



**The 2011 Annual Report  
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### **Rector's Report**

John Wengrovius helped me get off on the right foot in 2011. John is well-known in our diocese as the Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Golden, but better-known at St. Timothy's as the son-in-law of the late Rita Etherington. His family connection with our congregation spans decades, and he's been unfailingly helpful and supportive.

At first glance Calvary looks like a mini-cathedral, with a magnificent facility overlooking downtown and the Coors brewery, but it hasn't always been that way. In the 20+ years John's been serving there, they've "come through the swamp" (as he puts it) of insufficient resources, resistance to changes, and loss of members due to aging and job movement. "Every growing church has these challenges," he tells me, "just be patient and keep moving forward."

At a small retreat last January, John urged me to keep a log of "**God Sightings.**" For him this has become an essential spiritual practice, balancing the inevitable stresses he faces as Rector. Thanks to his example I've done this for the past twelve months, and it helps explain why we're experiencing such vitality and growth. In fact, it's such a long list that it was hard to know where to begin.

### **Finding Our Gifts**

The emergence of gifted leaders has been a central theme in 2011. I'll never forget Deacon Cammie's amazement and delight when I proposed that she start a Senior Ministry, or Kathy Hendricks' exclamation after preaching at our largest service that it was her "best Easter ever!" How about the junior high boy who said after their mission trip, "I never knew we could help people so much," or Katie Rudolph's memorable sermon on Mother's Day? Ray Bartusiak's extravagant hospitality is an image of all the people quietly offering what they have to give. And as a congregation, being chosen to host a youth event for the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church makes it clear that our gifts are no secret to others.

### **Growth of Programs**

Godly Play erupted at St. Timothy's this year, beginning with a surprise visit from its founder, known around the world as a visionary in children's ministry. The needed materials simply appeared, and Margaret Utter emerged as a respected leader. Adult Faith Formation continued to grow and deepen, with Bible scholar Dennis Haugh at the center of the activity. The partnership of Kathy Hendricks and Joyce Culwell enriched our retreat days and encouraged us to plan a weekend retreat next year. The amazing kickoff of the Young @ Heart ministry, the turnout for the Children's Weekend Bible School, the continuing growth of our youth group and the revival of the Daughters of the King made it clear why "ministries for all generations" is at the heart of our Purpose Statement.

### **Caring for Each Other**

Congregations often resist growth and change because they fear losing the close relationships central to their identity. The emergence of our Care Committee this year has made it possible to build on the traditional warmth of St. Timothy's family as newcomers are welcomed. Our monthly meetings ensure that people are not overlooked in their time of need or forgotten once the crisis has passed. The involvement of our lay members in pastoral care has greatly increased, making it possible for me to focus on the most critical situations. This continues to be one of the most rewarding parts of my ministry—knowing that I'm making a difference for people when they need it most. And in times of stress I've received wonderful support from Senior Warden Shawn Murphy, the Vestry, and the office of the Bishop. At the heart of this network of relationships is Lindsay Leaman, our faithful and caring Administrator.

## **Abundance and Generosity**

I've already mentioned the dramatic growth in our programs, but one of them deserves further mention. St. Timothy's commitment to youth ministry goes back more than twenty years, and over the last decade Shanda Velisek has been nurturing the dream of reaching out to the youth around us. Our pastoral response to the death of Drennen O'Melia went far beyond his family, engaging us with the community in ways we never imagined. Their generous response has been almost overwhelming: over a hundred people at the Youth Center's first work day, in-kind donations of materials and skilled labor for every stage of construction, and over \$60,000 in our bank account. What a wonderful tribute to this inspiring boy and the love we all have for him!

The second season in our Community Garden also highlighted our response to the abundance of God's gifts. More than a dozen people worked to expand the garden, and even more planted, watered and harvested the produce. Who can forget the children's "pumpkin procession" on that Sunday morning in October? For me the whole year's abundance culminated in an absolutely wonderful Christmas Eve celebration, with charming kids, fabulous music, and beautiful sanctuary decorations—a St. Tim's tradition that moved the hearts of longtime members and first-time visitors.

## **Healing**

If healing isn't at the heart of our mission, we're not faithfully following Jesus. The baptisms of one of Drennen's cousins and two of his friends were balm for those grieving his loss. Pastoral care in times of crisis consistently demonstrated God's healing powers, including one dramatic instance in a delicate surgical procedure. When Bishop Andudu of the Sudan preached at St. Timothy's he spoke of his costly commitment to reconciliation in the face of evil and destruction.

Privately, he listened to my account of the conflict we experienced this year and applauded our efforts to reconcile. The Vestry spent countless hours meeting with a gifted facilitator, I had many personal conversations including a surprising breakthrough in the café at Whole Foods, and over sixty people attended the most Spirit-filled congregational meeting I've ever heard of. We've learned a lot, and the weight of decades of dysfunction and secrecy has been lifted from our shoulders.

