



The **Angler**

Faith Fellowship Service

May
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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO



From the Rector



Dear Beloved St. Timothy's Community,

As we all look forward to summer, I want to let the whole parish know that I will take the opportunity the Vestry has given me to take some sabbatical time. I will be gone from the parish from May 21, the day after the celebration of Pentecost, until July 24. Our own Bishop Wayne wrote of the purpose of the sabbatical in his letter of February 18, 2010:

"For years I have encouraged colleagues in ordained ministry to take substantial time away at regular intervals. I believe that the processes of disengagement from one's community and re-engagement afterward bear fruit, both for the cleric involved and for the community. I have pushed people to make space in that time away for four purposes: sheer rest, self-care, spiritual renewal, and learning for its own sake."

My reason for taking this time is to do just as the Bishop has suggested. One of my life long struggles has been with a compulsion to overwork. I can't tell you how I hunger for just plain rest. I will also use the time to re-establish a long-neglected practice of regular exercise. I am soliciting suggestions for spiritual and professional reading from friends and clergy colleagues. I will spend time strengthening relationships with our extended family. The recent death of my father has reminded me of the value I place on my family of origin. My son-in-law, Dusty, will take me fishing and, of course, there is Penelope, my granddaughter! I will return to St. Timothy's with renewed energy and continue to serve faithfully as your Rector.

Coverage for most of my duties has been coordinated by my Associate, Heidi Carter. All the Sunday services will be covered by our own familiar clergy of the

parish; the Reverend Dr. James H. Purdy, the Reverend Nathaniel Pyron and the Reverend Paul Metzler. The Vestry has decided to suspend Saturday Eucharists until I return, at which time these services will resume. I know that this will be inconvenient for some of you. I ask your patience and offer my appreciation. Heidi is working to finalize the coverage for other pastoral and ancillary duties, including Wednesday morning and Friendship Village services. You will be pleased with the great preaching and worship leadership you will experience during this time.

Senior Warden, Jon Hotra, and Junior Warden, Nancy Setzer, will continue to provide leadership, working on a Vision Statement for the Parish. Your Vestry is strong and committed. The Pastoral Care Team under the leadership of Linda Lawless, fortified with our new Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, is ready to provide the love and care that you need. I leave you in the capable hands of all of these folks, and also my colleagues Mark, David, and Tess. And I am thankful.

In Christ,
Marvin +



St. Tim's History Day

On Sunday, May 6, St. Timothy's celebrated the 50th anniversary of becoming a self-sustaining parish--what we called "History Day!" We enjoyed one combined service, with The Rev. John Danforth delivering the sermon, a catered luncheon following the service, and an amazing "history walk," a display of St. Timothy's history, documents, and memorabilia curated by Archivist Madeline Zwikelmaier. It is rare that we gather as an entire parish, and we all enjoyed wonderful fellowship, including welcoming former rectors Warren Crews and Jack Fleming back into our midst!

In the weeks preceding History Day, some trivia questions—"St. Timothy's Jeopardy"—were posted around the church. See how many of the questions you can answer: (answers elsewhere in the Angler)

1. Who were the first couple married at St. Timothy's?
2. Who was the first female lay reader?
3. What happened to the original farmhouse that served as the first church?
4. What is the name of the cross on the outside of the building?



It Was a Very Good (Program) Year

May is a busy month at St. Timothy's, with many things scheduled as our program year draws to a close. Please take note of the planned activities/reminders:

Sunday, May 13 ◆ Mother's Day Craft Event
We'll have tables set up with crafts you can make for Mom!
In the Gathering Space from 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Sunday, May 20 ◆ Pentecost (**wear red!**)
◆ Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers and
Eucharistic Visitors at 10:45 a.m. service
◆ End of the Year Sunday School Celebration!

Come up to the upper level lobby near the elevator for special treats, outdoor games, and talking with friends as we celebrate another year together learning about our faith.

