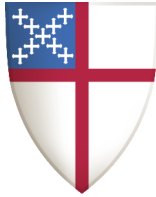




2013

The Good News-letter

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Thursday, May 2:

Older Bunch for Lunch
at 12:00 noon



Friday, May 3:

Bishop Candidate Walkabout
at St. Luke's, Kalamazoo 7-10 pm



Sunday, May 5:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Teacher's Meeting



Saturday, May 11:

St. Tim's hosting Cursillo
Secretariat 9-2

Sunday, May 12:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Mother's Day

Mother's Day



Eucharist



HAND BELLS

Children's Handbells

Saturday, May 18:

Bishop Election, Grace Church,
Grand Rapids 9-1



Sunday, May 19: Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Eucharist

Pentecost Picnic
(wear RED)



pentecost

**YOUTH
GATHERING**

4-5:30 pm Youth
Gathering

Sunday, May 26:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Eucharist



OUT OF
OFFICE

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, May 28:

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

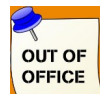
Sunday, June 9:

Recognition Sunday



Friday, June 14 — Saturday, June 15:

Relay for Life noon-noon



OUT OF
OFFICE

June 14-28: Joel Vacation

Sunday, July 14:

Bishop's Visit



**Tentative: Fri. July 12 - July 14 OR
Fri., July 19 - Sun., July 21:
Summer Campout**





Grace and Peace,

Each day I thank God for the blessings of being here with you. It is a joy to be serving with you here at St. Timothy's. I looked up how often we are told to give thanks in the Bible. *Giving thanks* is mentioned 213 times. That's 7 more than the number of bones in the human body.

While reading through the list, looking for 1 Thessalonians 5:16, I came across 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 and thought of you. I am amazed at how well the church works as the body of Christ. "Your work is produced by your faith." This last weekend was a great example of your faith being demonstrated through work. We had many people attend the work day and for that I am thankful. "Your service is the result of your love." The love was abounding. Each person in their ministry here at the church and around the community is an outpouring of the love you have for God and each other.

Remember:

- Rejoice Always
- Pray Without Ceasing
- Give Thanks In All Things

Many Blessings,
Fr. Joel Turmo

Give Thanks!

We always thank God for all of you. We pray for you. We never forget you when we pray to our God and Father. Your work is produced by your faith. Your service is the result of your love. Your strength to continue comes from your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

FORESTRY UPDATE



The property has been surveyed. We had more cherry trees ready for harvesting south of the rectory than we had expected.

Mark Jenke, CF & ACF, identified 97 Cherry, 16 Red Oak, 3 Black Oak, 1 Hickory, and 1 White Oak that can be removed without negatively impacting the woods surrounding the church.

If the weather cooperates, it should be done by June.

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

• The Rev. Nurya Parish, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids

The church exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and, through grace, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Christ. These core purposes of the church will never change: we are here solely and always to serve God's mission in God's world. But so much has changed in the 21st century that to be faithful to God's call, we have to change too. We have to use new media to share the gospel. We have to develop new faith communities, and rethink existing ones, to reach those who need to know God. Most importantly, we have to recognize that our central work is teaching people the purpose of their existence, and leading them into deeply meaningful lives. The church of the future will be focused on making disciples, and will use every effective method to do so, or it will be no church at all.



This year's
Pentecost Picnic
will take place on
Sunday, May 19.

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!



When the Spirit
of truth comes,
he will guide you
into all the truth.

John 16.13

RELAY FOR LIFE

Plans are underway for the
upcoming Relay for Life
event on **June 14-15!**



Watch the News for details.

Youth Gathering

Sunday, May 19, 4-5:30 pm

YOUTH GATHERING

We will play a couple of games
and then do some brain-storming.

What did you like about Youth Group this year?

What would like to do next year?

Youth and parents are encouraged to attend.

Nursery

Please be aware that the
Nursery will be closed
for the summer
beginning **June 23rd.**

If there is a need for a
particular Sunday, please
contact Fr. Joel.