## **Spirit Being Revealed**

There can be no doubt that God is at work at St. Timothy's. The Spirit is woven into the fabric of our everyday life and is revealed at times in dramatic fashion. I see it in the eyes of children receiving communion and hear it in the voices of adults describing breakthroughs in their faith. It burst out from the hearts of Drennen's parents as they shared stories of spiritual renewal and made its presence known in the emergence of our new ministries. It's visible when we celebrate the birth of new babies and the passing of loved ones into eternal life.

All of this takes my breath away, and the only words that remain are "Thank you." Thank you, God, for being present in our joys and sorrows. Thanks to all of you who faithfully follow our Savior and offer your gifts. Thank you to all our dedicated leaders for responding to the opportunities we have to serve. Thanks be to God!

Michael+

## **Senior Warden's Report**

My first year as your Senior Warden was nothing like I could have imagined, and what a gift it was! In hindsight I am awestruck by the power of God's love, and his overwhelming grace.

Your Vestry has worked hard this past year in so many ways to enable God's mission here at St. Timothy's. Foremost in my mind is the work the Vestry did this year on the Truth and Reconciliation process, which culminated in the congregational meeting in September, and healing for so many. I am extremely grateful to the Vestry and Father Michael for their insight and willingness to participate

in this process, to the diocese for their guidance, and to our parishioners for their participation in this process. Your faith has healed us.

Mid-year the Vestry approved funding for staff positions and lay leadership to support the creation or growth of key ministry areas, including the new Seniors' Ministry (now called "Young at Heart"), Pastoral Care, Children's Christian Education, and Adult Christian Education. At the first gathering of the new Seniors' Ministry, there were over 65 people in attendance, just to meet and discuss the future path of this new ministry! Godly Play has been a huge success in our Sunday school since the start of the new program year in September, and the Adult Forum a couple of weeks ago had over 50 people in attendance between the services on Sunday morning. Wow! Thanks to all of our leaders who shepherd these ministries.

This year also saw the initiation of construction on the Drennen O'Melia Youth Center. The Vestry worked with Shanda and Bill O'Melia to establish guidelines for the project and to authorize funding for the construction. This is a very exciting project, and I am looking forward to the blessings it will yield. Many thanks to both Shanda and Bill for their vision and dedication to this project and to our essential ministry to the youth of our community!

Have you visited our website recently? This past spring the hard work of our Marketing Committee yielded fruit with our new website. More and more these days a church's website is the entry point for guests to the Church. As such, our Website is an important element of our outreach to the community. Thanks to all who participated in its creation and maintenance!

Our Property Committee this year continued on its path of actively managing the maintenance of our buildings and grounds, identifying key items that need immediate attention, items that will need repair or replacement in the next few years, and our long term facility needs. This is an example of how the Vestry takes its temporal responsibilities very seriously, and is proactively managing that for which it is entrusted.

Our parish's financial health has been a focus area of the Vestry, and fiscal responsibility one of its goals. We have made great progress this year in this area. Our mortgage was refinanced with favorable terms. The Finance Committee developed cash reserve requirements using discernment guidelines suggested by the Evangelical Christian Credit Union. As identified in these guidelines, the purpose of cash reserves (or active liquidity management) is to enable ministry given the month-to-month variations in income and expenses, unplanned events, and when presented with unexpected ministry opportunities. This was outstanding work done by the Finance Committee, and is an example for other churches in the area grappling with the question of how much cash reserve is enough.

Towards the end of the year, the Vestry started a process of discerning God's mission at St. Timothy's, and developed 4 draft mission focus areas for the coming years. The four draft focus areas are: 1) Worship as the foundation of our Christian Life; 2) Faith formation for all ages; 3) Opportunities to live out our faith and make a difference; and 4) Institutional Excellence. We are going through a process of sharing these with the staff, ministry leaders and the congregation and obtaining feedback. Through this process we will refine these mission focus areas, the final versions of which will guide our decision making and goal setting over the next few years. This is truly exciting work, and I look forward to discussing this more at our annual meeting.

In more amazing and exciting news, we ended 2011 receiving more pledged income than what was originally budgeted for the year, and added more than \$30,000 to our cash reserves. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. God is good ... all the time!

We had another outstanding stewardship campaign this year. The congregation responded abundantly to the question "What is God calling you to give". Because of your response, the Vestry passed a balanced budget for 2012 that continues all of our current staff and ministries, providing a Cost of Living Adjustment of 2% for staff, and increasing our Diocesan Pledge by another 0.5%.

When I walk around the church these days, there is a lot of positive energy in the air. The Spirit is at work. These are exciting times, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next!

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Murphy, Senior Warden

### **Deacon's Report**

As a deacon at St. Timothy's I serve at both services every Sunday and preach several times a year. I attend meetings as required, including Vestry meetings, Staff meetings, Deacons' meetings and retreats, Clergy Conference and the Diocesan Convention. I have done several workshops with other deacons for training Eucharistic Visitors. I was trained as a Workshop Leader for "Safeguarding God's Children" and have helped conduct workshops for St. Tim's Sunday School teachers and others.

