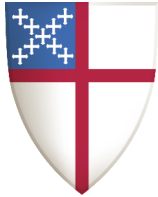


**MARCH**  
 **2013**

**The Good News-letter**  
**St. Timothy Episcopal Church**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**



Eucharist

**Sunday, March 3:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 Children's Handbells  
 4-5:30 pm Youth Group Gathering



**Wednesday, March 6:**

Soup Supper 6-8 pm



**Thursday March 7:**

11 am-3 pm St. Tim's host Clergy Meeting

**Saturday, March 9:**

10 am St. Tim's host Deanery Pre-Convention

**Sunday, March 10:**

2 am \*\*TIME CHANGE: Turn  
 clocks ahead 1 hour



**Sunday, March 10:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Eucharist

**Adult Education:** What is Holy Week is all about?



**Wednesday, March 13:**

Soup Supper 6-8 pm



**Sunday, March 17:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 Adult Education: "What Makes for  
 Peace in Israel and Palestine" by  
 Naim Ateek



Eucharist



**Tuesday, March 19:**

8 am Finance Committee

**Wednesday, March 20:**

Soup Supper 6-8 pm



**PALM**



**SUNDAY**

**Sunday, March 24:**

**Palm Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, March 26:**

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting



**Thursday, March 28:**

**Maundy Thursday**

6:00 pm Living Last Supper  
 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist &  
 Stripping of Altar

MAUNDY  
 THURSDAY



GOOD  
 FRIDAY

9:00 pm-8:00am Gethsemane Watch

**Friday, March 29:**

**Good Friday**

7:30 pm Traditional Gathering  
 around the Cross



**Saturday, March 30:**

**Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, March 31 - EASTER**

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist**

**10:45 am Easter Brunch**

**11 am Easter Egg Hunt**



**Easter  
 Egg  
 Hunt**

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wed. April 10:** Book Club

**April 11-14:** Cursillo Weekend  
 at St. Davids in Lansing (Joel attending)

**Tuesday, April 16:** 6 pm Highway Pickup

**Friday, April 19:** Diocesan Leadership Day

**Sat., April 20:** Diocesan Convention -  
 Grand Rapids

**Saturday, April 27:**

**Spring Work Day**





### Grace and Peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

We celebrate **Holy Week** every year, but how often do we take time to consider what it means. The purpose of Holy Week is to re-enact, re-live, and participate in the events leading to the Passion of Christ, and to help us observe a Holy Lent. (See: [Anamnesis](#).) The observances of Holy Week began in Jerusalem in the earliest days of the Church. The first service of Holy Week is Palm Sunday, when we remember the entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. He was triumphantly hailed as he rode a donkey across palm fronds into the city – to shouts of **“Hosanna in the Highest.”**



#### **Maundy Thursday**

We will start off the evening with an Agape meal (potluck). Following that, we will explore Passover Seder, as Jesus and the disciples may have eaten. The purpose of Maundy Thursday is to remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. You will not want to miss this special evening service. At the conclusion of the service, the altar is stripped of all liturgical elements and we will start the Gethsemane Watch.

#### **Gethsemane Watch**

Join with fellow pilgrims, throughout the night, as we watch with Christ in the Garden before His trial and execution. Judas left during the Last Supper, but Jesus and the remaining disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed – and the disciples kept falling asleep.

#### **Good Friday**

The origin of the term ‘Good Friday’ is unclear, but the meaning of the day is without doubt – it is the Friday on which the Church keeps the anniversary of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ –where we will experience the dramatic Good Friday readings. We hear the story of what Christ went through for us.

#### **The Great Vigil of Easter**

The Easter Vigil is the oldest of Christian holidays. It is a night of watching and rejoicing, the night of transition from death to life, from grief to joy. The vigil opens with the Service of Light – the blessing of the new fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. At this service, we renew our baptismal vows and if fortunate, have a baptism. It is a time of recounting how God has moved through history and is active in our lives today.

#### **Easter Day**

On this day, we will pull out all the stops, literally. It is on this day, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his victory over death. We come together as a community to celebrate what God has done in our lives.

To get the full Easter experience, come to as many of the services as you are able. I promise, the Spirit of God will move you in unexpected ways.

