

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



FEBRUARY, 2012

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

This time a year ago, I was in Israel, participating in a program at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I will never read the Bible the same way again. Having visited Bethlehem and nearby fields, I read with new insight and experience of Jesus' birth and shepherds in the those fields. The two weeks there, quietly reinforced my faith and deepened my understanding of history and the land. As you know, I have not always fully utilized my continuing education time. Last year, I did, and I am glad that I did. Continued growth is something we should each aim for. Last year, I did OK at it. Let's see how I do this year. Do you have any plans for your own learning and growth? There are opportunities here at St. Timothy's. There are also many in the community, be it a study course at a school or a book from a library. May God bless our growth, as we begin this New Year of 2012.

Albert

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FROM THE VESTRY

1. We reviewed the 2012 Budget.
2. We welcomed our new members.
3. We heard that the carpets would be cleaned on Thursday, February 2.
4. We heard that the new altar rail kneelers had been ordered.
5. We approved a fund raising idea for Samaritan's Purse.
6. We elected the following persons as Vestry Officers: Sr. Warden— Marjorie McDougle; Jr. Warden— Mike Horvath; Clerk— Karen Rockwell. Jim & Sandy Dudziak continue as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
7. We heard of some water problems in the building.
8. We reviewed the Church Calendar for upcoming activities.

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The deadline for March *Tidings* is Tuesday, Feb 22,9 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, **January 29, St. Timothy's Day**
- Tuesday, **February 21**, 5-7pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Saturday, **February 25**, 9am, ECW Brunch/Annual Meeting
- Sunday, **March 11**, after 10:30 service, Soup Sunday
- Saturday, **March 17**, Lent Quiet Day, 9am—1pm
- Sunday, **March 18**, 9:30 am, Quarterly Parish Breakfast
- Saturday, **March 24**, Clean up Day, 9am –1pm
- Saturday, **March 31**, 9:00 am, Altar Guild hosts making of palm crosses for Palm Sunday



DEACON'S REFLECTIONS

Dragons & Saints? We know popular saints – St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland; St. Francis loved nature and dedicated himself to caring for the poor. Maybe we even know St. Vincent de Paul who, in 1600's France, built schools, hospitals and orphanages. In *Saints: A Visual Guide*, we meet the less familiar –

- St. Brigid who formed a co-ed monastery and is said to have multiplied food for the poor, in 6th century Ireland.
- St. Martin de Porres, the patron saint of interracial justice. A surgeon and the son of a former slave, he insisted on treating all races in 1600's Peru.

Then there's St. George. Legend has it that he freed a princess from a dragon in the Middle Ages, saving her from being sacrificed in exchange for peace in their land.

Saints have one thing in common – they're ordinary folks responding to the needs around them, carrying on Christ's work. Saints slay the dragons of loneliness by visiting the elderly; they slay dragons of poverty through tutoring or food pantry work. Saints even slay great dragons that destroy countries like Haiti, by continuing to support the rebuilding.

What dragons do you see? We are saints in the making – extinguishing dragons to build God's kingdom!

Anne

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Potluck during Lent

On the Wednesdays in Lent, we will have a simpler dinner— soup., salad and dessert, beginning at 6:00 pm. At 6:30 pm, we will worship utilizing a variety of styles: Taize, Celtic, healing service, etc. The hope is that this will provide the possibility of living a more Holy Lent for each of us.

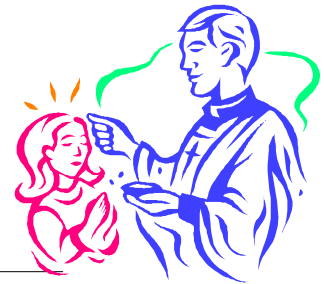


Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Annual Shrove Tuesday pancake Dinner will be Tuesday, February 21, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be out next month for this fun-filled event. We will need your assistance in set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Bring your favorite pancake batter to share.

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday service will be February 22, at 7:30 pm.



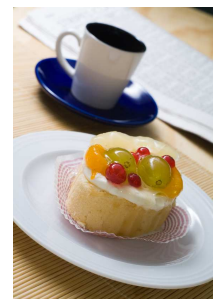
Safety tip: Take your car keys to bed; in case of an intruder, hit the panic button. Whether your car is in the driveway or the garage, the noise will attract attention and most likely dissuade any would be thief or attacker.

ECW



Ladies, mark your calendars for our Annual ECW Breakfast to be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Invitations will be sent out the first week of February.

Thank you,
Mary R & Mary P



CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Apologies for inadvertently missing the following Building & Grounds report in the Annual Report, 2012.

Building and Grounds Committee

In 2011, the vestry approved the purchase of new heating and air conditioning units for the building. The new units should help keep the interior of the building comfortable year round as well as lowering utility costs.

