

SHE WILL NAME HIM  
**IMMANUEL**

—ISAIAH 7:14

*Dear Friends,*

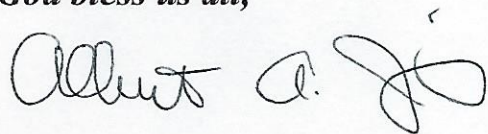
*Have you ever heard someone say, “Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?” I remember being asked that question as a child. On the inside, my answer was, “Of course not!”, but on the outside, I said, “Yes.”*

*Christmas can be tricky. On the one hand, we make lists of things we want; some of us have short lists, while others have longer lists. We show love in the giving of gifts to others, but I hope that “all we want” is not found completely in our gift list.*

*The birth of Jesus represents that God resides in a new way with us. The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh from the wise men were sacrificial and symbolic gifts of commitment. St. Nicholas is best known – not for climbing down chimneys with a sack of gifts- but for saving three young girls from sex slavery.*

*May we get some of what is on our gift lists. May we also grow in our connectedness to God, grow in our generosity to others, and know moments of awe, silence, joy, and even tears this Christmas.*

*God bless us all,*



*The designated 2017 Christmas Offering  
will be split evenly among:  
Providence House, Cleveland  
Haven of Rest, Akron  
Episcopal Relief & Development: Hurricane victims*

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE TIDINGS

*St. Timothy's Mission: To celebrate Christ's healing love through worship, fellowship, and outreach.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, **December 24**, 4th Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am (no 8:30 am service); 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Family service and the No Rehearsal Pageant; 10:00 pm, Traditional Christmas Eve service
- Monday, **December 25**, 10:30 am Christmas Day service
- Sunday, **December 31**, all reports are due in the office for the Annual Report; 8:30 & 10:30 am services, as usual
- Monday, **January 1**, 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, **January 7**, 5:00 pm, Twelfth Night-Fun Night
- Sunday, **January 28, 2018**, 11:45 am, St. Timothy's Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- Friday & Saturday, **February 2 & 3**, Diocesan Winter Convocation



JANUARY, 2018



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## CHURCH HAPPENINGS



### Ronald McDonald House

Keep pulling those tabs daily, and at holiday gatherings; bring them to church.



KEEP PULLING THOSE CAN TABS.



Please, submit your group's annual report, for St. Timothy's Annual Meeting on January 28. The task of compiling all these reports becomes much easier when all of them are on hand. The finished product must go to print no later than January 17.

The deadline for February Tidings is **MONDAY** **January 15,** 9:00 am.



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

*Thank  
You*

*St. Timothy Friends,*

*Thank you all for your loving support at this time and always! I appreciate the insights & love you give me for raising my family & now for grieving my / our losses.*

*Blessings to all,*

*Mara*

Please, use the **“In Kind” Donations (non-cash gifts) forms** when asking the value of your items donated to St. Timothy’s be counted on your statement. When requesting reimbursement for money spent in service to St. Timothy’s, please use the **Request for Reimbursement forms**. Both are on our website and paper copies are on the entrance table. **Both are required by our auditors and should be in your own handwriting.**



*Heavenly Father,*

*As we go about our daily activities, help us to remember all of our blessings & to offer our thanks to You for all you have given us.*

*Amen*

As we celebrate this season of goodwill & gratefulness for God’s most precious gift to us, please take a moment to reflect on all your blessings, offer a prayer of thanks, and drop a few-or many— coins into your UTO box. They are available at the table by the front entry.

Jeanne

## OUTREACH

In January, Outreach is collecting one pound bags of dried beans: navy beans, peas, lentils, if it’s a dried bean, please grab a single pound container.

Open M and Outreach thank you for all your gifts.



**ECW****Annual Christmas Bake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who baked Christmas cookies, helped with the Bake Sale, and purchased Bake Sale items. We raised a total of \$1,519.00 this year.

ECW

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**DEACON'S REFLECTIONS**

Three days before my 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, dad made the ultimate sacrifice for his kids. He took me, and two younger brothers, to a David Cassidy concert at Cleveland Public Auditorium. In late January of 2016, I stepped back into that venue. But on stage, instead of a pop singer, were tables with boxes of supplies. I was back to volunteer for the Homeless Stand Down. The place that gave me joy as a child was now the place where people of all faiths came together to offer help to people, some who are homeless, but most are working minimum wage, disabled or veterans.

This year, HSD is Saturday, January 20. Guests receive medical care, HIV testing, podiatry, haircuts, coats, hats, boots, a warm meal, hygiene products and more. Numerous social service agencies help people sign up for various benefits and provide info about finding work. Volunteers serve a meal, help guests find clothing and boots, work at the haircut or medical station, check in or out, and other roles. Volunteer photographers take a portrait of each guest or family who asks. Holding tight to the 8 x 10" print in its cardboard frame, guests head back out into the cold with supplies, clothes and hope.

I'll be back in January, not to relive my childhood but to hopefully live into my faith. Jesus taught us a new normal, where the powerful are humbled and the poor are lifted, fed, clothed. If you'd like to volunteer, check out [www.handsonneo.org/HomelessStandDown](http://www.handsonneo.org/HomelessStandDown). Registration should open late December or early January.

