



Thank You, Outgoing Vestry Members

On behalf of the vestry, I would like to sincerely and profoundly thank our outgoing Vestry Members.
- Stephanie Andrews

Tammy Guy - Tammy's boisterous spirit and positive outlook has been steady in her service to the Liturgy and Music Ministry. Having a passion for music and the choir helped make our services "hum". In addition, Tammy was integral this year in making the Parish Picnic and Trunk or Treat tremendous successes.

Jack Hovden - Jack's attention to detail and love of numbers

helped to steer the Finance Team and the Vestry during the financial rocky road St. Timothy's has travelled during the recession. While many tough decisions have been made over the past three years, Jack helped to make sure we maintained a level head and a balanced budget.

Marshall Little - where to even begin? Marshall took the position of Junior Warden during the most difficult of times as it pertains to Building Maintenance - and took it to heart. During Marshall's tenure, we have replaced a roof, a clerestory, and an air conditioner; walls have come

down, literally; parking lots have been striped; leaks have been attended to - many times; fire alarms have gone off at all times of the day. These are just a few of the things to which Marshall has quietly attended.

Serving on the Vestry requires commitment, time and a passion for St. Timothy's. Each of these members rolling off exhibited all three. The next time you walk through the hallway and NOT get rained on...or enjoy the music at a service...or appreciate how well the finances are managed, please thank Marshall, Tammy and Jack for their service.

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On Being Episcopalian: And a Happy New Year

by Terry Swanson

So when is the “new year” anyway? Like so many dates, traditions, and celebrations it’s changed over the years. Some of the earliest celebrations were recorded in Mesopotamia around 4000 years ago. The Persians, Egyptians, Romans and Phoenicians identified the March equinox as the beginning of a new year. The Greeks celebrated it at the winter solstice. Julius Caesar declared January 1st as the official beginning of the new year and the name January was from the Roman god Janus, who had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back.

In the Middle Ages, March 25 was deemed to be the beginning of the new year because it coincided with the Annunciation – that is the day Mary found she was to give birth to the Christ Child. (That worked out pretty well because nine months later that set December 25th as Christmas, pushing out the pagan festivals being celebrated around the winter solstice.)

Today our church year really begins with Advent at the end of November but the Christian or Gregorian New Year falls on January 1st. For the church, January 1st, which is eight days after Christmas is the day Jesus was circumcised and formally named.

Actually this and every “new year” is a good time to take a few minutes and remember and reflect on what we, as Episcopalians believe:

- We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God (interpreted, not necessarily literal) and to contain all things necessary for salvation.
- We believe we are both catholic (that is universal) and protestant (that is reformed).
- We are a liturgical church. We actively participate in worship; we stand to praise, we stand or kneel to pray, and we sit to be instructed; we follow the seasons of the church year, which are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.
- We are a relational church and believe God’s love and grace are the rightful possession of all people. We believe God sent his only son Jesus to show us that love and we believe that God’s love and grace are best expressed through Christ’s body, the church.
- We are a sacramental church and believe in the two “great” sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist. We believe these two sacraments are essential to our Christian life. We also acknowledge Confession, Ordination, Anointing, Confirmation, and Matrimony as sacraments available to us.

I don’t know about New Year’s resolutions but here’s a sort of poem/resolution by Edgar Guest that I like:

A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let be said I’ve played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

And, finally, if New Year’s eve partying means you’ll miss church on New Year’s Day, take time to reflect on this New Year’s prayer:

Eternal Father, who gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. Amen

Salvation Army Casserole Ministry 2011

To God be the Glory... 2620 Casseroles

by Beverly Blaha

2011 Highlights

- Last year's record broken by 181 casseroles
- 996 Dozen Eggs boiled (11,952 Eggs) (10 dozen more than 2010)
- St. Timothy's Preschool's Lenten Service Project produced 166 Casseroles.
- We continued offering vegetarian casseroles.
- We continued to supply our foundational charity: Salvation Army (757)
- When the Salvation Army's freezers were adequately supplied we delivered to other food distribution centers where the need was immediate: Urbandale Food Pantry (877) Eddie Davis (551) Domestic Violence Services (139) Children & Families Urban Ministries (CFUM) (138) FreeStore (84) Connections Café (40) Central Iowa Shelter (34)



Two Feeding the 5000 Service Awards:

Marilyn McKinney ...942 casseroles including
445 dozen eggs (5340 eggs)
Harry Swanson...549 casseroles

Five Platinum Casserole Service Awards:

Dick and Susan Leonard...80 casseroles
Whitney Wheeler Family...83 casseroles
St. Timothy's Preschool...166
Jana and Dan Montgomery...204 casseroles
David and Beverly Blaha...357 casseroles



Three Golden Casserole Service Awards:

