

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



MARCH, 2011

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Now I know where He walked.

After nineteen hours of flights, transfers, passport and security checks, and a taxi ride, I arrived in Jerusalem, Israel on Monday, January 24. I was tired, excited, nervous, and relieved. For the next two and a half weeks, I would be a participant in a class called "Palestine of Jesus" at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I have told many of you about my trip; I have showed you maps, coins, pamphlets, and other items from my stay. I had a remarkable opportunity to see places and learn anew of people and events that are at the heart of our Christian faith: Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, and the tomb. I experienced Israel and the West Bank today with all of its turmoil, strength, and hope. We met people on opposite sides of the struggle. We had new kinds of food prepared in new ways. We prayed and held services in remarkable settings: Mount of Transfiguration, the shore of Galilee, on the Via Dolorosa (the road of tears in Jerusalem), and on the Road to Emmaus. On our third day there, the revolution began in Egypt. Though we were quite safe and secure, this and other events deepened my understanding of the complex issues in that region of the world. I met twenty-four fellow "pilgrims" from four countries and five tremendous faculty. At this point, I sum up my experience by saying, "Now I know where He walked." I feel more connected to the reality, history, and message of Jesus. I guess I got what I went for! Thanks for helping me go.

Albert

Rebuilding the Episcopal Cathedral in Haiti

The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) is coordinating a church-wide effort to raise funds to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Holy Trinity was not just the spiritual home to the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church, but has long been the central support in providing ministries for healthcare, education, and cultural resources for all the people of Haiti. The Rt. Rev. Jean Zache Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, has asked for our help in rebuilding the cathedral complex.

The Diocese of Ohio is committed to the rebirth of this great ministry and cultural center and to helping the larger Church raise the necessary funds. Anyone can participate. Get involved individually, or as part of your parish youth group, ECW chapter, altar guild, or any other group. Just \$10 "buys a brick" to rebuild the Episcopal Church in Haiti.

The Diocese of Ohio's participation was announced at the Winter Convocation on February 11 and will be launched at the parish level on the first Sunday of Lent, March 13. Elizabeth Moosbrugger is coordinating this fund raising effort in the Diocese of Ohio.
(Reprinted from the Diocese of Ohio website)

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

FROM THE VESTRY

1. We met on another snowy Monday night..
2. We reviewed the upcoming schedule for the church.
3. We heard that the Christmas Offering has been sent to our recipients: Food for the Poor, Lynn's Closet, and Haven of Rest.
4. We heard that several members had gotten new jobs. That's great! We have several more we are waiting and praying for.
5. We heard that Habitat for Humanity is planning to build four houses in Twinsburg. There will be many opportunities for us to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 6, Hope Tote collection begins
- March 8, 5:00 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- March 9, 7:30 pm, Ash Wednesday service
- Sunday, March 20, 9:30 am, Church Breakfast, 2:00 pm Nursing Home service
- Sunday, March 27, Soup Sunday, following 10:30 service
- Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday, April 17



Shrove Tuesday

This year, we will again have our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. It will be Tuesday, March 8, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We could use your help with cooking, serving, and clean-up. You can make your favorite pancakes for the congregation. A sign-up sheet will be out at church, so we can know how many to plan for.



SPECIAL NOTE

Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 am, we **begin Daylight Savings Time** by setting our clocks ahead one hour.



OUTREACH



Haven of Rest Ministries

HOPE TOTE

Please join in helping Haven of Rest’s annual outreach ministry to needy and homeless women, men and children in our communities. This has been an ongoing Lenten project for many years, sponsored by St. Timothy’s ECW. We are asking for new, regular or large size items to be placed in the HOPE TOTES container in the atrium. The collection starts **MARCH 6** through **APRIL 10**. Please keep the list below to assist you in your purchases.

Thank you from Cherie Hassey and the ECW.

