

Annual Report of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
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Senior Warden's Report

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your senior warden in 2009. Although the year has not been free from challenges, Saint Timothy's has enjoyed many successes.

Our church staff has done a tremendous job in carrying out vibrant ministries and programs while spending less than the budget allowed for expenses. Major highlights for me in 2009 were welcoming Cammie Houpt as our new deacon, the completion of our new nursery, the exceptional staff support and involvement in our Lenten series based on the book "The Shack," Sandy's excellence in planning and carrying out a variety of adult faith formation activities such as the study brunch, Shanda's outstanding work in organizing and carrying out successful junior and senior high mission trips, Joyce and Gene Culwell's fine leadership of our music ministry, and Michael's excellent facilitation of the Bible as a Moral Compass sessions. I also want to congratulate Roberta Denham on her many years of faithful service as Alter Guild Directress, and Jeff Spahr's perseverance as Junior Warden for six of the past nine years!

Your Vestry has been very proactive in setting a course for the future of Saint Timothy's. Our Vestry retreat this past March focused on ways to bring life to the church purpose statement. We adopted a policy on building use and fundraising in 2009, which provides guidance and structure on these subjects for church staff and the congregation. Several groups, such as AA and a home schooling group are now using our building for meetings, which carries out the church's goal of having a greater presence in the community.

We convened an unprecedented Vestry meeting with the church staff in August to discuss and set goals for the 2009-2010 program year. For the first time in the history of Saint Timothy's, the Vestry conducted a mutual ministry review with the church rector, a process that encourages a joint evaluation of the past and a coordinated and positive planning approach for the future. And in November, the Vestry agreed to redefine the junior warden position, create a property committee, elevate Lindsay's role to

include coordination of property maintenance and establish a marketing committee to facilitate church growth.

I am very appreciative for the congregation's support of our budgetary needs through a supplemental pledge campaign early in 2009. In response to a challenge to match a \$10,000 anonymous gift, the congregation pledged an additional \$25,935 that allowed the Vestry to adopt a balanced budget without additional painful budget cuts. And I am also greatly encouraged by the congregation's response to Jeff Rudolph's appeal for contributions at the end of 2009. Our revenue for November was almost \$62,000, the best month that our church has enjoyed in at least five years! I pray that we will be able generate the same level of financial support for our 2010 programs and ministries, and adopt a balanced budget without drastic cuts to our expenses.

I feel privileged to have served as your senior warden in 2009. I will do my best to work with the Vestry, the staff and each of you to make Saint Timothy's successful in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fullerton

Associate Rector's Report

I couldn't have asked for a better year at St. Tim's/Centennial. I have felt fortunate to have been with you in 2009 and to have had the opportunity to collaborate with the top notch staff that you have provided here. It has been a privilege to serve you in pastoral care settings. You have given me wonderful opportunities to find my voice in preaching, as celebrant of Eucharist, and to try out creative liturgy (Tenebrae, Pentecost, and Advent Wilderness retreat). I have loved partnering with this gifted community in bringing to fruition some new programs for St. Tim's (see below). You have without exception been loving friends in Christ. The genuine welcome that I have experienced is one of the characteristics for which St. Tim's is noted by observers other than myself.

God's blessings on all of you and deep gratitude for my year among you!

-- Rev. Sandy

Assoc. Rector Statistics January - December 2009:

preaching/St. Tim's--25 services, Celebrant/St. Tim's--62 services, mid-week Eucharists and private communion--21, Adams County Detention

Facility--13 services, Wind Crest--11 services, retreat Eucharist--1, funerals--4, baptisms--3, reconciliation/absolution--2, last rites--4.

Women's Retreat and Spirituality Committee:

Members of this committee are Mary Lou Laubach, chair, Pat Jackson, Judy Baird, Margaret Utter and Rev. Sandy Blake. This committee sponsored three retreats in 2009 -- one for women at the St. Francis Center/Colorado Springs in February featuring the Rev. Jane Vennard and the music mavens of St. Tim's (38 in attendance), a Kathy Hendricks Faces of God (65 in attendance) all-congregation retreat in October and an all-congregation Advent Transformation and Prayer retreat with Rev. Sandy as presenter in December in cooperation with St. Tim's and St. Gabriel's Daughters of the King (52 in attendance). The committee forward funded these events from the line item for women's ministries, and replenished women's ministry funds with donations and fees by the end of 2009.

