



SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE CROSSBEAM

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The Other Way. . .

As we enter the summer months, I want to inform you of two staff-related matters.

First, two years ago the Bishop appointed Christopher Richardson to St. Timothy's as part of the diocesan two-year residency program. Diocesan Residents are newly ordained clergy, fully funded by the diocese, who continue their training for ordained ministry in a parish setting under the supervision of a Rector. Mid-way through their second year of residency, diocesan residents begin the search process for another position in the church.

It is hard to believe but Christopher's residency at St. Timothy's comes to an end June 30. On Sunday, June 26, we will celebrate his ministry at St. Timothy's at all the morning services and a festive coffee hour. Christopher is actively searching for other positions in this diocese and beyond. If he has not found a new position by the end of June, he will return to Columbus to continue his search.


Christopher began his ministry at St. Timothy' by participating in the 2009 ASP mission trip and has had primary responsibility for our youth program. He has overseen a youth program that continues to become more outreach oriented, serving a world in need through mission trips and outreach ministries. In February, he coordinated a highly successful 30-Hour Famine, a diocesan event that invited teenagers to reflect on the needs of the poor and also raised over \$4000. Christopher has prepared two groups of teenagers for Confirmation and joined the other clergy in leading worship and providing pastoral care. He has also been a chaplain at the diocesan summer camp and the spiritual advisor at one of our diocesan youth events.

Christopher has begun his ordained ministry at a time when the models for ministry in the Episcopal Church are changing significantly. What this will mean for the ordained ministry remains to be seen. The intellectual and spiritual gifts that Christopher possesses will be a great asset in helping him navigate through this changing landscape. The Church of the future will need clergy who can envision new and fresh ways of being the church. God will undoubtedly use Christopher to help the church imagine this new future.

What does this mean for our ministry? In regards to the youth program, I will be meeting with this year's youth leaders to begin developing our program for next year. I will assume primary oversight for our youth ministry, and be more directly involved with our teenagers in the coming year. I look forward to connecting with them more and continuing to invite them to reach out to those in our community who are hurting.

Secondly, our organist/choir director Phil Clary will be on sabbatical during the summer months in order to finish up his masters degree, as well as enjoy some well deserved rest after twelve years of faithful service. During this time, John Crandall, a member of the choir, will be playing the organ on Sunday mornings.

God bless you during this Easter season.

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.

Teachers Visit El Hogar

Colleen Birdsong, a teacher at Mercer Elementary School, spoke at the recent fundraiser "One Voice for El Hogar." The Adopt-a-Child for Lent program and One Voice raised over \$17,000 for the life-changing ministry of El Hogar.

I was asked to say a few words tonight about the teachers of El Hogar because I have had the privilege of working together with them, as fellow teachers.

Back in 2008, Roger Greene first approached me with the idea of getting a group of teachers from Mercer to visit El Hogar. He had planted a seed years before, however, often bringing up this unique school whenever he dropped by for a visit. This time was different, though. A group of teachers that had visited El Hogar in the past had decided to retire. This was a real proposal, with concrete dates.

I certainly had reservations. I had no idea what to expect. I could only imagine what the school and its teachers were like. What could I possibly offer them? Roger was convinced, however, and I put my trust in him.

Momentum built quickly. Jennie Remington and Erin and John English soon signed on, and we recruited a group of young people from St. Timothy's to supervise the children while we worked with the teachers. Then Claudia came for a visit and spent time observing at Mercer. I was so impressed by her energy and vision, I knew that we had to make this work.

We spent weeks designing seminars on topics selected by Claudia after her visit. Still, we had no idea what to expect when we got there. How much educational background did the teachers have? What were their students like? How receptive would they be to us?

Any reservations I had before we arrived instantly vanished after we met the staff of El Hogar. What we found was a group of talented, dedicated, and passionate professionals. We saw them using innovative teaching approaches, differentiating instruction for students, managing with limited resources, and implementing impressive behavior management strategies. In fact, they made their jobs look easy, when in reality, they are anything but.

The teachers at El Hogar exhibit a level of commitment and dedication to their jobs hard for most of us to imagine. They give so much to the children of El Hogar: their time, their energy, and their love.