Swanson's 50th Wedding Anniversary...50 casseroles
Rev. Mary's Birthday...52 casseroles
Harry Swanson's Birthday...73 casseroles

Additional Special Gifts: Cole-Duvall's Anniversary-36 dozen eggs...St. Timothy's Lenten Service-15 casseroles...Young Adults in the Church (YAC)-20 casseroles...Just Faith-24 casseroles...Thanksgiving for Vestry Members-24 casseroles...Academy Tzedakah (charity project)-30 casseroles...Schneider's Wedding Anniversary-40 casseroles...Jennifer McKinney's Birthday-44 casseroles

In 2011 St. Timotheans responded to Christ's command,
"You give the people something to eat." Luke 9:13
Thanks to all.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Please visit <http://sttimothysiowa.org> for up-to-date happenings at St. Timothy's. You can also find St. Timothy's on Facebook at sttimothysiowa@groups.facebook.com.

Vestry Minutes - December 13, 2011

Present: Stephanie Andrews, Vince Preston, Lisa Hall, Mary Crandell, Marshall Little, Josh Wilson, Dick Leonard, Marjorie Proffitt, Tammy Guy, Mary Sheldahl (Treasurer), Bev Blaha (Prayer Team), Mary Cole-Duvall

Treasurer's Report:

November Financial Reports are not ready for viewing yet because of holding the Vestry meeting a week early. Mary Sheldahl will send them out to the Vestry as soon as they are ready. She doesn't anticipate any surprises compared to prior months.

Expenses are still trending down. Pledging is trending at about 95% received.

Building fund has about \$25,000 for the deferred maintenance and should be sufficient to fully pay for the air-conditioner.

We received a substantial gift from a parishioner. A portion of this will be used to fund the matching gift, and some of the funds will be donated to the Faith and Food Fund as well as the Faith and Grace Garden. The remaining balance will be set aside for deferred maintenance.

The Finance Team has had an opportunity to review the suggested credit card policy from last months meeting and have suggested the Vestry approve the policy. The Vestry approved the submitted policy. **(Little/Guy)**

Stewardship Weekend Update:

Total pledges have been received for \$304,331 in pledges from 128 pledgers. This leaves us approximately \$70,000 short of our hope. If the remaining pledgers from last year who have not sent in pledges yet submit pledges in the same amount as last year, it will add approximately \$26,000 to the total pledged. This will mean that we need to cut at least \$44,000 from the budget. Mary Cole-Duvall will be reaching out to these families after Christmas to see if there are any pastoral issues that she is not aware of.

Vestry Nominations:

The Nomination Committee reported that three parishioners have accepted nomination to the upcoming vacancies on the Vestry and they are still looking for one nominee.

Upcoming Events:

Vestry will hold an extra meeting on January 10th to discuss Budget concerns exclusively. The Annual Gathering is January 29th. Vestry Retreat is set for February 3rd-5th.

Submitted by Vince Preston, Clerk

Thoughts from Tammy Guy

"I agreed to serve on the vestry because it was an opportunity to give back to the community which has been so supportive in my life. While the last three years have had their highs and lows, I am glad I made the commitment. Being a vestry member has given me the chance to learn so much more about what keeps a church going than just sitting in the pews can do. I think the highlight for me has been getting to know people from all three services who I might not have otherwise met. It has certainly been a worth while experience and a great opportunity to make a difference."

-- Tammy Guy

Feast of St. Timothy and Annual Gathering

On the weekend of January 28 and 29, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Timothy at the 5 pm Saturday service and the 8 and 10:15 am service. The Annual Gathering with potluck lunch will immediately follow the 10:15. Childcare will be available. This will be a time of fellowship, reflection and thanksgiving. More details to come.

Did You Know That St. Timothy's Has An Endowment? by Mary Sheldahl

Our St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Capital Endowment Fund was established in 2000. Our Funds are held in the Iowa Diocese Fund and are managed by the Diocese Investment Committee and Harris Trust(Chicago). The purpose of the endowment is to enable the parish to plan for future Capital needs improvements beyond what is possible through our annual operating funds. Distributions from the fund shall be limited to the capital needs of the parish and such other purposes as are specifically designated by donors to the parish whose gifts are included in the Endowment Fund.

Tax Deductible Contributions of any amount can be given to our endowment at any time. Contact Kim Harman, Bookkeeper (225-2020) or Mary Sheldahl, Treasurer (225-3826) for more information on how you can make a contribution to St. Timothy's Capital Endowment Fund.

EYC News by Lacey Howard

THANKFUL FOR EYC FUN On Friday, November 25, twenty youths from St. Tim's and St. Anne's, Ankeny, gathered with friends for a fun night of roller skating, all-you-can-eat pizza, swimming, movies, and a hotel sleepover. What an awesome way to celebrate our community of faith and friendship! (photos to come)

EYC BAKE SALE AND SANTA SACK ADOPTION Thanks to the generosity and cookie-loving nature of St. Timotheans, the EYC has been able to adopt a local family of four through West Des Moines' Santa Sack Program. Twenty-five youths and adults divided into teams and shopped for Christmas gifts and a grocery gift card for a Mom and her three teenage children.

