



# SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE CROSSBEAM JANUARY 2011

### *The Other Way. . .*

The “other way,” which we have been reflecting on for many months now, is none other than the counter cultural way of Israel, Jesus and the Church. It is the way summed up in the Great Commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt. 22:37-39). If we want to know God more deeply and bear witness to God more fully, obedience to these two commandments is the recipe. If we want to provide the world around us with better options than the ones they have bought into, these two commandments are our marching orders.

Over the last couple of weeks I have experienced the joy that comes with obedience to these two commands. The first commandment, loving God with one’s entire being, is what we do in Sunday worship. Charles Wesley says it best at the end of hymn 657: “lost in wonder, love and praise.” Isn’t that what Sunday worship is about: losing ourselves in worship to the wonder of what God has done for us as a foretaste of what we will experience more fully in the life to come? On Sundays, I frequently find myself “lost” in the wonder of it all. How delicious is communion? Watching a community of diverse people who are in love with God and one another gather around our common table is a wonder to behold. There we are—flawed as ever, unworthy as ever—invited by our merciful God to feast on love. Or how about listening to sixth grader Emily Favorito tell us about all the places she sees God! Telling us that “God is with us every day and night, and is always there listening to us” invites me to see that God is with me at all times and in all places.

Having experienced the power of God-love on Sunday, I then experienced the power of neighbor-love the following Wednesday. I joined the Wednesday night crew that was hosting three homeless families as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. I arrived late for dinner and there were my brothers and sisters in Christ: IHN coordinator Richie Heimbrock, Jean Gelvin, Mark, Peter and Molly Cornelissen, and Jerri and Jess Spurlock serving and dining with people who have no permanent place to lay their head. Can you imagine what it would be like not to have a place where you and your family could sleep? One might have expected that the evening would have been filled with a certain amount of despair. Not so. There were lively conversations about the dreadful weather and words of thanks for the meal. After dinner, Jerri Spurlock provided a “penguin” party for the kids. While watching the movie Happy Feet, we made penguins (mine was awesome), wore penguin masks and enjoyed other party favors. To close out the evening we then made our way to the gym at the Comboni Mission to watch a girls’ volleyball team practice. The four kids were glued to the action. When I left, our senior warden, John Rudolph, and Phil Greytack were arriving to spend the night.

As I drove home, I realized the profound connection between my experiences of God-love and neighbor-love. In both cases, I was gathered around a table, one in the sanctuary, the other in the Comboni cafeteria. In both cases, I was gathered with other flawed people like myself, who desperately need God and one another. In both cases, I found myself “lost” in the wonder of God’s abiding presence. In both cases, there was a communion that only the Holy Spirit can bring into being.

There is nothing more important than our obedience to Jesus’ commandments. Our obedience will change our lives and make our community a life-giving alternative for others. Thanks for your faithfulness.

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, February 6, 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:

John Rudolph (Senior Warden), David Dreisbach (Junior Warden), Don Buckley (*retiring*), Patty Carr (*retiring*), Tracy Hickenlooper, Joe Jeffcott (*retiring*), Alicia Kimball, Brandi Nierling, Donna Passick, Debbie Rathack, Maureen Robertson (*retiring*), Andy Ruttle, Barbara Ryan, and Bob Willoughby.

## Vestry Candidate: Susan Cranley



**Occupation:** Part-time receptionist for my husband's office and part-time care giver of my granddaughter.

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Reader at the 8:00 a.m. service, Wedding Coordinator, office volunteer, *Women on the Journey* participant and Library.

**Other community involvements:** Current president of the Good Samaritans and Good Samaritan Hospital ER volunteer.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following ways:** To make thoughtful decisions that will benefit the Church and our members.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is:** I am open-minded, work well with others, have good organizational skills and compassionate.

