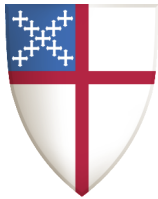


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The Good News-letter



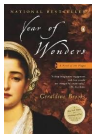
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Monday, April 1:
Parish Office Closed

Sunday, April 7:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Wednesday, April 10:
7:00 pm Book Club



April 11-14:
Cursillo Weekend at St. Davids in Lansing

Sunday, April 14:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Mother Nancy leads service
Children's Handbells
4-5:30 pm Youth Group Gathering



Tuesday, April 16:
8:00 am Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 16:
6:00 pm Highway Pickup



Friday, April 19:
8 am – 5 pm
Diocesan Leadership Day
Grand Rapids



Saturday, April 20:
8 am – 2 pm
Diocesan Convention, Grand Rapids

Sunday, April 21:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Tuesday, April 23:
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, April 25:
Open Doors luncheon 12-1 pm



Open Doors
Building Relationships, Overcoming Homelessness



Saturday, April 27:
Spring Work Day
9 am – 2 pm

Sunday, April 28:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, May 2:** Older Bunch for Lunch
- Friday, May 3:** Bishop Candidate at St. Luke's
- Saturday, May 11:** St. Tim's hosting Cursillo Secretariat
- Sunday, May 12:** Mother's Day
- Saturday, May 18:** Bishop Election, Grace Church, Grand Rapids

Sunday, May 19:
Pentecost Picnic





Grace and Peace,

This is an exciting time for our church and our diocese. We are in prayerful consideration as to how we should proceed as a church. I am looking forward to seeing who the new Bishop will be. We have three strong candidates on the slate. The petition process for additional candidates closes April 15. Please take time to review the candidates and talk with Cliff Barry and Maggie Caball.

A few weeks ago, Bishop Gepert asked several of the new priests in the diocese what we see the future of the church looking like. What a great question. We continually need to reset our bearings. It is like when you are hiking through the woods. You take out your compass, set a point in the direction of your goal. When you get to that point, you take the next reading and set another point that gets you closer to your goal.

To that end, St Timothy's hosted a day where new clergy from around the dioceses discussed the future of the church. I was impressed with what my fellow clergy had to say. In the next few newsletters, I will be sharing what some of their ideas with you.

I would also like to speak with individuals here at St. Timothy's to discuss where you think the future of the church is going and seeing how we can set our sights of Jesus to draw closer to him. Please pray for our next clergy meeting, where we will be continuing our dialog on the future of the church.

**Blessings,
Fr. Joel**

FORESTRY PLAN



In an effort to improve the natural environment of our entire property, about 50 mature trees will be removed.

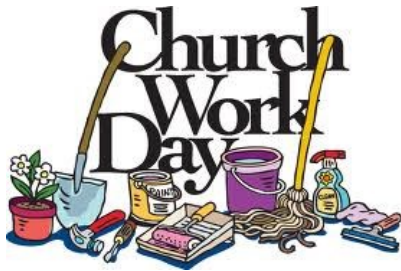
A very conscientious effort at maintaining the integrity and health of the vegetation on our property is being made.

The trees that are to be removed are now marked and will be removed within one year of the signing of the contract.

Note: Contact Fr. Joel about taking any of the remaining branches for personal use. The Delton Rotary Club has inquired if they could also have some of it for their firewood sale fundraiser.

From around the Diocese

The Rev. Daniel Richards, Grace Episcopal Church, Traverse City:
The future of the church is in her beginning. We are to obey Christ and make disciples, not members. We have to get back to the core of our discipleship as a community: worship, formation, proclamation. Episcopalians are formed by the reformed lay monastic dream of Cramner, a people shaped by Daily Office and weekly Eucharist, Book of Common Prayer and Bible. From the core, you can head out into medieval liturgies or evangelical outreach, but we have to put money, time, and structure back into the center. We are going to close a lot of churches if we keep trying to reform the church through her butlers instead of forming her children. Follow Christ and the rest will follow.



