



St. Timothy's Newsletter

October 2019



Some Things Are Better Left Unsaid

So, last month, we had a very successful series of dinners and presentations about Christopher Webber's book, "Welcome to the Episcopal Church." We all learned quite a bit (including me), and it provided a good opportunity for those who are newer to the Episcopal Church to get some kind of understanding about their adopted church home.

One of the things that came up over and over was how the Anglican Communion (which includes the Episcopal Church) has at its core an understanding that our common worship is what holds us together. Some church bodies (Lutherans, Presbyterians, etc) are held together by a common confession, or set of beliefs. That is, their faith statements are what unite them, and then the local worship style is sort of up to the local community, based on those shared beliefs.

Our Anglican roots lead us toward the opposite conclusion. That is, we agree to worship in a common style, and then individual beliefs are open to a wide interpretation given an individual's personal faith journey, and God's work in their lives. And we trust that over time, praying shapes believing. (*Lex orandi, lex credendi* is the Latin phrase for this.)

Soooo . . . the reason I bring all that up in the context of the above title is this: Over the summer, some members of the Massillon Area Clergy Association (MACA) were adamant that the group adopt some kind of faith statement. Not surprisingly, the proposed document had quite an evangelical/fundamentalist bent to it. The Lutheran clergy and I offered a contrary statement that was essentially, Love God, Love your neighbor, Change the world.

At the October 1st meeting, lots of clergy got quite close to yelling at one another over which statement to choose or-my own position-whether it was necessary to even have any kind of faith statement. It got so crazy that a Baptist minister suggested we adopt the Apostles' Creed! (Baptists are famous for saying "No creed but Jesus.")

Anyway, I'm not sure how all that's going to shake out at our November meeting. Hopefully we will end up focused on Jesus and serving our neighbors in Massillon, and let some other minds decide how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. Meanwhile, I leave you with another classically Anglican approach to such arguments: All may, none must, some should. That about sums it up.

Now, come, let us worship God together.

Faithfully,

Fr. George



SALUTATIONS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

When the choir returns in the fall, it seems like the church enjoys a new uplifting spirit that permeates through the entire congregation. Music is such an important part of our church life, and we are fortunate at St. Timothy's to enjoy a great choir under the leadership of the very talented Choir Director Andrew Bolden. We are blessed. In addition to the wonderful choir, we are so fortunate to have a truly remarkable organist in Levi Muriuki who provides the organ accompaniment for the choir. I was delighted to attend a concert that Levi performed in Cleveland recently at a private residence. Close to 75 guests were mesmerized by the music this young man performed on both the organ and piano. When he finished, he was given a standing ovation by his appreciative audience, and then thrilled us with an encore. It was a truly remarkable afternoon. When you hear Levi perform, it is hard to believe he has been playing the organ for only five years. Levi only learned to play the instrument after he arrived in the United States in 2014. What a truly remarkable individual he is. Thank you, Levi, for providing us with your gift of music each and every Sunday. You make our parish and our lives better by sharing your incredible gift with us.

STEWARDSHIP



There it is. The dreaded 3 syllable word that brings chills to the bones. Yet, it is a critical part of the church year. The Stewardship pledge envelopes went out recently. Hopefully everyone received one already. If not, please alert the church office and Candy can send one to you. As always, we ask that everyone respond in a timely manner. The pledge card is merely a good estimate of the financial support that can be expected in the following year so a budget can be prepared to present to the parish as a whole at the January annual meeting. Many people contribute every year but do not return a pledge card, but it would make budgeting so much easier if you did return the pledge card. The Finance Committee and the Vestry need to make decisions based on the response and some of those decisions are difficult and heart shattering if it appears we do not have the necessary support to run the parish efficiently. Please respond prayerfully and thoughtfully during October. Thank you

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS October/November

October 6- Annual Blessing of the Animals. Bring all your furry, creeping, slimy and flying friends for this blessing. Even our animal friends need a little Divine assistance. Gathering starts at 2 pm.

November 24- This is our annual blanket Sunday. We will collect blankets during the month of November and bless the collection on this Sunday, then give them to the Salvation Army to distribute to those families needing a little extra warmth this winter. Again this year, our goal will be 100 blankets. Please help us make that goal.

November 24- Last Sunday Evensong program. Remember, we are holding this service the last Sunday of every month. It will start at 6 pm.