I serve on the Samaritan Outreach Committee and have helped the committee members develop and organize several major projects for congregational involvement during the past year: "Pick a Flower and Spring into Action" for the Lenten season, "Loaves and Fishes" in July, and the "Fall Festival" at the end of October. In November I organized "Operation Christmas Child" and in December, the Cherrelyn Manor Christmas project, "Carolin" for Cherrelyn". I also 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 have participated in the newly developed Care Committee. I help deliver contributions from St. Tim's to various agencies in the Denver Metro area. I initiated the "Young @ Heart" ministry for Seniors at St. Tim's which meets once a month for speaker programs, outreach/in-reach, and social gatherings. I also assist with Pastoral Care when needed, take communion to those unable to attend church, conduct hospital visits and assist with funeral arrangements and services.

My diaconal ministry in the wider community includes volunteering at St. Clare's Supper every Tuesday evening and encouraging others to join me. Volunteers from St. Tim's have expanded the Clothing Closet to provide people with toiletries, warm clothing, blankets and other needed items. In addition, I started the H.A.A.T. Force: South Metro (Homelessness Awareness/Action Task Force) with people from other denominations. This ministry is in its second season and is presently issuing motel vouchers to homeless individuals in the Littleton/Centennial/Highlands Ranch area on nights when the weather is dangerously cold. I have been able to connect some of the homeless people from St. Clare's with H.A.A.T. Force for shelter, which has been very beneficial. We are working on expanding this ministry to provide a case manager to work with our clients to help them receive other assistance they need. We work closely with other non-profit and government agencies to provide this much needed emergency shelter and referrals.

I am looking forward to continued involvement in community service in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cammie Hought

### **Junior Warden Report**

2011 included several large capital projects as well as continuing to focus on long term needs. The Property Committee continued to review and evaluate facilities and plan for the future. Members of the Committee are Bill Utter as Chairman, Whitney Thomas, Dick Ten Eyck, Bruce McCrea, Jeremy Keller, Lindsay Leaman, and Larry Newnam.

New concrete replaced broken concrete at the west parking lot entrance this summer and our old storage shed was replaced by a new one, Scout Troop 114 built one as well and provided a new concrete slab for both sheds. During the summer a fire destroyed evergreen bushes at the east entrance to the church and committee members were instrumental in clearing out the remaining

bushes and roots. Special thanks to Bill O'Melia and his company for digging out deep roots and hauling away the brush, and for building both new sheds. Bill Utter has been working to replace door closers and openers for the entrance doors on the east and west sides. Lindsay Leaman continues to manage day to day maintenance needs. In December Jeremy Keller helped replace sanctuary spotlights.

Plans for 2012 are being reviewed but the first priority will be to fix parking lot lights.

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Thomas

## **Ministry Reports**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

The quality of our lay leaders is an extraordinary blessing for St. Timothy's, and I'm working with several groups which are developing excellent faith formation programs. For example, Dennis Haugh is a doctoral student in Scripture, and his preaching and teaching are remarkable gifts for us. Dennis coordinates the committee leading our Adult Forum, which has drawn quite a crowd over the past few months. Their fall series on Life after Death involved Jewish educator Daniel Bennett and Moslem Imam Ibrahim Kazerooni, whose fascinating insights made us think more deeply about our Christian perspective. Learning about other traditions—especially Judaism and Islam, with whom we share biblical foundations—can give us insights into our own faith.

Kathy Hendricks is a highly-regarded educator and author who travels the country leading retreats. What a gift for us that she's passionately involved in adult faith formation at St. Timothy's! Her series of afternoon retreats this fall developed a steady following, and we'll be expanding that program in 2012. Kathy is also a wonderful teammate, involving Tammy Heimbeck and me in leadership and working closely with Joyce Culwell, who with her friends provides our music. After each retreat afternoon, Kathy brought her insights to the whole congregation by preaching the next day.

When Kathy, Joyce and I sat down to review the fall's programs, Joyce had "that look" in her eye. She managed to contain herself through the planned discussion before blurting out, "It's time for another parish retreat!" Kathy and I quickly caught her excitement over the possibility of a weekend together at the new Cathedral Ridge conference center in Woodland Park. We pictured men and women from St. Timothy's gathering together next fall to deepen our friendships and our faith. Kathy agreed to share in leadership, and we've formed a committee to coordinate the event.

Best of all, Cathedral Ridge is available on one of the weekends we hoped for: September 28-30, so we reserved the dates. The lodge there is beautiful and comfortable, with modern rooms with private bathrooms and a large meeting room. Some of us will stay in simpler accommodations, but the facility is very accessible and we hope for beautiful weather. Please mark the date on your calendar, and if you'd like to be part of the coordinating team, let one of us know.

We're grateful to Rev. Sandy Blake for her leadership in re-establishing the Adult Forum and beginning the Wednesday Study Brunch. That program continued this fall with my presentations on "The Spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer," and Dennis Haugh will occasionally join me in future Bible presentations.

