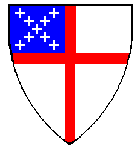




2012



# The Good News-letter

## St. Timothy Episcopal Church

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



**Thursday, May 3:**

12:00 noon Older Bunch for Lunch



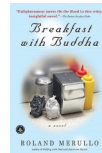
**Tuesday, May 22:**

Vestry Meeting @ 6:30 pm



**May 3-6:**

Co-ed Cursillo at St. Paul's Muskegon



**Wednesday, May 23:**

Book Club @ 7:00 pm

**Saturday, May 5:**

Diocesan Stewardship Workshop



**Sunday, May 27:**

**Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



**Saturday, May 5:**

Diocesan Weaving God's Promise Workshop



**Pentecost Picnic**



**Sunday, May 6:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Adult Ed: Tim Light continuation of Talking with Other Religions



**Monday, May 28:**

Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed

12:00-3:00 pm Safeguarding God's Children Workshop @ St. Luke's Kalamazoo



### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:



**June 1-8:** William out of town  
**Sunday, June 3:** Worship Leader: Fr. Charles Homeyer



**Tuesday, May 8:**

William leads Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. (in place of Wed. 5/9)

**Sunday, June 10:**  
Recognition Sunday



**Sunday, May 13:**

**Mother's Day**

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



**Friday, June 15 — Saturday, June 16:**  
Relay for Life



**Sunday, May 20:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Adult Ed: Tim Light continuation of Talking with Other Religions





The Youth Group collected **\$224** as part of their **Lenten Offertory project**.

These funds will be used to **purchase children's books** for the community room of Cooper Apartments which is part of the **Open Doors housing program** that assists low-income families.

They are also **collecting gently used children's books** (preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade).



St. Tim's staff/ volunteers/ teachers/ nursery workers —anyone who

works with children—needs to be certified through the **Diocese's Safeguarding God's Children Workshop**.

We have **23** people that have attended these workshops and have found them to very informative and well worth attending (even for any parent).

The next Workshop is **Sunday, May 6 from 12-3 at St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.**

Please contact the Parish Office or William if you are planning to attend.

**Dear Friends at St. Timothy's,** Let me begin with apologies for not writing this long ago. I have explained what I'm about to say to any number of you individually, but I should have written a newsletter article about this long ago. It might have helped to explain some things about interim ministry.



Soon after I arrived at St. Timothy's, and continuing up until not long ago, quite a few people expressed their wish that I would be able to stay on at St. Timothy's and become the new rector. I have always been grateful for the appreciation implicit (or even made explicit) in those comments. However, there are good reasons why most bishops do not allow interim rectors to become rectors, and those reasons are what I should have put into a newsletter article long ago but want to explain now – belatedly.

One reason not to allow an interim to become the new rector is that there are often less than pleasant tasks that an interim needs to do in a parish (this was not the case at St. Timothy's), and the concern is that an interim may not do those tasks (and thus make some people upset) if s/he thinks they will make him/her less attractive to the congregation. For instance, an interim rector may need to bring up the issue of clergy abuse when people would rather avoid it, or fire a troublesome employee, or confront a parishioner who often acts in ways that are destructive to the parish, or make leadership changes. If an interim can be a candidate for the rectorship, s/he may not deal with such situations in order to remain popular and have the best shot at being chosen as the new rector, and that could hurt the parish.

A second reason is that, if s/he is well liked in a parish, it would give the interim a huge advantage in the search process over unknown candidates, and there have been times when a vestry or search committee aborts the search and says, in effect, "Why do a search? We have someone we know and like," and then the parish doesn't undergo any serious self-assessment and thus the interim time is not used wisely. There are certain tasks that should happen in churches during an interim time, and they might not happen if the search process is cut short. Furthermore, other clergy who might have been interested in the position, especially clergy in the diocese, for whom the open position is more than just one they read about on the national church's computer, can feel like they were never given a fair shake if the interim is allowed to become rector.

A third reason not to allow an interim or an assistant priest to become rector is that the switch from one role (interim or assistant) to another role (rector) often just begs trouble. A rector has to be the "decider-in-chief" in a way that an interim or assistant often does not; the buck really stops at the rector's desk in a way that if often does not for an interim or assistant. And the switch in roles does not always work very well. The easy-going and affable interim or assistant, if s/he becomes rector, suddenly has to make decisions that perhaps s/he didn't have to make before, and those decisions sometimes upset people, and that sets the stage for people to feel betrayed and to say things like, "Whatever happened to Father John? He used to be such a nice guy and now he's doing these things that I don't like."

I hope this explanation is helpful to those of you who have wondered about why a parish cannot keep an interim rector as the permanent rector.

**Many Blessings, William+**



The Vestry and Search Committee are delighted to announce that **Rev. Joel L. Turmo** has accepted our call to serve as rector of St. Timothy Church. Fr. Joel comes to us having completed a curacy at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton, Florida, where, in addition to assisting the rector, he was Director of Youth Ministries. **Joel and his wife Melissa** are native Michiganders and are looking forward to returning "home". They have two sons, **David and Andrew**, ages 10 and 8. The family will be moving into the rectory as Joel assumes his new position at St. Tim's on **August 1**.

