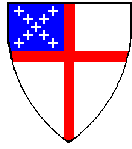


January
2012



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Sunday, January 1:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
De-greening following service

Office Closed: Monday, January 2

CLOSED

Sunday, January 8:

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



Adult Education:
Tim Light - "Talking with other religions"



Christian Formation Classes resume

Monday, January 9:

Search Committee at 7:00 p.m.



Tuesday, January 10:

William leads Bible Study at 10 am
(in place of Wed. 1/11)

Sunday, January 15:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Adult Education:
Joe & Pat Rapp, Linda
Enzinger, Barb Ray - "What
we learned on our trip to
Poland and Eastern Europe"

Ministry Reports due for Annual
Report



Sunday, January 22:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Tuesday, January 24:

Vestry @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25:

Book Club @ 7:00 p.m.



Thursday, January 26:

Feast Day of Saint Timothy (& Titus)

Sunday, January 29:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Annual Meeting

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sunday, February 5:

11:00 a.m. Sledding Party

Wednesday, Feb. 22:

Ash Wednesday - Lent begins



RECTOR SEARCH



The Search Committee (SC) is making significant progress in reviewing the materials received from an impressive group of highly qualified applicants.

The SC has met twice to review the materials and now is in the process of obtaining additional information from the applicants and SC members also are contacting references that have been provided by the applicants. The SC will meet again on January 9, 2012, and will plan to arrange for initial interviews (via Skype or phone calls) of some of the applicants in January.

2012 Sunday Altar Flower Donations



A new flower chart for 2012 is now available downstairs. You may purchase flowers for a particular date and designate whether they are **in memory, in celebration or in thankfulness for a person/family/organization/event** (use your imagination).

Please note that the cost for flowers (along with most other things) has increased. After holding the line on prices for several years Bloomers has raised our weekly price to **\$36**.

Here's how to participate:

Review the **chart** select a **date(s)** and record your name along side the date(s). Please avoid Sundays where it is indicated that there are No Altar Flowers.

Fill out an **Altar Flower donation form** – this is where you identify yourself and describe who/what you would like to commemorate. Place the form along with a check/cash for \$36 in an **envelope** identified for "Sunday Flower Donation". Deposit the envelope in the offering plate.

NOTE: If someone has already signed up for the date you want, go ahead and add your name as well—two may share the same Sunday!

All memorial, celebration, etc. announcements will be published in the corresponding weekly bulletin.



Your reward:

An appreciative parish AND you may take home one altar bouquet on the Sunday(s) for which you make a donation. **THANK YOU!**

CHOIR NEWS MUSIC

There will be a Music Selection Committee meeting **Tues., Jan. 3 at 5 pm.**

The choir will have a rehearsal with guest musician **Monica Washington on Thursday, Jan. 5.**

The children are invited to play Handbells on **Sunday, Jan. 8.**



Adult Education



Sunday, January 8:

Tim Light - "Talking with other religions"

Sunday, January 15:

Joe & Pat Rapp, Linda Enzinger, Barb Ray
"What we learned on our trip to Poland and Eastern Europe"



The Rev. Dr. Randall Warren will be leading a five week presentation entitled "A Mystical Understanding of the Holy Eucharist" on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm from Jan. 10-Feb. 7 at Saint Luke's, Kalamazoo.

STEWARDSHIP

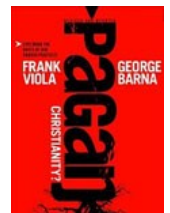


Thank you to everyone who returned their pledge cards.

Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2012 are available and are located on the table in the lobby.

The Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7 p.m.**

They are reading **Pagan Christianity: Exploring the Roots of Our Church Practices** by Frank Viola and George Barna.





SLEDDING PARTY

We are planning to have our annual sledding party on

Sunday, February 5

immediately after services

(weather permitting)



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

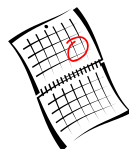
This is a great opportunity to

INVITE A FRIEND!!



2012 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.**



These efforts are vital to the entire church community and are very much appreciated!

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

If ever there is a reason that Worship Services will be cancelled, a **Service Cancellation Announcement** will be made via **WWMT-TV**.



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING:

The Parish Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, January 29**

during coffee hour.

The Nursery will remain open during the meeting. There will also be a program to keep younger children occupied. We hope all adults and youths over 16 will attend and participate.

WE REMIND YOU that to vote at the Annual Meeting, our By-Laws require that your Baptism needs to be recorded in our parish record, you need to worship regularly, and you need to be a financial contributor of record. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions.

There are **5 vacancies on the Vestry Board** for the coming year.

The **Annual Report and Budget** for the coming year will be presented.

We will also be approving the **Amended and Restated By-Laws**. Copies are available.



*Please note the deadline for **Ministry Reports for the Annual Report** are due to the Parish Office by **January 15.***



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.**

CHRISTMAS EVE 2011



Special Thanks to **Randy Stout** for these **AWESOME** photos!

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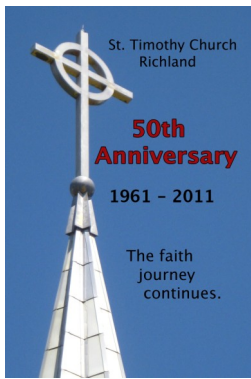


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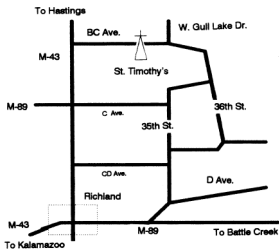
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The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.

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”


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brandon Reynolds - Jan. 1
Taylor Bradford - Jan. 2
Sandy Kissinger - Jan. 2
David Pinneo - Jan. 3
Catherine Eldridge - Jan. 5
Kade DeMaagd - Jan. 5
Audrey Wood - Jan. 6
Madeline Rose - Jan. 9
Brian Buckham - Jan. 11



Rob Wagley - Jan. 17
David Carrigan - Jan. 20
Richard Jamieson - Jan. 24
Chris Bradford - Jan. 25
John Erbach - Jan. 29
Lindsey DeMaagd - Jan. 31

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.

LINKS:
Western Michigan Episcopal Cursillo: <http://www.wmec.net/index.htm>
Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan: <http://edwm.org>
Episcopal Life Online: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>
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.**

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. 