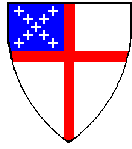


MARCH

2012



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Sunday, March 4:

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



Tuesday, March 6:

7 p.m. Search Committee



Wednesday, March 7:

Soup Supper 6-8 p.m.

Sunday, March 11: TIME CHANGE
TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR



Sunday, March 11:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 13:
William leads Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
(in place of Wed. 3/14)



Wednesday, March 14:

Soup Supper 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, March 17:

9:30-2:30 Cursillo
Secretariat



Sunday, March 18:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Movie Night
Showing: Invictus (PG13)



Wednesday, March 21:

Soup Supper 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, March 24:

10:30 a.m. Diocesan Pre-Convention
Meeting @ St. Tim's



Sunday, March 25:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Healing Service

Tuesday, March 27:

Vestry Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.



Wednesday, March 28:

Soup Supper 6-8 p.m.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sunday, April 1: Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 4:

Book Club at 7 p.m.



Thursday, April 5: Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist



Friday, April 6: Good Friday


7 p.m. Traditional Gathering around
the Cross at the Altar

Sunday, April 8 - EASTER

8:30 a.m. Easter Brunch
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt



RECTOR SEARCH



The **Search Committee** has brought candidates into St. Tims for interviews. The interview/meeting with each candidate took place over a 2-3 day window, so there was a significant opportunity to get to know and spend time with each candidate. The SC is scheduled to meet again on March 6 to discuss the candidates and what next steps should be taken. We are very excited about the candidates and are making substantial progress.

GIVING, PRAYING, FASTING

From All Saints, Highland Park (in Los Angeles)



The core of the Church's Lenten traditions is found in the three disciplines of **Giving, Praying and Fasting**.

GIVING

Of course we pledge to the church, but during Lent we also are invited to give sacrificially when possible to a charity or a person in need. Giving sacrificially frees us from the attachment to material possessions, and reminds us that God, the giver of all gifts, is truly in charge.

PRAYING

Of course we pray regularly, but during Lent we are invited to pray more. Lenten is an opportunity to change how we pray and to try new techniques such as praying with Icons, or praying together with your spouse, partner or family. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to focus, anew, on our communication with God.

FASTING

A fast is the denial of something we want but really do not need. We can fast from food, from television, from destructive behaviors, etc. Whatever the fast, the goal always is to awaken us to the core of who we are, and to the suffering of others who live in want.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesdays in March
supper 6:00 p.m.
program 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Program Topic:
Searching for Spirituality



MOVIE NIGHT

St. Tim's is hosting a **Movie Night** on **Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.**
Plan to come and watch the 2009 movie "Invictus" (PG13)
There will be popcorn, pizza and drinks.



This film takes place after Nelson Mandela has been released from prison in South Africa and has been elected president of the country. He is desperately trying to bring together two groups in his country that have been struggling against each other--the Blacks and the Boers (Dutch settlers). South Africa is slated to host the rugby World Cup. For years the teams were always white settlers, and the Blacks had no part in the sport and hence did not support the South African team. Mandela sees this as a way to bring the two groups together. He makes a point of supporting the team, and bringing Black youth to learn from the players. He enlists the captain of the team (played by Matt Damon) in the campaign. The result is widespread Black support for the somewhat mediocre team when they play in the finals, and the determination not to give in which leads them to victory. It is a metaphor for the uneasy union of the different populations. A most interesting movie for its story of a sports championship, but also for the underlying growing acceptance between the populations.

New Photo Directory



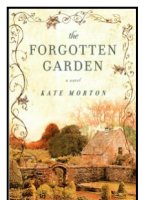
We plan to publish a new photo directory this Spring! You may either submit an existing family portrait or we will be taking photos —**Please see sign-up sheet.**
*If you already have a family photo, please email (jpg format preferred but not required) to Marcia Johnson at marshyj@tds.net or leave a copy of a photo (which will be returned to you) or via disk at the Parish Office by **March 11.***



William leads Bible Study
on Tuesday, March 13
at 10 a.m.
(in place of Wed. March 14).

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

They are reading
The Forgotten Garden
by Kate Morton.





Mac Waldorf



2012 VESTRY MEMBERS

Pictured Above: **Steve Frank, Steve Schoenleber, Pam Dalitz, Marcia Johnson, Marc Bouchie, Jari Pulford, Dave Pinneo, Linda Enzinger, Tom Monroe, Cliff Barry and Val Ozolins**



Sunday, March 11:
Spring Forward:
 Don't forget to turn
 clocks ahead 1 hour!!

Watch the weekly
 news and emails for
Adult Education
 opportunities.

Easter Lilies



We're looking ahead to
 Easter morning when our
 altar will be glorious with
 white lilies. All will

appreciate your generous donation and the
 lily will be yours to take home. Plant price will
 be announced soon in the Sunday bulletin.

Please use the **sign-up sheets** and **LILY envelopes**. Both will be available at the back
 of the sanctuary and in the Narthex.
 Use the sign-up sheet to identify yourself and
 to describe who you are remembering or
 honoring.

Place your check or cash in a LILY envelope
 and be sure to write your name and the dollar
 amount on the outside.

