

December 2015

Sticks and Stones

Growing together in Christ transforms lives.

Our Mission:

We embody Christ's presence by reaching out to receive with open hands and to share with open heart the Word of God, the Bread of Life.



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Living Nativity

December 11, 12 and 13

Shows at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM

The Living Nativity is St. Timothy's annual gift to our neighbors. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday December 11-13 at 7:00 and 7:30 PM, children, youth and adults from St. Timothy's will act out the story of Christ's birth to narration directly from the Gospels. There are lots of ways to take part. Children and youth may sign-up to play angels and shepherds (Mary, Joseph and Gabriel are played by our older teens) and we need people to help with costumes, bring cookies and feed the cast before the show. Sign-up sheets for all these opportunities are on the table in the hallway just outside the Narthex. Rehearsals for angels, shepherds and wise men are at 6:00 PM, for Mary, Joseph and Gabriel rehearsals are at 5:30 PM in the Youth Hall. The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will serve hot cider and cookies to our guests.

Come one, come all!

(This is our 59th consecutive year to present this gift of The Living Nativity to our community.)

EXCITING PROSPECTS!

It is time to free St. Timothy's from debt! A group is working towards eliminating the church's building debt this fiscal year. We have a generous offer to match parish contributions. If you wish to be a major contributor towards our fiscal freedom, please contact:

Fran Hammond at fhammond@dow.com 979-285-5012, call or text

Or

Carol Bohley at rbohle@sbcglobal.net or 979-236-1832



Brotherhood News...

The Brotherhood will return to having breakfasts and meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. For the month of

December, these dates will be December 13th and 27th at 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome!

The Most Rev. Michael Curry Installed as 27th Presiding Bishop

On Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. The service was presided over by Presiding Bishop-elect Michael B. Curry, assisted by the Rev. Canon Dr. Elizabeth Ann Thorne, M.L., Canon for Religious Formation, Diocese of Texas, and the Rev. Canon Dr. John C. Gaskins, Canon for Clergy Development, Diocese of Texas.

News Headlines

St. Paul Church, Beaufort, SC, hosts training for Interfaith Leadership, Service to Others

Cards Presented from 27th Bishop during Ecumenical Ecce Homo

2016 Lenten Message Available

Diocese Seeks to Host its Annual Virtual Prayer Breakfast

Quorum of 1000 needed for 2016 Annual Meeting

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Upcoming Events

- Dec 6** 11:40 AM Lunch and a Movie, *Inside Out*, hosted by the EYC
- Dec 11-13** 7:00 & 7:30 PM Living Nativity
- Dec 20** 11:40 AM The Hanging of the Greens
4:00 PM Advent Recital by Paul Butt
- Dec 24** 5:30 PM Family Eucharist, with the Joiful Noyse
10:00 PM Solemn Eucharist, with the Senior Choir
- Dec 27** No 8:00 AM service
10:30 AM Christmas Lessons and Carols

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Did You Know?

That you can walk several thousand steps while locking up St Timothy's? Vestry members proudly take turns doing this service to the church to ensure it is secured each night. Many of the outside lights have been converted to photo cells so Vestry doesn't have to remember which switch needs to be on and which doesn't. Thanks to the ARM, Greg David, and John Pitts, you are appreciated.

Ever suddenly realized that you haven't seen (fill in the blank) in church lately? Have you considered picking up the phone and letting them know they are missed? That you hope everything is alright with them? We are all busy but God asks us to love one another. That is all, love one another. A simple phone call, sharing a cup of coffee, even a quick email can brighten a day, can show that love. Sometimes it is very hard to ask for help, but we all need it once in a while. Have you loved someone in our parish family today? This week? This month? Do it, it feels great.



For your 2015 pledges...

The end of the year is quickly approaching. If you would like your donations to be reflected on your 2015 tax year, those donations need to be in the office preferably by December 22, but they *must be postmarked* no later than December 31st. If not, they will be credited for the 2016 tax year.