November- Thanksgiving Outreach program. We will, again this year, furnish Thanksgiving dinner for a number of families who may need our assistance and, at the same time, show our thanksgiving for the many gifts we have been blessed with. The full list of items will appear in the bulletin as we get closer to the holiday. Please keep looking for the list and help as you are able.

The Change Challenge

Pennies (and quarters, checks, and paper money) are stacking up successfully as we try to make our \$1000 challenge by the end of 2019. We're on track to make the mark! Thanks to everyone who contributes to the penny box on Sunday mornings. And thanks to Friends and Family Credit Union for allowing us free use of its mechanical counter so we don't need to roll the coins. Margy Vogt

Treasurer's Corner August 2019

August 2019 Contributions

(4) Sundays	\$10,232.00
Choir Fund - TOTAL	\$12,030.00

Thank you so very much for your continued support. When your out and about, remember St. Tim's and keep up your pledge. Together we can keep our church a thriving church.

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

FLOWER & CANDLE OPENINGS

If you are interested please call the church office at 330-833-3183.

Month of October Eucharistic Candle

October 6 Niches

October 27 Chapel, Niches

Month of November Eucharistic Candle

Chancel \$50.00 Chapel \$35.00

Niches \$30.00

Eucharist Candles \$16.00 - for the month

Five Branch Candles \$30.00 – for the month

Sanctuary Candle - \$5.00

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.

St. Timothy's History Committee

The next history committee work session will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23. The committee has made excellent progress identifying old photographs and filing them in archival folders so they will be preserved and easily referenced for generations to come.

The committee would like to have two copies of every photo directory—one to preserve and one to use. Do you have any to share? Please give them to Margy Vogt or deliver them to the church office.

AS OF JANUARY 2020 THE MEMORIAL FLOWER/CANDLES ARE GOING UP IN PRICE!!!!

Chancel \$55.00 Chapel \$40.00

Niches \$35.00

Eucharist Candles \$20.00 - for the month

Five Branch Candles \$30.00 – for the month

Sanctuary Candle - \$5.00

SUNDAY SNACKS

After the 10am Service, we invite everyone to the parish hall for coffee and snacks. While Ron kindly makes the coffee each week, those snacks don't make themselves. If you're interested in providing something on occasion, please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall. You'll be glad you did. (And so will we!)





October Birthdays

Robert Bossart 10/ 3
Wanda Hann 10/13
Cristin Baum 10/18
Reese Kester 10/20
Jake Miller 10/28

Elizabeth Keene 5
Lisa Smith 10/13
Andrew Bolden 10/18
Praveen Kurian 10/28
Kelsey Gerber 10/30

Ken Jarvis 10/12
Mary Lou Long 10/15
Gerry Nessar 10/20
Hayden Keene 10/28
Kelly Hann 10/30

October Anniversaries

Jim and Nancy Jobe 10/8/88
Larry and Nancy Hann 10/20/79
Michael and Megan Drumm 10/22/11
John and Elaine Harris 10/25/69

Elizabeth and Andrew Keene 10/15/94
Bob and Ellin Schroeder 10/20/73
Mary and Allan Humbert 10/24/81
Dana and David Ehmer 10/27/84



**In Loving Memory of
Those Who Have Died**

George Cazan
September 5, 2019

The New England Cruise scheduled for
September 2020 has been CANCELLED.

**ST. TIM'S BLANKET DRIVE
THROUGH NOVEMBER 24**



**Salvation Army Red Kettle
Bell Ringers**

We will be ringing the bell for
the Salvation Army again this
year. It will be at Giant Eagle,
Massillon from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY,
November 27. Watch for a time-slot sign-up sheet on
the Outreach board in the Parish Hall.



REMINDER

NO 12:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY SERVICE
ON OCTOBER 23, 2019



**Donut Sunday Choir/
Fellowship Fundraiser**

We will be having "Donut Sunday" the first Sunday
of the month. \$1.00 a donut. The proceeds are go-
ing to the choir / fellowship fund.

PRAYER CHAIN

Carol Smith is the leader of St. Timothy's Prayer Chain.
She can be reached at 330-854-2534 or by email at
maplehillfarm@sssnet.com. Please submit any names for
the Prayer Chain to Carol. If you would like to join this
ministry talk to Carol. There can never be too many peo-
ple praying!

