

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



NOVEMBER, 2011

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

While I was growing up in Virginia, I was taught that the first Thanksgiving happened in Virginia. Later, while I was attending school in Massachusetts, I was told that the first Thanksgiving took place in Massachusetts. Some claim it first occurred in Florida, so I am not sure where the first one was celebrated, but we know that it has been an important holiday for our nation for hundreds of years. President Lincoln designated a day in November for Thanksgiving and, in 1941, President Roosevelt designated the fourth Thursday in November as its date. It is interesting to note that the holiday was not simply a response to a good year; it was, on a deeper level, an attitude that allowed people to see the gifts they had received which called from them the word "Thanks". While visiting Israel, I was reminded that the people of Israel often gave thanks in the middle of pain, transition, wandering, and confusion.

One of the most helpful ways to have an attitude of thanksgiving is to pay attention. Pay attention to yourself, to others. Notice how they interact with you; notice your impact on them. Pay attention to nature, the sun, the plants and the hills. Listen for God-that voice outside of us and in us. You do not have to have your greatest year to celebrate Thanksgiving. You just have to have one about which you are honest with yourself. These are amazing times, both difficult and fulfilling. May you cultivate a prayer of thanksgiving. Those around you will notice when you have begun.

Albert

FROM THE VESTRY

1. We developed a schedule of activities for the year.
2. We decided to try our 12th Night Celebration on Friday night, the true day of Epiphany, January 6, 2012.
3. We discussed plans for Christmas outreach donations.
4. We heard that the furnaces and air conditioners will be replaced, commencing October 19.
5. We began plans for January's Annual Meeting.
6. We discussed the upcoming stewardship campaign.

Do you enjoy reading the *Tidings* online? Can you give up the paper copy we mail you? If so, please email us your preferred address and help St. Tim's save time, money, and paper.

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The deadline for December *Tidings* is Tuesday, November 22, 9 am.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, **October 23**, Bishop Williams visits at the 10:30 am service, lunch to follow
- Friday, **November 4**, 5:30 pm, Chili Dinner/Raffle
- Friday & Saturday, **November 11 & 12**, Diocesan Convention
- Sunday, **November 13**, Pie Sunday/Ingathering
- Sunday, **November 13**, Acolyte Meeting
- Sunday, **November 20**, Samaritan's Purse/Shoe Box project completed
- Thursday, **November 25**, 10:30 am Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
- Saturday, **December 3**, 9 am-1 pm, Advent Quiet Day
- Sunday, **December 4**, 9:30 am, Parish Breakfast
- Saturday, **December 10**, ECW Cookie Sale

IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Reaffirming her Baptismal Vows: Mary Posey

Deaths: Cynthia Mustar

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

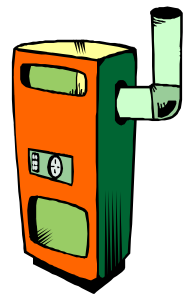
Do you have a Church key?

We have lost our "Master List" of all those who have church keys. For record keeping purposes, please let us know if you have a key. Look for a list at church.

Thank you.

New Furnace/Air conditioning Units to be Installed

As most of you know, our 20 year old furnace and air conditioning units are soon to be replaced. The new units will heat us quickly and cool us more cheaply. If you would like to make a donation to help us pay for these needed improvements, please give to the Building and Grounds Fund of St. Timothy's. The three new units cost approximately \$19,000. Thank you.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Thank you, Tuesday Night Serenity Group

We have been given several gifts of time and talent by members of the Tuesday Night Serenity Group. First, they removed the dead trees located on Route 82 north of the church. We will be safer and the grounds look better to those driving by. Second, an eagle-eyed member located some real gold among the items for sale in our Rummage Sale. That knowledge will benefit us by hundreds of dollars. Thank you, Guys.

Corrections/Additions to the New Church Directory

If you picked up your new Church Directory before September 7, please pick up printed corrections to paste into your directory. Find them in a box on the entry table. Due to privacy concerns, we are not printing that information here for Barb S, & Jay & Leah Y. If you do not come to church, please request that info in an email, and we can accommodate you. We safeguard personal information.

Thank you.

Ronald McDonald House Can Tabs

I hope you've read some of the notes and cards from families that have benefited from the housing and services provided by RMH. They are so touching and sincere. And our can tabs help to make those services possible. The dollars collected, if payment is possible at all, does not cover the cost of operation, so every donation, project is important. Put a glass out with a tab or two in it as a hint - at your next family gathering, party, work. Why fill the garbage dump when you can fill a hurting heart ! Keep pulling those tabs - all kinds.

With Thanks, Mary Ann P.

U nited T hank O ffering - Ingathering Nov. 6

Our Spring Ingathering was \$219.71 from 11 thankful folks. Can we beat it this Fall? Remember this isn't just a donation (altho we're happy to accept one), but a devotional practice bringing us closer to God through our prayers of thanks and closer to those in need with a prayer and coin.



Pick up a Blue Box from the entry table and start. Or pick up the envelope for your offering coins from the last six months. Remember, every cent is granted for needs around U.S. and the world. Watch for brochure in upcoming Sunday bulletin.

I'm thankful I can participate, Mary Ann P

Acolyte Meeting on November 13

Please let Karen Rockwell know your availability for the Holiday Season services: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (Sunday), and New Year's Day (Sunday).



FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE REPORT



It was a dark and stormy night.....no wait, it was really a warm and sunny weekend for our Fall Rummage/Bake sale. We welcomed the considerable talents of Cherie Hassey as our new Co-Chair.

This sale could be dubbed the "Cut Glass and Afghan" extravaganza, as we had plenty of both.

The bakery items that were donated were delicious and abundant.

