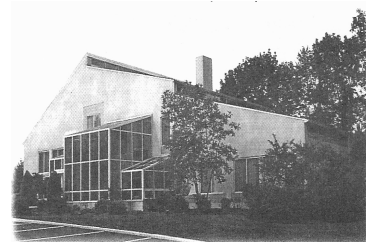


ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



NOVEMBER, 2009

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

We are quite busy right now. We are doing, at least, three different types of activities. First, we have our regular activities; these include things like Worship, education, and administration. We do these things every week, as they are an important part of who we are. Second, we have a lot of seasonal activities; these happen at various times of the year. We just held a Rummage Sale. We are preparing for things like the Fall Chili Dinner and the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Project. We are looking to the UTO Ingathering, Pie Sunday, and the Christmas Program. These don't happen every month, but they are also an important part of who we are. This year, we have a third type of activity going on. We are intentionally seeking future direction in several aspects of our life and ministry.

Through the Natural Church Development focus groups, we are looking for ways to grow in our relationship with God as we reflect on the various aspects of Passionate Spirituality. On behalf of the NCD Team, I thank you for your participation and involvement in these discussions. I believe this will lead to growth for all of us.

The "Next Steps" Committee is helping us reflect on our current building and its grounds. They are asking "What kind of building and grounds do we need to do the work God has called us to do?" We have received over 25 ideas from you. Currently, committee chairpersons are being asked for their ideas. Your suggestions are needed and important.

We will soon be looking for ways to further minister to the wider community. An Outreach Committee is being formed to help us do this.

In short, we are doing the work of discernment. In this process, we articulate "Where are we?" Then ask, "What is God calling us to do and where are we to be in the future?" Lastly, we seek an answer to the question "How do we bridge the gap between where we are and where God is calling us to be?"

Thank you for all of your efforts in all these aspects of our life and ministry. We are doing many good things. Many good ones lay ahead, as well.

Albert

A special **Thank You** goes out to the **Pepsi Cola Bottling Company**, which donated 15 cases of soda pop and bottled water to us.

From Gay Jennings: Thank you for your many prayers and notes of sympathy for my mother's recent death. We will all miss her. Your kindness and love mean more than I can express.

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FROM THE VESTRY

1. We began working on the 2010 budget.
2. We discussed having the carpets cleaned before the end of the year.
3. We heard that the Communications & Promotions Committee plans to have a game day, (Pray, Stay, Play) on the last Sunday of every month, the next one being on October 25.
4. We heard the "Next Steps" Committee is interviewing committee leaders about our current facility.
5. We noted that the Natural Church Development Focus Groups are nearly completed. We look forward to our NCD Team's report on what they heard from the congregation in these groups.

IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Transferred from St. Timothy's: Terry Miller

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

This time of year, we have traditionally held several ingatherings/collections. This year, we will be continuing these:

- The United Thank Offering Ingathering will be November 1 & 8. Envelopes are available at the church.
- The Collection for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Project will be on the first 3 Sundays in November: 1st, 8th, & 15th. The Sunday School will be publicizing the specific items that we need by providing information sheets to the congregation.
- Our Parish Stewardship Sunday, also called Pie Sunday, will be on November 15. On that day, we offer our Time, Talent & Treasure to God. You should be receiving a special mailing from the church about this in the next week or two.

This year, we are doing two additional outreach collections:

- The Bishop is asking for donations of washed and folded T-shirts; this program is called "The Shirt Off Our Back". Please bring in your T-shirts on November 1 & 8 in order that they may be presented at Diocesan Convention, November 14. They will be donated to a group serving the poor.
- We will be joining Epiphany Lutheran Church in collecting men's jackets, vests, and white socks for the Men's Shelter, (2100 Lakeside in Cleveland). Please bring in your donations by November 22.

PARISH NEEDS

- We are still seeking donations for a portable defibrillator. We hope we never have need of one, but all we need to do is use it once for it to be worthwhile. Costs vary from \$900 to \$2000. Thanks to ECW, we have \$200 in hand so far.
- We need to form an Outreach Committee so that we can continue and further our ministry to the community. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please talk to Albert.
- The Sunday School is seeking the donation of a computer system outfitted with Windows XP or newer software, with a monitor and printer. We are aiming high! If you are able to assist us, please contact Sandy Dudziak.