Flower and Candle Memorials - October 2019

October 6

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

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

The Niches: OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha and Lewis Lewis by The Joleen Lewis Family.

The Eucharistic Candles: OPEN

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn and Raymond Long, Dorothy and Harold Young, Mary and Horace Wertz by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long.

October 13

The Chancel Flowers were given by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Keplinger to the Glory of God and in celebration of Elizabeth and Andrew Keene's anniversary.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kathy Sutherland by Christine Hoge Eckhauser M. D..

The Niches: OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Loyola and Roland Moore's anniversary by Tim and Carla Moore.

The Eucharistic Candles: OPEN

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn and Raymond Long, Dorothy and Harold Young, Mary and Horace Wertz by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long.

October 20

The Chancel Flowers were given by Chris Streb to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Burtney Smith.

The Chapel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her grandmother Hilda Edwards and her father Don Cornell by Jay and Laurie Bomze.

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

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rice by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burns.

The Eucharistic Candles: OPEN

The Five Branch Candles were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn and Raymond Long, Dorothy and Harold Young, Mary and Horace Wertz by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long.

October 27

The Chancel Flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, W. Lewis Lash, her son, W. Lewis Lash, II and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vogt by Ruth Lash.

The Chapel Flowers: OPEN

The Niches: OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Aunt Weezie Lewis by Ronnie Lewis Family and The Hartman Family.

The Eucharistic Candles: OPEN

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“CHOIRMASTER’S CORNER”

We had a lovely first run of Evensong, the last Sunday in September. Thanks to Bill Kendrick for filling in as organist for the service. We're hoping to have these as many times as schedules allow, the last Sunday of each month.

However, we're foregoing having a service in October because we will instead be joining with the choirs of St. Mark's and St. Paul's for a joint Evensong service on November 3rd, in honor of All Saints Day.

This service will be held at 4pm, Sunday, November 3rd at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (425 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton, OH 44702), and will feature the musicians and choirs of all three parishes. Join us if you can!



Thanksgiving Outreach

The holidays will be here before you know it. It is time to start thinking and praying for our Thanksgiving Outreach. We will be feeding families from the area. I would like to encourage the participation of volunteer family groups to donate time, group shop and pack the grocery items. We also always include a personal note from St. Tim's Church and a new Bible. If you are interested in volunteering individually or as a group, please contact Ann Higgins (330.833.2887) to discuss when and how.



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

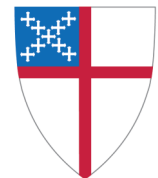
ITEMS NEEDED:

(All food items should be new and no low fat or diet items please. Per the request of the Salvation Army).
Canned corn, green beans, peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, peaches or other fruit or vegetables
Large bag of noodle, Large box of spaghetti, Large Jar of sauce, Large jar of peanut butter & Large jar of jelly, Large box of Cheerios, Large box of instant mashed potatoes, Turkey gravy in jar and Large box of macaroni & cheese.

We will also need money to purchase the perishable items and items not donated so cash contributions are always welcome. Absolute Deadline: Sunday, November 24.(after 10:30 a.m. service).

Diocesan Convention, Nov. 8-9

If you are interested in serving as a delegate to this year's Diocesan Convention, please speak to Fr. George as soon as possible. The convention will be held in Sandusky November 8th and 9th (with all business being conducted on the 9th). We can send up to three delegates each year, and having representatives from St. Timothy's ensures that our voice is heard in the Diocese. All baptized and confirmed members are eligible.



Registrations are due by October 11th, so if interested, please make yourself known.

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY

Sunday, October 6, at 2 PM
we will have the
annual blessing of the animals
here at St. Timothy's.
Please bring your furry friends,
slimy sidekicks,
and pretty pets that afternoon
for a blessing and a treat.
All God's creatures need a
little help from above.
Whether they walk, hop,
fly, slither or swim,
all are welcome that
day here.



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ST. TIMOTHY'S STAFF

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Choir Director: Mr. Andrew Bolden

VESTRY

Term Expiring January 2020

Chael Brady
Grover Buhr
Bob Meyer

Term Expiring January 2021

Jeanne Glick, Treasurer
Connie Keplinger
Bob Schroeder, Sr. Warden

Term Expiring January 2022

Terry Conner, Jr. Warden
Sarah Emmert
Christine Streb, Clerk

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.