Moms and Tiny Tims (MATT)

Moms and Tiny Tims is a weekly study group for mothers with babies and toddlers four years old and under. Child care is provided. MATT was initiated September 15, 2009. The group was formed in response to the blessing of sixteen couples in our midst with new babies, and at the urging of Rev. Michael Carney and the Vestry. The hope was to begin to form a new community with these young families and to respond to the needs of these women and their children. Moms that signed up for the initial group were Oksana Heckscher, Heidi Town, Stephanie Pike, McKinley Wiley and Maria Gair. Elizabeth Dries, Karoline Sorensen, and Cheryl Johnson staff the nursery, which makes MATT possible. Rev. Sandy is facilitator of the group. In 2009 there were twelve meetings from 9:30-11:30 every Tuesday morning. Women who joined the group decided to explore books on parenting. The first book was *The Blessings of a Skinned Knee*. Five moms paid \$77.00 each (\$385) to cover the cost of books (\$150) and childcare (roughly \$675.) St. Timothy's covered the \$440 difference from the general budget.

Wednesday Morning Study Brunch

This group was formed in response to requests for more adult faith formation at St. Timothy's. In 2009 Study Brunch began meeting weekly on

Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 with Rev. Sandy leading the discussion. Attendees were encouraged to bring a simple food item to share with the group. There were roughly twelve folks attending for seven weeks October 7 through November 18. Study content was PBS FRONTLINE video *From Jesus to Christ, the First Christians* and selected passages from Paul's Epistles. The goal in 2009 and beyond was/is to explore early Christian origins, and to fall in love with Paul.

“Missional” Church from St. Timothy’s to Wind Crest and beyond

Missional church is about taking the love of Christ from St. Timothy’s out into the community where people live and work. We take a worship service to Wind Crest/Erickson Retirement Community the last Wednesday of every month. Leaders of the Wind Crest residential team include Donna Brusack, chair, Catherine Wolf, vice chair, Jim Hood, Dr. Elise Murphy Rowe, Mary Solomon. Worship team from St. Timothy’s includes Monette Park, Simon Caddick, Gene Culwell, Joyce Culwell, Margaret Utter, and Rev. Sandy Blake. Typically 12 to 17 people attend. This service is distinguished by a group homily. The same service is taken the following Friday night to the Adams County Detention Facility in Brighton with from 10 to 24 offenders present. It is stunning to hear how richly scripture speaks through the attendees of these two disparate congregations.

Deacon’s Report

I was assigned to St. Timothy’s this past summer and began serving on August 16th. I serve at both services every Sunday in my role as deacon. I attend meetings as required including Vestry meetings, Staff meetings, Deacons’ meetings and retreats and Clergy meetings. I have done several workshops for training Eucharistic Visitors, which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

Since starting at St. Tim’s I have been involved with the Samaritan Outreach Committee and have organized two major projects for congregational involvement: Operation Christmas Child and the Cherrelyn Manor Christmas. I helped to organize a Ministry Fair with Cindy Maurer this past fall. I write a monthly column for the Epistle telling of my activities in the community. I help deliver contributions from St. Tim’s to various agencies in the Denver Metro area.

I am a volunteer with Family Tree and, in particular, work in a Domestic Violence shelter as a Women’s Advocate. I also tutor children at House of

Hope. I am participating in an ecumenical “JustFaith” program at St. Andrew United Methodist Church along with two other St. Tim’s parishioners. We hope to be able to offer this program at St. Tim’s in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cammie Houpt

Junior Warden’s Report

Despite no budget dollars for capital improvements in 2009, we managed to get a lot done around the facility on donated funds and the elbow grease of many volunteers.

Thanks to Shanda Velisek for coordinating the remodeling of the new nursery. Thanks to Bill O’Melia and Cliff Gagnon for providing much of the labor, to Carla Max for the wonderful wall paintings, and to many youth who donated time to the project.

In April, we had a successful parish workday in which we provided some much needed haircuts to the bushes in the yard, and de-cluttered and organized many of the storage areas including the new Sunday school storage room.

In May, we replaced the broken hot water heater in the boiler room.

In June, the Junior High Mission team painted the office and the classrooms. Thanks team! Thanks to Jennifer Spahr for help in taping and prep work. Thanks to Bill O’Melia for providing much needed drywall repair in the office. And, thanks to Mary Carr for donating paint and painting supplies!

