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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

*"Christ has no body now, but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which Christ  
looks compassion into the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ  
walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ  
blesses the world."*

*-St. Teresa of Avila*

# Reclaiming Jesus

## A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis

*Editor's Note: The Rev. Nathaniel Pyron presided at one of our services earlier this summer, and for his sermon, he read from the following document. It was written earlier this year by a host of clergy and religious leaders of all denominations who came together because of the crisis in moral leadership in our government, our country, and in our culture. It demands our attention as Christians.*

**W**e are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. **We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.**

It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography—our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus' words in us. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace, rewarding good behavior while restraining bad behavior (Romans 13). When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state."

It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries—and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

This letter comes from a retreat on Ash Wednesday, 2018. In this season of Lent, we feel deep lamentations for the state of our nation, and our own hearts are filled with confession for the sins we feel called to address. The true meaning of the word repentance is to turn around. It is time to lament, confess, repent, and turn. In times of crisis, the church has historically learned to return to Jesus Christ.

**Jesus is Lord.** That is our foundational confession. It was central for the early church and needs to again become central to us. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not—nor any other political ruler since. If Jesus is Lord, no other authority is absolute. Jesus Christ, and the kingdom of God he announced, is the Christian's first loyalty, above all others. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth.

The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? We believe it is time to renew our theology of public discipleship and witness. Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches.

What we believe leads us to what we must reject. Our "Yes" is the foundation for our "No." What we confess as our faith leads to what we confront. Therefore, we offer the following six affirmations of what we believe, and the resulting rejections of practices and policies by political leaders which dangerously corrode the soul of the nation and deeply threaten the public integrity of our faith. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

**I. WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26).** That image and likeness confers a divinely decreed dignity, worth, and God-given equality to all of us as children of the one God who is the Creator of all things. Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God (the imago dei) in some of the children of God. Our participation in the global community of Christ absolutely prevents any toleration of racial bigotry. Racial justice and healing are biblical and theological issues for us, and are central to the mission of the body of Christ in the world. We give thanks for the prophetic role of the historic black churches in America when they have called for a more faithful gospel.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts, including the highest levels of political leadership. We, as followers of Jesus, must clearly reject the use of racial bigotry for political gain that we have seen. In the face of such bigotry, silence is complicity. In particular, we reject white supremacy and commit ourselves to help dismantle the systems and structures that perpetuate white preference and advantage. Further, any doctrines or political strategies that use racist resentments, fears, or language must be named as public sin—one that goes back to the foundation of our nation and lingers on. Racial bigotry must be antithetical for those belonging to the body of Christ, because it denies the truth of the gospel we profess.

**II. WE BELIEVE** we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class (Galatians 3:28). The body of Christ, where those great human divisions are to be overcome, is meant to be an example for the rest of society. When we fail to overcome these oppressive obstacles, and even perpetuate them, we have failed in our vocation to the world—to proclaim and live the reconciling gospel of Christ.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, and assault of women that has been further revealed in our culture and politics, including our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God. We lament when such practices seem publicly ignored, and thus privately condoned, by those in high positions of leadership. We stand for the respect, protection, and affirmation of women in our families, communities, workplaces, politics, and churches. We support the courageous truth-telling voices of women, who have helped the nation recognize these abuses. We confess sexism as a sin, requiring our repentance and resistance.

**III. WE BELIEVE** how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself. (Matthew 25: 31-46) “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” God calls us to protect and seek justice for those who are poor and vulnerable, and our treatment of people who are “oppressed,” “strangers,” “outsiders,” or otherwise considered “marginal” is a test of our relationship to God, who made us all equal in divine dignity and love. Our proclamation of the lordship of Jesus Christ is at stake in our solidarity with the most vulnerable. If our gospel is not “good news to the poor,” it is not the gospel of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:18).

