

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

Keep track of what time it is.

I recently needed to arrange a meeting; I was struck by the number of different ways people kept track of their schedules. Some, like me, had small yearly paper calendars. Others had their schedules on their computers. Still others had it on their hand-held "personal information devices". One person needed no calendar, as he kept track of everything in his head. We all found an agreeable date and had a successful meeting.

Not only do we keep track of our schedules differently, but we are engaged in many different cycles and ways of focusing our time. We operate on a yearly calendar that starts in January. We also operate on the school calendar which runs from September to June. We may need to organize our time around medical treatment or doctor visits.

Then there is the growing season – plant in spring; harvest in fall. We may organize our financial lives around the paying of big bills or the days we need to pay taxes. It is remarkable that we stay on track with so many things going on in us and around us! At church, we operate on a liturgical calendar; it begins in Advent, (this year, November 28). Sometimes our family schedules are based on holidays, vacations, and hobbies.

Having a focus or a way to organize our lives helps keep us grounded. A focus helps us pay attention to where we are and where we are going. But, if we don't occasionally stop for reflection, we may find ourselves bouncing from events to activities with little sense of connection.

In your schedule, pay attention to the important relationships in your life; make sure to include God, others and self. Also realize that we are used to organizing our lives according to "chronos", that is with dates and time. There is another type of time that is called "kairos", loosely translated this means God's time. We experience kairos when we ponder things like grace, forgiveness, new life, new beginnings, and new opportunities. Most of our calendars are necessarily focused on chronos. Our Church Year, the liturgical years, hopefully allows us to see more deeply into the meaning of our lives. So, depending on which calendar you are using: "Happy Thanksgiving", "Happy New (liturgical) Year", or "Happy Harvest".

Albert

If you are interested in any of the following, please see Albert:

- Confirmation
- Being received into the Episcopal Church
- Re-affirming your faith
- Learning more about the Episcopal Church

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The deadline for January *Tidings* is Tuesday, Dec 14, 9 am.

FROM THE VESTRY

1. We heard that October was a good month financially for us.
2. We reviewed the upcoming schedule and heard that the Spring Spaghetti Dinner will be May 20.
3. We heard that the Sunday School is working hard on the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Project. Next up will be the Christmas Program!
4. We were reminded that Easter, 2011, will be quite late, April 24.
5. We reflected on the great number of wonderful pies on "Pie Sunday".
6. We heard a brief report on Diocesan Convention.
7. We heard that the Choir is working on a Cantata that they will present on Christmas Eve, at 10:30 pm, prior to the late service.

The meeting was over in less than an hour!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE - Keep Pulling those Tabs

We should have a "Big Ingathering of Can Tabs" with the holidays ahead. Set out a glass with some tabs in it, so guests get the idea. Use a card or a strip of colored paper reading "For Families at Ronald McDonald House" as incentive. Remember, soup, pet food, etc., all tabs are accepted!

Questions? Call Mary Ann P

United Thank Offering- UTO

No results to report yet on the Fall Ingathering. Last year's Grant List is on the entry table. Start Now for the Spring Ingathering! Boxes are on the entry table for your next six months of daily Thank You Coins. No box needed for your daily Thank you Prayers.



Make UTO an intentional part of your spiritual life.

Questions? Call Mary Ann P



The Newcomer/Fellowship Committee recently published its new Visitor Brochure to be included in our Welcome Folders. Check out what visitors are reading about St. Timothy's, but please leave the brochures for those who wish to learn about our church family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 25, 10:30 am, Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
- December 4, Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm, Quiet Day
- December 5, Sunday, 9:30 am, Quarterly Church Breakfast
- December 11. Saturday, 9 am – Noon, ECW Cookie Sale
- December 13, Monday, 7 pm, Vestry Meeting
- December 14, Tuesday, 9 am, January *Tidings* deadline
- January 9, Sunday, Jell-o Sunday
- January 16, Sunday, St. Timothy’s Annual Meeting

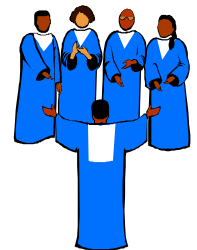
Note: The December Vestry Meeting is on the second Monday and the *Tidings* will be published before Dec. 19.

