

JESUS IS ALIVE!

He is not here;
for he has been raised. —Matthew 28:6

Easter, 2010

Dear Friends,

We may have heard someone tell us, "Didn't I tell you that I would do that?" We may have said the same words to someone else. In every relationship we have, we pay attention to the history of the promises that are made. Are the promises forgotten or kept? Can I count on them to do what they said

they would do? Can others trust me to do the same? Nearly 2000 years ago, on the first day of the week, followers of Jesus went to anoint His body, which they had seen placed in a tomb. They were met by two men (angels) who said to them, "Remember how He told you...that He must be crucified, and on the third day rise again?" They were being asked, "Didn't He tell you He'd rise again?" The followers were learning that they could trust Jesus; they found Jesus to be trustworthy. In our day, we are reminded that He can be counted on to: love us, forgive us, show us the way, and turn the end into a new beginning. I wish you a joyous Easter and invite you to attend as many of the Holy Week services and activities as you can.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Albert A. Jennings

Holy Week Services and Activities:

March 28, **Palm Sunday** 8:30 am & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
March 31, **Wednesday**, 6:00 pm Potluck, 6:45 pm Tenebrae Service
April 1, **Maundy Thursday**, 6:00 pm Lamb Dinner, 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist
April 2, ***Good Friday**, 7:30 pm Service
April 3, **Saturday**, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil
April 4, **** Easter Day**, 8:30 am & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

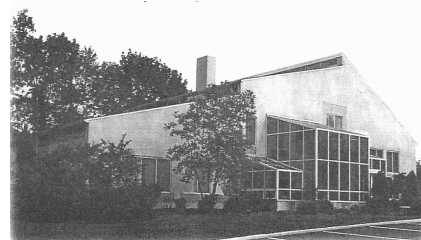
***The Good Friday Offering will be given to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.**

**** The Easter Offering will be given to the City Mission in Cleveland and Episcopal Relief and Development to help the earthquake victims in Haiti.**

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

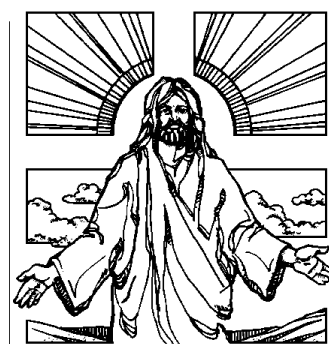
St. Timothy's Mission: To celebrate Christ's healing love through worship, fellowship, and outreach.



APRIL, 2010

FROM THE VESTRY

1. We approved the 2010 Parochial Report.
2. We heard that we are slowly collecting donations for the purchase of a heart defibrillator. (AED).
3. We picked several dates for upcoming activities.
4. We decided to forego the Church Picnic this spring because of busy/crazy schedules. Instead, we will have hot dogs and a potluck at church, on June 13 after 10:30 am service.
5. We heard that the Sunday Schoolers have already planted their plant seeds. They are hoping for a bumper crop of tomatoes and flowers to sell later in the spring.
6. We were notified that we received a bequest from the estate of Betty Palmer.
7. We heard that the Youth Group has been watching a movie on the life of Jesus.
8. We were told to be prepared to contract with an architect at our April meeting. (The Next Steps Committee will be meeting with him in several weeks.)



"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen."
Luke 24:5

ECW NEWS

On Saturday, February 27, 2010, the Annual ECW meeting was called to order. First order of the day was to enjoy the varied and wonderful breakfast dishes prepared by our talented cooks. Thanks to all who helped set up, cook, and clean up after the meeting.

The following officers were elected: President is Mary Rallya; Vice-President is Nancy Nadin; Secretary is Gayle Landers; Treasurer is Mary Ann Richmond.

April will be a busy month for the ECW. A spring deanery luncheon will be held at St. Tim's on April 14. Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Gay Jennings. April 17 is the date for the Progressive Dinner, the theme of which is "Be a Sleuth", or find the secret ingredient(s). Mark your calendars for these two dates; both events will be interesting and fun-filled. We are looking forward to seeing you at these important April events.

Thank you from Mary Rallya.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The ECW sponsored Progressive Dinner will be Saturday, April 17.
2. Our next Church Breakfast will be Sunday, April 18, at 9:30 am. There will be a sign-up sheet at church. Let's enjoy breakfast together and spend time with people from the "other" worship service!
3. Spring Spaghetti Dinner & raffle is Friday, April 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
4. African Team Ministry Jewelry Sale will be April 18—May 2.
5. Spring UTO ingathering is May 2.
6. The Rummage Sale is May 7 & 8.
7. Our first Aeros game is May 14, 7:00 pm.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bishop Hollingsworth's Visit

On Sunday, March 14, Bishop Hollingsworth visited St. Timothy's. He preached a very good sermon on the Prodigal Son, or "two lost sons", as he called it. He celebrated the Eucharist; he confirmed Margaret McDonald, received Mary Prince, and affirmed Karen Rockwell as she reaffirmed her faith. He ate a delicious meal, and finally, he met with the Vestry. It was a full day for all of us. The parking lot was overflowing with double-parked cars. It was the first time we used our new dishes. Special thanks to Marjorie McDougle who cooked and organized a fantastic potluck lunch. The bishop was very positive and encouraging of our current ministry and of our plans.