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the language and policies of political leaders who would debase and abandon the most vulnerable children of God. We strongly deplore the growing attacks on immigrants and refugees, who are being made into cultural and political targets, and we need to remind our churches that God makes the treatment of the “strangers” among us a test of faith (Leviticus 19:33-34). We won’t accept the neglect of the well-being of low-income families and children, and we will resist repeated attempts to deny health care to those who most need it. We confess our growing national sin of putting the rich over the poor. We reject the immoral logic of cutting services and programs for the poor while cutting taxes for the rich. Budgets are moral documents. We commit ourselves to opposing and reversing those policies and finding solutions that reflect the wisdom of people from different political parties and philosophies to seek the common good. Protecting the poor is a central commitment of Christian discipleship, to which 2,000 verses in the Bible attest.

**IV. WE BELIEVE** that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition, whose vocation includes speaking the Word of God into their societies and speaking the truth to power. A commitment to speaking truth, the ninth commandment of the Decalogue, “You shall not bear false witness” (Exodus 20:16), is foundational to shared trust in society. Falsehood can enslave us, but Jesus promises, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32). The search and respect for truth is crucial to anyone who follows Christ.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. Politicians, like the rest of us, are human, fallible, sinful, and mortal. But when public lying becomes so persistent that it deliberately tries to change facts for ideological, political, or personal gain, the public accountability to truth is undermined. The regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation’s highest leaders can change the moral expectations within a culture, the accountability for a civil society, and even the behavior of families and children. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society. In the face of lies that bring darkness, Jesus is our truth and our light.

**V. WE BELIEVE** that Christ’s way of leadership is servanthood, not domination. Jesus said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles (the world) lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant” (Matthew 20:25-26).

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We believe our elected officials are called to public service, not public tyranny, so we must protect the limits, checks, and balances of democracy and encourage humility and civility on the part of elected officials. We support democracy, not because we believe in human perfection, but because we do not. The authority of government is instituted by God to order an unredeemed society for the sake of justice and peace, but ultimate authority belongs only to God.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT any moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule.** We believe authoritarian political leadership is a theological danger that threatens democracy and the common good—and we will resist it. Disrespect for the rule of law, not recognizing the equal importance of our three branches of government, and replacing civility with dehumanizing hostility toward opponents are of great concern to us. Neglecting the ethic of public service and accountability, in favor of personal recognition and gain often characterized by offensive arrogance, are not just political issues for us. They raise deeper concerns about political idolatry, accompanied by false and unconstitutional notions of authority.

**VI. WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples (Matthew 28:18).** Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. The most well-known verse in the New Testament starts with “For God so loved the world” (John 3:16). We, in turn, should love and serve the world and all its inhabitants, rather than seek first narrow, nationalistic prerogatives.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT “America first” as a theological heresy for followers of Christ. While we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal.** We reject domination rather than stewardship of the earth’s resources, toward genuine global development that brings human flourishing for all of God’s children. Serving our own communities is essential, but the global connections between us are undeniable. Global poverty, environmental damage, violent conflict, weapons of mass destruction, and deadly diseases in some places ultimately affect all places, and we need wise political leadership to deal with each of these.

**WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED** for the soul of our nation, but also for our churches and the integrity of our faith. The present crisis calls us to go deeper—deeper into our relationship to God; deeper into our relationships with each other, especially across racial, ethnic, and national lines; deeper into our relationships with the most vulnerable, who are at greatest risk.

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<http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/#news>

## Holly Wilson Journeys On

by Florrie Kohn

In a few weeks, St. Tim's will bid a fond farewell to longtime member Holly Wilson. Four years after her husband Howie's death, Holly is moving to Venice, Florida, to be closer to extended family and further from the cold of St. Louis winters.

A summer float trip on a Missouri river brought Holly and Howie to St. Tim's more than 30 years ago. They were new to St. Louis and looking for a church home. St. Tim's parishioner Guy Jester was on that float trip. He found out the Wilsons were Episcopalian and invited them to St. Tim's. "We tried St. Tim's because Guy invited us—and we never left," remembers Holly. "The people of St. Tim's were wonderful."

The Wilsons embraced nearly every ministry at our parish from serving on the vestry to responsibilities with the youth group and on endless committees. "We started out as counters and ushers," says Holly. "As we began to do more, St. Tim's grew to mean so much more to us. I've found that the more I volunteer and the more that I am present at St. Tim's outside of the service hours, the more I understand the everyday life of the church.