In addition, the ECW financed the replacement of back and seat cushions for 22 chairs in the sanctuary. Defective fluorescent overhead light ballast was replaced as needed. Members of one of the AA groups that meet at St. Timothy's cut down dead trees along Route 82. The Memorial Garden was given a year end cleanup by an outside landscaper. The kitchen faucet was replaced.

In 2012, the committee hopes to reinvigorate the Thursday "lay weeders" group to help keep ahead of normal grounds maintenance. The committee is also working towards replacing the carpeting on the stairs in early 2012.

Mike Horvath, Bill Palmer

Needles & Hooks

Mark your schedules for the upcoming meetings: **Jan 26, Feb 9 & 23, Mar 8 & 22, Apr 12 & 26.**



Annual Meeting

We held our congregation's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 15. We made several changes to our Parish By-laws. We reviewed our finances and 2012 Budget. The following persons were elected: a.) Hilary Nerby as representative to Mission Area Council; b.) Cheryl McDonald as Diocesan Convention Delegate; c.) Maureen Letsky as Diocesan Convention Alternate; d.) Amy Davarpanah, Sandy Dudziak, and Mike Horvath as Vestry members. We had a great soup and salad luncheon following; it was delicious. I thank everybody for a good meeting and meal.

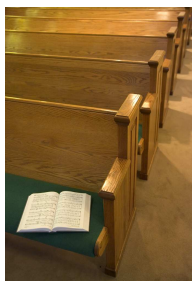
St. Timothy's Day

We will celebrate St. Timothy's Day on Sunday, January 29 at both services. We will have special Bible readings that Sunday. Our special preacher will be Michael Petrochuk.

Can You Help?

We will need to move furniture before the carpets are cleaned February 2 and put it all back the following Saturday. After Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, February 1, we need to move items off the carpet. On Saturday morning, February 4, at 9:00 am, we will restore all furniture to its proper place. If you can help at one or both of these times, please show up for duty! Many hands make light work.

Thanks.



FOYER GROUPS

Foyer Groups, The Newcomer and Fellowship Committee, along with the Vestry, invites you to participate in St. Timothy's newest fellowship opportunity: Foyer Groups! These informal get-togethers are described after the on-line February Tidings. (Paper copies are available on the entry table.) We hope that you will try one out.

St. Timothy's Foyer Groups Signup

Foyer Groups will sign up in February and early March, so that they can begin to meet in late March or April, depending upon the wishes of the group. They should plan to meet through the summer; we will begin another set of Foyer Groups in the fall. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, March 18th. Please fill out this form & give to Albert or Karen Rockwell at church.

NAME(S) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I prefer a weekend brunch, weekday evening, weekend evening group. Circle ONE

RECIPE CORNER

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

Green Bean Salad from Bob B

- 2 cans French cut green beans, drained
- 1 can LeSeur baby sweet peas, drained
- 2 ounce jar pimento, drained
- 1 small can shoepeg white corn, drained
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped

Mix the above seven times in a large bowl. Bring to a boil 1 c sugar, 3/4 c white vinegar, 1/2 c vegetable oil, 1/2 tsp salt, and 1/2 tsp pepper. Pour over the mixed vegetables and marinate overnight in fridge. Keeps up to three weeks in fridge.



MONEY MATTERS

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Differ- ence</u>
2011 Operating Revenue:	143,111.01	125,313.00	17,798.01
2011 Operating Expenses:	129,747.70	125,313.00	(4,454.70)
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	13,343.31	0.00	13,343.31

Church Operating Equity: \$47,819.99

2011 receipts were \$17,798 over budget primarily due to \$20,107 of annual pledges for 2012 paid in May. Non-pledge income was 8% over budget for the year and Rummage Sale proceeds were 34% over budget. The only places we were behind for the year were pledges (\$4,700 under budget – 5%), investment gain/loss (\$2,000 under budget – a loss for the year) along with small amounts under budget for fund-raising and apparel sales. The 2011 budget is very tight and I pray we can maintain pledge payments this year.

We voted at the June vestry meeting to take this additional \$20,000 for 2012 pledges and place it in the Diocesan Joint Investment Account (a balanced investment account) for the year. As mentioned above, this account took a loss in 2011, but has already recovered some of the loss in the early part of January. The stock market continues to be a roller coaster. The \$20,000 will be removed from the joint investment account throughout the year to provide funds for operations.

Expenses for 2011 were \$4,455 over budget, but that variance was brought about by the operating fund allocation for the new furnaces/air conditioners. We were unable to obtain sufficient funds from our endowment account, outside donations and general building and grounds funds to cover the entire cost of the \$19,500 project, so the operating fund had to provide \$4,425 for the project. Although it caused a large hit to the operating fund, it is great to know that we are blessed with positive equity in the operating fund that can absorb this kind of a surprise expense. In spite of the equity reduction, we still have over \$47,800 of operating funds remaining for this year.

