



# SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE CROSSBEAM JANUARY 2010

### *The Other Way...*

In the December issue of the *Crossbeam*, I began my reflections with the following observation: "Advent is just around the corner. Advent is a season in which we discover once again that our lives are sustained by gifts, many of which are completely unexpected..." It was an appropriate advent message; the kind of thing a priest ought to be saying to the congregation. But did I really believe it?

Let me explain. I serve on the Committee on Congregational Life, a diocesan committee "whose mission is to assist congregations to be viable Episcopal presences in their respective contexts." This committee is given around \$570,000 per year to support Christ's ministry through Episcopal congregations in our diocese that are not financially self-supporting. These congregations may be new starts, congregations going through difficult times as they struggle to expand their ministry, or congregations that have a vibrant ministry but will never be self-sustaining. As you can imagine, the economic environment has made life even more difficult for these congregations. In light of the economic challenges facing these congregations, I have often come home from these meetings more than a little concerned and anxious about the ministry of our diocese.

I also became aware that these meetings were increasing my anxiety about our own budgetary situation. Over the last couple of years we have had to tighten our belts. We have also had some unexpected maintenance expenses in 2009 that have eaten into our reserves. And, in spite of all the belt tightening, the cost of doing ministry continues to increase. On the revenue side of things, we have a number of families who have had their income significantly reduced in the last year, and therefore find themselves in a challenging situation when it comes to making a gift to the church. Oh yes! In spite of the current economic climate, the Vestry and I had the audacity to ask you to consider significantly increase your giving in 2010.

Therefore, when I went to the Finance Committee meeting in early January, I was wringing my hands more than usual. Yes, the Lord has provided for the community year after year! Yes, Advent is a season of unexpected gifts! Yes, God is faithful, but surely this year will be the exception. Surely this year we will have to be unusually creative to sustain our current ministry.

What happened? Shortest Finance Committee meeting in the history of Christendom. You gave generously (almost half of our pledging families increased giving an average of 20.23%) and we had what we needed to fund the 2010 budget—and \$48.00 to spare!

Trusting God to provide—learning to live by unexpected gifts—is never easy. Preachers can preach it, but the challenge is to live it. The journey from anxiety to trust is a long one. It took Israel 40 years of wandering around the wilderness to discover a deeper level of trust. It will undoubtedly take me at least that long.

Thank you for generously supporting Christ's ministry through St. Timothy's.

In Christ,

### **Our Mission**

*The mission of St. Timothy's is to restore and deepen every human being's relationship with God and each other in Christ.*

## Annual Meeting

In this issue you will find the candidates who have agreed to stand for election to the Vestry at the **Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 24, at 10:15 a.m.** immediately following the 9:00 service. Please take the time to read the information on each candidate and prayerfully consider who you would want to serve in this important capacity. All candidates were put forward by the Nominating Committee of the Vestry.

The Vestry plays a vital leadership role in the life of any parish. According to the canons of the Episcopal Church, vestries have three primary responsibilities: (1) stewardship of parish finances, (2) care of parish buildings, and (3) selection of individuals to fill various positions of parish leadership and representation. Given these significant responsibilities, members should be committed to the ongoing ministry of this community as well as bring gifts suitable to the Vestry's particular calling.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. We believe that the business to be conducted can be brought to completion during the Church School hour and in time to adjourn before the 11:15 Eucharist. Because the people elected to positions of leadership represent the entire community of St. Timothy's, **you are strongly urged to attend the meeting and vote.** Coffee Hour refreshments will be served. Church School will be in session and child care will be provided for those who wish to use it.

We look forward to this gathering of our community for prayer and worship, and for business. Please keep the candidates and all of St. Timothy's in your prayers.

### St. Timothy's Vestry Members:

Brian Wildman (Senior Warden) (*retiring*), John Rudolph (Junior Warden), Tom Amrine (*retiring*), Peter Annable (*retiring*), Don Buckley, Patty Carr, David Dreisbach, Joe Jeffcott, Alicia Kimball, Brandi Nierling, Debbie Rathsack, Barbara Ryan, Debbie Spaulding (*retiring*), and Mike Voris (*retiring*).

