

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



APRIL, 2017

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

We, as a church, do many things. I believe that the most important task to which we are called is to help people grow in their relationship with God. That is why we are here. We have experimented with two different events recently.

The first was the "Drive Thru Ashes" that we provided during two one-hour blocks on Ash Wednesday. Our sign invited people to participate, as did our church announcements and Facebook. I did not know what to expect; neither did parishioners who stood with me. We did not see the Drive Thru Ashes as a replacement for the 7:30 pm Liturgy. We saw it as a chance to offer to people of our community the possibility of intentionally reflecting on God, mortality, repentance, and forgiveness. Thirty-six people participated. We knew some; many others we did not. In God's time, the seeds that were sown will sprout.

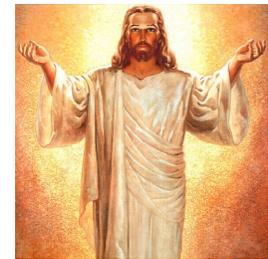
The second idea evolved from our Twelfth Night Fun Night and Bunko. Over the years, we have added food and worship to the evening. We have noticed the positive energy and excitement by those who attended. Friends and family are invited. We now call this event "Eat, Play, Pray", with a nod to the author Elizabeth Gilbert. We have done some exploration and found that people would like this event to occur more frequently. We will endeavor to do so. Our next "Eat, Play, Pray" is Sunday, April 23, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Plan on attending. Invite a friend or two. You will have fun and leave feeling more connected to the important things in life.

Albert

Please note, due to Easter's being the third week of April, we will be publishing the May Tidings a week earlier than normal.

The deadline for any submissions is April 10.

There is no room for delays during Holy Week.



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The deadline for
MAY
Tidings is
MONDAY
April 10, 9 am.

FROM THE VESTRY

1. We clarified a policy on tax-deductible donations for Fund Raising and Free Will Offerings.
2. We approved the 2017 lawn care contract.
3. We saw an initial landscaping design for the south side of the church.
4. We approved the purchase of candle followers for the new candelabra.
5. We approved the purchase of solar blinds for the new vestibule. We will ask for donations to help cover this purchase.
6. We heard a report on the success of the recent wine education/fund raising event.
7. We heard that we had 36 people participate in our drive-thru ashes event on Ash Wednesday. At least half of those were people who had previously had no contact with our church.
8. We thanked Cheryl McDonald our Sr. Warden for submitting an application for a grant for Ministry and Growth.
9. We heard that furniture for our new vestibule will arrive the week of March 20.
10. We approved job descriptions for Vestry Officers.

IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Death: Marjorie Crall

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Whole week: **March 19—25**: Clean Up Week
2. **Holy Week Schedule:** **Apr 9**, Palm Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
 - Apr 13**, 7:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service
 - Apr 14**, 7:30 pm, Good Friday Liturgy
 - Apr 15**, 7:30 pm, Easter Vigil service
 - Apr 16**, 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist
3. Sunday, **Apr 23**, 5:00 pm, Eat, Play, Pray
4. Saturday, **Apr 29**, 5:00 pm, ECW Progressive Dinner
5. Saturday, **May 13**, Mother's Day Bake Sale
6. Friday, **May 19**, 5:30 pm, Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle
7. Saturday, **Jun 3**, 4-6:00 pm, Wine Education Event



CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Ronald McDonald House

Remember in your prayers all those caring for the children and families at the House and hospitals. Keep pulling those tabs!

Wine Educational Event Fundraiser, February 25, 2017, 4-6 pm



61 people attended a very successful wine education event fundraiser at Spennato's Restaurant in Northfield on Saturday afternoon, February 25, 2017. As organized by Bill Palmer and Cyrus Davarpanah, the event allowed St. Timothy's members and friends to enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a great selection of white and red wines from France, Italy and California. A silent auction of 3 different bottles of very choice wine capped the event. Cyrus, our resident certified sommelier, enhanced everyone's enjoyment of the wine and complementing food with a lively presentation on the various grape types, vintages and geographic diversity of the featured wines. The generosity of attending donors resulted in net proceeds of \$1,621.70 for St. Timothy's.

Suzanne Palmer

St. Timothy's Youth Active in Community Service

Tommy K has been chosen to be one of the Students of the Year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! This is a six week fundraising competition between chosen high school students to raise funds to benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Northern Ohio Chapter. These students were chosen because they demonstrate qualities of leadership, volunteerism, philanthropy and community engagement, so it is an honor that Tommy was chosen to be one of the nine students in this competition! Please consider a donation for his campaign. Your generous donation will help countless people to find a cure for blood cancer and improve the quality of their lives. Below is the link into Tommy's webpage where you can view his campaign and make your generous donation. Thank you for helping Tommy in this awesome campaign!