FUND RAISING



We hope you all are planning on attending our Friday the 13th, of November, Chili Dinner!!! Watch for sign-up sheet in back of church in the next few weeks. If you are thinking of making a raffle donation, please let Judy or Jean know as soon as possible. We are planning to have the items available on Sunday the 8th. Thanks to all.

Jean Bellamy and Judy Horvath, Co Chairs

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Thanks for pulling those **Can Tabs** ! Really helps at **Ronald McDonald House**, University Circle. Anyone need a label to set up a container somewhere? See Mary Ann Perry

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering: Sundays, November 1 & 8



Pick up an envelope from the basket on entry table and seal your 6-months' offering in it for offering plate. 63 Grants were made in the US and around the world from the 2 Ingatherings in 2008. Total was \$2,065,472.43.

Remember every penny you give is granted - no overhead, administration, etc. Surely we can surpass our Spring Ingathering of 5 people and \$150.

If you have any questions see me or call 467-6431. Mary Ann Perry

Rummage Sale Report for Fall 2009: Rummage Sale Hangover

Symptoms:

- A Sugar "High" from the great bakery we snacked on during the sale.
- Sore backs from "schlepping" around rummage from one place to another.
- Feet that hurt from standing all week.

Other symptoms include:

- Smiling broadly from memories of laughter and joking all week.
- A good feeling inside as you see your items find new homes.
- A feeling of satisfaction for a job well done plus our goals of fundraising and community service that were accomplished.
- Knowing that we raised \$2320.00 for the church general fund.

Treatment: 6 months of rest.



A side note: A special thank you to Phil W. and Jim N. who braved the wind and rain early on Friday morning to safely guide cars in and out of the parking lot. They went "above and beyond" to help us have a successful sale.

Pat Sadataki

COMMUNITY MEAL NEWS

St. Timothy's Community Meal was started about 20 years ago with a Christmas Day meal, where we served about 50 people including the families of everyone who worked. It was a great deal of fun. Since then we have provided a hot meal and a bag of groceries to guests on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Many people have helped and supported the meal throughout this time. The number of guests we have served has varied greatly during this time as well.

During the past couple of years we have seen the number of guests we serve go down to about 10 to 15 a month. After a lot of careful consideration we have decided that the energy and resources used to support the meal could be better used in some other way. The last meal we are planning on serving will be in December. We hope to make this a really special celebration. Everyone is invited to come and help us say good-bye to our guests.

We would like to give our guests some special grocery bags for November and December. We are going to purchase gift cards for our December meal and will include them with a nice bags of groceries. If you would like to bring in groceries to help with this, we would be very grateful.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the meal in the past and please come and help us during the next two months. It really is a fun and special way to serve St. Timothy's.

Judy Spearing and Marjorie McDougle



ECW ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

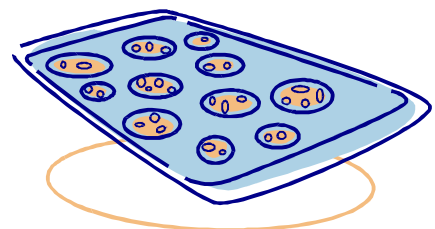
Saturday, December 12, 9:00 am – Noon

Our 21st annual cookie sale is not too far off and hopes are high for another great one. Detailed information will be out in mid-November and we would like to encourage everyone who can, to participate. This is the larger of our two annual fund raisers, with most funds going to outreach, both within and outside St. Timothy's.

We have a number of men who participate and do a wonderful job! Their specialty, (something with rum) is always anxiously anticipated. All you men out there, consider yourselves eligible to contribute.

The sign up sheet will be on the table in a few weeks, so please, sign up to help us out. Keep an eye out for information sheets with complete details. Hope you will join us!

