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*187th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
January 15, 2023*

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JANUARY 15, 2023

AGENDA

- I. Opening Prayer and Reading of Mission Statement
- II. Appointment of Meeting Secretary
- III. Determination of a Quorum
- IV. Vestry Nominations (Election procedure explanation)
 - a. Nominations from the floor
 - b. Prayer for Candidates
- V. Election of Vestry Members
- VI. Secretary's Report (2022 Annual Meeting Minutes)
- VII. Treasurer's Report & Proposed 2023 Budget
- VIII. Bylaw Change (see page 6)
- IX. Reports
- X. Adjourn: Closing Prayer
- XI. Informal Comments and Discussion

WHO WE ARE:

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Vestry Commissioning

Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10am service

First 2022 Vestry Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

OUTGOING VESTRY

Bob Schroeder

Jon Silvis

Jay Spencer

CURRENT VESTRY

Term Expiring January 2024

Ellen Elder-Joseph

Rita Haines

Margy Vogt

Term Expiring January 2025

Dave Coltrin

Terry Conner

Sarah Emmert

Nominees for St. Timothy's 2023 Vestry Election

Liz Susor

I am a "cradle Episcopalian" and a member at St. Timothy's for 3.5 years. Prior to attending St. Tim's, we attended St John's in Cuyahoga Falls where I served on the Vestry for 5 years, including terms as Junior & Senior warden & taught Sunday School. I am a Substitute teacher for the Jackson Local Schools & stay-at-home mom to acolyte extraordinaire Mackenzie. I'm also a Girl Scout troop leader, 7 years & counting & about to start my second season as a coach for Girls on the Run.

Jon Silvis

In 2016, I sought a change in my life. Having grown up with the stories of "Dr. Stalker" and "Miss Sorg" from my father and uncle, I thought maybe I would drive the 1 hour from Cleveland maybe once a month, slide in the back door and duck out sometime after the sermon. (Not that I don't like sermons!)

Boy, was I wrong. You got me - Hook, Line and Sinker! (There is a sermon coming about fishermen I am sure!) I did not realize my love of beautiful St. Timothy's. I also saw a great need here, and thought I might be able to help out with my time, talent and treasure.

Using my education and skills from my regular employment, I have served as your Sr. Warden, hopefully moving us into a new direction. I have co-ordinated heavily with every member of the Vestry to make our building a success. I have helped to direct our funds from our capital campaign to be used wisely. The success of our 150 year old building and Parish is first in my mind.

I look forward to serving each and every one of you. And as always, my door is always open for your questions, comments and concerns.

Jay Spencer

Current member of Vestry, Current organist (subject to change), and choir member.

Present King of the Kilgen (according to a certain choir director)

Father of two cats. Retired Forensic Scientist Crime Fighter, and current Evidence Administrator for the Stark County Common Pleas Court.

Relative newbie at St. Timothy's, but feeling right at home.

Minutes of the 186th Parish Annual Meeting

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church • Massillon, Ohio
January 16, 2022 • 11:30 a.m.**

Opening Prayer and Reading of Mission Statement

Fr. George Baum convened the meeting with a prayer and read the church's mission statement: "The mission of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel through liturgical **W**orship, welcoming **H**ospitality, and community **O**utreach."

Appointment of Meeting Secretary and Tellers

Fr. George asked Margy Vogt to act as secretary for the meeting and she accepted. As the election of vestry candidates was uncontested, there was no need for tellers to count votes.

Determination of a Quorum

After counting 27 persons in the parish hall, Fr. George determined there was a quorum.

Vestry Nominations

At the December vestry meeting, Sarah Emmert and Terry Conner agreed to accept another term. Dave Coltrin asked to be considered for the open seat. When there were no nominations from the floor, Jay Spencer moved, seconded by Sue O'Donnell, to close the nominations.

Election of Vestry Members

Sue O'Donnell moved to elect the slate by acclamation. They will be installed for three-year terms on Sunday, January 21.

