

October 2009

St. Timothy's  
Episcopal  
Church  
Centennial, CO

# THE EPISTLE

## *Reaching Out*

"To celebrate and  
proclaim Jesus'  
love"

It's often said that the opposite of faith is fear. If that is true, there's an immense gulf separating our spirituality from our finances.

Money is one of the most potent symbols in our world. I rarely handle actual cash any more, paying bills online and using a debit card for most purchases. But our bank balance has a powerful impact on Marsha and me.

"Will there be enough?" can easily turn into "There's never enough." At times in the past our financial difficulties seemed so hopeless that a deep, numbing paralysis crept over us. Anyone would be afraid of falling into darkness like that.

When fear begins to rule us we are rarely able to ask, "Where is God in this?" We don't see the bigger picture of God's presence and action in the world. We forget to count the blessings of our families, our homes and communities, our health. In the most literal sense, we "lose faith."

Faith is not the solution for our financial problems, but it's always the foundation upon which we can stand to face any troubles. Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus that: "by the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." (*Ephesians 3:20*) We know this in our hearts, but can we follow it in our lives?

There's a lot to be afraid of in our world, but we can't let our lives be ruled by fear. Ultimately, our source of trust is not in personal strength or wisdom or money, but our faith in the living God.

Michael+

## **FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST**

IMAGES OF GOD: A JOURNEY ACROSS AMERICA and FROM JESUS TO CHRIST --- GROWTH AND RENEWAL OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. TIMS BEGIN IN OCTOBER

We've been urged by many of you to enrich the adult education program here at St. Timothy's. Two committees have come forth to brainstorm and to help that to happen. And so the proof will be in the pudding as they say as to whether the expressed desire is matched by response. And we are always open to fine tuning the program to enhance response. And so help us to make that happen.

Women's Retreat committee has planned a parish-wide retreat (not just for women) Saturday, October 24 8:30-4:00 in the sanctuary with Kathy Hendricks presenting IMAGES OF GOD. This represents the fruit of her spiritual journey with photographer and husband Ron traveling across America last year. It promises to be not only light hearted in spirit, but profound in thought and imagery. It will be a feast for the eye and for the ear. We hope ALL TIMS GREAT AND SMALL will sign up for that, and make it a real parish event. Bring friends. There will be special music to accompany the slide presentation. Lunch will be served and registration urged with a \$15 charge to cover expenses. Please fill out forms on the narthex table, attach checks, and give them to Lindsay before October 10.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY BRUNCH will begin October 7, 9:30 a.m. beginning with PBS video FROM JESUS TO CHRIST. This video lays the foundation of early Christian origins to precede FALLING IN LOVE WITH PAUL, an in-depth study of the Apostle Paul next year. Please contact me if you plan to attend or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the narthex table.

God's blessings all around --- Rev. Sandy

## **FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN**

How was your summer? Hopefully it was a time for relaxation and renewal. Although many of us found time for a vacation break, your Vestry continued to meet monthly, faithfully serving Saint Timothy's. Over the summer, we wrestled with the challenges of planning for the future, finances, maintenance of our property and giving life to our purpose statement. I want to thank each member of the Vestry and the church staff for their commitment to the work of the church!

This year, our stewardship campaign is planned for the month of October. Did you know that it takes almost \$500,000 to run our church over the course of a year? Please give as generously as you can, so that Saint Timothy's can operate on a solid financial footing in 2010. And please consider the biblical direction on spiritual generosity and tithing before you fill out your pledge card. If all of us returned 10 per cent of the money we earn to God, the future of Saint Timothy's would be bright indeed!

With October already here, I'm thinking about the business of the church in 2010. In January, Jeff Spahr will complete his second term as our faithful Junior Warden. In addition, Lyn Zolman and Lorie Newey will finish their third year of responsibilities as Vestry members, and Mary Carr will complete her initial one year term as a member of your Vestry. We need candidates to serve, so please let me know if you are interested in running for the Vestry or serving as Junior Warden. I anticipate that the Junior Warden position will be different starting in 2010, with more emphasis on a team approach and longer term issues, and less hands on day-to-day work. The Junior Warden position is very important to your church-please consider volunteering to serve in this newly redefined position.