Spring Work Day Saturday, April 27 9 am – 2 pm

Come for all or part of the day.
Bring tools, cleaning supplies.
There will be both inside and outside work to be done.

You may also bring a side dish or dessert to share for lunch at noon.

Note: Students may earn community service hours by helping.



Youth Group Gathering Sunday, April 14 4-5:30 pm "Seeking and Finding"



Come for an egg hunt,
snacks and more fun!

The activities will be geared Kings Kids and Youth Team, but all are welcome.

Counting Coins

Kings Kids will be counting coins that were collected in the Lenten Mite boxes on **April 21**.

These donations will be sent to help the Anglican missionaries in Peru, **the Rt. Rev. Mike and Linda Chapman.**

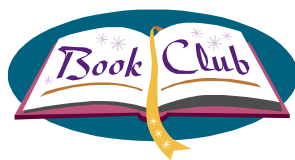


More than two years ago, Bishop Mike and Linda Chapman began work to plant a new diocese in central south Peru for the Anglican Diocese of Peru. They live and work in a large region ranging from desert areas and the mountainous Andes. The people of the region are descendants of the Incas, Spaniards, and Quechua peoples, and work mostly farmers and herdsman. In great swaths of the region they live much like they did 500 years ago.

The Chapmans' primary goal is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and develop Anglican worshipping communities, as well as to develop ways to promote the people's handicrafts and produce to a wider market. The Chapmans are currently working to establish Mission Centers throughout the large area they serve, training and equipping Peruvians to serve in ministry. **These collections will help them grow their ministry. THANK YOU!**

Coming This Summer!

St. Timothy's Summer Book Read



This summer, **EVERYONE** at St. Timothy's will be invited to read a book **together**. It will be a book that might appeal to kids, youth, and adults -- could be a family read-together book.

More information will come about the Book Selection and dates for a fun book night. If you have any ideas/suggestions, please see Nancy Hotra or Melissa Turmo .

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Volunteers are needed for our Spring **Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up** scheduled for

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.
(rain date Thursday, April 18)



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

*Note: **Students** (age 13 years and older) may earn community service hours by helping.*

FUN at Christian Formation Classes and Nursery



**Adult Education
Speaker:
Rev. Naim Ateek,
of Sabeel**



**Soup Suppers
were enjoyed by
many.**

**Wednesday 10 am
Bible Study Group**

**Tuesday 7 am
Men's Bible Study Group**





St. Timothy's Youth News



Growing in the knowledge and love of God.



Teaching Schedule



Children's Chapel:

Apr. 7: No Classes

Apr. 14: Jesus is Alive! - John 20:1-18
Sydney & Staci

Apr. 21: Jesus Comes to Dinner - John 20:19-29
Jeff & Emily

Apr. 28: Jesus Helps Catch Fish - John 21:1-19
Julie

Kings Kids:

Apr. 7: No Classes

Apr. 14: Jesus is Alive! - John 20:1-18
Laura, Kate, Melissa

Apr. 21: Jesus Comes to Dinner - John 20:19-29
Laura, Kate, Melissa

Apr. 28: Jesus Helps Catch Fish - John 21:1-19
Laura, Kate, Melissa

Youth Team:

Apr. 7: No Classes

Apr. 14: Christ is Risen - Matt 28:1-20
Johnna & Becky

Apr. 21: Paul spreads the Good News - Acts 9:1-22
Johnna & Becky

Apr. 28: The City of God - Rev. 5:1-14
Johnna & Becky



Sunday, April 14:

Children's Handbells
4-5:30 pm Youth Group Gathering

Tuesday, April 16:

6 pm Adopt-A-Highway
Pickup

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Sat. April 28:

9 am - 2 pm
Church Work Day

Sunday, May 12:

Mother's Day



Mother's Day



Sunday, May 19:

Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, June 9:

Recognition Sunday

Check out the **Upcoming Events Board** in the Parish Hall downstairs. A great place to post all your and your children's activities!

