



“To Celebrate and Proclaim Jesus’ Love”

December 2011

The Epistle

Marsha and I rarely watch television, so being in homes with a lot of TV news on our Thanksgiving trip was a switch for us. We’re used to reading newspapers and internet websites, but that kind of reporting doesn’t have the same impact as seeing video clips over and over. This year’s images of Black Friday made quite an impression on me.

I won’t generalize from the person who pepper-sprayed other shoppers to get to the front of a line—she must be some kind of kook. And the security guard who used pepper spray probably thought he was just doing his job. What got to me were all the images of shoppers throwing elbows and knocking each other down to get to the goods. “A low point for American civility,” said one commentator. “Hopeful signs for the economy,” reported another.

I was appalled that such a frenzy of material lust erupted only minutes after Thanksgiving officially ended. It’s one thing to pick up gifts for family members and save some money, to be part of a lively shopping event. But the hard-core participants seemed to lose their perspective, with the encouragement of the stores. It’s good for their bottom line, but I don’t think it is for ours.

Thanksgiving is based on gratitude: for the opportunity the Pilgrims had to make a new start, for the strangers who saved their lives and taught them how to survive, and for the abundant harvest of that first year. It’s a chance for us to stop and remember the material blessings we’ve received, beyond any society in human history. It’s a cold morning as I sit at my laptop writing this, but the heat just came on automatically. I’m thankful for that, and I know everyone doesn’t have that blessing.

If we enter into the Christmas season with grateful hearts, welcoming the Christ Child will mean so much more. Every gift we give will carry the love and grace embodied in the greatest gift of all (“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”). At every meal we share, Jesus will sit at the center of our table. Every song we sing will celebrate His presence and love.

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I'm looking forward to Christmas at St. Timothy's, and if you're travelling I pray you'll find many blessings with your family and friends. God is at work in the world around us, and if we open our hearts we'll receive wonderful gifts. Thanks be to God!

Michael

From the Senior Warden

The Vestry met on Saturday morning November 12th to continue the process of discerning God's mission at St. Timothy's that was begun in the Spiritual Reflection exercise at the October 25th Vestry meeting. We developed general themes from the October 25th visioning exercise results. The themes aligned well with our purpose statement and the diocesan mission focus areas. The Vestry grouped like themes together to identify the 4 key themes that would become our *draft* mission focus areas.

The Vestry discussed how to move forward with sharing and vetting these draft focus areas, and came up with the following plan: **Staff** – meet with them as soon as possible and ask if these themes adequately represent our common lives at St Tim's; **Ministry Leaders** – meet with them in January prior to Annual Meeting; **Congregation** – share at the Annual Meeting on January 29. As we proceed through this process with staff, ministry leaders and the congregation, the draft focus areas will be updated and refined into the final mission focus areas for St. Timothy's for the next 3 – 5 years.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, we will be elected 3 new Vestry members at the meeting, as Simon Caddick, Ann Pontius and Nancy van Hall complete their terms on the Vestry. If you are interested in running for election to Vestry, please speak to any of our three retiring Vestry members, myself or Father Michael.

Shawn Murphy

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



“Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding. Christ is neigh it seems to say.”

All of us in the Sunday School have begun to prepare for the pageant. The rehearsals will begin Dec. 4th right after the 10:00 service. A major focus as we prepare is to help the children identify when they see Jesus in their own lives. Now that may seem amazing, but when we listen to the responses of your children after the Godly Play stories, we are assured that they do get it! We will be encouraging your children to recognize the Incarnation in their own lives during Advent.

Thanks to all of you who helped with the toys and treats for the Project Christmas Child boxes. The Sunday School prepared eight boxes for this project.

Pageant Schedule:

Dec. 4th, Dec. 11th, Dec. 18. We'll begin rehearsals right after the 10:00 service. Get some coffee and come up. All children are invited to participate. Remember that if you have extended family or friends who come for the Christmas Pageant service at 4:00 pm, there will be costumes for them as well.

We are looking for decorated chests, boxes, or vases that would act as the gifts from the Kings. If you have something we might use, please contact Margaret at 303-371-8278.

Margaret Utter, CM Coordinator

DEACON'S CORNER

Holiday Greetings,

I cannot believe that it is December and Christmas is coming FAST. Before we know it, it will be that New Year!!! I am NOT ready for this yet!!

