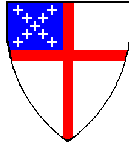


 **July**
2012



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Sunday, July 1:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



July 2-26:

William out of town

Wednesday, July 4:

Independence Day
Parish Office Closed



Sunday, July 8:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Hotra

Wednesday, July 11:

Bible Study at 10 am



Sunday, July 15:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Hotra

Tuesday, July 17:

6 pm Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Thursday, July 19:

6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal



Friday, July 20:

Tami Varicchio & Jon Drehle
Wedding & Reception in Social Hall
7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Sunday, July 22:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Worship Leader: Fr. Charles Homeyer



Friday, July 27

6:00 p.m. Bishop's Search
Committee "Have Your Say"
Gathering (with Jet's Pizza)



Sunday, July 29:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Celebration for William's last Sunday



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, August 1:

Fr. Joel Turmo moves into Rectory



Sunday, August 5:

Fr. Joel Turmo's first Worship Service



Wednesday, August 8:

Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, August 26:

Safeguarding God's Children
Workshop
2-5 pm at St. Martin of Tours





Bishop Search Team Invites You to "Have Your Say"

Our Diocese is currently in transition. Our current bishop has announced his retirement effective August 2013, and we are seeking our 9th Bishop. A Search Team has been named, and a Diocesan Profile is being created. This profile will be used to inform potential candidates about the Diocese of Western Michigan. The Search Team invites you to "Have Your Say" about our diocese. Gather with other members of St. Timothy's and reflect together on who we are as a diocese and who God is calling us to become. These reflections will be incorporated into the Diocesan Profile and become part of the discernment process as we seek our next Bishop. "Have Your Say" will take place **at St. Tim's on Friday, July 27 at 6 pm beginning with Jet's Pizza.**



Whether you are a longstanding member or a newcomer, a young person or a sage of the parish, your voice is welcome and your participation is encouraged. Visit the website: www.edwmsearch.org and/or The Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/edwmsearch>

Dear People of God at St. Timothy's:

Soon after I came to St. Timothy's on Nov. 1, 2010, Rosemary Jacobson told me that St. Tim's had restored her waning faith in parishes. I soon came to understand what she meant and agree with her. I came to love this parish rather quickly and I have virtually always enjoyed my work here. You all have been a great blessing to me, and I thank you.



This will be my last newsletter article here, and there are a lot of "last time" things happening, like my last Vestry meeting, and my last Bible Study Group last week, and I have felt some pretty intense sorrow, knowing that my time here is short. The words of a song that Judy Collins sang over 40 years ago come into my mind: "You know my love goes with you, as your love stays with me; it's just the way it changes, like the shoreline and the sea."

I will be here this Sunday, July 1, and then I'll be on vacation in Massachusetts and Maine, most of that time being in Acadia National Park, on the same island that Bar Harbor is part of. Then I will be back around July 26, and will be with you for the last time on Sunday, July 29. I hope to see you then. And I will make every effort to be here when you and Fr. Joel have your "Celebration of A New Ministry," probably sometime this fall. In the song "Here I am, Lord," that we will sing on July 29, we will sing the words, "I will hold your people in my heart." I will indeed hold you in my heart. I wish you God's richest blessings as you begin your new life and ministry with Fr. Joel.

With Love and Blessings, William+

William's last Sunday here at St. Tim's will be July 29. There will



be a Farewell and Thank You Celebration during Coffee Hour (and also an informal gathering following the bishop search's Have your Say meeting Fri. July 27).



Sunday Dollars

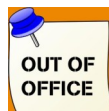
The Stewardship Committee is asking each member to put **an additional \$1 bill** (only single one dollar bills) in the collection plate each Sunday. All those one dollar bills will be used to **pay down the mortgage**. Since we have started, we have been averaging **\$60 collected** each week.

Adopt-A-Highway

Clean-up Tuesday, July 17 at 6 pm
See sign up sheet or Dan Hills.



Please note that William will be out of town from July 2-26, for pastoral emergencies during this time, please phone **Rev. Nancy Hotra at 629-5327 or Pat Rapp at 629-9236.**



Children's Clothing Collection

The Hands of God Ministry Facility at the Gull Lake Area Community Church is seeking **young children's clothing** (infants, toddlers, young children). Please bring items to **St. Tim's** we have set out a basket and then we will deliver them before July 29.



Bible Study

Please NOTE: The Wednesday Weekly Bible Study is temporarily suspended for summer. However, they do plan to meet on the following dates: **Wed. July 11 & Wed. August 8.**

Getting the Rectory Ready

Rev. Joel Turmo starts at St. Timothy's on **Wednesday, August 1st**. Many folks including **Steve Schoenleber, Laura Stout, Marc Bouchie and Val Ozolins** are working at getting the Rectory ready for his family.



OUR NURSERY

Each child in our nursery is a very special person.

On Sunday mornings, the nursery is open at **9:15 a.m. and closes at 11:30 a.m.**

The nursery is for children **four years of age and under** during the school year. *(It may be used by those five years of age and under during the summer and on Sundays when regular Christian Formation classes are not offered).*



Children aged a few weeks to 4 years old need different things. We try to provide whatever they need—a place to sleep, get changed, drink from a bottle or a cup, play games, listen to a story or whatever. We are indebted to parishioners who have provided books and games.

Two members of the nursery staff are REQUIRED to be on duty each Sunday.

All nursery staff are required to attend the Diocese's Safeguarding God's Children Workshop. There is a Workshop on **Sunday, August 26** from 2-5 pm at St. Martin of Tours Church, Kalamazoo. Also, if you would like to **volunteer once a month**, please contact the Parish Office.

Much appreciation to the nursery staff for their reliability and dedication to the children.

Current Nursery Staff Members are: **Betsy Barlow, Nell Barlow, Taylor Bradford, Grace Herbert, Colleen Reynolds, Leora Varricchio and Chris Wagley.**



Betsy Barlow



Taylor Bradford



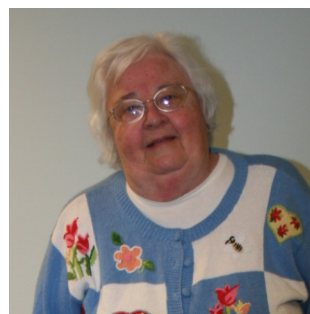
Nell Barlow



Colleen Reynolds



Leora Varricchio



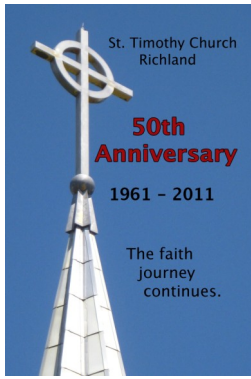
Grace Herbert



Chris Wagley



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.**



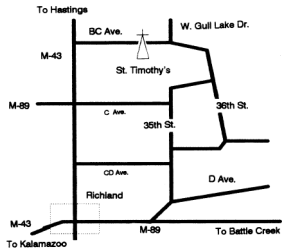
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The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.
We do this through worship, education, service, and celebration, offering up the talents God gives us for the glory of Christ and the building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


JULY BIRTHDAYS


- Syd Waldorf — July 2
- Carolyn Schutte — July 6
- Judy Sivak — July 5
- Jim Shoemaker — July 10
- Sharon Smith — July 12



- Jared Monroe—July 13
- Marc Bouchie — July 17
- Loyal Eldridge — July 19
- June Hall — July 25

Do we have your email address and birthday?

 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.

 **Fair Trade Coffee \$8**

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>

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There are extra copies of this newsletter available on the table in the church entrance and it is linked on our website. 