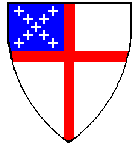


FEBRUARY

2012



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Sunday, February 5

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



Saturday, Feb. 11:
Diocesan Leadership Meeting



Sunday, February 12:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, February 13:
9 a.m. Kitchen Cleaning



Tuesday, February 14:

William leads Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
(in place of Wed. 1/15)

Friday, February 17: 11:45 am Resources

Sunday, February 19:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Tuesday, February 21: 8 am Finance Committee



Tuesday, February 21:

Shrove Tuesday
5:30-7 pm Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 22:

Ash Wednesday

11:30 am Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm Imposition of Ashes



Lent Begins



Friday, February 24:

6-9 pm Vestry Retreat

Sunday, February 26:
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



SLEDDING PARTY

Tuesday, Feb. 28:
Vestry Meeting @ 6:30 pm



Wednesday, Feb. 29:

Soup Supper 6-8 pm

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Watch the weekly news and emails for **Adult Education opportunities.**



Soup Suppers
6-8 pm Wednesdays in March

April 1: Palm Sunday

April 8: Easter Sunday





RECTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee (SC) is making significant progress and has conducted initial interviews.

The list of questions the SC asked the candidates is hanging on bulletin board in the social hall.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



This year's Pancake Supper will be

Tuesday, Feb. 21,
from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

This meal is sponsored by the **Choir**.

Wednesday, Feb. 22:

Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**6-8 pm beginning Feb. 29 and
Wednesdays in March**



William would like to know **how many persons will attend** a Lenten Soup Supper and Program series, to be held on the 5 Wednesdays in Lent (starting the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, which are Feb. 29 and all the Wednesdays in March), with a simple **supper at 6 pm and program from 6:45 - 8:00 pm.**

The program topic is still being determined.

New Photo Directory



We plan to publish a new photo directory this Spring! You may either submit an existing family portrait or we will be taking photos on Sundays in February (12, 19 & 26). (Randy Stout, Judy Schau, & Bill Johnson will use their cameras to take family photos if needed—**see sign-up sheets.**) If you already have a family photo, please email (jpg format preferred but not required) to [Marcia Johnson](mailto:marshyj@tds.net) at marshyj@tds.net or leave a copy of a photo (which will be returned to you) or via disk at the Parish Office by Feb. 26.

Kitchen Cleaning Monday, February 13th at 9:00 AM.



It's time to clean cupboards, ovens, refrigerator and range; straighten the storage room; as well as sort and organize all the stuff that's in the cupboards/drawers. Please bring your favorite cleaning materials/products and join the fun. The coffee will be on and a healthy snack will be coming out of the oven.

William leads Bible Study



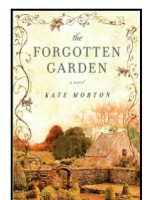
on Tuesday, Feb. 14

at 10 am

(in place of Wed. Feb. 15).

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

They are reading
The Forgotten Garden
by Kate Morton.





Look at how much FUN the stamping party participants had!

Special thanks to **Lou Ann Cruttenden** for arranging this. The cards will be used by the Care Team to send to parishioners.

Participants: **Lou Ann Cruttenden, Barb Ray, Doris Balgoyen, Marti Ozolins, Susan Schoenleber and Deb Howard**





We RE-SCHEDULED our
SLEDDING PARTY
for Sunday, February 26



immediately after services *(weather permitting)*

There will be hot chocolate, hot food and FUN for everyone!

This is a great opportunity to **INVITE A FRIEND!!**



Diocesan Mission Trips

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

Along with Tami, other past participants:
**Barb Ray, Pat & Joe Rapp;
Cliff & Sharon Barry; Ruthanne Erbach,
Bob Borden.**

Other Diocesan mission trips
planned in 2012:

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA - MARCH 9 TO 18

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.**



From the Society of
St. John the Evangelist in
Cambridge, MA

Giving Thanks to the Giver: Ponder the psalmist's words in Psalm 116:10,

"How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?"

In prayer, name before God the good things he has done for you. Then consider how you might express your gratitude for these things, perhaps in acts of worship or service or by some other means.