<http://events.lls.org/pages/noh/clevelandsoy2017/tkijauskas>

Please be sure your wishes for your checks or cash donations are clearly visible, either on the envelope or memo line of the checks. During Easter there are many requests and it is important that your generosity is utilized where you desire: Pledge, Easter Offering, solar blinds, Easter Flowers, Memorial, etc.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Haven of Rest Ministries

HOPETOTE



Please join in helping Haven of Rest's annual outreach ministry to needy and homeless women, men and children in our communities. Sponsored by St. Timothy's ECW, this has been an on-going Lenten project for many years. We are asking for new, regular or large size items to be placed in the HOPE TOTE container in the atrium. The collection runs through **April 9th**. Please keep the list below to assist you in your purchases.

Thank you from Nancy Nadin and the ECW.

HOPETOTE Request List: Regular or Large size items, Drop off until April 9

Tooth brushes Soap Tooth paste Deodorant Shampoo Hand & Body Lotion
 Conditioner Facial Tissues Shaving Cream Brush & Comb Disposable Razors
 Socks Lip Balm Shoe Laces

Donations sought to pay for new solar blinds for the vestibule.

The Vestry is asking you for help paying for new solar blinds that will be installed on the street level windows in the new vestibule. These high quality blinds will reduce glare, provide privacy as needed, and protect the new furniture from sun damage. Total cost of this project is \$1,715.

We thank you for any help with this purchase.

Bakers Needed for the ECW Mother's Day Bake Sale, May 13

Look for signup sheets at church and put your pastry skills to good use. The list of goodies requested is long: cakes, pies, pastries, quiches, muffins, cupcakes, and more. Gift/carry boxes will be provided to showcase your creations. If you can bake a delicacy that you would be happy to receive as a Mother's Day gift, then we need your help.

With even more publicity available this year— think beautiful, eye-catching, digital sign— we are expecting a bigger turn out from the community. We would like to have many more attractive items to offer for sale.

Email your questions to bakesale@sttimothymacedonia.org or call Cheryl McDonald.



ECW

In a few weeks the ECW financial committee will meet to distribute the funds raised during 2016 to various organizations. If you would like to submit a request for an organization to receive funds from ECW they are due in writing by April 1 to the ECW Treasurer. All suggestions need to include the type of work they do, a full address of the organization and your name (in case we need any additional information). Suggestions may be sent to me by e mail, found in the church directory, or left on the entry table with my name on the envelope.

Mary Ann R, ECW treasurer

Cookie Sale



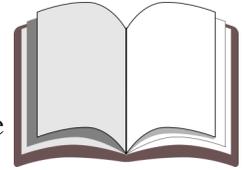
The final results from the cookie sale is that it was the biggest ever. ECW netted \$1,527.80. Many thanks to all the bakers, helpers, and indulgers.

Nut Sale

The nuts have all been sold and many thanks to all of you who participated in the event. The nut sale netted ECW about \$480.00. The term “about” is due to reduced sales in the later stages of the sale and sales at the cookie sale. We do know what we should have netted and this is a close measure. There are some changes that will be put in place for the next sale and we will remind you again next fall but here is the gist of the situation. We will not be ordering unsalted cashews as they are the most difficult and last nuts to sell. If they came in smaller than the 30# cartons it would not be a problem. The second decision is that you will need to decide what your needs will be, sign up on the order sheet. Our order to the nut company will be based on the orders on that sheet. We will only order nuts to fill the totals on the sign-up sheet. If you do not place an order you will need to take your chances on leftovers. Nuts come in 25# cases for the mixed deluxe nuts and 30# cases for the cashews. An example of our ordering: if the total number of deluxe nuts comes to 90# we will order 4 cases equaling 100# and there will be 10#, or 10 bags up for grabs—first come first served. The same goes for the cashews which come in 30# cases. If you take orders from outside the church, those orders will also need to be on the order sheet. After a number of years of successful sales, sales have dropped the past two years and it is difficult to sell the remaining nuts after the holidays. You will need to plan ahead for all the various things for which you want nuts as we do not anticipate a second order. Thanks to you all for your purchases, gift giving, and of course eating!

Mary Ann and Linda



ECW CONTINUED

Recommendations for the **Book of Remembrance** for 2017 should be in to me by March 15. Please call me for the information sheet to be filled out or with any questions.

