



# The Monthly Newsletter for Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church

## April 2016

Dear Members and Friends of Saint Timothy's,

We are still bathing in the afterglow of what was a most meaningful and inspiring Holy Week and Easter. At least Holy Week and Easter, for me, were more moving and meaningful than I can remember for some years. I'm not sure why that is. For the clergy, Holy Week and Easter comprise a week of getting up extra early, going to bed extra late, planning, writing, dotting lots of "i's" and crossing lots of "t's". From time to time a clergyman has to force himself to fit prayer and contemplation into the week. Holy Week and Easter for me are elements of our faith and practice that are so much more appreciated when they are all over and one can look back over them and think about them. I like doing that.

Once we begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday it seems like a "blur". Events and church services come fast and furiously and that's another reason why they are good to appreciate after they are over. In looking back in appreciation over what has just happened as Saint Timothy's lived through another Holy Week, we need to be so grateful and thankful for all the people who helped make it so meaningful. These high holy days do not just "fall from the sky". They are the result of deeply committed and devoted parishioners and staff who know how important these days are in our Christian life. John Herrmann, our organist and choirmaster, had the Choir in excellent voice and had lots of voices and instrumentalists to train and conduct. The Altar Guild members make sure they are "all on deck" to help present these special services and have every detail covered. The acolytes, who mostly volunteer for particular services, were especially "on" through all the services including Easter Day. They were good and helpful in a way that I had not seen prior to this Holy Week and Easter. We had Betsy organizing, planning and cooking, with a good deal of other parishioners so we could truly celebrate The Easter Feast by having our own parish feast following the 11:00 a.m. service. Debbie needs to produce all the extra bulletins, collect and order the lilies, answer many more phone calls and generally put up with lots more action than in the course of a "normal" week. Sarah Culton has improved our parish life to a degree that we could only have imagined just a year ago. She is yet another reason why things are organized, communicated well and we have enjoyed Holy Week. We hardly ever see Charles Wiggins doing all that he does on Saturdays and Sundays, but in Holy Week and Easter he goes the extra mile and makes sure the place is in ship shape. Whatever curves I throw at him in Holy Week and Easter, he handles with patience

and dignity and Saint Timothy's would not look her best on Easter Day without him. We owe a big "thank you" to all of them so when you see them, tell them how much you appreciate all that they do to give us moving and glorious services.

It is inspiring to see Saint Timothy's full at Christmas and Easter and this year has been no different. The skeptic could say, "Where are these people the rest of the year? They only seem to come to Church two days per year!" No one likes to see a full Church more than I. Let's face it, numbers matter. To any priests who says, "I'm not concerned about numbers or attendance... I'm really only concerned with how people are growing in their spiritual life."; I say to these priests, "How few people do you need to see in the pews, before you get concerned with not having any souls to grow spiritually?!" To the people attending on Christmas and Easter, I say, "Come ahead! Come and fill the place on Christmas and Easter! It makes for a great celebration! It lifts my spirits and if one is going to come to Church, I can't think of better times to be there than Christmas and Easter!"

Numbers do matter or we would not bother to write down the attendance. In fact, we are supposed to keep track of the numbers according to the canons of the church. When we look at the numbers this year at our Holy Week and Easter Services, we can see that we had a few more people at Palm Sunday and the Triduum and even more on Easter Day. It's good to see this. The question is then, "How do we keep the Church full the rest of the year?" Don't expect this to happen overnight. I wish it could, but it hasn't happened yet. I take this on as a goal. The goal is to get Saint Timothy's full every week. History is against us. I know about "Low Sunday" so I don't expect a dramatic change from Easter Day to Low Sunday. All the people who were here on Easter Day will not be back on Low Sunday, but our work is to correct that.

The term Low Sunday, the Sunday following Easter Day, comes from the Roman Catholic Church and is still used in Episcopal and Anglican Churches. In the Roman Catholic Church, the Sunday after Easter is the end of the octave of Easter, or the eight-day festival of celebration, following the greatest feast of Easter Day. The liturgical celebration is not as great on the Sunday after Easter because it is the end of the octave and it follows the elaborate services of Easter Day. It is much the same in Episcopal Churches. We do not expect the high and uplifting ceremonial of Easter Day to be repeated each

Sunday in Easter so we know the liturgical expression on Low Sunday will indeed be “lower” than Easter Day. Even though the expression “Low Sunday” is more of a liturgical expression we use it to refer to attendance as well and we would not be wrong. We know there won’t be as many people in Church on Easter II as there were on The Queen of Feasts. Our calling, I think, is to work, pray and give so that someday there will be as many people on Low Sunday as Easter Day.