HOPE TOTE Request List

Regular or Large size items

Drop off starts March 6 through April 10

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Conditioner

Shaving Cream

Disposable Razors

Lip Balm

Soap

Deodorant

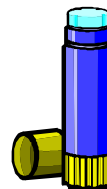
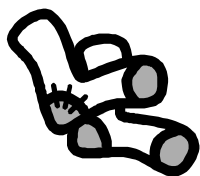
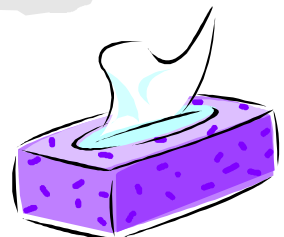
Hand & Body Lotion

Facial Tissues

Brush & Comb

Socks

Shoe Laces



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE - Can Pull Tabs Make a Difference

Keep pulling those tabs, all sizes, all colors from all cans, not just soda. From a note to a family that sponsored a room for a year (\$5000): "We cannot put into words what it meant to have a 'home away from home' to stay at while my daughter was sick. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts." Jerie & Dara

Questions, call Mary Ann P

UNITED THANK OFFERING - UTO

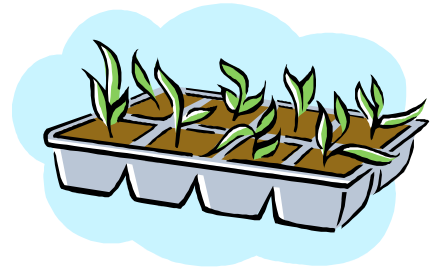


Do you have your Blue Box? Is it beginning to fill up with coins that accompany your Prayers of Thanksgiving each day? May and our next Ingathering will be here before we know it.

2010 grants include: Handicapped accessible playground; Music Program to keep children off the street; Transition Ministries; Youth Leadership Program for a community of non-violence; and many more around the world. See Grant Book or Poster (both sides) on door at back of Atrium. Is there a need for which we would want to make a grant request? Forms are online. Questions, call Mary Ann P

Sunday School Up-date

Are you feeling a little more O₂ in the air? That can "only mean" we've started planting for the spring plant sale. We are studying the Old Testament & we start more seeds growing each Sunday. Stop by & see the St Tim's 10 Commandment banner. March 27th will be Soup Sunday - the 20th will be chopping day. Please join us for a hearty lunch after the 10:30 service on the 27th.



Please plan to buy your planting needs from the Sunday School if you can. Flowers this year are planned to be Poppies, Lavender, & Hollyhocks on the perennial side & zinnias for annuals. Veggies are planned to include tomatoes, peppers, & several herbs. We will be trying a variety of tomato plants including a variety that thrives in basket planting.

Wanted - rigid plastic kiddie pools to house tomatoes/other large container plants in the atrium during peak growing season. Either donate an old one or let us borrow for return before Memorial Day. Thanks.

Diocesan Confirmation Service



I will soon begin a class for those interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. This could lead to your being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. On Saturday, May 14, there will be a Diocesan Confirmation /Reception Service at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland. Please let Albert know of your interest.



Memorial Altar Flowers

This is a reminder that you can purchase the Altar Flowers for Sunday worship (except in Advent and Lent, when we do not use live flowers). On the entry table, we have specially marked envelopes and a flower calendar for this purpose. Flowers may be purchased as either a Thanksgiving or a specific memorial. The cost is \$15.

RECIPE CORNER

GLOP

(Betty Palmer's version of Cottage Pie, an English pub staple – Shepherds' Pie is similar but made with ground lamb)

1 pound lean ground beef

1 can green beans, drained

1 can tomato soup

1 medium onion, chopped

1 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce

Mashed potato made with 2 medium baking potatoes



Sauté ground beef with onions till meat is browned. Add rest of ingredients except potato, mix, cover and cook on low for about 45 minutes, adding water if it becomes too thick.

Serve alongside mashed potatoes. Alternatively, put meat mixture in a small greased casserole dish, spread mashed potatoes on top and put under the broiler for a few minutes till lightly browned.

Serves 3-4.

Suzanne P

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

ECW NEWS

ECW Fund Distribution Requests

It's that time of year again in which you may make suggestions for our funds distribution. St. Timothy's ECW looks for organizations that could in some way use financial assistance/donations. We also look for suggestions that will benefit St. Timothy's.

A list of our outreach recipients is posted on the ECW bulletin board in the atrium. Some of the benefits that St. Timothy's has received include new floor mats, payments for the parking lot, the roof, folding and worship chairs replacement, Samaritan's boxes, and the church library just to name a few.

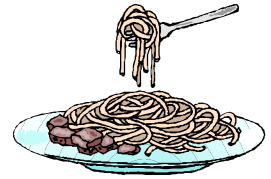
If you have any suggestions for funds distribution, please get them to me by April 1st either by phone, note, or e mail. All addresses are in the church directory. The name, address and any information you may have about the recipient organization is due at the time of submission.