If you pay by e-giving and have changed your pledge amount for the coming year, be sure to update your e-giving account.

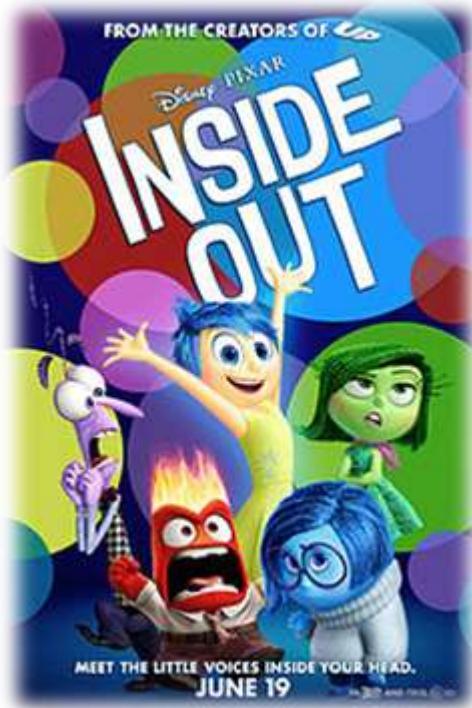
Thank you for honoring your pledges. We plan our ministries and our budget on those pledged amounts and by fulfilling your pledge, we can continue to be fiscally responsible.

Carol Bohley,
Treasurer

Average Sunday Attendance-2015

January-September	144
October	148
January-October	144

The deadline for submissions for the January 2016 issue of *Sticks and Stones* will be midnight Sunday, December 20, 2015.



Lunch and a Movie

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Inside Out

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Movie at 12:15 p.m.

St. Timothy's Youth Hall

"Did you ever look at someone and wonder what is going on in their head?" This is the idea for *Inside Out*. We are all invited to understand, appreciate and reframe our emotions through Pixar's fabulous fifteenth animated feature film.

Inside Out revolves around Riley, an eleven-year-old girl. In Riley's mind, called Headquarters, a lot is going on. Joy is the narrator of the story and the leader of the four other personified emotions. Colors have been assigned to each of the five: yellow is Joy, blue is Sadness, violet is Fear, red is Anger and green is Disgust.

Inside Out offers a delightful glimpse into the complicated wonderland of our inner selves. You don't want to miss this emotionally rich and thought-provoking movie!

St. Timothy's EYC will lead the discussion. Please sign up at the M&M table to insure sufficient food. Childcare will be available. This 2015 film is 120 minutes in length and is rated PG. Contact Lela Seay (979-480-0604, liseay1.9@gmail.com) for additional information.

A Thank You for Thanksgiving Baskets...

Jesus told the Parable of the Banquet where those invited by the master did not come to the great banquet, so the master told the slave "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). Jesus paints a picture of the banquet of heaven where all are invited to the table, and asks us to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. With the delivery of Thanksgiving baskets, I believe that St. Timothy's invited 42 families to participate in the Christ's heavenly banquet. St. Timothy's brought a little piece of heaven to earth with the deliveries Thanksgiving baskets. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of time, food, and donations by St. Timothy's community. St. Timothy's incarnated the love of Christ to those families through the blessings of Thanksgiving dinner.

Thank you, St. Timothy's, from me, the EYC, the Youth Ministry Team, the Outreach team, and of course from the 42 families who had Thanksgiving on the table for the overwhelmingly generous outpouring of support for this cause. I am so very thankful that families around our area were able to break bread together and do so in remembrance of Christ.

Stephanie Townes
Youth Minister

A Late Report on the General Convention of the Episcopal Church

by the Rev. Andrew Parker

Before we put the year 2015 to rest, I feel I should report on the actions of the General Convention which convened last July in Indianapolis. Below, I've abbreviated the summary from the Episcopal News Service. Then I've added some comments on what was probably the most dramatic of the actions, the endorsement of same sex marriage.

