



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Greenville, North Carolina**

**The Diocese of East Carolina
The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving, Bishop**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
December 11, 2016**

- I. The Holy Eucharist was held at 9:30 am. The Annual Parish Meeting was presided over by Mary Vincent, Senior Warden and Malcolm Williams, Junior Warden. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.
- II. Tommy Tucker was appointed the Clerk of the Annual Meeting.
- III. Reading of the Canons relating to voting credentials.
 - Ms. Vincent read the rules relating to voting credentials. Any adult in good standing at St. Timothy's is eligible to vote. To be an adult in good standing, a person must: a) be at least 16 years old; b) have attended at least three (3) services held at St. Timothy's during the previous year; and c) have contributed financially to the church during the previous year. There were 78 in attendance meeting the criteria.
- IV. Appointment of the Tellers for the Election: Diane Hatfield, Jeanne Robertson and Jerry Hopfengardner agreed to be tellers should ballots be cast.
- V. Report of the Nominating Committee: Outgoing Vestry members Alleah Crawford, Frank Crawley, Jerry Hopfengardner, and Mary Vincent comprised the committee.
 - The nominees proposed by the nominating committee are: Dave Geissler, Kristine Kelley-Salamon, Judy Tucker, and Chuck Widney.
 - There being no nominations from the floor, Ray Franks moved the nominations be closed and that the nominees be elected by acclamation. Leslie Bowman seconded the motion that passed without dissent.
- VI. The minutes of the January 10, 2016 Annual Meeting were presented. Judy Tucker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Beverly Davis and passed unanimously.
- VII. Treasurer's Report:
 - John Lennox, Treasurer, presented information about the financial status of the parish. There is a positive cash flow. The 2017 budget is being prepared. See submitted report. Diane Hatfield move to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Frank Crawley and passed without dissent. Appreciation for his service to St. Timothy's was given to Mr. Lennox.
- VIII. Warden's Reports
 - Senior Warden: Ms. Vincent recognized Amber Beaman who is leaving as Youth Director following her graduation from ECU and acceptance of employment in another location. See submitted report.
 - Junior Warden: Mr. Williams announced that Caleb Brame would build a permanent fire pit as his Eagle Scout project. See submitted report.

IX. Committee and Organization Reports

- See submitted reports.

X. Other Business

- Outgoing vestry members: Alleah Crawford, Frank Crawley, Jerry Hopfengardner, and Mary Vincent were recognized for their service as vestry members.
- Ms. Vincent announced that Malcolm Williams and Ray Franks would be Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively in 2017.
- Mr. Williams thanks the incoming vestry for their willingness to serve.
- Mr. Williams recognized The Rev. Jim Cooke and The Rev. Jack Robertson for their service to St. Timothy's during the transition to a new Rector.

XI. Adjournment: The annual meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectively submitted,

Tommy Tucker

Tommy Tucker
Clerk to the Vestry

Good people of St. Timothy's,

This time last year Whitney and I were scrambling to get everything that we owned that was not a Christmas decoration into a box and labeled for our big move. We had to be out of our house on December 22nd. We spent Christmas sharing time between a hotel and some extra bedrooms from the family. We were more than a little sad about leaving our family behind in Charlotte, and leaving a home and neighborhood that we loved. And now, here we are, eleven and a half months later, in a home in neighborhood that we love, surrounded by family. This did not happen by accident.

Countless hours of care and labor we're put in by you good people of St. Timothy's to do the work necessary for the four of us to find our family here. On December 29th, the day we arrived in Greenville, two different crews of workers arrived at our house to build our children's beds and empty enough boxes that when Jack and Lou arrived later that evening they would be entering a familiar and welcoming space instead of a cold and empty home. Within my first month here we battled ice and burst water pipes at the church, along with cold, unhappy heat pumps at home. With each page that turned new connections and relationships were made and our new family ties were beginning to form.

St. Timothy's has been for us exactly what I hope we can be to every person that enters our doors; a glimpse of the beloved community of God. You have been the people who have elevated our celebrations and made soft landing spots for the times we have stumbled. We have laughed together at the ways I have not so successfully learned to ride this parish bicycle and we have stood back in gratitude as a few new things have been birthed. We have a lot to be thankful for as a congregation and just as much to look forward to in our future as we continue to strive to love God and love our neighbor.

There are countless people that have gone above and beyond the call of duty, including my family's "adopted grandparents", emergency childcare providers and even those who are willing to help us feed our four-legged beasts. I would be remiss, however, if I did not single out a few people who have played such an integral role in molding our first year together. Our staff members have been fantastic! Leslie Bowman keeps our preschool safe and loving. Belinda Butler has restored consistent and loving leadership in our music ministry. Megan Roberts has continued to do fantastic work as our financial secretary while at the same time providing a tremendous children's education opportunity during the Sunday school hour. Jack Robertson has beat me to the hospital almost every time someone was there. Joanne Stancil has patiently taught me almost everyone's name and relationship while also keeping my head on straight and in the right place most of the time. And our Vestry, led by wardens Malcolm Williams and Ray Franks, has been willing to allow me the freedom for some experimentation as they continue to shape our future and protect the financial health of our parish with the undying support of our treasurer John Lennox.