Put the LILY envelope in the offering plate, or
 leave in the Parish Office.



Cursillo News

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.* **Website:** <http://www.wmec.net>
 WMEC #73 weekend will be at St. Paul's in Muskegon on **May 3-6th, 2012**. This will be a co-ed weekend. Anyone interested - please see **Colin Cruttenden** or **Steve Schoenleber**.



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.

2012 St. Timothy Church Vestry Committees

St. Timothy Vestry Committees covenant with one another to take pro-active steps to accomplish the duties assigned them, and to provide monthly progress reports to the Vestry.

I. Budget and Finance Committee

(Sharon Barry, Cora Hills, Laura Stout, Trey Eldridge, Mac Waldorf, Steve Frank, Laura Large)

- works with the Bookkeeper to track monthly finances
- develops a plan to refinance the mortgages
- develops a plan for the Rector's sabbatical and continuing education
- develops the annual budget after the stewardship campaign has been completed
- interfaces with property management agency on rental issues
- considers financial requests from Vestry Committees and Ministry Teams

Bequests and Endowments Subcommittee

(Linda Enzinger, Trey Eldridge)

- publicizes and invites parishioners to make use of our endowment fund to enable the receipt of endowments and bequests

Audit Subcommittee

(Steve Frank, Tom Monroe)

- completes its audit of our books in a timely manner, and submits a written report to the vestry and diocese

II. Building and Grounds Committee

(Val Ozolins, Marc Bouchie, Dave Pinneo, Marcia Johnson-gardens; Steve Schoenleber-Memorial Garden)

- Performs an annual assessment of all B&G issues at church, rectory and grounds
- prioritizes needs for presentation to the Vestry
- ensures all maintenance contracts are current and effective
- follows up on any incomplete/inadequate contracted work
- maintains parish policies on heating and cooling
- establishes and oversees teams of workers
 - to do regular maintenance
 - to do *ad hoc* maintenance
 - to maintain the grounds and gardens
 - memorial garden work with memorial garden subcommittee

- keeps rectory maintained and in good repair
- renovates rectory for new Rector if needed
- follows up with renters on repair issues as appropriate / or interfaces with property management company
- maintains a checklist and records of routine services performed

Kitchen Subcommittee

(Steve Schoenleber)

III. Parish Growth Committee

(Cliff Barry, Pam Dalitz, Tom Monroe)

- studies and recommends ways to grow the parish
- work with new Rector as directed
- revisits mission statement with new Rector

IV. Stewardship Committee

(Linda Enzinger, Steve Frank, Marcia Johnson)

- attends stewardship training seminars and events
- researches available stewardship plans
- presents a plan to vestry re: annual campaign
- executes approved plan in early fall
- develops ways to keep the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure before the parish on a year-round basis
- focuses on communicating the importance of pledging to every parish household

V. Resource (Executive) Committee (Co-Wardens, Rector, Parish Administrator)

(Rector, Jari Pulford, Steve Schoenleber, Laura Large, Treasurer-Sharon Barry—as needed)

- receives reports from each of the above committees
- plans monthly meeting agenda
- delivers monthly agenda to Office Administrator for distribution to Vestry
- holds Vestry to the commitments we have made together
- plans annual Vestry retreat
- makes Sunday morning announcements
- fills needed staff and volunteer positions
- facilitates hiring and welcoming new Rector and family (with all Committees)
- works on updating policies and procedures with new Rector

GREAT SLEDDING PARTY PHOTOS!!!

Thank you Randy Stout!



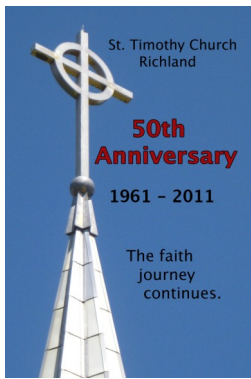
APARTMENT BECOMES A HOME!

This fall, many of us worked on renovating an apartment which is part of Open Doors' Residence Community for Low Wage Workers. **Thanks to 14 volunteers**, especially **Marc Bouchie** who put in countless hours, the apartment has been completed. It is now clean and bright, with new floors, new paint, sink and countertop and refrigerator.



This past Monday, a new resident moved in! She is very excited to have a decent and safe apartment of her own, that she can afford. This is the sixth room or apartment that St. Timothy's has renovated through Open Doors, helping to build relationships and overcome homelessness.





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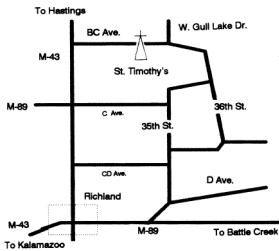
The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.

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”

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Hoira - March 7
Johnna Monroe - March 7
Madeline Eldridge - March 8
Tom Woodworth - March 9
Bonnie Eldridge - March 10
Michael Tracy - March 14
Pat Hagerty - March 14



Susan Buckham - March 18
Pat Butler - March 26
Dick Patterson - March 28
Bob Hirsch - March 29

Do we have your email address and birthday?

 **Fair Trade Coffee \$8**

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.

 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.

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>

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

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.



Men's Morning Bible Study
7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays downstairs in the social hall.

 **Bible Study**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group
10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the upstairs conference room.