



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

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

FEBRUARY, 2020

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

How about something different this Lent?

When I was young, our priest encouraged us to give up something for Lent. I remember giving up chocolate one year; the chocolate feast on that particular Easter was memorable. After several years, I realized that I was pretty good about giving up things for Lent, but when Lent was over, my life went back to the old normal.

I think I was missing something. What I was missing was the "new beginning" aspect of Lent. New, temporary disciplines can become habits. These habits can have a continuing effect on our lives long past Lent.

This year, let's "pick up something". How about we learn, practice, and focus on happiness and joy. I am not talking about fantasy or make believe, but on working to be people who seek to grow in the spiritual gift of joy. The Potluck Program on Wednesdays will look at this. Consider being a part of this experiment!

FROM THE VESTRY special meeting: January 5, 2020

1. The 2020 budget was approved.
2. The Housing Allowance Resolution was approved for 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, **January 25**, 1-4 pm, Scrapbooking
- Sunday, **January 26**, 11:45 am, Annual Meeting, then Luncheon.
- Thursday, **January 30**, 7:00 pm, Vestry Meeting
- Friday & Saturday, **February 7 & 8**, Diocesan Convention
- Sunday, **February 9**, Bishop Hollingsworth will visit
- Sunday, **February 16**, after hospitality, Altar Guild Meeting
- Saturday, **February 22**, 1-4 pm, Scrapbooking
- Tuesday, **February 25**, 5:00 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 26**, Noon– 2:00 pm, Drive Thru Ashes
7:30 pm, Ash Wednesday service



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The deadline for
March
Tidings is
MONDAY
February 17,
9:00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

- Saturday, **February 29**, 9:00 am, ECW Annual Brunch & Meeting
- Sunday, **March 15**, 3-5:30 pm, Wine Education Fundraising Event



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Official Annual Meeting Notice: Our Parish Annual meeting is Sunday, January 26, following the 10:30 am service. A luncheon will follow.

Bishop Hollingsworth will visit here on Sunday, February 9. If you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your baptismal vows on that day, please let Albert know ASAP.

All Altar Guild Meeting

Current, former, and prospective members please join together for a brief re-training, Q & A time and fellowship. Get a cup of coffee and join us in the Sanctuary after the 10:30 service on FEB. 16. The active membership list is shrinking, and we welcome new Guilders.

Sandy Rockwell and Linda Smith, Co-chairs

Ronald McDonald House

We took 14# of pull tabs to Ronald McDonald house today. They said thank you very much.

And we also say thanks to everyone that continues to bring them in.

Teri & Phil Lindeman



Keep pulling those Tabs!

Put out a container for Super Bowl parties & collect can tabs.

UTO Prayer

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Amen



ECW

Annual Meeting & Brunch

ECW will be having their annual breakfast and meeting on Saturday, February 29 at 9:00 AM. All women of St. Tim's are automatically members so please join us for some fun and fellowship, and bring something to share! Invitations are going out soon.

Kathleen, Maureen and Lillian

Nut Sale Results

Another successful nut sale is complete with ECW realizing a profit of \$571.15 ready for distribution. Many thanks to all who participated whether you helped to repackage the nuts to those of you who purchased them for whatever purpose. All nuts were sold by Christmas, a new achievement for the sale.

We hope to see this again in the fall when the next sale will be underway.

Mary Ann and Jeanne

ECW Christmas Cookie Sale, December 14, 2019

I volunteered to be the co-chair of Christmas Cookie Sale again this year after picking it up at the last-minute last year due to the move of Marcy, the existing Chair. I was helped this year by the new co-chaired Lillian DeMattia and the generous help of Cheryl McDonald, Suzanne Palmer, and Mara DeMattia. We split the planning, purchasing, and other duties between us.

We were able to get together via meetings, email, text, and phone calls to coordinate the event. We met the deadlines to get the write-up in the tidings, bulletin inserts, and the flyers were posted. We continued with print advertising, also posting it on Facebook and the website. We were able to make announcements for several weeks prior to the event during the church services. As with other events, we should have a checklist for the timing of steps needed in the process. This is something I will create for next year.

We planned for more sales than last year and the initial hit as we opened. I was helped by Anja and Zoie to set up the tables on Thursday, which worked out well. We added additional tables in the Sunday School room and had both rooms set up with prepackaged and some mix and match options. The extra space was a great idea as the cookies were spread out and people were able to move around easier. I put on Christmas music to play during the sale and it added to the atmosphere.

The overall event was well received, and the total was \$2112. The cost of supplies was around \$175, and advertising was around \$485. We had over 430 dozen (or equivalent) cookies made by over two dozen people. Presales totaled \$330, sales day totaled \$1549.50, and follow-up sales totaled \$232.50. We only had 16 dozen leftovers.

We had nuts and jewelry out for sale and those were handled separately from the cookie sale.

ECW CONTINUED

Supplies needed/purchased:

We purchased additional bulk containers, large bags, small bags, clear containers, and labels. The remaining containers and bags will be set aside for use next year. We had plenty of t-shirt bags to pack up the cookies and that worked perfect with the size of the containers.

We used cloth tablecloths from my house and borrowed from friends. It was mentioned that there are cloth white tablecloths in the shed that were used in the past. We can utilize this for next year as well as for Mother's Day. We can use runners, placemats, and other items to add color to the tables.

The banners were updated, and the cost was covered by Cheryl. They were put up after Thanksgiving, but the soil was too mushy to hold them up correctly. We should put those posts up and not remove them.