Secretary's Report (2021 Annual Meeting Minutes)

After a short time for attendees to review the minutes of the 2021 meeting, which were included in the meeting booklet, Bob Schroeder moved, seconded by Rita Haines, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Fr. George thanked Chris Streb, retiring vestry clerk, for her work.

Treasurer's 2021 Report and Proposed 2022 Budget

The meeting booklet included the 2021 financial reports and the 2022 proposed budget. Bob Schroeder moved to accept the report and budget. Seconded by Jay Spencer, the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of the Staff

Fr. George introduced Candy Dickerhoof, parish administrator; Andrew Bolden, choirmaster; and David Sparkes, organist, who were in attendance. He thanked Ron Johnson, retired sexton; Debbie Williams, parish accountant; Melissa Allison, seminarian; and Maureen Major, seminarian, who were not in attendance.

Committee Reports

The junior warden's report and committee reports were printed in the meeting booklet. Fr. George asked parishioners to review them. Senior Warden Jon Silvis reported that in 2021 vestry tackled more capital projects than originally promised during the Growing with God campaign. He said the building is in good

shape for its age. Vestry will continue to pursue necessary maintenance and repair projects for its preservation. He referred attendees to a photo display in the parish hall documenting work in progress. Once the restoration of the north interior wall is completed, finishing the sanctuary floor will be addressed.

Comments and Concerns

Etta Trimpi reported on the December social—pizza and screening *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Palace Theatre—and suggested that additional similar events should be planned.

Adjournment

Sue O'Donnell moved, seconded by Liz Susor, for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:55am
Margy Vogt, Acting Secretary

Proposed Bylaw Changes

ARTICLE II

CURRENTLY:

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the parish shall be held each year no later than the third Sunday of January at a time specified by the Rector, or in the absence of a Rector, the Senior Warden and shall be held on the Church premises, unless it becomes impractical to do so.

PROPOSED:

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the parish shall be held each year no later than the first Sunday of February at a time specified by the Rector, or in the absence of a Rector, the Senior Warden, and shall be held on the Church premises, unless it becomes impractical to do so.

RATIONALE:

Section 1: The deadline for the Annual Meeting in Section 1 does not allow adequate time to prepare materials and gather reports. In addition, the current deadline does not allow for rescheduling in the event of severe weather or other unforeseen events. Moving the deadline solves these problems.

ARTICLE II

CURRENTLY:

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of all meetings of the Vestry shall be mailed to each member not less than three (3) days before the meeting. Such notice shall include the time and place, and in the case of a special meeting the purpose, of the meeting. The notice of meetings may be waived by the attendance of all members of the Vestry.

PROPOSED

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of special meetings of the Vestry shall be emailed to each member not less than three (3) days before the meeting. Such notice shall include the time and place, and the purpose of the meeting. The notice of meetings may be waived by the attendance of all members of the Vestry.

RATIONALE:

Section 4: There is no need to send out a written notice of the regular monthly meetings, as they always occur on the fourth Monday of the month. Should the need arise for a special meeting, we will send the announcement by email, as required in the new wording.

2022-2023 BUDGET INFORMATION

CATEGORY	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUALS	2023 BUDGET
INCOME			
Holiday Income	2,000	1,218	2,500
Loose Plate	3,000	2,096	3,000
RDF	1,000	200	500
Flowers/Candles	0	400	0
Pledges	175,000	165,896	175,000
Unrestricted	40,000	40,000	40,000
Restricted	3,000	5,110	6,000
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,622	10,000
Carry Over	16,340	16,340	12,723
TOTAL	245,340	229,882	249,723
EXPENSES			
Audit	0	0	3,000
Insurance	13,000	13,421	13,400
Janitorial	600	573	600
Property Taxes	200	198	200
Outside Maint.	2,000	0	2,200
R&M	3,500	2,087	3,500
Utilities			
Internet/phone	3,000	3,106	3,200
Electric	9,000	7,119	7,500
Gas	8,800	7,066	8,000
Sewer/Trash	300	860	970
Office Supplies	2,000	4,081	4,000
Postage	2,500	1,597	1,900
Lease Expense	6,100	4,522	5,160
Convention Exp.	200	332	200
Computer Expense	2,000	1,998	2,000
TOTAL OPERATING	54,368	46,960	55,270
Music Supplies	350	1,892	800
Church School	0	350	2,000
Adult Religious Ed	0	0	0
Worship Supplies	2,000	2,187	2,000
Parish Media	4,100	3,131	3,100
Music Maintenance	2,000	1,900	1,750
Diocesan Assessm	26,000	29,693	26,000
TOTAL CHURCH	34,450	38,803	35,650

