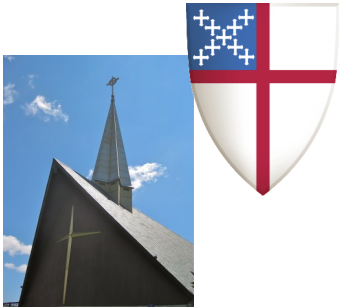


 **October**  
**2013**



# The Good News-letter

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



**Saturday, October 5:**

4 pm Blessing of Animals



**Sunday, October 6:**



9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4-5:30 pm Confirmation Class



**Thursday, October 10-**

**Sunday, October 13:**

Cursillo at St. John's, Sturgis



**Sunday, October 13:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Adult Education:  
Health Check



1:45 p.m. CROP Walk  
Village Hall

**Sunday, October 20:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



**Tuesday, October 22:**

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting



**Sunday, October 27:**



9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Children's Handbells



**Fall Festival / Halloween Party**



**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Saturday, November 2:**

Church Work Day 8-12



**Sunday, Nov. 3:**

Time Change-Turn  
clocks back 1 hour



All Saints  
Sunday

**All Saints Sunday**

**November 15-24:**

Diocesan Mission Trip to New Orleans



**Sunday, November 24:**

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner



Grace and Peace,

Our confirmation program, that we are starting this year, will engage young people in experiencing and reflecting on what it means to name Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in the context of the Episcopal Church. The program combines traditional classroom teaching with opportunities to discover and encounter Christ in our own lives and in the lives of others. The program incorporates:



- Classroom reflection.
- Focusing on our life with God in Christ.
- Community service focusing on sharing the love of God.
- Mentoring by mature Christians as they explore faith in daily life.
- Exploring our life of prayer and worship.
- An introduction to ministry through participating in the church.

The program is intentionally flexible and designed to be led by me and another adult. However, a critical element of the program is the broader role given to the congregation. While mentors are usually involved to some extent in the confirmation process, this program gives them, the student's family, and other members of the congregation a more active role in helping the youth understand what it means to join the body of Christ.

Students are encouraged to explore community service and lay ministries here at St. Timothy's and to understand the calling we all have to serve Christ in each other.

Please join us in this process!

Blessings,

Fr. Joel

## St. Tim's Trail Head Park

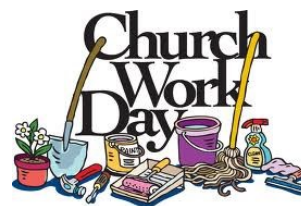
Please take notice of the newly cleared and groomed area halfway down the driveway on the east side. This is the area used by the logging company to stage their equipment and logs during their selective cut service earlier this year.



The Men's Prayer Group decided during a branch trimming effort along the driveway that it would be nice to clean up and smooth out this area for a picnic table and park setting as it is at the beginning of the trail system in that area. **Special thanks** for all the extra efforts of **John Wood**.



Thank you to  
**Bob & Marj Hirsch and  
Dave & Joy Underhill**  
for donating the  
picnic tables.



## Fall Church Work Day Saturday, November 2 from 8-12

Many people are needed to help as there is much to do both inside and outside! A **task list of projects** will be posted soon.

Plus we are **seeking someone (or 2)**  
**to help provide food** that day.

## Richland Area CROP Walk



The 2013 Richland Area CROP Walk will be held

**Sunday, October 13th  
2:00 pm**

Registration will be at 1:45 pm, and the walk will start at the Village Hall at the intersection of Gull Road and D Avenue. It will proceed down the Gull Road bicycle trail. There will be a one mile and a three mile walk. Pledge envelopes are available.



## Blessing of the Animals



**Saturday, October 5  
4:00 pm**

You and your pet(s) are invited for this fun event.

**Everyone** (even if you do not have a pet) is also invited for a **potluck meal**.



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The following students have begun Confirmation Classes:

**Catherine Eldridge  
Hannah Monroe  
Emily Wood  
Elizabeth Stout**



They will be meeting on many Sunday evenings from 4-5:30 pm over the course of the next 2 years.

**New Students** are always welcome. Because class does not meet every Sunday, if you are interested in attending, please check St. Timothy's online calendar or call Fr. Joel.

<http://www.stimsrichland.org/youth-calendar/>

## Youth Group Hosting Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 24

We need an adult (or 2) to organize preparations on **Saturday, Nov. 23** and serving on Sunday. If you can help, please tell Fr. Joel.



