

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



AUGUST, 2011

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

As the people of Israel began their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, they quickly became disheartened. They were hungry; they were not used to the travel; they doubted in God; they complained to and about Moses. Incredibly, some even wished they had never left Egypt. Biblical scholars refer to these episodes as "the murmuring in the wilderness". Most of us could probably relate to that feeling. God did not leave the people alone in their murmuring; God acted and miraculously provided for them – meat in the evening in the form of birds and in the morning, bread/manna a flaky substance they found on the ground. On the sixth day of the week, a double portion was provided so that the Sabbath (the seventh day) required no work, no labor. They found that they were given enough food each day. The people found that they could trust God to provide for them one day at a time. God did this until they entered the Promised Land, forty years later.

This attitude was reinforced by Jesus when he said, "do not worry about tomorrow... today's trouble is enough for today." Many self-help groups and 12 Step groups encourage living life "one day at a time".

None of us are literally wandering in the wilderness, but we may feel as though we are adjusting to new realities or are having anxiety about our lives. I am not suggesting that we should not plan or set intermediate and long-term goals; we need to do this important work, too. I think we can get into trouble when we don't plan for the future; we also miss much when we don't take life one day at a time. So, know where you believe God wants you to go, but don't get too far in front of yourself. I am moved deeply when I see the circumstances that many find themselves in, and yet, they are living faithfully and fully. I know how they do it. They are taking one day at a time. So am I.

Albert

IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Deaths: Maryealce Florence.

"Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord."

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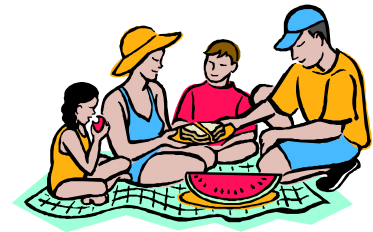


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The deadline for
September *Tidings* is
Tuesday,
August 15, 9 am.

FROM THE VESTRY

1. We were reminded of Bishop William's upcoming visit to St. Timothy's on October 23.
2. We received a progress report on the parking lot project. The city has approved the plans. Several other government agencies are now reviewing the plans.
3. We picked the date for our next church breakfast: Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 am.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Sunday, August 28, 10:30 am Worship in Sagamore Hills Park, followed by the church picnic.
2. Sunday, September 11, 9:30 am, Church Breakfast.
3. Sunday, September 11, Kick-Off Sunday.
4. Diocesan Convention will be November 11 & 12 in Warrensville Heights



Bishop Williams is visiting in October. If you would like to be confirmed, received or reaffirm your faith when the bishop is here with us on October 23, please talk to Albert.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

United Thank Offering



Much to be thankful for - stop each morning and reflect, offer a "thank you" to God and a coin to your Little Blue Box. And you can bet that you'll recognize many more "thank you" prayers to offer during the course of the day. Strange how setting the tone of the day in the morning affects the whole day.

Never tried it - pick up a Little Blue Box at entry table and try it. ??? see Mary Ann P

Ronald McDonald House

Just keep pulling those tabs - soup cans, pet cans, pop cans, any pull tabs. They're light as air, but added to many others and they make a big difference to keep this wonderful respite/home for families with very ill children in area hospitals. It's so easy - just set up a collection jar or mug. ??? see Mary Ann P

RECIPE CORNER

(Submit your favorite recipes in email or in print; see the large envelope in the clipboard rack.)

When you want chicken but are tired of typical BBQ sauces, try this!

Cornell Chicken Marinade

- ½ C olive oil
- ½ C lemon juice
- ¾ TBS poultry seasoning (or your favorite herbs)
- ½ tsp pepper (fresh ground is best)
- 1 egg

Beat the egg. Pour oil & lemon juice in a bowl. Add remaining ingredients & mix thoroughly. Pour over the chicken pieces in a container. Stir well, so all chicken is soaking. Chill over night. You can either baste or not when cooking.

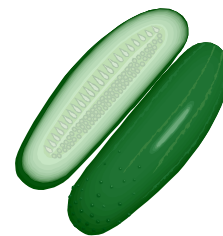
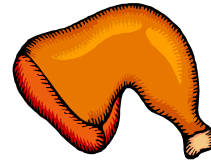
When you want to use that garden produce & you want something light and refreshing, try this cool summer soup!

Cucumber Soup

- Empty a 32 oz container of plain yogurt into a large bowl; use low fat, if you choose. Stir until smooth. Save the container for Sunday School plant sale!
- Peel & remove seeds of 1 medium cucumber
- Dice/grate/food process that cucumber into a slurry.
- add 1 tsp dried mint (can use a mint tea bag)
- add 3 TBS wine vinegar
- Add 1 tsp chopped fresh dill
- Stir thoroughly and chill.

