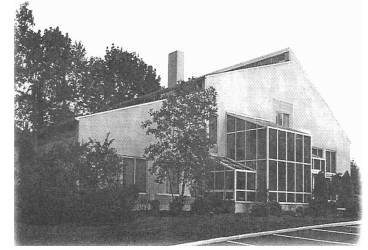


ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE TIDINGS

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



## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

*While I was on silent retreat earlier this month, I found myself writing down and reflecting on some of the things I observed. I share it with you to give you a slice of life at a retreat.*

### Hot Lemon Poppy Seed Muffins

The yellow letters that were written on the glass sign were surrounded by wavy circles of bright colors—sort of like “breaking news,” pay attention to this,” or “big announcement.” The words inside the circles read “Hot Lemon Poppy Seed Muffins.”

The retreatants at this particular retreat are mostly Roman Catholic priests and nuns. There are a few Roman Catholic lay ministers. And there are a few clergy from other denominations, like me, an Episcopal priest. But, it's largely an experienced, disciplined, celibate, and obedient group.

On this, our third day of silence, we have begun to settle in—to find our routines, to get used to the silence, and even to find some freedom in it. For me, at this point, every noise is louder than usual—the squeaking of a shoe, the scrape of a spoon in a bowl, a sniff, a chair's leg skidding on the floor. In the main building people walk more slowly than usual with kind of a quiet intent, almost moving about as a shadow.

People wear relatively plain and comfortable clothes and shoes. Except for the one man who has worn a different “Philadelphia Phillies World Series Champion” t-shirt every day; he clearly loves the Phillies. Maybe I notice because my home team the Cleveland Indians haven't won the World Series since 1948. Even in reflective silence, I cannot escape my own jealousy.

At meal time, while seated at the table, we look at the food in front of us. Generally, our eyes focus on the plate and the twelve inches around it. If someone sits across from us at the table, we rarely look at each other in the eye.

So, it was more than slightly incongruous that during this time of silence and the related drop in external stimuli, that a multi-color sign would be there, particularly at breakfast. The sign was clearly and proudly written by the kitchen staff. This was an opportunity I could not let go by, so I decided to try one of the muffins. They were right; it was still hot. I put butter on it; it melted quickly. (No bland, healthy spread for this treat.) It was delicious. It was the most sensual experience that I had experienced in three days. Even the elderly Jesuit priest who used the wheeled walker, seemed to have an extra spring to his step as he moved toward the tray. He smiled when he picked up one of the muffins and placed it on his plate; I believe that I heard a quiet “Mmmmm.” For a silent retreat, that's extreme enthusiasm and pleasure.

**Albert**

AUGUST, 2010



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## FROM THE VESTRY

- We heard that Ann Pillot, a candidate for the Diaconate, would be joining us for the next 6-12 months.
- We decided that it was time to replace the church's computer.
- We heard that the Next Steps Committee had met with the architect to begin discussing possible building options.
- We heard that the Education Committee is developing plans for Church School and Youth Group.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, **August 7**, at 9:00 am, we will work at a Habitat for Humanity house doing landscaping.
2. Sunday, **September 12**, we will hold Kick-Off Sunday.
3. Sunday, **September 12**, at 9:30 am, we have our quarterly Church Breakfast.
4. **October 1 & 2** is the fall Rummage Sale.
5. Sunday, **October 3**, we will have a collection for the Church Periodical Club (CPC).

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Diocese of Ohio** has requested an updated parish list, including email addresses, so that all members could receive "ChurchLife" via email. If you do not wish your email address to be released to the Diocese, please email the office with your name. The Diocese assures us that email addresses are to be used for Diocesan business only.

## CHOIR NOTES

Next Choir practice is **Wednesday, Aug 11 at 7:30**, for the following Sunday's anthem. Choir planning meeting is Wednesday, Aug 18 at 6:30 p.m. to pick music for the first few weeks of the Fall season. Weekly choir practices resume Wednesday Sep 1 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday Sep 12 will be the first Sunday the choir will sing on the regular schedule (no choir on Labor Day weekend).