Christmas Schedule

- Sunday, December 19, 10:30 am, Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- Friday, December 24, 5:00 pm, Family Style Eucharist *
- 10:30 pm, Choir/Musical Cantata
- 11:00 pm, Traditional Eucharist *
- Saturday, December 25, 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist *
- Sunday, December 26, 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
- Saturday, January 1, 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 2, 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm, Fun, Food, & Worship

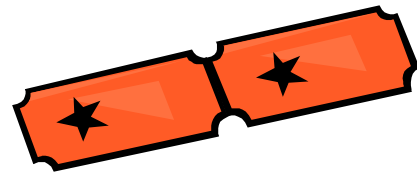
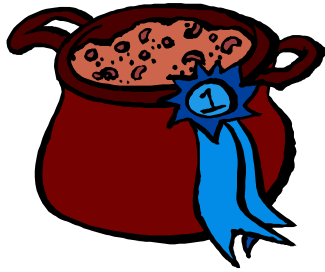
* The designated Christmas Offering will be split evenly among:

- Haven of Rest, Akron
- Lynn’s Closet Ministry on Standing Rock Indian Reservation
- Food for the Poor for Hurricane Relief Aid to Haiti.



We began our program of “Time, Talent, & Treasure” on November 14. Please turn in your pledges as soon as possible to better facilitate programs and budgets.

FUND RAISING

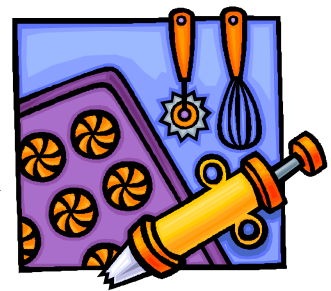


Thank You for Your Generosity

This past October, we held the “NO Chili Dinner/Raffle” fundraiser. We needed the fundraiser but decided it was best not to spend energy on the traditional chili dinner and the accompanying raffle. The results were spectacular! Twenty-eight of us contributed \$1073 !!! Thank you. Plans for the Spring Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle are already under-way.

ECW Annual Cookie Sale

The 22nd annual cookie sale is rapidly approaching and many donators are needed to make this another successful sale-last years sale netted us \$1,250.00. Be sure to sign up and designate your cookie choice, checking to avoid repeat selections of bakery. The sign up sheet will be on one of the usual tables.



Men are welcome to join in the annual event--just check in with the rum ball group: Bill, Alan, Jim Dudziak to name a few.

The sale begins at 9 a.m. and runs until noon on Saturday, Dec. 11. There are no "early bird" sales. If you are not able to attend the event and would like to leave a list of your choice of cookies, shoppers will be available to set aside packages for you. Contact one of the chairs if you are interested. The congregation will be able to purchase cookies on Sunday morning but all choices may not be available.

Yellow detailed information sheets regarding the sale will be available on the entry table, or you may contact a chair for assistance.

One new note is that cookies need to be at the church on Friday. Marjorie will be there from 9 a.m. until 5:30 so the building will be open for dropping off during the day. There will not be any Friday evening drop off time. Check with a chair if needed.



Proceeds from the sale are earmarked for ECW expenses and distribution to St. Timothy's and outside groups.

Thanks to all for your participation in making the cookies, purchases and general support of the sale.