Special thanks to George McGeary for countless hours on sprinkler repair! It was a particularly bad year for sprinkler repairs, and George’s dedication has saved us thousands of dollars on contract labor that would have been needed to keep our old system running. Thanks to Jerry King for donating a new timer clock when the old one failed in August, and again to George for working a trade-out with a local sprinkler retailer to trade Jerry’s model out for another one that had an internal transformer that fit our needs better. And, more thanks to George for installing the new clock (not an easy task).

Thanks to Kyle Mussato for painting and repairing the ceiling grid in rooms 8 and 9 as his Eagle Project! We’re looking forward to your Eagle ceremony, Kyle! Thanks to Cliff Gagnon for working with Kyle on the technical aspects. Thanks to the Velisek family for replacing ceiling tiles in

room 8 and 9 as well as coordinating the bookshelves being moved down from the narthex.

Thanks to Joe Thompson for overhauling a broken pump on the boiler for our heating system. Joe's time and talent has saved us many hundreds of dollars we did not have in the budget to repair the boiler this year. Thanks, Joe!

We didn't get the grant money we had applied for to fix our parking lot. We were told this was because there are so many needy organizations due to the poor economy, but we were high on the list of finalists. It is probably for the better as we discontinued our recycling program this year when we were transitioned from getting paid to recycle to having to pay thousands of dollars to provide recycling.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeff Spahr

Ministry Reports

Altar Guild Report

The altar Guild has a membership of 12 people as of January 2010. As always we are looking for more MEN and WOMEN to join and help at the Lords Table and would like to encourage you to think about serving in this ministry.

No eventful activities occurred in 2010 unless you count the 3 funerals in 3 days as uneventful. Lorrie Newey will be the new Altar Guild Directress starting February 1, 2010. The Altar Guild wishes to thank everyone who helped the Guild in preparing the church during our seasons. Your hard work and time are a blessing to us and we thank you for your help.

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Denham

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Episcopal communion whose three disciplines are Prayer, Study and Service.

We read and discuss the scripture lessons for the forthcoming Sunday, using the study guide, "This Week's Word" along with Fr. Cecil Franklin's

commentaries, which are very enlightening. There are some lively discussions along with some good humor thrown in for good measure.

Meetings are every other Tuesday morning from 6:30 – 7:30 am in the parish hall. The meeting dates are shown in the weekly bulletins. We invite any men of the parish to join us for some great fellowship and study.

Members of St. Timothy's Brotherhood are: Ray Bartusiak, Bob Butscher, Michael Carney, Bill Clagett, Forrest Douglas, Reid Fudge, Bill Hargreaves, Steve Heckscher, Glenn Heerse, Greg Hoskinson, Mickey Jackson, Bruce Laubach, Bob Leaman, Nick LeCuyer, Steve Packard, Matt Potts, Jeff Rudolph, Bob Rushforth, Frank Sonnenberg, Dick Ten Eyck, Gene Troutman, Bill Utter, and Dick Zolman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ray Bartusiak

Children's Ministry

As always, the children of St. Timothy's are a great blessing for the whole congregation, and we're grateful to the parents and grandparents who bring them to church and Sunday School. 2009 was a wonderful year in our children's ministry, with lots of new developments in the program. Everyone's faith deepens as we search for new ways to introduce the kids to Jesus.

Our leadership group continues to grow, most evidently in the presence of Jennifer Perry as Coordinator. She and the other Children's Council members (Lindsay Igoe, Paul Sugarman, Steph Pike, and Pam Keller) work with Rev. Michael to plan programs, support teachers, welcome new families, and make sure things are running smoothly. Jennifer's regular email updates have dramatically improved our communications.

Most of last year's experienced teachers have returned, and we're delighted to welcome new classroom helpers this year: Stacy Walker, Maria Gair, Sue Thornton, and Nick LeCuyer (who's serving with the Middle School group). New volunteers are always welcome! We have an uneven distribution of ages this year, with few 4th/5th graders but lots of younger kids. For the moment we've consolidated into two classrooms, but they're very full and we plan to expand again next year.

Last summer we celebrated the kickoff of our new Children's Weekend Bible School. After years of struggling with traditional VBS formats, we found great success in scheduling this program over a weekend in August.