Comments/Suggestions:

The weather was rainy then light snow, but that didn't seem to stop people coming out. Within the first hour was the bulk of the sales. We could use additional check-out people and helpers for that first hour next year. I had to create several of the documents that we used for posters and instructions. Those documents will be uploaded to the website so we can reuse them next year.

Because of some samples being placed out, we had an issue with people initially sampling the mix and match cookies. This was a problem until the boxes were moved to the back and we had people moving around explaining. Suggestions for next year is to either not have any samples or to have the mix and match in a predefined location with someone doing the boxing. I like the latter idea and think that having a table for mix and match would be a good focal point.

We also had an issue with dropped cookies. We should plan for more boxes or baskets for people to use when selecting cookies. We could also use more helpers walking around with people.

People asked for Buckeyes and we didn't have any of the regular ones to sell. We had plenty of lemon and they went fast again this year. Someone suggested having a section for candy and getting more people to make that.

For leftovers, we didn't have that many this year. What we did have are in the freezer to use at the annual meeting or some other event.

Overall, it was a great event and I am glad I did this again. We had a whole lot of fun putting it together. I really hope that next year the weather will cooperate!

We really want to thank everyone who jumped in to help. Whether it was bringing in items, advice, setup, or cleanup, people were great!

Catherine Gouldlock

DEACON'S REFLECTIONS

In my career, I've been laid off from two jobs, due to bad economies. Both came as a shock. Even now, years later, a part of me still gets anxious when a boss or client says, "Can I talk to you?" Subconsciously, I'm expecting a repeat of the bad news that came with those words. Those experiences of being hurt, while painful at the time, have had a positive effect too – they've given me a concern for others who are enduring life's struggles. It's said that you have to "walk the walk" to truly help someone... maybe that's why talking with unemployed and low-income folks comes easily; I've been there.

What are the struggles you've endured? God can use those experiences to lead you in helping others in similar trials? Maybe you're ready for a "downstream ministry" like providing food to a pantry for those in crisis. Or maybe the Spirit is moving you to take on an "upstream ministry" like tutoring youth, giving them skills for the long haul. Downstream ministry is rescuing drowning people; Upstream ministry is going up river to find out why so many are in situations that cause drowning, and helping to change that.

In Jesus, God teaches us to care for the least and those who are suffering. What have been your hard times? Ask God to show you a way to use the experiences for good.

Anne

OUTREACH FOR FEBRUARY

We will collect **Canned Soups** all this month. The bin is under the table near the front door. Thank you for all your gifts of food.

Outreach Committee



SAVE THE DATE

Wine Educational Fundraising Event

Sunday, March 15, 3-5:30 pm

Spennato's, Northfield

Featuring

"Old World Grapes from New World Vines"

NOTE: We are trying something new with a SUNDAY date instead of Saturday.

Everything else will follow the same format as in the past.



Suzanne Palmer

RECIPE CORNER

Philly Cheesesteak Sloppy Joes



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 8 ounces brown mushrooms minced
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup beef broth
- 8 ounces Provolone Cheese Slices, chopped (use 6oz if you don't want it very cheesy)
- 6 brioche hamburger buns

DIRECTIONS:

1. Add the ground beef to a large cast iron skillet (this browns very well) and brown until a deep brown crust appears before breaking the beef apart.
2. Stir the ground beef and brown until a deep crust appears on about 50 or so percent of the beef.
3. Remove the beef (you can leave the fat) and add the butter and the onions and bell peppers and mushrooms.
4. Let brown for 1-2 minutes before stirring, then let brown for another 1-2 minutes before stirring again

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY, 2020



	FEB 2	FEB 9	FEB 16	FEB 23	FEB 26
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Marcia	Nancy Sandy R	Jeanne Pat	Judy Cheryl	Pat
*ACOLYTES	Karen Carlene	Ella Lillian	Mike H Cheryl	Pat Carlene	Karen Mike H
HOSPITALITY	Karen Sandy	Bishop's lunch	Linda Joan	Mara Rick	
GREETERS	Louise	Linda	Joan	Louise	
USHERS	Cheryl Mike	Cheryl Mike	Phil Mike	Cheryl Mike	
COUNTERS	Nancy-Anne Bill	Jim Mike	Jim Bill	Nancy-Anne Mike	
SEASON	4th Sunday after Epiphany	5th Sunday after Epiphany	6th Sunday after Epiphany	Last Sunday after Epiphany	Ash Wednesday
	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II	Rite II
CHALICE BEARER	Pat	Anne	Peter	Marjorie	Cheryl
1ST LESSON	Suzanne	Linda	Nancy-Anne	Mara	Mara
2ND LESSON	Mara	Judy S	Jeanne	Gayle	Suzanne
INTERCESSOR	Karen	Anne	Bill	Jim	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.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 p AA meeting
2 Groundhog Day 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	3	4 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	5 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	6	7 Diocesan Convention	8 Diocesan Convention 8:00 p AA meeting
9 8:30 a Holy Eucharist Bishop Hollingsworth visits 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	10	11 Noon AA Meeting 8:00 p AA Meeting	12 Lincoln's Birthday 6:00 p Potluck Program 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 8:00 p AA meeting
16 2 Cents a Meal 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist 2:00 p, Nursing Home service	17 President's Day 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	22 Washington's Birthday 1-4 p Scrapbooking 8:00 p AA meeting
23 8:30 a Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Holy Eucharist	24	25 Noon AA Meeting 5:00 p Pancake Dinner 8:00 p AA Meeting	26 Noon- 2 pm Drive Thru Ashes 7:30 p Ash Wednesday service	27 7:00 p Vestry meeting	28	29 9:00 a ECW Brunch & Meeting 8:00 p AA meeting