Dennis, Joyce Culwell and I are involved in a conversation about lifelong faith formation, based on the Road to Emmaus resurrection story in Luke's Gospel. In that story Jesus engages in dialogue over Scripture with two of the disciples ("Were not our hearts burning within us...while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32) and then appears to them in the breaking of the bread. We see this as a metaphor for growing in faith and plan to invite others into conversation beginning next October.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Michael Carney

## **Adult Forum**

To begin 2011, the Sunday morning participants of Adult Forum, "Adult Conversation Exploring Adult Faith," read together Faith Club, an account of a friendship and developing relationship among three women, an Episcopalian, a Jew, and a Muslim. After Easter, several parishioners offered their perspective on key issues.

In the spring, a planning committee met to envision and realize the possibilities for Adult Forum. During the Fall, that work resulted in two series, the first on Life after Death in the Abrahamic faith traditions, and one on Episcopalian spirituality. For both series, committee members were joined by outside speakers to facilitate the conversation. During the Epiphany season, a series on the first century development of Judaism and Christianity features a freewheeling discussion on all things Jewish and Christian.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Haugh

## **Altar Guild Report**

A big thank you to every member of the Altar Guild for volunteering your time and talents for preparing the Lord's table for weekly communion, and performing a variety of other tasks, to maintain our place of worship. Many thanks also to those individuals who assist us as needed, with changing the look of the sanctuary to reflect the liturgical seasons. 2011 was a pivotal year for working with the Flower Guild and other creative talent, to intermittently change the sanctuary décor, to provide yet another means of reflection, around the meaning of the seasons we observe throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorie Newey

## **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 Pray, Study and Service.

We read and discuss the scripture lessons for the forthcoming Sunday. There are some lively discussions along with some good humor thrown in for extra measure. After the meeting, those who can, go to breakfast at a restaurant.

Meetings are every other Tuesday morning from 6:30-8:00 a.m. 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, Clive Bonner, Bob Butscher, Michael Carney, Bill Clagett, Jack Clark, Forrest Douglas, Bob Fullerton, Steve Heckscher, Greg Hoskinson, Mickey Jackson, Bob Leaman, Frank Mussato, John Neuroth, Steve Packard, Matt Potts, Jeff Rudolph, Bob Rushforth, Jim Stern, Matt Sweet, Joe Thompson, Bill Utter, and Dick Zolman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Bartusiak

## **Children's Ministry**

The Children's ministries continued to grow in 2011 with forty-two registered for Sunday School. The average Sunday attendance has been between sixteen and twenty-four. The Children's Chapel Sundays have been the most popular with GODLY PLAY being the focus. These stories help the children come close to Jesus in their own lives.

St. Timothy's was fortunate to be able to purchase a complete GODLY PLAY classroom from Holy Apostles. The children have had several opportunities to be involved in the 10:00 service this year. They prepared a banner for Pentecost, have come up close to observe all the baptisms, invited to be on the Altar during the offertory and have processed for various services.

During the summer, the children had the opportunity to be involved with the garden. They helped plant two beds designated the "Children's Garden". They had veggies to offer to the Market on Sundays. They processed during the offertory with the most beautiful cabbages in August. In early October, they harvested their pumpkins and brought them to the Altar for blessing. The pumpkins found their way into many homes and to the House of Hope. There was even one on the altar for Thanksgiving.

The weekend Vacation Bible School was held again this year at the end of August. We had forty-five children and youth involved this year. Several of the upper-grade students acted as Jr. Leaders with the support of Jr. High students. Nick Sugarman from the Youth Group was a GODLY PLAY story teller.

Sunday lessons in the fall continued to focus on the GODLY PLAY stories. During Advent we heard the Nativity story in several forms. This helped the children to embody their roles for the Christmas pageant. Many Thanks to Stephanie Plattner for her capable direction again this year.

With the help of our nine faithful teachers, (Sam Eibling, Lindsay Igoe, Sue Thornton Pre-K, K; Susan Day, Pam Keller, Jennifer Saldanha 1st & 2nd grds; Mary Carr, Greg Heimbeck, Jen Hickman, 3rd – 5th grds) we look forward to another successful year of learning and growing together.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Utter

### **Cookie Angels**

Doesn't it feel good to see people smile? When our girls were little, I put signs on their bulletin boards saying, "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours." The St. Tim's **COOKIE ANGELS** have a different way of accomplishing this; not once has a Greeter handed a visitor homemade cookies and a St. Tim's brochure and failed to get a smile in return, and those smiles seem to spread to people surrounding them.