Lots of kids participated (including newcomers), and great fun was had by all. Shanda Velisek and a number of youth graciously helped with the program, and many other adults in the congregation volunteered. This started the school year with lots of energy, and we plan to hold it again next August.

Shanda and the youth community not only generously gave up their meeting room, but mobilized to transform it into a beautiful, baby-friendly nursery. Now our little ones are right in the center of community life, and Andrea Meier (assisted by many volunteers) continues to do a great job in caring for them.

So many good parts of the program continued to enrich the children this year. Classroom teachers explored the Scriptures with them and led craft projects. Rev. Michael led regular Children's Chapel programs and was the storyteller for our fabulous Easter morning Gospel Drama. Joyce Culwell and Margaret Utter led the children in singing. The Christmas Pageant just gets better and better. Administrator Lindsay Leaman coordinated training to ensure that we maintain a safe environment for all the children.

Thank you to everyone who helps to welcome our children and bring them closer to Christ! If you have any questions about participating in this program, please email Jennifer Perry (jennifer.perry@speedtrail.net) or contact the church office.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Carney

Divine Diners

Divine Diners is a ministry that has been active for 23+ years. Diners join at the Ministry Fair in September of each year. Diners meet four times each year in groups of 8-10 in a host's home for dinner and fellowship, each member is asked to host once in a season. For the last 4 years we have also had an end of season dinner in the fellowship hall with everyone gathered together. Currently we have 21 couples and 8 individual members participating. Alternate members also can join but are not assigned a specific dinner but are available in case regular members cannot attend. Divine Diners has been an integral way for parishioners to get to know others on a more personal basis.

Respectfully Submitted

Whitney and Ann Thomas

Dorcas Group

It has been eleven years since Dorcas moved to my house and in that time we have probably quadrupled our supplies and our output. We now make around 300 newborn baby layettes each year – thanks to donations from this parish, friends, and the thrift stores. Gumballs gives us all their leftovers monthly and we even get gift cards from Savers! We always need baby clothes (0-6months), flannel, fabrics, fleece, batting, toys, yarn, and bias tape (for bibs).

Our layettes for newborns contain a quilt, knitted blanket, several receiving blankets, assorted baby clothes and a toy. Anything donated we can't use or make over we pass on to Grace Point Presbyterian church for their ministry to the Navajos. We send our layettes to Bridgeway – a home for pregnant teens, House of Hope, the Gathering place, Cana, and any other place that can use them.

We meet twice a month year round – the first and third Thursdays from 10:00 am until noon. Please join us – we'd love to have you and we can always use a helping hand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Carson

Flower Committee

St. Timothy's Flower Committee members are responsible for floral arrangements at the Altar every Sunday except during Advent and Lent. During Christmas and Easter seasons, we work closely with the Altar Guild on flowers and special floral arrangements such as Christmas greens and the Altar of Repose. We currently have seven active members.

We welcome any parishioner with a creative touch and a willingness to serve "behind the scenes" to add to the richness and beauty of St. Timothy's worship services. A love of flowers is a plus. New members can shadow an experienced member, work alongside a member, or receive training by arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Cruze

Grocery Card Ministry

Thank you to all who support St. Timothy's through the purchase of Grocery Cards. During 2009 your support netted \$4,315 on sales of \$88,175. We ended the year with an inventory of \$4562 to be carried over into 2010.

We have responded to parishioner requests and now carry King Soopers \$10.00 cards. Purchasers use this denomination of card to reward those who provide services for a job well done.

Some may not know that you can purchase gift cards from other businesses using the King Soopers or Safeway gift cards as cash. When you purchase other cards with the Grocery Gift Cards (department store and many restaurant cards are available) and you enter your shoppers card at the time of purchase you will receive a 10 cent per gallon discount on gas purchases from the store. You may also purchase smaller denomination grocery cards to be used as gifts. Some King Soopers stores don't want to do this type of exchange but the one at University and Highlands Ranch Parkway is happy to do the exchange.

Some of the things you can buy with King Soopers and/or Safeway gift cards: Lift Tickets, Gasoline, Pharmacy, and any item sold in the store. Sunflower is limited to items sold in the store.