Thank you, Kathleen F

St. Timothy Inreach Program

St. Timothy's has had an ongoing ministry of providing meals for those in any sort of need. We have found, however, that few people have taken advantage of this opportunity to be helped. I would like to remind us that we can notify Albert whether it be a short or long illness, a post hospital period, adjusting to a new baby, just plain fatigue or any other reason at all. We are a parish, therefore a family. Please let us not hesitate to call on one another for food of any kind, be it support, transportation, encouragement, prayer. I will be compiling a list of those willing to provide a fresh meal and arranging for delivery should anyone want meals. Please email me if you would like to be on standby to cook. I thank you and hope that we can be of service via inreach as well as outreach.



Kathleen Flarry, Inreach Chair

DEACON'S REFLECTIONS

Amy lived down the street and went to a different school; we became friends when we were about 10 years old. As Christmas approached, she said that she celebrated Hanukkah, and explained what it was.

A group of Buddhist monks came to Cleveland some years ago and created exquisite artwork out of coloured sand. While explaining how their work is prayer, meditative music created a calming effect.

A few weeks ago, two Muslim ladies were invited to speak at Good Shepherd, the other parish where I serve. They attended worship, then afterwards shared facts about Islam and answered our many questions. In this brief time, they spoke about the Quran, women, worship, cultures and yes, extremists. Like hearing about Hanukkah from Amy and Buddhist art from a monk, I believe that God is present in our encounters with the "different." Differences can reveal similarities. Like Christians, Muslims are called to care for the least among us: if able, they're required to help another person in need, Muslim or not. Afterwards, I thanked Humera and we talked a bit – she's been here for 30 years, grew up as Muslim in India but said the Lord's Prayer every week while attending an Irish school! I'd like to know more about her faith; in a way, I think it will strengthen my own. I'm planning to visit her Mosque for Friday prayers soon. Interested?

Anne

RECIPE CORNER

SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES IN EMAIL OR IN PRINT; SEE THE LARGE ENVELOPE IN THE CLIPBOARD RACK.

Tortilla Roll Ups

Ingredients

- 1 package of large flour tortillas (about 16)
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 small can chopped black olives
- 1 small can chopped green chilies
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 24 ounces sour cream



Directions

In a large bowl, mix the cream cheese and sour cream until it is smooth and there are no lumps. Add the taco seasoning and mix well. Add the cheese, olives and chilies and mix. Spread the mixture on the tortillas to the edges and roll up. Store in the refrigerator until firm. Cut up and serve.

Open M: April and May Ingathering Project



A recent conversation with Open M found they are very concerned about having enough food for kids during the summer months when school is not in session and they are not getting meals at school. In order to help with this summer program to feed the youngsters, our Outreach Committee decided to gather granola fruit/nut/oat bars. Open M looks for foods that kids can handle themselves—self-sufficient items, such as pop top cans, microwavable items they can fix with a minimum of fuss or gadgets or help younger siblings while parent/s are at work and the bars are a great item. After some more mulling over the situation it was determined that St. Timothy's would gather in **200 boxes of the granola bars**. Why 200 packages? The diocese has declared that since this is the 200th anniversary of our diocese, projects of 200 is truly a great goal, sooooo, to comply with the diocesan declaration we, at St. Timothy's will, beginning in April and continuing through May, collect the bars with the goal of 200 boxes/packages in mind. They will be delivered to Open M at the very end of May so as schools let out for the summer kids will have some easy accessible and nutritious foods to eat. Thanks for your participation in a most worthwhile project.

Outreach Committee

RECIPE CORNER

SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES IN EMAIL OR IN PRINT; SEE THE LARGE ENVELOPE IN THE CLIPBOARD RACK.

Mama's Asian Chicken and Rice

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cubed
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- chopped green onions for garnish



DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, stir together warm water, brown sugar, orange juice, soy sauce, ketchup, white vinegar, garlic, red pepper flakes, five-spice powder, and orange peel until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is well combined.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet or wok over medium heat, and cook and stir the chicken until the outside is golden brown and the inside is no longer pink, 10 to 12 minutes. Pour the sauce mixture over the chicken, bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low, and cover the skillet. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. While the chicken and sauce are simmering, bring the rice and water to a boil in a saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until the rice is tender, and the liquid has been absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes. Set the rice aside and keep warm.
4. Whisk the cornstarch and 2 tablespoons of cold water in a small bowl until smooth, and stir into the chicken and sauce, a few teaspoons at a time. Let the chicken and sauce cook for about 2 minutes to thicken, then serve over hot cooked rice, sprinkled with green onion.