Everything went like clockwork, from the setup on Sunday to the cleanup on Saturday. Some of our youth helped us to set up. Mike H designed some quick connect couplings for our racks and they were

put together with ease.

Our stored items (6 car loads worth!) were moved from Joan P's basement to the church and gave us a good foundation for the many and varied donations from the parish. Volunteers worked daily to price and set up. Each person seems to have unique talents (knowledge of collectibles, clothing brands, or technical equipment) that we rely on to price things correctly.

Sale day dawned, the sun shone and our excitement grew. Hugs and prayers, and we opened the doors to the waiting crowds.

When it was all over, we earned a whopping \$4048. This exceeded the Spring sale (\$3500) for the first time, and set a new record for the year of \$7500! Last fall we earned \$2712. What slouches we were!

Needless to say we are excited and proud of the work everyone put forth to achieve such an amazing result. What a team! A variety of factors helped us to succeed. My personal observation is that throughout the sale, our items were always kept neat and well presented. It never looked jumbled or messy. Many compliments were received from customers about what good quality merchandise we have.

Thanks to all (there are so many) who donated their skills and household goods.

We will now settle down to a long winter's rest.

Judy Horvath, Cherie Hassey, Pat Sadatani, Co-Chairs



FUND RAISING



November 4, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm, Chili Dinner/Raffle

We hope to see all of you there!

Judy, Gayle, Nancy, and Jean

Fund Raising Committee



RECIPE CORNER

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

325 F, 50 - 60 min, serves 12

GREEK SPICE CAKE

1 c sugar, 2 1/2 c all-purpose flour, 1 c packed brown sugar,
1 1/2 tsp baking powder, 1 c oil, 1 tsp salt,
1 c buttermilk, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, 3 eggs, 1/2 tsp ground
cloves, 1 TBS vanilla extract, 1/2 tsp baking soda, 1 1/2 tsp almond
extract, 1 c chopped pecans



- (1) Grease and flour 10 inch Bundt pan....set aside
- (2) In large bowl, beat sugars, oil, buttermilk, eggs and extracts until well blended.
- (3) Combine the remaining flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, cloves and baking soda; gradually beat into the sugar mixture until blended. Stir in pecans.
- (4) Transfer to prepared pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 - 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.
- (5) Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Enjoy.

This is a wonderful tasting and smelling cake.....not terribly sweet. Wonderful with coffee or tea.

MONEY MATTERS

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	\$112,410.85	\$ 89,351.00	23,059.85
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	<u>93,793.20</u>	<u>93,985.00</u>	<u>191.80</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	23,472.82	(3,937.00)	27,409.82

Church Operating Equity: \$53,094.33

September 2011 receipts were \$5,411 under budget primarily due to a \$2,121 loss in our investments with the diocese and pledges under budget by \$3,745. Non-pledge income year-to-date continues to be ahead of budget (over \$2,935 ahead) and most other income areas are ahead as well. We should benefit as well from the great rummage sale we had in October as well.

\$1,700 of Pledges were behind for the month because of current year pledges being paid in February while the remainder of the pledge shortfall were pledges not received. We need to focus on catching up on our pledges for the year. Please use the September giving statements to note the remaining pledge amount you may have and see if you can catch-up over the next three months.

Apparel sales continue to be zero for the year. How about buying a St. Tim's garment for Christmas?

We have reduced our spending this past month to where operating expenses are now less than budget. This is after being over budget by as much as \$2,000 or more throughout the year. We have been able to reduce the deficit through our 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 \$157,432.73, with approximately 28% of those funds still invested in the stock market. We plan to use some of those funds next year to expand the parking lot and other construction. We hope to fund the parking lot expansion through a combination of New Construction funds, Grants from the Diocese and donations to the fund from parishioners. We will keep you informed of any updates regarding costs and a pledge drive.

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 NOVEMBER, 2011

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 24	Nov 27
ALTAR GUILD	NANCY N Mary P	MARILYN P Marianne M	MARY R Maureen L		SANDY R Marjorie
ACOLYTES	Ethan D Tommy K	Karen R Simon D	Mike H Lauren S	Karen R	Lily S Tommy K
HOSPITALITY	Nancy-Anne Lois O	Fred N Terri N	Pat S Bill S		Allen W Bill P
GREETERS	Hilary	Linda S	Nancy N		Mary R
USHERS	Joan P Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Phil W Cliff P		Mavis R Joan P
COUNTERS	Mavis Bill P	Sandy Nancy-Anne	Jim D Mike M		Mavis Lois O
SEASON	All Saints Sunday, <i>green</i>	22nd Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i>	Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ The King <i>white</i>	Thanksgiving <i>white</i>	Advent I <i>blue</i>
PROPER		28	29		
	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite I
CHALICE BEARER	Nancy-Anne	Marjorie	Jim D	Mary Ann P	Karen R
1ST LESSON	Cheryl M	Leah Y	Sandy R	Pat S	Judy S
2ND LESSON	Suzanne	Mara D	Norb	Lois O	Cheryl M
INTERCESSOR	Bill P	Marjorie	Karen R	Mary Ann P	Pat S
FORM	II	VI, w/conf	II	Litany of Thanksgiving	IV
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If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.



November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	2 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	3	4  5:30: p Chili Dinner/Raffle	5 8:00 p AA meeting
6 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist UTO Ingathering 11:45 a Worship Committee	7	8 10:00 a Book Study Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	9 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Education Mtg	10	11 Veterans' Day Diocesan Convention	12 Diocesan Convention 8:00 p AA meeting
13 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist Ingathering/Pie Sunday Acolyte Meeting	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	18	19 8:00 p AA meeting
20 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 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	24 Thanksgiving Day 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	25	26 8:00 p AA meeting
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