Thanks for your support,

Respectfully Submitted,

The Grocery Card Ministry; Lyn and Bob Zolman, Molly and Clive Bonner, Diana Mauney, Liz and Jim Ault, Keri Bolei and Elisabeth and Frank Mussato

Ladies Out To Lunch Bunch

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch meets once a month, on the first Saturday of the month usually at 11:30. All the ladies from St Tims and guests are invited to come and join us for a mid morning lunch. We met last year 12 times at various area restaurants. We have about from 18 to 25 people in attendance Please come and join us for a delightful meal, great conversation and fellowship. Call Marian McFarlane at 303-346-9274 or Sylvia Rushforth at 303-795-2837.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Rushforth

Liturgy Committee

For the past three years the Liturgy Committee has been very helpful to me in learning about St. Tim's worship traditions, reviewing our major services, and bringing the liturgical seasons to life. As time has gone on, the staff has taken a larger role in planning worship and our seasonal patterns have become more regular. For this reason the Liturgy Committee has completed its purpose and we'll be taking a new direction in the coming year.

For years this committee has expressed a desire to further our awareness and understanding of worship. We've done some things in that direction, and now I'm planning to lead periodic Liturgy Forums. This will involve a Saturday workshop to which everyone will be invited, with teaching on an aspect of liturgy and an opportunity to participate in developing new ideas. I'm working on plans for the first one and will make an announcement when it's scheduled.

I'm extremely grateful to the members who served on the Liturgy Committee this year: Roberta Denham, Lyn Zolman, Julie Bowles, Pat Jackson, Doris Cruze, Joel Perry, Margaret Utter, Jon Mussato, Erin Potts, Elizabeth Dries, and members of our staff. At every meeting they contributed ideas which we've applied in worship and which have made our services more meaningful.

Among the subjects we discussed this year are healing prayer after the services, responding to flu concerns, reading the names of our Faithful Departed on All Saints Day, keeping the baptismal font filled with Holy Water during November, questions about Icons and the Sequence Hymn, reviewing questions about the 7:45 worship services, weather-related issues with Holy Week, and the use of incense.

Though we will no longer have an active Liturgy Committee, your questions and comments about worship are always welcome. My email address is michael@sttims.net and my phone number is 303-482-7818. If you'd prefer to contact someone else, any of the staff members or Senior Warden Bob Fullerton would be glad to receive your comments and pass them on.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Carney

Men's Breakfast

It was kind of a reflection year for Men's Breakfast. We did meet sporadically thru the year and interest was shown for continuing it at the recent Men's Retreat. However this function is waiting for a leader to emerge.

Are you interested?

Respectfully Submitted

Mickey Jackson, mljacks@pobox.com

Music Notes

The music department was active and strong through 2009. The adult choir grew in membership and sang at all festival services in addition to Sunday morning worship services. The choir presented an Evensong to help celebrate those parish members celebrating 50 years of marriage or more. Music was also offered in the fall at a daylong retreat, embellishing Kathy Hendricks presentations, and at a morning of meditation sponsored by the Daughters of the King. Rehearsals are at 6:30 – 8:30 pm on Thursdays. All are invited. No auditions required.

The Glory Bells were also active at several services through out the year at St. Tim's. Other concerts were performed as an outreach at nursing homes. The members also went to a weekend workshop increasing their skills and techniques. Rehearsals are at 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Mondays. All are welcome. Please contact Lorrie at 303-797-8255.

The Children's Choir and Children's Chimes participated in services through June of 2009. The numbers of children of the age required to support these groups was too small to continue in the fall.

Hand Bell and Chimes Director is Lorrie Hart.

The Organist is Gene Culwell.

The Director of Music and Choir Director is Joyce Culwell

Respectfully Submitted;

Joyce Culwell

Name Tag Program

I would like to thank Chuck Lamb for his faithful service in providing nametags for the congregation. He asked to hand the job over, and it seemed logical for me to take it.

The Name Tag Program provides an opportunity for everyone to have a name tag if they so desire. Tags are easily acquired. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. You may sign up for a new tag or to replace one lost. Look for the tag on the table near the sign up sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay Leaman

Prayer Shawl Ministry

12-15 shawls were given out. We continue to meet the 4th Sat of every month. When there are changes of the date, I call my people (holiday week-ends, retreats, etc.) We are going to work hard at signing out the shawls when given so we have a better idea of where they are going.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karoline L Sorensen

Samaritan Outreach Ministry

Samaritan Outreach is committed to providing opportunities for our Parish family to support the members of our human family in their time of need. By reaching out to others less fortunate we are able to spread the gospel by example. Because of the generous support from our Parish family the Outreach Committee is able to sponsor projects enabling us to show our commitment to the world as a whole. Not only do we have the ability to connect on a local level but we give internationally as well.