**COOKIE ANGELS** agree to bake once a year; we have some openings and would welcome anyone who would like to feel good by creating more smiles in church.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Lou Laubach

### **Daughters of the King**

The St. Timothy's Chapter of Daughters of the King has been blessed to be revitalized by the addition of six new members last fall and two more Daughters in training this winter, As members of a lay order of women dedicated to prayer and service, we offer intercessory prayer for all who request it and have undertaken the service project of sending out birthday cards to members of St. Timothy's.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00 am. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a member to attend. Our motto is:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

We welcome inquirers and those who desire to become a member. Please contact any of the following members for further information: Joyce Culwell, Pat Jackson, B.J. McClafin, Phyllis Rice, Lyn Zolman, Mary Alice White, Monette Park, Cynny King, Toni Kluge, Betty O'Neill, Karoline Sorensen, Dee Scott, Robin Schuler, Elisabeth Mussato, Helen Cowsert, Jane Fosdick, and Beth Jesmer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Culwell

### **Divine Diners**

Divine Diners is a ministry that has been active for 24+ 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 5 years we have also had an end of season dinner in the fellowship hall with everyone gathered together. Currently we have 23 couples (or pairs of single people) 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. If you want to meet people this is a great way.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney and Ann Thomas  
Ray and Lois Bartusiak

### **Flower Guild**

St. Timothy's Flower Guild consists of nine trained volunteers who are dedicated to the floral beautification of the church. We are responsible for the floral and green plant arrangements on or around the Altar, Columbarium, and Welcome Table every Sunday. During the season of Advent and Lent our design work changes to reflect a vision of theological reverence for the respective liturgical seasons. The Flower and the Altar Guilds work closely together throughout the year creating a thoughtful and purposeful approach to the sanctuary.

We welcome any parishioner with a creative touch and a willingness to serve "behind the scenes". New members are welcomed to shadow an experienced member, work alongside, or receive training by arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patt Clark

### **Grocery Card Ministry**

Thank you all who purchased Grocery Cards this year. You have generated \$4,481 in income on combined sales of \$93,795. \$4,481 is about 1% of our annual budget. Sales were divided as follows:

King Soopers	\$74,120	yielding	\$3,706
Safeway	\$10,400	yielding	\$ 312
Sunflower	\$ 5,050	yielding	\$ 252
Target	\$ 4,225	yielding	\$ 211

In case you wonder about the differences in yield, we receive a 5% credit from all but Safeway from whom we receive a 3% credit, due to the volume requirements. We will increase the Safeway orders this year to achieve a return of 5%. Sunflower has no purchase volume requirements, and we buy the Target cards using King Sooper gift cards so that we receive the 5% from King Soopers. Target has their own charitable program and does not discount their cards directly.

When next you see:

Jim and Liz Ault	Dick Zolman
Clive and Molly Bonner	Keri Bolei
Diana Mauney	Debbie King

please thank them for their tireless support of St. Timothy's. Elisabeth and I are especially thankful as their efforts make the Ministry successful and a lot more fun. It is rewarding to be associated with such dedicated people. Thanks for all your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank and Elisabeth 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 Tim's 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 and Marian MacFarlane

### **Legacy Society**

The Colorado Episcopal Foundation presented us with a beautiful mosaic plaque in May of 2006 honoring us as one of the founding-member parishes of the Colorado Episcopal Legacy Society. The Legacy Society was established to remind parishioners to regularly update their wills and to remember St. Timothy's as a beneficiary in wills, trusts, life insurance policies and other estate planning vehicles. Special gifts may also be designated for the parish endowment.

Bequests and gifts to our Endowment Fund are invested in funds managed by the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. Income realized from those investments are available to the Vestry for major maintenance, capital improvement, debt service and for other purposes as may be appropriate for the operation of the parish with particular concern for outreach.

A tri-fold brochure is available which describes the Legacy Society and how to make a legacy gift to St. Timothy's parish. If you would like to benefit your church for generations to come, please remember St. Timothy's as part of your estate planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fullerton

### **Marketing Committee**

This past year, the marketing committee spent significant time and effort in developing a new church website to make our internet presence more welcoming and informative to potential new members. I believe that the new website is a significant improvement over what St. Timothy's had before! The

marketing committee also set up a fan page for the church on Facebook to enhance communication opportunities.

Ministry leaders and church staff are invited to keep our website up to date with current information on the many activities and programs at St. Timothy's. If you are interested in developing content for our website, writing for audiences outside the church or considering new ways to attract families with young children, please join in the effort to give St. Timothy's a greater presence in the community!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fullerton

### **Music Notes**

What a glorious time it is when all people are standing and singing loudly to God, sitting and listening to the embellishment of the scriptures, or kneeling and quietly singing "Silent Night." You St. Timothy's parish members do it all; and, my prayer is that you have truly found an avenue of worship through music.

Again this year, special musicians were hired for All Saints celebration, Christmas, and Easter. The Adult Choir, Glory Bells, Drum Group and other parish musicians played and sang special arrangements throughout the year on Sundays and at a spring retreat and 3 fall retreats. The parish also enjoyed the enhancement of liturgical dance at Tenebrae. Another thank you goes to the gifted and talented musicians who offered anthems during the summer months.

It was a year of celebration for many things, not the least is life itself. We celebrated the lives of Foy Richey (Dr. Lorrie Hart's husband,) Nancy Minerly (long time member of Episcopal Church choirs,) and Bishop Elliott Sorge, the Bishop of three Dioceses including Brazil. The Adult Choir embraced these funerals to celebrate life and resurrection!