Mary Ann Richmond



MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results year-to-date through September, 2009 compared to the budget:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference
Year-to-date Operating Revenue:	93,525.30	98,347.00	(4,821.70)
Year-to-date Operating Expenses:	<u>93,687.09</u>	<u>95,368.00</u>	<u>1,675.03</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus (Deficit):	(161.79)	2,979.00	(3,146.67)

Church Equity: 1,190.03

Overall, equity remains positive, but, year-to-date, it is **negative** for the first time in seven months. However, expenses are still being paid when they are due. Our financial health is weakening, primarily due to the “Summer Swoon” (dip) in pledge giving and large cash outlays for maintenance items. Our pledge giving through September fell 1.7% to **9.3% under budget** (budgeted at \$84,383.00, received \$76,502.93) compared to 7.6% under budget through August.

October is the month we should see an increase in pledge giving, as we approach year-end. If that does not occur, we will have to re-adjust spending in an already tight budget. I pray we can safely weather the potential storm in the coming months.

Jim Dudziak



UPCOMING EVENTS

- a.) UTO Ingathering Sundays are November 1 & 8.
- b.) Fall Chili Dinner and Raffle, November 13.
- c.) Diocesan Convention, November 13 & 14.
- d.) Pie Sunday/Ingathering, November 15.
- e.) Samaritan Purse Project completed, November 22.
- f.) Quiet Day, Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- g.) ECW Christmas Cookie Sale, Saturday, December 12, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- h.) Christmas Program is December 20.
- i.) Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 17, 2010.
- j.) Bishop Hollingsworth visit, Sunday, February 28, 2010.

If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list and change. Thank you.

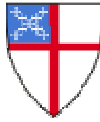
	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
Nov 1 All Saints Day <i>white</i>	RALLYA Letsky	K.Rockwell	M.McDougle J.Spearing	N.Nadin	P.Williams M.McDonald	M.Risley L.Owen
Nov 8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost <i>green</i>	NADIN Prince	D.Neilsen	J.Horvath M.Horvath	M.Morgan	C.Perry M.Risley	S.Dudziak B.Palmer
Nov 15 24th Sunday after Pentecost <i>green</i>	PTAK Morgan	E.DeMattia	A.Wargo B.Palmer	J.Papciak	P.Williams M.McDonald	J.Dudziak N.Wargo
Nov 22 Christ the King, Last Sun Pentecost <i>white</i>	HORVATH Neilsen	N.Krueger	F.Neilsen T.Neilsen	M.Prince	C.Perry M.Risley	M.Risley M.McDonald
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day 10:30 am service <i>white</i>						
Nov 29 1 st Sunday of Advent <i>blue</i>	ROCKWELL McDougle	M.Horvath	C.McDonald S.Palmer	N.Nadin	P.Williams M.McDonald	S.Dudziak L.Owen

ACOLYTES: Please remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to arrange for a substitute if you are unable to serve on a scheduled day. Remember to mark changes on calendar at Church. Please also let K. Rockwell know of any changes at pompeirockwell@windstream.net or 330/468-2737.

ALTAR GUILD: Team members will coordinate duties within their own team. Sandy Rockwell and Mary Prince should be the contact people in the event that you cannot keep your commitment and are unable to find a replacement. Thank you all for your help, Mary Prince

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fall UTO Ingathering 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	2 7:00 pm Finance Committee	3 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	4 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 8:00 pm AA Meeting
8 Fall UTO Ingathering 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	9	10 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	11 Veterans' Day 4:30 pm Next Steps Program 6:00 pm Potluck Program 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Education Mtg	12	13 Diocesan Convention 12:00 noon -5:00 pm "Be the Hands of Christ" 5:30 pm Chili Dinner & Raffle	14 Diocesan Convention 8:00 pm AA Meeting
15 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Pie Sunday 5:00 pm Community Meal	16 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	17 9:00 am Tidings deadline 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	18 6:00 pm Potluck Program 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21 8:00 pm AA Meeting
22 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Samaritan's Purse Project completed	23	24 10:00 am Book Study 12:00 pm AA Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 10:30 am Service	27	28 8:00 pm AA Meeting
29 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 1 st Sunday of Advent	30					



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