What a wonderful first page this year has been for the next chapter of the life of Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church, Greenville, North Carolina!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Porter-Acee". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a small cross-like mark at the end.

John Porter-Acee+

VESTRY REPORTS

Each Vestry member has an area of responsibility—see them if you have any questions.

SENIOR WARDEN

Malcolm Williams

St. Timothy's has had a great year in 2017. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with John Porter-Acee and the Vestry this year. You might say this has been kind of a transition year with John just starting in January, trying to get started in a new church with new people and different ways of doing things. I think John has done a great job making that transition and learning the names of all our parishioners. I also think St. Timothy's has done a good job of supporting John and his family this year.

We have made a lot of progress this year. We had two very successful vestry retreats establishing common goals and core values for St. Timothy's. We established a new mission statement. We wanted to enrich our worship, grow and empower our music program and attract some young families. We have Belinda Butter as our new Director of Music, who is doing a great job. We now have Christian Education for all ages which we desperately needed in order to attract young families. Megan Roberts, a familiar face is our new Christian Education Director. We have had very good Adult Formation classes and our attendance is up in these classes.

We have changed up some things this year. We had a great Holy Week. We changed the traditional "Ministry Fair" to an old fashioned "Homecoming". I think that parishioners were glad to see the change and enjoyed the day. We changed up our Stewardship campaign this year. We are all important parts of the puzzle. All our committees have functioned well. I think we all have enjoyed our dinner groups and the many different activities planned by the Fellowship Committee.

We have a lot of hard working people at St. Timothy's that keeps this church going. I can not begin to name them all. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Ray Franks has worked unusually hard this year as junior Warden. He has done a great job. John Lennon is the glue that helps hold us together. He puts in a ton of hours at St. Timothy's.

As I said at the start, I have enjoyed getting to know John Porter-Acee and his family. He is just what we were looking for as a Priest. I hope I have made this year a little easier for him and better for you. We have made tremendous strides this year. Just look around at the new faces, young families and children.

I have enjoyed being senior Warden this year because I have enjoyed working with and getting to know my St. Timothy's family. Thanks for this opportunity!

**JUNIOR WARDEN
and
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Ray Franks**

In January Ray Franks announced that James Proctor and Scott Crippen had joined the buildings and grounds committee. Other committee members are: Tom Swindell, Chuck Widney, John Lennox, Malcolm Williams, Brent Foster, and Francis Johnson.

Much of the first six months of the year was dominated by preparing the cupola to be lifted back in place on the roof of the church. By the end of January the cupola windows had been installed and it was wrapped with house wrap. Eye bolts were welded in place on the cupola to enable a crane to lift the cupola to the roof. A standing seam roof for the overhang was installed to match the existing metal. It was noted that Jeff Walker will be responsible for all work and activity from the ground up, including leak proof warranty. He was also approved to install metal siding on the cupola. A color to paint the trim on the cupola will be used throughout the campus for all trim painting. It was decided that the cupola interior paneling would be stained to match the lighter ceiling stain in the church. The committee voted to paint the base of the cupola using the present paint color of the education building trim. That color is now being used on any exterior trim throughout the campus. After being power washed and all the exterior being touched up where paint had been scratched or chipped, the cupola was lifted back in place by a crane in early June.

The buildings and grounds committee approved part of a total multi-purpose building and furniture remodeling request. Items approved included blind replacement and bathroom remodeling. Francis Johnson installed grab bars and tissue holders in Multi-Purpose bathrooms. Sheetrock repairs were made and new floor covering in both bathrooms was completed. A fresh coat of paint was applied and new faucets and sinks installed. The committee will address furniture updating and the remodeling of the remainder of the building once a determination is made regarding the best floor plan to meet future needs. In March the buildings and grounds committee met in the multi-purpose building so everyone could see the remodeled restrooms in the building. Everyone agreed they looked very good and freshened up the building. Committee members took note that the building interior in general looked in good repair. Francis Johnson was authorized to immediately repair the outside handrails. At some point the Junior Warden and priest needs to meet with those ladies making the original proposal to discuss future building remodeling.

In January Ray Franks developed an Excel spread sheet which originally identified 24 projects at St. Timothy's. Eleven of the projects were identified as work day projects and 13 projects were projects requiring contractor or outside vendor attention. This list will prevent projects from being overlooked or dropped. All projects have been rated by importance. During the year, projects have been deleted as completed. Outdoor walk around inspections were made of all buildings. These were used to add projects to the list. Several discussions were held on the committee's philosophy in making repairs. The committee express a concern with the growing number of projects. They thought we needed to start working down the list even if we hire other outside contractors to get the project list completed. In general it was decided that projects would be done in a way to best prevent the need for future maintenance. An effort during the year was made to not defer maintenance. Vacuum cleaners in the church, parish hall and education building were replaced or repaired. All carpet and linoleum tile in the parish hall, church, education building were cleaned or waxed. This philosophy created discussion about repairing fascia boards on the church, staining the front wood work on the church and repairs to the education building.

