



St. Timothy's Newsletter

December 2018



Joy to the World! (Already, and Not Yet.)

For most of December, the days get shorter and darker. Here in Northeast Ohio, Lake Erie seems to take great pains to make that even more evident. In John's gospel, Jesus stands a prisoner before Pilate on Christ the King Sunday, and the Advent readings from Luke's Gospel are not exactly "inspirational," in the joy-filled sense.

Sometimes, the Hope of Advent is less about anticipation, and more about reminding us why we need this Savior to be born—for us, and to us, and in us. Sometimes, the Light of Advent is found in the remembrance of God's promises, while hoping in the midst of increasing darkness.

The song, "Joy to the World" has an interesting track record. In some hymnals, it is an Advent song; in some hymnals it is a Christmas song. And, sometimes it moves from one category to another in subsequent printings of the same hymnal. Like we're not sure which category it belongs in.

And maybe the reason for that moving back and forth is because this Advent/Christmas song, more than the others, speaks across time. Or maybe even outside of time. We see this in the opening line: "Joy to the world! The Lord is come." We are waiting for what already is. We anticipate the accomplished arrival. We await what has already happened. There is joy in the world because before the beginning of time, we know how this story ends. And that means we also know how *our* story ends. From the beginning, we know the end. The Alpha and the Omega. And so together, through this dark Advent, we wait with joy and hope, as our hearts prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Faithfully,

Fr. George



SALUTATIONS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As we begin the joyous Christmas season, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. This is one of my favorite times of the year because so much is happening around us and all of it is driven by the celebration of the birth of Christ. Everyone seems to be in a great mood and is swept up by the spirit of the season. Christmas music can be heard all around us. Lights and decorations adorn the houses and the stores (although sometimes they come out a bit too early). This is a great time to reflect on the year and see what went well and where we may have fallen short in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. As we set new goals and resolutions for the New Year, always remember to be thankful for what we have and strive to be good stewards with the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. I am so thankful for the wonderful people of St. Timothy's who are so generous and kind to everyone. May God bless you all.

STEWARDSHIP 2019

The Stewardship campaign runs every year at this time. It affords the Vestry a good understanding of the support that can be expected in the coming year as they tackle the budget for 2019. Stewardship, however, is not a one month campaign but a year round ministry of the church. Each of you received a pledge card where you were asked to show your support in different ways. Financially, of course, is important to pay the bills. However, it is not the only way you pledge support to the parish. We all have talents we can share here, whether it is gardening, cleaning, singing, doing small repairs or any of the other wonderful talents God has blessed us with. We can also pledge our support to St. Timothy's through our time, volunteering to help with Fellowship and Outreach activities, ushering, serving on Vestry, providing office help, prayer chain and helping with the many organizations here, like ECW and Altar Guild to name just two. Is there any reason why we cannot return a pledge card to the church highlighting one of these areas? Thank you for your continued support of this parish in all you do and all you give.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES **December/January**

December 2- Annual Massillon Candlelight Walk. Walk the tour and see all the churches decorated for the Christmas season. Our choir will be performing that night and the Candlelight Walk is a great way to kick-off the season. Cookies and cider will be served.

December 5, 12, and 19th- Advent Brown Bag concerts at 11:30 AM. Jay Spencer will play the organ on the 5th, Andrew Bolden will sing for you on the 12th, and Mark Thewes, Dean of the Stark County Guild of Organists, will perform on the 19th. The weekly Wednesday service will follow.

December 5- One Man Christmas Carol. The Rev. John Ferris returns to St. Timothy's to perform Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. If you haven't seen his performance before, you will truly be amazed as he plays all the characters of the story using dynamic facial expressions and incredible tonal qualities. This is the original piece that Dickens himself performed throughout London as a way of promoting the book. The performance is free of charge with refreshments after the performance.

December 12- "The Man Who Invented Christmas". This is a delightful movie we will show in the Parish Hall that imagines Charles Dickens' writing of "A Christmas Carol". It starts at 7 PM and light refreshments will be served.

December 16- A Chorus For A Cause Christmas Concert. A Chorus For A Cause, four time winner of favorite performance group in Stark County, comes to St. Timothy's to perform their Christmas concert. It is wonderful music from this 80+ member choral group that will put you in the holiday spirit. There is no charge for the fabulous music, although free will donations are accepted.

January 6- ECW Epiphany Tea will be held immediately following the 10 AM service. What a great way to celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas.

January 20- Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 AM service. We will review the past year at St. Timothy's and look forward to 2019 as well. Lunch will be served.

January 27- St. Timothy Sunday. Celebrate the patron saint of our church with a Swiss Steak Luncheon in the Parish Hall at approximately 11:30 AM. The food is great and the company is even better. Don't miss it.



