

# Sticks and Stones

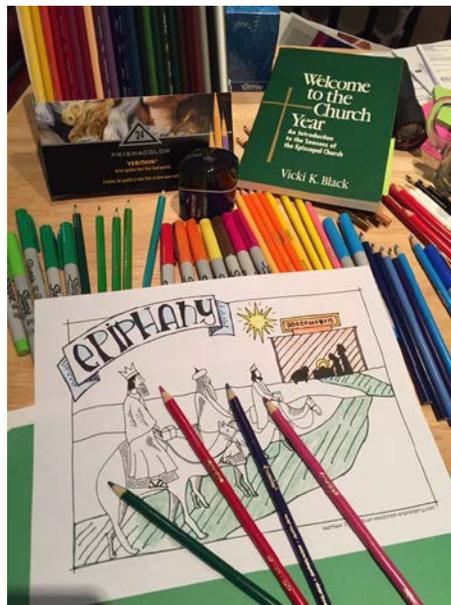
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Growing together in Christ transforms lives.

## *Our Mission:*

As a family of God, we are called to invite and welcome all people to connect and grow in Christ's love while serving and sharing with our community.

**Epiphany Art Project** is being mounted in the Gallery hallway. You'll find at least one completed drawing for each of the Sundays in the



season of Epiphany. Spend a moment engaging the drawing for each Sunday's lesson. Approach each one with openness and anticipation. As you prayerfully consider the way the drawing and the colors relate to the scripture, ask

God to enlighten your viewing with focus and insight. If a word or phrase comes to you, write it on a post-it note and attach it to the drawing mat. Reflect upon your experience. Each Sunday's drawing will be posted in St. Timothy's Facebook group. To share your impression please comment in the Facebook group or contact Lela Seay (979-549-1289, [ljseay1.9@gmail.com](mailto:ljseay1.9@gmail.com)).



## **Living Nativity 2016**

### **Community Response Sets Record!**

Congratulations, St. Timothy's! Another super-successful production of The Living Nativity! We were able to tell the story of our Savior's Incarnation to 500 people over the three nights.

We were blessed with fair weather--except for the rainstorms on the Saturday morning of stable construction. Our hardy construction team was not deterred!

Over 70 parishioners and friends worked together to make this event possible. Your efforts are witness to God's love and grace.

### **Wednesday Evening Healing Eucharist begins January 18, 2017**

A Public service of Healing with the Eucharist will begin on Wednesday, January 18 in the Chapel at 5:30 PM. The service will consist of readings, a short homily, prayers for healing and the Eucharist. All are welcome to attend.

Come if you have special requests for healing and anointing with oil or if you have someone for whom you would like to pray. (The service will last no more than thirty minutes). We'll continue to meet each Wednesday during Epiphany, Lent and the Easter Season.





## Epiphany 2017

Stars and kings and journeys are the visual symbols of Epiphany. Epiphany means “shining forth.” It is the season of the church year when we recognize the significance of Jesus, when his identity as the Christ will begin to manifest itself beyond the boundaries of a small town in a small country.

Epiphany is the season in which we come to see who Jesus is, where he is to be found, and where we begin to understand what he is about. Epiphany is a time for remembering

- the recognition of Jesus as God by many people, among them the magi, John the Baptist, Jesus’ disciples, and Christians in every age, including our own
- Christ’s baptism and our own
- the signs of Jesus that revealed his presence to the people, as in healing miracles and the first miracle at Cana
- our own ministries, and to rededicate ourselves to them and to our missionary task—to continue the spread of

Jesus’ love and light in the world.

The eve of the Feast of the Epiphany (Twelfth Night) marks the end of the Christmas celebration. The Epiphany, January 6, is followed by a period of “Sundays after the Epiphany.” This year there are eight Sundays, beginning January 8 with the Baptism of the Lord, and ending February 26 with Transfiguration Sunday.