**Interests and hobbies:** I enjoy exercising (aerobics and lap swimming), cross-stitch, gardening, reading, biking, hiking and canoeing.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is:** I'd have to say "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. I read this in high school and it had a profound effect on me because the main character was a strong, independent woman. Written before Women's Lib!

**The CD's currently in my player are:** Because it's Christmas, I have Mannheim Steamroller, Kenny G's Christmas, Trans Siberian Orchestra and a mix of Christmas favorites done by a friend.

**My favorite thing to eat is:** I don't have a particular food but I do have a particular favorite meal: Breakfast

**Spouse's name:** Jim

**Children and their ages:** Kristin 31; Brandon 26 and Jillian 20. Grandchildren: Leah 16 months, Penelope 2 months and one on the way, due in July!

## Vestry Candidate: Ron Danielson

**Occupation:** Retired: Special Agent, FBI 1969-September, 1999, Manager Corporate Security, International Paper Corp., 1999-May, 2010. I totally retired as of May, 2010.

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** My family came to St. Timothy's in May, 1977, and I have attended Church and numerous Church events since then.

**Other community involvements:** Currently a Mason, member of The Former Special Agents of the FBI Association (held offices), and American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS). I am a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) with ASIS. I have coached numerous youth sports.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** I will dedicate my time, experience, and energies to the duties required of a Vestry member. I will work to continue the great work performed by those before me on the Vestry.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . .**From 1971-1977 I was assigned to Athens, Ohio FBI Resident Agency. We attended The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. During that time I was elected to the Vestry and served as the Junior Warden before being transferred to Cincinnati. I was raised and baptized in the Presbyterian Church. At the age of 22, I was Ordained an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

**Interests and hobbies:** My hobbies are Lionel O' Gauge model trains, fishing, golf, and "working/playing" in the yard. I enjoy sports, especially Pro-Football...Go Steelers. My home is often referred to as the "Steeler House" because of my Steeler decorations in the front yard during game days. I enjoy watching old movies, and listening to soft instrumental music. I love being with and training our new 4-year-old, 96-lb. black Lab Retriever "Waverly". We got her through Lab Rescue of Cincinnati last March.

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

"Beautiful Joe". This book was first read to my sixth grade class by our homeroom teacher. I was fortunate to find a copy in Washington, D.C. at a used book sale, and it now sits on my bookshelf. It is about an unfortunate dog that is mistreated and then adopted by a wonderful family.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Emile Pandolfi, Andrea Bocelli, Susan Boyle, Michael Bubl'e, and many others.

**My favorite thing to eat is:** Chili!

**Spouse's name:** My wife is Martie (Martha). We were married January 10, 1970 at Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We just celebrated our 41st anniversary.

**Children and their ages:** Laura (Lorey) Sunosky, age 39, graduated from Turpin HS and Wittenburg University. She is a Guidance Counselor in a suburb of Houston, Texas. She married Jimmy at St. Timothy's in July, 1973. She has two children, Zachary, age 6, and Zoey, age 4, both baptized by Roger at St. Timothy's.

Ron Jr., age 37, graduated from Turpin HS and DePauw University. He is a Physical Therapist and Manager of Outpatient Physical Therapy for the local hospital in Kirksville, Missouri, where he lives with his wife Angie. They have 3 children, Audrey, age 7, Isaac, age 6, Eva, age 18 months, and a fourth due in February. Audrey and Isaac were also baptized by Roger at St. Timothy's.



## Vestry Candidate: Ellen Guerrettaz-Buelow



**Occupation:** Assistant Director in the School of Architecture & Interior Design, DAAP, University of Cincinnati; Registered Architect in Ohio (and Indiana).

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Adult Formation Committee, Choir, Bible Study, Stephen Ministry Leadership (just beginning), and helping

with Sunday morning "clean-up."

