



ST. TIM'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Newsletter

December 13, 2018

Season of Wonder

What is it about this time of year that brings about such a wide array of emotions? I truly believe that this season of Advent, this season of preparation, allows us to reflect on the past year, not only the times of joy but also the hardship and sorrow. As we move through the weeks leading up to 'that blessed morn', we all move through a vast array of these emotions.

As a child we are in awe and wonder of the twinkling lights, the stockings, the Christmas tree, and of course, that baby that everyone is talking so much about. As we continue to grow and understand more of what the season is, we learn that all of the things we loved as a child are still there, but we see them a little differently. We learn that this is the time of year to give to others, to spread the news of the birth of this baby.

As an adult, the view changes yet again; the memories of Grandma's cookies, the treasured ornaments, the stories of a case of the giggles during the midnight service. But the constant is always the newness that comes through the birth of our Savior, the Prince of Peace.

Nevertheless, as we continue our journey through this life, the season will come and it may be filled with grief, anxiety, or the stress of things out of our control. But take heart, close your eyes, and picture that dimly lit stable, and a manger filled with a baby who embodies the hope and promise that we will never walk alone and that we are loved beyond measure. I encourage you to embrace and treasure this season and take the in newness of this blessed birth and all that it holds with you in to the new year.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6 NIV*

Kellee Jentz
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 13

Youth Group Finals Study Party, 3:30pm

December 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Services, 7:45 & 10am

Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 11:30am

Denver Bronze Christmas Concert, 3pm

Community Caroling, 4pm

Youth Group Christmas Party, 5pm

December 19

Taize Service, 6pm

December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

One Sunday Service at 9am

Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 10:30am

Greening of the Church, 10:30am

No Youth Group

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Family Service / Children's Pageant, 4pm

Candlelight Lessons & Carols, 8pm

December 30

Sunday Services, 7:45 & 10am

No Youth Group or Sunday School

This week at St. Tim's:

Friday, December 14

Centering Prayer Group, 9:30am

Saturday, December 15

Daughters of the King, 9am

Sidney Warner Funeral, 11am

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Services, 7:45 & 10am

Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 11:30am

Denver Bronze Christmas Concert, 3pm

Community Caroling, 4pm

Youth Group Christmas Party, 5pm

Monday, December 17

Bob Glazier Funeral, 11am

Boy Scouts, 7pm

Tuesday, December 18

Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 6:30am

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 19

Taize Service, 6pm

Thursday, December 20

Young @ Heart, 11:30am

House of Hope Dinner, 5pm

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

AA Meeting, 7:30pm

Other News & Events

2019 Annual Campaign Update

As of December 11th, we have received 142 pledges for a total of \$492,578. You can access the online pledge form [by clicking here](#) and pledge cards are also available in the lobby. Those who have already set up online giving accounts will need to add your 2019 pledge to your scheduled giving.

Vestry Nominations

St. Timothy's will be electing three new Vestry members at the February 3, 2019 Annual Meeting to replace the three members whose terms are expiring. These are three year terms. Vestry members must be active members of the parish who are 18 years or older and who have held parish membership for at least six months. If you are interested or you would like to nominate someone to stand for election, please contact Fr. Nick by phone or by email no later than Sunday, December 30th. Fr. Nick will contact those who are nominated the first few weeks of January and the slate for election will be announced at the Sunday services on January 20, 2019. Please note that no nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Annual Meeting on February 3rd.

Christmas Memorial Flowers and Music

Donations for Christmas flowers and music are welcome. Please sign up on the list in the lobby or call the church office (303-794-1565) by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Make checks payable to St. Tim's and designate Christmas flowers/music in the memo line or you can contribute online at www.sttims.net/giving/. Suggested

Sunday Adult Forum

We gather downstairs in the Library at 9am on Sundays for a time of conversation, formation and fellowship. This Sunday, December 16th, we'll conclude the series, *Home for the Holidays: What is Christmas About?* All are welcome!

RenewalWorks

Ever wonder what happened to that RenewalWorks survey we took in September? The committee is currently reflecting on the results and considering what they might mean for the future of St Timothy's. Based on the results, we have plenty of areas to explore and we are actively building out recommendations. Over the next several weeks we plan to talk to the Vestry and parish staff, culminating in a final report at the Annual Meeting in February. More information on the areas we are exploring may be found [by clicking here](#).