As Director of Youth at St. Gregory, Joel's focus was "to encourage youth and families on their Christian walk through a balanced program of worship experiences, religious education, spiritual and moral guidance, local service, mission trips, and social activities". In addition, Joel has taken an active role of service in his community, serving on local boards and being an active volunteer in initiatives such as the Toby Center for family reconciliation and Access Florida, a center to assist struggling people in connecting with available public services. At St. Gregory's Joel and his wife Melissa provide pastoral leadership for a monthly parenting group, as well as sharing duties as leaders of their sons' Cub Scout Pack. Joel has demonstrated a calling and dedication to ministry to all stages of life and conditions, especially those dealing with disabilities. His previous work experiences leading up to the call to the priesthood included working as a certified nurse's aide which then led to his taking a degree in Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University. During his tenure in Appleton, WI working in that capacity, Joel and Melissa joined St. Thomas Episcopal Church and discerned that it was time for Joel to pursue his long held calling to enter ministry. He attended seminary at Sewanee, the University of the South, in Sewanee, TN.

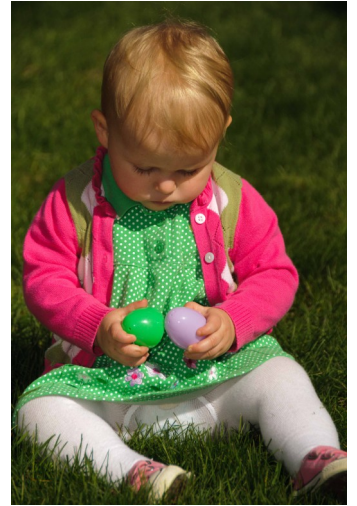
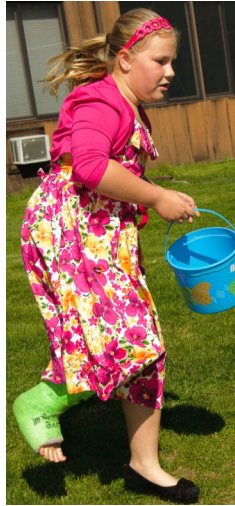


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**ALTAR GUILD**

**Pictured: Barb Ray, Doris Balogyen, Pat Rapp, Ann Perra, Carolyn Kiser, Jan Fouts and Cora Hills (absent: Marti Ozolins)**



This year's **Pentecost Picnic** will take place on **Sunday, May 27.**

Be sure to wear **RED.** We will be grilling on the barbecue and asking parishioners to bring dishes to pass. **The picnic is always a fun way to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the Church.**



*It is also a great Invite-A-Friend event!*



**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Plans are underway for the upcoming Relay for Life event on **June 15-16!**

Watch the News for details.



We are hosting **Older Bunch for Lunch on Thursday, May 3 at 12:00 noon.**

This is an outreach program to provide a forum for fellowship among seniors of our community . If you would like to help that day or wish to send a dessert, please see the sign-up sheet or speak with **Barb Ray at 349-4450.**



**Diocesan Mission Trips**

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

Other Diocesan mission trips planned in 2012:

JOPLIN, MISSOURI - APRIL 25 TO MAY 5

PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION - AUGUST 11 TO 17

IRVINE, KENTUCKY

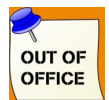
READING CAMP - JUNE 22 TO 30

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.

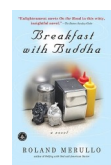
NOTE: William will be gone from **June 1-8.** He will be the priest of the week at the diocesan summer chapel in Onekama, Michigan.



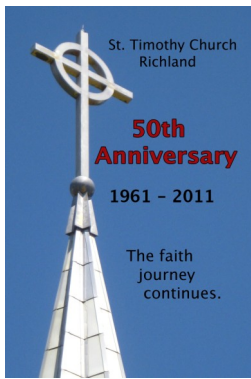
**William leads Bible Study on Tuesday, May 8 at 10 a.m.** (in place of Wed. May 9)

The **Book Club** will next meet on **Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.**

They are reading **Breakfast with Buddah** by **Roland Merullo.**



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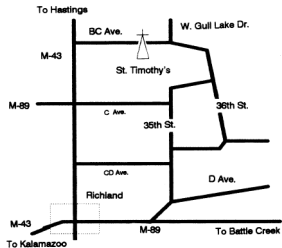
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**The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.**

**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"**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Bob Perra — May 2  
Maggie Frank — May 4  
Annie Perra — May 6  
Lorrie Bouchie — May 6  
Jari Pulford — May 7  
Jerry Sivak — May 7  
Dan Hills — May 9  
Gracie Monroe — May 10  
Arianna Kroon — May 10  
Stephen Frank — May 11  
Elizabeth Stout — May 13  
Tami Varricchio — May 13  
Becky Kloosterman — May 13**



**Becky Eldridge — May 13  
Shirley Hunt — May 14  
Marti Ozolins — May 14  
Barb Ray — May 14  
Trey Eldridge — May 20  
Mike Schau — May 21  
Doris Balgoyen — May 22  
Pete Hawk — May 22  
Bob Reynolds — May 23  
Colleen Reynolds — May 30  
Sue Katje — May 31**

*Do we have your email address and birthday?*

**Fair Trade Coffee \$8**

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.

**LINKS:**  
Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan: <http://edwm.org>  
Western Michigan Episcopal Curial Office: <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.