Bob Fullerton  
Senior Warden

## **MY CREDO CONFERENCE**

The CREDO (Clergy Renewal, Education, and Discernment Opportunity) was initiated fifteen years ago by the Church Pension Fund. The vision of its founder was to build up congregations by investing in the health and vocational development of their ordained leaders. Over 5000 Episcopal clergy (and recently lay staff members) have attended, and the week I was away in September was my second conference.

Top-notch faculty members made presentations and offered individual consultations on spirituality, vocation, health, and finance. We gathered at a beautiful retreat center in Virginia, with time planned for personal prayer and reflection as well as plenary sessions and worship. Resources were provided to assist us with implementing desired changes when we return home.

For me, though, the best part was spending a week in a community of colleagues. The thirty other priests came from all over the country, and we thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. We avoided divisive church politics, instead spending untold hours sharing stories of our lives and ministries. There was a powerful sense of connection and shared purpose, and the two men in my small group became new friends.

For all of our individual and regional differences, we share so much in common as parish priests. We all find our calling to be an awesome privilege to which we can never really do justice. We all love celebrating the liturgy and responding to the needs of our members, and we consistently work too many hours.

The Latin word "credo" literally means "I believe," but a better translation is "I give my heart to..." After filling our heads with information in the first few days, the CREDO conference challenged us to envision ways of bringing new life and energy to our ministries and congregations. That looks different for each of us, but we were united in our hopefulness for the future.

I'm grateful to the Pension Fund and St. Timothy's for the opportunity to attend CREDO again, and I look forward to sharing more about my experiences. During the next few months a small group of Vestry members will assist me in digesting the feedback I received and reflecting on my personal plan.

Rev. Michael

# VESTRY NOTES

Summary of September 22, 2009

St. Timothy's Vestry Meeting

- The kick-off for the Stewardship Campaign will be at the Octoberfest, October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Father Michael reported on the CREDO conference he recently attended. Over 5000 Episcopal clergy have gone through CREDO, which addresses spirituality, finance, vocation and health issues facing the clergy.
- Associate Rector Sandy Blake as developed a wide program of spiritual development opportunities for the Fall, including the Moms & Tiny Tim's group, which has begun meeting. The Wednesday morning study brunch will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30-11:30. Reservations are still being taken for the October 24<sup>th</sup> retreat led by Kathy Hendricks.
- The Treasurer Report for August showed improvement, although pledges remain below budget.



## LEGACY SOCIETY

I sincerely urge everyone to join the Legacy Society. You and I are members of a wonderful family at St. Tim's. Let's keep our family strong in the future, with fewer financial worries as we grow together in Christ's love. Pick up a copy of the Legacy Society brochure on the table in the narthex, and learn about how you can help your church prosper and grow. Please prayerfully consider the options available to each of us to support the future of our church.

Bob Fullerton

## DO YOU CRAIGSLIST???

As we prepare for the remodeling of the Youth Center, there are a number of unused items currently stored there that have some financial value. It would be a great service to this project if someone could photograph them, list them for sale on Craigslist, and follow up with potential buyers.

Could you help out in that way? Most of the work could be done from your home computer, and all the proceeds will benefit the Youth Center fund. Please contact Shanda or the church office if you're interested.

# OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Please come to St. Tim's at 6:00 to help kick off our Fall Stewardship Campaign !

Come one, come all!

We will provide bratwurst, hot dogs, music and fun! - Beer and wine available (donations accepted).

Have you signed up yet to tell us you are coming and what you are going to bring?

A side dish of German potato salad, carrot salad, sauerkraut or strudel for dessert would be perfect!

Make your own favorite recipe or try one of ours - Recipes are available in the narthex,  
or on St. Tim's website.

Pledge Cards will be provided to take home for thoughtful consideration.