The election of the presiding bishop

The Episcopal Church's General Convention elected Michael Curry, bishop of North Carolina to be its 27th presiding bishop by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot. Curry's election made history by being the first time a presiding bishop was chosen on the first ballot.

Echoing an old spiritual, Curry said during a video interview after his nomination was announced that "our hand must be on the Gospel plow. We are followers of Jesus and the truth is we've got a message to proclaim, a life to live and something to share and offer the world. There's a lot of suffering in this world. There's a lot of heartache, there's a lot of nightmare. We are people who believe that God has a dream and a vision for this world, and that Jesus has shown us how to follow him in the direction of that and how to help this world live into God's dream and vision for us now."

Budget emphasizes racial reconciliation, evangelism

The General Convention adopted the 2016-2018 triennial budget after agreeing to add \$2.8 million for evangelism work. The 2016-2018 triennial budget is based on \$125,083,185 in revenue. Its revenue projection is based in part on asking the church's dioceses and regional mission areas to give 18 percent of their income to fund the 2016 budget, 16.5 percent for the 2017 budget and 15 percent in 2018. The version of the budget also included a major new \$2 million initiative on racial justice and reconciliation.

Plans to be created for prayer book, hymnal revision

General Convention took a step toward revising the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal 1982, directing the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare plans for revising each and to present them to the next convention in Austin, Texas, in 2018. Among other liturgical issues, the convention directs bishops to find ways for congregations without clergy to receive Communion, but the House of Bishops defeated proposals to allow unbaptized people to receive Holy Communion or to study the issue.

Convention takes a first step, admits: 'Alcohol affects us all'

General Convention passed three resolutions on the issue of alcohol and drug abuse. Resolution D014 recommends that ordinands should be questioned at the very beginning of the discernment process about addiction and substance use in their lives and family systems.

The bishops also passed Resolution A159, which acknowledges the church's role in the culture of alcohol and drug abuse. Resolution A158, to create a task force to review and revise policy on substance abuse, addiction and recovery, passed with one amendment.

Closer relations with Cuba

The Episcopal Church in the USA and the Episcopal Church of Cuba took a step toward closer relations

during the 78th General Convention, meeting here June 25-July 3. Convention also passed a resolution calling for the U.S. government to lift its economic embargo against Cuba.

Bishops led a march against gun violence

About 1,500 General Convention participants joined a Bishops United Against Gun Violence procession in Salt Lake City the morning of June 28. The prayerful procession walked the half-mile from the Salt Palace Convention Center to Pioneer Park while marchers sang hymns and prayed. Members of Utah anti-gun violence groups and civil rights organizations joined in.

Greater solidarity for persecuted Christians

Advocacy for Christians facing persecution and living in the context of civil war are the subject of several resolutions passed by the Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention. Convention agrees that Christians in Pakistan, Syria, Liberia, South Sudan and Sudan are among those for whom the church needs to step up its support and solidarity as many of them live in fear of death, starvation, and displacement in their war-ravaged or extremist-influenced countries.

Oppose divestment in Israel, Palestine

The House of Bishops sent a strong and clear message that divestment from companies engaged in certain business related to the State of Israel is not in the best interests of The Episcopal Church, its partners in the Holy Land, interreligious relations, and the lives of Palestinians on the ground. Resolution C018 expresses solidarity with and support for Christians in Israel and the Israeli-occupied territories; affirms the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in healing, education, and pastoral care; and affirms the work of Christians engaged in relationship building, interfaith dialogue, nonviolence training, and advocacy for the rights of Palestinians. The resolution also urges Episcopalians to demonstrate their solidarity by making pilgrimage to the Holy Land and learning from fellow Christians in the region.

Marriage equality

In the wake of the June 26 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage for all Americans, General Convention followed suit on July 1 with canonical and liturgical changes to provide marriage equality for Episcopalians. Resolution A054 authorized two new marriage rites with language allowing them to be used by same-sex or opposite-sex couples. Resolution A036 revised the marriage canon to accommodate the change.