Monday, May 21 ◆ Father Marvin's sabbatical begins

Sunday, May 27 ◆ Trinity Sunday
◆ Choral Evensong, 5 p.m. (St. Timothy's Choir's last performance of the season)
Reception following service



Hair Today (Leads to) Reading Tomorrow

By Florrie Kohn

On school-day Mondays, Leslie Corey talks hair with a very special kindergartener at Sigel Elementary School. Leslie is not an expert on hair, but she is really good at providing attention to a child who doesn't get enough one-on-one time with adults.

The little girl isn't neglected—Leslie can tell by her creative braids and fancy barrettes that she's loved—but she entered kindergarten last fall a bit behind in her familiarity with books and learning.

Leslie heads up St. Tim's volunteer tutoring program at Sigel. Twelve parishioners, and/or friends of parishioners, participate. OASIS, an intergenerational tutoring program, provides the training. The children provide the enthusiasm, which is how Leslie got started in conversational skills revolving around hair.

Last fall, a Sigel kindergarten teacher identified the little girl as one who could benefit from tutoring. Leslie works with her on recognizing letters, stringing letters into words, reading stories and creating stories, too. But the half-hour always starts with a bit of back and forth about girl's hair: Who braided it this time—her Grandma, her mommy, an aunt or a sister; how she picked out which barrettes and what she'd like to do with her hair tomorrow.

The kindergartener shines as she talks about her family, says Leslie. "She is so sweet and happy and regardless of if we are connecting over hair or working on letters, I get to praise her for what she is doing well."

The St. Tim's tutors commit to helping two children every week over the course of the school year on Monday,



Wednesday or Thursday during the classroom's reading time. The tutors carpool to Sigel, which is located near Lafayette Park. The school serves children in grades K-6. Nearly all of the children are in families that live below the Federal poverty guideline. Often their

parents work multiple low wage, part-time jobs and these parents may not have books at home or time to read to their children.

"We try to get the child who is lagging behind caught up to the rest of the class," says Leslie. "The teachers have a huge responsibility trying to keep the kids safe, giving them a structured environment and providing a good education. When our St. Tim's tutors come in and work with a child one-on-one, the teacher has more time with her other students."

Dr. Hollie P. Russell-West appreciates the effort that St. Tim's tutors make to see each child as an individual.

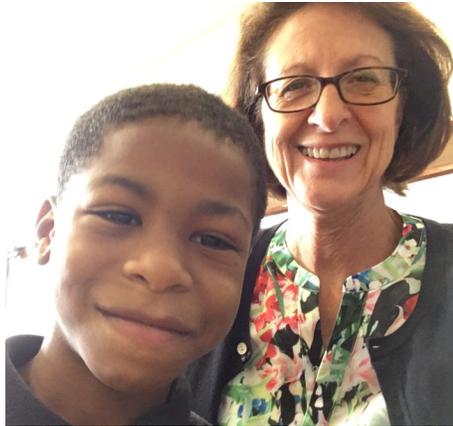
"Each child at Sigel is unique," says Dr. West. "They have unique personalities, strengths and challenges. The volunteers from St. Timothy have been committed to service. Ms. Corey continually finds ways to "do more" to meet the needs of our students and school community. The volunteers have built relationships with our students and they value their tutor-student relationships. Our tutors are instrumental in helping our younger scholars achieve at higher levels. I am grateful for our partnership."

The teachers are incredibly busy, and seldom have time for more than a quick acknowledgement of the tutor's arrival at the classroom. That's OK, says Leslie, as the tutors mean to be unobtrusive—and they are appreciated. For example, Leslie's husband Tony works with a very active boy, who desperately needed socialization. "I had a teacher say that she'd seen a huge difference in the child since Tony started working with him. Tony calmed him down," she said.

Not every kid in the tutoring program comes in as a wild bundle of energy; some like Leslie's kindergartener just really like hair or have never had stories read to them. As a Sigel volunteer tutor, you are assigned to children that kind of fit your personality, says Leslie.

"We are not teachers, we just love kids," says Leslie. "They are adorable. They are kindergarteners who need to learn to talk with others and that letters go from left to right in words. They have active imaginations and really soak up their one-on-one time."