Until we reach the time when there are no empty pews on a given Sunday, there are still many attractive parish activities in the coming months. These events and activities should help us reach the goal of no empty pews. Looking through the next few months we will celebrate The Feast of Pentecost, host a Vacation Bible School, attend a workshop on church growth called “Invite, Welcome, Connect”, entertain a visit from our Bishop, host an Open House for Saint Timothy’s School, and the Men’s Fellowship will host their Annual Barbeque. We should do three things as result of these parish activities: 1) find out how we can help; 2) get them on our calendars and 3) attend at least one, if not all. Please look through

this “Tidings” and follow in the Sunday bulletins when these things are happening and make it a point to help out. It is through this kind of service, getting involved and getting others involved, that we will eliminate Low Sunday.

Let us give thanks always for the Resurrection and the new life it brings to our souls through the forgiveness of our sins and the hope it brings us for new and eternal life. Let’s continue to give thanks for our Saint Timothy’s where we can worship and give thanks for the Risen Lord and enjoy a renewed and rejuvenated life together in Eastertide, Christmastide and all year through.

Yours in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ,



The Reverend Jay C. James  
Rector

**The Daughters of The King will be hosting a BETWEEN THE SERVICE BREAKFAST on April 24. The time is 10:05 until 10:50 in the Fellowship Hall. Don't eat breakfast at home that day! Come to church hungry and meet us around the table. We want everyone to come and enjoy a great time of the three Fs - Food, Fellowship and Fun.**



Spring is in the air and the gardens are beginning to bloom. With Easter coming so early this year, it is time to bask in the glory of HIS Resurrection and enjoy this lovely time of year. As you have noticed, each month, I enjoy writing about an organization and how they impact parish life at Saint Timothy’s.

This month I would like to put the spotlight on the Men’s Fellowship Group. This is a dedicated group of men who make sure we enjoy celebrations throughout the year, and perform service projects for the church and community.

The Men’s Fellowship Group hosts the Back to School cookout, Saint Timothy’s Day cookout, End of the Year Cookout, Men’s Bar-b-que, and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. These are all very popular and well attended events in our parish. They grocery shop, prepare, and serve the food for these activities. I for one look forward to the events they host and am grateful for all the men how participate in this organization.

In addition, their service projects around the parish are evidenced by the repainted exterior church doors, garden upkeep, and the replacement of much need lighting in the choir loft. Also, the Men’s Group regularly participates in the Warmth for Wake Project in Raleigh.

So, the next time you see a member of the Men’s Fellowship Group be sure to thank them for their service to not only our parish but also the local community.

### Upcoming Special Events:

**Notes for the Homebound Parishioner:** Most Sundays in April the Church School will be making cards for the homebound parishioners of Saint Timothy's Church. Our goal will be to have thoughtful cards made for each of our Parishioners that are receiving communion at home or in a nursing home.

**T-shirts for sale! Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>:** Please consider purchasing a t-shirt from the church school during coffee hour. Wear your shirt and show your Saint Timothy's Spirit at kickball games and special events. All proceeds will go toward bridging the budget gap for the Church School Special Needs classroom.

**Hosting Coffee Hour:** The Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade church school classes will be hosting coffee hour once again for the Parish, please join us as the children will be serving their favorite dishes on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for this event again in May as the MS and HS classes will take their turn hosting coffee hour.



### Dive deep into God's presence at Deep Sea Discovery VBS!

Where kids and volunteers will discover that God is with them *Wherever they go!*

### Mark your Calendars! Vacation Bible School will be held June 10th-12th!

VBS will offer underwater adventures for explorers from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle and High School volunteers are promised a BIG role as Diving Crew Leaders who will guide their very own crew of 4 youthful explorers through the VBS stations. Be sure to sign up early to secure your spot as a Crew Leader!