Our Epiphany Celebration at St. Timothy’s will offer opportunities to see who Jesus is, where he is to be found, and to rededicate ourselves to our ministries. Here’s how:

1. As the magi brought gifts to Jesus, we will collect baby items which will go to The Rainbow Room at Children’s Protective Services. The ingathering will take place at our Epiphany Celebration on January 8. Items needed by families and CPS workers in emergency situations include diapers in a variety of sizes, wipes, baby bottles, pacifiers, practical onsies, baby socks, baby blankets and receiving blankets, baby shampoo, baby towels. Several folks may want to go together and purchase pack and plays.
2. On January 8 the procession from worship to the Parish Hall for the Kings’ Cake will be led by our children waving “sparklers.” These glittering symbols are meant not only to celebrate the Light of Christ in the world, but also to acknowledge that we are called to be light in the world.

3. Our Epiphany Art Project consists of coloring six drawings. The drawings and coloring supplies will be available in the Parish Hall on both January 1 and January 8. We invite diligent colorers of all ages to participate. The completed drawings will be matted and displayed in the Gallery hallway throughout the season of Epiphany.
4. Adult Formation sessions from January 8 through February 26 will focus on Baptism, Eucharist, Sacraments and the Prayers of the People in The Book of Common Prayer.

Please contact me with questions, suggestions and ideas.

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Adult Formation Sunday morning sessions throughout the season of Epiphany -- January 8 through February 26 -- will focus on Baptism, Eucharist, Sacraments and the Prayers of the People in The Book of Common Prayer. Fr. Mark Crawford leads the class in the Blue Room from 9:15 to 10:15.



### **Beer & Bible Study**

**Men's Beer and Bible Study is coming!**

Stay Tuned...

This first B and B study is slated to begin in January but the planning begins immediately.

Chris Weis will lead the study, so contact him at [cweis9@hotmail.com](mailto:cweis9@hotmail.com) or 314-369-1979 for the details.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The month of January is derived from the Roman god, Janus. Images of Janus show a two faced figure, one looking to the future and the other, looking back at the past. Each year we reflect on the events of the past as well as look with hope and expectation to the future. The year 2016 in the life of St. Timothy's Church was notable with the departure of Andy and Liz Parker as they accepted calls to serve churches in Houston. I arrived in March to serve as your interim rector and pastor to help you through the transition of the search process.

We've made a lot of progress this year as we have seen the reorganization of different ministries in the church and welcomed new people to the life of the congregation. We hope and pray that as the Search Committee makes progress in the interviews of new candidates for rector, the ministry and mission of St. Timothy's will also flourish.

Each church goes through life cycles and the congregation is coming to an end of its second life cycle given a history of 60 years! There are bound to be ebbs and flows in the life of the congregation in terms of membership and attendance. However, we are always amazed and thankful for the ways we see God working in our midst.

A verse from the letter to the Hebrews reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever." As we look forward to the rest of the year, remember that the Lord is steadfast in his love and purpose. Continue to pray for your church and her family knowing that God will lead and bless us throughout this year.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Crawford, Interim Rector



## Notes from Paul Butt

The music department had a good year in 2016. The biggest change was leaving the combined worship service for alternating contemporary and traditional music week to week. Though it means less variety in a given worship service it gives the service a consistent voice and calmer aura. I believe our fine musicians also enjoy having breaks in their rehearsal schedule and the services they need to lead, giving them the opportunity relax and enjoy a Sunday as a normal parishioner.

The Joiful Noyse attendance was up from 2015. We have a very faithful group of singers and musicians and we welcomed a few youth this year.

We'd be happy to have more youth! We are hunting for a drummer who can handle the fast pace, so if you know of someone let me know! Rehearsals are in the loft at either 6:00 or 6:30 on Wednesdays, depending on the week and our rehearsal schedule. We sing choruses from the past 30 years and focus on the latest releases for our anthems.

Senior Choir has welcomed some new members but also had to say goodbye to people who have moved. We had a banner Easter season with a performance of the Faure Requiem where we were joined by fine professional musicians and were honored to have the honors choir from Angleton High School, under the leadership of Tony Stewart. Fine solos were sung by members of our church, the community and the high school. I thank Chris Hutchison for his fine conducting for this concert. Our Christmas service was fine as well, with a performance of a mass by F. J. Haydn. Senior Choir meets at 7:00 in the choir room, depending on the rehearsal schedule. All are welcome to join us!