"With the help of many mentors, especially our former Rector Jack Fleming, I've become more deeply spiritual. I've made a lot of friends and St. Tim's has seen me through thick and thin—through Howie's death and through lots and lots of celebrations. St. Tim's has become my family and my home."

Holly has been part of just about every activity at St. Tim's during her time here. "There is so much I love about St. Tim's—the garden with the labyrinth, the new sanctuary and the people. Over the years, we've built St. Tim's into a beautiful, gorgeous church inside and out. I'm thrilled that when I leave, other people will take on the tasks that need to be done," she says.

She appreciates the social aspect of St. Tim's—picnics, outings, concerts and making of friendships that have lasted over the years. And St. Tim's have given her so many opportunities to grow and give back in following the gospel. Pastoral care comes to mind, says Holly—delivering meals, writing cards, calling those who need to hear from someone.

And she notes the deep satisfaction she has felt in serving as a trained Eucharistic Visitor. "Two of us go together to deliver the wine and host to those who are

ill or otherwise unable to come to church," she explains. "They are always very grateful. St. Tim's has had Eucharistic Visitors for a long time, but there is a more public emphasis on it now. It's nice to see this ministry grow in visibility."



Holly also serves on the Altar Guild. She describes it as a quiet ministry. "So much of what we do is cleaning and setting up," she says. "We are not visible, but our work is so important to the service. It's about setting up the table for the Lord's Supper."

Holly also found her fit at St. Tim's through participating in outreach projects and serving on the outreach committee. "I live by Matthew Chapter 25—'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me,'" she says.

The magnificent spiraling labyrinth may be Holly's longest lasting legacy at St. Tim's. "I saw one on a J2A (Journey To Adulthood) pilgrimage stop at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. I wanted so much to bring a labyrinth to St. Tim's," she says. And so, with persistence, Holly did.

"I walk the labyrinth quite often," she says. "I'm here on a Friday evening or a Saturday morning, often when no one else is around. I walk it in peace, in joy, with concerns on my mind, when I'm happy and when I'm sad. It usually makes a difference."

While there's a sadness in knowing that Holly is journeying on, she isn't gone from St. Tim's quite yet. A trip to Africa comes before her move to Florida. Holly travels to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana like some of us travel back to once familiar places where cousins still live. She was raised an "East Coast" girl, but part of her soul lies an ocean and a continent away. "I can't describe Africa," she says. "The first time I visited, I felt like I'd come home to the roots of being a human being."

The way Holly feels about Africa—that's how we hope she—and so many more of our long-time parishioners—feel about St. Tim's, too, as they move on to other places. We want to be the roots they come back to from time to time.

Thank you, Holly. You remind us that there's so much to love about St. Tim's and each other.

# St. Timothy's 2018 Vacation Bible School: What fun we had!

By David Coulter

Another year's Vacation Bible School at St. Tim's has come and gone! Twenty-three children participated in our 2018 program, "Water for the World." We traveled through the Bible's stories of water, learned about the importance of clean, safe water for drinking, cooking, and washing, and enjoyed a week of water-themed games and craft projects. By the end of the week, we all left with a greater appreciation for the clean water we often take for granted and an understanding of the desperate need for water in many other parts of the world.

From Genesis to the gospels, stories of water run all through the Bible. We heard the story of creation and God's good gift of water. We crossed the Red Sea with the Israelites and learned how God helps people in trouble. In the story of Naaman's healing, we saw how God used water to cure his sickness. We remembered Jesus's baptism, and recalled our own baptisms and what they mean to us.



In the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, we learned about the living water of the Holy Spirit, and how God offers it freely to anyone who asks for it.

We talked every day about the importance of clean water: There are nearly 800 million people who don't have safe



drinking water, and almost 40% of the world's population lacks access to improved sanitation. We learned about the bacteria and other pathogens in well and river water that can make people sick if it's not purified, and about proper hand washing

technique. The kids even stuck their thumbs in petri dishes and watched the bacteria from their skin grow over the next few days--germs are everywhere! Each day we heard the story of a different child helped by the non-profit Living Waters for the World, which builds water purifiers in towns and villages that don't have safe water to use. Each day, we brought in spare change from home to collect money to help LWW in their mission, and raised over \$120!