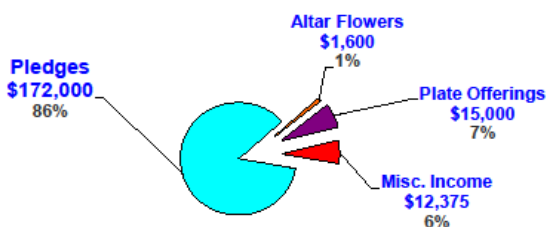
Responding to the Giver – Every breath we take is a gift from God; every moment of our existence is a sign of God's grace. Jesus reminds us that we cannot add a single moment to our lives; everything we have and all that we are come from God. If we acknowledge that God is indeed the source of all we have and are, how does that change the way we view our accomplishments?

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.

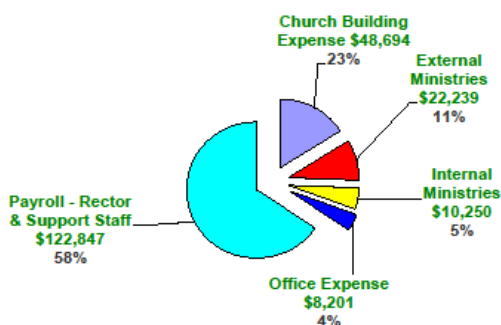


BUDGET 2012

Total Revenue = \$200,975



Total Expenses = \$212,231



Gift to Endowment Fund

The St. Timothy Church Endowment Fund balance is now in excess of **\$12,500** thanks to a recent gift received from the **Suzanne U. D.**



Parish Foundation. Mrs. Parish passed away in 2010 and was a founding member and long-time parishioner at St. Timothy's.

Income from the Endowment Fund is used to support the maintenance and upkeep of physical properties, Christian Formation and Education programs, and Music programs. St. Timothy's is grateful for the generous support of the Endowment Fund through current gifts and estate plan bequests.



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Congratulations to the newly elected Vestry Members:

Cliff Barry, Marcia Johnson, Dave Pinneo, Steve Schoenleber and Pam Dalitz.

They join existing members:

Marc Bouchie, Linda Enzinger, Steve Frank, Tom Monroe, Val Ozolins, Jari Pulford and Mac Waldorf.

Elected as Wardens were Jari Pulford and Steve Schoenleber.

The Annual Report and Budget for the coming year were also presented. The Amended & Restated By-Laws were also reviewed and approved.

Special Thanks to **retiring** Vestry Members for all their hard work, efforts and dedication for the

last three years:

Betsy Barlow, Susan Buckham, Pete Hawk, Tom Howard and John Wood.

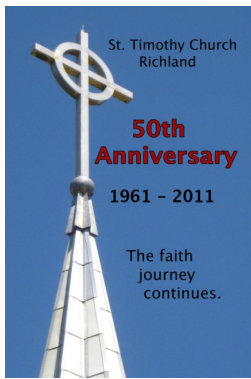


Also, we are very grateful to **Laura Stout** for being Treasurer the last two years; and **Linda Enzinger** for serving as Warden this past year.

Stan Luykx was also specially recognized for his many years (*at least 25 maybe more!*) of service!



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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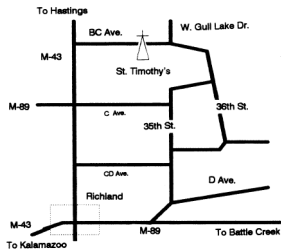
The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.

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”


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Gan - Feb. 6
Charlie Waldorf - Feb. 6
Susan Brooks - Feb. 7
Bill Johnson - Feb. 7
Stan Luykx - Feb. 8
Christine Wagley - Feb. 12



Jan Rose - Feb. 13
Bob Borden - Feb. 18
William Waldorf - Feb. 21
Leora Varricchio - Feb. 24

Do we have your email address and birthday?

 St. Timothy's participates with both the **Hardings and Meijer Community Rewards programs**. We can earn money every time you shop and it's an easy way to "give" a little extra money to St. Tim's. Information on how to enroll is located on the table in the lobby, or contact the Parish Office.

 The Social Concerns Ministry is selling **Fair Trade Coffee** for \$8 each.

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

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>

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.

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. 