**Other community involvements:** Exchange Student Area Representative for World Heritage.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** I came to St. Timothy's in November 2009 from a deeply-seated if intentionally lapsed Roman Catholicism; organized religion had not been part of my life for 10+ years. Since formally joining St. Timothy's and the Episcopal tradition in May 2010, my spiritual life has increasingly grown and found nourishment. Therefore, I am very interested in being a part of the continued growth and leadership of this amazing

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parish. Specific aspects of my background that could be useful to St. Timothy's include professional and administrative experience as well as abiding interests in things philosophical and social.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** I am an educator and licensed architect by profession; my current job responsibilities are largely administrative. I believe any/all of these experiences would be useful. In addition, I have a lot of experience raising children in a merged family situation.

**Interests and hobbies:** Family, reading/writing, walking our 2 dogs, travel, swimming, drawing, crossword puzzles, NCIS. I'm also a bit of a computer nerd.

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** This is really tough. . . . I have a great many book "friends"—let's go with The Great Divorce by CS Lewis, The Source by James Michener, and The Road Less Traveled by Scott Peck.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Well. . . I use iTunes and prefer to mix and create "playlists." My most recent listening pleasure has been Christmas stuff, but I just ordered the Mama Mia soundtrack!

**My favorite thing to eat is:** I never tire of chili—my fave is my husband's, but Skyline (or Gold Star) is awesome!

**Spouse's name:** Tom Buelow

**Children and their ages:**  
(I am so grateful for these, my greatest blessings!!)  
Mary Hancock—22 (student at UC, Early Childhood Education, June graduation)  
Ben Buelow—23 (student at Cincinnati State, Mechanical Engineering Tech; 1<sup>st</sup> degree in Secondary Ed)  
David Hancock—24 (assistant in Emergency Dept Children's Hospital; 1<sup>st</sup> degree (dual) in Secondary Ed/German)  
Brian Buelow—26 (Mechanical Engineer for Siemens, Cincinnati)  
Jean Hancock—26 (PhD Candidate in Social Psychology, Ohio State)  
Jim Hancock—28 (Chemical Engineer for Evonik Industries, Richmond, VA); soon to be married to Lisa Johnston, Adj Asst Prof, Fine Arts, at Virginia Commonwealth U and J. Sargeant Reynolds CC, Richmond, VA)  
Matt Buelow—29 (Mechanical Engineer for DeBra Kuempel, Cincinnati); married to Charlotte (administrator with The Salvation Army)  
Jeff Buelow—30 (Chemical Engineer for Koch Enterprises, Minneapolis, MN)

## *Vestry Candidate: Don Nofziger*

**Occupation:** Pediatrician

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Usher, Reading Scripture, Healing Team

**Other community involvements:** Academy of Medicine, Ohio State Medical Association, Board—St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy, Board—Caring Partners (International Medical Organization), Teaching Pediatrics at College of Medicine UC, Board—Academy of Medicine Foundation

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** Listening skills, setting achievable goals, mission activity — local and international.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** Leadership, prayer, Bible teaching, servant hood.

**Interests and hobbies:** Walking, biking. . . . anyone for basketball

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . .**  
"Journey to the Common Good"  
by Walter Brueggemann.

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** John Denver or Cincinnati Orchestra, Canadian Brass

**My favorite thing to eat is:** Stir fry (Chinese, Thai, Korean); Barbecue

**Spouse's name:** Ann

**Children and their ages:** Heather (mother of 3 grandchildren ages 13 1/2, 9 and 7); Adam



## Vestry Candidate: Eric Duell



**Occupation:** Business and Technology Consultant

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Choir member

**Other community involvements:** I enjoy using my professional experience and skills to support community and non-profit organizations. In the past 12-18 months, I have contributed personal

time to work at the Cincinnati Art Museum, Clovernook Center for the Blind, and Cleveland Museum of Art. In addition, I plan, organize, and lead the music portion of a monthly summertime worship service at Mt. Echo Park, and am involved with the annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, as part of a long time association with Christ Church Cathedral.