## VIEW FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

(Sort of)

You all may think that being the organist here at St. Tim's is my full time job, but that's not so, and I'd like to share with you that I am a seasoned sales professional, and I am job-hunting, as perhaps some of you are! I was let go last March, and (after some shock and some depression) got busy, dusted off my resume (really got a professional to help me fix it), and have been active every week since early summer, job-hunting! I'm looking for work in public relations, customer service management, personal assistant work, or any number of related areas.

Let me share something with you I just read: Basically, it's that ***your purpose must be greater than your challenges***; focus on your purpose and be armed with optimism and a great sense that God knows you and loves you! In this way, you will become an inspiration to those around you, many of whom are job-seekers as well! Blessings!

Gene Culwell

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ROOM

No doubt you've noticed a small room next to the Deacon's office in the upper narthex. Once connected with our library, it was redecorated last year to serve as a Spiritual Direction office. Barb Chambless and Barb Riedell meet there from time to time in their ministries of accompanying people on their spiritual journeys.

Since the room is beautiful and quiet, with a good selection of spiritual books, we've been leaving it open more often lately. Please feel free to sit down there for reflection or quiet conversation. It's a holy space in the midst of our busy and noisy world.

Rev. Michael

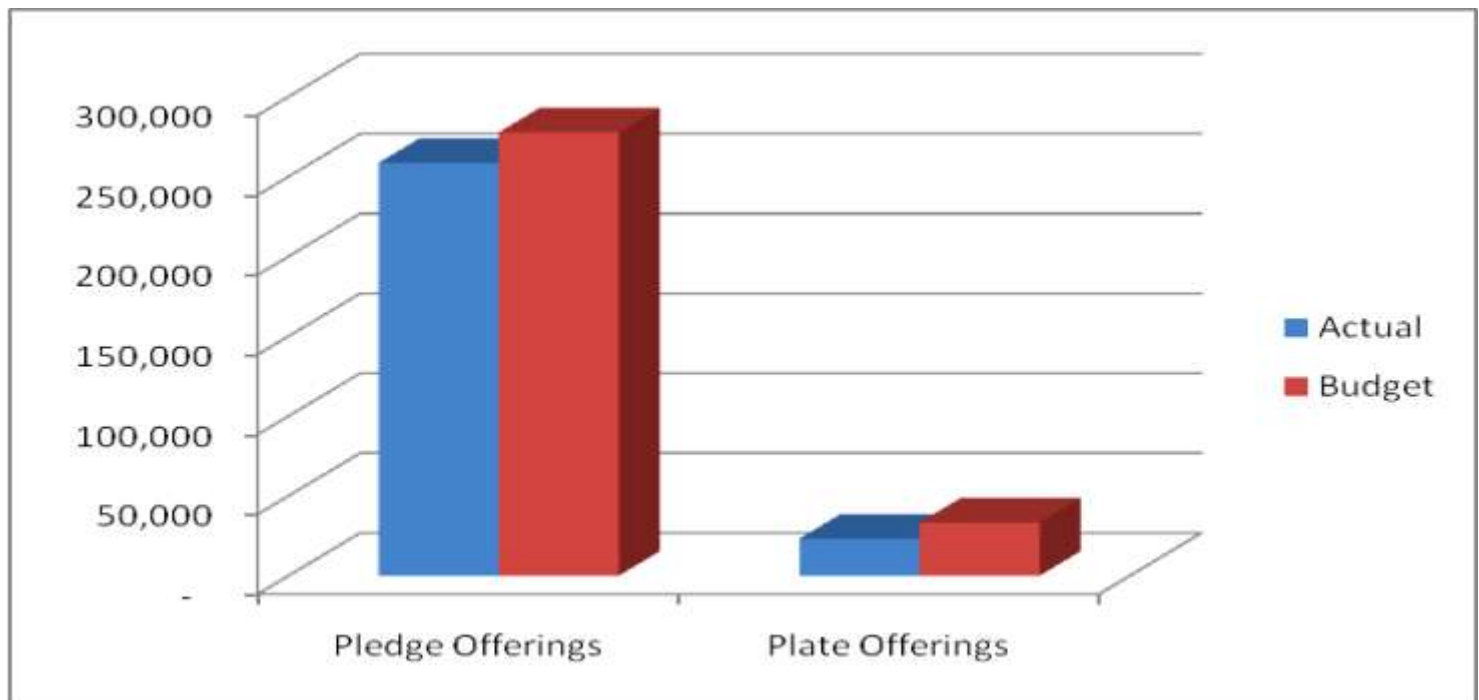
# FINANCIAL NOTES

## August Treasurer's Report:

Revenue (Pledge Contributions, Plate Contributions, T-Mobile and Grocery Coupon Revenue) for the month was ahead of the budget for August; however St Timothy's Pledge Contributions are almost \$20,000 behind budget for the year. We have three months until the end of the year and we are planning to receive all pledge contributions in order to maintain our balanced budget for the year. We have a number of families that have fallen behind and we pray that each of you can find a way to get back on schedule for making your pledge contributions. The Plate Contributions are almost \$10,000 behind budget and Grocery Coupons are projected to be \$3,000 behind budget for the year.

Expenditures for the eight months ending August 2009 are \$3,000 under budget. The staff and program leaders continue to do a diligent job of managing their budgets and we anticipate that expenditures will come in under budget at the end of the year. However, because of the shortfall in pledge and plate contributions, the parish is operating at a negative cash flow position of approximately \$30,000 through August. We believe that if pledge contributions are made as committed, our negative cash flow position will improve by year end.