## St. Timothy's Fall Festival is set for Sunday, October 27.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun after the service that day. There will be games for young and young at heart as well as

**"trick or treating"** for the kids.

**Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church that day.**

*Please choose costumes that are appropriate for church -- nothing scary or gory.*

**We hope everyone will join in the fun!**

**HALLOWEEN** means **ALL HALLOWS EVE** which literally means the night before **All Saints Day (Nov. 1st).**







# St. Timothy's Youth News



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



## Teaching Schedule



### Children's Chapel:

Oct. 6: Cain and Abel  
TBD

Oct. 13: God Begins a New World with Noah  
Sydney

Oct. 20: The Tower of Babel  
Becky, Lou Ann

Oct. 27: Fall Festival/Halloween Party  
Julie

### Kings Kids:

Oct. 6: Cain and Abel  
Laura

Oct. 13: God Begins a New World with Noah  
Laura, Jeff

Oct. 20: The Tower of Babel  
Joel, Kate

Oct. 27: Fall Festival/Halloween Party

### Youth Team:

Oct. 6: The Impossible Made Possible  
TBD

Oct. 13: Return to Wholeness  
Melissa

Oct. 20: Prayer Perseverance  
Melissa

Oct. 27: Fall Festival/Halloween Party

We are still looking for additional **Assistant Teachers**. If you can help, please contact Melissa at [mturmo@gmail.com](mailto:mturmo@gmail.com) or sign up on spreadsheet/calendar on the table by the Sunday School wing.  
Thank you.



**Saturday, October 5:**  
4 pm Blessing of Animals

**Sunday, October 6:**  
4-5:30 pm. Confirmation Class



**Saturday, October 12:**  
10 am-4 pm Diocesan Middle School  
Youth Event in Belmont, MI



**Sunday, October 13:**  
2 pm CROP Walk  
No Confirmation Class



**Sunday, October 27:**  
Children's Handbells

## Fall Festival / Halloween Party

<http://www.sttimsrichland.org/youth-calendar/>

### October Birthdays

Oct. 3 - Sarah Barry

Oct. 8 - Ben Lynes

Oct. 13 - Blakeslee Boudeman

Oct. 25 - Charlotte Boudeman

### Birthday Blessings



## ADULT EDUCATION

### Health Checks Sunday, October 13

We will be offering blood pressure and glucose testing and other health information.



*(For best results, please refrain from eating after midnight prior to glucose test. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.)*

## CURSILLO

Congratulations to  
**Colin Cruttenden**  
for being elected to  
President-Elect of Western  
Michigan Episcopal Cursillo!

**Chris Wagley, Emily Wood and Mark Thompson**  
are attending the Oct. 10-13 weekend.



## RECOGNITION

Congratulations to **Chris Tracy**  
for being named to the Super Lawyers list  
in the Business Litigation Category by the  
Michigan Super Lawyers organization.  
Chris is with Honigman Miller Schwartz  
and Cohn, LLP in downtown Kalamazoo.



## DIOCESAN MISSION TRIP

Nov. 15-24 to New Orleans.

Please contact **Tami Varricchio**  
at **517-388-2387** for more information.



## SUNDAY DOLLARS

**Thank you** to everyone who  
brings in their Sunday  
Dollars each week! These  
funds are being used to  
pay down the mortgage.



## Sharing a Bountiful Harvest



**Stewardship  
Campaign**

The fall is a time to celebrate the bountiful harvest that God has provided for us. It is a time of Thanksgiving for all of the gifts that we have been blessed with throughout the year. We here at St Timothy's have always been very blessed with the abundance that all of you have brought to God's table in support of His Church. It is through your efforts that we have been able to provide a place to Worship, Educate and Minister to others in a loving environment.

Although Autumn traditionally is seen as a culmination of the efforts we have made throughout the year, for me it has always given me the hope of new beginnings, time to reflect on what has been accomplished and begin to envision what we would like to accomplish in the new season.

At St. Timothy's we have spent several years focusing on upgrading our aging facilities and have done a great job of updating the buildings that house us, but as we all know there is more to the church than just the buildings. We were blessed with Father Joel's arrival a year ago, and since then he has brought new energy and vision for Ministry. As we move into the Stewardship season we are asking Ministry Team Leaders to reflect and envision how they want their ministry's to grow and what resources they need in order to make that happen. They are also being called to create a longer range vision for ministry.

In the coming weeks you will hear more about the work that is being done and what the Teams envision for the future and the resources that they need to make that happen.

We hope that you will give prayerful consideration to the gifts that God has given you, and how you might wish to share those gifts for the building up of His Church.

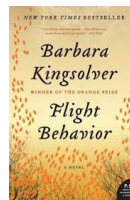
May God continue to Bless you with an Abundant Life.

**Linda Enzinger, Stewardship Committee**

## BOOK CLUB

The next book of the Book Club is  
**Flight Behavior**  
by **Barbara Kingsolver**.

*The meeting date is yet to be determined.*



**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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**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!**

**WEBSITE:** <http://sttimothychurch.tripod.com/>

<http://StTimsRichland.org>



## “Growing Together in Christ”

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Schoenleber — Oct. 2  
Sarah Barry — Oct. 3  
Ben Lynes — Oct. 8  
Jim DeMaagd — Oct. 10  
Virginia Siegwart — Oct. 11  
Blakeslee Boudeman — Oct. 13  
Jan Fouts — Oct. 19  
Linda Enzinger — Oct. 20  
Bill Risdon — Oct. 20



Deb Howard — Oct. 21  
Charlotte Boudeman — Oct. 25  
Kate Boudeman — Oct. 28  
Betsy Barlow — Oct. 31  
Roseanne Heatherly — Oct. 31

*Do we have your email address and 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.



**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>



**The Choir practices on WEDNESDAY 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.

#### 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.