Rector's Pension	13,068	12,979	13,068
Substitute Persons	1,000	6,198	5,000
Employee Pension	2,000	1,012	1,500
Social Security	4,200	3,768	4,100
Car Allowance	500	0	500
Housing Allowance	27,450	27,450	27,450
Continuing Ed	750	490	750
Hospitalization	8,000	12,938	10,380
RDF	3,600	3,810	3,600
Workers' Comp	450	350	400
TTL PERSONNEL	61,018	68,995	66,748
Accountant	5,407	5,407	5,675
Organist	10,000	0	10,000
Parish Admin	17,717	17,717	18,600
Rector	48,000	48,000	50,400
Sexton	3,000	0	0
Choir Director	7,380	11,000	7,380
TOTAL SALARIES	91,504	82,124	92,055
TOTAL EXPENSES	245,340	236,882	249,723

SAINT TIMOTHY'S SAVINGS AND ENDOWMENT REPORT December 31, 2022

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Equities and Fixed Income	\$ 276,395	\$428,399	\$(152,004)
Cash in Money Market	\$ 0	\$ 347	\$ (347)
Restricted Funds	\$ 72,677	\$ 74,964	\$ (2,287)
Cash in Restricted Funds	\$ 1,726	\$ 89	\$ 1,637
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 350,798	\$ 504,614	\$ (153,816)

WITHDRAWALS TO OPERATING FUND YTD:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	\$ 0	\$ 0
February	\$ 0	\$ 0
March	\$ 4,500(R)	\$ 3,800 (R)
April	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
May	\$ 13,000(4,600R)	\$ 0
June	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
July	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
August	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
September	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
October	\$ 8,000	/\$ 6,000
November	\$ 0	\$ 2,700 (R)
December	\$ 1,450 (R)	\$ 0
TOTAL YTD	\$ 49,950	\$ 41,500
	\$ (10,550-R)	\$ (6,500-R)

<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS (R)</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>INITIAL GIFT</u>
Virginia and Walter Sorg Fund (Interest only to be used for unbudgeted expenses)	\$ 10,593	\$ 10,000
Hughes Christian Education Fund (Interest only to be used for Children's Christian Education)	\$ 22,826	\$ 10,000
Marguerite Sorg Memorial Music Fund (Funds, including principal, to be used for unbudgeted music programs)	\$ 13,950	\$ 5,000
Caitlin Fellows Memorial Fund (Funds, including principal, to be used for window restoration and repairs per Jane and Dean Lauritzen, donors)	\$ 16,104	\$ 5,000
Katherine Scott Memorial Fund (Funds, including principal, to be used with approval of the Vestry, except for ordinary operating and maintenance expenses)	\$ 911	\$ 10,000
Altar Enhancement Fund (Funds, including principal, for new and replacement altar items)	\$ 3,077	\$ 5,000
Good News Bible Fund (Funds, including principal, to be used to purchase bibles)	\$ 4,216	\$ 5,000

MULTIFUND ACCOUNT

The Multifund Account was created twenty-five years ago to differentiate between those items that could be budgeted versus those items that were considered in-and-out items. The Multifund Account includes things like Fellowship, Funeral Fund, Flowers, Memorial contributions, special Outreach programs, Memorial plaques and the 2 cents per meal program. At the end of 2022, the balance in that fund is \$ 7,803.