## Junior Warden Candidate: Patty Carr

**Occupation:** Certified Senior probate paralegal, Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** I currently serve on the Vestry; I am a Stephen Minister; I am Co- Coordinating the Outreach Committee for the 2010 year; I volunteer for IHN; I am the St. Timothy's representative to Ohio Interfaith Power & Light; I volunteer for the Ohio Benefit Bank; I sing with the Festival choir and read at the 11:15 service.

**Other community involvements:** I am Treasurer of the Cincinnati Paralegal Association and participate in outreach to students and paralegals through the various association activities. I am a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association and an associate member of the Ohio State Bar Association. I am a Certified Paralegal through the American Alliance of Paralegals, Inc.

**If I am elected as Junior Warden, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** I continue to be dedicated to our inspiring worship. I am co-coordinating strong support for our Outreach Ministries. I would expect to serve the clergy and Vestry in our mission.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the position of Junior Warden would be:** I am experienced and successful at organizing several tasks

simultaneously and following up on those tasks; I would continue my dedication to the clergy, Vestry, and staff of St. Timothy's and continue to support their efforts on behalf of our mission as called upon.

**Interests and hobbies:** I love to play with and read to my grandchildren! I enjoy cooking and gardening. When I can get away, I enjoy canoeing and fishing.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is** *Where the Wild Things Are* because I can read it again and again and again.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** "Sounds of St. Timothy's" (of course) and my iPod is playing the sound track from "Mamma Mia."

**My favorite thing to eat is:** chocolate.

**Spouse's name:** George Carr

**Children and their ages:** Frances V. Carr (over 40) and Anne Halkyard (40). I have two grandchildren, Harry (4) and Louise (2).



## Junior Warden Candidate: David Dreisbach

**Occupation:** Creative Director for a marketing communications firm

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Vestry; Communications Committee; Promotion of the Walter Brueggemann series; Adult Spiritual Formation Committee; Audio and Visual Design for U2charist; Pentecost Picnic; Rite 13; Usher; Coffee hour volunteer

**Other community involvements:** Stop AIDS Cincinnati (formerly AVOC); Red Cross Disaster Volunteer; Various Political Volunteering; Created new brand identity for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati.

**If I am elected as Junior Warden, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** I'll continue to help St. Timothy's develop our marketing, branding, and overall communications programs. I believe St. Timothy's has a unique story to tell and that there are many people looking for an open and non-threatening environment like St. Timothy's and our communications program should help them be able to find us. I also want to help develop a lecture series every fall that is as successful as the Walter Brueggemann program, is something that St. Timothy's is known for and is St. Timothy's gift to our community.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the position of Junior Warden is . . . .** I believe I possess a unique combination of strategy, creativity and problem solving skills.

**Interests and hobbies:** Besides spending time with my family, there's very little that I enjoy more than reading a great book. I also love rollerblading, swimming, biking, and listening to any kind of live music.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .**

There are so many great books, but some of the ones that have had the most meaning to me over the years are: Kurt Vonnegut's *Cats Cradle*, Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*, Tom Robbins' *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*, John Irving's *The World According to Garp* (a thousand times better than the movie!), and (believe it or not) *Harpo Speaks* by Harpo Marx.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** I always have a pretty eclectic mix of music on my iPod, but right now I've been listening to John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme" a lot.

**My favorite thing to eat is:** Cheese, olives, anything salty, and wine.

**Spouse's name:** Dori

**Children and their ages:** Dylan 10, Annie 8



## Vestry Candidate: Tracy Hickenlooper

**Occupation:** I am in my 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching, and I currently teach at the Seven Hills Doherty School. I have taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for the past 16 years, and I am my grade level's Team Leader. Along with teaching I am the coordinator of Doherty Outdoor Program. This is a program that exposes and teaches our students various skills that relate to outdoor activities such as camping, biking, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, and snow skiing.