Summer Campout

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Fri. July 12 - Sun. July 14 **OR**
Fri., July 19 - Sun., July 21

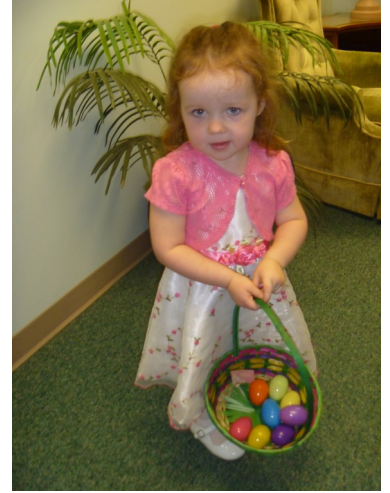
Please contact **Melissa Turmo** about your preference.

Counting Coins

Thank you to everyone who so generously
donated coins and more through our Lenten
Mite Boxes. We will be sending **\$544**
to Peru to support the ministry of
Bishop Mike & Linda Chapman. **Thank you!**









St. Timothy's Youth News



Growing in the knowledge and love of God.



Teaching Schedule



Children's Chapel:

May 5: Ascension - Acts 1:1-11
Julie Walker

May 12: Peter - Acts 3:1-10
Chris & Taylor Bradford

May 19: Pentecost Picnic - Acts 2:1-11

May 26: Stephen - Acts 6:1-7:60
Chris & Taylor Bradford

Kings Kids:

May 5: Ascension - Acts 1:1-11
Melissa & Kate

May 12: Peter - Acts 3:1-10
Laura & Kate

May 19: Pentecost Picnic

May 26: Stephen - Acts 6:1-7:60
Melissa & Laura

Youth Team:

May 5: Ascension - Acts 1:1-11
Johnna & Becky

May 12: Pentecost
Johnna & Becky

May 19: Pentecost Picnic
Johnna & Becky

May 26: the kingdom of heaven - Matt 13
Johnna & Becky



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Check out the **Upcoming Events Board**
in the Parish Hall downstairs.
A great place to post all your families' activities!

May Birthdays

Lorrie Bouchie — May 6
Gracie Monroe — May 10
Arianna Kroon — May 10
Elizabeth Stout — May 13
Mrs. Eldridge — May 13
Mrs. Turmo — May 21

Birthday Blessings



OLDER BUNCH FOR LUNCH

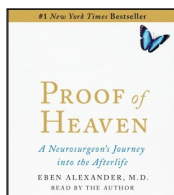


We are hosting
**Older Bunch for Lunch on
Thursday, May 2
at 12:00 noon.**

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 **Maggie Caball** at 269-501-7740.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading
Proof of Heaven
by Eben Alexander.
They are meeting on
Wednesday, June 12 at 7 pm.



This summer, **EVERYONE** at St. Timothy's will be invited to read a book **together**. It will be a book that might appeal to kids, youth, and adults -- could be a family read-together book.

More information will come about the Book Selection and dates for a fun book night. If you have any ideas/suggestions, please see **Nancy Hotra or Melissa Turmo**.

BISHOP SEARCH



There are four nominees for Bishop:

- The Rev. Jennifer Adams**, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, Michigan
- The Rev. Wayne Houglund, Jr.**, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, North Carolina
- The Rev. Canon Angela Shepherd**, Canon for Mission, Diocese of Maryland
- The Rev. Canon William Spaid**, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Western Michigan

A printed copy of their profiles is available.

The Bishop Candidate Walkabout is at St. Luke's in Kalamazoo from **7-10 pm on Fri., May 3**.

The Bishop Election is **Sat., May 18** from 9 am-1 pm at Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

Visit: www.edwmsearch.org



There will be a retirement celebration for **Bishop Robert Gepert** and his wife, Anne Labat-Gepert, at **7 pm on Friday, May 17th** Grace Church, 1815 Hall St., Grand Rapids.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We had record number of volunteers for our recent highway pickup and church work day.



Thanks to all who helped, and special thanks for the leadership of **Dan Hills** with Adopt-A-Highway and **Val Ozolins** with Building & Grounds!

FOOD COLLECTION

On Saturday, May 11, local letter carriers will be picking up food donations from households to deliver to area pantries.

Help Stamp Out Hunger!



Congratulations to

Hannah Grace Harrison who was Baptized April 28.

She is the daughter of **Brandon & Sara Harrison** and granddaughter of **Mike & Jari Pulford**.



BAPTISM



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.



9800 East BC Avenue
Richland, MI 49083



Phone: 269-629-9436

New Email: 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”

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Perra — May 2
Lauren Rose — 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
Melissa Turmo — May 21
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 a package



Diocesan Mission Trips
Contact Terry Dorcy at 269-349-3625.



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 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.