Leslie's second student is one that she's had for two years now. He is in second grade and is beginning to read chapter books, she says. Getting to the point of being able to read was difficult because he struggles to pay attention. She can appreciate the milestone he has reached in considering books that have more words and fewer pictures.



The other tutors have formed special bonds with their kids, too. Judy DeMarco has a multi-year student that will tutor through the summer, after making special arrangements with Sigel and the child's parents. Mimi Butler has committed to twice a week tutoring for one of her assigned children.

Tutoring children who are so thirsty for attention and eager to learn can be addictive, observes Leslie. It can also be sad—about 20% of the children at Sigel live without permanent housing. They stay in shelters or with grandmas or other relatives and move and change schools over and over again. After spring break, the tutors lost three of their students when they abruptly moved out of the school's boundaries. "We lose those children, but the teachers give us new ones to work with. There are always more kids that need us than we have the ability to help," she says.

As much as the Sigel students learn from their tutors, the St. Tim's tutors are learning, too. "We've gotten better at it," says Leslie. The group brings in books that feature African American children who look like the



children at Sigel. They use eraser boards to sketch out tricky letters and simple words. They use their smart phones to look things up and help the children understand unfamiliar concepts like 'barnyard.' And almost without effort, they get very good at talking, thinking and reading about what's important—like hair. There's even a book called "I Like My Hair," says Leslie. It's one of her favorites.

"During the time I spend with the children at Sigel, I feel like the world disappears. There is no place I would rather be than with these precious, beautiful kids," says Leslie.

The tutoring program can always use more volunteers as well as books and activities geared toward kindergartners and illustrated with images that reflect the African American community. This fall, Leslie hopes to expand St. Tim's volunteer program to the preschool program at Sigel Elementary School. In addition to Leslie, volunteering at Sigel are Mimi Butler, Tony Corey, Mary Cronin-Doyle, Judy DeMarco, Jon Fatsinger, Linda Goldstein, Kelly Lachajczyk, Carolyn Moore, Jan O'Neil, Mike O'Neil, and Nancy Setzer,

If you'd like to help or learn more about the program, contact Leslie Corey.



MUSIC NOTES

It really is hard to imagine that we've arrived at the time of year when, in just a few short weeks, the Choir will take a well-deserved holiday. Gosh, it seems as though it was only last week that we were getting back in the swing of things for the Autumn term. In any event, this time of rest will be much appreciated, I suspect, by those who, week after week, sing anthems and provide strong support for our congregational song.

Of course, they will take leave *following* the season's final service of Choral Evensong. Sunday afternoon, 27 May at 5.00, the Choir will sing the Evening Office for Trinity Sunday. Canticles will be from Robert J. Powell's (b. 1932) St. James Service, and the anthem will be *God, that madest earth and heaven* by St. Louis composer Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960). It is based upon the Welsh Melody *Ar Hyd y Nos*. As always, Kate and Eric Buckley will host a splendid, end-of-season reception in the Gathering Space following the service.

This summer, in addition to our splendid Cantors, we will host a number of talented member and guest musicians at the 10.45 service. I am confident that they will lend lovely enrichment to our morning services.

Please consider joining us for Evensong. I suspect that you'll be glad that you did.

Pax,

Mark

Mark R. Scholtz
Director of Music



Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers & Eucharistic Visitors

St. Timothy's Eucharistic Ministers (EM) and Eucharistic Visitors (EV) will be commissioned on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th at the 10:45 Holy Eucharist services. An EM is a lay person trained and authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. An EV is further trained to take Holy Communion to shut-in parishioners at a home, hospital or other setting. We are blessed that a large group of our parishioners have trained and serve in this ministry. If you wish to discern your call to this special ministry for a future training class, speak with Fr. Marvin or Fr. Paul.

