

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE TIDINGS

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



SEPTEMBER, 2011

## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

As you know, Gay and I have just returned from a trip to England and Norway. Because both of our families have roots in England and because our denomination has its roots in the Church of England, it felt a little bit like going home. In Norway, we saw much natural beauty, enjoyed several cities, and learned about the history of that region of the world. We saw much, learned much and experienced much. Now that we have returned back to Ohio, I realize that we were recipients of the generosity of others in powerful and meaningful ways while we were away. In England we were taken to dinner at an historic London club. In a service at Westminster Abbey, prayers were offered for us and for Lee on the anniversary of her death. We were given a tour at the BBC and we saw the 6:00 News being produced from the production booth. From England, we took a cruise ship to Norway. When we first arrived in our cabin/suite, we found gifts for us—flowers, wine, and a credit on our ship account. People had again been generous to us. They did not need to do these things; we did not ask for them or expect them. It was touching to both of us. On some level, we felt cared for and supported. It is my nature to feel more comfortable in giving than receiving, so it was both humbling and necessary for us to say “Thank you” to those who had given to us. I hope that I will become a more grateful person who recognizes the generosity of others (people and God) to me. I also hope that I can become a more generous person to others, and in that, share God’s generosity with them.

**Albert**

## FROM THE VESTRY

1. We received bids for new heating & air conditioning units.
2. We made plans to participate in the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.
3. We heard of the plans for the beginning of Foyer Groups.
4. We heard of the successful “Stuff the Truck” event to aid those affected by tornadoes in Alabama.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, August 28, we will have our 10:30 worship service at Sagamore Hills Park, followed by our church picnic. Please plan on attending; there is a sign-up sheet at church. The 8:30 service will be at St. Timothy’s.



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The deadline for October *Tidings* is Tuesday, September 20, 9 am.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED



- Sunday, September 11 is Kick-Off Sunday. Sunday School & Youth Group will begin on that Sunday.
- Sunday, September 11 we will have our Parish Breakfast at 9:30 am. You are invited to participate. There is a sign-up sheet at church.
- Sundays, September 11, 18, 25 we will have a special collection for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This appeal supports a wide range of projects, including outreach projects like homeless shelters and food programs, and special projects like internships and recently ordained clergy training.
- Sunday, October 23 Bishop Williams will be with us. If you would like to be confirmed or received, please talk to Albert soon.



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Acolytes

Summer, like all good things, must come to an end; but fall brings with it the excitement of a new beginning to our church year. If you are a fifth grader, or older, and would like to be an acolyte beginning this fall, please talk to The Rev. Jennings or to Karen Rockwell. We are blessed with a great corps of acolytes at St. Timothy's; we'd love for it to be a slightly larger corps! New school age acolytes work with experienced acolytes for the first year. We work in teams of two whenever possible.

Karen Rockwell

### UTO United Thank Offering

A Daily Prayer of Thanks and a coin for your Blue Box, check out the Grant Book on the entry table. See where our donations have gone, the good work they enable here and around the world—no overhead!



### Ronald McDonald House—Pull those tabs

Yes, we will take red tabs, blue tabs, etc. Yes, we will take all size tabs. Yes, we will take soda tabs, pet food tabs, soup tabs, etc. All tabs generate money for the wonderful services RMH offers to families with children in our area hospitals— at the RMH & RM Hospitality Rooms in area hospitals.

### Choir Invitation

It is that time of year when the choir begins to rehearse and will join us again in the worship services beginning on Sunday, September 11, 2011. If you have any desire to sing with us and experience the camaraderie of making music as a group, please join us! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 31, at 7:30 p.m. We would also welcome any musicians who would like to add their instrumental blends to our songs! We welcome all who want to share in enhancing the liturgy!



### Get in on the ground floor of a new to St. Timothy's tradition! Foyer Groups

Foyer Groups, a great Anglican/Episcopal tradition of fellowship in small groups (6-8 people) based around simple meals and social fellowship will begin at St. Tim's this fall. The vestry has approved the idea. We will be setting up two "sessions" per year, the first sign up will be through September 18<sup>th</sup>, with the groups to meet at least 4 times over the next five months (Oct. – Feb.) We will then have a March sign up period for a second session to begin in April for the months of April – August.

A detailed explanation of the tradition of foyer groups and some Q & A's is attached as a part of the Tidings email this month. A printed copy is available at church.

Sign up will begin August 21 and will end on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. The committee will work to have the groups organized by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> so that they may begin to meet in October.

We are looking forward to another way of finding fellowship with one another.