Jeff Rudolph





# SAMARITAN OUTREACH

You are invited to:

Follow the work that Jesus calls us to do. There are many ways to accept this invitation. Many of us share our treasure, bring food for those who are hungry, provide clothing for those who are naked, education for those who thirst for knowledge. All of these offerings provide not only material goods but also hope for today and maybe tomorrow but how does one provide hope for the future. Everything we do when we share our gifts of time, talent and treasure, even the slightest kindness, provides hope and is a gift to God as well.

Some might suggest doing what you love to do is a good way to begin...

- If you love to shop...  
... Shop at a thrift store like ARC, Goodwill, or Savers, for your family or for the guests at St. Francis Center. They always need jeans, socks and under ware (boxers are in high demand).
- If you enjoy gardening...  
Glean in a farmer's field on Saturday Oct. 10 with the St. Tim's and Good Shepherd community, harvesting vegetables for Compa, suppliers to food banks across the Denver Metro area. It's a wonderful activity for the whole family (even the youngest ones). See the display at the garden level or contact Nan Fullerton.
- If you enjoy walking in a beautiful park setting...  
... On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18,  
... join the Walk for Sudan at Cherry Creek State Park. See Joyce Culwell for more details.  
Or...  
... Walk with The Foothills CROP Walk for Church World Service... in Clement Park on the west side of town.  
Both walks help us to be mindful of the people who must walk up to 6 miles daily for fresh potable water by raising money to help construct sustainable water systems.
- If you enjoy cooking...  
... Help cook for House of Hope on the third week of every month. Thank you to Nancy and Jim Spoor for their able assistance in September.
- If you are looking for a place for you and your family to serve...  
... Consider helping to serve at the Littleton Community Supper on Sundays from 12-3 PM. It's convenient location, First Presbyterian Church on Windermere and Littleton Blvd., is a simple way to give something back to God for what we have so generously received.
- If you enjoy helping with projects like  
... Gathering warm clothing, blankets, and other needs  
Come to the next Samaritan Outreach meeting or asked to be put on the email list so you can be better informed.