At this time, we do not have a definite amount that will be distributed as we include the receipts from our annual Progressive Dinner. Many thanks to all the bakers, purchasers, and progressive dinner participants that enable ECW to continue its outreach work.

Mary Ann R, ECW Treasurer

FUND RAISING

Remember the Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 20. If you are willing to donate a prize for the raffle or if you know of an organization willing to donate a prize, please let Judy or Jean know. Karen is writing the intro letter and will be available on Sunday the 27th.



Jean B and Judy H, co chairs

MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results for Calendar Year 2011 (January only) compared to the budget:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	9,182.56	10,197.00	(1,014.44)
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	12,022.91	10,479.00	(1,543.91)
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	(2,840.35)	(282.00)	(2,558.35)

Church Operating Equity: \$31,636.33

January receipts were \$1,014 under budget primarily due to a \$2,840 shortfall in pledge income in the month. The shortfall was offset partially by non-pledge income being \$421 over budget and transfers in from other funds being \$600 over budget for the month. Pledge donations in January traditionally are a little under budget, but being 25% under budget is alarming. Please try and keep your pledges as current as possible to avoid finding yourselves behind in pledges and unable to make up the difference.

Equity for the start of the year was excellent and we hope we can maintain that level consistently throughout the year, but it will take very few months like January to eat up the current equity. Expenses for the month were up across the board due to a variety of issues. Most of the problem was with the way the timing of expenses occurred compared to what was budgeted. I don't believe expenses will be a big issue this year as long as we continue to be conservative in the way we spend our money and frugal when incurring expenses for the church.

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 \$169,192 (down about \$2,000 from December), with approximately 27% of the funds still invested in the stock market. We paid one bill to the architect this past month to account for the reduction. We will be meeting with the architect over the next few months to discuss a plan.

We continue to pay all our bills on time and we keep positive equity. 2011 has a difficult start and I continue to have faith in our congregation to come through. Keep St. Tim's in your prayers and help when and how you can. Thank God for our built-up equity! St. Tim's continues to be blessed.

Jim D



WORSHIP SCHEDULE for March, 2011





	Mar 6	Mar 9	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 27
ALTAR GUILD	MARILYN P Marianne M	NANCY N Mary P	MARY R Maureen L	SANDY R Marjorie M	NANCY N Mary P
ACOLYTES	Mike H Simon D	Ellie D Ethan D	Karen R Tommy K	Lauren S Ethan D	Lily S Simon D
HOSPITALITY	Fred N Terri N		Pat S Bill S	Cheryl M Suzanne	Sandy R Karen R
GREETERS	Linda S	Hilary	Joan P	Kathi	Marianne M
USHERS	Mavis R Phil W		Mike M Cliff P	Mavis Mike M	Cliff P Phil W
COUNTERS	Sandy D Nancy-Anne		Jim D Mike M	Mavis Lois O	Sandy D Bill P
SEASON	Last Sunday after Epiphany <i>green</i>	Ash Wednesday <i>7:30 pm, purple</i>	1st Sunday of Lent, purple	2nd Sunday of Lent, purple	3rd Sunday of Lent, purple
	Rite II, Ps 99	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I
CHALICE BEARER	Nancy-Anne	Anne P	Mary Ann P	Karen R	Jim D
1ST LESSON	Norb	Lois O	Peter D	Judy S	Cheryl M
2ND LESSON	Gayle	Sandy R	Pat S	Mara	Barb S
INTERCESSOR	Nancy-Anne	Albert	Bill P	Mary Ann P	Jim D
FORM	III	Litany of Penance, lead by Albert	IV	II	I
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If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.



March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 8:00 p AA Meeting
6 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist Hope Totes begins	7	8 Mardi Gras 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 5:00 p Shrove Tue Pancake Dinner 8:00 p AA Meeting	9 Ash Wednesday 7:30 p Service	10 1:00 p Needles & Hook 	11	12 8:00 p AA Meeting
13 2:00 a Daylight Savings Time begins 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	14	15 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	16 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 8:00 p AA Meeting
20 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 9:30 a Church Breakfast 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p Nursing Home service	21 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	22 9:00 a Tidings deadline 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	23 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	24 1:00 p Needles & Hooks 	25	26 9:00am – 1:00 pm Quiet day 8:00 p AA Meeting
27 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist Soup Sunday	28	29 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	30 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	31		