I would like to let you know that our Operation Christmas Child project exceeded our wildest expectations...00 shoeboxes were sent from St. Tim's. WOW!! Thank you for this outpouring of love. Our "Young @ Heart" Senior's group filled 55 boxes by themselves at our last meeting on Nov. 17th. Let me tell you that those folks are keen!!

Speaking of Young @ Heart, we have had 3 meetings since we began and we have a membership of more than 75 people. Our next event will be the Holiday Lights Tours on Monday, Dec. 19th, provided by RTD Senior Ride. I have 20 people signed up to go and have just found out that we can have more. If you are interested please let me know or call Lindsay at 303-794-1565. We have bulletin board space in the lower lobby so please check it out for future events.

Samaritan Outreach is organizing our next project: "Carolin" @ Cherrelyn". We will be gathering gifts, ornaments, Christmas cards and cookies for the residents at the Cherrelyn Health Care Center in Littleton. Please look for the information in the lower lobby and consider joining us to sing Christmas Carols for the residents on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 2:30 pm.

Peace and Blessings, Cammie



Music Notes



As we are in the season of Advent, I am sure many of you are more aware of your daily prayer life and how to make it richer. Deacon Cammie announced at the services on Nov. 27 that we have our own in-house *Advent Meditation Booklet*.

Another enrichment is available by using the link on our website to the *Mission of St. Clare*: www.missionstclare.com <<http://www.missionstclare.com>> They have been providing an on-line daily office for 15 plus years now. Mickey Jackson has maintained a link to their site on the links page at the St. Tim's website all this time. Choral music is offered on this site, but the midi recordings are not the best, so be forewarned.

Yet, another way to increase your (weekly) prayer and devotion practices during the Advent season is to join choir! (You didn't think I would let this go by, did you!) As we prepare the music for our Sunday worship services, we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child by offering a meditation in the middle of the rehearsal. (Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm.)

We would love to have you now and in the future. **We especially need women.** All are welcome to join us as we endeavor to glorify the Lord!

Submitted by Joyce Culwell

Ringling Hand Bel I s



Ringling bells is a kick!! I have had the opportunity to direct the *Glory Bells* this fall and will continue to do so until June 2012. I want every one of you to have the chance of knowing what it is like. The reading music part can be a challenge, but the ringling part is too much fun!

It is so much fun, I would LOVE to have two groups of bells: one for the experienced ringer and one for the beginner level.

You know how much you enjoy hearing the beautiful tones the bells make as offerings in our worship. Please come and join the fun! (Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm)

Submitted by Joyce Culwell

Cel ebrate Christmas Eve!



There's nothing else quite like our Christmas Eve celebrations—glorious music, charming children, beautiful decorations—all to celebrate God being born among us as a little child. Note our new service times: 4:00 pm for the Children's Pageant and Eucharist, 8:00 pm for Carols followed by Choral Eucharist.

Every year the children charm us with their presentation of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus in the stable. Their innocent engagement with the story reminds us that nothing is more precious than the gift of a child, especially the Holy One. All kids attending are invited to take a simple part, and everyone will be welcome at Christ's table.

We're blessed with wonderful music every Sunday, but Christmas Eve stands out with incomparable hymns sung by choir and congregation, accompanied by strings and organ. Singing "Silent Night" by candlelight is a sacred moment that will resonate in our hearts after the evening is finished. We hope the earlier starting time will make it easier for your family to participate in this celebration. Incense will be used at this service.



Because Christmas Day is a Sunday this year, we'll celebrate a simple Eucharist at 10:00 am, with a sermon and a few carols. Everyone is welcome—don't miss these chances to rekindle the hope that fills our hearts all year long.

Rev. Michael

Leadership Advisory Group

At our congregational meeting in September, I reported on my plans to convene a new Leadership Advisory Group. The purpose of this group is not to set policy but to advise me on all aspects of leadership, from personnel management to setting my ministry goals to envisioning our future. I'm grateful for the variety of backgrounds and church involvement of the three members: Bill Clagett, Ginny Storjohann, and Kent Wagner. Each of them brings a wealth of experience in the business world, and I know that meeting with them will be extremely helpful to me.

Our first meeting was very exciting—they could barely focus on reviewing documents like my job description and goals, preferring to look ahead to mission possibilities. I will get lots of support and feedback from this group, which will meet regularly through the beginning of 2013, at which time we'll review our progress and make decisions for the future.