The resolutions include a "conscience clause" resolving that "this convention honor the theological diversity of this church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and that no bishop, priest, deacon or lay person should be coerced or penalized in any manner nor suffer any canonical disabilities, as a result of his or her theological objection to or support for the action contained in this resolution."

Further thoughts on the marriage changes

Our Inquiry class at St. Timothy's was interested in how the definition of marriage in the Episcopal Church might have been changed by these resolutions. The best answer I could find as I studied them was the revision of the Declaration of Intention which a couple must agree to and sign during pre-marital counseling. The Declaration formerly read:

"We believe that the union of husband and wife, in heart, body, and mind, is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. And we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto."

The Declaration of Intention now reads:

"We understand the teaching of the church that God's purpose for our marriage is for our mutual joy, for the help and comfort we will give to each other in prosperity and adversity, and, when it is God's will, for the gift and heritage of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of God. We also understand that our marriage is to be unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and"

lifelong; and we engage to make the utmost effort to accept these gifts and fulfill these duties, with the help of God and the support of our community.”

I was struck first by how similar the two declarations are, even as the new version extends the sacrament to same sex couples. But I was also struck by how the new version, while broader in one sense, is also more narrow, specifying that the marriage covenant is to be “*unconditional, mutual, exclusive, faithful, and lifelong.*”

Agreement is not required

I want to remind everyone at St. Timothy’s that agreement on these changes and resolutions is not required of every member, or even every clergy person, in order to remain in good standing. When the Church of England was established in the 16th-17th centuries, the net was intentionally cast widely, so that every citizen in the realm might take participate in the Church in good conscience. So theological litmus tests have never been favored in the Anglican Communion and this is still the case today. Reporting to the clergy on the Convention, Bishop Doyle said he hopes “our congregations exhibit such health that we give people space to believe differently.”

Way back around 200 AD, the theologian Tertullian observed how Roman pagans were impressed and would say of Christians “Look how they love one another.” Some things never change. The best testimony we can give to the Gospel is to love, even those we disagree with.

The Moon in Advent

Midnight.

The brilliant disc of a full moon
dodges the sharp edge
of a shifting cloud, stoops,
slides a finger through
the glass skylight,
hard as ice, silted with frost.

Reaches into my room.

No feathers. No sudden fright.
I am not Mary, but this
is a visitation.

In the bedroom, under
the sheet, I lie printed with
the fresh promise of light.

~ Luci Shaw
Scape, 2013



ST. TIMOTHY'S ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

The Angel Tree program is a national organization that allows parents in prison to strengthen their connection with their children by providing gifts for their children with their personal message. Each child receives a toy gift, a clothing gift, and an age appropriate religious book. No gift should exceed \$20.00

Each October the church receives a list of children who live in the Clute-Lake Jackson area codes. The caregivers are contacted for sizes and gift suggestions. These gift ideas are written on the paper angels placed on the Angel Tree. A donor selects an angel, purchases the gift, wraps it, attaches the top part of the angel to the package, and brings it to the church. The gifts are delivered the week before Christmas.

The wrapped gifts should be returned no later than December 20. Donations of money for books can be put in the stocking on the tree or given to Harriet Cutshall or Nancy Carter. Checks should be written to St. Timothy's with a notation of "for Angel Tree".

EYC DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday December 6th - No EYC - Join us for Lunch and a Movie: Pixar's "Inside Out"

Saturday December 12th - Timothy's Table

Sunday December 13th - NO EYC (Living Nativity)

Sunday December 20th - Christmas Party at All Star Pizza Clute

Sunday December 27th - NO EYC

Lunch and a Movie:



This December EYC will be hosting Lunch and a Movie on December 6th. We will be showing the Pixar's hit movie "Inside Out". Everyone is encouraged to come and see this innovative film that shows life through the eye's of a child's main emotional characters: Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness.