Birthdays of the Month

December

Nancy Jobe 12/5
Paul Doxsee 12/7
Jack Williamson 12/11
Corey Culler 12/16
Holli Moore 12/18
Dana Ehmer 12/19
Robert Long 12/25
Diane Mizer 12/27
Lillian Baum 12/30

Birthdays

Debbie Coltrin 12/6
Sarah Douglas 12/11
Kristie Baker 12/16
Dorothy Rhoads 12/16
Paul Kaboth 12/19
Carla Moore 12/20
Brendan Moore 12/25
Robert Schroeder 12/27



December Anniversaries

Jay and Laurie Bomze 12/16/89
George and Nancy Cazan 12/28/88

Treasurer's Corner October 2018

October 2018 Contributions
(4) Sundays \$13,105.00
Savings
\$6,000.00

Thank you so very much for your continued support and please continue to keep your pledge up to date. Remember that the bills don't take a vacation, but together, we can keep our church a thriving church.

Thank you so much!!!!!!! Dave Coltrin, Treasurer

2 Cents-a-Meal

The 2 Cents-a-Meal Program collects your loose change for the purpose of buying food vouchers for the hungry. Look for the money box in the Parish Hall.

We collected \$60.30 in the month November.
Thanks for all your support.
No need to roll the coins.



St. Timothy's Hike & Bike Club

2018 Sunday
Fall/Winter Schedule

Trail Rides/Hikes

Meet at 12:00 Ride/Hike when ready

Ride if you are willing and able

Walk if you prefer

For riders and hikers of all levels

No one left behind

December 9 17th St. Lincoln Park - West towards Dalton - out and back



Baptisms

Richard Charles Sherer, IV
November 11, 2018

Christmas Outreach

St. Timothy's is privileged to again participate with the Salvation Army and has adopted five needy families with a total of eight children for this year's Christmas Outreach. Please check the "Christmas Outreach Area" in the parish hall for the children's gift wishes and suggestions for adult gifts and stocking stuffers. Non perishable food items for Christmas dinner, Stockings and stocking stuffers and cash contributions are also welcome. ALL CHRISTMAS OUTREACH GIFTS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 16. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.

One Man Christmas Carol

The Rev. John Ferris returns to St. Timothy's to perform Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol on December 5 at 7:00 pm. If you haven't seen his performance before, you will truly be amazed as he plays all the characters of the story using dynamic facial expressions and incredible tonal qualities. This is the original piece that Dickens himself performed throughout London as a way of promoting the book. The performance is free of charge.

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FLOWER AND CANDLE MEMORIALS DECEMBER 2018

December 2, 2018

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Caitlin Bradford Fellows by her grandmother, Jane Lauritzen and parents, Steven and Kristine Fellows.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Scott Adams Lauritzen by the family of Dean G. Lauritzen.

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Mary Vasilo's 91st birthday by Mark and Candy Dickerhoof and family.

The Eucharistic Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our brother, Robert M. Hess, III

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert M. Hess, III by his family.

The Advent Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Francis S. and Betty D. Clark by Deborah C. Coltrin, William Clark and Mary Tyler.

December 9

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Will Boyd's birthday by his parents, Ted and Cricket Boyd.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hans Peter Lauritzen by the family of Dean G. Lauritzen.

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Jo Conner's birthday by her loving husband Terry Conner.

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December 16

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Jo Conner's birthday by her loving husband Terry Conner.

The Chapel Flowers were given by Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Kenworthy Hoge.

The Sanctuary Candle was given by Carla and Tim Moore to the Glory of God and as a family memorial.

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December 23

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barry Busse by Nancy and George Cazan.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sandy Aegerter and Jane Erickson by Muffy and Will Miller.

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ike, Mary (Tootie) and Brin Lewis by the Lewis Family.

Flowers Continued

December 23

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December 30

The Beautiful Poinsettias which adore the church were given by many members and friends of St. Timothy's to the Glory of God and also as a memorial to loved ones and in Thanksgiving for special gifts.

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**Advent Brown-Bag Recitals & Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays in Advent**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
"Music for the Season"



December 5th: Jay Spencer, Organist at Palace Theater.

December 12th : Andrew Bolden, Choir Director at St. Timothy's

December 20th: Mark Thewes, Dean of the Canton Chapter of AGO.

The recitals are free, but please bring canned or dry food for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Memorial Poinsettias for the Christmas Services can be ordered through December 17th. The price will be \$8.50 per plant. When filling out the order forms please put only one order per form. You can pick up extra order forms in the Parish Hall. If you are unable to pick one up please feel free to give Candy a call in the church office (833-3183) and she will be glad to send one out to you. Don't forget, one order per order sheet. Any questions can be directed to Judy Wigginton 330-854-3168.



The EPIPHANY TEA will be celebrated this year on Sunday, January 8th, immediately following the 10:30 service. *Everyone* is invited to stay & partake of cakes, finger sandwiches & other goodies provided by your ECW. All are welcome.