Other expense areas we were significantly over budget for the year were utilities (\$660 over budget – 13%) and church maintenance (\$850 over budget – 21%). These were primarily offset by several expenses that were under budget for the year, leaving only the one transfer of funds as the only item truly causing us to be over the expense budget.

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 \$162,442 with approximately 30% of the funds still invested in the stock market. We plan to use some of those funds this year to expand the parking lot.

Overall, 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. Let's pray that 2012 proves to be a fiscally great year for St. Tim's. We continue to be blessed.

Jim D



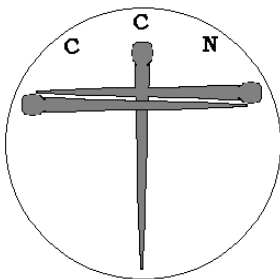
Foyer Groups

The English word Foyer is derived from foier, the French term for hearthside and projects an image of warmth and comfort. For untold generations it has been customary for Americans to welcome old friends, family members and newcomers into our homes by gathering at the central hearthside to celebrate special occasions, to enjoy times of fellowship and share moments of camaraderie. In tune with this time-honored tradition of hospitality the Anglican Community has for many years encouraged the formation of small informal Parish gatherings called Foyer Groups; small, close-knit groups of parishioners sharing a common bond of Christian love and concern for one another.



History of Foyer Groups

The idea originated at the Cathedral of St. Michael, in the Diocese of Coventry, England – born of the massive devastation inflicted at the height of the German Blitz on London and Coventry during World War II. During one of the many air raids conducted in 1940, the city's 14th century cathedral was completely destroyed as a result of the aerial bombardment. Rather than dwell on the violent loss of his beloved place of worship, the local Provost was inspired to found a ministry of reconciliation that he called the *Community of the Cross and Nails*. While sifting through the rubble of the cathedral, he



gathered many of the old nails that had fallen among the ruins and was inspired to have them twisted together to form a cross. This cross of nails and the words "Father, Forgive" became the unifying symbol of the International Ministry of Reconciliation, a group of devout followers who believe that understanding between peoples, nations, and ideologies can come only when human beings meet and know each other as individuals. They truly live out the maxim "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

In 1967, the staff of the Coventry Cathedral began meeting together in small informal groups as a means "to bridge the divisions which subtly separate us one from another"; as a result of the meetings they noticed a powerful bond forming among the staff members who joined what they came to call the *Foyer Group*. Two years later, the Foyer movement spread to the congregation of Coventry Cathedral and then beyond. In time, *Foyer Groups* began springing up in parishes all over Britain and in America. Today, many Episcopal churches throughout the United States have foyer groups that promote fellowship amongst members and encourage the informal exchange of ideas, experiences

and common problems within friendly home surroundings and in a Christian context.

So, what exactly are *Foyer Groups*?

Foyer Groups are a fun and easy way for parishioners to gather together on a regular but informal basis for purely social reasons – to enjoy one another’s company, to strengthen bonds of community, to meet new members and just to get to know other people who share a common interest in Grace but with whom we might not otherwise interact. They provide a means to develop new friendships and deepen old ones and are a way to make our sometimes-too-large-seeming parish feel smaller and warmer.

There is no agenda or plan – just casual fellowship and a refreshing meal. Groups are made up of singles, couples, young people, retired folks, etc., in other words a cross section of the parish. Out of the meetings, friendships develop among people who might not have any other opportunity to meet and get to know each other. Newcomers are especially invited to join one of the groups at any time.



Each small group of six to eight people meet at least 4 of the 5 months in each period, in the home of one of the members of the group. We will sign up in September, start meeting in October, and end the first session in February. The next sign up will be in March, groups will begin to meet in April and will end in August, to have sign up again



in September. Generally, the host provides the main course while the other members fill in the rest of the meal such as appetizer, bread, salad, veggies, dessert, etc. Some groups may enjoy gathering for a picnic lunch during good weather or even meeting at a local restaurant. The choice of available options is limited

only by the collective imagination of the group, but the main idea if for the gatherings to simply focus on Christian fellowship, a refreshing meal and relaxed conversation.

New groups will form each fall and spring and new members are always welcome. The groups are put together randomly in order to add an element of spontaneity, such that each of us might have the opportunity to get to know others in the parish who may be outside our normal circle of acquaintance. In other words, this is a great way to meet and get to know those you might not have a chance to visit with otherwise.

Sound interesting to you? Want to learn more about Foyer Groups? If so, keep your eyes open and your ears to the rails in the coming months for more information and a special invitation to join one of the groups that are planned to be formed in the fall.

