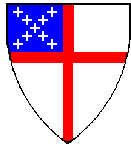


November
2012



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Saturday, November 3:

8-12 noon Church Work Day



It's time to
"Fall Back!"
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday at 2am

Sunday, Nov. 4:

Time Change (*turn clocks back*)

Sunday, November 4:

All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Children's Handbells

11:30 a.m. Parent/Teacher Meeting



Eucharist



HANDBELLS

Wednesday, November 7:

Book Club at 7 pm



Thursday, November 8:

Celebration of New Ministry at 7 pm



Sunday, November 11:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Ministry Fair



Eucharist

Saturday, November 17:

Youth begin dinner preparations

Sunday, November 18:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving



Ingathering of pledge cards



Thursday, November 22:

Louis & June Hall
Thanksgiving Meal



Thursday, November 22 -

Friday, November 23:

Parish Office Closed for
Thanksgiving



Sunday, November 25:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Tuesday, November 27:

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Dec. 2:

Community Advent Concert
at St. Ann's, Augusta 7 pm



Sunday, December 9:

Social Ministry Bake Sale



Sunday, December 16:

Greening of church



Monday, December 24:

Parish Office Closed



Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Potluck

7:15 pm special music &
children's handbells

7:30 pm Candlelight Service
& Christmas Pageant





All Saints Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 4. We will remember those we love who have died.

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

for Rev. Joel Turmo
Thursday, November 8,
at 7:00 pm



There will be a reception to follow.

Please see the sign-up sheet to assist with reception or speak with Maggie Caball.

We look forward to everyone joining in his Celebration.



**PARISH
THANKSGIVING
DINNER**

Our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held after our worship service, on

Sunday, November 18th

It will be a time to gather together to give thanks to God for the many great blessings we have been given.

It will also be a time to invite family and friends to gather with us in community at Thanksgiving time.



The **Youth Group** will be leading the cooking.

We are not charging for the meal. There will be a goodwill offering collection basket to help cover the cost of the meal.



And, of course, we'll also need some PIES!!!

**Louis & June Hall
Thanksgiving Day Meal
Thursday, Nov. 22
at 12:00 noon**



Everyone and anyone is welcome, especially if you do not already have plans.

Please see the sign-up sheet if you plan to attend. You may bring a dish to share if you wish.

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



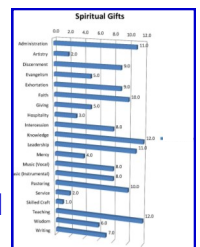
I am so pleased with the number of **Spiritual gifts surveys** turned in so far. The survey has sparked many wonderful discussions about what it means to be a follower of Christ. This was the part of the objective: to get us talking about what gifts we as individuals and as a church have. Friends are sharing with friends, parents with children, spouses with each other, and you with me.

It is amazing what we can find out about ourselves if we take a few minutes to reflect on who we are. One the most humbling parts of the experience is realizing the gifts that we as individuals don't have.

On the list of 20 spiritual gifts, most people only have a few areas where they are strong and some areas that they are weak. That's OK. The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary defines spiritual gifts as **"Special gifts bestowed by God on individual members of the Christian community for the edification of the whole community."**

If everyone had all the gifts we wouldn't need to be a community. And one of the things that we do well here at St. Timothy's is community.

So, when you get your **assessment back on November 11th** at the Ministry Fair, share with one another what your gifts are and identify ways that you can use your special gifts that God has given you for the building up of our community.



**Shalom,
Fr. Joel
Jturmo@gmail.com
269-350-4131**

FALL CAMP OUT AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS





CHOIR NEWS

It's Official!!

Over the past few months, St. Tim's has enjoyed the musical gifts of **John Forsleff** seated in the sanctuary at the piano, leading the choir and playing musical interludes. Until recently, this was an interim arrangement. We are pleased to announce that John has accepted the position of permanent Worship Musician at St. Tim's. (**Applause, applause!**) In John we are so lucky to have found not only a highly accomplished musician, but a thoughtful and upstanding young man.



John has provided some bio information to help us get to know him a little better:

"I was born in Flint Michigan on August 1, 1990 into a family of musicians. Both my parents studied at Western Michigan's School of Music. My father is currently the orchestra and general music teacher at the public schools in the Flushing area and he also plays viola for the Flint and Saginaw Symphonies. My mother is a vocalist and teaches Band and Choir as well as religion at my former high school Powers Catholic. Needless to say, I was naturally inclined towards music at a very young age. I started piano lessons at age six and have been studying ever since. I also developed an ear for church music when I was very small. My father was and still is the music minister at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where I started to play drum set at age seven. Throughout the years I made my way around many different instruments such as horn, trumpet, and guitar. I never seemed to be able to settle with just one!"

"I now am studying for my Bachelors of Music Education degree for choral and instrumental with an emphasis in piano and voice studies. I am in my senior year but have at least another year ahead of me after this coming spring semester. I hope to find a job teaching after I graduate. My hope is that I can teach my future students value of music and the impact it can have on our lives."

