

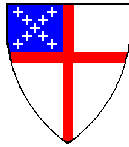


DECEMBER

2012

The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Sunday, December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Children's Handbells



St. Nicholas treats (Judy Luykx)



Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal 11:30 – 12:15 pm



Sun. Dec. 2: 7 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols Community Concert at St. Ann's, Augusta,



Sunday, December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Youth prelude)



Social Ministry Bake Sale



Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal 11:30 – 12:15 pm



Sunday, December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Greening of church

Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal 11:30 – 12:15 pm



Tuesday, December 18:

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Sunday, December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal 11:30 – 12:15 pm



CLOSED

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

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6:00 pm Potluck

7:15 pm special music & children's handbells

7:30 pm Candlelight Service & Christmas Pageant



CLOSED

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 30:

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
Colin & Lou Ann Cruttenden
presiding



December 28-January 5:

Joel Vacation

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 9:

Book Club



Sunday, Jan. 13:

Sledding Party

Sunday, Jan. 27:

Annual Meeting



Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve



6:00 pm Potluck

7:15 pm special music & children's handbells

7:30 pm Candlelight Service & Christmas Pageant

Hanging of the Greens

The **Greening of the Church** will be Sunday, **Dec. 16** after Worship.

Anyone may help!

Please join the Altar Guild in preparing the church for Christmas.



Poinsettias



Donations of \$10/each are being accepted for the plants that will grace our Altar on Christmas Eve.

Please record your wishes on the **sign-up sheet AND use a Christmas flower donation envelope.**

Advent

The Season of **Advent** begins on **Sunday, Dec. 2.**

Advent is the season of watching and waiting.

Prepare the way.

We remember that Christ **has come**, and Christ **will come** again.

Adorn your crèche and light the first candle on your advent wreath.



Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,



"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us)."

Advent is a time to reflect: What does that mean... "God with us?" How do we live into the idea that God became human and walked among us? We need to think about what it would be like if Jesus were here with us today. How would we act? What would we do or not do?

As we prepare for Christmas, buying presents, decorating, preparing for family to come over, we should spend some time reflecting on what the season is all about. To help with this, I have found a booklet that will help us draw closer to God.

Written by an Episcopal priest and his wife in Wisconsin, the booklet is titled, "**Living Love: Journeying Toward Christmas With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.**" It is available online at www.livingcompass.org. Printed copies are available on the table at the back of the church. I ask you to try and set aside some time during this Advent season to reflect on what it means to have God with us.

**Shalom,
Fr. Joel**

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Special thanks to **Randy Stout** for taking these amazing photos of the preparation of Thanksgiving meal!



Adopt A Family

St. Timothy's is **adopting a family** with 3 young boys and will be providing Christmas gifts for them. The gift tree is up downstairs.



Please take an ornament from the tree and bring back the gift listed on it by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9.**

The gifts should be UNWRAPPED, and please tape the ornament on the gift so we know who it is for. For clothing items, please leave the tags on in case the item needs to be exchanged for size.

Thank you for providing a merry Christmas for this family, in conjunction with Gull Lake Area Volunteers Bright Holiday program.

Bake Sale

Sunday, December 9 is the annual Family Traditions bake sale.



Please bring your home-made holiday baked goods for the sale. You may wish to attach a card with the name of the item and why it's a tradition in your family.

We will also be selling truffles from Confections with Convictions, and fair trade crafts and gifts from around the world.

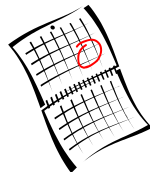
Proceeds from the sale of these items will go to help local families and seniors get through the winter.



Get your FAIR TRADE COFFEE \$8 a package

2013 Ministry Schedules

Each of you who assist in a ministry area help to make St. Timothy Church a special place to be.



Reminder: we rely on you to be here on your scheduled date.

The schedules for 2013 will be assembled in mid-December.

Your continued volunteer efforts are vital to the entire church community and are very much appreciated!

Thank you for your continued assistance at St. Tim's.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

We are collecting adult & children's clothing for the **Hands of God Ministry.**



Please bring in your items to St. Tim's, there is a collection box in the lobby.

VESTRY

There are **4 vacancies** on the Vestry Board. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the **Vestry Nomination Form** or speak with **Jari Pulford** or **Steve Schoenleber.**



The Annual Meeting is set for **Sunday, January 27, 2013.**



Altar Flowers

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2013** is available (downstairs).

Two people may purchase flowers for the Altar for each Sunday (except where noted).
The cost is **\$36**.

Please designate on the **Altar Flower Donation Form** who/what you would like to commemorate:

- in memory**
- in celebration**
- in thankfulness**

for a person/family/organization/event

These will be published in the corresponding weekly bulletin. You may then take home one bouquet that Sunday.

Place the **form** along with a check/cash for \$36 in an **envelope** identified for "Sunday Flower Donation" in the offering plate.

Thank you for your support.



Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship at St. Timothy's

By individually giving of our time, talent and treasure, we can positively impact the future of St. Tim's.

Thank you to everyone who signed up at the Ministry Fair and also to everyone who has returned their pledge card already.
(If you haven't yet, please do so.)

All blessings come from you O Lord.

Your Stewardship Committee,
Linda Enzinger, Marcia Johnson and Steve Frank



Sunday Dollars

Thanks for each and every single dollar bill.
Every dollar collected is used to pay down the mortgage.

Sledding Party

Mark it down...
Sunday, Jan. 13
(weather permitting)



There will be a potluck.
INVITE FRIENDS.



Bishop Search

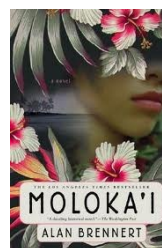
Over a hundred individuals were nominated; more than 40 nominees completed candidate packets.

Visit: www.edwmsearch.org



Book Club

The **Book Club** will meet on **Wed., Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.**



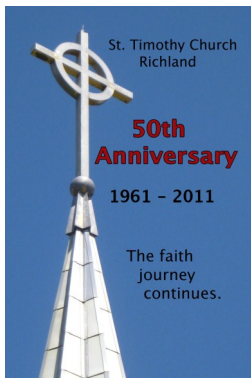
The book is **Moloka'i**

by **Alan Brennert.**

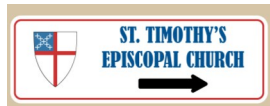
You are invited to join us--we'd love to have you! It is a great opportunity for learning and fellowship and making



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.



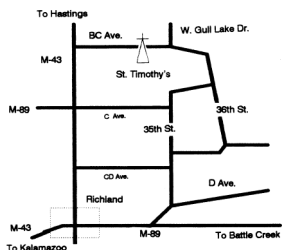
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The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.
We do this through worship, education, service, and celebration, offering up the talents God gives us for the glory of Christ and the building 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"

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Grace Walker - Dec. 6
Michael Reynolds - Dec. 11
Laura Stout - Dec. 13
Ralph Thomas - Dec. 13
Kevin Miller - Dec. 21
Chris Tracy - Dec. 22
Marj Hirsch - Dec. 23





Jesus of Nazareth - Dec. 25

Michelle Tracy - Dec. 28
Nancy Woodworth - Dec. 28

Do we have your email address & birthday?

 **Fair Trade Coffee \$8**

 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. 