

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE TIDINGS

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



JULY, 2011

## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Last Month I attended the Bishop's Spring Conference for clergy. The Parish clergy of our Diocese gathered at Sawmill Creek for three days, to study, pray, and spend time together. There are a number of new clergy in the Diocese, so we spent time introducing ourselves to each other. When asked "How long have you been at St. Timothy's?", I answered "Twenty-three years." I received a variety of responses, including "Wow!", or "I can't imagine ..." or "How long did you say?" I found myself explaining what I enjoy about St. Timothy's. Here are some of my thoughts on what I like/value about St. Timothy's:

1. Generally, we are a friendly congregation with a casual atmosphere.
2. You don't need to "dress up" to come to church, but it is OK if you do.
3. We come from many backgrounds, and we have found a spiritual home together.
4. Many have found our congregation to be a place of healing.
5. Most of the time, we really like being Episcopalians.
6. We have enjoyed a positive and active relationship with the Diocese.
7. We are growing in numbers and spirit.
8. We are not perfect, nor do we pretend to be.
9. We are a place, where people of all ages, children, youth, and adult, study and learn.
10. We are a work in progress; God is not done with us.
11. We have members of all ages; we are a balanced group.
12. We enjoy praying and singing together.
13. We enjoy eating together.
14. We are growing in our outreach to those outside our congregation.
15. We laugh and we work together.
16. We naturally attempt to "bear one another's burdens".

These are some of my answers. What are yours?

May God continue to bless us as we seek to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other.

**Albert**

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The deadline for August *Tidings* is Tuesday, July 19, 9 am.

## FROM THE VESTRY

1. We approved the purchase of a new kitchen sink faucet.
2. We heard that the engineer has presented the plans for our parking lot addition to the Macedonia Building Department.
3. We received the recommendation that we disengage from the Natural Church Development process. We remain committed to the knowledge and directions that we received from NCD: Outreach, intentional listening and planning, communication, and spiritual development and growth.
4. We agreed to send our old "Passion Narratives" (which are for use on Palm Sunday and Good Friday) to Operation Pass Along. They will find a good home from there.
5. We heard that the Rummage/Bake/Plant Sale and the Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle were very successful fund raisers in May.
6. We heard that the ECW Ice Cream Social raised \$183. This money will be sent to support Episcopal Missionaries in their ministries.

## LOOKING AHEAD

While it appears that we are in a "summer lull", the staff, Vestry, and several committees will be doing important planning for upcoming events and programs.



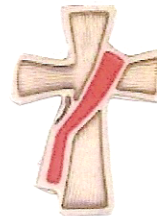
Our worship in the park (10:30 service) and picnic are planned for Sunday, August 28.



Bishop Williams will be visiting with us on October 23. If you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your faith at that time, please talk to Albert.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Deacon Anne, Congratulations!**



On June 4, it was with pride, joy, and excitement that we answered the Bishop's question, "Is it your will that Anne be ordained a deacon?" with an enthusiastic "It is." A few minutes later, Anne Pillot was ordained deacon. For the last 11 months, Anne has been an intern with us. At this point, she continues to participate in worship, education, outreach, and occasional pastoral care. We have not heard about her permanent placement, but we are glad to be partners in ministry as long as she is assigned to St. Timothy's.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Sunday School

Sunday School and Youth Group wrapped up the year in May after studying the Old Testament. We hope all your plants are growing - we raised about \$300 for Samaritan's Purse. THANKS!! Sunday School will be in recess until the first Sunday after Labor Day. We'll up-date you with our planned curriculum when the Education Committee decides the plans for next year. Have a blessed and safe summer.

Sandy D

## ECW

### \$ Distribution, 2011

ECW Financial Committee met recently to distribute our annual funds for 2011. This year's total monies available for distribution is \$1,300.00. We have been blessed thanks to our bakers, progressors, and donors to the organization. St. Timothy's ECW distributes 60% of its funds outside of St. Timothy's with 40% doing work within the church. A small portion of our funds is held in reserve for miscellaneous expenses. The recipients this year include:

#### **Outside of St. Timothy's \$780.00**

Cedar Hills Camping Scholarships	\$330.00
Carlotta East Scholarships	\$300.00
Los Amigos Episcopales	\$100.00
Samaritan's Purses	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$780.00

#### **Inside St. Timothy's \$520.00**

Sunday School/Samaritan's Purses	\$50.00
Needles and Hooks	\$30.00
Refurbishing Worship Chairs (11)	
Seats and Backs @ \$40.00 each	<u>440.00</u>
Total	\$520.00

All of the above groups, both in and out, with the exception of the chair replacements, are repeat recipients. If you wish to know more about the organizations that are listed above feel free to ask me, any of the ECW officers, or, in most cases any of the women of St. Timothy's.

Thank you so much for all your efforts to help us help others.

Mary Ann R, ECW Treasurer

## RECIPE CORNER

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

Best Grape Salad.....from Bob Bellamy

Notice the couple of changes I made, one especially for the topping, the recipe calls for a cup of brown sugar to sprinkle over the top but I only use 2 tablespoons as a cup is way too sweet! I also use 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract for a better taste!

**10 min prep    Serves 15**

2 lbs green seedless grapes

2 lbs red seedless grapes

8 ounces sour cream

8 ounces cream cheese, softened (whipped cream cheese works, too)

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 or 2 tsp vanilla extract, to taste

### Topping Ingredients:

1 cup brown sugar (Bob uses 2 Tablespoons) packed, to taste

1 cup crushed pecans, to taste (Toast at 350 degrees for 8 minutes, if desired)

1. Wash and stem grapes
2. Set aside.
3. Mix sour cream, cream cheese, white sugar and vanilla
4. Stir grapes into mixture, and pour in large serving bowl.
5. For topping: Combine brown sugar, and crushed pecans
- 6 Sprinkle over top of grapes to cover completely.
7. Chill overnight

Every time Bob takes this salad anywhere, he gets asked for the recipe.