Sabbatical Information

Our St. Tim's parish family will be well-tended during Father Marvin's sabbatical. All Pastoral Care emergency calls (24/7) will go to Parish Administrator Tess Barcey. She will work with the Chair of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team, Linda Lawless, and they will coordinate care via Ministry Team Member, Eucharistic Visitor, Clergy Visit, or other response as appropriate to the situation. *Thank You*

Report from the Treasurer, March 2018



Target revenues and expenses for 3 months (Budget %)	25.00%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 3 months	28.05%
Actual expenses for 3 months	24.12%

Overall income was down somewhat, coming in at \$36,800. This was not unexpected due to the large amount of income we received in January from parishioners giving in advance for 2018 in December 2017. There was a deficit of \$16,000 for the month of March. On a Year-to-Date basis, however, income is still running ahead of budget and expenses are slightly below budget leaving us with a YTD surplus of \$23,900. The only unusual expense in March was for the purchase of new permanent play furniture for the nursery which amounted to \$1,705.

The March income numbers do not include any income from Holy Week or Easter. That income will appear on the April reports. So far, income in April is looking strong.

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

- The Finance Committee



May Dates to Remember

May Birthdays

1	Derrick Brauner	12	Linda Lambert
	Nathaniel Pyron	13	Noah Agne
3	Rick Sharp		Rob Muschany
4	Jan O'Neil	14	Debbie Smith
	Monika Volkhardt	16	Alonzo Collins
5	AJ Becker		Jared McAvoy
	Bill Dunworth	17	Julia Holland
	Sara Vanacht		Nancy Summers
6	Grant Schuerman	20	Ryleigh Miles
10	Philip Bosanquet	22	Loryn McCullough
	Sheila Morse		Tedlin Schuering
	Blaine Stone	23	Betsy Gee
	Mike Thake	24	Vishal Viswambharan
11	Brendan Johnson	29	Michael Hotra

May Anniversaries

1	Laura & Jeff Catalano
4	Mitzi & Rob Uyemura
7	Mary Lou Blackhurst & Jim Hinrichs
9	Louann & Craig Boyd
14	Becky & Blair Porter
19	Lenene & George Andre Jessica & John O'Bryan
20	Kimi & Andy Becker
21	Debbie & Wayne Smith
27	Kellie & David Aldrich
29	Stephanie & Marshall Smith
30	Florrie & Frank Kohn
31	Jane & Cletus Coughlin

Daytimers go to the Moon!

**DESTINATION
MOON**
THE APOLLO 11 MISSION



Join the Daytimers on Tuesday, May 29 for a trip to the St. Louis Science Center for [Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission](#), a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution that includes the command module *Columbia* that orbited the moon, as well as other artifacts from the first successful lunar mission. After our visit, we'll have lunch at an area restaurant. Cost is \$8 for seniors, \$10 for adults + lunch. We'll meet at church at 9:15 am to carpool. Contact [Karen Sharp](#) with questions.

Houston, we hope you can join us!

HELP WANTED!

Seeking a photo software-savvy person to maintain the photo display on the Gathering Space monitor. Duties include photo sourcing (our Facebook page, members' photos), cropping and formatting the photos, then loading them onto a USB drive. Let the [office](#) know if you are interested. Would require 2 - 3 hours per month. Thank you!

St. Tim's Trivia Answers

1. Nancy Orthwein and David Metcalfe on May 11, 1962
2. Mary Lewis, on Oct. 20, 1974
3. The Creve Coeur Fire Department condemned it, saying it was too dangerous to be used as classroom space for the Sunday School
4. The Jerusalem Cross

(How many did you get right?)

Events in March

Sunday, May 6

- History Day! One combined service 10 a.m., Lunch following

Thursday, May 10 & 24

- Babies, Toddlers & Twos Parent Group 9:30 - 11 a.m., Nursery

Sunday, May 13

- Mother's Day Craft Event , 9:40-10:40 am in Gathering Space

Sunday, May 20

- Pentecost (**wear red!**),
- Sunday School End-of - the-Year Party, 9:40am

- Commissioning of EMs/EVs, 10:45 a.m.
- Adult Forum, "Youth & Addiction" 9:40 a.m.

Sunday, March 27

- Trinity Sunday
- Choral Evensong, 5pm Reception following

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