Your Foyer Group Committee: Karen Rockwell, Marjorie McDougale, and Suzy Jameson

## FALL RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE



Here we go again, folks! After a record breaking Spring sale, we are looking forward to a successful Fall sale, scheduled for **Friday October 6, and Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>**.

These sales benefit the church's general fund, but they also serve to provide community outreach by way of clothing, household and children's toys for those that need it, at very reasonable prices. In addition, it is a fine opportunity for fellowship among our parish. We work together, have some laughs, and feel a sense of accomplishment when it is all over.

Please start setting aside your fall/winter clothing, household goods, children's toys and other manner of good stuff. **No computers, encyclopedias, Analog TVs, or tires.** If you are not sure whether we can use it, ask Judy or Pat, or Albert.

Drop off will begin Sunday October 2nd. We will be here every night that week from 7-9 to help you unload donations. If you need a pickup for something that won't fit into your car, call Pat or Judy. The earlier in the week you can drop off the better, since by Thursday night it will most likely be too late unless you have already priced your donations. If you want to come by during the day, call the church. Most likely there will be someone here every day.

Want to help? We have been so fortunate recently with generous parishioners joining in to do pricing and set up, but we can always use more. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Let us know what days or evenings you can help out. Need I mention that helpers get first look at the choice rummage we get?

The Bake Sale has been a huge fund raising portion of the sale. Customers look forward to Judy's artful display of goodies, and we seldom have anything left by Saturday. Please sign up to bake something so that Judy doesn't have to bake 7 or 8 Bundt cakes plus cookies. Same sign up sheet.

We look forward to working together to make it happen for the church and the community.

Judy H. Cell#440 724 0838, Pat S. Cell# 216 314 3880, Rummage Sale Co-chairs



## FUND RAISING

Remember to save the date - **Friday, November 4 - Chili Dinner and Raffle** - 5:30 to 7:30, Raffle at 7:15. Judy and Jean will continue to run the kitchen with Nancy Nadin and Gayle Landers in charge of the donations for the raffle. Listen and watch for announcements in the near future.



Jean, Judy, Nancy and Gayle Co-Chairs

## SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP

The Education Committee will be meeting just after the Tidings deadline to finalize the curriculum and activities for the fall session. We'll let you know the results in the next Tidings. We'll also be discussing the class age ranges and what grade the transition to youth group should start. We aren't expecting any large influx of youth so we'll probably keep the groups the same and adjust the content of the classroom activities accordingly.



We are looking forward to another year of youth education. Fall Kick-off is September 11.

Albert/Ed/Jean/Kelly/Sandy



## SPECIAL NOTES

There was a nice article in the Hudson Hub Times about Kathi Flarry's recent trip to Alabama as a volunteer for the Red Cross. We have a full copy of the article at church where you can read it. You will see how one person can make a difference.



Thank you for your support of the "Stuff the Truck" project, which concluded on Saturday, August 13. All the parishes in our Mission Area participated in the project to fill a FedEx semi tractor trailer with building supplies, clothes, and toys to assist the many people affected by tornadoes in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Seven of us from St. Timothy's delivered our donations to the truck. We provided both monetary support as well as the items collected here, like diapers, wash clothes, pillows, hammers, and nails. There is a page of full color snap shots of the "stuffing" at church.



## RECIPE CORNER

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

### BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

- 1 block softened cream cheese
- 2 cans chicken
- 1 cup Franks buffalo sauce
- 1 cup ranch dressing
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese or cheese blends

(This recipe makes an 8 ½ " by 11" pan, cut the recipe in ½ to make a 4 ¼" square pan)

Spread cream cheese in bottom of pan. In a bowl, mix together hot sauce, ranch dressing and chicken. Stir mixture. Pour mixture over cream cheese. Spread cheese over mixture.

Bake in a 350 oven for 15 -20 minutes. Cheese on top should be starting to bubble.

From Sheryl Johnson's Potluck Dinner collection

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### HEAVENLY PINEAPPLE SALAD

- 2 pkg lemon Jell-O
- 1 Lg and 1 Small package Cream Cheese
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup chopped nuts (pecan or walnut)
- 1 #2 can crushed pineapple (20 oz) (drain well and save 1/3 cup juice)
- 1 cup Cool Whip

Dissolve Jell-O in 2 cups hot water and add juice.

Cream together cheese, pineapple, celery, nuts

(Have jelled partially set) Blend Jell-O with Cool Whip.

Blend with other mixture

Spread in 13 x 9 glass pan, refrigerate till firm (3-4 hrs)

Cut in squares to serve.