The kids stayed busy with games and crafts, too. Outside we ran water relays, tossed water balloons, and generally had a great time getting wet. Our intrepid crew of youth volunteers filled something on the order of six hundred balloons! In the parish hall we created water-themed



crafts including personalized water bottles, Play-Doh germs to remind us of how dangerous dirty water can be, and the beautiful mural of underwater sea life you can see in the colonnade right now.

Great thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a special week for the children! From the kitchen crew who served delicious meals every night, to the teachers, craft leaders, activity directors, and especially our youth volunteers, this couldn't happen without your hard work, patience, and love. To Jennifer, Meghan, Steve, Judy, Sarah, Gwen, Caroline, Andrew, Caitlin,



Leland, Nancy, Anne, Mitzi, Owen, Ethan, Nathaniel, and Madeline: Thank you all so much. It was a great blessing to work with each one of you.

Farewell to VBS until next July! For now, we carry out into the world gratitude for the clean, safe water we enjoy, care and compassion for those who still need access to water, and memories of friendship, fun, and fellowship. Be sure to check out our album of photos from the week on St. Tim's Facebook page if you haven't already! Thanks to everyone for a wonderful week--we're already looking forward to next year.



## Upcoming St. Tim's Youth Activities

**August 10-11: Diocesan Youth Back to School Service Weekend** All youth entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a time of service, fellowship, worship, and fun! We will be preparing the Deaconess Anne House for the arrival of a new group of corps members. Drop off is at 6 PM on Aug. 10 and pick up is at 5 PM on Aug. 11.

**September 9: SportsFusion Back to School outing** For youth grades 6-12. We'll play laser tag, scale the climbing wall, and check out the new Archery Attack.

**October 7: CROP Hunger Walk at Eden Seminary** Walk to raise money for hunger relief! CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. Sign-in is at 4:30, step-off at 5:00.

**Saturday, October 13: Interfaith service project: Feed My Starving Children** Youth from thirteen West County faith communities (including Episcopalians, Lutherans, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, and Hindus) will be gathering at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to help assemble prepared meals for hungry families. (Time to be announced.)

## The Whole Parish is Invited!

*When was the last time you stepped into our beautiful Sunday School Classrooms?*

*Did you know we have three classrooms upstairs, and three downstairs, along with a beautiful Youth Lounge, Toddler Room, and Nursery?*

**Come to the Parish Wide Sunday School Open House on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 9:40 - 10:40 a.m. and see it all!**

Ride the elevator! Enjoy refreshments! Meet teachers, students, and peek into the Adult Bible Study class. If you would like to register yourself or your child, take a look at the lessons coming up, or have any questions about our Christian Formation opportunities, you really should come. And bring a friend. It will be lovely. And to make it even more fun – **the Ice Cream truck will make its annual appearance around 10:00 a.m.** For more information, contact Heidi Carter, Lay Associate, on behalf of Christian Formation.

**PARISH WIDE OPEN HOUSE**

# St. Timothy's Endowment Fund:

## What is it and why should it matter to me?

Sometimes when church members start hearing about parish financial matters, their eyes glaze over, they have to go to the bathroom, or they remember a meeting they'd forgotten until right then. It doesn't have to be this way! Not many people are aware of the St. Tim's Endowment and how important it is to the life of the church. Let's change that!

### Q: What is an endowment?

An endowment is a fund set up by a church to receive gifts and bequests from multiple donors and is intended to be maintained on a long-term basis, providing support of the church's mission into the future.

### Q: Does St. Tim's have an endowment fund?

Yes, we do! It's been around for decades, but not many parishioners know about it.

### Q: Why do we need an endowment fund? Members make pledges to support St. Tim's already; doesn't that provide enough money?

The money given in pledges goes to operating the church and related expenses. The money given as an endowment has a different purpose:

*Every church, no matter how large or how small, deserves to have a well-structured endowment in place. Endowments breathe life into a congregation. They make new ministries possible, spark creative outreach projects, ease the burden of long-term capital expenses, and secure the future of our churches. From the donor's perspective, a well-ordered endowment provides a trustworthy means of making a legacy gift.*  
(From the Episcopal Church Foundation website.)

The Endowment Fund does make a contribution to our church budget each year. The amount is determined by a policy approved by both the Trustees and the Vestry.