Activities for the year include –

- Samaritan Saturday: On May 16th 27 parishioners dedicated themselves to helping at three of the agencies we support throughout the year and an animal rescue site. Parishioners cleaned out flowerbeds and planted flowers at House of Hope, served a meal to seniors at the Denver Inner City Parish, served at Animal Rescue for Cats helping to care for homeless animals and did yard and handyman work at the 32nd Ave Jubilee Center. During the week, six parishioners went to the House of Hope and read to several younger children while some of the older youth

participated in a game. Samaritan Saturday is an annual event enjoyed by many.

- St. Francis Center: SFC is a day shelter for primarily adults that are marginalized or homeless. The center helps individuals with personal and occupational needs. St. Tim's supports this Jubilee ministry with donated items such as clothing, personal care items and financially. Eight parishioners serve at the SFC regularly assisting guests with mail and storage, laundry, clothing closet and personal care services at the center.
- Loaves and Fishes Sunday: During the summer when food banks are at their lowest we collected approximately 90 bags of groceries, 15 cases of non-perishable items and more than \$250 in gift cards to support Interfaith, House of Hope and Bienvenidos Food Bank at the 32nd Ave Jubilee Center. Non-perishable items are also a part of our weekly offering. Containers are available at the Garden level for additional donations. Three parish families deliver these weekly donations on alternating months.
- House of Hope: a homeless shelter for women and children receives a meal prepared by St. Tim's on the third Thursday of the month. Additionally several parishioners donate their time tutoring and assisting residents at the shelter.
- Operation Christmas Child: More than 100 shoeboxes were collected. Youth, families, small groups, and individuals filled these shoebox gifts for children in need nationally and internationally.
- Cherrelyn Manor Christmas: More than 60 people participated in this event which provided gifts for 30 residents, cookies for the entire facility, 200 Christmas Cards and ornaments for every resident and \$655 for resident accounts to provide "extras" for those who were in need. Caroling with the residents was a highlight for several St. Tim's community members.
- Garden Level Giving: 178 mittens, hats, and scarves were donated to area shelters. In addition to non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, toiletries and personal care items were collected for St. Francis Center and Interfaith. New community assistance opportunities can be found on the Samaritan Outreach bulletin board, or the 'Mitten Tree", The Epistle and bulletins provide more detailed explanations of these efforts. Depending on the items being requested, the "Mitten Tree" might be in use to help with the collecting. The different agencies we support really appreciate our giving in this manner.

- Colorado/Haiti Water Project: Parishioners donated generously to supply water filtration systems for individual homes in Haiti. The Outreach Committee matched those donations with funds from the Outreach budget. The Diocese then matched the combined money before being sent onto Haiti. The project was a huge success.
- Littleton Community Supper: Several Littleton area churches participated in a pilot project where 25 volunteers from these churches provided a luncheon meal on Sunday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church of Littleton. While there were many willing volunteers and a generous grant from the Episcopal High Plains region, participation by the community was limited and it was decided that additional research was needed before the pilot project should be resumed.

In addition to the above activities there are other projects being explored by members of this ministry. The opportunities available to help those in need seem to be endless. Part of the call for the Samaritan Outreach ministry is to make those opportunities accessible to our Parish.

The following is a recap of how the funds, made available by parishioner pledges, were distributed by the Samaritan Outreach Planning Ministry.

- \$200 Inter City Parish
- \$300 Nuba Water Project
- \$300 Colorado Haiti Water Project (\$300 matched by congregation)
- \$250 Jubilee (Bridger Program)
- \$700 St. Francis Center
- \$100 Mary's Hope
- \$250 CANA
- \$800 El Hogar
- \$200 Operation Christmas Child
- \$400 Episcopal Relief and Development – Nets for Life
- \$400 Diocese of Jerusalem (CEF) – More Than a Match
- \$250 Kenyan Children's Foundation
- \$500 Haiti Mission Trip – Helen Breyfogle
- \$100 Shiloh House
- \$100 Vital Links

Throughout the year the Samaritan Outreach Ministry receives requests from many non-profit agencies that rely on support from outside sources. Ministry members review these requests and make the donations after much deliberation and careful consideration. The generosity of the St. Timothy's community makes these donations possible.