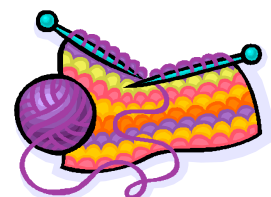
Recommendations from Natural Church Development being enacted.

The Natural Church Development Team recommended six action steps to assist us developing and deepening our passionate spirituality. Several of them are currently taking place:

- 1.) In an effort to communicate more effectively about our life and ministry to each other, we are adding a new section to the *Tidings*. It is entitled "About Us and Our Life and Ministry". So, look for this new addition. Also, we will have a short talk in announcement time about this subject, as well.
- 2.) In an effort to "serve Christ in others", we are looking for one or more hands-on Outreach projects that we can get involved in. Please fill out the survey found in this *Tidings* if you are interested in this.
- 3.) In an effort to explore alternative worship services, we are having worship services on the Wednesday nights in Lent (6:45 pm). We are utilizing different liturgies, including Evening Prayer, Compline, Taize, and Celtic worship. It is our intent to begin offering a once a month Sunday Evening Worship Service later this spring.

Needles & Hooks

All completed articles for the Seamen's Institute need to be turned in to Mary Ann Richmond or Sandy Rockwell by Sunday, April 18. Thanks to all who have clacked the needles together this year.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Progressive Dinner

The ECW will host the Annual St. Tim's Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 17, 2010. If you have not ever come to a Progressive Dinner, I'm sorry, as you have missed one of the most delightful events of the St. Timothy's family year! If you have, I'm sure that you will want to come again!

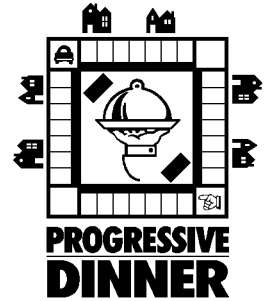
Each year the St. Timothy's ECW provides about \$1,400 in support to worthy causes far and wide; and also here at St. Tim's. The Progressive Dinner is one of just 2 FUNdraisers of the ECW – it and the Cookie Sale provide us with the means to make those important donations.

Hosts this year are: Nancy & Jim Nadin (Sagamore Hills) for Appetizers, Sheryl & Dwain Johnson (Hudson) for the Main Course, and Sandy & Karen Rockwell (Northfield Center) for Dessert.

The theme this year is "Be a Sleuth" – each person will be asked to incorporate one (or more) of 15 ingredients in their culinary offering. A prize will be awarded to the best culinary sleuth with the most correct guesses of the mystery items(s) in each dish.

Look for the sign-up sheet and info. We hope to see you, and taste YOUR offering for St. Tim's on April 17.

Suzy Jameson & Karen Rockwell, co-chairs



UNITED THANK OFFERING UTO

Report on fall '09 Ingathering: 42 parishes - \$15,858.

5 Parishes in our old Western Reserve Deanery—\$2,376.34.

Grants to our Diocese made July, 2009, to St. Luke's, West Side Cleveland, for ventilation in the gym/community room where family dinner is served to 100-120 people every Wednesday after prayers. They also do health screenings, voter registration, education, and healing services.

Total Grants— \$2,500,000 + in US and around the world. It's never too late to start: a prayer for thanks and a coin each day. Pick up a Blue Box at church. Our next Ingathering is Sunday, May 2.



Ronald McDonald House & Can Pull Tabs

Did you know? The facility in University Circle has 37 rooms at \$20 per night for families with a child in treatment at area hospitals. A family takes care of its own meals, laundry, and room as their contribution. There are cooperative meals and volunteer groups also provide some meals. Money received from recycling pull tabs helps provide some extras and defrays operation costs. Room income covers about 13% of the operating budget. Keep pulling those tabs!

Thank you from Mary Ann Perry, (another coin !) 330.467.6431 with your questions.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Spring Rummage/Bake/Plant Sale Friday May 7 and Saturday May 8

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

1. Bring your household/clothing/furniture donations starting Sunday May 2nd. We will be here every night 7-9 for collection. Most likely someone will also be here during the day the week prior to the sale. Call the church first to make sure someone is here. **No TVs, stereo equipment or computers** please. . . if they don't sell, Goodwill won't take them.

If you need help getting larger items here, call Pat at 216.314.3880 to arrange a pickup.