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** Our family has recently completed the journey of finding a new church home and community at St. Timothy's...as a relative newcomer, my perspectives would provide an additional view of how we can walk, live, and love together in a Christian community.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** Experience in marketing, how technology can be applied to improve organizational effectiveness, the mission of non-profits in contemporary society, and a focus on connecting our vision and mission to everyday choices and decisions.

**Interests and hobbies:** Photography, Hiking and outdoor activities, Music and vocal performance, Travel with my family

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** hard to say. Books that have made an impact on my life philosophy or spiritual journey include *Man's Search for Meaning* (Viktor Frankl), *Three Cups of Tea* (Greg Mortenson), and *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (Marcus Borg).

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** Jerusalem: Matins for the Virgin of Guadalupe, 1764 (Chanticleer)

**My favorite thing to eat is:** Chips and salsa

**Spouse's name:** Fabricia Duell

**Children and their ages:** Julia Duell, age 9

## Vestry Candidate: Rick Rothhaas

**Occupation:** President, Louis Foods, Inc.

**St. Timothy's past and present involvements:** Confirmation group youth mentor, in charge of monthly trip to Drop Inn Center, Youth Group leader

**Other community involvements:** Past Chairman, past President Cincinnati Citizens Police Association, volunteer for Mercer Elementary School

**If I am elected to the Vestry, I expect to contribute in the following way(s):** Provide a fresh set of eyes and small business background to ask questions regarding operations at St. Timothy's from membership to finances and look strategically for ways to improve the church.

**The particular area of experience/expertise I would bring to the Vestry is . . . .** being able to look at the church and it's operations objectively to keep the church a viable institution for the future

**Interests and hobbies:** Spending time with my family, bicycle riding, skiing, helping kids

**Considering the fact that the Bible is my favorite book, my all-time 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite book is . . . .** "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw

**The CD(s) currently in my player is/are:** none – I have hundreds of songs on my ipod!

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

**Spouse's name:** Monica

**Children and their ages:** Cameron (16), Molly (14)



## Planned Giving Committee Candidates

**Dan Bird** is a Senior Account Executive with Diversified Investment Advisors and has more than 16 years of experience in the retirement plan business. He has a BA from Miami University. Mr. Bird holds the CEBS designation from the International Foundation of Employee Benefits and the Wharton School. Dan, his wife Deirdre and their children, Hannah (10) and Ryan (5) have been St. Tim's parishioners for the last 3 years.



**Judy Copetas** has worked for Procter & Gamble for the past 16 years in their Consumer and Market Knowledge department. She and her husband Ted, along with children Alex (11), Katie (10) and Zoe (6) moved to Cincinnati in 1995. They joined St. Timothy's 3 years ago and are involved in the Soup Kitchen and IHN. Judy is also active at Mariemont Elementary with PTO Author Visit, Room Parent and 3rd & 4th grade track coach.



## Christmas Pageant

*A Night Like No Other* was held on December 19 during the 9:00 Eucharist.

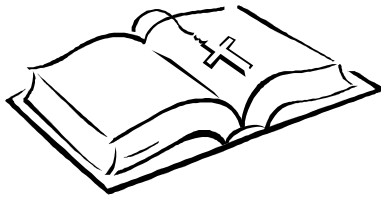


To view (lots!) more photos from the Christmas Pageant, visit our website at [www.sainttimothys.com](http://www.sainttimothys.com)

## Parish News & Announcements

### ***4-week Seminar: How to Do Effective Bible Studies***

*with Walter Brueggemann* Wednesday Evenings in February



Following a successful fall program, Dr. Walter Brueggemann will offer a 4-week seminar on **How to Do Effective Bible Studies**. This course is designed for all who would be interested in learning how to study the Bible. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; program 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please sign up on the Adult Spiritual Formation bulletin board or at [www.onecommontable.com](http://www.onecommontable.com). All participants are expected to bring their Bible. ♦

### ***2010 Mission Trip Dates***

Participate in any of these mission trips and prepare for a life changing experience!