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- If you enjoy hand crafts, knitting or sewing...  
Join the Dorcas Ministry putting together layettes that feature quilts they have sown and other hand-made items.  
... Or... donate fabric remnants, and other items that they might use.
- If you enjoy preparing for Christmas by giving to others...  
... Consider helping with Operation Christmas Child (a.k.a. shoe box ministry) by collecting shoe boxes, collecting small gifts... shoe box size, helping with a shoebox gifting and wrapping party.
- If you are looking for unique gifts consider...  
... Purchasing from the annual Third World Market held at Pax Christi Church on the first week end in November. Unicef, Ten Thousand Villages, Women's Bean Project, and other fair trade representatives make gifts available for purchase before the holidays.  
... Greater Good Network supports several worthy agencies at their web site, featuring a variety of goods and gifts that can be mailed to you or to the recipient of your choice. Profits are given to the artisan or for the benefit of breast cancer victims, Children's Literacy, to fight world hunger, assist with medical needs, support the environment, and animal welfare. Gift certificates are even available for those of us who have no idea what to give.
- If you like the idea of sharing what God has given to you but don't know where to begin ...  
... Begin with bringing a non-perishable item on Sunday for Interfaith Food Bank.  
... When you are fortunate enough to find an item you need on sale consider giving the amount you saved to a deserving agency that helps to prevent world hunger and poverty. Episcopal Relief and Development is one of many agencies to consider.
- If you spend lots of time at the computer... Greater Good Network ... You can click *once a day, every day of the year* on The Hunger Site... and on each of our other Click to Give™ sites. Our agreement with our sponsors allows us to count one click, per person, per calendar day. Our day ends at midnight, Pacific Time. Please feel free to use the e- cards to tell others about this great way to help fight hunger and other great causes — at no charge to you! For more great ideas, you can also visit the 'Free Ways to Help' page!

These are but a few ideas. The Samaritan Outreach Ministry needs your ideas and your participation. Help us to share God's love through your participation.



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you to Rex Nelson, Barry Schwarz, and George and Jane for their faithful delivery of our Interfaith donations... Wouldn't it be fun to try to fill up their car trunks with non-perishables.

Residents of House of Hope send their thanks for the layettes Dorcas provides to mothers of newly born babies, food that is shared regularly through monthly dinner donations and special treats like the tea breads and cookies donated from the memorial celebrations.

Additionally Samaritan Outreach received **Thank You** notes from Tom Leuhrs at the St. Francis Center, and Steve Johnson from Denver Inner City parish for financial contributions made possible through parishioners generous pledges and from Bienvenidos Food Bank for our Loaves and Fishes donations.

Nan Fullerton

# October 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 10 am Dorcas at Anne Carson's Home 6:30 - 8:30 pm Choir Practice	2	3 8 am Eagle Presentation 9 am Rug Braders
4 7:45 and 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11 am Confirmation Class 5 - 7 pm Jr Hi Youth Group 7 - 9 pm Sr Hi Youth Group	5	6 9:30 - 11:30 Moms and Tiny Tims (MATT) 10 am Service at Cherrelyn 5 pm Samaritan Outreach Committee Meeting	7 9:30-11:30 am Bible Study Brunch 1-3 pm Staff Meeting 7 pm Men's Retreat Comm. Meeting at Potts Home	8 11 am - 4 pm Hearts at Home/Home School Group 6:30 - 8:30 pm Choir Practice	9	10 9 am—2 pm Lifeline Screening 6 pm Oktoberfest
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Youth Genesis Weekend					Youth Genesis Weekend	Youth Genesis Weekend
25 7:45 and 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Children's Chapel 11 am Fall Festival 5 - 7 pm Jr Hi Youth Group 7 - 9 pm Sr Hi Youth Group	26	13 6:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew 9:30 - 11:30 Moms and Tiny Tims (MATT) 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	28 9:30-11:30 am Bible Study Brunch 7:15 pm Service at Wind Crest	29	30	31 8:30 am St. Francis Center

# 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.

The Reverend Carl Andrews  
Captain Damon Bird  
1st Lt. April Bowman  
2nd Lt. Cody Comer  
Pvt. Kevin Comer  
Spec. J.T. Davis  
Capt. Lance G. Curtis Fletcher  
Private Stephanie Fowler  
Ryan Frushour  
Lt. Louis Greek  
Captain Drew Hoskinson