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** My family and I have been members of St. Timothy's for the past 5 years. It was the warm, inviting community it possesses that drew my family to St. Timothy's. Judy Gardner found out that I was a teacher and the very next year I became involved in the church school program. I have taught church school for the past 4 years. I also help out with and have coordinated some youth activities, and in the summer I assist with Vacation Bible School. I love having this connection to get to know the children as well as the families at St. Timothy's. I also very much enjoy being a member of the Mothering Covenant Book Group.

**Other community involvements:** When I'm not teaching or running my children to their various activities, I volunteer at the Seven Hills Resale Shop, help out at the Open Door, which is a drop in center in East Walnut Hills, tutor children in reading and math and coach some of my children's sports.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** I am looking forward to becoming more involved at St. Timothy's on another level. This community has given me spiritual direction and guidance and now I want to give back. I am a good listener and enjoy working collaboratively on projects and in groups. If elected to the Vestry I will contribute my positive energy, creativity, thoughtfulness as well as my leadership skills.



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**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** Through teaching I have gained a lot of experience in communicating and working with children and adults, and analyzing and developing programs.

**Interests and hobbies:** When I have free time, which does not happen too often so I have to make it happen, I love to read, exercise, work in the garden, and play with my children and travel with my family. I tend to put a lot of miles on my car every year.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** I love to read historical fiction books and mysteries. However, I'd have to say my favorite book is a children's book called *The*

*Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. It teaches a very good lesson and gives the reader a lot of think about.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** I am a country music girl. Currently in my CD player I have Martina McBride, Kenny Chesney, Faith Hill and Sugarland.

**My favorite thing to eat is:** chocolate, chocolate with peanut butter, chocolate with caramel, and chocolate-covered raisins.

**Spouse's name:** I have been married to David Hickenlooper for 17 incredible years.

**Children and their ages:** We have 3 wonderful, very active children. Beth is a sophomore, Kate is an eighth grader and Smith is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

## ***Vestry Candidate: Donna Passick***

**Occupation:** Salon Owner, Stylist

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Inquirers Class, Stephen Minister, Stephen Leader, Assistant, Reader, Lay Eucharistic Minister.

**Other community involvements:** Abuse Shelter, El Hogar, Inter-Parish Ministry

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** Listen, observe, and share. I will help any way I can.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** I have worked with people for 40 years. I would like to be helpful in filling needs of others and the needs of the parish.

**Interests and hobbies:** Cooking, reading, art, golf, and children.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** *The Road Less Traveled* by Scott Peck

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Michael Buble & Nora Jones

**My favorite thing to eat is:** I really enjoy a good healthy dinner.

**Spouse's name:** Dan Passick

**Children and their ages:** Dan and I have 5 children: Kevin-41, Jennifer-37, Jenny-35, Kellie-31, Jill-31.



## ***Vestry Candidate: Maureen Robertson***

**Occupation:** Bank Manager

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Coffee Hour Coordinator (Past)

**Other community involvements:** Member Over-the-Rhine Foundation; work with Teenagers at the YMCA

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** Banking

**Interests and hobbies:** Reading/Gardening

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Bob Marley

**My favorite thing to eat is:** Seafood

**Spouse's name:** Kerwyn

**Children and their ages:** Allison 21, Nicole 18

## Vestry Candidate: Andy Ruttle

**Occupation:** Owner and Creative Director of Ruttle Design Group for more than 13 years, a communication and brand design firm in Longworth Hall, downtown Cincinnati



**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** For a few years now, involved with the Tuesday morning Men's Contemplative Prayer Group, and the Outreach Ministries of the Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen and Phil's Place in Northside. Recently, the St. Timothy's communication team, altar guild, and chalice bearer.

**Other community involvements:**

Being a supporter and steward of Adams County's Edge of Appalachia Preserve with its unique animal and plant life. Volunteer to maintain the trails.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** Will further invigorate St. Timothy's Mission of connecting with more people "to come experience God's love." This is done through bringing to light and leveraging St. Timothy's unique offerings, then strengthening the communications of how we invite those "to encounter Christ" within St. Timothy's and the community abroad.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** Sharing the gift of my visual communication talent. In particular, promoting activities, special study events, outreach programs, etc. with supporting communication components to achieve the desired Vestry goals – all the while keeping our sense of direction for St. Timothy's ministry.