GROWING WITH GOD

The fourth account that the church and Vestry manage is our Growing With God capital campaign account. This is used to fund the many projects the GWG committee proposed after feedback from the parishioners three years ago. The projects completed or started in 2022 are detailed in the Junior Warden's report. The balance in the account as of December 31 is \$302,383.

From the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ:

When I joined you as your Rector way back in 2016, one of my goals was to open the doors. That is, to get ourselves out of the building, and to get others into the building. We've reconnected with the Diocese in ways we haven't since the days of Dr. Stalker (who, in 1946, was called the "most beloved priest in the Diocese.") Our doors are indeed open, and we continue to make important connections.

Over the past year, a local Girl Scout troop has been using our building for its regular meetings. The ASPIRE program tutors adults and helps them pass GED and other exams in our basement 4 days a week. Most recently, a Crystal Meth Anonymous group has been meeting in our lounge on Thursdays prior to choir practice. We can add to that list hosting the Friends of the Museum breakfast, the Massillon Tigers Prayer Service, the Washington High School Baccalaureate, our Advent Recital Series, and many other annual events.

We intend to once again participate in Impact Massillon, to help make improvements in a local neighborhood, and with our new stove we are at beginning stages of planning a regular community meal for our neighbors. Our doors are indeed open, and we are reestablishing our congregation as a vital part of the Massillon community.

As we move into 2023, I encourage you to be encouraged by what we have done and will yet do. Our founding members were among the founders of this city, and keeping our doors open keeps that legacy and ministry moving forward. I pray that God would lead each and every one of us to find our place in the ministries of the "church with the red doors," doors which are always open to all.

Faithfully,
Fr. George

Sr. Warden

First, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support, questions, concerns and encouragement. The past year has been very challenging, both personally and professionally. The effects of the past few years have changed many, many things. Navigating shortages, in labor and supplies has been nerve wracking.

It has always been my purpose as a Vestry member to "bring something to the table". To serve, those who put me here, (You) to be your representative in church affairs, and yes, even a shoulder for Fr. George to lean on (cry) when he has questions.

We completed many projects that for some time due to circumstance seemed to be in doubt. (Flooring, Stove, Painting) We have had to replace 2 furnaces, investigate water intrusions. Did I mention we have a new stove?

Bringing people back into the building has been a challenge. As a facility manager, my heart sinks when I see an underused building. We have brought adult education back to the building after an absence of many

years. We have brought a drug addiction group into the building to use our facility. All of this positions us to reach out to the community and corporations to pursue grants, enabling us to continue to serve and to restore this beautiful building.

Working with each and every member of the Vestry as well as every one of you has been my greatest pleasure. I feel my biggest challenge is to keep an eye on finances and help to spend our hard earned money wisely and prudently.

On top of all this, I have enjoyed teaching a small but younger group of individuals in the history, ceremonies and responsibility's of the Episcopal Church. I had the Honor to represent us at the 206th Annual Convention in November. I attended Lay Preacher College in May of this year and have had a new perspective on my own life and purpose.

I remain, your respectful servant.

Jon B. Silvis
Sr. Warden

Jr. Warden and Growing with God

Annual Report for 2022 Jr. Warden

Even with another year of very difficult social and economic issues the St. Timothy vestry were able to get some building tasks accomplished that we've been working on, and waiting on, for some time. They include:

- *managing to resolve the cause of a number of destructive water intrusion leaks;
 - *discovering the cause of sagging plaster and potential failure of the support system in several areas;
 - *repair of damaged plaster areas and painting of those locations;
 - *exterior gutter/downspout repair;
 - *repair of damaged and problem areas of several roof locations;
 - *additional tree trimming to protect from potential roof and window damage;
 - *replacement of floor covering areas;
 - *various HVAC, plumbing, and electrical repairs/replacements;
- as well as multiple other tasks associated with the building.