Gunnery Sgt. John Humphrey  
Airman Alex Newey  
P.O. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Grant Probst  
Joe Rice  
Sgt. Michael Simoni  
Airman Andrew Simoni  
Seaman Appr. Benjamin Tolle  
SR Brian Troutman  
Tim Weaver  
Robert  
Christopher



## Our Missionaries

Esther Miller in Malawi

Joanne LeClair in Africa

Susan Craig in West Africa

Audrey Ross and Mr. Bariago in  
Togoland

**\* Submissions for November's Epistle are due October 20<sup>th</sup>. \***

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP TO MEET

Last month I received a call from the Chaplain at Littleton Hospital with a request for hospitality. Several recovery groups meet regularly at the hospital, but due to construction their rooms will not be available for the coming nine months or so. He asked whether an AA group could meet in one of our classrooms on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

I'm a strong supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous, having seen the powerful impact the groups have on many participants. In consultation with the Vestry, we developed a list of expectations regarding the use of our building, which the group readily agreed to, and was put into a contract. The hospital chaplain is taking responsibility for the oversight of the group, which began meeting in Room 8 on Sept. 29.

If this group could be of use to you or anyone you know, don't hesitate to attend. If there are any concerns or inconveniences associated with their use of the building, let Lindsay know so they can be discussed with the group. I'm grateful for the chance to support this worthwhile program during its time of transition.

Rev. Michael



# WE CELEBRATE WITH



## Those with Birthdays in October

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|---|--|
| 1 Elwin Slack, Philip Englert, Emily Clark, Alex Bruner                 | 16 Sharyn Nevins                               |
| 3 Allison Nonko   | 17 George Ackerman Jr., Benjamin Dominick      |
| 4 Barry Schwarz, Joel Perry   | 18 Auralea Carroll                             |
| 7 Mary Solomon, Kathi Rudolph   | 19 Simon Caddick                               |
| 8 Rees Davis  | 20 Lucy Newnam                                 |
| 9 Valerie Seale   | 22 William Bartholomew, Eric Nevins, Max Posey |
| 11 Diane House, Chelsea Gagnon, Paige Leonard, Hannah Wiley Cadwallader | 23 John Dickinson                              |
| 12 Bob Fullerton, Brooks Walker   | 24 Stephanie Plattner                          |
| 13 Margee Herring   | 26 Elizabeth Carr, Dick Zolman                 |
| 14 Logan Max, Nicholas Sugarman   | 27 Delmer Watson, Claude Watson, Andi Spoor    |
|   | 28 Elisabeth Mussato                           |
|   | 29 Marisa DeTurco                              |
|   | 31 Oksana Heckscher                            |

## Those with Anniversaries in October

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8 Larry and Janice Plattner    | 11 Ron and Kathy Hendricks  |
| 9 Ben and Josie Wallingford    | 13 Joe and Barbara Thompson |
| 10 Frank and Elisabeth Mussato | 26 Brett and Connie Johnson |

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Our Sisters in Christ, Rita Chaffee Etherington, Dianne Michelle Kemble, and Adelaide Moore Rhoads have died. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday October 3, 2009 at 11:30 am at Mimi's Café, 9155 Park Meadows Dr, Lone Tree. For reservations call Marian MacFarlane at 303-346-9274.

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday November 7, 2009 at 11:30 am at 3 Margaritas, 501 East County Line Road (between Broadway and University). For reservations call Marian MacFarlane at 303-346-9274.

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet for our Christmas luncheon on December 5, 2009 at 11:30 am at the Celtic Tavern 2620 W Belleview Ave Littleton. Please bring a Christmas ornament for the exchange. If you like you may bring a disposable camera to support the Dorcas Christmas project providing baskets for the single mothers from Bridgeway House. For reservations call Marian MacFarlane at 303-346-9274.

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for all generations and reaching out to those in need.**



## Oktoberfest



We are kicking off our Fall Pledge Drive  
with an Oktoberfest Potluck Dinner.

We want to see you there!

The whole family is welcome and child care will be provided.

Beer and wine will be available (donations accepted).

Lots of fun, music and fellowship for all!

See you there!