

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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



DECEMBER, 2018

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Let's try something different this Advent.

The Presiding Bishop of our denomination The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry gave a dynamic and uplifting sermon at the most recent royal wedding in England. The sermon was about love. He has encouraged the Episcopal Church to be people of the Jesus movement by receiving and sharing Jesus' love with others.

All churches are invited to participate in a program called "The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus Centered Life". We are embracing this program here at St. Timothy's.

Here is how it works:

On the four Sundays in Advent, (December 2, 9, 16, & 23), all ages - adults and youth- will gather at 9:30 am for coffee, juice, yogurt, and donuts. We will then break into two groups. The first group led by Albert, will follow the curriculum— Journeying the way of Love. (Information can be found on our Facebook page.) The second group led by Catherine Gouldlock & Kelly Kijauskas will work on a shorter version of the curriculum and will do several arts & crafts. We will end prior to 10:30 am; we will all worship together at 10:30. To put this another way, we will have multi-generational activities at 9:30. Since we will all worship at 10:30, there will be no Sunday School at 10:30.

The greatest need in this world is for love. I believe God is calling us each to be a person of love so that we can be a people of love. I invite you to participate.

Albert

FROM THE VESTRY (Last meeting on October 25)

1. We accepted the gift of a St. Francis statue; we have not yet determined where it will be placed.
2. New Windows software was installed in the church computer; it may take a while for all functions to be fully operational.

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**The deadline for
January
Tidings is
MONDAY
December 17,
9:00 am.**

FROM THE VESTRY CONTINUED

3. We approved a service contract for our heating and air conditioning systems.
4. We are researching a cupboard for candelabra.
5. We created an agenda for our upcoming Planning day.
6. We have reworked our newspaper advertisements.
7. We adopted our Mission Statement. See it on our Sunday Bulletins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, **December 1**, 11:00 am, Memorial Service for Marianne Morgan
- Saturday, **December 8**, ECW Christmas Cookie Sale
- Friday, **December 21**, "The Longest Night", musical and reflection
- Sunday, **January 20, 2019**, Annual Meeting

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

UTO

Thanks to all who participated in the previous UTO in-gathering. Just a reminder that new offering boxes are available in the basket on the entry table. Your generosity helps fund many worthwhile programs and is greatly appreciated.

Jeanne

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I want to thank You for my countless blessings. I thank You not only for the food I have to eat, lovingly prepared for me, but also for spiritual gifts, in particular the loved ones I cherish dearly, a comfortable place to live, the beauty that surrounds me, health, and spiritual wealth to name a few. I acknowledge you for the countless blessings You've provided. I thank You for giving us clear direction through Your Holy Word. Through good and bad times, help me to see that we are blessed beyond measure. Amen.



Ronald McDonald House

Pull those tabs, all through the holidays!



The Longest Night

From time to time, we have had a program or a service for those who find the Christmas Season painful. This year, we will have such a program. On Friday, December 21, the longest night, we will gather at 6 pm for pizza (provided by the church). Then we will listen to a CD of a musical program remembering loved ones who have died. We will have a discussion following the music. We should be finished by 8 pm. If this goes well this year, we will consider having an actual performance next year. Invite a friend to be with those who understand.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

St. Timothy's Chili Dinner 2018



1. \$25 Speedway Gift Card - Donated by Albert and Gay Jennings - Won by Teri Lindeman
2. \$25 Speedway Gift Card - Donated by Albert and Gay Jennings - Won by Dick Cashion
3. \$100 Russo's Gift Card - Donated by Bill and Suzanne Palmer - Won by Dick Cashion
4. \$100 Giant Eagle Gift Card - Donated by Mary Ann Richmond - Won by Hannah Rockwell
5. Bountiful Vineyard Wine Gift Basket (Value \$150) - Donated by Ronald and Lydia Hester - Won by Allen Wargo
6. Wine, DVD, and Popcorn Basket (Value \$54) - Donated by Dick and Jeanne Cashion - Won by Jim Dudziak
7. \$25 Applebee's Gift Card - Donated by Joan Papciak - Won by Mary Kay Foth
8. \$25 Chicago Deli Gift Card - Donated by Chicago Deli - Won by Andrea Bennett
9. Chili's \$45 Gift Card - Donated by Marjorie McDougale - Won by Lydia Hester
10. \$50 Cash - Donated by Scott and Gayle Landers - Won by Kelly Kijauskas
11. \$50 Brewster's Gift Card - Donated by Mike and Cheryl McDonald - Won by Kelly Kijauskas
12. Fandango \$45 Gift Card - Donated by Marjorie McDougale - Won by Lillian DeMattia

OUTREACH FOR JANUARY

We will collect 1 pound bags of dried beans, peas this month.

Our November drive to collect 15 oz cans of **SLOPPY JOE MIX** for Open M ends this Sunday, November 25.

Our goal of **210 cans, to help fill Christmas food baskets, is at 171 at print time.** We need 39 more cans. **November 25 is the last day** we can receive sloppy joe mix. Thank you for your sharing. What we do matters.



Outreach Committee

DEACON'S REFLECTIONS

Maybe you're baking, or cleaning or decorating. On Sunday we might sing, "Come, thou long-expected Jesus." Advent gives us a time to reflect and prepare for God's coming in Jesus. And yet, while we get things ready for Jesus, we know that he's already present. How can we wait for him and respond to his presence at the same time?