Children's Choir had a good year with up to 12 singers. Our children meet at 4:30 on almost every Wednesday during the school year in the children's choir room in the music wing. We unwind from school on the playground for a few minutes, rehearse our music and finish with a craft brought to us by the craft genius, Lowrie Smith. We sing several times throughout the year. I thank Lowrie for her dedication and work.

Handchime choir had a nice year as well. We have grown to the point that we no longer fit on the lectern side of the church and now perform from the chapel. I thank Susan, Sherry, Amelia and Hannah for their recently joining us. I arrange all the music for the chimes and am so able to write for whatever assemblage of participants we have.

You, as always, are welcome to join us! I hear fine singing from the congregation when I am playing and the more participants we have the better we sound. Please consider joining us. If you would like a rehearsal schedule please contact me.

Thank you!

Paul





# Servolution 2017



Is coming!

St. Timothy's will be joining St. Paul's Episcopal in Freeport, Crossover Community Church in Freeport and Brazos Pointe Fellowship in Servolution 2017. This is a day for members to "leave the building" and celebrate God by serving community projects in our community.

Brazos Pointe Fellowship has been holding this day of service for several years. This will be the second year of partnership for St. Paul's and Crossover and St. Timothy's first, in what I hope will be many years of service. Anne Bartlett is serving as the parish coordinator and will be presenting volunteer opportunities for St. Timothy's members to choose from in early February. We should be concentrated on schools and nonprofits in Lake Jackson. Projects are likely to include painting, moving mulch, gardening, etc. Our members will be blended with members from other churches so we can grow in our faith communities together.

So, mark your calendar for **March 5, 2017!** Contact Anne ([anne.g.bartlett@gmail.com](mailto:anne.g.bartlett@gmail.com)) if you have any questions prior to the February volunteer sign-ups.

# EYC JANUARY 2017

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29	30	31				

**JAN. 8: No EYC**

**JAN. 14: TACKLE HUNGER BANQUET**

*Details to come - Dinner @ the Beacon in Houston.*

**JAN. 15: No EYC**

**JAN. 22: EYC - 12-2PM**

*lunch & a lesson right after church!*

**JAN. 29: No EYC**

## C LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

### YOUR TIME AND TALENTS COULD BE SUCH A BLESSING TO ST. TIMOTHY'S

- ✓ The ARM does a Fabulous job keeping the building and the grounds in tip top shape (not to mention the McKneely's who are incredible), but they can always use your help. Contact John Pitts and find out where and when you can jump in there with them.
- ✓ A new editor (and or co-editors) is needed for the Sticks and Stones. Contact Mary at the Church office if you can help out with that.
- ✓ AND... The rotation list for Readers, Ushers, Greeters, etc. could sure use some new faces. We'd hate to wear out our current volunteers.



### HERE'S A WAY TO BENEFIT ST. TIMOTHY'S.....

If you have a Kroger card you can sign up for Community Rewards that benefit St. Timothy's. However, you have to sign up on an annual basis. To sign up for the first time or to renew your community rewards, just go to the website: <https://www.kroger.com/> and follow directions!





**Did you know??**

**That if you take your bulletin to El Chico on Sunday or Wednesday, they will give you 10% off your bill, AND donate that same 10% to St. Timothy's!! Last quarter we received over \$180.00 from El Chico!**

**And....**

**For many years, Jerry at Food King made it easy to help others. He would contribute 1% of the total amount of cash register receipts to local non-profits. We are so happy to hear that Arlan's is continuing this outreach, but is limiting it to charities that Food King recognized. Over the years Carol Bohley has collected these receipts from anyone who would save them for her and the cash benefitted Live Oak Clinic. In this way the clinic has enabled many folks to get chest X-rays and blood tests that they couldn't otherwise afford. It is our hope that the St. Timothy's family would help by saving your Arlan's receipts and get them to Carol. You may put them in her box in the workroom, hand them to Carol or Bob, or mail them to her home address. Such an easy way to do the work He has given us to do.**