Terry Conner, Jr. Warden

Treasurer's Report

2022 was a challenging year financially for St. Timothy's. While the Rector and Vestry have tried to make things seem as normal as possible, many congregants are still reluctant to return to regular Sunday services. Expenses do not go down depending on the number of people in church on any given Sunday but donations are significantly affected by lower attendance. Some of those who may watch the streaming service do contribute, but many do not; at least not like before. Factor in a difficult economy and the effects of inflation on everything and it meant some challenges during the year. Overall though, the church is in sound financial condition. We were blessed with some unexpected gifts that tremendously eased the burden. The Vestry and the Treasurer worked hard to keep expenses in line with income.

The church maintains three checking accounts with local banks. One is the general account which is used to pay the bills throughout the year. Pledges and donations are deposited into account. The second account is called the MultiFund account. This was established many years ago and acts as a pass through account. Donations received for special projects, Fellowship activities, flowers and Outreach are deposited and then used for those non-budgeted items. It is an in and out account. The third accounting our Growing With God account. This fund is used for repairs and large maintenance items for the church. The donations from the capital campaign a few years ago is deposited in this account.

During 2023, we filed a claim with our insurance carrier regarding the water damage in the Sanctuary that caused the cracks in the walls, stains on the walls, and damage to the carpet. We received \$140,000 from the insurance company to help with the repairs both in the Sanctuary and in the basement. In addition, last year we received a very generous donation of \$200,000 from a couple who are members to be used for the upkeep of the church. This money was deposited in the Growing With God account rather than invested because of the uncertainty of the market.

Also included in the financial review is the Savings and Endowment report. The funds in this account are invested. As you well know, the markets were not kind to investments last year. The Dow was down about 26%, Nasdaq was off over 30% as was the S&P. The Savings and Endowment Fund was off 30% after withdrawals and 21% before allowing for withdrawals, a bit better than the market as a whole.

The year end balances for the accounts are as follows:

General Account- \$16,340
MultiFund Account- \$7,803
Growing With God- \$302,383
Savings and Endowment- \$350,798

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Schroeder, Treasurer

WORSHIP

FROM ANDREW BOLDEN
Choirmaster

So much can happen in a year, as we've witnessed each of the last several doing out the kitchen sink and more. But proving ever-resilient, St. Timothy's Chancel Choir has endured sickness and loss, setbacks and silence, but still we sing!

Epiphany Lessons & Carols started 2022 with a collaborative effort as the choir was joined by several singers from New Life Episcopal Church in Uniontown. This year we thrilled to welcome choristers from New Life once again, along with St. Paul's in Canton and Trinity in Alliance. We intend to repeat this sort of mission area cooperation annually, in hopes of building a new community tradition.

Only two months prior to 2022, St. Timothy's had hired a new organist, David Sparkes. Little did we know that he would be hospitalized in the early days of Lent, and his health would finally fail in June. Our time with him was decidedly short, but he left an indelible impression on us. May he rest in peace.

In the meantime, the choir prepared their weekly anthems, adjusting the repertoire accordingly. The choir's ability to sing acapella had already grown tremendously, and still they proved their mettle repeatedly, singing better every week, stretching their voices and tuning their ears to learn more literature without keyboard accompaniment. Holy Week proved something of a triumph and by Trinity Sunday, our merry little band finished the season on a high note, performing for the anniversary luncheon. Upon their return in September, the choir was able to set aside singing masks, pressing onward and upward, learning music faster and singing more challenging pieces exceptionally well. I am also thrilled by the choir's goodwill in their performances of my original compositions and arrangements, including an anthem for the ordination of our former seminarian, Maureen Major.

Jay Spencer has been a stalwart interim organist, leading congregational hymns and service music. Mark Thewes played for us last summer, and Loren Veigel came out for Easter and Christmas, and a number of Sundays in between, to accompany the choir. We are immensely grateful for them as we search for a permanent replacement; we are hopeful to make an announcement in the coming weeks.

Our Advent Recital Series brought a good number of folks from our community through the doors to hear three spectacular organists (Chad Pittman, Loren Veigel, and Levi Muriuki) and one superlative tenor (Michael Jeffrey Lucas). This series will continue to bring exceptional local musicians to St. Timothy's, while plans to expand the musical events presented here develop around the newly-recovered acoustic of the sanctuary.