MONEY MATTERS

Here are the financial results for February 2017 compared to the budget:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable) Difference</u>
Year-to-date Operating Revenue: \$	35,231.49	\$ 24,422.00	\$ 10,809.49
Year-to-date Operating Expenses: <u></u>	<u>23,723.98</u>	<u>24,743.00</u>	<u>1,019.02</u>
Year-to-date Operating Surplus(Deficit):	11,507.51	(321.00)	11,828.51

Church Operating Equity: \$ 36,934.78

February was over budget for Pledges and Investment Gain/Loss: Pledges are \$18,502 ahead of budget while the Investment Gain/Loss is \$660 ahead. Pledges are ahead primarily due to timing of contributions from parishioners. Non-Pledges are \$1,916 behind budget. Other budget variances are less than +/- \$300 for all other revenue categories.

February expenses are under budget overall with Sunday Child Care (\$450 favorable) as the only expense more than \$300 in variance with the budget. Sunday Child Care represents a timing issue to catch up to the budget. Other budget variances are less than +/- \$300 for all other expense categories.

Money from the Building & Grounds Fund – New Construction Account has been used for the rebuild of the atrium and planned additional phases of church construction. Contributions from memorials continue to be transferred to the fund. Funds of \$7,605 were received from the “Planting for Tomorrow” Collaborative campaign in January for the fourth quarter of 2016. We finished paying for our new electronic sign and started making our \$898 monthly loan payment to the Diocese, as well as made a down payment for our atrium furniture in January. With the exception of new windows on the south side of the church building, Phase 1 of the construction project is complete. The balance in the New Construction account is now \$38,060.18, with 50% of those funds invested in the Joint Investment Account with the Diocese and the other 50% in a money market account earning 0.05% interest. These funds are earmarked for building expansion. Our loans from the Diocese have a balance of \$62,391 as of the end of February.

We currently continue to pay all our bills on time and we keep positive equity. We have worked hard to be good stewards of the funds you have entrusted to us. Please keep St. Tim’s in your prayers and help when and how you can. We continue to be blessed.

Jim D



WORSHIP SCHEDULE for APRIL, 2017

	April 2	April 9	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 23	April 30
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy N Marcy	Judy H Cheryl	Linda et al	No set up	Altar Guild	Linda Sandy R	Amy Pauline	Pat Maureen
*ACOLYTES	Cheryl Lillian	Mike H Carlene	Ella Karen R	none	Simon Zoie	April Mike H	Tom K Anja	Mike H Lillian
HOSPITALITY	Pat Judy H	Cheryl Mike				Allen Bill P	Mara Rick	Marcy Mike
GREETERS	Nancy N	Joan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Kathleen	Mary R	Linda S
USHERS	Marcy Mc Mike Mc	Marcy Mc Mike Mc	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Marcy Mc Mike Mc
COUNTERS	Jim D Mike M	Sandy D Lydia				Nancy-Anne Bill P	Mike M Sandy	Jim D Lydia
SEASON	LENT V <i>purple</i>	PALM SUNDAY <i>red</i>	Maundy Thursday <i>red</i>	Good Friday <i>black</i>	Easter Vigil <i>white</i>	Easter Day <i>white</i>	Easter 2 <i>white</i>	Easter 3 <i>white</i>
	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I	Rite I	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II
		Narrative Gospel		Narrative Gospel				
CHALICE BEARER	Anne P	Karen R	Peter	Marjorie	Anne P	Nancy-Anne	Anne P	Marjorie
1ST LESSON	Gayle	Maureen	Pat	Suzanne	Signup card	Mara Acts	Gayle	Suzanne
					Rom 3:6-11	Col		
2ND LESSON	Lois	Sandy R	Judy S	Cheryl	Lois	Maureen	Judy S	Sandy R
INTERCESSOR	Anne P	Bill P	Peter	Marjorie	Anne P	Pat	Anne P	Bill P
FORM	IV	II	III	Solemn Collects	VI, w/ confession	III	III	II
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Any changes made to this schedule must be made to the copy above Karen's desk, also.

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

Acolytes: it is imperative that you arrange any trade of dates. This is your responsibility.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day 8:00 p AA meeting
2 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	3	4 10:00 a Holy Chatter Noon AA meeting 7:00 p MAC Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	5 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 P Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p Education Mtg	6	7	8 8:00 p AA meeting
9 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p Nursing Home service	10 9 am Tidings deadline	11 10:00 a Holy Chatter Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	12 7:30 P Choir Rehearsal	13 6:00 p Lamb Dinner 7:30 p Maundy Thursday Liturgy	14 Good Friday 7:30 p Good Friday Liturgy	15 7:30 p Easter Vigil 9:00 p AA meeting
16 Easter 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	17	18 10:00 a Holy Chatter Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	19 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 P Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	21	22 Earth Day 8:00 p AA meeting
23 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 5:00 p Eat, Play, Pray	24	25 10:00 a Holy Chatter Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	26 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 P Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 5:00 p Progressive Dinner
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