Rev. Michael

Discernment Committees

Groups have been meeting with Ann Pontius and Simon Caddick for about a year, using a contemplative process to prayerfully explore questions related to the development of their ministries. Members of both groups have expressed what a meaningful experience this has been, and they've both completed their work. I'm grateful for the faithful engagement of all the members with this process.

Ann has decided, with the support of her committee, that she is not called to explore ordination at this time. Simon's committee supports him in moving forward in the process which may lead to his ordination as a priest. The next steps are for me to write a letter and for the Vestry to consider whether St. Timothy's will support him in that.

I'm grateful for the courage Ann and Simon have shown in entering into this conversation and for the generous participation of their committee members. We all know what gifts Ann and Simon bring to St. Timothy's and will support them as their ministries develop in the future.

Rev. Michael

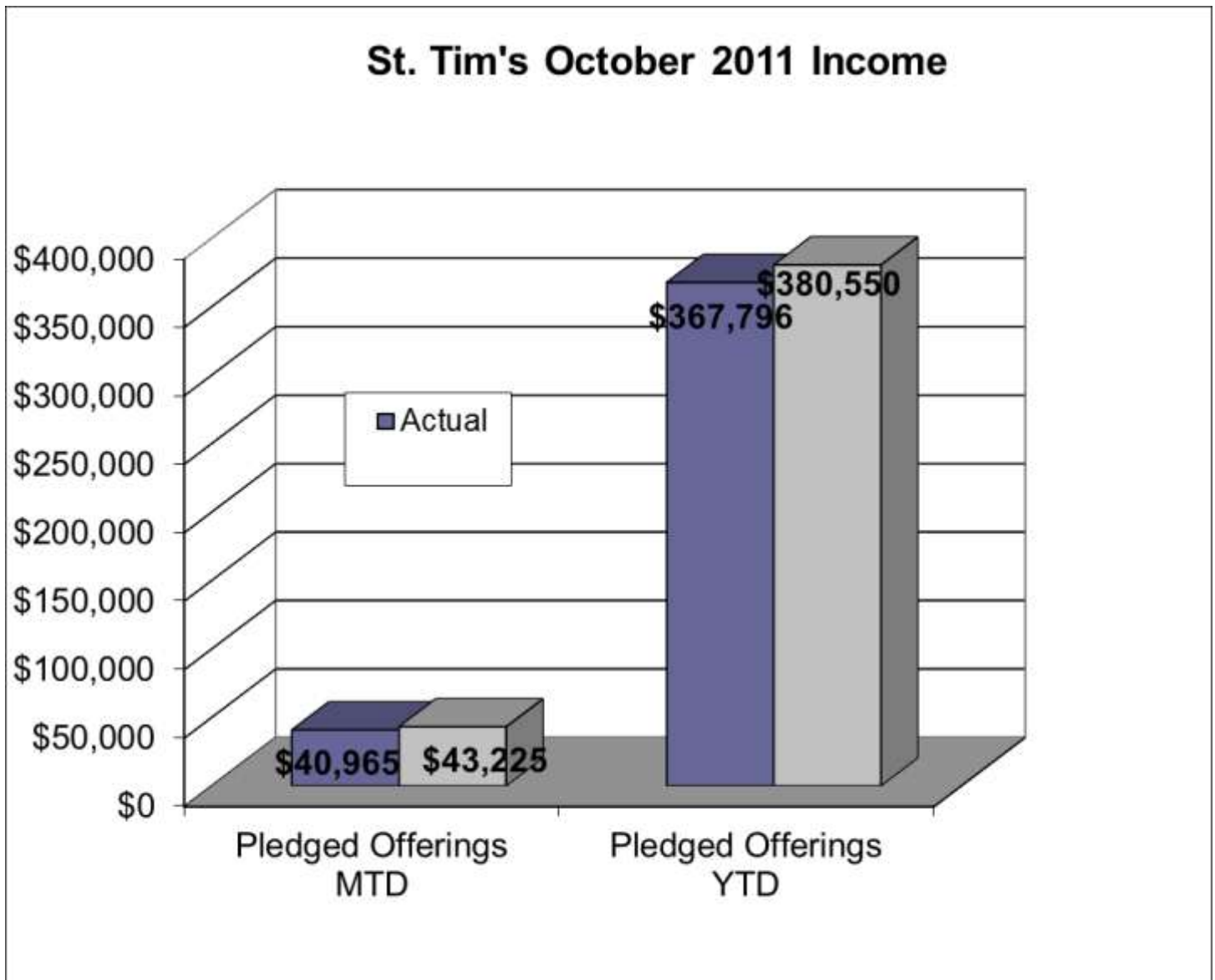
ST. TIMOTHY'S VESTRY MEETING SUMMARY

November 29, 2011

- The Treasurer's Report for the month of October shows income to be greater than expenses for the month as well as year-to-date, making up for some of the lower income received in September.
- The Vestry reviewed options for raising our deductible on our hazard insurance and decided to keep the deductible at its current level.
- The Vestry and the Rector completed our Mutual Ministry Review for the 2010 – 2011 Program Year. Many of the goals set by the Rector and the Vestry were accomplished.
- The Vestry developed budgeting guidance for the Finance Committee to consider when putting together budget scenarios for 2012.

Based on an analysis performed by our Treasurer of our restricted funds, the Vestry took action to move money out of certain restricted funds, due to lack of activity over the past 4 years, into other active funds.

Shawn Murphy, Senior Warden



A HISTORY OF MEMORIAL GIFTS TO ST. TIMOTHY'S

Last year in honor of the 10th anniversary at our Dry Creek location, several parishioners donated their time, talents and memory to compiling a written history of St. Timothy's from inception to the current day. It is not only interesting and informative, but also invaluable in preserving the historical fabric of who we were and are, for future generations to come.

The same holds true for items acquired by St. Timothy's over the years, through the generous donation of memorial gifts, designated for a specific purpose and/or purchase. These gifts may have been intended for use in worship, in enhancing our worship space or other areas of our building, or in support of one of our various ministries and programs.

We need your help in developing an accurate accounting of these gifts and in whose memory they were given. If you have made a designated memorial gift or know of any items at St. Tim's that were acquired through past memorial donations, please e-mail the information to Lindsay Leaman, our Parish Administrator. Let's act now to create this historical record of memorial gifts, lest they be forgotten forever. Thank you.