In 2023, I am looking forward to continued growth of the choir, both in skill and size. The anticipated arrival of a new organist will bring fresh focus to our efforts. As faithful parish musicians working tirelessly to support the musical worship of the congregation, we pray that our songs raise hearts heavenward, as we seek together those glimpses of divine beauty.

FROM FR. GEORGE
Rector

I am wary of using the phrase “coming out of” when speaking about COVID. Things are better overall, of course, but it’s not like the trauma is over. And for many of us, that pause button of sporadically closing the doors over the past three years has made us re-evaluate what is important to us, and how we want to spend our time and energy. Most of our core crew of acolytes, readers, and ushers have taken a step back, and some have stopped coming to church altogether.

While this has led to moments of sadness for me as the one in charge of worship, I find joy in the fact that others have stepped forward and offered their time and commitment to perfecting our praises. We have new faces in all facets of worship, and I am inspired by the new-found energy and creativity in trying to make our worship of God as glorious and fitting as possible.

I am grateful for all who have volunteered to help with liturgy, and cleaning, and music this past year. We are slowly starting to see what is possible with the resources we have, and I look forward to the increased participation in the coming year. Our worship space is as beautiful as ever, and it is a delight to gather with you on a weekly basis. Given all we’ve been through, that is not something I take for granted.

FROM SARAH EMMERT
Children’s Sundays

I was very excited to finally start Children’s Sunday School this year. It was a little different than years past, but nonetheless it was definitely Sunday worship for our children.

After some discussion with Father George, we decided to have it every second Sunday of the month. Beginning on September 14, 2022; it was all inclusive based on age ranging from 4 to 15 years old. Altogether there were eight in attendance.

Amanda Lint, my oldest granddaughter assisted me with our first class.

The children are taught in each class what they “see” in the church. The windows, the choir, the priest, the acolytes, the torch bearers, the High Altar, the Gifts, etc. Then we talk about the order of the service.

Then we discuss the Gospel reading for the day and do a project associated with that teaching.

The first month, 9/11/2022, we made sheep out of cotton balls while we talked about the parable of the lost sheep. Luke 15:1-10.

The second month, 10/12/2022, we learned about leprosy and how people were shunned in the Bible. We colored pictures while we talked about how these people demonstrated their faith. Even though they had their disease they followed Jesus anyway and Jesus immediately healed them for their faith.

The third month, 11/13/2022 We learned about Advent wreaths and our project was to make one. We learned the short service to pray each week when we light candles. Each child got one to take home.

While we were assembling our wreaths, I read the Gospel for them. Often, one of the older children will read the Gospel. Sometimes the Gospel is a parable, or full of symbolism and is difficult to read or understand.

This one was one of these. But simply put Luke 25:5-19 is a message of Hope that God is always here for us...and the advent wreath is a good example of that.

Our fourth meeting, 12/11/2022 We learned the true story of Saint Nicholas while we "prayed" made an icon of his image. Surprisingly, two of the children knew quite a lot about him. And, one of our parishioners, Steve Merrill, graciously, portrayed him during our coffee hour. What a treat!

Ending the year was the Family Service on Christmas Eve. With the bad weather, I was quite surprised with the wonderful attendance we had. Eight children showed up with exuberance to participate in our 7:00 PM service.

This year was simple but, successful. Something to grow on. I have high expectations for a solid youth group in this church.

When I walked the children into the church after their first class back in September and saw their families waiting to see them... I know my prayer had been heard, and I was full of Joy.

Thanks be to God.
Sarah Emmert



HOSPITALITY

FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY REPORT

The Hospitality Committee held a number of events this year as we slowly regained our footing after the Covid 19 respite. Things started slowly as people were still a bit hesitant to gather in large groups as the year began but activities were better received as the year moved on. Thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who worked tirelessly on your behalf.