### Q: What is that money used for?

It depends. If you give the church a gift or leave money to St. Tim's in your will, but don't specify what the money should be used for, it is called an "unrestricted gift." The unrestricted funds and the associated earnings are used for one or more of three main purposes:

- Providing seed money for new programs and ministries, including outreach, education, and the arts;
- Increasing the visibility of St. Timothy's in the community;
- Supporting extraordinary infrastructure needs.



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You can also make a gift, or bequest, with a specific purpose in mind, which is called "restricted gift." Examples of this would be designating it for use by family and youth programs, to enhance the music ministry, or for a specific addition or enhancement to the church. There are many other types of gifts you can make.

### Q: I've heard about "The Legacy Society." Is that part of the Endowment Fund?

Yes. The Legacy Society identifies those individuals and families who have or who plan to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund. There is no minimum gift commitment to become a member of the Legacy Society. All gifts will be gratefully received. An individual or family need only to make their intent known to an Endowment Trustee or the Rector.

### Q: Why should I make a gift to the Endowment Fund?

There are many reasons to give:

*"We have heard them, we know them; our ancestors have recited them to us...we recite them to the next generation. The praiseworthy and mighty deeds of the Lord, the wonders that He performed...that the next generation might come to know, children yet to be born. In turn they were to recite them to their children."* Psalms 78:3,4,6

- By making a gift to the Endowment Fund, you have made a long-term commitment to the ministry and fellowship of St. Timothy's and indicate the value you place on future of the Parish.

### Q: Who manages our Endowment Fund?

It is overseen by seven elected trustees who are members of the parish. They are: Brooke Forsyth, Chairman, Ginni Campbell, Secretary, Mike Cummins, Treasurer, Tim Butler, Cletus Coughlin, Gary Stansbery, and Larry Thomas. For more information on either the Endowment Fund or the Legacy Society, please contact an Endowment Trustee or the Rector. All questions are welcome!



# Family Ministries Upcoming Events

## Parish Camp Out Weekend – August 25 - 26

Clear your calendars on **August 25 & 26!** Family Ministries is planning a **camp out** down at Hide-A-Way Acres (the Moenkhaus Cabin) located on the scenic Black River. Activities will include swimming in the river, barbecue, and bonfire on Saturday and an inner tube float on Sunday morning. All are welcome for all or part of the weekend. The cost per person is \$30 for tubers and \$35 for rafters. If you can't join us for the float then a donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (under 16) is requested to cover the cost of food. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Space. Please sign up so we know how much food to bring. For those who sign up, we will also be sending out a list of items not to forget! Please contact Mike Wyland ([mlwyland@charter.net](mailto:mlwyland@charter.net)) for more information.

## Preschool Event – September 8 - NEW DATE

Family Ministries will be hosting our first fellowship gathering for preschoolers and their families on **Saturday, September 8** from **10:00 a.m. to Noon**. Join us on the youth lounge patio for fun, fellowship, and snacks. If it's sunny we will have outdoor activities that will include water play. If it rains we will move inside for the fun and games. RSVP by signing up in the Gathering Space. Please contact Meghan Collins ([med434@gmail.com](mailto:med434@gmail.com)) or Jill Bosanquet ([jilloa@gmail.com](mailto:jilloa@gmail.com)) with questions.

## Parish Family Camp – October 12 - 14

Join us for a fun, relaxing weekend of fellowship. This weekend is open to families with children of all ages. All accommodation, meals and lots of activities are included for the great price of \$250 per family. During the weekend we will have planned activities such as a hay ride, roast s'mores by a campfire and worship by the lake. For more information contact Ellen Ciesla ([emfciesla@live.com](mailto:emfciesla@live.com)) or Louise Pooley ([louise\\_pooley@hotmail.com](mailto:louise_pooley@hotmail.com)). Please sign up in the Gathering Space by **August 12**.