For this group of people, teaching at El Hogar is more than a day job; it is a way of life. Early one morning during our visit, I was awoken by the sound of laughing children. I left the guest house to find a group of little boys, running around in their underpants and washing up for the day, all under the careful eye of several teachers, on duty hours before the school day would officially begin. The teachers at El Hogar work extremely long hours, arriving at school to get the children up in the morning and staying to put them

to bed at night. They spend the entire day with the children, serving them food, having meals with them, playing with them, and making sure they brush their teeth...after every meal. Some teachers actually stay overnight with the children. During our visit, when we had breaks between seminars, the teachers would return to be with the children so that our volunteers could have a break. When we were all treated to a nice lunch by St. Timothy's, several teachers stayed behind with the children so we could all attend. The teachers at El Hogar have to not only serve as teachers for the children, but parents as well, caring for the children around the clock. Of course, we have to not only consider the time that the teachers give, but the time that they give up, sacrificing precious time with their own families.

It would be easy to understand if this demanding schedule left the teachers drained of energy. That is definitely not what we saw, however. We found the staff to be cheerful and energetic. Never once did we hear a teacher complain. Gema seemed to always be singing, Denis had his art students performing puppets shows, and Omar was practicing with the marimba band after school. These were not teachers burnt out by their demanding schedule. They were eager to learn new things and try new approaches to help their students. In fact, we found that they had already implemented ideas Claudia had seen on her visit to Mercer just months before. During our seminars, they were attentive and gracious, even if we may have been presenting information that was not really new to them.

The teachers of El Hogar not only care for the minds and bodies of the children. They care for their spirits as well. We could see this in the way the teachers structured the day for the children, carefully planning lessons, and showing limitless patience. Moreover, we could see this love reflected in the children themselves. Despite the fact that these children had experienced tremendous hardships during their short lives, they are joyful, open, and loving. This could only be because of the loving care they receive everyday from the staff at El Hogar. The teachers are called to teach, driven by faith, and sustained by love.

The year after our visit, some of the teachers from El Hogar came to the U.S. to visit us at Mercer and establish a two-way exchange. This was the first visit to the U.S. for Jose



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Arturo, a teacher who actually grew up at El Hogar. We wanted to show the teachers a nice time while they were here, in addition to spending time at school. We took them to nice dinner, out to the movies, and on shopping trips. All the while, all Jose could think about was getting back to the children at El Hogar to continue to make a difference in their lives. With all that the teachers of El Hogar give to the children, their time, energy, and love, I was thrilled to participate in this event to give something

back to them. They are the right people, doing the right job, right now. It is the least we can do to support them in their work.

I thought this familiar quote by Margaret Mead summed up the work of the teachers of El Hogar perfectly:

*A small group of thoughtful people
could change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
~Margaret Mead*



One Voice for El Hogar



Palm Saturday



The event featured the "Prayer Walk," a re-enactment of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. The children dyed eggs and made communion bread, crosses, butterflies and a banner for Palm Sunday.





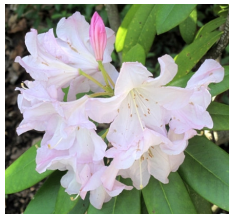
Easter Sunday





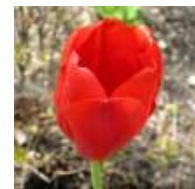
Office Volunteers Honored

The staff at St. Timothy's hosted a luncheon on May 4 to thank our office volunteers. These volunteers answer phones, prepare mailings, count money, run the library and many, many other tasks. We appreciate all they do! Pictured: (left to right) Ron Johnson, Ann Kuntz, Fran Lehman, Joan Murrish, Florence Thompson, Rosalee Campbell, Joel Frerking, Carol Murrish, Lorraine Heizer, Becky Martin, and Lyn Campbell. Not pictured: Patty Carr, Bob Emery, Mike Frank, Lee Grindstaff, JoAnn Hall, Debbi Kern, Grace Murrish, Allan Scott, John Smith, Judy Willoughby and Bob Wuerdeman. *Thank you to our office volunteers!*



St. Timothy's Spring Women's Retreat

The Spring Women's Retreat was held at the beautiful new retreat center at the Community of the Transfiguration in Glendale. Mooydeen Frees and Ann Nofziger led the retreat, *The Spiritual Journey: Living in the Spiral*.