Men's Retreat

Attention Men: Please save these dates, February 8th (6-9pm) & 9th (7:30am to 4pm). We have been invited to join the men of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and 5 other parishes in their annual Men's Retreat. The title for this year's Retreat will be "Leading Men in the Episcopal Church into Future Men's and Youth Ministry". We are delighted to have Mr. Jeffrey Butcher, President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew as our Leader and Speaker. There are few times that we get a chance to gather as men of the church. Please join in for yourself, your family, and your church. For further

donation is \$35.

From the Senior Warden

It is our tradition at St. Tim's to collect donations to gift to our dedicated staff at the end of December as a token of our appreciation. Contributions can be made to St. Timothy's with "Staff Purse" in the memo section, and will be received through Dec. 30. Thank you for your generosity and consideration for our fabulous staff!

Children's Pageant Rehearsals

The Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be:

- Dec. 16, right after the 10am service

- Dec. 23, right after the 9am service

Rehearsals will last no longer than 30-35 minutes. Please stay upstairs once service is over.

Community Caroling

Join us December 16 from 4-5pm for an evening of caroling. This will be an opportunity to fellowship together, get in the Christmas Spirit, and engage the neighborhood surrounding St. Tim's. This event is for all ages and all vocal abilities.

Taize

The exciting and chaotic rush of the holidays is upon us. Come away and rest. Join us for Taize this Advent season on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Sanctuary, November 28 through December 19. We will gather for praise, mediation and prayer.

Mary's Cards

Friends and family will be delighted to receive beautiful Christmas cards featuring Mary and Baby Jesus with an insert saying "a gift has been given in your honor" and describing the selected charity. Cards will be available and Outreach will be accepting donations after both worship services for HAAT Force, Fisher House, House of Hope, Cherrelyn Healthcare Center, and Episcopal Relief and Development. This Sunday, December 16, is the last day to purchase Mary's cards.

information, keep an eye on this space or you can contact Mickey Jackson at mljacks@q.com, 303-587-6485 (Cell), or 303-797-0507 (home).

Retreats at Cathedral Ridge

The Episcopal Church of Colorado is sponsoring the following retreats at [Cathedral Ridge](#):

Balance & Beauty Women & Girls Retreat:

January 4, 2019 @ 5:00 pm – January 6, 2019 @ 1:00 pm, for girls grade 6 and above, and women of all ages. Invite your mother, friend, daughter, or granddaughter to a weekend of intergenerational fellowship, faith-deepening, and fun before school recommences. There will be large and small group presentations, crafts, worship, healthful meals, and time for self care and pampering. This retreat makes a wonderful Christmas gift. Cost: \$175/\$100 (adult/youth). For additional information and registration, [click here](#).

Father & Son Retreat:

January 11, 2019 @5pm - January 13, 2019 @ 1pm, for fathers and sons of all ages. (Recommended for boys grade 1 and above.) Come enjoy a weekend with your father or father figure, or bring your son or young person you're mentoring. This is for men looking for activity, play, and rest in the beautiful mountains of Cathedral Ridge. We will have activities indoors and out, games, music, presentations, worship, and table fellowship. Cost: \$175/\$100/\$60 (adult/youth/child). For additional information and registration, [click here](#).

Study Brunch

The Study Brunch will be on hiatus and will resume in a few weeks. Watch here for details.

Grocery Cards will be available following both services on Sunday, December 16.

Love St. Tim's? Spread the Word!

Did you know that people increasingly use the internet to find a church home? You can help others find St. Tim's by sharing your experience online. Post

Upcoming Funerals

--There will be a funeral service for Sidney Warner on Saturday, December 15 at 11am at St. Tim's. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

--There will be a funeral service for Bob Glazier on Monday, December 17 at 11am at St. Tim's. A reception will follow in the lobby upstairs.

