



SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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As I was beginning to think about what questions I would try to address in this **Annual Giving** issue of *The Crossbeam* — Why should you give back to God to support the ministry of the Church? How much should you give? What ministries do our gifts support? — I received Paul Rank's *A Love Story*, which is at the end of this issue. "There it is!" I said. That is why we give our hard-earned cash to God to support the ministry of Christ through St. Timothy's.

It is all about the "avalanche of love and caring" — the other way — that Paul and so many others experience through this Church. We give because of the love we are given at baptism; we give because of the love showered on us from those who raise us in the faith; we give because of the love that comes to us in Word and sacrament and music; we give because of the love we receive from our brothers and sisters in difficult times; and we give because of the love we want to share with all our neighbors in this big old world so full of hurt and pain.

Our financial pledge to God to support the Church's ministry is our gift of love, in response to love, for the sake of love.

The other way of the Church is all about being Christ's love in the flesh in an unkind world. Contemplating the crucified Jesus, 14th century mystic, Julian of Norwich, asserted that "love was his meaning." Love is the Church's meaning too.

As you pray about what you will give back to God this year may you experience God's love more deeply. Thank you for supporting this other way of love and caring. I can't wait to be a part of the next chapter of this love story.

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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.

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The other way begins at baptism

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Confirmation



*and continues as we raise
our children
in the
Christian
faith and
life*

Catechesis



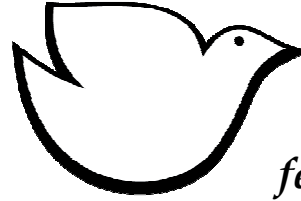
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Women on the Journey

*The other way is
sustained by the
"apostles'
teaching
and
fellowship,*



*Wednesday
Evening
Dinner*

*... the breaking of bread and the prayers."
Acts 2:42*



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We love our neighbors in the pews next to us



Altar Guild



Senior Luncheon

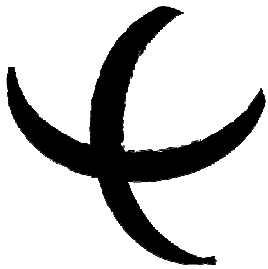


Phil's Place

in our city



in our country



Appalachia Service Project

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*and around
the world*



*When we are hurting, we rely on
the support of our brothers and sisters*

Lay Eucharistic Visitors



Funeral Reception



*Prayer
Shawl*



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In gratitude for God's generosity, we joyfully give back a portion of what God has given us to support God's mission in the world.



On Sunday, November 14, I invite you to help write the next chapter of this love story by making a financial gift to God. In about a week, you will receive a letter and a pledge card asking you to make your gift. Prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do and then make your gift. When you make your gift, pray that God will use it to deepen our love for God, one another and our neighbors.

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A Love Story

by Paul Rank

To the parishioners of St. Timothy's:

This is **not** the passionate story of two recently divorced people who met over 28 years ago and fell madly in love with each other and quickly married. It is not that story for three very good reasons: 1) *The Crossbeam* censors would never approve it, 2) our children would never talk to me again and 3) it really is none of your business anyway.

This **is** the story of that same couple attending St. Timothy's for the first time in August of 1993 and the beginning of a journey of true Christian love. While we both had had on again/off again relationships with God throughout our lives, it was during these past 17 years that Sue and I were able to truly accept God's love as a way of life.

We had just moved into the Cincinnati area and were looking for a church to attend. We had tried going to other churches, but in one case nobody talked to us during the three weeks we attended, and in another case the service time published in the newspaper was incorrect because they were on their summer schedule. So we arrived at St. Timothy's on an August Sunday morning that just happened to be Roger's first Sunday. Clearly, all were excited to see the new priest, but still, a number of people stopped and talked with us and showed real interest in who we were. On our way out we said hello to Roger and when we came back the following week he even remembered our names. We quickly became regular members.

When I retired from AT&T in 1999, we needed to decide whether I should find a new job (which would almost certainly involve moving), retire and move closer to family, or just stay and begin our retired life in Cincinnati. Our love for St. Timothy's and the warmth that always greeted us as we interacted with parishioners were the overriding reasons why we stayed. We had never felt this at other churches and did not want to lose it.

We asked Roger if we could volunteer to be on his staff and to further advance the areas of parish health ministry and outreach at St. Timothy's. For both of us, the next ten or so years brought a great feeling of fulfillment, but we also realized that any success achieved was only achieved because you all have an overriding desire to love others, whether "others" are members of the congregation, neighbors, or people in distant lands. And you recognize that this capacity to love is a gift from God.

On March 16th of this year, our world turned upside down. On that day we found out that Sue had pancreatic cancer and the prognosis was not good. What we then witnessed was an avalanche of love and caring from the congregation. There was hardly a day for the next two and a half months that we didn't receive multiple cards. These were not ordinary cards to us, for many expressed what Sue's love had meant to the sender and how her loving presence had changed their lives. A little over two weeks before she died, we celebrated her 69th birthday with many of you coming to visit. While we all knew that she did not have much more time with us, this was the most glorious birthday party that she ever had.

Sue died on May 28th, but that does not end the story, for the service on June 5th brought many of us together to celebrate her life and witness one last time. I cannot tell you the number of comments that I received from friends and family, who are not members of our congregation, about the love they felt during and following the service.

Throughout all this, your support and caring for my well being has been greatly appreciated. It is hard for me to comprehend how anyone can come through such experiences without the loving support of a community. Thank you for loving me! ♥



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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.

Health and Wellness Coordinator: ELLEN COOK 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.