The concert of the year was on October 21, 2011 when St. Timothy's hosted an interfaith gathering. Choirs from Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Choir sang their songs. Organists Stephen Fiess, Marcia Koster and Gene Culwell from the churches listed respectively offered excellently played organ pieces. The concert ended with a mass choir singing, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic accompanied by Patty Lewis." It was a night well remembered!

Organist is Gene Culwell  
Director of Music, Adult Choir, Glory Bells & Drum Group Director is Joyce Culwell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Culwell

### **Name Tag Program**

Please don't tell me you've never started to introduce a new person to a friend and drawn a complete blank. If the friend had been wearing a name tag, you wouldn't have had occasion to be embarrassed. Newcomers to St. Tim's have commented that the name tags have made them feel welcome by being able to associate names and faces. Even our wonderful staff is not immune to those brain hiccups from time to time and wearing our name tags up to communion is an easy positive reinforcement for them. There's a good reason the name tags are displayed right by the front door. Do yourself and those around you a favor, put yours on when you enter the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Laubach

## **Photo Directory Committee**

The Photo Directory Committee formed in 2011 to produce a modern and up to date Photo Directory. Members are Whitney Thomas as Chairman, Bill Utter, Patt and Jack Clark, Ann Thomas, Lynn Zolman. Special thanks to Bill Utter who took all pictures and formatted and edited them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney Thomas

## **Prayers of the People**

Starting in early 2011, parishioners have committed to preparing Prayers of the People for St. Timothy's Sunday liturgies. The goal is to provide prayers which will be relevant for the community while fitting within the traditional liturgical structure.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Haugh

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

For the year 2011, Prayer Shawl Ministry members created 14 knitted, crocheted and other hand-made shawls. A total of 9 prayer shawls were given to people in need. We meet on the 4th Saturday of each month unless a change needs to be made due to other events; e.g. retreats, holidays, etc. We have a log book now for those shawls that are given to people which keeps track of the date, who made the shawl, to whom the shawl was given and who gave the shawl. These are usually presented to or by members of St. Tim's to people in need of comfort.

Thankfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Dries

## **Samaritan Outreach Ministry 2011**

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 nationally and internationally as well.

Congregational projects for the past year include:

- **“Pick a Flower and Spring Into Action”**: a project for the Lenten Season that incorporated several ways for the congregation to participate including: “Adopt a Mission Trip Participant”, “Break the Basket”, “Buy a Nite”, “Encounter Christ in the Garden”, “House of Hope Dinner”, “St. Francis Center Tour and Volunteer Opportunities”, and “Little Books for Little People”
- **Loaves and Fishes**: one Sunday in July when we gather food supplies for our local food banks
- **Fall Festival**: a project in conjunction with the Youth Group in which we were able to reach out to the wider community with pony rides, a jumping castle, games and more.
- **Walk for the Sudan**: several members of St. Tim's participated in the annual Walk for the Sudan to call attention to the need for clean water and provide financial support for the Nuba Water Project
- **Operation Christmas Child**: a project during the latter part of November which included preparation of 200 shoeboxes filled with gifts to be distributed to needy children world-wide,

as well as participation of both adults and youth at the Processing Center getting those shoeboxes ready for shipment. Nearly \$400 was collected to help with shipping costs.

- **Cherrelyn Christmas:** St. Tim's provided gifts, more than 200 ornaments and Christmas cards and trays of cookies for residents at Cherrelyn Nursing Home this past Christmas. Approximately 11 members of St. Tim's gathered at Cherrelyn to sing carols and deliver the gifts. Over \$700 was collected for the residents' personal accounts.

On-going service projects include:

- **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.
- **St. Francis Center:** a homeless day shelter we support financially and with donated items such as clothing, toiletries and other items. Several parishioners serve in person at the center.
- **Garden Level Giving:** collecting school supplies, gently used clothing, mittens and hats, cleaning supplies, toiletries and non-perishable food donations. The different agencies we support really appreciate our giving in this manner.
- **St. Clare's Supper and Clothing Closet:** several parishioners make this a priority. Upstairs we feed the homeless and the needy. We feed up to 175 people a hot, balanced and nutritious meal including a desert. Many people donate cookies and Father Michael celebrates the Eucharist on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Clothing Closet clothing, toiletries, shoes, socks, blankets and hand or body warmers. This on-going ministry evolved out of the 2010 Lenten project and continues to be a favorite.
- **Dorcias:** We made approximately 156 layettes during the year. Most were distributed to Bridgeway, home for pregnant teens and moms, and The Gathering Place, a day shelter for homeless women. Others were given to House of Hope, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Jubilee Center, Douglas-Elbert Task Force and a few other Denver area agencies. We received a very large donation of fabric from a friend of a church member. We are always in need of good used or new infant clothing, small toys and books. In addition, we have made cloth bags for the survival kits for HAAT Force.
- **H.A.A.T Force: South Metro:** this project provides motel vouchers for homeless individuals on dangerously cold nights. This is a collaboration of concerned citizens from the faith based community, working alongside ArapaHOME, Douglas County Homeless Coalition, local congregations, and non-profits. St. Tim's has been supporting this effort through personal participation, financial help, and collection of food and toilet articles, making cloth bags, and assembling "survival kits" to be given to those we serve.