Lunch will be served at 11:40 and the movie will begin at 12:00.



EYC Christmas Party:

All EYC are invited to an All Star Pizza Party! St. Timothy's will be in the main arena at the Clute restaurant location from 4:00pm-6:00pm on Sunday December 20th.



The Journey

By Stephanie Townes, Youth Minister

In Howard A. Snyder's book *Salvation Means Creation Healed*, Snyder defines discipleship as:

"finding practical answers to the question: how can I (we together) nurture, deepen, and enrich my (our) relationship with God, with one another in the body of Christ, and with all creation?

What am I doing now; what needs to be done? How can I (we) nurture an *upward spiral of health* in which we grow progressively in mutually enforcing ways in all these dimensions?"

I appreciate Snyder's definition of discipleship, because it aligns with the journey that St. Timothy's youth have been walking through this semester. At the Kick Off Carnival back in September, the youth discussed our journey with Christ, exploring the question Jesus posed to Peter, "But who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). Without an answer to the question of who Jesus is, we cannot know where our journey goes or who we are following. Later, at the EYC retreat in October, the youth considered the two ideas of a journey interrupted and our journey together.

Even when our journeys are interrupted, like when Jesus was interrupted by the woman with the hemorrhage on his way to heal Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:21-43), our journeys continue with Christ, and sometimes those interruptions are opportunities provided to be a part of the healing work of salvation.



Raina Cline at FMUC

Equally important is how we journey together, with our friends and other relationships, together as the Body of Christ as a local church body here at St. Timothy's, and together with the Church universal, which the youth were able to do with First United Methodist-Lake Jackson's youth in November. Like a journey through the labyrinth, discipleship includes all of these aspects as we journey towards the center, which is Christ Jesus, and then back out again towards the world and all of creation in an "upward spiral of health."



Joshua Boyce and Cameron Eddy at FMUC

As we continue our journey forward towards Advent and Christmas seasons, we place our own stories in God's great story of the Bible, which is what the Junior High Bible Study *Echo the Story* explores. I look forward to journeying with the EYC and the greater St. Timothy's community together, following Christ, inwardly through the reflections of Advent and outwardly towards the good news for all of creation of the birth and incarnation of Jesus on Christmas morning.

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About Those Refugees: An Open Letter From Houston Christian Leaders

'It is morally irresponsible for political leaders to lead with fear and misinformation.'

Give me your...huddled masses yearning to breathe free...

People of Christian faith are on the cusp of the season of Advent, a time when we remember the birth of Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that just after Jesus' birth his family became refugees to Egypt in order to flee persecution and violence. Our scriptures and many other faith traditions have as a central and prominent tenet the welcome of the stranger, the foreigner, and the immigrant. This nation has a history of such welcome.

Fellow citizens, these lines are written on our Statue of Liberty. When commissioned, this monument and these words were meant to welcome people fleeing all sorts of situations back home in native lands to our shores. Many of our ancestors were among these huddled masses.

Fast forward to this historic moment in 2015. We live in a time of mass migration. Refugee crises are the reality the world over. This has been true not for months but for years. Those from Central America, and now from Syria, and the war-torn Middle East are the latest ones. Old and young seek a safer, more hopeful life somewhere other than in their ancestral land - a striking decision when you stop to think about it. The vast majority of them come with this simple aim: a peaceful life.

During times of terror, murder, and violence, political leaders will make decisions that protect their own innocent citizens from harm. Yet what about the innocent who are left in the crossfire? Of the Syrian refugees being referred by the United Nations for settlement, more than half are children under the age of 18. A large proportion of them are women or elderly men. The protocol for admittance under refugee guidelines takes an average of 18 to 24 months during a rigorous screening process. Kathleen Newland, a senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute says, "The refugee resettlement program is the least likely way for a terrorist to infiltrate the United States."