Anne

## PROGRAM NOTE

This year we will reprise the infamous “No Rehearsal” Christmas Pageant during the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. It is both meaningful and fun. Parts are randomly given out. There are no speaking parts, except for the narrator, being played Albert.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Crockpot Olive Garden Chicken

Serves: 4

#### Ingredients

4 boneless skinless Chicken Breasts (Thawed)  
¼ cup grated Parmesan Cheese  
16 oz. Olive Garden Italian Dressing

#### Directions

Mix together Italian Dressing and Parmesan Cheese in medium mixing bowl, and stir well.

Place chicken in Crockpot, and pour dressing mixture over chicken.

Cover Crockpot, and cook on LOW for 8 hours, or until done.



### Lazy Crockpot Lasagna

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 small onion , diced
- 2 cloves garlic , minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 large jar (45 oz) high quality pasta sauce
- 4 cups mozzarella cheese
- 1 large package (25-30 oz) cheese & spinach filled ravioli (uncooked)

#### Directions

1. Brown ground beef, onion and garlic over medium heat until no pink remains. Drain any fat.
2. Stir in Italian seasoning and pasta sauce. Cover and simmer 10 minutes.
3. Spray the inside of a 6-7 qt crock pot with cooking spray. Layer sauce, ravioli and cheese.
4. Repeat layers ending with cheese. Cover and cook on low 3-4 hours.

## RECIPE CORNER

### Slow Cooker Buffalo Chicken Chili

**Ingredients:**

1 pound of ground chicken  
1 can white navy beans, drained and rinsed  
14.5 oz can fire roasted tomatoes, drained  
4 cups chicken broth  
¼ - ½ cup buffalo wing sauce (start with ¼ cup and add more at end if needed)  
1 package ranch dressing mix  
1 cup frozen corn kernels  
½ teaspoon onion powder  
½ teaspoon garlic powder  
½ teaspoon celery salt  
½ teaspoon dried cilantro  
¼ teaspoon salt  
8 oz cream cheese  
Blue cheese crumbles (optional)

**Directions:**

Brown ground chicken until fully cooked, place in crock (or brown ahead of time and store in fridge until ready to assemble)  
Add remaining ingredients except for cream cheese and blue cheese and give it all a stir to combine  
Add block of cream cheese on the top and cover  
Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 8  
Stir to incorporate cream cheese and add additional wing sauce as desired  
Top individual bowls with blue cheese crumbles if desired



In this season of giving, it is essential that your donation be marked appropriately. We are grateful for your gifts and want them to go to the purpose you desire.

Please write the designation on your giving envelope, be it pledge, Flowers, memorial, building fund, Rector's Discretionary Fund, etc.



*Merry Christmas from the church staff.*



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE for JANUARY, 2018


	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Jan 7</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Jan 28</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Judy H Cheryl	Sandy R Pauline	Pat Maureen	Linda Marcy	Jeanne Linda
<b>*ACOLYTES</b>	volunteer	10:30 a 5:00 p Ella Zoie	Tommy K	Cheryl	Mike H Carlene
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>		Edie Linda	Nancy-Anne Lois	Marcy Mike	Cheryl Mike
<b>GREETERS</b>		Kathleen	Linda	Joan	Kathleen
<b>USHERS</b>		Marcy Mike	Cheryl Mike	Marcy Mike	Cheryl Mike
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Bill Nancy-Anne	Jim D Lydia	Mike M Sandy D	Nancy-Anne Lydia	Jim Bill
<b>SEASON</b>	<b>Holy Name of Jesus <i>white</i></b>	<b>Epiphany I <i>white</i></b>	<b>Epiphany II <i>green</i></b>	<b>Epiphany III <i>green</i></b>	<b>Epiphany IV <i>green</i></b>
	Rite II	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Rite II	Rite II
	<b>Ps 8</b>				
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>	Karen R	Marjorie	Nancy-Anne	Peter	Marjorie
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON</b>	Pat, Num 62:22-27	Judy S	Cheryl	Gayle	Suzanne
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON</b>	Maureen Gal 4:4-7	Lois	Gayle	Sandy	Mara
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Pat	Peter	Nancy-Anne	Bill	Marjorie
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Any changes made to this schedule must be made to the copy above Karen's desk, also.

If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.

\*Acolytes: it is imperative that you arrange any trade of dates. This is your responsibility.\*

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Noon AA meeting</p> <p>8:00 p AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 p AA meeting</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30 a Morning Prayer</p> <p>10:30 a Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00 p 12<sup>th</sup> Night-Fun Night</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 a Holy Chatter</p> <p>Noon AA meeting</p> <p>8:00 p AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 p AA meeting</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8:30 a Morning Prayer</p> <p>10:30 a Morning Prayer</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>9:00 a Tidings deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon AA meeting</p> <p>8:00 p AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Noon Heinen's Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 p AA meeting</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist</p> <p>2 Cents a Meal</p> <p>10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p> <p>2:00 p Nursing Home service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 a Holy Chatter</p> <p>Noon AA meeting</p> <p>8:00 p AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 p Potluck Program</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 p Vestry Mtg (T)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 p AA meeting</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8:30 a Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:30 a Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:45 a Annual Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Noon AA meeting</p> <p>8:00 p AA Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00 p Potluck Program</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>			