#### **Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**

**Trip:** June 12-18

**\$160 deposit due by February 13**

Contact: Christopher Richardson (474-4445, ext. 33; youth@sainttimothys.com).

#### **El Hogar Youth Mission Trip:**

June 4-11

Contact: Christopher Richardson (474-4445, ext. 33; youth@sainttimothys.com).

#### **El Hogar Adult Mission Trip:**

September 10-17

Contact: Jane Kammer Habig. *If you want to go to El Hogar and these dates don't work for you, contact Paul Rank; there may be opportunities to go with another parish.* ♦

### ***In Memorium***

On December 6, longtime parishioner **Eleanor Ashe** died. A celebration of her life and witness was held at St. Timothy's on December 22. On December 20, longtime parishioner **Donna Pursinger** died. A celebration of her life and witness was held at St. Timothy's on December 27. ♦

### ***Baptisms***

On January 9, we welcomed into the church **Hannah Marie Anderson**, daughter of Brian and Kristy Anderson, **Daniel John Browarsky**, son of John and Megan Browarsky, and **Zoa Hui Han Strobel**, daughter of Chris and Kim Strobel. *Welcome to the household of faith!* ♦

### ***Wednesday Evening Catechesis Program***

A 10-week Wednesday session will be offered February-April. **Children from all faiths welcome.** Level I (3-year-olds to Kindergarten): 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Level II & III (1st - 6th grades): 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cost per session: \$50.00 per child; \$100.00 per family. Scholarships available. *Registration required.* Brochures on our website or the Children and Youth bulletin board. ♦

### ***Men's Retreat***

#### **Friday-Sunday, February 18-20**

The retreat will be led by the Rector, Roger Greene, and held in an atmosphere of silence at the Convent of the Transfiguration in Glendale. Each person will have a private room and bathroom. Cost of the retreat is \$140 (seniors \$126). Please sign-up on the bulletin board and bring a \$25 deposit to the office. A place will not be held until your

deposit is received. Contact Roger if you have any questions (474-4445, ext. 11; roger@sainttimothys.com). ♦

### ***Women's Retreat***

**Friday, April 29, 5:00 p.m. –  
Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.**

*The Spiritual Journey: Living in the Spiral.* Held at the Convent of the Transfiguration. Leaders: Ann Nofziger and Mooydeen Frees. Cost of the retreat is \$150 (seniors \$136) and includes the book "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. We invite you to discover, that if we really pay attention to what immediately surrounds us, it may well provide an encounter with God, an altar in the world, far different from the world that we thought was there. Please sign-up on the bulletin board and bring a \$25 deposit to the office. A place will not be held until your deposit is received. Contact Heather Wiseman (474-4445, ext. 14; HeatherW@sainttimothys.com). ♦

### ***Parish E-mails***

If you are not receiving the semi-weekly parish emails and would like to, please contact the church with an email address that we can add to the mailing list. In addition to the semi-weekly email, there are occasional special announcements that are sent out. Don't miss the latest news! ♦



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### **Parish Staff**

The Rev. Roger S. Greene *Rector*  
The Rev. Heather B. Wiseman *Associate*  
The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson  
*Associate for Youth Spiritual Formation*  
The Rev. Ellen P. Cook *Deacon*  
The Rev. Mooydeen Frees  
*Deacon, Pastoral Care Coordinator*  
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**

John Rudolph, Senior Warden  
David Dreisbach, Junior Warden

### **Vestry Members**

Don Buckley	Donna Passick
Patty Carr	Debbie Rathsack
Tracy Hickenlooper	Maureen Robertson
Joe Jeffcott	Andy Ruttle
Alicia Kimball	Barbara Ryan
Brandi Nierling	Bob Willoughby

### **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**

Phone number: 513-474-4445  
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Email: church@sainttimothys.com

## **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.