Lorie Newey, Altar Guild Chair

Staff Purse

Dear Member of Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church:

God's abundance has been greatly evident at St. Timothy's this year. Construction on our new Youth Center has begun, the Presiding Bishop visited St. Timothy's to spend time with our youth, our new Seniors Ministry is off to a fantastic start, our Children's ministry is growing with the introduction of Godly Play and a fantastic Vacation Bible School this year, our Community Garden was overflowing with vegetables, and our music program has brought joy to our ears and hearts. And this is just to name a few of the ways God's Spirit has been at work with us. None of this would be possible without the wonderful staff we have here at St. Timothy's.

A long-standing tradition at Saint Timothy's has been to collect and distribute a staff purse funded through your end-of-year contributions. Please join me in recognizing the efforts of our staff by placing a special contribution in the offering plate this holiday season, designated for the staff purse (write "Staff Purse" on the memo line of your check). Or feel free to drop off your gift at the church office.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Shawn Murphy

Adult Forum: Adult Conversations Exploring Adult Faith

Adult Forum began a new series on November 20, exploring aspects of the Episcopalian tradition. The series continues in December with **Reverend Canon Carl Andrews** on Sunday December 4 discussing the relationship among parish, rector, diocese, and bishop. How *does* that work, and how exactly does Reverend Andrews' position as Canon to the Ordinary fit?

The following Sunday, December 11, **Deacon Becky Jones** leads a discussion on "The Spirituality of Politics." Reverend Jones serves as Jubilee Ministry officer for the Diocese of Colorado and as adviser to Bishop O'Neill on state and local legislation. She will ask us to consider *how* we are to love justice, do mercy, and walk humbly. Both of these discussions emphasize the presence of the Episcopal Church in the world. Concluding the series on December 18, participants will reflect on *Episcopalian Incarnational Spirituality: how does being Episcopalians help us view the world as Jesus does?*

Even as the current series unfolds, the Forum Planning Committee is putting together an engaging new series starting in January: *The First Century Origins of Today's Jewish-Christian Relations*. Throughout the Middle Ages and into modern times, anti-Semitism has often found its basis in interpretations of those early days of the Church's formation.

In the Forum, we will ask basic questions. If the early Christians saw themselves as good Jews, why do the Gospels sometimes express animosity towards Jews? Why did Paul begin as a persecutor of the early Christians and later receive thirty-nine lashes five times from the Jews? Is Jewish animosity towards Christians a fair understanding of these events, or did the Church use that later for justification?