#### Divers Itinerary:

Friday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 3:00 pm - Lunch will be served
Sunday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 am - 12:30 pm

If you have any questions about Church School, please email or call me, I am happy to help in any way!  
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**Picnic Lunch and Kickball!** A picnic lunch and kickball what could be better?! Join us May 1<sup>st</sup> at Honeycutt Park, 1032 Clear Creek Farm Dr., Raleigh, 27615, starting at 1pm for another exciting game of Kickball and fun fellowship. Bring your families picnic lunch and a blanket and let's enjoy the spring weather together!



**The Men's Fellowship will hold their annual Pork BBQ on Friday, April 29th from 11am-8pm. We will be serving pulled pork, boiled potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and dessert. Dinners will be \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. (12 and under, eat in only)**



**PARISH WEEKEND AT THE TRINITY CENTER.** Mark you calendars and reserve your spot for another fun filled parish beach weekend at the Trinity Center on **March 10-12, 2017.** This has been a beloved activity for members of all ages. There is a sign-up available on the bulletin board outside the parish office. More information to follow in upcoming weeks. Remember to save the date!



## Choir News

Greetings! This is being written just before The Fifth Sunday of Lent. At Saint Timothy's, we reserve The Fifth Sunday of Lent to commemorate "Passion Sunday".

The choir just completed a very long rehearsal on two sung Passions: one to be sung on Passion Sunday. The Passion according to St. Matthew and one to be sung at the 7:00 p.m. Good Friday liturgy, The Passion according to St. John. The March 6th Sunday afternoon rehearsal was long because we practiced these two Passions AFTER we practiced our grand and glorious Easter music with the brass and string instrumentalists who will accompany us. I feel confident that you will agree that the music was truly fitting for the Holiest of all Sunday's; Easter Day.

The Easter season will continue with music of the season. Some of the hymns will be sung again over the course of time spanning from Easter Day until Pentecost. The choir will also sing anthems fitting for Easter. On Easter, if you attended the 11:00 a.m. sung service, you will have heard "Christ, Our Passover" by MacFarlane and two Handel oratorio choruses: "Hallelujah, Amen", from "Judas Maccabeus" and the "Hallelujah Chorus", from "The Messiah" as well as

the Missa Brevis in G by Haydn.

Following Easter and continuing into April, the choir will sing "With a Voice of Singing" by Shaw, which was also sung at The Great Vigil of Easter. April 10th we will sing "This Joyful Eastertide" by Wood followed by "Brother James' Air"; a new anthem for us will follow later in April "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain". We sing the words to this anthem in the hymn of the same name #94 in the hymnal; to the tune of "St. Kevin".

If you attend the 11:00 a.m. service, please make it a point to thank some of the choir members you may meet in the narthex or during the coffee hour. They work very hard and are so very dedicated to make our services truly prayerful and uplifting. THEY ROCK!!

Just a reminder --- we're still reserving a seat for you in the choir loft. Maybe now, when the "big" Easter and Christmas liturgies are over, is a good time to get "eased into" choir. We sing until the first Sunday of June and will come back once again in September. It would be WONDERFUL to get a small, (or large!???) SUMMER CHOIR started. More on this to follow in May!!

*Respectfully submitted,  
John Herrmann, Organist-Choir Director*

**Bishop's Visitation:** Our Bishop Pro Tem, Ann Hodges-Copple will be visiting Saint Timothy's on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. She will preach at both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services and teach during the coffee hour. After Bishop Curry was elected Presiding Bishop last summer the Standing Committee of our Diocese named Bishop Hodges-Copple, at the time our Bishop Suffragan, as Bishop Pro Tem. She is our bishop temporarily. Ann Hodges-Copple has been Bishop Suffragan since 2013 and prior to being elected Bishop Suffragan, she served as Rector of Saint Luke's Church in Durham and Chaplain at The Duke Episcopal Center at Duke University. We look forward to this opportunity to meet Bishop Hodge-Copple and give her a warm Saint Timothy's welcome.

