

## **2011/2012 Special Events & Other Programs for Children and Youth**

Along with regularly scheduled worship services and classes, we have a number of special events throughout the year which involve families and children of all ages. Be sure to mark your calendar!

### **Family Sundays**

Designed for the whole family to enjoy. Just grab your coffee and your kids and come to the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Eucharist and enjoy learning something new with your kids! Intergenerational activities for all ages—you can even bring grandma and grandpa.      November 27: Advent Wreath Making    •    February 12: Share the Love

### **Christmas Pageant**

The Christmas Pageant takes place at the 9:00 am Eucharist on the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 18. This annual production involves children and youth of all ages. Participants attend one rehearsal the Sunday before the production, December 11, 2011.

### **Stewardship for Children**

Stewardship is not only for adults! Children at St. Timothy's are encouraged to pledge a part of their income (allowance, babysitting or lawn mowing money, etc.) to God's work in this place. The purpose of this program is to encourage an early understanding and practice of giving back to God a part of what we have been given. Also, each week when you grocery shop with your children, please encourage them to select some non-perishable foods or personal items for the Red Wagon (which go to the Inter Parish Ministry food pantry)!

### **Communion Instruction**

St. Timothy's provides Communion Instruction for children whose parents want them to begin taking Communion or who have already been taking Communion. A Holy Eucharist Preparation Course will be offered for 2nd & 3rd Graders January 4-28, 2012. See Judy Gardner for details.

### **Vacation Bible School**

For the 15th year in a row, St. Timothy's joined with The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection and Anderson Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for a week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) in June. Over 320 children, adults, and teen helpers enjoyed a week of Bible learning, worship, music, and other activities, all celebrating God's love. Plans are underway for a joint VBS June 11-15, 2012, from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

### **"Genesis" and "Exodus" Weekends**

Sponsored and run by the Diocesan Youth Office, "*Genesis*" (for grades 6-9; December 9-11, 2011) and "*Exodus*" (for grades 9-12; March 30-April 1, 2012) Weekends are opportunities for retreat and renewal for high school students. A number of St. Timothy's youth have participated in these retreats over the past few years and have found them to be meaningful and renewing. Youth at St. Timothy's are encouraged to participate in one of the weekends sometime during their Junior and Senior High School years. Visit the diocesan website for more information or to sign-up: <http://youth.diosohio.org/>

### **Fellowship Activities for Families**

St. Timothy's includes families and children in a number of ongoing activities centered around fellowship and fun. Watch the website and weekly bulletins for these events and activities. A picnic ends the school year with a celebration for the whole family.

### **Appalachia Service Project**

During the past 9 summers youth in grades 8 through 12 have joined adults from St. Timothy's to serve for one week with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). ASP is a home repair ministry with the goal of helping people who can't afford to help themselves by making their homes warmer, safer and drier. Watch the website and weekly bulletins for information about the 2012 trip.

### **El Hogar**

El Hogar is an Episcopal boys and girls school and orphanage in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. Youth and adults from St. Timothy's have made numerous mission trips to El Hogar over the past 11 years. Watch the website and weekly bulletins for information about the 2012 trip.

### **Summer Camp at Procter**

During the summer months, Procter, our Diocesan Conference Center, is transformed into a summer camp for children and youth of all ages. Programs range from a 3-day camp for 5- and 6-year-olds accompanied by a parent to week-long programs for junior high and high school youth. Brochures for the 2012 program will be available in the spring.