Rick D



## THOUGHT FOR FOOD



### WATERMELON GAZPACHO

- 3 ripe medium sized tomatoes, cored and seeded
- 5 cups seedless watermelon, diced
- ¼ medium Vidalia, or other sweet onion, peeled and cut into small chunks (or more to taste)\*
- 1 medium (or half a large) English cucumber unpeeled
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and minced (optional, I don't use this)
- ¼ cup packed fresh basil leaves
- ¼ cup extra virgin oil
- 1-1/2 TBS fresh lemon juice
- Coarse sea salt or kosher salt to taste
- Coarsely ground black pepper to taste

Using a food processor or blender, puree tomatoes and watermelon, then add rest of ingredients and puree until very smooth. Refrigerate several hours till thoroughly chilled. Serve in glasses, with ice if desired. May be thinned with a little water. \*Onions can vary tremendously so adjust the amount of onion to taste.

Suzanne P

## MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results for year-to-date June 2010 compared to the budget:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	\$92,005.26	\$63,092.00	28,913.26
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	<u>62,230.17</u>	<u>62,196.00</u>	<u>(34.17)</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	29,775.09	896.00	28,879.09

Church Operating Fund Equity: \$39,466.11

June receipts were \$1,800 under budget primarily due to the reduction in monthly pledges from full-year pledges being paid earlier in the year. Non-pledge giving for the month was more than double the budget (\$1,445 received). Equity is just under \$40,000 to help us through the lean summer giving months and throughout the remainder of the year. Currently, expenses are being paid when they are due. Our financial health continues to be excellent. Year-to-date pledge donations are 23.6% over budget (budgeted at \$53,426.00, received \$63,285.00). This amount is inflated by \$11,787 in pledges that have been pre-paid for the year. Excluding the pre-paid pledges, we are \$1,928 behind (3.6% under budget) in pledges for the year. Please try to keep your pledges up-to-date during the summer if you can.

Year-to-date expenses are right on budget because we are watching our expenses carefully. Overall, 2010 remains a positive year financially. St. Tim's continues to be blessed.

Jim D



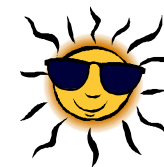
## *Tidings* WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR August, 2010

	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	SANDY R Marjorie M	NANCY N Mary P	MARILYN P Marianne M	JUDY H Pauline N	MARY R Maureen L
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Mike H	Ellie D	Norb K	Karen R	Mike H
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Nancy-Anne Lois O	Marjorie M Judy S	Allen W Bill P	Mara D Rick D	Fred N Terri N
<b>GREETERS</b>	Mary R	Linda S	Joan P	Marianne M	Mary P
<b>USHERS</b>	Mavis R Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Mavis R Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Mike M Cliff P
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Mavis R Mike M	Sandy D Lois O	Jim D Bill P	Mavis R Nancy-Anne	Sandy D Mike M
<b>SEASON</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>
	Proper 13	Proper 14	Proper 15	Proper 16	Proper 17 Morn prayer &H E
	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>	Mary Ann P	Marjorie M	Nancy-Anne	Jim D	Karen R
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON</b>	Kelly K	Norb K	Judy S	Sandy R	Kelly K
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON</b>	Lois O	Suzanne P	Mara D	Gayle L	Cheryl M
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Mary Ann P	Marjorie M	Bill P	Barb S	Pat S
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If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.



# August 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 p Finance Mtg</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 p AA Mtg 8:00 p AA Mtg</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 p Lay Weeders</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:15 a Habitat for Humanity Outreach 8:00 p AA Mtg</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 p AA Mtg 8:00 p AA Mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 p Worship Committee 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Education Mtg</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 p AA Mtg</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 a Tidings deadline 12:00 p AA Mtg 8:00 p AA Mtg</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 p Lay Weeders</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 p AA Mtg</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 p AA Mtg 8:00 p AA Mtg</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 p Potluck Program</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 p AA Mtg</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 a Morning Prayer &amp; Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Morning Prayer &amp; Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:00 p AA Mtg 8:00 p AA Mtg</p>				