#### Samaritan Outreach Disbursement Summary – 2011

Samaritan Outreach Ministry is facilitating many projects locally, nationally, and internationally (**L/N/I**) in order to assist in serving the needs of God's children. The table below names the agency, and our 2011 contribution.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>L/N/I</b>	<b>\$ Contribution</b>
<b>CANA</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Denver Inner City Parish</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Fall Festival</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>H.A.A.T Force</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>House of Hope</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$750</b>

<b>Interfaith community Services</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Mary's Hope</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Shiloh House</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>St Clare's Ministries</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>St. Francis Center</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Jubilee Center</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Colorado Haiti Project</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>El Hogar</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>\$525</b>
<b>Episcopal Relief and Development</b>	<b>N/I</b>	<b>\$525</b>
<b>Kenyan Children's Foundation</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Nuba Water Project</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Operation Christmas Child</b>	<b>N/I</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Vital Links</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>\$100</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
The Samaritan Outreach Committee

### **Stewardship Committee**

This year the stewardship committee decided to repeat the Consecration Sunday program to facilitate the fall campaign to support stewardship at St. Timothy's. Through the willingness, support and grace our faithful church members, we collected \$433, 859. Even though we fell \$15,000 short of last year's offerings, we still feel as though it was a success. We received a total of 139 pledged offerings, and received 21 new and 64 "Stepped-up" offerings from last year. We concluded the campaign with the celebration and fellowship filled brunch. We are a very blessed congregation!

As a committee, we continue to support and organize the Parish picnic held in early summer, and the Patronal Feast, in January. We thrive on your faith and support of each of our events, and are always looking for additional committee members to join our group. We thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Gair, Frank Mussato, Sandy Mussato, Stephanie Pike

### **St. Francis Center**

St. Francis Center is a day shelter that serves a vital niche for men and women that are homeless in the metro Denver area. Denver had food banks and overnight shelters, but people who are homeless need a place to go during the day and SFC offers a place for them. SFC also provides showers, storage, telephone service, postal service, medical and mental health clinics, and programs to help with employment and housing for our guests.

St. Timothy's has a merry, dedicated band of volunteers that travel to SFC monthly on the second Saturday and on the fifth Saturdays of the month that occur four times a year. We meet at St.

Timothy's and carpool uptown together. Our Samaritan Outreach Ministry at St. Timothy's has provided us with space for donations in the church and we carry those with us to SFC. All donations are appreciated and volunteers are always welcome. Contact Ann Pontius at [annjan@mac.com](mailto:annjan@mac.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Pontius

### **Transmitters**

We meet on Tuesdays afternoons at 3:00 in the Spiritual Reflection 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 a prayer list. If you feel called to be a part of our group (or have a request), 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 or the church office or sign the prayer request list 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

### **Travel Group**

Imagine taking a trip with friends, relaxing while all arrangements for transportation and hotels are made for you, even including shuttle service to DIA. Imagine enjoying interesting historical sites and museums without having to wait in line to buy tickets or having a wonderful dinner in a cozy restaurant with reservations already made just for you. These are but a few of the advantages of going with St. Tim's Travel Group on our next adventure. We work with an established travel company to get the best deal for your travel dollar, with airfare, hotels, and most meals included in the package. It is a relaxing way to travel and fun for all. Our 2012 trip will be a visit to the Pacific Northwest in September. Highlights include a tour of Seattle, redwood forests, coastal beaches, and two days in San Francisco. We welcome all St. Tim's travelers to join us for this adventure to an amazing part of the country.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Cruze ([cruzeduo@comcast.net](mailto:cruzeduo@comcast.net))  
Helen Hardy ([helenthardy@comcast.net](mailto:helenthardy@comcast.net))

### **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, collecting offerings, and inviting people to receive communion. A quarterly assignment schedule is provided to ushers, and anyone can be an usher. Currently there are 18 ushers; new members are welcome each quarter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney and Ann Thomas

## **Web Site [www.sttims.net](http://www.sttims.net)**

This was a busy year for the website. We had a complete reformat of the webpage and then changed hosting companies in August. The change in hosting companies saved us money and allowed us to move mail off the church server, which improved its performance. The new hosting company has much better customer service also.

My thanks to the members of the Marketing Committee headed by Bob Fullerton and especially to Marcie Weaver for the huge amount of hours she had to have spent on implementing the committee's ideas into code.

I am now in the process of keeping the site maintained and improving the ease of doing that as well as keeping up with the changes the staff makes to keep you informed.

Remember if you miss a sermon, deleted the Email Blast or the Staff Blast, want to look at a past or current issue of the Epistle or a Bulletin, you can find all that on the website and much more.

Is your Ministry or group missing from the website or the info out of date? If I don't have it, it doesn't get on.