Winter Youth Retreat

We're so excited for the upcoming Youth Retreat this February 1-3, 2019 at Camp Idrahaje in Bailey, CO! In order to sign up for this fun, relaxing, and Spirit-filled weekend, we will need four things for each youth:

- [Event Registration](#) - This is short and sweet. It can be done online or filled out in the D'Zone.
- [General Youth Permission Form](#) - Most families have already turned one of these in. Please only fill this out if you haven't already.
- **Idrahaje Permission Form** - We will have these available soon!
- **\$100 Payment** - We can work with families on scholarships or payment plans if needed. Please don't hesitate to ask, we don't want anyone missing this retreat due to money.

We will be meet at the church at **4:30 on Friday** and return at **noon on Sunday**. We ask that families try their best to have youth there and present for the whole retreat. **Parents can sign up to volunteer for the retreat by filling out this quick form.** We will need all adult volunteers to complete a background check and safeguarding God's children/people training. We'll also have a limited number of volunteer slots. John will contact you with more info.

Young @ Heart - Mark December 20th on your calendar for the Young @ Heart potluck, musical program, and cookie exchange. Bring a dish to share and home-made cookies for the exchange. We suggest the cookies be packed one dozen per ziplock bag or other

to [Yelp](#) by [clicking here](#). Like us on [Facebook](#) by [clicking here](#). Post to [Google Maps](#) by [clicking here](#) (then click on "Write A Review" at the top). If you have questions, contact Amy Clark (Congregational Growth Committee Chair) at amyclark19@gmail.com.

Donating Appreciated Stock or the Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) from an IRA are excellent ways to provide financial support to St. Tim's. Appreciated stock is stock that has increased in value and has been held for at least a year. Donating the stock directly to St. Tim's creates two benefits for the donor: 1) Since the stock was not sold by the donor, the donor avoids paying capital gains tax on the increase in value; 2) The donor is allowed a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the stock on the date it was donated. Parishioners who have reached the age of 70½ must take a minimum required distribution (MRD) from their IRAs each year. The part of the MRD which you contribute to St. Timothy's counts towards the MRD. For additional information about donating appreciated stock or the MTD from an IRA, [click here](#). If you have questions contact Dick Loyd (dickloyd43@gmail.com).

Membership

Those who were recognized as members on November 4th can pick up their membership certificates on the table in the front of the Sanctuary. If you didn't contact the church office prior to participating in the Rite of Membership last Sunday you need to complete a membership form [by clicking here](#) so that a certificate can be made for you and we can get your contact information. Contact lori@sttims.net with questions.

Prayer Shawls are available in the church office conference room and are free to those who need them. If you take one, please sign the book.

Journeying Through the Lectionary

container. It all starts at 11:30am downstairs in the Parish Hall. Come and bring a friend.

GriefShare

If you or members of your family have experienced loss of a loved one, you are invited to participate in GriefShare. This is a new and different approach to facilitate and encourage the sharing that leads toward healing. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of January, February and March from 1-3pm in the Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Contact Doris Cruze (cruzeduo@aol.com) or Don Marxhausen (corev007@gmail.com) for more information.

Gentle Yoga

This will be a gentle class using a classical approach to link breath with movement, and mind with body. This 1-hour class for 4 weeks is private (no walk-ins), allowing you to build friendships, community and deepen your yoga practice. No yoga experience needed. Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 9:15-10:15am St. Tim's Library. \$50 for all 4 classes with 10% donated back to St. Tim's. Contact Courtney at 303-625-3458, climbingcourtney@gmail.com to register or if you have questions.

Journeying will be taking a break and will return in a few weeks.

Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 in the D'Zone. The group responds to St. Paul's admonition to "pray always." Beginners are always welcome. For more information, contact Nancy at NancyBattilega@gmail.com.

Commercial Loan Paydown Progress

Funds received Dec. 3rd through 9th totaled \$2,975. Total funds received and paid through Dec. 9th: \$394,614.13. The loan balance is \$22,145.35.

Did you miss the sermon last Sunday? You can [listen to an audio recording by clicking here](#).

Do you have something you'd like to include in the weekly announcements or newsletter? Send the information to the Office Administrator, Lori Sill at lori@sttims.net by close of business on Tuesday so that it can be included in the following weekend publications.

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