**Interests and hobbies:** Finding God in the outdoors, hiking, bird watching, and gardening. Plus, trying to keep my moose obsession in order.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** *The Wisdom of Wilderness* by Gerald G. May. A powerful story about a man finding healing power in nature.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Jazz and anything 80s Rock. So great that the 80s are popular again and played in every establishment in Anderson.

**My favorite thing to eat is:** Penn Station's Philly Steak Sandwich and their awesome hand-cut fries (and why I just can't loose that extra 10 pounds)

**Spouse's name:** Mimi (aka Incredibly-Patient-and-Loving Wife and Mom)

**Children and their ages:** Matt, about to turn 18. Wow!

## Vestry Candidate: Bob Willoughby

**Occupation:** retired engineering executive; retired university lecturer.

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Greeter; Tim's Tables; Lenten Lecture Series; One Common Table.

**Other community involvements:** Monday Morning Writer's Group.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** managing St. Timothy's finances in a socially responsible way and advancing St. Timothy's as a community of Christian love and fellowship.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** business management and organizational leadership.

**Interests and hobbies:** writing, reading, bicycling, gardening, cooking.

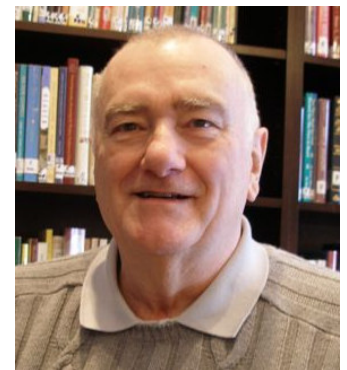
**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** *The Source* by James Michener.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Beautiful America by Tim Janis.

**My favorite thing to eat is:** grilled salmon and pasta with olive oil, garlic and fresh basil.

**Spouse's name:** Judith

**Children and their ages:** Chris, Mike, Glenn, Mary. All are married with children of their own, aged 8 through 22.



# Youth Christmas Party

Below: Cookie Decorating finalists - Right: Ugly Christmas Sweater winners



## Christmas Pageant

*A Night Like No Other* was held on December 20 during the 9:00 Eucharist.



## Parish News & Announcements

### *El Hogar Fundraiser*

Join friends of El Hogar at a Fiesta celebrating 30 years of love and hope at the Great American Ball park on Sunday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include dinner, live entertainment, celebrity tables, a “one-of-a-kind” silent auction, a Honduran raffle, a pinata and more! Tickets are \$75 each or \$600 for a table of 8 and will be available at St. Timothy’s after February 1. See the bulletin board or contact Paul Rank for more information. ♦

### *Thank You*

To St. Timothy’s, Without any family members in town during my hip surgery in September, I was blessed to have my church provide my family. Thanks so much for all the cards, phone calls, visits in rehab, flowers, food and prayers. I never felt lonely. God bless you all, *Margy Nauer* ♦

### *Baptisms*

On December 27, we welcomed into the church **Effie Mina Edgington**, daughter of Todd and Amanda Edgington and granddaughter of Steve and Pam Gallagher. On

January 10 we welcomed into the church **Harrison Paul Spanja**, son of Paul and Susan Spanja and grandson of Tom and Connie Spanja. *Welcome to the household of faith!* ♦

### *2010 IHN Hosting Dates*

St. Timothy’s will host IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) again this year. Please mark your calendar with the following dates and watch the Gathering Space for sign-ups: **February 28-March 7; May 16-23; September 5-12; October 31-November 7.** Contact: Richie Heimbrock. ♦

### *Planned Giving*

*by Ellie Berghausen*

*“We all warm ourselves by fires we did not build, and drink from wells we did not dig.”* Ancient Proverb

**B**estow – Award – Confer – Grant – Empower – Enable. Each of those words is listed as a synonym for **Endow**. This is the progression of the words exactly as listed in the *Miriam-Webster Collegiate Thesaurus*. The order is fitting.

**Empower. Enable.** These words describe exactly what a fully-funded endowment can provide – money provided by past believers that empowers and enables St. Timothy’s to continue to fulfilling its mission. . . .to let future generations drink from wells they did not dig.