Epiphany Tea hosted by the ECW

Service of Lessons and Carols

Annual meeting of the parish of St. Timothy's (on the worst weather day of the year)

St. Timothy's Sunday Swiss Steak Dinner and celebration

Lenten Brown Bag Concerts

Washington High School Baccalaureate

Wine Tasting Social and Bottle Exchange

186th Anniversary Party complete with games and treats for all

Community Spaghetti Dinner with basket raffle and 50/50 drawing

Massillon Tiger Prayer Service (Father George wants everyone to know he is undefeated against McKinley in the Game)

Palace Theater party courtesy of Jay Spencer on the mighty Kilgen Organ

Blanket Sunday (Outreach program coordinated through this committee)

Advent Brown Bag Concerts

One Man Presentation of *A Christmas Carol* courtesy of Rev. John Ferris

A Chorus For a cause Christmas Concert

In 2023, we hope to bring back more old events and add some new ones to the festive Hospitality and Fellowship calendar.

Bob Schroeder

Committee Chair

ST. TIMOTHY'S GARDENS

2022 St Tim's Garden Recap

"Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ" - from the Collect for the Feast of The Holy Name

Working seeds in to the soil is so integral in human history that we find its metaphors in scripture, in ancient prayer and song, in every culture. Again in 2022 we worked to incorporate planting into the culture of St Timothy's.



Several folks gathered over four garden clean up days; two in Spring, two in Autumn. Our hardworking crews manicured hedges, schlepped branches and garden debris off-site, pulled weeds, edged flower beds, pulled weeds, constructed a leaf collection bin, planted annual flowers, spread over 500 lbs of mulch, collected leftover leaves, and pulled more weeds! And throughout the year, folks individually stopped by as they were able and offered their time (and sweat!) toward garden chores.



Our perennial beds continued to thrive, supporting loads of bumble bees and other pollinators, while also giving a glimmer of growth and beauty to passersby.



During the flush of summer blooms, some of those same flowers were cut for altar arrangements.

In an effort to broaden self-sufficiency on our grounds, we collected and binned autumn leaves, leaving them to decompose til next summer. Rotted leaves are a true gift from Creation! Once properly broken down and added to garden beds, leaf mold (as it is called) adds nutrients and loft to the soil, and that promotes healthy soil life. With a bit of raking and time, those leaves break down into Garden Gold and we have participated in Creation!

Thank you to all who've dug, pulled, raked, shoveled, watered, or simply encouraged our St Timothy's gardens' growth.



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ECW

ECW started the year with the Epiphany Tea which was held on January 9, 2022. The 2023 Epiphany Tea took place on January 8, 2023. Many members donated food and their help to make the teas very successful. The group ordered a Memorial Plaque in memory of Judy Wigginton.

We took orders for Easter Lilies . As always, the Altar Guild members decorated the altar with them - making a glorious presentation for Easter morning.

In September we made a donation to the Family Living Center in Massillon & another donation to Father George – to be used for miscellaneous expenses that occur daily.

Our next big project was finally having the church rummage/bake sale. It was very successful – thanks to the help from many ECW & other church members. We were happy that despite the extensive road work beside the church – people were able to drive around the barriers to get into the church parking lot.

We donated money to the Salvation Army to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving. We also made a donation to our church so hams could be purchased for Christmas dinners for the families that St. Timothy adopted.

The poinsettias for Christmas services were ordered in December. Also, four beautiful fruit baskets were purchased and delivered to members in their homes, while throws with a picture of St. Timothy's Church were ordered & then delivered to members who reside in nursing homes. Everyone seemed very grateful for our ECW ladies' Christmas visits.

I am happy to report that ECW has added several new members to our group – which is opened to all women.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Baer, President

STOVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Stove Committee was formed in October after a couple of generous parishioners donated funds to kick start a campaign to replace the old, but wonderful cast iron one in the kitchen. The committee met and discussed the needs of the church and what features should be included with a new stove. Little did we know that less than two months later, the black beast would give up the ghost. Members of the committee contacted several different suppliers to determine the best fit for our church and they all recommended the stove in place now. The new stove was installed in early December. We were able to purchase the new stove, remove the old stove, and install the new one while staying within the budget. The members of the stove committee worked expeditiously and thoroughly to accomplish this in record time. A special thank you goes out to all our committee members, and to Jan Smuda and Muffy Miller and her family for their generous contributions that started the ball rolling.