### Thought for the day:

*“Compassion arises not from perfection, but from imperfection; not standing above the fray but learning to navigate it with love for self and others.”*

Rabbi Rami Shapiro

Many thanks to all those who have emailed or dropped off the completed **Directory Changes Request forms**. It is reprinted on the next page for any one who missed it. If your cell phone has changed or your internet provider has changed, it is important that we can reach you in timely fashion. If you are new to St. Tim's, please fill this form out & help us get to know you.

Dear Friends,

We are updating our parish list of **birthdays and anniversaries** so that we can include everyone in our Sunday prayers. We would like you to help us **update the whole church directory**, also. Please fill out this form and return it (by mail, giving it to Albert on a Sunday, or emailing updates to stimec@windstream.net) by **July 10**. I give thanks for you and for our common life and ministry.

Gratefully,

**Albert A. Jennings**

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Please list the **people in your household only**. Please circle the names of adults/parents of the family. No year is needed for birthdays & anniversaries. Please give us your legal name & your “goes by” name, i.e. Joseph goes by Joe

Last Name, First Name:	“Goes by”	Birthday; Anniversary, (if applicable):
1. _____	_____	_____/_____/_____
2. _____	_____	_____/_____/_____
3. _____	_____	_____/_____/_____
4. _____	_____	_____/_____/_____
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6. _____	_____	_____/_____/_____

If your **mailing address** differs from the home address, please give us that on the back of this sheet & circle  
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Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ for :( name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Family email: (preferred for St.Tim’s use): \_\_\_\_\_ Can we email *Tidings* to you? YES/no

Additional email: \_\_\_\_\_ for (name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use the back of this sheet for anything that does not fit on this side, and circle “see other side” midway down this page.  
Thank you.



## MONEY MATTERS

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Differ- ence</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	87,459.32	51,557.00	35,902.32
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	55,541.22	53,538.00	(2,002.22)
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	31,918.10	(1,982.00)	33,900.10

Church Operating Equity: \$66,394.78

April/May receipts were \$18,700 over budget primarily due to \$20,000 of annual pledges for 2012 (next year!) being paid in May, offset by the portion of current year pledges being paid in February. Non-pledge income year-to-date continues to be ahead of budget (over \$1,300 ahead) and most other income areas are ahead as well. Pledge income, outside of the one-time pledge payment is ahead by more than \$1,000 for the year. This is a very good sign compared to other years where pledges generally lagged behind throughout the year, especially in the early parts of the year. We are keeping our pledges as current as possible. Great job!!

The one area where we continue to lag behind in revenue is in Altar Flower Contributions. We have only received \$315 through February compared to a budget of \$435. We have always tried to have donations for Altar Flowers be roughly equal to the expense for the year. I would 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 its costs as well.

Parish equity jumped this month to \$66,394, due entirely to the advance payment of 2012 pledges. 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. This way, we have the opportunity to earn a little more than savings interest on this money over the year we wait to use it. The vestry recognized the risks of the investment, but agreed that it was offset by the possible benefits and I agreed to keep a close eye on the account to assure any possible losses would be minimized.

Expenses year-to-date continue to be \$2,000 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 utility costs for the year. Nonetheless, it appears that expenses will be under control as long as we continue to be conservative in the way we spend our money and thoughtful when incurring expenses for the church. We have already sliced \$600 off the \$2,600 deficit in expenses from March and should be able 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 \$163,395 (up about \$1,500 from March), with approximately 28% of the funds still invested in the stock market. We plan to use some of those funds this year to expand the parking lot.

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 July, 2011

	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	NANCY N Mary P	JUDY H Pauline N	MARILYN P Marianne M	SANDY R Marjorie	NANCY N Mary P
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Mike H	Karen R	Lily S Simon D	Ethan D	Lauren S Tommy K
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Fred N Terri N	Allen W Bill P	Mara D Rick D	Fred N Terri N	Pat S Bill S
<b>GREETERS</b>	Marianne M	Linda S	Hilary N	Nancy N	Kathi F
<b>USHERS</b>	Joan P Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Phil W Cliff P	Mavis Joan P	Cliff P Mike M
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Mavis Mike M	Sandy D Lois	Jim D Bill P	Mavis Nancy-Anne	Sandy D Mike M
<b>SEASON</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>
<b>PROPER</b>	9, PS 45 Rite II	10 Rite II	11, PS 139 Rite II	12, PS 105, Rite II	13 Rite II
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>	Marjorie	Mary Ann P	Anne P	Nancy-Anne	Karen R
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON</b>	Peter	Cheryl M	Mara D	Sandy R	Lois O
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON</b>	Judy S	Barb S	Maureen L	Kelly K	Judy S
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Marjorie	Bill P	Anne P	Karen R	Barb S
<b>FORM</b>	Litany of Thanksgiving,	III	II	III	II
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**If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.**



# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 p AA meeting
3 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Church office closed	5 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	6	7 6:00 p Lay Weeders	8	9 8:00 p AA meeting
10 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	11	12 Noon AA Meeting 7:00 p Mission Area Council, Hudson 8:00 p AA Meeting	13 6:00 p Potluck Program 8:00 p Education Mtg	14	15	16 8:00 p AA meeting
17 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p Nursing Home service	18 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	19 9:00 a <i>Tidings</i> deadline Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	20 6:00 p Potluck Program	21 6:00 p Lay Weeders	22	23 8:00 p AA meeting
24 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	25	26 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	27	28 1:00 p Needles & Hooks	29	30 8:00 p AA meeting
31 8:30 a Morning Prayer 10:30 a Morning Prayer						