**WE REMEMBER OUR LOVE FOR FATHER MARTIN** and now we can read about his life and ministry in his recently published memoirs. Chapel Hill Press has published on amazon.com, *Called! Memoirs of a Black Priest*. Upon learning from doctors that he was nearing the end of his life on earth, Father Martin set about writing his memoirs with the realization that he would not live to see the published version. This is the story of an extraordinary man who devoted his life to serving the Lord and, in so doing, made lasting positive changes within the church and touched thousands of lives in the process. Available on amazon.com

This past month, the **Youth Group** has been busy dedicating time to service and helping others while in Lent. We have created an "Acts of Kindness" board in the Parlor that is dedicated to keeping a record of all of the good deeds our members have done during Lent. We are happy to say that the board is filled up thanks to all of the service that our youth has done during Lent! The Youth Group also held a service day for the Linus Project. This organization gives blankets to children who are burn victims. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, our Youth Group members came and created four beautiful blankets that these children are sure to enjoy. Coming up in April, we will be having our two meetings on the first and third Sunday of the month as well as having a **Parish Breakfast on April 17<sup>th</sup>**. This breakfast will be between the 9am and 11am services and will include a variety of biscuits and beverages. We would love to see you all there!



<b>Savannah Gibson</b>	<b>04/01</b>
<b>Jan Persing</b>	<b>04/01</b>
<b>Sean Mason</b>	<b>04/02</b>
<b>Olivia James</b>	<b>04/03</b>
<b>John Klingler</b>	<b>04/04</b>
<b>Shelia Jeter</b>	<b>04/05</b>
<b>Melville Richards</b>	<b>04/05</b>
<b>Thomas Scott</b>	<b>04/06</b>
<b>Carleton James</b>	<b>04/08</b>
<b>David Flaughner</b>	<b>04/10</b>
<b>Sherry Ackman</b>	<b>04/11</b>
<b>Janna Stieler</b>	<b>04/12</b>
<b>Larry Joseph</b>	<b>04/13</b>
<b>Ann McCray</b>	<b>04/13</b>
<b>John Richardson</b>	<b>04/13</b>
<b>Toyosi Coker</b>	<b>04/14</b>
<b>Aaron Manuel</b>	<b>04/14</b>
<b>Chukwuebuka Okoye</b>	<b>04/14</b>
<b>Freddie Martin</b>	<b>04/16</b>
<b>Taylor Newell</b>	<b>04/16</b>
<b>Quint Bunting</b>	<b>04/17</b>
<b>Taylor McKeown</b>	<b>04/17</b>
<b>Haley McKeown</b>	<b>04/17</b>
<b>Clay Turpin</b>	<b>04/17</b>
<b>William Carreker</b>	<b>04/19</b>
<b>David Irvin</b>	<b>04/19</b>
<b>Chib Anen</b>	<b>04/21</b>
<b>Rorin Platt</b>	<b>04/21</b>
<b>Paul Spencer</b>	<b>04/22</b>
<b>Muema Matheka</b>	<b>04/23</b>
<b>Zoe York</b>	<b>04/23</b>
<b>Lisa Payne</b>	<b>04/25</b>
<b>Debbie Basden</b>	<b>04/26</b>
<b>Helen Desilets</b>	<b>04/27</b>
<b>Saeyer Manuel</b>	<b>04/27</b>
<b>John Royall</b>	<b>04/28</b>
<b>David Bond</b>	<b>04/29</b>



<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Al Clement</b>	<b>04/05</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Edwin Thompson</b>	<b>04/06</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sam Searcy</b>	<b>04/10</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Paul Feely</b>	<b>04/25</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Derek Doolittle</b>	<b>04/26</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William Taber</b>	<b>04/27</b>