It is morally irresponsible for political leaders to lead with fear and misinformation. Governing is about making considered choices in speech and action for all of a nation's citizens. Recent statements by

political leaders are disappointing and appeal more to our base selves than to our more worthy selves. We expect our leaders to shepherd us on a higher plane.

Does this mean we receive people indiscriminately and irresponsibly? Of course not. But neither do we indiscriminately and cavalierly shut out those masses who are "yearning to breathe free."

One year ago we were grappling with a response to those coming in larger numbers to our southern border. That challenge is ongoing. The Syrian question is the latest manifestation of a global reality. This challenge will not go away and, in fact, is an opportunity for our communities to show our moral courage in the face of fear. If we are not able to do that, I am afraid we have responded in exactly the way the forces of evil desire. If instead we respond with conviction we will show once again that, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr, "darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that."

As Christian faith leaders, we call upon:

- * Governor Abbott, U.S. representatives, and senators to reject any bill that shuts down funding for refugee resettlement;
- * Each faith community to find tangible ways to welcome a refugee family;
- * All citizens and leaders to reject rhetoric unbecoming American values;
- * And all Christians to speak in ways that give dignity and honor to all people.

Signed,

Janice Riggle Huie, Bishop, Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Rt Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

Michael Rinehart, Bishop, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Rev. Mike Cole, General Presbyter, Presbytery of New Covenant.

The Rev. Tommy Williams, Senior Pastor, St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

The Very Rev. Barkley Thompson, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral.

Rev. Dr. Steve Wells, Pastor, South Main Baptist Church.



THE GRACE GARDEN CONSECRATED NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Sunday, November 29, 2015, at the 10:30 AM service, Bishop Rayford High presided over the confirmation of our own Grace Symington as well as the consecration of our new cinerarium, **GRACE GARDEN**. Interment of the ashes of Jean and Dan Webb, Annemarie Yaskanich, and Charlene and Kenny Hall was included in this consecration ceremony.



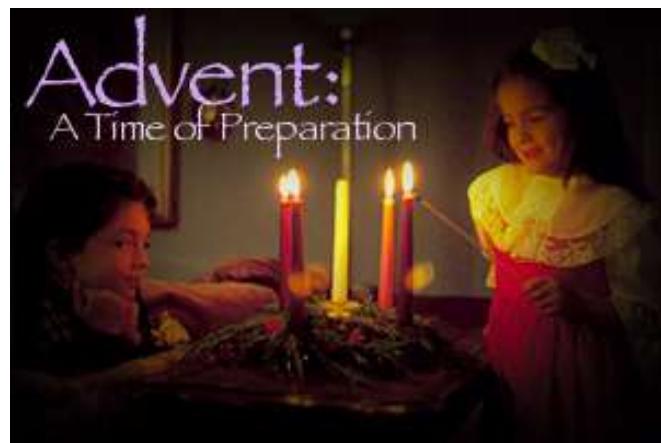




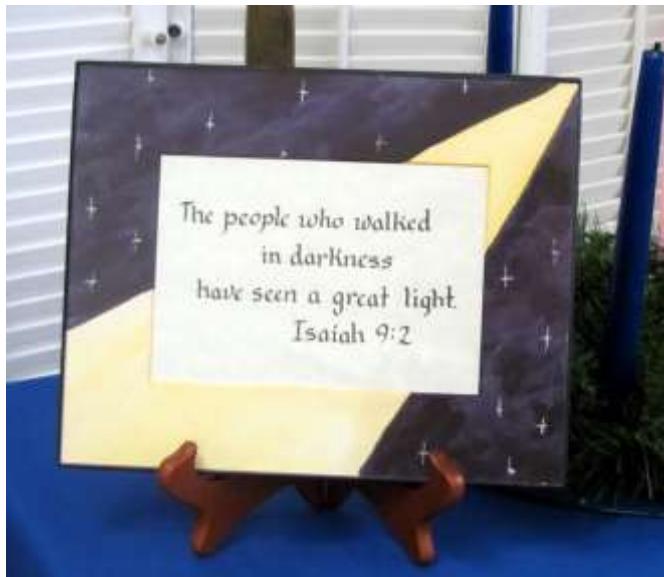
Celebrating Advent with Children

The Season of Advent is a wonderful opportunity to introduce spiritual 'space' into your family's life together. Here are some suggestions for things you can do to prepare for a Christmas celebration focused on Christ and your relationships.