In our own time, how does our understanding of these questions impact the way we read the New Testament? How has the Church responded to the Holocaust and other instances of genocidal anti-Semitism?

Join the conversation, facilitated by Jewish scholar Daniel Bennett and New Testament scholar Dennis Haugh.

Dennis Haugh

Annual Meeting

St. Timothy's Annual Meeting will take place on January 29, right after the 10:00 service. All of our members are urged to attend, and this year's meeting will look a little different. Along with conducting business like electing Vestry members and presenting the 2012 budget, our time will focus on a conversation about the opportunities which lie ahead of us to grow as a congregation and make a difference in the community. Your input will be received to flesh out work begun by the Vestry, Staff and ministry leaders.

Also, mark your calendar for the Patronal Feast Dinner on Saturday evening, January 28. I'm planning to present our annual Volunteer Awards at this potluck dinner, after which I'll join Terry Mitchell and Greg Hoskinson for a music program upstairs. Let's kick off 2012 by enjoying good fellowship and expressing our vision for the continued growth of St. Timothy's.

Rev. Michael

Study Brunch Plans

After taking a break during Advent, the Study Brunch will reconvene on Wednesday, January 11 for a three-week series on a great adventure narrative: the Gospel of Mark. In just the first chapter John the Baptist challenges Israel to repent and baptizes Jesus, the Spirit descends on Jesus and drives him into the wilderness, he calls his disciples and begins teaching and healing, and as his fame spreads the crowds become so large that Jesus can't even get away to pray. What a beginning for the story!

In the coming year readings from Mark will be featured on Sundays, so the Study Brunch will try to provide insights to help you get more out of worship. With the assistance of Dennis Haugh, I'll be leading sessions on January 11, 18 and 25 at 9:30 am. Bibles will be available or you can bring your own—and please bring a snack to share. We look forward to these times of study and fellowship.

On February 8 and 15 I'll lead a two-week series on the Servant Songs of the Prophet Isaiah, which have a strong connection with Holy Week liturgies. Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 22 this year. For those of you who are free on weekdays, these will be opportunities to deepen your connection with the Scriptures that guide our faith.

Rev. Michael

Ultreya

Mark your calendars now! St. Timothy's will be having an Ultreya (Spanish word for upward and onward) praise service on Saturday, January 21, from 2-4 pm. We will have a talk given by one (or two) of our St. Timothy's members, followed by some great praise music and some discussion in small groups.

Cursillo teaches ONE way to live out a life in grace. Come and be part of this special time. Bring a snack to share, if you wish, as well as a voice to praise and a heart to listen. Having attended a weekend Cursillo is not a prerequisite! Anyone who is interested can come and worship! If you have any questions, please call Mickey or Pat Jackson, 303 797 0507 or email pajacks@pobox.com or contact Father Michael!



Blessings!, Pat Jackson

Outreach



Helping Hands for HAAT Force... Severe weather is looming in the Colorado Calendar...The **H**omeless **A**dvocacy and **A**ction **T**ask **F**orce is requesting gloves and mittens to give to our guests during extreme weather. Knit gloves (one size fits all) and mittens to wear over the gloves will help those who are unprepared for severe weather. A space for donations of gloves and mittens is in the Garden Level Giving Area.

Thank you, Thank you, **Thank you....**

- For your extraordinary generosity...201 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes...\$325.00 donations for shipping!
- Helping distribute 650 Thanksgiving Dinners through the work of Interfaith Community Services.
- And as always, your prayers that we will all find ways to share and see the face of God in all we meet.

Peace and blessings as we prepare the way for our Lord!

Nan Fullerton



News from Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King have completed a review of the training everyone goes through when they want to become a member. Our last topic of discussion was about *Community*. It was a very rich and encouraging conversation that truly bonded us as a group. An excerpt from *The Southwell Litany* explains it well:

Give us true knowledge of others,
In their difference from us and in their likeness to us,
That we may deal with their real selves measuring their feelings by our own,
But patiently considering their varied lived and thought and
Circumstances...

In His Name—All are Welcome

New training begins in late January or early February. As we have written before, Daughters are devoted to prayer and service. If you feel called, please come visit us at a meeting and then let Joyce Culwell or Pat Jackson know that you would like to become a Daughter.

Our next meeting is December 17, 2011 in Room 4 from 9:00-11:00 am.