**Shalom, Fr. Joel**

## New Vestry Committees

The vestry is charged with the ensuring the financial and spiritual wellness of the church. This year, we identify four overarching ministry areas. They are in no way mutually exclusive. Below you will find the areas presented. It is by far, an exhaustive list. Each ministry will be contacted by the vestry to determine what their needs are and the vestry will see how the church can best support the work they are doing.

#### Worship:

**Steve Schoenleber,**  
**Mac Waldorf,**  
**Emily Wood**

Acolytes  
Altar Guild  
Care Team  
Healing Team  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors  
Liturgy  
Memorial Garden  
Music  
Prayer Practice  
Ushers  
Vestments  
Worship Guides

#### Formation:

**Cliff Barry,**  
**Steve Frank,**  
**Audrey Wood**

Adult Education  
Book Club  
Children’s Chapel  
Confirmation  
Cursillo  
Guest Lecturers  
King’s Kids  
Men’s Bible Study  
Wednesday Bible Study  
Youth Team

#### Creation:

**Marc Bouchie,**  
**Marcia Johnson,**  
**Val Ozolins**

Adopt-A-Highway  
Building & Grounds  
Forest Management  
Wellness

#### Community:

**Maggie Caball,**  
**Dave Pinneo,**  
**Jari Pulford**

Adopt-A-Family at Christmas  
Coffee Hour  
Coffee Sale (Fair Trade)  
Dog Days of Summer Picnic  
Food Pantry  
Funerals  
Hands of God (clothing collection)  
Mission Trips  
Nursery  
Open Doors  
Older Bunch for Lunch  
Pancake Suppers  
Relay for Life  
Sledding Party  
St. Nicholas Day

Elected:

**Marcia Johnson,**  
Clerk/Secretary

**Sharon Barry,**  
Treasurer

Members of

#### Finance

**Committee:**  
**Sharon Barry,**  
**Trey Eldridge,**  
**Steve Frank,**  
**Laura Stout and**  
**Mac Waldorf**  
(Cora Hills-  
Bookkeeper)

# EASTER EGG HUNT

## Sunday, March 31 - EASTER

at 11:00 am  
following 9:30 am Worship Service  
and 10:45 am Brunch



Designated sections for different age groups:

1-3 year olds  
4-7 year olds  
8-12 year olds

You may bring your own basket!

### Lenten Mite Boxes



The students in **Christian Formation classes** will be collecting coins to help missionaries in Peru.

Anyone wanting to participate may take a mite box and return during



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, March 24:  
**Palm Sunday**

A dramatic reading of the Passion.

**PALM**



**SUNDAY**

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday:  
**6:00 pm Living Last Supper - Seder Meal**

A meal to celebrate the Passover night when God rescued the Children of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

**7:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Stripping of Altar**

Stripping of the Altar to prepare for Good Friday.

**9:00 pm. - 8 am Gethsemane Watch**

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday:  
**7:30 pm Traditional Gathering around the Cross**

We gather to commemorate Jesus' death on the Cross.



Saturday, March 30:  
**7:30 pm Easter Vigil**

Join us for this special evening service.

Youth Team and Kings Kids --  
Come to St. Timothy's on  
**Sunday, Mar. 3, from 4 - 5:30 pm**  
for **pizza and a bunch of fun games.** These won't be your everyday board games -- we'll probably have to move some tables out of the way!



## Saturday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick was a Bishop who used the **shamrock's** three-in-one leaves to symbolically explain the **Holy Trinity** (Father and Son and Holy Spirit in One Supreme being) to the people of Ireland.



Thank You!

GREAT SLEDDING PARTY PHOTOS!!!

Thank you Randy Stout!