1. Make or buy an Advent Wreath for your dining table. Whenever your family gathers for a meal light the appropriate number of candles.
2. Add a prayer or a song. Invite the children to pray. If you pray, keep it simple! A prayer of thanksgiving is best for the very young child. For the 1st-3rd grader you might add a request for God's help in preparing everyone's hearts and minds for his birth. And for the older child you might incorporate a phrase from one of the prophecies about Jesus (see below).
3. Choose one of the Advent hymns or one of the Advent songs the children sing in the atrium and repeat it every time you light a candle. There are copies of several atrium Advent songs on the table in the Atria hallway in the Education Wing. Help yourself.
4. Set up a nativity scene, but don't put the Christ child in the manger until Christmas Eve. Likewise, let the Wise Men begin their journey on the other side of the house. The children can help you move them each day, but be sure they don't arrive until Epiphany (January 6th)
5. Decorate for Advent – use a blue tablecloth, have the children make copies of the prophecies and display them around the dining table.
6. Slow down! No child needs frantic, stressed and anxious parents. Enjoy your time together as a family. **It's the memories of your presence they'll treasure, not your presents.**



The Prophecies of Jesus in the Hebrew Scriptures



For the child ages 3-5:

- The Prophecy of the Light – Isaiah 9:2
- The Prophecy of the Names – Isaiah 9:6
- The Prophecy of the Mother – Isaiah 7:14
- The Prophecy of Bethlehem – Micah 5:2

For the child in 1st-3rd grade:

- All of the above, plus
- The Star and Scepter – Numbers 24:17
- The Shoot of Jesse – Isaiah 11:1-3a
- The Peaceable Kingdom – Isaiah 11:6-9

For the child in 4th-6th grade:

- All of the above, plus
 - Isaiah 35:4-6, 53:4-7, 60:1-3, 60:4-6, 60:19, 60:21
 - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 34:23-31
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34
- At this age all the prophecies can be explored for signs of hope, comfort and encouragement.

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MASTER SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 2015

	<i>Dec. 6, 2014 The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Dec. 13, 2014 The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Dec. 20, 2014 The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Dec. 27, 2014 The First Sunday after Christmas Day</i>
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8:00 AM

Chalice	Gary Jones	Kim Lehnhoff	Fran Hammond	
Reader	Margaret Jones	Harriet Cutshall	Weldon Kettler	
Usher	Mike Mulherin	Michael Gay	Ken Box	
Announcer	Kim Lehnhoff	Joyce Gay	Fran Hammond	

10:30 AM

Lectors	Denis James Judi James	Joe Woodburn Bunny Schockmel	Dave Mayberry Dana Andersen-Wyman	Kim Lehnhoff Stephanie Townes Sandra Weir Greg David Karen Hadley
Prayers	Hugh Frank	Grace Symington	Raina Cline	Ryan Crim
Chalices	Angela McCabe Jeanne Manry	Carol Bohley Bunny Schockmel	Sondra Griner Joy Zabala	Gigi Janeshek Tony Janeshek
Acolyte Master	Tony Janeshek	Tony Janeshek	Angela McCabe	Angela McCabe
Acolytes				
Greeter	Judy Armstrong	Chi Obasa	Marianne Essington	Elizabeth Hargrove
Ushers	Christopher Eddy Sondra Griner	Lee Massoletti Denis James	Bob Zeigler Judy Armstrong	Jeanne Manry Christopher Eddy
Healing Prayers	Sherry White Joy Zabala	Char Aslakson Sherry White	Joy Zabala Gayle Pitts	Gayle Pitts Char Aslakson
Announcer	Sharon McKey	Denis James	Clyde Neal	Sara Eddy
Sound Technician	Joe Woodburn	Brent Symington	Jon Cox	

MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Bunny Schockmel John & Gayle Pitts Angela McCabe Matthew McCabe	Ken Box Elaine Lillian Elizabeth Hargrove Donna Box Sheila Conner	Sondra Griner Nancy Elkins Carol Bohley Kim Lehnhoff Kay Aplin Sam David	Susan Laver Jeff Laver Jeanne Manry Gricelda Kichefski
Vestry	Mike Cline	Greg David (for Lauren Crim)	Harriet Cutshall	Greg David
Eucharistic Visitors		Ken Box Angela McCabe Lela Seay	Bunny Schockmel	Adrian Zabala
Ministry of the Week	Childrens' Library			

MASTER SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY 2015

	<i>Dec. 24, 2015 - 5:30 PM</i>	<i>Dec. 24, 2015 - 10:00 PM</i>	<i>Dec. 25, 2015 - 10:00 AM</i>
<i>Lessons</i>	Stephanie Townes Grace Symington	Judy Armstrong Keith Frank	Nancy Elkins
<i>Intercessor</i>	Ben Laurel	Hugh Frank	
<i>Chalices</i>	Christopher Eddy Jeanne Manry	Gary Jones Jeff Laver	Ken Box
<i>Acolyte Master</i>	Angela McCabe	Tony Janeshek	
<i>Acolytes</i>			
<i>Ushers</i>	Fran Hammond Christopher Eddy	Ken Box Denis James	Michael Gay
<i>Greeters</i>	Marianne Essington Elizabeth Hargrove	Jeanne Manry Judy Armstrong	
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Brent Symington		
<i>Announcer</i>	Sara Eddy	Sondra Griner	Joyce Gay

St. Timothy's Brotherhood of St. Andrew Tamale Fundraiser 2015 Announcement:



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is having a tamale fundraiser to support our various outreach ministries. The cost will be \$10.00/dozen with pick-up starting at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall on Sunday December 13th.

Order forms will be in the November and December 2015 Sticks and Stones, in the Church office, or at the M&M table in the weeks prior to pick-up, starting with Sunday, October 25th. **All orders must be in by no later than Sunday, December 6th.**

Please complete the forms and turn them in the designated baskets in either the Church office or the M&M table.

Don't forget to pick-up your tamales in the Parish Hall starting at 9:00 AM Sunday, December 13th through noon or after the 10:30 AM service.



St. Timothy's Brotherhood of St. Andrew Tamale Fundraiser

Price: \$10.00/dozen

Name: _____



Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Tamale Selection (please indicate how many dozen below):

Regular

Chicken _____ doz.

Hot

_____ doz.

Pork _____ doz.

_____ doz.

Notes: Orders must be by whole dozen only – no ½ dozen orders. All orders must be paid for in advance with cash or check made payable to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Check # _____

Pick-up: Orders may be picked up in the Parish Hall starting at 9:00 am, Sunday, December 13th. All orders must be received with check or cash by Sunday, December 6th.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
200 Oyster Creek Drive
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Service Schedule

Sundays

- 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 AM – Fellowship
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM – Christian Formation for Children and youth
- 9:25 – 10:10 AM – Adult Christian Formation & Inquiry
- 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 5:00 – 7:30 PM – EYC

Wednesdays

- 8:30 AM – Army of Retired Men (ARM)
- 4:00 PM – Junior High Bible Study
- 4:15 PM – Children's Choir
- 5:15 PM – Centering Prayer (Guild Room)
- 6:00 PM – Good Shepherd for Grown Ups
- 6:00 PM – Gentle Yoga (Blue Room)
- 6:30 PM – Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM – Senior Choir Rehearsal

(See page 2 for more events in December)