2. Bakery can be brought in Thursday evening. See the sign up sheet in the back of the church to let us know what you will be making. We will package and price. Ask Judy H. if you have questions about what to make.

3. Perennials that you are dividing and thinning are welcome for the Plant Sale. Bring already potted up, or in a container that we can transplant from. Other garden tools/items sell well too.

4. Try to price your clothing and household goods. It is a mammoth task to try to do it all in one week. There will be pricing guidelines in the back of the church for your use.

5. Tell your friends about our sale. The more people we can get here, the more we sell. We will have flyers in the back of the church. Take a flyer and post it somewhere.

6. Sign up to help out pricing and sorting the week prior. It's fun to see what comes in. Sign up to help the day of. You will never look at rummage sales the same again.

Why do we do a rummage sale??

Our General Fund will realize \$5000 this year from our two sales.

Community Outreach – it's a way to help families with limited means.

Fellowship – The shared experience of pulling together for a common goal.

Thank you,

Judy Horvath & Pat Sadatki , Co-chairs



Are you computer savvy or illiterate? If you have high speed internet, and you get email, you could access this newsletter online and save St. Tim's some time and postage, and maybe save a few trees.

Those who receive The Tidings in email can even print off the pages they need, like the Outreach survey this month. Most folks print the servers schedules and calendar each month, as needed. Email us your preferred email or fill in the list on the clipboard at church.

FUND RAISING

Reminder, six weeks until the **Spaghetti Dinner!!!!** As we have requested many times...if you have an item or know of an establishment or have any donation suggestions for the raffle, let us know. We will have a short Fund Raising Committee meeting on Sunday, April 11...the Sunday after Easter. Watch for the sign up sheets after Easter in the back of the church. We hope to have a number of individuals willing to help out. Questions, please call Judy or Jean.



Thank you, Jean Bellamy & Judy Horvath

ABOUT US AND OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

The Mission Area Formerly Known As The Deanery

This year the Diocese rearranged and enlarged its deaneries and called them mission areas, in an effort to promote a more organized and cohesive use of networking and interaction among churches of varying sized and needs. The hope is that the mission area members will be more able to assist one another and do more for the community at large.

The major differences between the deanery and the mission area are size and geography. The deanery had five churches: Ravenna, Kent, Hudson, Macedonia and the one church in Medina; and was sort of horse shoe shaped, leaving out a large area in the center. The mission area adds four more churches in Akron and Cuyahoga Falls and includes churches in Wadsworth and Barberton, thus forming a large circle of twelve churches. This accessibility allows many more possibilities for all members.

I was not privy to the operations of the deanery, as this is my first involvement at this level, however, I see these changes as very positive for St. Tim's and the eleven other churches involved with us. This larger network can only benefit each member-church as it works toward its individual mission.

So, be on the look out for new ideas coming to St. Tim's from our involvement with our new mission area.

Kimberly Krueger

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Betty Palmer's Memorial Service

Bill and I want to thank everyone who helped make the memorial service on Saturday, March 13 for Betty Palmer, Bill's mother, so beautiful. The care, thought and kindness that went into your efforts allowed the service to go smoothly, leaving us and other family members and friends with lovely memories. You all did Betty proud and St. Timothy's too.

Suzanne Palmer

MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results for February 2010 compared to the budget:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	\$33,591.53	\$19,472.00	\$14,119.53
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	<u>23,241.36</u>	<u>22,283.00</u>	<u>(958.36)</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	10,350.17	2,811.00	13,161.17

Church Operating Equity: \$20,041.19

February receipts were only \$183 under budget despite having the reduction in monthly pledges of approximately \$1000 per month from full-year pledges being paid in January. Increased February giving was due primarily to higher than budgeted non-pledge giving and contributions from the Pancake Supper. Equity remains over \$20,000 and now looks like it may remain that way throughout the year. Currently, expenses are being paid when they are due. Our financial health continues to be excellent. Year-to-date pledge donations are 55.7% over budget (budgeted at \$17,302.00, received \$26,947.50). Year-to-date expenses are 4.3% over budget, primarily due to a few unanticipated January-February expenses: a new television being purchased for the youth room; a new filing cabinet (for the Treasurer!); new checks being ordered; additional snow removal costs and; insurance premiums that were had their due dates changed.

Finally, after several phone calls and discussion with TD Ameritrade, the broker for the Peterson bequest, I found out that some of participants in the bequest have been given their monies from the account. I also found out that we would be forgoing only a small amount of money if we requested fund distribution at this time. Vestry voted on Monday to request our funds from TD Ameritrade and we should be receiving them within the next month. These funds will be placed in the Building and Grounds Fund in the New Construction sub-account for our use in Next Steps.

Overall, 2010 remain a positive year financially. St. Tim's truly is blessed.



Jim Dudziak



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