Can add filtered water to thin if needed. Makes +1 qt.

Do you have a family recipe you would like to share? Email it to us or put a printed copy in the big brown envelope by the clipboards. Tell us the story of where you got the recipe and what makes it special.



Special note: Can we email this newsletter to you? Help us save postage, time, and paper by receiving the *Tidings* online, color version.

MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results for year-to-date June 2011 compared to the budget:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	\$94,737.69	\$61,063.00	33,674.69
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	<u>63,718.25</u>	<u>62,230.00</u>	<u>(1,488.25)</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	31,019.44	(1,167.00)	32,186.44

Church Operating Equity: \$65,496.12

June 2011 receipts were \$2,227 under budget primarily due to current year pledges being paid in February and receiving \$1000 in June pledge payments at the end of May. Non-pledge income year-to-date continues to be ahead of budget (over \$1,800 ahead) and most other income areas are ahead as well. Pledge income, outside of the one-time pledge payment is even for the year. This is still very good sign compared to other years where pledges generally lagged behind, especially in the "Dog Days of Summer." We continue to keep our pledges as current as possible.

The one area where we continue to lag behind in revenue is in Altar Flower Contributions. We have only received \$335 through June compared to a budget of \$455. We have always tried to have donations for Altar Flowers be roughly equal to the expense for the year. I continue to encourage you to consider dedicating a contribution for Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special date. It is a beautiful remembrance and it helps the parish offset costs as well.

Expenses year-to-date are \$1,488 over budget due to a variety of issues. The main reason for being over budget has been the purchase of durable goods (chairs, tables, etc) that were not budgeted and the higher than expected. We have taken off another \$500 off of last month's expense deficit (\$2,000) and should be able to continue to do so throughout the remainder of the year through frugal spending.

Money from the Building & Grounds Fund – New Construction Account is being used to research new expansion for the Church and to provide initial funds for that expansion. Contributions from memorials continue to be transferred to the fund and the money is invested in a combination of bank accounts, money market accounts and stocks. The balance in the New Construction account is \$164,423 (up about \$1,000 from May), with approximately 28% of those funds still invested in the stock market. We plan to use some of those funds this year to expand the parking lot. We hope to fund the parking lot expansion through a combination of New Construction funds, Grants from the Diocese and donations to the fund from parishioners. We will keep you informed of any updates regarding costs and a pledge drive.

We continue to pay all our bills on time and we keep positive equity. Keep St. Tim's in your prayers and help when and how you can. St. Tim's continues to be blessed.

Jim D



WORSHIP SCHEDULE for AUGUST, 2011

	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
ALTAR GUILD	MARY R Maureen L	JUDY H Pauline N	MARILYN P Marianne M	SANDY R Marjorie
ACOLYTES	Mike H	Karen R	Ethan D	Lily S Lauren S
HOSPITALITY	Cheryl M Suzanne	Karen R Sandy R	Nancy-Anne Lois O	Pauline N Jim D
GREETERS	Joan P	Mary R	Mary P	Marianne M
USHERS	Joan P Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Mavis Mike M	Cliff P Phil W
COUNTERS	Jim D Lois O	Mavis Bill P	Nancy-Anne Sandy D	Jim D Mike M
SEASON	8th Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i>	9th Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i>	10th Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i>	11th Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i>
PROPER	14, PS 105 Rite II	15, PS 133 Rite II	16, PS 124 Rite II	17, PS 105, Rite II
CHALICE BEARER	Jim D	Marjorie	Mary Ann P	Anne P
1ST LESSON	Gayle L	Peter D	Pat S	Mara D
2ND LESSON	Suzanne	Barb S	Norb K	Kelly K
INTERCESSOR	Jim D	Marjorie	Mary Ann P	Bill P
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If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.



August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	3	4 6:00 p Lay Weeders	5	6 8:00 p AA meeting
7 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	8	9 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	10 6:00 p Potluck Program 8:00 p Education Mtg	11	12	13 8:00 p AA meeting
14 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	15 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	16 9:00 a <i>Tidings</i> deadline Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	17 6:00 p Potluck Program	18 6:00 p Lay Weeders	19	20 8:00 p AA meeting
21 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p Nursing Home service	22	23 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	24	25 1:00 p Needles & Hooks	26	27 8:00 p AA meeting
28 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist & church picnic at Sagamore Hills Park	29	30 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	31 6:00 p Potluck Program			