**Master Schedule  
January 2017**

	<i>January 8, 2017 The First Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>January 15, 2017 The Second Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>January 22, 2017 The Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>January 29, 2017 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i>
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**8:00 AM**

<b>Chalice</b>	Ken Box	Gary Jones	Kim Lehnhoff	Fran Hammond
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Box	Margaret Jones	Harriet Cutshall	Kay Aplin
<b>Usher</b>	Bob Zeigler	Fran Hammond	Ken Box	Mike Mulherin
<b>Announcer</b>	Fran Hammond	Kim Lehnhoff	Fran Hammond	Kim Lehnhoff

**10:30 AM**

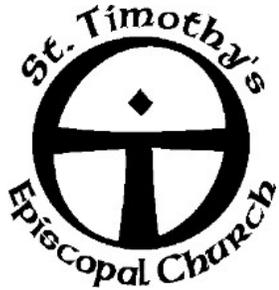
<b>Lectors</b>	Jon Cox Susan Buell	Greg David Keith Frank	Karen Hadley Susan Plowman	Carol Bohley Jon Cox
<b>Intercessor</b>	Hannah Eddy	Hugh Frank	Ben Laurel	Grace Symington
<b>Chalicers</b>	Bunny Schockmel Sondra Griner	Bunny Schockmel Jeff Laver	Chris Weis Stephanie Townes	GiGi Janeshek Angela McCabe
<b>Acolyte Master</b>	Tony Janeshek	Angela McCabe	Tony Janeshek	Angela McCabe
<b>Acolytes</b>	Avery Weis Caleb Woodburn Divine Obasi	Josiah Woodburn Sarah Laurel Bailey Broom	Josh Laurel Hannah Poore Hannah Bartlett	Ben Laurel Cameron Eddy Carter Potts
<b>Greeter</b>	Marianne Essington Judi James	Mandy Neal Marie Alvarez-Calderon	Elizabeth Hargrove Mandy Neal	Marianne Essington Sheila Conner
<b>Ushers</b>	Christopher Eddy Lee Massoletti	Denis James Sondra Griner	Lee Massoletti Denis James	Jon Cox Sondra Griner
<b>Healing Prayers</b>	Char Aslakson Gayle Pitts	Sherry White Char Aslakson	Bunny Schockmel Gayle Pitts	Char Aslakson Bunny Schockmel
<b>Announcer</b>	Sara Eddy	Sharon McKey	Denis James	Clyde Neal
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Joe Woodburn	Jon Cox	Alan Essington	Brent Symington

**MINISTRIES**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ken Box Elaine Lillian Elizabeth Hargrove Donna Box Sheila Conner	Sondra Griner Kim Lehnhoff Kay Aplin Sam David Mary Stark	Susan Laver Jeff Laver Jeanne Manry Gricelda Kichefski Carol Bohley	Bunny Schockmel John and Gayle Pitts Angela McCabe Matthew McCabe Bo Smith
<b>Vestry</b>	Wenzel Bartlett	Bob Bohley		
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Christopher Eddy	Clyde and Mandy Neal	Mary Claire Becker	Marianne Essington
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Bunny Schockmel	Angela McCabe Lela Seay	Lela Seay	Angela McCabe

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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## Service Schedule

### Sundays

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
9:00 AM – Fellowship  
9:15 AM – Children's Christian Formation  
9:15 AM – Christian Formation for Adult  
10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite 2  
5:00 – 7:00 PM – EYC

### Wednesdays

8:30 AM - Army of Retired Men  
(ARM) all are welcome)  
4:00 PM – Junior High Bible Study  
4:30 PM - Children's Choir  
5:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer  
(Guild Room)  
5:30 p.m. – **Healing Eucharist**  
with communion  
6:00 p.m. – Gentle Yoga (Blue Rm)  
6:00 PM – Joiful Noyse Rehearsal  
Or  
7:00 PM – Senior Choir