## Many Thanks

Many thanks to all the St. Tim's members who supported our events, and to the parishioners that have helped with our events so far this year:

- This year's Trivia Night would not have been possible without the assistance of Christine Jones, Tim, Sarah, and Gwen Johnson, and Christy Henke-Ratliff. We would also like to thank our auction donors: Steve Crock, Tony and Leslie Corey, Marshall Smith, Mitzi Uyemura, Tara Harris, Danielle Pennel and Alice Fritsch. Thanks also to our talented emcee, David Coulter. We were able to raise \$1,000 to support Family Ministries activities.
- We had a beautiful morning for the Car Wash and brought in nearly \$700 to support Family Ministries! Thanks to the following families who helped make it happen: Louise, William, and Amelia Pooley, Laura, Ellie, Charlie, and Robbie Catalano, Tara and Parker Harris, Sean, Gigi, and Declan Fowler, Ellen Ciesla, Mike and Liam Wyland, Jon, Lori, Michael, Daniel, and Adriana Hotra, Marshall and Stephanie Smith, and Tim, Sarah, Gwen, Adrian, and Brendan Johnson.
- We had a lovely evening for the Parish Picnic. Thanks to our grillers – Mike Wyland, Tim Johnson, Jon and Michael Hotra, and our activities planner Sarah Johnson.

**Please join us for the upcoming Family Ministry events!**

## Take, Bless, Break, Give

by Susan Moenkhaus

Did you know St. Timothy's has a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) ministry? This ministry goes back to the early church when members could not be present at Eucharistic gatherings for various reasons but wanted to have Communion brought to them. St. Timothy's has renewed its ministry of taking Communion to members who are unable to be present at our Eucharistic gatherings.

Under the direction of the Rev. Paul Metzler, the following nine members of St. Tim's congregation are trained and commissioned as EVs to take Communion to parishioners: Rose Marie Bell, Mimi Butler, Judy Flacke, Jackie Fleck, Linda Lawless, Judy Maloney, LaVerne Moseley, Holly Wilson, and me. The Rev. Sue Eastes works with Fr. Paul to coordinate requests for visits with available EVs, and I manage the EVs' schedules and assign available EVs.

The bread and wine are consecrated at the Sunday altar, and at the end of the service the EVs come forward to be "sent out" to the homebound from our Christian community with its blessing.

At the home of the person to be visited, the focus of the EV is on the Eucharist along with appropriate prayers, although there is time for a short social visit. The suggested order for the visit, which is tailored for each person, includes some conversation and sharing congregation news if the member is interested, setting the Communion table, conducting a short Liturgy of the Word, administering the elements, sharing a prayer of thanksgiving, and a dismissal. The EV is prepared to make the visit a holy time in a way that works for each individual.

We invite you to prayerfully consider if you feel called to this ministry or would like to know more about it. Fr. Paul and Fr. Marvin welcome conversation about this ministry and will answer your questions and arrange for training if you're interested.

If you or a family member would like to have an EV bring Communion, please contact the parish office. Please be assured that requests and conversations during the visits will all be held in the strictest confidence.



## Hunger. Illiteracy. Racism. Division.

**I Want to Make a Difference. I Want to be a Part of the Solution. Not just on the sidelines complaining, or feeling powerless.**

As baptized persons, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and strive for Justice and Peace. And we are sometimes fatigued to the point of being overwhelmed by bad news, crammed schedules, and worry. Let St. Timothy's be a part of the solution for you! Here we gather for strength, for peace and courage, holding on to each other, and go back out into the world to love and to serve. Come and learn how you can make a difference, without being crushed, because together with God's help we can make a difference.

A **Stewardship Time and Talent Fair**, along with a catered breakfast, is happening Sunday morning, September 30, following a combined worship service. Plan on coming, and bring a friend. For more information, contact Heidi Carter, Lay Associate, on behalf of the Stewardship Ministry Team.

**Connect. Grow. Love. Serve.**

## Episcopal Church Women's One-Day Retreat

*Sister to Sister:  
Episcopal Women in Community*



**August 25, 2018  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**St. Francis Church,  
Eureka, MO**

Please join the women of ECW for a one-day retreat. Shug Goodlow, ECW Chaplain, will give the keynote address and highlight the spirit of sisterhood. She will also lead us in an interactive discussion to help identify ways to discern how to become beloved community.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with The Rev. Melanie Slane, with the Annual Meeting following.