Our service this month was hosting Advent Hope the retreat led by Kathy Hendricks. We also continue our birthday card ministry. There is room for you.

Joyce Culwell



News from the Nuba Water Project

After hearing Bishop Andudu preach and present at the Adult Forum on Sept 4, it is rewarding to hear from him again. He sent this letter on Nov. 9. Praise be to God that we are a congregation who helps so many people. Please continue to pray for George Tuto's safe return to Colorado. Nuba Water Project

Greetings;

Once again Episcopal Diocese of Kadugli is very grateful for the 10000 \$ that Nuba Water Project gave it is a big help to the people of Nuba Mountains, with that fund and other funds we received from other Organizations we sent George Tuto as member of the Diocese of Kadugli to Uganda to meet with Rev Mahamoud the Commissary of the Diocese of Kadugli to purchase Medicines, Salt and Soap to the needy people in Nuba Mountains at this time of War. Both of them will go with items to Nuba mountains to make sure that has reached to the right people.

Samaritans Purse Organization accepted to transport the items on their plans to Nuba Mountains. George has taken some cameras for photos that will be used in the reports the copy of the report will be served to your Organization. Thank you and please remember them in your prayers.

Andudu Adam Elnail, Bishop of the Diocese of Kadugli

Submitted by Joyce Culwell

Youth Group

Cinnamon Rolls - It is that time again! The mission team will be baking cinnamon rolls for Christmas. Order forms and more information will be in the bulletin Dec 11 and 18. Please support the 2012 mission team and save yourself from baking all at one time!

Youth Group In December - Our December and beginning of January schedule looks a little different because our youth are busy with finals, family and so many are out of town during the holiday season. So please take a look at the schedule and see what works for you and your family.

- December 2 - Parade of Lights meet at the Light rail at 6:30 pm
- December 4 – Because of a concert at church the Jr high will meet at St. Tim's and then go to different houses for youth group the Sr High will meet at Doug Thomas house
- December 11-MISSION MEETING RIGHT AFTHET CHURCH
- Regular Youth Group Jr High 5-7 Sr High 7-9
- December 17 – Wizard of Oz and melting pot. See Shanda to sign-up
- December 18 - Youth Group Christmas Party 5:00-8:00 pm — more information to come
- December 25 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Please see the youth newsletter for more information about all of these activities and much more!

Sanctuary Notes

Last month I reported on decorating plans for Advent, which began on Thanksgiving weekend. To briefly repeat the highlights, in this season of anticipation our decorations emphasize simplicity, with green plants taking the place of flowers and no ornamentation on the altar. The Bethlehem frontal has been hung as a banner, though it will be on the altar for the children's service on Christmas Eve. Again this year the kids are taking turns processing the nativity figures to the front of the church. We look forward to a festive Christmas Eve, with red poinsettias this year and a different decorating scheme for the narthex.

I'm grateful to the men who took part in a conversation about our flags on November 8. We spent time reflecting on the symbolism of the cross and American flag. Because symbols have multiple meanings and are perceived in different ways, it's not simple to define their significance in a community. I've been reflecting on our conversation, and one initial thought is that the sacrifices made by American veterans are images of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. That's the reason I feel it's important to have the flags in the sanctuary and to bring them to the front on national holidays. I plan to write more about the placement of the flags next month.

Rev. Michael

DRENNEN O'MELIA YOUTH CENTER UPDATE

I know it looks like not much has happened with the youth center but please be assured there is a lot going on! We have been busy picking out all of the necessary parts for the center and getting companies on board. Many in kind-donations have been coming in and we are looking forward to seeing visual progress very soon and there will be lots of work for everyone to do! Please continue to pray that the dream becomes a reality and check out our web site drennenomeliayouthcenter.net.

Shanda Velisek

THE PRESIDING BISHOP VISITS ST. TIM'S

On November 6th St. Timothy's was truly blessed to have a visit by the Presiding Bishop of the United States. The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori came to St. Tim's for a youth event that was put on by the Diocese of Colorado with the help of Catie Greene and St. Timothy's.

Our youth along with all the other youth in Colorado were invited to attend this event. Our goal was not only to meet her but for her to see our youth on fire for Christ. Upon leaving Colorado she commented on the event and said it was one of the highlights of her trip to Colorado!

Approximately 150 youth and some wonderful adult support worshipped, laughed, listened, discussed and prayed about how we can make an impact in the this world side by side with both Bishop Rob of Colorado and Bishop Katharine.