Contemplation and Action are partners in the spiritual life. As we pray and worship, preparing to receive the infant Jesus, we can also remember the man Jesus became. We can remember his message: *When I was hungry, sick, a stranger... you fed, treated, welcomed me.* Advent can be a time of contemplation and action, a time of prayer and response. Maybe you can pair Sunday worship with a bit of volunteering at a charity you support; or take part in one of the parish's outreach activities that you've never tried. Or slow down and let Jesus come to you in a stranger.

At work, meeting with leaders during a downtown community meal, one of the guests asked if I'd watch her baby while she helped her two other kids get food. Little Juliana was quiet but observant, taking it all in, smiling that adorable baby smile they have. Watching her, I realized how sometimes I focus on the task at hand and miss the person, the reason for our action. I need contemplation to inform my action, and action to give my contemplation life. I pray that for Advent you include contemplation on Jesus' coming and action that cares for him in others.

Anne

ECW

Cookie Sale

Please consider signing up to be one of our bakers for the Christmas Cookie Sale on [December 8](#) from 9:00-1:00. We are using new packaging. If you want to pack your own cookies we will have the bakery bags out on [Sunday](#). There is new packaging for a dozen or half dozen cookies. If you prefer we can package your cookies. You then can pick up a plastic container to layer your bakery dividing each layer with paper. This year we will keep some of each cookie out for bulk selection for those that want to mix their cookies. Also please pick up an ingredient card to display so our customers know what is in each recipe for allergies etc. Thank you to all bakers and workers!!!

Catherine Gouldlock and Cheryl McDonald.



NUTS ARE IN

Nuts Have been packaged. Please pick up your order ASAP. Nuts will be sold after Sunday services and at the Cookie Sale. Thank you for your support of these fund raisers.

RECIPE CORNER



Melt-In-Your-Mouth Pumpkin Cookies

Yield: 60 cookies

Ingredients:

2 cups butter, softened
2 cups granulated sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
15-ounce can pumpkin
4 cups all-purpose flour

Frosting

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 to 4 cups powdered sugar (add until desired consistency/firmness)
ground cinnamon sprinkled on top (optional)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl beat the 2 cups of butter with an electric mixer on medium speed for 30 seconds. Add granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, the 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and the nutmeg. Beat until combined. Beat in the eggs and 2 teaspoons of vanilla until combined. Beat in pumpkin. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in remaining flour with a wooden spoon. Drop dough by heaping teaspoons 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until tops are set. Transfer to wire racks to cool.

For frosting, in a small saucepan heat the 1/2 cup butter and brown sugar until melted and smooth. Transfer to a medium bowl. Stir in milk and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Beat in powdered sugar until smooth. Spread frosting on cookies.

Annual Reports are due in the church office on December 31.

Annual meeting is January 28, after 10:30 am service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for DECEMBER, 2018

	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 24, 5 pm	Dec 24, 10 pm	Dec 25	Dec 30
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Sandy R	Colleen Judy H	Jeanne Linda	Sandy R Pauline	Cheryl TBD	Linda TBD	TBD TBD	Cheryl Judy H
*ACOLYTES	Mike H Ella	Lillian Karen R	Carlene Cheryl	Karen R Pat	Carlene Ella	Cheryl Lillian	Mike H	Karen R
HOSPITALITY	Mara Rick	Linda Joan	Allen Bill	Cheryl Mike				Pat Judy H
GREETERS	Joan	Nancy	Linda	Kathleen	Nancy	volunteer	volunteer	Joan
USHERS	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	volunteer	volunteer	Cheryl Mike
COUNTERS	Sandy Mike	Jim Nancy-Anne	Jim Bill	Sandy Mike				Nancy-Anne Bill
SEASON	Advent I <i>blue</i>	Advent II <i>blue</i>	Advent III <i>blue</i>	Advent IV <i>blue</i>	Christmas Eve <i>white</i>	Christmas Eve <i>white</i>	Christmas Day <i>white</i>	1 Sunday after Christmas <i>white</i>
	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II
CHALICE BEARER	Anne	Cheryl	Peter	Anne	Pat	Marjorie	Karen	Jim
1ST LESSON	Nancy-Anne	Suzanne	Pat	Mara	Cheryl	Nancy-Anne		Pat
2ND LESSON	Lois	Mara	Maureen	Judy	Lois	Peter		Mara
INTERCESSOR	Anne	Jim	Bill	Anne	Pat	Marjorie	Karen	Jim
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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.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:00 a Memorial Service for Marianne Morgan 8:00 p AA meeting
2 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 9:30 a The Way of Love 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	3	4 Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	5 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	6	7 4 p – 8 p Cookie drop off	8 7a-8:30a Cookie drop off 9 a- Noon ECW Cookie Sale 8:00 p AA meeting
9 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 9:30 a The Way of Love 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	10	11 10:00 a Holy Chatter Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	12 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15 8:00 p AA meeting
16 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 2 Cents a Meal 9:30 a The Way of Love 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p Nursing Home service	17 9:00 a Tidings deadline	18 Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	19 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	20 Noon Heinen's Group	21 6:00 p "The Longest Night"	22 8:00 p AA meeting
23 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 9:30 a The Way of Love 10:30 a Holy Eucharist Stripping of the Altar, Advent music	24 5:00 p Christmas Eve Eucharist 10:00 p Christmas Eve Eucharist	25 Christmas 10:30 a Holy Eucharist Noon AA meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	26 6:00 p Potluck Program 6:45 p Finance Mtg	27 7:00 p Vestry Meeting	28	29 8:00 p AA meeting
30 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	31 New Year's Eve					