**Epiphany Lessons
and Carols**

3pm, Sunday, January 6th



**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

The Choirs of St. Paul's and St. Mark's in Canton will join the Choir of St. Timothy's for a festive celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany.

One last chance to sing all your favorite carols as we celebrate the revelation of the Incarnation to the world.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone who donated blankets. We collected 74.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE FALL UTO INGATHERING. WE COLLECTED \$388 WITH 26 PARTICIPANTS.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

All loose cash and other offerings so designated on the *first Sunday of each month* go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The RDF is a very important tool for the Rector's ministry, so please, put a little extra cash or a check designated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in the plate. Thanks.



Getting to Know Mary Vasilo

Mary Vasilo has been a faithful parishioner of St. Timothy's Church since the 1950's. She grew up in Youngstown, OH, and met her future husband, Roy at a dance in Massillon. She was 15 at the time, and Roy courted her for 7 years, before the families arranged for them to be married at St. Timothy's in 1950, by Mary's priest from Youngstown. She's been attending St. Tim's ever since.

Mary and Roy raised three sons in Massillon: Kris—the eldest—lives in Illinois, Timothy passed away in 2015, and Phillip, the youngest, lives in Atlanta. Over the years, Mary has been very active in parish events. She served as Secretary to the ECW, and taught Sunday School in what she called “the big room” upstairs.

Mary has been a generous supporter of St. Timothy's in many ways. (If you look at the base of the candlesticks in our Chapel, you'll see that they are dedicated in memory of her husband Roy, given by Mary and her sons.) If you come to church for anything other than our 8am service, you'll probably see Mary in attendance. She faithfully comes to the Wednesday 12:10pm service, every Sunday at 10am, and pretty much any evening activity—weather permitting.

Mary Vasilo is a beacon of joy in our parish, who will talk to anyone who wants to chat, and has been known to enjoy a good book and a glass of wine.

Fall Outreach Activities

This year for Thanksgiving St. Tim's was thankfully able to extend help for Thanksgiving dinner and supplemental groceries for eight local families. This included 11 adults and 20 children.

We were blessed to provide 74 warm blankets for some who might otherwise not have warmth in the upcoming cold months.

And this year St. Tim's has adopted 5 families in coordination with the Salvation Army. They include 8 children (6 boys, 2 girls) and 6 adults.

St. Tim's agrees to provide:

1. A Christmas stocking with several stocking stuffers for each child
2. 3 presents for each child.
 - a. The Salvation Army provides to us the child's “wish list”. This is only a guide. The family is appreciative of whatever St. Tim's is able to provide.
 - b. Also the parent/guardian provides needed item suggestions and clothing sizes.
 - c. The sign up sheets for the children's presents and stockings are now posted in the parish hall. (All presents should be wrapped and tagged with the child's name. **DO NOT INDICATE WHO THEY ARE FROM. AS FAR AS THE CHILD KNOWS THEY ARE FROM SANTA. The presents should be here at the church by no later than Monday Dec. 17th.**
3. Enough food for Christmas dinner and 2 or 3 extra meals (Anyone interested in helping to grocery shop and pack up for each family please contact Ann Higgins 330.605.7001. We will probably be doing this Tues. Dec. 18th. Not sure yet if it will be afternoon or evening.
4. For the past few years St. Tim's has also included:
 - *Some items for the parent(s) – gloves, warm hats, gas cards, gift cards (ie. Walmart or Bob Evans restaurant) **If you are interested in helping with any of these items please contact Ann Higgins @330.605.7001.**
 - *Book of Bible stories for each child (appropriate to age)
 - *A stuffed toy for each child under 7yr.

Thank you All for your past and future Generosity!
Outreach Coordinator,
Ann Higgins

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Worship Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 2	8am and 10am Holy Communion
Weds, Dec. 5	11:30am Lunch Concert, 12:10pm Holy Communion
Sunday, Dec. 9	8am and 10am Holy Communion
Weds, Dec. 12	11:30am Lunch Concert, 12:10pm Holy Communion
Sunday, Dec. 16	8am and 10am Holy Communion
Weds, Dec. 19	11:30am Lunch Concert, 12:10pm Holy Communion
Sunday, Dec. 23	8am and 10am Holy Communion
Monday, Dec. 24	6:30pm Family Service with Holy Communion 10:00pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, Dec. 25	10:00am Holy Communion
Weds, Dec. 26	NO midweek service
Sunday, Dec. 30	8am and 10am Holy Communion
Weds, Jan. 2	12:10 Holy Communion
Sunday, Jan. 6	8am and 10am Holy Communion 3:00pm Epiphany Lessons and Carols



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Chael Brady
Grover Buhr, Clerk
Bob Meyer

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Connie Keplinger
Bob Schroeder, Sr. Warden

St. Timothy's Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel through Liturgical Worship, welcoming hospitality, and community outreach.