish is resilient and a great place to be for a new Rector and new members alike.

Rick Sharp, Treasurer
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“Hope is being able to see
 that there is light
 despite all of the darkness.”

-Desmond Tutu



Dates to Remember

October Birthdays

6	Ian Pooley
8	Linda Lawless Karen McCollom
9	Janet Loomis
13	Mary Archer Steve Crock
16	Betty Harris Adrian Johnson
17	Sophia Porter
19	Gwendolyn Johnson
21	Laura Denkler

22	Pat Mason
23	Liz Elsaesser Gina Frey
24	Jonathan Buhro
25	Jeff Catalano Jackie Fleck Diane Morgan
26	Jill Bosanquet
29	George Andre Peter Conard
30	Ann Buckman

October Anniversaries

10	Irina & Alex Neupert
11	Heidi & Alfonso Gioia Sue Ann & Joe McAvoy
26	Lori & Jon Hotra
28	Kathleen & Steve Cameron

November Birthdays

1	Beverlee Critchell
2	Carolyn Moore James Moses
6	Janine Bosanquet Daniel Hotra Jan Magers Adrian Moore
7	Christine Jones
8	Nicholas Burch Kathleen Cameron
10	Andrea Johnson
11	Willard Moseley Jane Williamson

12	Robbie Catalano
14	Jane Coughlin
15	Margery Griffith Liam Wyland
16	Tommy Gordon Kudzai Mazhou
17	Ethan Uyemura
18	Leyna Gibbs
19	Tyler Nauman
20	Doug McCollom
21	Ingo Kozak
23	Meghan Collins
25	Judy Maloney Ann Schweiss

27	Cathy Agne Sarah Keeley Uma Segal Ryan Sidor
30	James Spung

November Anniversaries

7	Andrea & Jeff Johnson
24	Pat & Nick Mason Sophia & Donald Mazhou Nancy & Dick Sinise

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

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O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants [as they begin another year], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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

Oct. 3 No Adult Forum—St. Francis Day and a Pet Blessing

Oct. 10 "How Does Bias Impact Our Lives?" – Rev. Chester Hines will discuss unconscious or implicit bias. This occurs when bias is a natural inclination for or against an idea, object, group or individual.

Oct. 17 No Adult Forum due to Family Camp

Oct. 24 "Justice for All" – St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell will talk about steps that are being taken to make policing and prosecution in the U.S. more constitutional - and about additional work that needs to be done in this regard. Part 2 of 2.

Oct. 31 No Adult Forum due to Trunk-Or-Treat

Nov. 7 "Caring for Creation as a Christian Calling" – After a review of the current ecological crisis, especially climate change, we'll explore how the Bible and our theological tradition calls us to partner with God and each other in caring for creation. Dr. Clint McCann, Professor, Eden Theological Seminary.

Nov. 14 "I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food" – Hunger and food insecurity continue to be significant issues facing the U.S. and the world. In this session, we'll explore the scope of the problem, the biblical rationale for feeding the hungry, and some ways to begin to make a difference. Dr. Clint McCann, Professor, Eden Theological Seminary.

Nov. 21 Diocesan Convention Report – Hear from our delegates about the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri's yearly convention.

Nov. 28 No Adult Forum for the Advent Event.

Dec. 5 and 12 Rabbi Daniel Bogard joins us again to share his insights and perspective.

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 and 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.

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