Ellin Schroeder
Committee Chair

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The History Committee maintains the second-floor archives room to accommodate the parish's precious photographs, documents, and books. Although we're not up to Smithsonian standards, we're maximizing the storage options we have to protect our historic items.

Senior Warden Jon Silvis has been diligent about submitting documentation of recent building projects, which will be valuable for future reference.

The history committee welcomes contributions of photographs representing parish people and events. They are particularly valuable when accompanied by identification of the people—on a separate piece of paper. (Please avoid using tape and writing in ink on either side of the photographs!) We still have gaps in our collection of church photo directories.

—Margy Vogt, Chair



OUTREACH

Outreach Activities at St. Timothy's for 2022

It is the duty of every Christian to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself" (Baptismal covenant, Book of Common Prayer). Outreach is literally reaching out with love and concern for others or becoming the hands and feet of Jesus to spread the Good News to the local, national, and international community. Outreach is also the third piece of our mission "to spread the gospel through liturgical worship, welcoming hospitality, and community outreach."

As community restrictions began to loosen in 2022, we saw the return of many long-standing Massillon and St. Timothy's outreach traditions.

A partial list of the 2022 projects included:

- St. Timothy's continued to host the Massillon – McKinley pre-game Tigers service. Massillon continued to respond with a winning record.
- In November, we surpassed our goal and provided 77 warm blankets to the Salvation Army for those needing warmth in the upcoming cold months.
- For Thanksgiving, St. Tim's provided Thanksgiving dinner and supplemental groceries for five local families.
- St. Tim's adopted 5 families for Christmas 2022. With great generosity, the parishioners of St. Timothy's shopped, wrapped packages, stuffed stockings, and packed groceries so that all could be delivered in time for Santa Claus.
- We again put up a Christmas tree in the parish hall and many mittens, gloves, and warm hats were donated to help keep some children warm on their way to school or play.
- The Massillon Community Candlelight Walk gloriously returned after a three year gap. The Hospitality Committee and other parishoners welcomed over 750 people with 12 gallons of cider, 90 dozen cookies, and hours of magnificent music. We were rumored to have the best cookies among the Massillon churches. At the very least, we had the most stunning wooden floor.
- Impact Massillon returned in 2022, but St Tim's was unable to participate. We are signed up for Impact Massillon 2023, so please look for details in the spring if you wish to participate. The estimated date is early June.
- We did not host a community Easter Egg hunt in 2022. It is slated to have an egg-cellent return in 2023.

In 2023, we hope to expand outreach efforts by partnering with local organizations and churches in Massillon. We are discussing starting a community meal using the beautiful new stove selected by the Stove Committee. In all continuing traditions and new possibilities, we look forward to having our St. Tim's friends join us as plans develop.

Thank you ALL for your past and future generosity,

Danielle Shaffer
Ann Higgins
St. Timothy's Outreach

2022 Parish Registry

Burials/Memorials/Death

Judy Wigginton
Patricia Jean Murphy Merrill
Donald Erwin Merrill
David Sparkes
Gerry Lane Nessar
Elizabeth Norris
Rhea Cook Oberlin Hollar

Transfers In

Danielle Shaffer
Susan and Jeff Watkins

Transfers Out

Rebecca Austin
Paul and Melissa Meek
Greg Schumacher

Baptisms

Brantley Lawrence Silvis
Remy Grey Toot
Benjamin Miller Drumm

Marriages

Daphne Joy Pavlik and Matthew Steven Middaugh
Jessica Fike and William Plunk

2022 St. Timothy's Parish Staff

The Rev. George R. Baum, *Rector*
Andrew Bolden, *Choirmaster*
Candy Dickerhoof, *Parish Administrator*
Debbie Williams, *Parish Accountant*