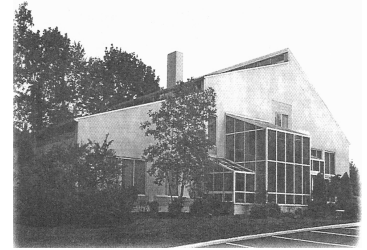


ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



FEBRUARY, 2010

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Often, when we see a tragedy, our hearts are touched and we ask ourselves, "What can I do?" Most of us, I am confident, felt like this when we saw and heard of the large earthquake that struck Haiti; I know I did. Here are some of the tips of "What one can do:"

- 1.) First. Let me humbly offer a suggestion of what NOT to do. Do not try to give precise reasons as to why the tragedy has happened. People like Pat Robertson and Danny Glover have already embarrassed themselves by giving unfortunate reasons as to "Why" this has happened. The question is not "Why", but "What now?"
- 2.) Pray. Pray for survivors. Pray for victims. Pray for direct aid givers. Pray for donors. Pray that immediate needs be met. Pray that long-term structures and solutions be planned, developed, and implemented.
- 3.) Be patient. Many thousands of people are doing their best to save lives, to provide food and shelter. Many people will be needed for years to come to rebuild, (hopefully stronger), roads, bridges, buildings, churches and hospitals. Even though mistakes will be made, and needs will go unmet, God can work through all those involved to show that the deepest love is sacrificial love.
- 4.) Give. Find a trusted group, ministry, or organization to which you can give. There are so many. Let me list but three: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), the Red Cross, and Food for the Poor. By giving to organizations such as these, you can rest assured that your donation will be honored and will go to the intended need. Sadly, there are already self-serving groups springing up that will take your money, keep it to themselves, and disappear.
- 5.) Do not be overcome. What will not help the people in Haiti is for us to be perpetually sad and depressed about what has happened to them. The need us (and God does, too,) to be operating at our optimal level. We need to seek to be balanced in our own lives and circumstances. That way, we can give again, if we are led in the future.

Albert

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IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Deaths: Betty Palmer, mother of Bill.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

ECW Annual Brunch & Meeting

Every woman in the parish is a member of the Episcopal Church Women, ECW, and she will receive a formal invitation to attend our annual meeting and brunch, on Saturday, February 27, 9:30 am. Look for the sign up sheet on the entry table at church. If you have questions, call Mary Rallya, 330.405.6807. See you there.

Needles & Hooks

Meeting dates: Feb. 8 and 22, Mar.8 and 22, April 12 and 26. The 26th is the last church scheduled time until next January.

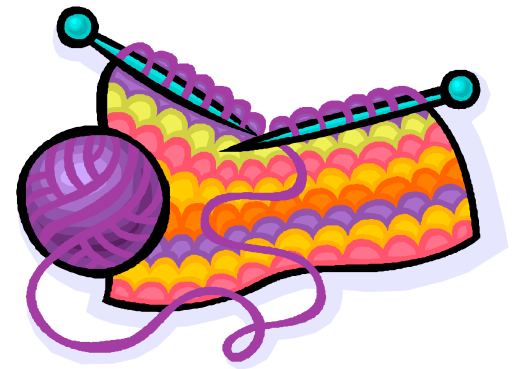
We are in full swing constructing fleece blankets, blocks and scarves, to be put together for afghans, and even piecing leftovers into more fleece blankets. Join us if you are able--check the calendar in the Tidings for church sessions.

In order to accrue money for supplies, we will be raffling off an afghan, constructed by Jean Bellamy, at the annual pancake dinner on Feb. 16. Two years ago we netted \$90.00 to help defray the cost of the materials we use in projects--especially the fleece. We will have raffle tickets available the Sunday prior to the pancake supper for those unable to attend.

We are always looking for leftover, or new yarn, that you care donate for use in the afghan blankets. Pictures of some of our more recent donations will be available to peruse at the pancake supper. Some of the smaller balls of yarn that have made their way into our cupboard are currently being made into neck-type scarves and will be available for purchase during the dinner.

Many thanks to all who have donated, knitted, crocheted, stitched and tied to make it warmer for many people. If you have not seen the knitted or crocheted pieces you have made for us, hang on as we will soon have enough blocks, and scarves for another blanket. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, give me a call to make some learning arrangements.

Blessings to you all, Mary Ann Richmond



Annual Meeting Notes

On Sunday, January 17, we held our Annual Meeting. In it we heard updates from the Natural Church Development Committee and next Steps Committee. Both committees are working diligently at their tasks. We heard that we were entering 2010 in very good financial shape. In 2009, our parish equity grew; we anticipate a balanced budget in 2010. The following persons were elected to Vestry: Jean Bellamy, Maureen Letsky, and Mary Rallya. Nancy-Anne Wargo was elected Convention delegate; Kim Krueger was elected Alternate. Kim was also elected as a representative to Mission Area Council. After the meeting, we had a delicious potluck lunch, organized by Marjorie McDougle.

MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results for Fiscal Year 2009 compared to the budget:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Favorable / (Unfavorable) <u>Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	\$132,112.94	\$129,780.00	2,332.94
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	<u>123,619.50</u>	<u>126,713.00</u>	<u>3,093.50</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	8,493.44	3,067.00	5,426.44

Church Operating Fund Equity: \$9,845.26

December was another excellent month for pledge income, bringing year-to-date revenues in excess of the budget. Expenses are paid when they are due. Our financial health is excellent entering 2010. Our year-to-date pledge giving through December was 4.2% under budget (budgeted at \$112,458.00, received \$107,782.73) compared to 5.3% under budget through November. With this December boost in pledge income, our shortfall for 2009 in pledge income was only \$4,675.27, compared to the \$6,000 estimated last month.

The Every Member Canvass results for 2010 pledges were very good. A total of 46 pledges totaling \$107,053 were finalized in December. These amounts are one pledge more than 2009, with \$5,405 less in pledge amounts. In the final budget for 2010, pledge income represents 85.0% of the budgeted expenses (compared to 88.8% in the 2009 budget). Forty-four pledges of the 45 from 2009 pledged again, with two new pledges coming in 2010.

The 2010 budget was finalized in December, with planned revenues of \$125,990 and an equal amount of expenses (a balanced budget). Revenues for 2010 are budgeted at \$6,100 less than the 2009 actual revenues and expenses are budgeted \$2,400 higher than 2009 actual expenses. This represents a conservative budget that we should be able to stay within.

Jim Dudziak



Can we email the *Tidings* to you? Send us your preferred email address (to stimec@windstream.net). Help us save trees, postage and time. Also, *Tidings* can be found on our website; address is at the foot of each of these pages. Thank you to all those on our email-Tidings-list!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY, 2010



	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 17	Feb 21	Feb 28
ALTAR GUILD	HORVATH Neilsen	RALLYA Letsky	HORVATH team	PTAK Morgan	ROCKWELL McDougle
ACOLYTES	N.Krueger	Lily S. K. Rockwell	R.DeMattia	E.DeMattia Lauren S.	M.Horvath
HOSPITALITY	P.Sadataki B.Sadataki	S.Rockwell K.Rockwell		P.Neilsen J.Dudziak	N.Wargo L.Owen
GREETERS	M.Morgan	J.Papciak		M.Prince	N.Nadin
USHERS	M.Risley P.Williams	M.McDonald C.Perry		M.Risley P.Williams	M.McDonald C.Perry
COUNTERS	J.Dudziak N.Wargo	M.Risley M.McDonald		S.Dudziak L.Owen	J.Dudziak B.Palmer
SEASON	5th Sunday after Epiphany, green	Last Sunday after Epiphany, green	Ash Wednesday, purple Rite II	1st Sunday in Lent, purple Rite I	2nd Sunday in Lent, purple Rite I
CHALICE BEARER	M.McDougle	N.Wargo	MA Perry	K.Rockwell	M.McDougle
1ST LESSON	G.Landers	L.Yax	L.Owen	J.Spearing	M.DeMattia
2ND LESSON	N.Krueger	M.DeMattia	M.Letsky	G.Landers	C.McDonald
INTERCESSOR	B.Smith	N.Wargo	MA.Perry	B.Palmer	M.McDougle
FORM	II	II	Litany of Penitence, lead by Albert	II	IV
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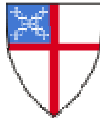
If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.



February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Finance Mtg	2 Groundhog Day 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Mtg 8:00 pm AA Mtg	3 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 8:00 pm AA Mtg
7 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	8 7:00 pm Needles & Hooks	9 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Mtg 8:00 pm AA Mtg	10 6:00 pm Potluck Program 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Education Mtg	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 8:00 pm AA Mtg
14 Valentine's Day 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 	15 President's Day 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg	Mardi Gras 16 9:00 am Tidings deadline 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Mtg 5:00 pm Pancake Dinner 8:00 pm AA Mtg	17 Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm Service	18	19	20 8:00 pm AA Mtg
21 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	22 Washington's Birthday 7:00 pm Needles & Hooks	23 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Mtg 8:00 pm AA Mtg	24 6:00 pm Potluck Program 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 9:30 am ECW Brunch & Annual Mtg 8:00 pm AA Mtg
28 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Soup Sunday						



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Worship: Albert Jennings