April Birthdays

April 4: Father Joel
April 7: Andrew T.

Birthday Blessings



Discover Open Doors Luncheon

St. Tim's has agreed to host a table of 10 at the Discover Open Doors luncheon on **Thursday, April 25, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**, at Cityscape, 125 S. Kalamazoo Mall, downtown Kalamazoo. This means we need ten people to attend the lunch and learn more about Open Doors and how it is transforming our community one person at a time by providing stable housing and support services to low-wage individuals working to make a better life for themselves. There is no cost for the lunch, and parking vouchers will be provided for the Rave and Epic parking ramps. You will hear from Open Doors staff about the program and from 3 residents about how Open Doors has changed their lives. After the presentations, you will be given an opportunity to donate to the work of Open Doors, but there is no pressure, and donations are confidential. Please consider giving one hour of your time to find out about the need for affordable housing in Kalamazoo, how Open Doors is addressing that need, and how you can make a difference.

If you would like to attend, put your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthex, or contact **Jari Pulford** by April 15.



BISHOP SEARCH

Three nominees have been submitted for nomination:



- The Rev. Jennifer Adams**, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, Michigan
- The Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr.**, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, North Carolina
- The Rev. Canon Angela Shepherd**, Canon for Mission, Diocese of Maryland

A printed copy of their profiles is available.

The Bishop Candidate Walkabout is at St. Luke's in Kalamazoo from 7-10 pm on Fri., **May 3**.
 The Bishop Election is **Sat., May 18** from 9 am-1 pm at Grace Church, Grand Rapids.
 Visit: www.edwmsearch.org

Sunday Dollars & Mortgage



Thanks for each and every single dollar bill given on Sundays. Every dollar collected is used to pay down the mortgage. Since the inception last summer, we have collected an average of \$60 each week. Thanks to these Sunday Dollars and a some special dedicated donations, we were able to make extra principal payments which has reduced our balance to just under **\$100,000!** We are refinancing for a 7 year term. **Special thanks to Mac Waldorf and Steve Frank** for their efforts at negotiating with the financial institutions.

Cursillo

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.



Lou Ann Cruttenden, Steve Schoenleber and Fr. Joel will be attending the **April 11-14 Weekend** at St. David's in Lansing. **Website: <http://www.wmec.net>**

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE

Friday, April 19: 8 am – 5 pm

Diocesan Leadership Day
Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Margaret J. Marcuson will speak on Money and Your Ministry.



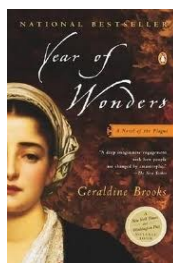
Saturday, April 20: 8 am – 2 pm

Diocesan Convention, Grand Rapids
 St. Tim's Delegates: **Cliff Barry & Maggie Caball**.
 The convention meets to conduct diocesan business, debate resolutions and pass the annual diocesan budget.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, April 10 at 7 pm.**

They are reading **Years of Wonder** by **Geraldine Brooks**. You are invited to join us—we'd love to have you! It is a great opportunity for learning and fellowship.



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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New Website:
<http://StTimsRichland.org>



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!**

“Growing Together in Christ”

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Maggie Caball - Apr. 1
 Randy Stout - Apr. 3
 David Underhill - Apr. 3
 Joel Turmo - Apr. 4
 Matt Dillworth - Apr. 5
 Andrew Turmo - Apr. 7
 Nick Hotra - Apr. 8
 America Nelson - Apr. 9
 Jane Bruns - 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 & birthday?

FAIR TRADE COFFEE
\$8 a package



Diocesan Mission Trips
Contact Terry Dorcy at 269-349-3625.



 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.

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

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.



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

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.