It was a wonderful day and we all felt blessed to be there. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the event, it simply could not have happened without all of the volunteers who cooked, cleaned, organized and had fun with us. St. Timothy's is an amazing community and I am so proud to be a part of a place who loves their youth as you all do and make them such a priority. THANK YOU!

Shanda Velisek





St. Tim's Travel Group Looks to the Great Northwest for 2012



Plans are underway for the St. Tim's Travel Group to journey to the Great Northwest in September 2012. The eight day excursion will leave DIA for Seattle and sightseeing in that fabulous city. Traveling south, the group will visit Olympia, Washington and stop at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Next will be a drive along the Mt. Hood route to the Columbia River Gorge and the Cascade Mountains. Portland, Oregon, the Willamette Valley, and Coos Bay are highlights along the way. The route along the Pacific Coast promises to be awesome, rivaling the famous Redwood National Park with spectacular sights. Then it is on to the historic village of Eureka, California and finally, the fascinating "City by the Bay", San Francisco.



This is the 13th year of the St. Tim's Travel Group! We work with a nationally known and well-respected travel company to get the best value for your travel dollar. The cost is less than \$2,400 per person, with transportation, transfers, hotels, admissions to attractions, and most meals included. A discount is available for early sign-up.




Look for brochures in the kiosk, or give us a call if you are interested. Our first meeting to explain more about the trip and to answer your questions will be March 1, 2012. Sounds like a long time off? It will be here before you know it! Plan now to join us for this exciting adventure with friendly folks in a truly amazing part of the world.

Doris Cruze and Helen Hardy

ST TIM'S and the EPISCOPAL Way		
Subject	Match column A with column B	
Translation of the word "Christmas"	Spanish Italian French German Polish	Yule Noël Weihnachten Boże Narodzenie Natal Navidad
The meaning of the word "Bethlehem"	"House of Bread"	In Hebrew In German Latin
Nativity Scene	The tradition started with St. Francis of Assisi in 1223. In a monastery in Rome In a cave at Greccio Should be set-up in late Advent through the feast of the Epiphany	True or False
Gospel accounts	A nativity scene takes its inspiration from the accounts of the birth of Jesus in the Gospels of :	Matthew Mark Luke John
Descriptive account	Who is credited with the narrative describing an angel announcing the birth of Jesus to shepherds who then visit the humble site where Jesus is found lying in a manger, a trough for cattle feed.	Matthew Mark Luke John
The Twelve Days of Christmas	Start on December 14 and end on December 25. Start on the 4th Sunday of Advent and end on New Year's Day. Start on December 25 and end on January 6.	True or False

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Always on Sunday 5 - 7 pm Jr Hi Youth Group 7 - 9 pm Sr Hi Youth Group Exceptions noted	Always on Monday 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Glory Bells Exceptions noted	Always on Tuesday 7 pm Denver Bronze 7:30 pm AA Exceptions Noted	Always on Wednesday 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Yoga in Room 4 Exceptions Noted	1 Always on Thursday 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA Exceptions Noted 7:00 Littleton Chorale Dress Rehearsal	2 7:30 pm Littleton Chorale	3 9 am Rug Braiders 12 pm Out to Lunch Bunch 2 - 5 pm Advent Retreat Afternoon
4 7:45 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 11:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	5	6 6:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10 am Dorcas - Parish Hall 3 pm Worship Service at Chereilyn	7 9 am Care Committee Meeting 7 pm BSA Meeting Rm 4	8	9	10 10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 3 - 10 pm Panthers Youth Football Team Banquet
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18 7:45 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Forum 11:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	19	20 6:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew 3 pm Worship Service at Chereilyn 7 pm Vestry Meeting	21 9 - 11 am Staff Meeting 4 pm Staff Party No Yoga	22	23	24 4 pm Children's Pageant and Eucharist 8 pm Sounds of Christmas 8:30 pm Choral Eucharist
25 10 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist - no choir or organ	26  January 2nd Is the Epistle Deadline Office is Closed... Office is Closed...	27 Office is Closed... Office is Closed... Office is Closed...	28 Office is Closed... Office is Closed... Office is Closed...	29 6:30 pm Choir Party at the Culwell's Office is Closed... Office is Closed...	30 9 am - noon Office is Open	31



Recipe Corner

BLT Soup

"Create a soup with all the fabulous flavors of the sandwich, and give it extra zip by adding picante sauce."