We hope more of our community will be involved in planning and implementing new ways to increase our assistance in the community and find meaningful ways to assist the people of Haiti as they rebuild their lives and their country.

We are ALL called to act as if what we do does make a difference. What can the Samaritan Outreach Ministry do to help make it happen? With the Spirit to inspire and your help or ideas St. Tim's will continue to make a difference.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Samaritan Outreach Ministry

Sophias – Spirituality for the Women of St. Timothy's

Sophia's is open to all women who are looking for ways to strengthen their spiritual lives through reading, sharing, prayer, and building community with one another. Here are some basic things you might want to know about the group:

When We Meet ~

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in room eight downstairs at St Timothy's. On occasion, the dates fluctuate when there is a conflict with a holiday. Dates are published in the bulletin and appear on the parish calendar.

What We Do ~

Each session includes time for prayer, reflection, and discussion of a particular topic or theme based on articles from Weavings, a Christian journal, published by the Upper Room. This last year has been more challenging because they had financial problems and had to redesign their booklets. We had the Weavings booklets through June only. During this period without the books, we were able to get some short writings from them online and we discussed the upcoming Sunday scriptures. During this period our attendance dropped. The new booklets came in December. There are now only four larger books per year. They planned it so they would correspond with the liturgical year. Therefore each book will contain

three months of articles for discussion. The subscription rate has increased to \$18.00 per year. All members of the Sophias have obtained their book for the current season.

Who Facilitates ~

Barb Riedell facilitates the sessions and sends out reflection ideas and information each month through e-mail and regular mail (for those without Internet access). Everyone participates at the sessions through shared discussion.

How Do I Sign Up ~

If you are on the current Sophias list, you are already signed up. If you would like to be added to the list, contact Barb Riedell at 303-806-5316 (e-mail – [barbriedell @aol.com](mailto:barbriedell@aol.com)) for more information. We hope to see you at one of our gatherings in the near future!

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Riedell

Stewardship Committee

To support faithful stewardship of our church facility, the Stewardship Committee inaugurated the first Annual Plant Sale. Parishioners were offered a variety of beautiful flowers and vegetables for purchase, and all profits were designated for environmentally responsible facility improvements.

Once again, the Committee hosted the annual church picnic in June as a way to say “thank you” to the Parish for the all the contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

The fall stewardship campaign, “Make a Difference ~ to Others, to Yourself”, focused on the many ways our gifts provide ministries within our church and outreach beyond our community. The campaign culminated in an authentic Oktoberfest Celebration. The annual Stewardship Campaign resulted in 133 families pledging approximately \$365,000 toward the life and work of St. Timothy’s.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Packard

Transmitters

We meet on Tuesdays afternoons at 3:00 in the Spiritual Direction room off the Narthex. We are a prayer support group for all the activities at St. Tim's. We pray for the sick, spiritual guidance for those who request it, for the dying, for our youth, for our Clergy and spiritual leaders, for the whole Body of Christ and we maintain the prayer list with the help of Deacon Bill. If you feel called to be a part of our group, please call Phyllis Rice at 303-795-2172 or just drop in when you can and join us.

If you have requests for prayer you may call Phyllis, the office, put your request in the Intercessory Box in the narthex or sign the prayer request list on the podium in the narthex before the Sunday service. Be sure and let us know if you are going to the hospital in order to let our people who call on the sick know where you are.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis Rice

St. Tim's Travel Group

March of 2010 will find 11 members of St. Tim's Travel Group touring the missions in San Antonio, Texas, and enjoying the riverwalk with its wonderful food, music, shopping, and flowers. This is the 12th year of educational and fun trips for St. Timothy friends and families to fascinating places around the globe.

The Travel Group works with Collette Vacations to arrange one trip a year. Last year we went to Costa Rica for one of our best trips ever, and we are always open for suggestions and ideas of other great trips. We always try to find destinations which are safe, not outrageously expensive, and offer the best deals for our travel dollars. With every trip, we must work at least six months ahead of departure dates to sign travelers up. This time requirement is necessary to give Collette ample time to arrange transportation, hotels and tours availability and other details. Watch the Epistle for announcements of our next travel adventure!