"Music is my passion. I believe that it is one of the greatest gifts God has ever created. Music manifests itself in the only things that truly matter in our lives; peace, love, joy and beauty. It allows us to express that which cannot be translated into words from the very depth of our souls. It is not simply a vehicle for expressing emotional ideas, but rather purifying for the soul and healing for the heart. Contrary to most beliefs, music is not competitive. Its sole purpose is to spread peace within."

"I hope that during my time here at St. Timothy's our choir can grow along with the congregation for music is open to all who wish to take part in it. This church naturally has a very strong attachment to music and I am thrilled to be a part of such a community."

"I encourage the entire congregation to sing with us because each voice helps unify our community. Thank you for all of the warm encouragement I have received over the past few months. It truly means a great deal to me."

SHOUT OUT: Now would be a perfect time to join the choir!!

We will be learning new music for the Christmas season and brainstorming new ways to make this ministry even more rewarding. Come give it a try! We need YOU.

(Choir practice: Thursday nights, 7 pm)



TIME CHANGE
 Reminder to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed **next Saturday night, Nov. 3.**



There will be a **Church Work Day** **Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8:00-noon.** Many people are needed to help as there is much to do. There is a **sign-up sheet.**



Get your FAIR TRADE COFFEE fix... \$8 a package



Sunday Dollars

Does everyone have their dollars for Sunday?
 The Sunday Dollar program started here on June 3 and has been a success ever since. It is a very simple program, just place a single dollar bill in the collection basket. Every single dollar is used to pay down the mortgage.

The first month alone we collected \$245 (an average of \$61.25 per week). The second month we collected \$355 (an average of \$67 per week). By September, we were able to pay an extra \$1000 off the mortgage. The principal on the mortgage was \$115,828 on Jan. 1. By September 30, the principal is **\$104,234, a drop of \$11,000!**

An extra benefit is that the interest on the mortgage was budgeted at \$6300 through the end of September but was actually only \$5628, saving us about **\$700 in interest** so far. This is money that can be used in other church programs.

We project that the mortgage principal about \$100,000 by Dec. 31 with a saving in interest of more than \$1000. We should thank the Stewardship Committee for bringing us this idea, and the Congregation for taking it to heart to participating.

Let's keep the dollars coming!



STEWARDSHIP AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

Stewardship Campaign

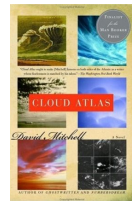
As you know, the stewardship campaign is well underway. The talent assessment is also in progress and waiting to be evaluated. The ministry fair is coming up Nov. 11 and will give you an opportunity to sign up to give of your talents to serve God.

Sunday Nov. 18 will be our Thanksgiving for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure. This day is our annual dinner to thank God for all of the gifts that he has blessed us with through the year.

All blessings come from you O Lord.

Your Stewardship Committee,
Linda Enzinger, Marcia Johnson and Steve Frank

The **Book Club** will meet on **Wed., Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.** They are reading **Cloud Atlas** by **David Mitchell.** You are invited to join us-- we'd love to have you! It is a great opportunity for learning and fellowship and making some new friends.



BISHOP SEARCH

The **Diocesan Profile** is now published. A printed copy is available on the table in the Narthex. All are encouraged to participate in the process by supporting it with your prayers and by nominating candidates you believe may be qualified to take up this role. **Nomination deadline is Nov. 16.** Visit: www.edwmsearch.org



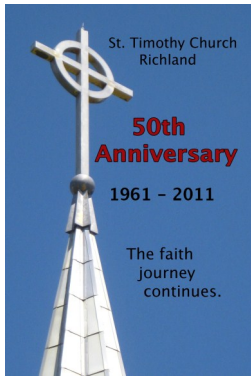
CLOTHING COLLECTION

We are **collecting adult & children's clothing** for the Hands of God Ministry. Please bring in your items to St. Tim's, there is a collection box in the lobby.



Our Gifts and Tithes

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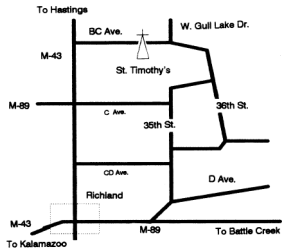
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The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.

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"


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS


- Everett Walker - Nov. 2
- Madeline Fouts - Nov. 4
- Leona Gillespie - Nov. 5
- Tim Light - Nov. 5
- David Hagerty - Nov. 12
- Shawn Wood - Nov. 12
- Carolyn Kiser - Nov. 13
- Matt Schau - Nov. 13
- Everett Walker - Nov. 14
- Joe Rapp - Nov. 17



- Del Holroyd - Nov. 19
- Grace Herbert - Nov. 21
- John Dillworth - Nov. 27
- Carol Strebel - Nov. 29
- Nate Schau - Nov. 30

Do we have your email address & 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>

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.