Prep Time: 20 minutes **Servings:** 8

Cook Time: 30-50 Min

INGREDIENTS:

3 tablespoons butter

2 teaspoons olive oil/coconut oil

1/2 pound sliced Turkey bacon, diced (optional for vegetarian)

2 cups finely chopped celery

3 carrots

1 onion, finely chopped

3 leeks trimmed tough tops and roots

5 cups chicken broth

2-3 pounds of potatoes scrubbed and quartered

1 (16 ounce) jar picante sauce

1 can petite diced tomatoes

1/4 cup flat leaf parsley chopped

1/4 cup Tarragon chopped

2 Bay leaves

2 Tablespoons Kirkland no salt seasoning

1 teaspoon sea salt

2-3 T Balsamic Vinegar

1/8 teaspoon pepper

Crusty French bread



DIRECTIONS:

1. In a Dutch oven or large saucepan over medium, heat 1 T. butter and oil. Cook bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving drippings; set bacon aside.
3. Sauté celery, onion, and carrots in oil, remaining butter and drippings until tender.
4. Slice leeks lengthwise and chop. Cook and stir for 1 minute.
5. Add broth, picante sauce, tomatoes, potatoes, and pepper, salt and dried seasonings; bring to a low boil. Boil and stir for 2 minutes. Add bacon and simmer.
7. Just before serving, add herbs and vinegar and simmer for 15 minutes.
8. Soup may be served as a chunky vegetable soup or as a creamy version using an immersion blender, puree in small batches or blend initially on the lowest setting, in a larger pan.
9. Adjust seasoning as needed. Greek yogurt, dried or fresh dill weed or shredded cheddar cheese are optional additions.
10. Serve with crusty French Bread.

Nan Fullerton **Prep Time:** 20 minutes **Servings:** 8

Pumpkin Cobbler

1 15 oz. can of pumpkin pie mix

2 eggs, slightly beaten

3/4 cup of evaporated milk

Mix the above ingredients together and pour into an 8x8 inch baking dish or pan. Bake at 400 for 15 minutes. Let cool.

¾ cup pancake mix
1 beaten egg

⅔ cup sugar

Mix well – you want crumbs – and put on top of pumpkin and then drizzle with ¼ cup melted butter and bake an additional 40 minutes at 350. You can add chocolate chips or almonds in the topping mix if you wish.

Kay Nelson (from the Muscatine Iowa Elks Lodge cookbook)

Corn Chili Cheddar Chowder

(back by popular demand)

4 medium potatoes

2 Tbs butter

1 ¾ t salt

1 cup chopped green chili

4 cups sweet corn

1 ½ cups grated cheddar cheese

3 cups of water

1 ½ cups chopped onion

1 red bell pepper chopped

1/2 t pepper

2 cups milk

Cut the potatoes into small pieces and cook them in the water until soft – about 20 minutes.

Sauté the onion in butter until soft – add salt and bell peppers. Sauté for another 5 minutes. Add the green chilies and pepper and the corn. Cook for a few more minutes.

Add the milk to the potatoes and water. Run this through the blender until smooth. Return to the pot. Add the sautéed vegetables and the cheese. Stir while warming. Add a bit more milk if needed. Do not let it boil.

Recipe submitted by Marsha Heron (from 2009 Lent program)

We Pray for Those in the Military Service

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Captain Damon Bird	Gunnery Sgt. John Humphrey
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2nd Lt. Cody Comer	P.O. 1 st Class Grant Probst
Pvt. Kevin Comer	Joe Rice
Spec. J.T. Davis	Sgt. Michael Simoni
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We Celebrate with those
whose Birthdays are in December



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| 15 Toni Kluge | |
| 16 Judy Baird, Philip Thomas, Connie Ackerman, Cilla Englert | |

And with Those
whose Anniversaries are in December



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| 23 Bruan and Leasa Parr | 27 George and Connie Ackerman |

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch



In January the Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday January 7, 2012 at 11:30 am at the Old Chicago restaurant - 7961 S Broadway. For reservations call Marian MacFarlane at 303-346-9274.

In February the Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday February 4 at 11:30am at Thai Hiep Restaurant - 2690 E County Line Road (SE corner, County Line Rd & University Blvd). For reservations call Marian McFarlane at 303-346-9274.

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Sunday, January 1

7:45 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

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