With a small base of assets provided by donors who believed in St. Timothy’s mission, the Endowment Fund is poised to grow. The Planned Giving Committee has used the last six months to review how the Endowment is invested, adopt policies and procedures, and make plans to increase the awareness of this Fund.

No matter your passion – music, youth ministries, the building, outreach, or an undesignated love of what this church community represents – the Endowment Fund is set up to accept your gift. In 2010, the parish will be provided with information about planned giving in general as well as specifics on how individuals can invest in St. Timothy’s future through gifts to the Endowment Fund.

Plan to attend the January 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting when the Planned Giving Committee will introduce its mission and reveal its new brochure. Next month, on Wednesday evening **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, the committee will host a seminar to increase attendees’ financial literacy – the subject is estate planning. While the Planned Giving Committee is not in a position to render individual legal or financial advice, this seminar will be a casual discussion to introduce this complex subject. Plan on attending to increase your awareness and open a discussion with your family. Check the Sunday bulletins and email notices for details.

If you have any questions about the St. Timothy’s Endowment or the Planned Giving Committee’s plans, please call any of the members of the committee: Ellie Berghausen, Dan Bird, Peter Briggs, Judy Copetas, Jerry Eichert, and Jim Russell. Also available to answer questions are the *ex officio* members of the committee: Rector Roger Greene, Senior Warden Brian Wildman and the Development Committee’s chair Pat Ryan. ♦



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### **Parish Staff**

The Rev. Roger S. Greene *Rector*  
The Rev. Heather B. Wiseman *Associate*  
The Rev. Dcn. Ellen P. Cook *Deacon*  
The Rev. Dcn. Mooydeen Frees  
*Pastoral Care Coordinator*  
The Rev. Dcn. Christopher Richardson  
*Associate for Youth Spiritual Formation*  
Philip D. Clary *Organist/Choir Director*  
Paul Rank *Outreach Facilitator*  
Judy Gardner *Director of*  
*Children's Spiritual Formation*  
Ruth Franke *Parish Administrator*  
Theresa Kimball *Parish Secretary*

### **St. Timothy's Vestry and Wardens**

Brian Wildman, Senior Warden  
John Rudolph, Junior Warden

### **Vestry Members**

Tom Amrine	Alicia Kimball
Peter Annable	Brandi Nierling
Don Buckley	Debbie Rathsack
Patty Carr	Barbara Ryan
David Dreisbach	Debbie Spaulding
Joe Jeffcott	Mike Voris

### **St. Timothy's Schedule of Services**

#### **Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00 a.m. Church School for all ages  
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### **Wednesday**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

#### **Office Information**

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## **Parish Support Services**

**Remember, your parish family is here for you in emergencies or just when you want to "touch base."**

**Prayer Chain:** MOOYDEEN FREES (513-474-4445, ext. 20; prayerchain@sainttimothys.com) who sees that requests are circulated throughout the Prayer Chain, a network of 23 parishioners who, on a confidential basis, offer daily intercessory prayer for you and your loved ones with special needs;

**Emergency Home-Cooked Meals:** JERRI SPURLOCK is the coordinator of a group of dedicated parishioners who provide a couple of short-term, home-cooked meals for parishioners, individuals or families in immediate need of such support. Referrals to her come only through the clergy. If you are in need of a couple of home-cooked meals or know of another parishioner who might use some, please contact a member of clergy.

**Friendly Visitors:** KAKI MCCLANAHAN who arranges for a Friendly Visitor to make visits and/or phone calls to parishioners. A range of ministries, from assistance with paperwork and other tasks, to listening, games, and conversation, may be provided;

**Health and Wellness Coordinator:** SUE RANK who oversees health ministries, including Parish Nurse, and the Health and Wellness Cmt.;

**Transportation to 11:15 Service:** DEBBI KERN who arranges for volunteers to furnish transportation to the 11:15 service for non-driving parishioners who live within a reasonable distance.

**Stephen Ministry:** DONNA PASSICK who, as Stephen Ministry coordinator, arranges for trained Stephen Ministers to provide listening and care for the sick, shut-ins and those in crisis.