

# *The Messenger*

## ***From The Rectors Desk :***

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**Happy New Year!** My New Year's Eve started with planning a wedding with one of our young couples who plan on being married in May and then actually conducting a wedding for a young couple from California who found us on the internet and decided to use St. Timothy's for their wedding. What joyous occasions to usher in a new year. My prayer is that we will continue to be a vital part of people's lives and their future as we minister to those outside of our walls as well as to our own members.

**We had a busy month of December with weddings and special events. Our Diocese elected Rev. Andrew Waldo as our new bishop on December 12<sup>th</sup>. He was elected on the third ballot. Once he receives the necessary consents from the other bishops and standing committees within the Episcopal Church, he will be consecrated on May 22.** We are going to have a visitation by Bishop Hulstrand who is going on April 11 as the bishop elect will not be consecrated for our next scheduled visitation. We have several people in our inquirer's class and will have potentially 7 people being confirmed and 2 people being received.

I was also blessed to do 3 baptisms in December. What a joy it was for me to welcome new members into the body of Christ. My prayer for St. Timothy's is that we will continue to be a way for people to be welcomed into the full participation of Christ's work in the world.

Our Christmas Lessons and Carols was beautiful and Elaine and the choir worked very hard on the music presentations and our thanks to each of them as well as all those who read the lessons.

We adopted several families from Logan Elementary to which your donations of food were delivered. We also adopted 2 families to which we gave gifts. The people delivering the food and gifts related how extremely grateful they were. Then on the first Sunday after Christmas we had our annual blessing of the toys. Many gifts were donated for needy children at Sistercare.

Because we see such a serious need for food due to the economy, we will be doing some more food baskets for the needy at Logan. We plan on creating another 7 baskets and delivering those just as the Spring break occurs so that the children will have food. For many of the children, their school meals are the only ones they get, so school vacation can be a troublesome time. Look for the announcements and you may start to bring in non-perishable food items now. In addition, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the men of the church are going to be collecting food for Harvest Hope.

On Sunday, Feb. 14, Elaine Sandberg, our organist, will be out of town. We will have piano playing by Philip Byrd and we will be singing some different kinds of songs. Don't worry, we will print the songs in your bulletin so you can sing along!

Start making plans now to attend our Valentine's Dinner and a Movie night on Friday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 pm and our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper put on by the men of the church will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 and we will have the imposition of ashes at 12 noon and again at 6:00 pm. On Tuesday eves in Lent we will our Lenten study and Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be done on the first and last Tuesday of Lent. As part of our Lenten discipline as a church we will be donating blood to the Red Cross on the last week of February. Please consider giving the gift of life. Look for more info throughout the church and bulletins.

On the first and last Sunday of Lent we will be saying the Great Litany on page 148 of the prayer book at both services. It is a responsive penitential order and will be said at the very beginning of the service. Lots happening here at St. Timothy's so keep a close eye on your bulletin for announcements and also on your email. If you have not yet given us your email address, please get it to us so that we can include you on our mailings.

Have a blessed Lent

***Tula+***

***Vestry Meeting*** - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 7th, after the 11 am service.

***CENTERING PRAYER*** - a form of Contemplative prayer will meet in the chapel at 6:00 pm every Tuesday for approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

***Kitchen/church repair update*** - Things are really moving along. We need some shelves built and storage space created so if you are handy and can volunteer some time, please see Rev. Tula for our work night schedule to help us complete the work.

***Giving Tree-*** If you care to donate, remove the tag and either buy the item and bring it to the church, or give a donation towards the item and place it in the alms basin with the tag attached.

***Altar Flowers*** - There is a new sign up sheet in the narthex for altar flowers. Please take a moment to review this and pick an occasion to honor or remember someone with flowers.

***February 7th,*** our intergenerational program will be on the discussion of Lent and what it means to us as Episcopalians. Please join us in the parish hall at 10:00 am.

***Daughters of the King-*** will meet on Sunday, February 14th at 12:30pm. Bring you lunch and join us.

***Also,*** the DOK will be hosting their 12th Annual Quiet Day on Saturday, February 27th. "Praying with the Saints" will be led by Beverly Ingram. Please join us for a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. The cost is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and boxed lunch. Please see a member of DOK or call the church office to register by Monday, February 22.

***Third Annual Valentine's Dinner and a Movie*** - On Friday, February 12th at 6pm we will have the best *Greek Festival* you have ever been to for Valentine's. The movie will be "*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*". Bring your sweetheart, your kids, your mother, your father, anyone you love for a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

## **SPRING BREAK**

What do those words mean to you? Going to the beach? Picnics? Vacation? Basking in the sun? Just chillin' out? Well.....Did you know that those words can mean very different things to other people? Going to bed hungry.....Not being able to feed my children.....Sadness because I didn't eat but once today.....

**But we can help!! You can help!!**

We will collect food for needy families until March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please bring food staples such as peanut butter, grits, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, canned meats, etc. Place them on the stage in Bennett Hall or in the Narthex as you enter the church. Let's see if we can cover the stage in Bennett Hall with food! The baskets will be put together and distributed on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be given to families from Logan School to help them feed their children while they are out of school on Spring Break. Please give generously so that these families can enjoy a wonderful Spring Break and not go to bed hungry. Thanks for all you do.

***Ash Wednesday*** - We will have two services on Wednesday, February 17th for the imposition of the ashes. The first service will be at 12 noon and the second service will be at 6pm.

***Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church***--On April 11 we will have a visitation from Bishop Hultstrand who will provide Confirmation for us. Bishop Waldo, our bishop elect will not be consecrated until May 22, 2010, (allowing that he receives the necessary consents) and so Bishop Hultstrand is going to assist the Diocese with visitation until then. If you are interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church or Received (former Catholics and Lutherans) please call or see Rev. Tula immediately to find out what is required. Those of you already participating in confirmation class need to be sure you attend all the upcoming classes in order to be ready for this wonderful event.

***Book Club*** - The Book Club will no longer be meeting.

***Work Day*** - The next work day will be on Saturday, Feb 13th. Please come join us to keep St. Timothy's looking beautiful. The more people who are involved the faster the work goes.

***The Brotherhood of St. Andrew*** will be collecting money February 7th through February 16th for the ***Souper Bowl of Caring***. All money will go to Harvest Hope, Sister Care and Haiti Relief. Checks made out to St. Timothy's by March 1st and marked *Haiti Relief* can be deducted on your 2009 taxes. Contact John Dent.

***The Brotherhood of St. Andrew & The Men's Club*** will be sponsoring the ***Shrove Tuesday*** pancake supper on February 16th at 6:00pm. The program will be on Haiti. All money collected goes to Haitian Relief. Checks made out to St. Timothy's by March 1st and marked *Haiti Relief* can be deducted on your 2009 taxes. Contact Chip Land.

***The Men's Club*** - Will meet Monday, February 15th at 6pm to work out the details of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

***The Brotherhood of St. Andrew*** - Will meet Monday February 15th at 7pm.

***The Knitting/Needlework Guild*** - will meet on Sunday, February 28th after the 11 am service.

***Budget Information as of 1/31/2010***

Needed To Meet Budget.....	\$16,826.90
Offering Received to Date.....	\$ 8,570.00
Under Needed Budget.....	(\$ 8,396.90)