**Browning Altizer**  
**Frieda Artis**  
**Gabriel Baldwin**  
**Annette Bandy**  
**Helga Boone**  
**Robert Brown**  
**Jim Cain**  
**Tom Casey**  
**Penny Caldwell**  
**Vicki Cannefax**  
**Father Cheney**  
**Lyle Delano**  
**Mark Dwyer**  
**Charles Hensley**  
**Caroline Hodges**  
**Jane James**  
**Josh**  
**Gretchen Graves Lewis**  
**Betty Linch**  
**Roland Lucas**  
**Clarke Mansfield**  
**Betty Moore**  
**Terri Northcutt**  
**Shelby Norwood**  
**Boo Parker**  
**Rorin Platt**  
**Father Presler**  
**Hank Rippetoe**  
**Carson Rouse**  
**Bobby Rutledge**  
**Rachel Rutledge**  
**Gary Shelton**  
**Ramone Soler**  
**Mimi Spears**  
**Barratt Sturtevant**  
**Allie Thompson**  
**Ann Wamser**  
**Peter Wando**  
**Roger Watson**  
**Alexander Wheat**  
**Farah Williams**  
**Nathan Zook**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2 Men's Fellowship Hockey Outing
3 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion and Church School 12:30 Youth Group	4 <b>The Annunciation</b> <b>12:00 Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>  5:30 - 7:00 Nominating Committee for DOK 6:00 - Finance Committee	5	6 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 Holy Communion and Healing Service  6:30 Bible Study Movie Night: <i>God's Not Dead</i>	7	8	9
10 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 Holy Communion 11:00 Holy Communion and Church School	11 7:00 –Daughters of the King	12	13 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 Holy Communion  6:30 Bible Study	14 6:00 Finance Committee	15	16 9:00 – 4:00 <i>Invite, Welcome, Connect Workshop</i> at St. Philip's in Durham
17 4th Sunday of Easter Bishop Visitation 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Breakfast hosted by the Youth Group 11:00 Morning Prayer and Church School Coffee Hour hosted by the Church School	18	19	20 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 Holy Communion  6:30 Bible Study	21 3:30 Pastoral Care Committee  6:30 - Vestry	22	23
24 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Holy Communion 10.00 Breakfast hosted by DOK 11:00 Holy Communion and Church School	25 <b>Saint Mark</b> <b>12:00 Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	26	27 9:00 Staff Meeting  10:30 Holy Communion  6:30 Bible Study	28	29 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Men's Fellowship Annual BBQ	30

# APRIL SERVERS' SCHEDULE

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Midge Silberman Mary McDaniel Everlyn Boro Shawna Hastings	Darlene Sholtis Bonnie Searey Danielette Coleman	Marie Stewart Princess Cheetham-Smart Jennifer Wainaina Carol Rippetoe	Pennie Bliss Scotty Martin Sandy Wheat Princess Byass
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	C: Margaret Soler 1st Server: Christopher Stewart 2nd Server: Elijah Williford C: Jake Bodiford Torch: Brody Culton Torch: Roma Boren	C: Ali Persing 1st Server: Taylor Wamser 2nd Server: Fei Persing C: Danielle Lewis Torch: Michael Lewis Torch: Sean Manuel	C: Michael Lewis 1st Server: Christopher Bain 2nd Server: Danielle Lewis C: Meredith Elsea Torch: Eli Williford Torch: Matthew Bain	C: Taylor Wamser 1st Server: William Johnston 2nd Server: Parker Johnston C: Izayah Lamont Torch: Jake Bodiford Torch: Douglas Stewart
<b>9:00 LAY READERS</b>	L/C: Tom Donegan P/C: Mike Spencer	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Al Clement	L/C: Al Clement P/C: Tom Donegan	L/C: Mike Spencer P/C: Al Clement
<b>11:00 LAY READERS</b>	L/C: Kathryn Carroll P/C: Margaret Soler	L/C: Connie Wilson P/C: Meghan Lord	L/C: Jon Castro P/C: Simon Naylor	L/C: Connie Wilson P/C: Simon Naylor
<b>LECTORS</b>	George Bang	Bill Marley	Marlee Bourey	Kathryn Carroll
<b>9:00 USHERS</b>	Pete Gattis Ed Watson	Derek Doolittle Doug Jurney	Arthur Cheetham-Smart Martin Whitley	Freddie Martin
<b>11:00 USHERS</b>	Rob Stone John Poole Rick Smothers Robert Elsea	Kevin Bodiford Mike Lewis John Royall Frank Louder	Duncan Culton Steve Sholtis Jim Caldwell	Bill Marley Dave Elsea Van Vreeland
<b>9:00 GREETERS</b>	Doug Jurney	Doug Jurney	Doug Jurney	Doug Jurney
<b>11:00 GREETERS</b>	Anne Wamser	Peppy Hayes	Carol Rippetoe	TBD

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## **Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church Mission Statement**



**Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church is a traditional,  
welcoming, and scripture-based place of  
worship that leads to salvation  
through the celebration of the sacraments,  
service, fellowship, and outreach.**