Parish News & Announcements

Baptisms

On May 8, we welcomed into the church **Eva Emma Buckman**, daughter of Jad and Jamie Buckman; **Nolan Richard Hamilton**, son of Joseph and Kristen Hamilton; **Makenah Ailene Leighanne Wirmel**, daughter of Zachary Wirmel and Samantha Dunn; and **Zoey Mae Zavodsky**, daughter of Matt and Lisa Zavodsky. *Welcome to the household of faith!* ♦

New Life

Congratulations to **Brad and Mary Webb** on the April 16 birth of **Sydney Kathleen**; and to **Nick and Kerri Brumm** on the April 23 birth of **Hank Michael**. ♦

"Hunger Walk 2011" 5K Run/Walk: May 30

Memorial Day at 9:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point. Please bring your family and friends and join us in supporting CAIN (Churches Active in Northside) by **registering for this year's Hunger Walk after all morning services on Sundays, May 22 and 29.** This is **THE** most important annual fundraiser for CAIN. CAIN is trying to fill a \$12,000 hole in its budget created by less City of Cincinnati funding. Please support a great cause and have fun at the same time. Registration fee without a t-shirt is \$20 and with a t-shirt, the cost is \$25. In addition to our goal of raising \$2,000 from individual/family sign-ups, we are soliciting volunteers for the "Sole Mate" plan. Sole Mates pledge to raise \$200 for the Hunger Walk in support of CAIN. We are seeking 5 Sole Mates from St. Timothy's to raise an additional \$1,000! If you cannot participate in

the event, your donations will gladly be accepted as well. If you would like additional details, please contact Shawn Fishbaugh. ♦

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

SonSurf Beach Bash VBS!

Dudes! It's not even Summer yet and VBS is almost half full! If you want to have the most tubular week at SonSurf VBS, surf on over to register online at www.sainttimothys.com. Questions? Ask the Big Kahuna: Judy Gardner (474-4445, ext. 17, or children@sainttimothys.com). Don't be a howlie — register now!

Adult leaders needed! Check it out, dudes! We have over 100 little hodads coming to VBS so far and only 35 "lifeguards" and crew masters! The grommets are going to be flying solo unless more swamis show them the ropes. Join us for the most excellent week of the summer. (Translation: There are over 100 children registered for VBS but only 35 volunteers. We need more adults and teens to create the wonderful VBS we all know and love. Please consider helping with VBS.) Talk to the Big Kahuna Judy Gardner (474-4445, ext. 17, or children@sainttimothys.com) or register online at www.sainttimothys.com. ♦

Budget Report

Income & Expense Report 4 Months Ended April 30, 2011

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<u>INCOME</u>			
Pledges	\$236,530	\$218,800	\$17,730
All Other Income	45,229	41,555	3,674
TOTAL INCOME	281,759	260,355	21,404
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Personnel	144,433	145,663	(1,230)
Insurance, Maintenance, Utilities	40,782	42,617	(1,835)
Office Services	12,912	13,273	(362)
Altar Guild, Fellowship, H&W	5,587	1,963	3,623
Programs	2,999	3,975	(977)
Outreach Budget	4,949	8,950	(4,001)
Diocesan Assessment	43,881	43,881	0
Other	110	0	110
TOTAL EXPENSES	255,652	260,323	(4,671)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$26,107	\$32	\$26,075



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<p>Parish Staff</p> <p>The Rev. Roger S. Greene <i>Rector</i> The Rev. Heather B. Wiseman <i>Associate</i> The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson <i>Associate for Youth Spiritual Formation</i> The Rev. Ellen P. Cook <i>Deacon</i> The Rev. Mooydeen Frees <i>Deacon, Pastoral Care Coordinator</i> Philip D. Clary <i>Organist/Choir Director</i> Paul Rank <i>Outreach Facilitator</i> Judy Gardner <i>Director of</i> <i>Children's Spiritual Formation</i> Ruth Franke <i>Parish Administrator</i> Theresa Kimball <i>Parish Secretary</i></p>	<p>St. Timothy's Vestry and Wardens</p> <p>John Rudolph, Senior Warden David Dreisbach, Junior Warden</p> <p>Vestry Members</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Susan Cranley</td> <td>Donna Passick</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ellen Guerrettaz-Buelow</td> <td>Debbie Rathsack</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tracy Hickenlooper</td> <td>Rick Rothhaas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alicia Kimball</td> <td>Andy Ruttle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brandi Nierling</td> <td>Barbara Ryan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Don Nofziger</td> <td>Bob Willoughby</td> </tr> </table>	Susan Cranley	Donna Passick	Ellen Guerrettaz-Buelow	Debbie Rathsack	Tracy Hickenlooper	Rick Rothhaas	Alicia Kimball	Andy Ruttle	Brandi Nierling	Barbara Ryan	Don Nofziger	Bob Willoughby	<p>St. Timothy's Schedule of Services</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>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</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Office Information</p> <p>Phone number: 513-474-4445 Fax number: 513-388-4161</p>
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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. 18; 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.