We are still working out the kinks with how to use Social Media like Facebook, so if you are on Facebook, please go to the website and "Like" St. Timothy's.

Respectfully Submitted

Mickey Jackson

[mljacks@pobox.com](mailto:mljacks@pobox.com)

## **Wedding Coordinator**

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

## **"Young @ Heart" Seniors' Ministry**

"Young @ Heart" is a newly developed ministry of, for and by St. Timothy's Seniors. We meet on the third Thursday of each month for fellowship, speaker programs and outreach. We are committed to providing opportunities for the Senior members of our parish family to support each other as well as those in our wider community. Our **activities** to date:

- **"Kick-Off Luncheon"**: we began with a luncheon on Wed., Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss our purpose and identity and to gather ideas for projects and volunteers for various committees. Nearly 70 people attended this gathering. We decided on a 3 month rotational agenda to include speakers, outreach projects and social events. The committees we developed:
  - Planning Committee: Dick Ten Eyck and 8 others
  - Refreshment Committee: Lois Bartusiak and 14 others
  - Communications Committee: Joan Stroud and 9 others
  - Funeral Reception Committee: 10 volunteers
  - Visitor Committee: 5 volunteers
  - Drivers: 6 volunteers

- **October Speaker Event:** we met on Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> with presentations by **Homewatch Caregivers** on Care Options and Legal Affairs. Again, more than 60 people attended, several from the outside community.
- **Operation Christmas Child Event:** we met on Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> to assemble shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. People brought items to put in the boxes and we were able to put together 55 boxes. We also had a Pot Luck for lunch. There were around 35-40 people present.
- **Holiday Lights Tour:** on Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 24 people gathered to go on the Holiday Lights Tour provided by **RTD Senior Ride**. We had originally filled the bus (42 people) but the night was snowy and icy so many were unable to make it. Those who DID make it thoroughly enjoyed it. We saw lighting displays at Windsor Gardens, The Zoo, Botanic Gardens, City and County Building, Union Station and Larimer Square. More activities with RTD are planned for the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Cammie Houpt for "Y@H"

## Youth Group

Under the direction of Shanda Velisek and with the help of numerous volunteers the youth program continues to love and support the youth of St. Timothy as well as the youth from the Littleton community and beyond. 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 and Alice Young assist with various office duties. We have a group of youth leaders who assist with weekly meetings and who are very involved with the teens directly: Greg Velisek, Elizabeth Dries, Bill O'Melia, Cliff Gagnon, Laurie Talley, Michael Carney, Doug Thomas, Geoff Shilling, Sean Velisek, Stephanie Plattner 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. I am constantly overwhelmed by and grateful for the number of people who are always willing to help the youth with whatever they are up to. St. Timothy is unique and special because we have so many adults who want to share the love of Christ with our young people. 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!

The highlight for the year for the youth group was the Drennen O'Melia youth center. Early in 2011 our plans for the center were realized when the city of Centennial granted St. Timothy permits. Early in March the community and the church gathered to bless the space and begin demolition. As the year moved on we continued our fund raising efforts and by the end of 2011 we successfully raised over \$60,000.00 thanks to Drennen's Dreams (an organization committed to remembering Drennen O'Melia and doing good works in his name) to build the D'Zone. In 2011 the youth room was framed, much of the wiring done, and plans are in place for the completion of the process in early 2012. We look forward to finishing our dream and filling the space with teens every day of the week.

In 2011 our youth were very active. Among the year's activities was our 14th annual retreat to Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je in Bailey, bowling, ice skating, (we have at least one fun event that teens would like each month which is easy for them to bring friends to) regular movie nights at Aspen Grove during the summer months, participating in the Diocesan event, and Genesis just to name a few activities.

One of the unexpected blessings this year was a visit by the Presiding Bishop, The Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori. In November she came to an event put on by our youth and for other youth in our Diocese. We worshipped together, listen to God's word together and opened up our hearts to what God is calling all of us to do. We were thrilled to be able to have such a special guest and it was just another one of many example of how loved we felt. So many people helped to make the day a very special one.

In addition we have regular youth group meetings on Sunday nights - Jr High meets from 5-7 pm and Sr high meets from 7-9 pm. These nights continue to grow in numbers of youth and the youth are anxiously waiting for the youth center to be open so they can even hang out longer on Sundays. On Sundays it will become a place to do homework, watch football, or a Sunday matinee.

Both Junior High and Senior High went on mission trips. The Senior High went to Mescalero, New Mexico and successfully raised \$30,000 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, serving people in need. We had a record number of Jr High teens who attended and had a fantastic trip with other 30 participants; we were able to really make a difference in our community with so many teens wanting to serve.

Our plans for 2012 are well under way. In February we will again journey to Bailey for our 15th annual youth group retreat. Many of our teens are taking an active role in the weekend. Our summer promises to be a busy one. Our Senior High is already busy with plans to go to Birmingham, Alabama to help repair house. We have over 50 youth planning on attending. Our trip will look a little different this year because we will be traveling on a charter bus. We look forward to serving the community in other ways throughout the year by participating in events 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