DIOCESAN SKI TRIP There's no snow yet, but its time to get registered for SKI TRIP! This is one of the most fun, well-attended events of the year. We have more than 100 youths and adults gathering for a weekend at Pictured Rocks Camp in Monticello and a Saturday of skiing/snow boarding at Sundown Mountain near Dubuque. Its a blast—just ask the St. Tim's youth and adults who attend this trip year after year.

Here are the details for the 2012 SKI TRIP:

Dates: Friday, January 20 through Sunday, January 22

Accommodations: Picture Rocks Camp—beds and showers provided. You should bring a pillow, bedding, towels, and a swimsuit for the Camp Courageous pool. All meals except lunch Saturday (at Sundown Mountain) are provided. Sledding and other snow activities available.

Pricing: Lodging and TShirt: \$50. Lift ticket only (bring your own equipment): \$35. Lift ticket + rental + lessons: \$61. Helmet rental: \$8. If you need help coming up with your total due, ask Maureen Hada or Lacey. All checks should be made out to St. Timothy's with a note for "EYC SKI TRIP"

Bring cash for: Dinner on the drive Friday night, lunch on the mountain Saturday, lunch on the drive Sunday, and any other needs/wants at camp or on the mountain such as canteen items or sodas, etc.

New permission forms and 2012 medical forms are required.

ALL FORMS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS ARE DUE TO ST TIM'S COORDINATOR MAUREEN HADA OR THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD.

Prayers & Celebrations

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit:

Jacob, Bill, Betty, Patti, Angela, Heather, Ronda, Glenn, Tom, Marilyn, Chuck and Jeanie

For those in service to our country:

Jacob, Trevor, Mary, Joel, Phillip, Christopher, Joseph, Jeremiah, Ted, Keith, Nathan

Happy Birthday to:

Jan. 1: Paige Krantz

Jan. 3: Elayne Bice, Karen Voss

Jan. 5: Christopher Marshall

Jan. 6: Nicholas Marshall, Mike Schneider

Jan. 7: Rosemarie Caliguira, LeAnn Phillips

Jan. 10: Craig Koopal, Hilah Schneider

Jan. 11: Millie Uding

Jan. 12: Edward Mansfield, Lynn Power, Kevin Saunders

Jan. 13: Mary Scout Cole Duvall, Dorothy Payne

Jan. 14: Annie Waskom

Jan. 15: Susan Curley, Ella Sayeed

Jan. 17: Devin Bruner, Edie DePhillips

Jan. 19: Randy DePhillips

Jan. 20: Gloria Blondino, Gracie Cobb, Gordon Flinn, Dena Losen

Jan. 22: Joseph Brennan, Lea Hollwager

Jan. 23: Andi Bouma, Gary Smith

Jan. 24: Maggie Bice

Jan. 27: Frank Harrison, Lorenelle Howe, Joey Nobis, Laura Rice

Jan. 28: William Greenwood, Robert Hollwager, Brad Modlin, Chuck Raffay

Jan. 29: Kelsey Hagen, Barry Moranville

Jan. 31: Alexandra Andrews, Kenley Bouma

Happy Anniversary to:

Jan. 6: Mary & Milton Cole Duvall, John Wheeler & JoEllen Whitney

Jan. 23: Katie & Jim White

Jan. 29: Manuala & Robert Seaholm

St. Timothy's Youth at Play



St. Timothy's

Episcopal Church & Preschool
1020 24th Street, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Celebrating and sharing God's love in a
welcoming faith community

TO:

Upcoming Events at St. Timothy's

Saturdays:

9:00am Centering Prayer

5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sundays:

8 am Holy Eucharist

8:45am Child Care available

9:00am Christian Formation for all ages

10:00am Children's Ark

10:15am Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel

Mondays:

6:30pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm O.A.

Wednesdays:

10 am Staff Meeting

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Cubs Club

4:15 pm Evening Prayer

4:30 pm "Living the Questions"

5:30 pm Concluding Prayer

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays:

7:45pm Recovery Group

Fridays:

10:00am Books, Brew and Banter

Jan. 1: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (1 service Sunday)

Jan. 2: Office Closed

Jan. 6-8: Confirmand Urban Immersion

Jan. 11: Confirmation Meeting

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 29: Feast of St. Timothy and Annual Gathering

In Lent – every Wednesday evening from February 29 through March 28 –

5:30 – Simple Supper

6:15 – 7:45 – Study/Discussion – more information will be sent in late January (childcare available upon request)