Cost: \$20.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please register at <http://tiny.cc/ECW2018retreat> by Friday August 17, 2018

# Report from the Treasurer, June 2018



Target revenues and expenses for 6 months (Budget %)	50.00%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 6 months	47.09%
Actual expenses for 6 months	48.90%

Overall income in the month of June was low at \$27,700. Facility Use income continued to be strong with payments received from the caterer using our kitchen as well as a trivia night held in the parish hall by the Kiwanis. A peek at the income in the first two weekends in July show a total of about \$29,000, so it looks like income will be stronger in the coming month.

Overall expenses were below average for the month and are running slightly below budget Year-to-Date. The net result for the month was a deficit of \$24,000, which gives us a YTD deficit of \$17,500. We expect to recover some of that in the coming months as summer vacations come to an end and the school year begins.

Please keep paying your pledges in a timely manner so that we can continue to stay financially strong throughout the year.

- The Finance Committee



## August Dates to Remember

### August Birthdays

10	Grace Holland
	Larry Lawless
	Nash Morgan
1	Tina Heuer
2	Peggy Boyd
	Laurel Dunworth
	Jack Jones
	William Pooley
	Ken Warhover
4	Allan Holley
	Cathie Muschany
5	Brad Barnes
	Eric Buckley
	Richard Buckman
6	Keith Pannel
	George Podolsky
7	Oliver Buckley
	Marj Gold
9	Gary Stansbery

30	Hannah McWeeney
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### August Anniversaries

1	Kim & Pat Dressel
3	Susie & Lance Kramer
11	Norma & Stewart Rayfield
14	Tina & Ray Heuer
20	Jan & Mike O'Neil
	Joy & Bob Rouse
22	Marlene Gruber & Jim Clark
23	Gina Frey & Bill Buhro
	Judy & Donald Flacke
26	Alice & Kirk Fritsch
31	Sandra & Nathaniel Murdock

## Friends, Families & Faves!

The annual St. Timothy's concert has a new name because we want you to bring your *Friends* and *Families* to hear your *Favorite* tunes! This family-friendly event will feature finger food, the most amazing balloon artist you've ever seen and music from across the decades by the **Gateway City Big Band** - there may even be some special guests! Mark your calendars for the evening of **Saturday, September 29** and stay tuned for details!

### A Public Conversation between John Danforth and Amy Chua: Overcoming Political Tribalism and Recovering Our American Democracy



September 6, 2018, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Graham Chapel at Washington University

Amy Chua, bestselling author and Yale law professor, will discuss her newest book, *Political Tribes*, with our own John Danforth. <http://rap.wustl.edu>

## 2018 - 2019 Daytimers Activities

The Daytimers Group was organized to provide activities in the St. Louis area and lunch opportunities for parishioners of all ages and their guests. We invite you to join us each month for the activity, and if you can, stay for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Exact date, time, and restaurant will be posted on the sign up sheet on bulletin board as arrangements are made.

- August 16:** "Sunken Cities, Egypt's Lost Worlds" at the Art Museum, lunch at the Panorama Restaurant
- September:** "Baseball: America's Game, Art, and Objects" at International Photography Hall of Fame, lunch at Triumph Grill
- October:** The World Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park
- November:** Craft Alliance, Center of Art and Design
- December:** Holiday Brass Concert at Manchester United Methodist Church
- January:** Backstage tour of the Repertory Theatre
- February:** A travelogue at church with pitch in luncheon
- March:** "100 Years of the Muny" at the History Museum
- April:** Tour the Gateway Arch and newly renovated Museum of Westward Expansion
- May:** Program at the Rain Garden, Sachs Library, Chesterfield
- June:** Open for suggestions

## Events in August

Thursday, August 9

- Babies, Toddlers & Twos Parent Group, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Sat/Sun, August 10 - 11

- Diocesan Youth Back to School Service Weekend
- Deaconess Anne House

Thursday, August 16

- Daytimers: Art Museum
- Sat/Sun, August 18 - 19
- Rice Bagging
- Sunday, August 19
- Farewell Reception for Holly Wilson, 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Sat/Sun, August 25 - 26

- Parish Family Camp Out on Black River
- Saturday, August 25
- ECW One Day Retreat, 9am-3pm, Eureka, MO

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