Co-chairs Mary Ann R, 330-467-2670, Judy H, 440-248-5159

MONEY MATTERS

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	129,978.75	105,271.00	24,707.75
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	105,486.78	104,061.00	(1,425.78)
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	24,491.97	1,210.00	23,281.97

Church Operating Equity: \$34,182.99

October receipts were \$1,900 over budget primarily due to increased pledge receipts (2.9% over budget), increased non-pledge giving (64.1% over budget) and donations of over \$1,000 for the "No Chili Dinner/Raffle fund raiser (budgeted receipts for this event were zero because they were originally planned for November). Year-to-date pledge donations are 3.3% over budget (budgeted at \$89,137.00, received \$92,111.00). This amount is inflated by \$4,829 in pledges that have been pre-paid for the year. Excluding the pre-paid pledges, we are \$1,855 (2.1% under budget) behind in pledge giving for the year.

Equity increased dramatically this month as we added over \$4,500 to it to finally put a stop to the continuous drop in equity that had occurred since May. Because we continue to have positive equity and have sufficient cash, expenses are being paid when they are due. Our financial health continues to be excellent.

Year-to-date expenses are only 1.4% over budget despite absorbing \$3,700 (3.6% of total budgeted expenses) in large unbudgeted expenses this summer.

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 \$165,981.83 (down \$1,409 from last month), with approximately 37% of the funds invested in the stock market. The volatility of the market continues to concern, but we have increased our balance this past month due to the favorable market. I will report in future months on the balance in the New Construction Account.

This coming month will be focused on budgeting for 2011. Each department head will be asked to consider what their needs are for the coming year financially so we can work on developing a balanced budget again for 2011.

Overall, 2010 remains a positive year financially. St. Tim's continues to be blessed.



Jim D

Tidings WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR December, 2010

	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 24, 5 pm	Dec 24 11 pm	Dec 25	Dec 26
ALTAR GUILD	NANCY N Mary P	MARY R Maureen L	MARILYN P Marianne M	NANCY N Mary P, Pauline N	JUDY H	SANDY R	JUDY H Mary P
ACOLYTES	Karen R Simon D	Mike H Norb	Lauren S Ethan D	Lily S Simon D	Ellie D Karen R	Karen R	Mike H
HOSPITALITY	Nancy-Anne Lois O	Marjorie M Judy S	Allen W Bill P				Mara D Rick D
GREETERS	Marianne M	Mary P	Joan P	Mary R	Linda S		Nancy N
USHERS	Mavis R Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Mavis R Mike M				Phil W Cliff P
COUNTERS	Mavis R Bill P	Sandy D Nancy-Anne	Jim D Mike M				Mavis R Lois O
SEASON	Advent 2, blue,	Advent 3, blue Psalm	Advent 4, blue	Christmas Eve, 5 pm, white	Christmas Eve, 11 pm, white	Christmas Day white	1st Sun after Christmas, white
	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II
CHALICE BEARER	Anne P	Mary Ann P	Jim D	Marjorie M	Karen R	Anne P	Nancy-Anne
1ST LESSON	Peter D	Sandy R	Mara D	Cheryl M	Suzanne P	Norb	Mara D
2ND LESSON	Pat S	Norb	Judy S	Barb S	Lois O	Judy S	Sandy R
INTERCESSOR	Barb S	Karen R	Pat S	Marjorie M	Jim D	Anne 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.



December 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 9 a -1:00 p Quiet Day 8:00 p AA Meeting
5 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Church Breakfast 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	6	7 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA meeting	8 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Education Mtg	9	10	11 9 a – Noon ECW Cookie Sale 8:00 p AA Meeting
12 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	13 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	14 9:00 a Tidings deadline 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA meeting	15 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18 8:00 p AA Meeting
19 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 a Holy Eucharist Christmas Pageant 2:00 p Nursing Home service	20	21 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA meeting	22 9:00 a All Altar Guild altar set up 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 p Family Eucharist 10:30 p Choir/Music Cantata 11:00 p Holy Eucharist	25 Christmas 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 8:00 p AA Meeting
26 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	27	28 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA meeting	29 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	30	31	

