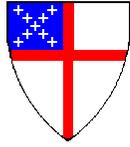


APRIL

2012



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 1: Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Wednesday, April 4:

Book Club at 7 pm



**Thursday, April 5:
Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist



Friday, April 6: Good Friday

7:00 pm Traditional Gathering around the Cross at the Altar



Saturday, April 7:

Spring Work Day
Noon-4 pm

Sunday, April 8 - EASTER

8:30 a.m. Easter Brunch

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt



Bible Study

Tuesday, April 10:

William leads Bible Study at 10 a.m.
(in place of Wed. 4/11)



HANDBELLS

Sunday, April 15:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Children's Handbells



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Tuesday, April 17:

Adopt-A-Highway at 6:00 p.m.
(rain date Thur. April 19)

Friday, April 20 & Sat., April 21:

Diocesan Convention at Traverse City



Sunday, April 22:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Altar Guild Recognition

Adult Ed.: Trey Eldridge –
Gull Lake Bond Issue



Tuesday, April 24:

Vestry Meeting @ 6:30 pm



Sunday, April 29:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Adult Ed.: Tim Light - Talking with other religions

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, May 3:

Older Bunch for Lunch at 12:00 noon

May 3-6: Co-ed Cursillo, St. Paul's Muskegon

Sun. May 6: 12:00-3:00 pm Safeguarding God's Children @ St. Luke's Kalamazoo

Sunday, May 13: - Mother's Day

Sunday, May 27: - Pentecost Picnic





THE SEARCH IS OVER!

The Vestry and Search Committee are delighted to announce that **Rev. Joel L. Turmo** has accepted our call to serve as rector of St. Timothy Church. Fr. Joel comes to us having completed a curacy at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton, Florida, where, in addition to assisting the rector, he was Director of Youth Ministries. **Joel and his wife Melissa** are native Michiganders and are looking forward to returning "home". They have two sons, **David and Andrew**, ages 10 and 8. The family will be moving into the rectory as Joel assumes his new position at St. Tim's on August 1.

As Director of Youth at St. Gregory, Joel's focus was "to encourage youth and families on their Christian walk through a balanced program of worship experiences, religious education, spiritual and moral guidance, local service, mission trips, and social activities". In addition, Joel has taken an active role of service in his community, serving on local boards and being an active volunteer in initiatives such as the Toby Center for family reconciliation and Access Florida, a center to assist struggling people in connecting with available public services. At St. Gregory's Joel and his wife Melissa provide pastoral leadership for a monthly parenting group, as well as sharing duties as leaders of their sons' Cub Scout Pack.

Joel has demonstrated a calling and dedication to ministry to all stages of life and conditions, especially those dealing with disabilities. His previous work experiences leading up to the call to the priesthood included working as a certified nurse's aide which then led to his taking a degree in Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University. During his tenure in Appleton, WI working in that capacity, Joel and Melissa joined St. Thomas Episcopal Church and discerned that it was time for Joel to pursue his long held calling to enter ministry. He attended seminary at Sewanee, the University of the South, in Sewanee, TN. In describing his call to serve God and his fellow man, Joel shared the following: "I believe that God is currently calling me to continue this ministry of encouragement. I also sense a calling to return to Michigan, which I call home. My wife and I feel called to provide long-term servant leadership in a parish where both we and the parish sense God's calling for us to work together for Christ's kingdom".

From: President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese

The Standing Committee of the Diocese is seeking nominees for the **Search & Transition Teams for the election of the 9th bishop of our diocese** to be held in May, 2013. Requirements include prayerful attendance & participation at all meetings, beginning from the May 10-11 retreat through next Spring; maintain confidentiality; have a collegial, respectful attitude with open communication, supportive of consensus building and able to listen for the Spirit putting aside personal agendas; and exercise conscientious decision making with overall accountability to the Holy Spirit and the people of our diocese.

Candidates should be communicants in good standing, comfortable working in a team context and available to offer the time required to complete tasks in a timely fashion. Look for nomination form on www.edwm.org and email/mail to Canon Robert Schiesler at Roberts@stmarksgr.org/ 134 N Division Ave., Grand Rapids, 49503. **Nominations are due by April 10.**



Diocesan Mission Trips

Tami Varricchio is planning on going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Aug. 11-17.

Other Diocesan mission trips planned in 2012:

JOPLIN, MISSOURI - APRIL 25 TO MAY 5

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION - AUGUST 11 TO 17

IRVINE, KENTUCKY

READING CAMP - JUNE 22 TO 30

REBUILD - SEPTEMBER 15 TO 22 & SEPTEMBER 23 TO 29

NEW ORLEANS - NOVEMBER 10 TO 17

For more information, contact **Terry Dorcy at 269-349-3625.**

New Photo Directory -- DON'T MISS OUT!!

We're looking forward to a new photo directory that is being published this spring! It will contain our photos with our contact information, as well



as, it will list the committees and activities that we are involved. We anticipate that the directory will benefit our new rector getting acclimated and settling in, AND the entire St. Tim's family!

Have you submitted your family's photo? Time is running out! PLEASE bring one to Laura Large or to me, or send one to me via email at marshyj@tds.net by **Wednesday, April 4th!!**

Thanks for your support of this very worthwhile project! **Marcia Johnson**

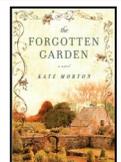


William leads Bible Study on Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m.