Very refreshing salad or dessert....especially on a Summer day.

Submitted by Judy Horvath



## MONEY MATTERS

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	102,353.52	71,110.00	31,243.52
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	73,418.32	71,297.00	( 2,121.32)
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	28,935.20	( 187.00)	29,122.20

Church Operating Equity: \$63,411.88

July receipts were \$2,431 under budget primarily due to the pre-payment of current year pledges being paid in February and the annual "Summer Swoon" of pledges being missed during summer months. Non-pledge income year-to-date continues to be ahead of budget (over \$2,600 ahead) and most other income areas are ahead as well. Pledge income, outside of the one-time pledge payment is now behind by more than \$1,300 for the year. Let's keep up with those monthly pledge payments, please!

Even Altar Flower contributions are catching up for the year and are less than \$100 behind budget through this month. Our newest income candidate for discussion is Apparel Sales. We have no apparel sales this year (budget year-to-date is \$150) and we budget that as a small fund raiser for the parish. I know that we have a wonderful book with the various types of apparel in it and I certain many of you could use a new St. Tim's shirt, golf shirt, tee shirt, blouse, sweatshirt or other apparel. It would be nice to support that fund raiser and get a good looking shirt in the process.

Parish equity this month is \$63,411, due to our 2011 surplus and continues to look good. I took the additional \$20,000 for 2012 pledges received in May and placed it in the Diocesan Joint Investment Account (a balanced investment account) for the year. With the stock market going crazy in early August, we may see some loss for the month, but overall, I think it is well worth the risk and is a great way to earn more than interest account returns. Last year, we invested \$10,000 of excess equity in the Diocesan Joint Investment Account and earned over \$1,200 on it in fourteen months. Time will tell if this investment will be as fruitful.

Expenses year-to-date continue to be \$2,100 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. Part of the reason for being over budget is also that the Treasurer needs to budget expenses a little better as well.

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 some people are contributing to the New Construction fund as well. The money is invested in a combination of bank accounts, money market accounts and stocks. The balance in the New Construction account is \$159,958 after spending \$6,000 more on Architectural fees. Approximately 30% of the funds are 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



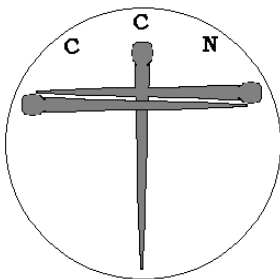
# Foyer Groups

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 SEPTEMBER, 2011

	<b>Sep 4</b>	<b>Sep 11</b>	<b>Sep 18</b>	<b>Sep 25</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	NANCY N Mary P	JUDY H Pauline N	MARY R Maureen L	SANDY R Marjorie
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Karen R	Lily S Simon D	Ethan D Tommy K	Mike H Lauren S
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Terri N Fred N	Allen W Bill P	Mara D Rick D	Pat S Bill S
<b>GREETERS</b>	Kathi F	Hilary N	Linda S	Nancy N
<b>USHERS</b>	Joan P Phil W	Mike M Cliff P	Phil W Cliff P	Mavis R Joan P
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Mavis Lois O	Sandy Bill P	Nancy-Anne Jim D	Mavis Mike M
<b>SEASON</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, <i>green</i></b>
<b>PROPER</b>	14, PS 105 Rite II	15, PS 133 Rite II	16, PS 124 Rite II	17, PS 105, Rite II
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>	Nancy-Anne	Karen R	Jim D	Marjorie
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON</b>	Gayle L	Suzanne P	Peter D	Norb
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON</b>	Cheryl M	Maureen L	Sandy R	Pat S
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Nancy-Anne	Pat S	Bill P	Marjorie
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**If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.**



# September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00 p AA meeting
4 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	5 Labor Day Church office closed	6 Noon AA Meeting  8:00 p AA Meeting	7  6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	8  6:00 p Lay Weeders	9	10 8:00 p AA meeting
11 Bishop's Annual Appeal 8:30 a Holy Eucharist Kick-off Sunday 9:30 a Church Breakfast 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	12	13 Noon AA Meeting  8:00 p AA Meeting	14  6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 9:30 a Choir Planning Mtg  8:00 p AA meeting
18 Bishop's Annual Appeal 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p Nursing Home service	19	20 9:00 a Tidings deadline Noon AA Meeting  8:00 p AA Meeting	21  6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	22  6:00 p Lay Weeders	23	24 8:00 p AA meeting
25 Bishop's Annual Appeal 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	26 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	27 Noon AA Meeting  8:00 p AA Meeting	28  6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	29	30	