– Newcomer and Fellowship Committee

Foyer Group Q&A

Q. How will Foyer Groups be set up?

A. Once you sign up, you’ll be randomly grouped with three or four other singles and/or couples, potentially from different circles of the parish community and in varying phases of life. We will email you contact information for your group, as well as a list of

suggestions for how to get started.

Q. I'm not much of a cook. Do I really have to be able to prepare a full meal for six or eight people in order to join a Foyer Group?

A. Foyer Group gatherings are intended to be shared meals, and that includes the preparation. Typically, the host might provide the main dish and beverages, with other members contributing the appetizer, salad, side dish, bread, and/or dessert. Many grocery stores and restaurants offer tasty, freshly prepared take-out dishes that you can serve.



Q. I'm afraid my home isn't grand enough to host other parishioners. Will my standard of living be judged if I join a Foyer Group?

A. Here's what Foyer Groups are not: they're not a House Beautiful tour, they're not a Martha Stewart showcase, and they're not an Iron Chef cooking competition. They are casual gatherings where the focus is on fellowship and friendship, conversation and conviviality. We meet each other where we live, and accept our surroundings as they are just as God does.



Q. My home/condo/apartment isn't large enough to hold eight to ten people for a sit-down dinner. Can I still join a Foyer Group?

A. Who says the meal must be a sit-down dinner? There are several alternatives. You could plan a menu of finger- and fork-food that can be eaten from plates held on laps while sitting on sofas, chairs, or the floor.

Q. I have food allergies. How can I be sure that other group members' meal contributions

will be suitable for me?

A. If you have food allergies, dietary restrictions, or strong taste preferences, please simply inform your group of your concerns at the beginning so that everyone understands what they must consider when planning their menus. All participants should make their best effort to accommodate the needs of their fellow group members.

Q. Are Foyer Groups for adults only, or are children welcome to participate?

A. Whether your group's gatherings are for grown-ups only or include kids too, is largely up to the membership and will depend on the ages of the children in the group's families. Hosting a meal for just the adults allows for undistracted conversations, while including children unquestionably livens up the evening. The group should attempt to strike a comfortable balance that accommodates the needs and concerns of all members..

Q. Is there some "program" or entertainment we should offer when we gather?

A. The primary goal of Foyer Groups is to extend and deepen ties within the parish by giving people a chance to get to know one another better, and that is most easily accomplished through conversation. There is no requirement for structured debate or religious experience (well, it would be nice if you say grace before eating!). However, if the group is so inclined, you could play a party game after dinner, or you could arrange to attend a movie together and then discuss it afterward over the meal. For some people who struggle to make small talk with those they don't know well yet, having something in particular to do or to discuss helps facilitate the process of becoming acquainted. Each family is encouraged to personalize their hosting turn according to their interests. Just chatting and nibbling is fine too!

For more information, contact Karen Rockwell (330) 4368-2737 or keep your eye on the St. Timothy's's website and in The Tidings.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY, 2012

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 22	Feb 26
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy N Mary P Beryl J	Marilyn P Marianne M	Judy H Pauline N Joyce W	Mary P Beryl J	Sandy R Marjorie
ACOLYTES	Karen R Tommy K	Mike H Ethan D	Lily S Simon D		Lauren S Tommy K
HOSPITALITY	Allen W Bill P	Mara D Rick D	Cheryl M Suzanne P		Karen R Sandy R
GREETERS	Linda S	Nancy N	Marianne M		Mary R
USHERS	Joan P Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Cliff P Phil W		Mavis Joan P
COUNTERS	Sandy D Nancy-Anne	Jim D Mike M	Mavis Lois O		Sandy D Bill P
SEASON	5 th Sun after Epiphany, <i>green</i>	6 th Sun after Epiphany, <i>green</i>	7 th Sun after Epiphany, <i>green</i>	Ash Wednesday <i>purple</i>	1 st Sun of Lent, <i>purple</i>
PROPER					
	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II		Rite I
CHALICE BEARER	Anne P	Mary Ann P	Anne P	Marjorie	Karen R
1ST LESSON	Jim D	Karen R	Pat S	Leah Y	Gayle L
2ND LESSON	Gayle L	Lois O	Judy S	Sandy R	Maureen L
INTERCESSOR	Anne P	Bill P	Anne P	Albert	Marjorie
FORM	II	III	VI, w/ confessions	Litany of Penitence	II
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If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p> <p>Church closed for Carpet cleaning</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>9:00 a rearrange church furniture after clean carpets</p> <p>8:00 p AA meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 11:45 a Worship Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>10:00 a Book Study Noon AA meeting</p> <p>8:00 p AA Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Education Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>1:00 p Needles & Hooks</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>9:30 a Choir Planning</p> <p>8:00 p AA meeting</p>
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