(in place of Wed. April 11)

The **Book Club** will next meet on **Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m.**

They are reading **The Forgotten Garden** by Kate Morton.





Altar Guild Recognition Sunday

Please be sure to join us on **Sunday, April 22** as we recognize the ministry performed by our Altar Guild members. These are the ladies who wash and iron linens; polish the brass; keep the candles and wine stocked; come in ahead of every service to set up the altar and stay after to clean up. And it is the gentleman who, without fail, bakes our bread. Each is dedicated to this ministry and we appreciate their efforts on all of our behalf.

Guild Members Include: **Doris Balgoyen, Jan Fouts, Cora Hills, Carolyn Kiser, Marti Ozolins, Ann Perra, Pat Rapp, Barb Ray, and Audrey Wood.**
Our bread baker is **Dan Hills.**

Volunteers are needed for our Spring **Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up** scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.**



(rain date Thursday, April 19)

Please see the **sign up sheet** or speak with **Dan Hills.**

Lent – A Season for Good



The youth in Christian Formation classes will again have a special Lenten Offertory project **collecting coins** to purchase children's books for the community room of Cooper Apartments which is part of the **Open Doors** program that assists low-income families.



Betsy Barlow, Maggie Caball and William will be attending the Diocesan Convention at Traverse City on April 20-21.

Spring Work Day
Saturday, April 7:
Noon-4 pm



Cursillo News

What is Cursillo? *Cursillo is a method of creating in the minds and hearts of Christians an awareness of the presence of God in their lives - a desire to live a life with Him and to bring Him into the lives of everyone they meet.* **Website:** <http://www.wmec.net>
WMEC #73 weekend will be at St. Paul's in Muskegon on **May 3-6th, 2012.** This will be a co-ed weekend. Anyone interested - please see **Colin Cruttenden or Steve Schoenleber.** Deadline for applications is **April 5.**

Adult Education

On **April 22** after church **Trey Eldridge** will meet with interested parishioners to hear **"School Board Concerns and Activities"**. The report is expected to cover the instructional program, state cut-back in funding, and efforts to maintain quality at the Gull Lake Public Schools.

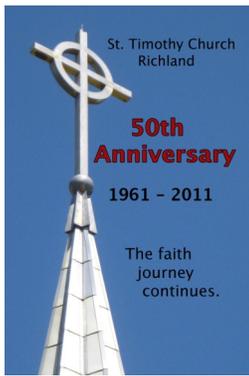
Starting April 29, and continuing May 6 and May 20 (skipping Mother's Day), **Tim Light** will continue a program started earlier on **"Talking With Other Religions."** Participants found the first program most interesting, and asked him to continue with more information. We are very pleased that he was willing to give us three more programs on the topic.



Our dear friend, **Jill Gould**, passed on March 14. Over 200 of her friends and family attended her funeral service here on March 22nd. **"Rest eternal grant to her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."**



The Gift that Keeps on Giving: St. Tim's Endowment Fund was established in 2008 and is intended to assist in the funding of children's and music programs, as well as upkeep of our physical plant. We are hoping this fund will grow over time, and gifts are usually tax deductible. **Trey Eldridge and Sharon Barry** are available to answer specific questions you may have about the fund, and can provide advice about including the fund in your will.



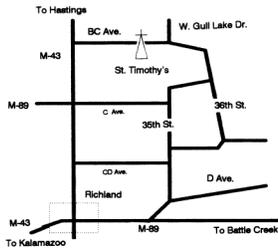
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The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ. We do this through worship, education, service, and celebration, offering up the talents God gives us for the glory of Christ and the building up of his Church. We offer our best to God! We expect great things from God!

We're on the Web!
<http://sttimothychurch.tripod.com>



"Growing Together in Christ"

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Maggie Caball - Apr. 1
- Randy Stout - Apr. 3
- Matt Dillworth - Apr. 5
- Nick Hotra - Apr. 8
- America Nelson - Apr. 9
- Val Ozolins - Apr. 13
- Dorothy Morris - Apr. 14



- Robin Barlow - Apr. 19
- John Wood - Apr. 23
- Curley Stricklin - Apr. 23
- Judy Luykx - Apr. 26

Do we have your email address and birthday?

 **Fair Trade Coffee \$8**

If ever there is a reason that Worship Services will be cancelled, a **Service Cancellation Announcement** will be made via **WWMT-TV**.
Note: St. Tim's is in Kalamazoo County.

 St. Timothy's participates with both the **Hardings and Meijer Community Rewards programs**. Information on how to enroll is located on the table in the lobby, or contact the Parish Office.

LINKS:
Western Michigan Episcopal Cursillo: <http://www.wmec.net>
Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan: <http://edwm.org>
Episcopal Life Online: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org>
Lectionary Readings: <http://www.lectionarypage.net>
St. Timothy Church: <http://sttimothychurch.tripod.com>

 **The Choir practices on Thursday evenings from 7:00 -- 8:30 p.m.**

Share our Good News with friends!
There are extra copies of this newsletter available on the table in the church entrance and it is linked on our website. 

Men's Morning Bible Study
7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays downstairs in the social hall. 
Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group
10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the upstairs conference room.