MORE SLEDDING PARTY PHOTOS





# St. Timothy's Youth News



**Growing in the knowledge and love of God.**



## Teaching Schedule



### Children's Chapel:

**Mar. 3:** Lazarus - John 11:1-53  
Jeff Walker & Emily Wood

**Mar. 10:** Mary - John 12:1-8  
Chris & Taylor Bradford

**Mar. 17:** The Last Supper - John 12:12-13:38  
Julie Walker & Staci Kroon

**Mar. 24:** Jesus' Passion - John 18:1-19:42  
Sydney Waldorf & Emily Wood

**Mar. 31: Easter - Apr. 7: No Classes**

### Kings Kids:

**Mar. 3:** Lazarus - John 11:1-53  
Laura, Melissa

**Mar. 10:** Mary - John 12:1-8  
Laura, Melissa

**Mar. 17:** The Last Supper - John 12:12-13:38  
Kate, Laura

**Mar. 24:** Jesus' Passion - John 18:1-19:42  
Kate, Melissa

**Mar. 31: Easter - Apr. 7: No Classes**

### Youth Team:

**Mar. 3:** Be ready for the son of man is coming -  
Matt 24-25  
Johnna & Becky

**Mar. 10:** From the garden to the cross - Matt 26-27  
Johnna & Becky

**Mar. 17:** Last Supper - Matt 26:17-30  
Johnna & Becky

**Mar. 24:** Jesus enters Jerusalem - Matt 21  
Johnna & Becky

**Mar. 31: Easter - Apr. 7: No Classes**



### Sunday, March 3:

Children's Handbells  
4-5:30 pm Youth Gathering



### Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday



### Thursday, March 28

#### Maundy Thursday:

6 pm: Living Last Supper  
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist &  
Stripping of Altar  
9 pm-8 am Gethsemane Watch



### Friday, March 29

#### Good Friday:

7:30 pm Traditional Gathering around the Cross

### Saturday, March 30: Easter Vigil

7:30 pm



### Easter Sunday, March 31:

9:30 am Service  
10:45 am Brunch  
11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt



### Easter Sunday-March 31 & April 7:

No Classes: Spring Break

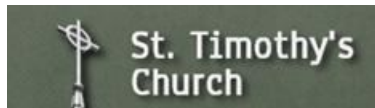


### March Birthdays

March 8 - Madeline E.  
March 14 - Michael T.



[YouthNews@StTimsRichland.org](mailto:YouthNews@StTimsRichland.org)



**NEW WEBSITE**

Check out our new website:

<http://www.StTimsRichland.org>

We have just started putting information onto our new page. If you would like to help with the content, contact Fr. Joel.  
(No web experience necessary.)

**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 is \$8.** Please use the **sign-up sheets** and **LILY envelopes**. Both are available at the back of the sanctuary. 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 write your name and the dollar amount on the outside. Put the LILY envelope in the offering plate.

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

6-8 pm Wednesdays (March 6, 13, 20)

Lenten Soup Supper and Program  
**simple supper at 6 pm and program from 6:45 - 8:00 pm.**



The program topic is **Faith and Wellness**  
Heart, Soul, Strength, Mind.

**Sunday Dollars**



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

**Bishop Search**

The Bishop Candidate Walkabout is at **St. Luke's in Kalamazoo on May 3rd.**  
The Bishop Election is **May 18 at Grace Church, Grand Rapids.**  
Visit: [www.edwmsearch.org](http://www.edwmsearch.org)



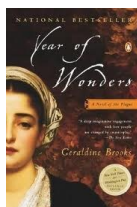
**Adult Education:**

"What Makes for Peace in Israel and Palestine" will be the topic of a talk after church on **March 17.** The



speaker, the **Rev. Naim Ateek**, is an Palestinian Episcopal minister who directs the inter-denominational Palestinian Christian organization Sabeel in Jerusalem, which began in order to help Christians in the area follow their Christian teachings while living under oppression. It has grown now to include cooperation and conversations with Muslims and also Jews who are working for justice, and also support groups across the world in Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Australia, Canada and the United States (26 states). Rev. Naim has written several accessible books, some of which will be available at the talk. He is in southwestern Michigan for several talks on the 17th & 18th, and will be attending our church that morning.

**Book Club**



The Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, April 10 at 7 pm.** They are reading **Years of Wonder** by **Geraldine Brooks**. You are invited to join us—we'd love to have you! It is a great opportunity for learning and fellowship.

REMEMBER?



**Sunday, March 10:**  
**Spring Forward:**

Don't forget to turn clocks ahead 1 hour!!



**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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New Email: [Office@StTimsRichland.org](mailto:Office@StTimsRichland.org)

**New Website:**  
<http://StTimsRichland.org>

**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!**

## “Growing Together in Christ”

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



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

*Do we have your email address & birthday?*

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE**  
**\$8 a package**



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.



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

#### 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.