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Cruze and Helen Hardy

Ushers

Ushers are the first people the worshiper meets when entering the church. First impressions are important. St. Timothy's has a dedicated group of ushers who volunteer on a rotating basis, duties include handing out bulletins, assisting visitors, plate collections, and assisting in communion organization. A quarterly assignment schedule is provided to ushers, anyone can be an usher. Currently there are 14 ushers; new members are accepted each quarter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney and Ann Thomas

Web Site www.sttims.net

It was a year of maintenance with a few changes. Rev. Sandy and I met many times to discuss a new design and we have settled on the basics. We have been waiting for some artwork to finalize and I hope to get something up by the annual meeting.

We did improve how we get sermon audio onto the website as well as convert the recording to cds. Part of the redo will include making our website iTunes compatible as well as improve our RSS feed.

As far as usage we saw an average of unique 463 visitors a month and about 950 visits per month and our sermons seem to be very popular at almost 300 requests a month. Other than the United States, Russia, Latvia and China are the top foreign visitors.

Respectfully Submitted
Mickey Jackson, mljacks@pobox.com

Wedding Coordinator

This year we have already scheduled two weddings here at St Timothy's. We encourage anyone planning a wedding to consider St Timothy's to perform your solemn vows. The setting of our church reflects your love and commitment. It's a space set aside as sacred and reminds us that love never ends. Our goal is our participation with you.

Respectfully submitted;
Helen Hardy

Youth Group Annual Report

Under the direction of Shanda Velisek and with the help of numerous volunteers the youth program continues to flourish. St. Timothy's is a place where teens feel comfortable, a place where they can bring their friends and simply "hang out."

Many adults are involved in the youth program. Our adult support staff cooks, cleans, leads worship, teaches, drives, and does other tasks too numerous to list. Having a successful program requires having a large pool of adults to assist us in the program. The most prominent group of volunteers are those who assist with the program on a regular basis. Cheryl Johnson works every week for the youth program assisting with various office duties. Alice Young works on the youth finances as well as general office help. We have a group of youth leaders who assist with weekly meetings and who are very involved with the teens directly: Greg Velisek, Dawn Winter, Bill O'Melia, Cliff Gagnon, Lorie Newey, Lorie Talley, Michael Carney, and Jeff and Jennifer Spahr. These are the people that make our program work and the reason why we have a great youth program at St. Timothy's. We encourage additional adult volunteers to become involved in our program. There is room for everyone, let Shanda know your gifts and she may have some ideas on how they can be used!

In 2009 our youth were very active. Among the year's activities was our 12th annual retreat to Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je where we had a record 70 in attendance; ski/ tubing adventure to Winter Park, Elitches, Water World, Genesis, and many other fun activities.

In addition to regular youth group meetings on Sunday nights - Jr High meets from 5-7 pm and Sr high meets from 7-9 pm - we had a number of small group opportunities throughout the year. In small groups teens had an opportunity to take on leadership for the group, plan and grow spiritually. Both Junior High and Senior High went on mission trips. The Senior High combined with St Luke's in Fort Collins and took 42 youth and adults to Ashland, Montana where we worked a week on the Cheyenne Reservation. The Senior High successfully raised \$30,000.00 to go on this trip, with the bulk of that money being raised at the silent auction. The Junior High trip was a local one where youth worked with a number of different agencies in the Denver area that needed help.

Our plans for 2010 are well under way. In February we will journey to Bailey, Colorado for our 13th annual youth group retreat. Many of our teens are taking an active role in the weekend by leading small groups, being a

part of a video and by giving testimonies. Our summer promises to be a busy one. Our Senior High is already busy with plans to go to Belfast, Maine to help repair houses at the beginning of July. We will continue to host monthly “icebreakers,” activities to which our youth can invite friends for non-threatening fun and Christian fellowship. We will continue to participate in community outreach such as Operation Christmas Child.

Our youth group will continually strive to improve and expand our program to fit the needs of all teens. Please pray about this as we begin to put our vision into action. Our goal is to develop the spiritual lives of young people in our congregation, as well as those outside our parish. We will continue to ask for volunteer support and prayer from all of you. Without you our program cannot achieve its vision.

Thank you for your help, support and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanda Velisek

Director of Youth Ministries