Workdays were held in April and September. More than 35 projects were completed including sidewalk repair, tree trimming, building repairs and interior cleaning of our buildings. The spring workday was attended by about 20 people and only about 10 at the fall workday.

As stated above the walk around led to all the fascia boards on the church being replaced. Much discussion was held on whether to replace only the rotten boards or all of the fascia boards on the main church building. Finally it was decided that it would be cheaper long term to replace all with Merotec. It was then painted. Many of the gutters on the back of the church were rusted and leaking. The front gutters were replaced and those on the back were not. During the project it was discovered that some roof decking near walls needed to be replaced due to improperly installed flashing at the time of construction.

The front finishes on the church entrance was examined by the committee. Due to the long period of time since the oak wood had been stained, the committee decided it would be too expensive to return the wood back to its original condition and stained. The work was estimated to cost over \$6,500. It would also be very costly to continue to stain it at least every two years with no guarantee of how long it would resist weather. With the approval of the vestry it was decided to paint the entrance doors red and the remainder of the wood the same color of the fascia boards. This was to include the front beams and the ceiling boards of the porch.

There have been problems with connectivity in the Parish Hall, especially during adult classes. John Lennox asked permission to run a cable from the church to the parish hall. The request was approved. Both ice makers in the parish hall were replaced during the year.

The buildings and grounds committee along with the wardens and rector have been monitoring the expansion of Firetower Road. Originally the new right of way would only be about five feet from the back of the sacristy. After a meeting and conversations with the Department of Transportation the 14th Street intersection was redesigned to take less space, moving the road about 15 feet farther from the church. A guardrail will also be installed between the sidewalk and the road to protect the church and our members. Talks are still on-going related to noise barriers.

The wall in the education building experienced significant water damage. It was determined that water was entering through the roof in between the exterior wall and sheetrock. Repairs were made this fall. During the repair Francis Johnson discovered that the brick was so porous that water was actually entering through the brick. Through meeting with a roofing expert it was determined that the "A" shaped parapets were built in such a way that water was damming up behind the parapet instead of freely flowing pass the walls. To date, two of the five "A" frame parapets have leaked. The walls of the parapets also need to be totally flashed as they are on the parish hall. The cost of making these individual repairs are being estimated and will be prioritized for future repair.

During the year about \$13,000 has been spent in repairs and maintenance, not counting capital expenditures. In the past this amount has been about \$3,300 annually. The committee requested a budget of \$6,000 so that a more aggressive preventive maintenance program can be carried out.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Beverly Davis, Chair

In September, 2006, the Vestry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church approved the formation of a standing Administrative Committee charged to handle personnel matters, to set procedures and policies for the administration of the parish and to oversee the operation of the business aspect of the congregation according to the will of the Vestry and the Canons of the Church.

The members of the committee are as follows: the Rector, the 2017 Senior Warden, Malcolm Williams; the 2017 Junior Warden, Ray Franks; Treasurer, John Lennox; Past Senior Warden, Mary Vincent; Clerk to the Vestry, Tommy Tucker; At Large Member, Bill Biddlecome and Administrative Chair, Bev Davis.

During the past year, the Administrative Committee position monitored the Annual Administrative Actions Checklist to ensure efficient operation of church activities and functions. Several existing policies and procedures were reviewed and/or revised as needed. Additional policies will be revised once sufficient input is obtained from the Rector and parish volunteers participating in group discussions. The plan is to ensure that all policies and procedures are reviewed as least every three (3) years. Volunteer and committee job descriptions are available through the Parish Secretary for parishioners who may be interested in participating in a volunteer position.

Members of the committee reviewed staff compensation to ensure appropriate salaries. The committee continues to encourage communication between incoming and outgoing wardens to facilitate goal setting by the Vestry.

ADULT FORMATION
Tom Czaplinski, Chair
Frank Crawley, Vestry Liaison

Overall Goal: Work closely with the Rector and committee volunteers to plan and carry out an interesting and informative Adult Formation program. Goals for programming: grow attendance with diverse offerings which will have broad appeal; select presentation methods to add interest and appeal; introduce a short Bible study plan an evening Lent program.

Tom Czaplinski is the Chair of this committee and Frank Crawley is the Vestry liaison and they would like to thank the Committee members including Jim Williams, Nanette Woodworth, Judy Tucker, Sharyn Lennox, and Jack Robertson for their participation and support. The committee has been active in planning programs and lessons to enrich and deepen the participants understanding, knowledge and relationship with God. The underlying premise is to support the Christian journey and walk with Christ. Program formats varied to offer broad appeal and maintain the interest of class members. These formats included guest lecture, panel discussion, facilitated group discussion and didactic techniques. Main themes reflect Bible/Scripture study, Church History and the Episcopal Faith-traditions and doctrine, and contemporary religious issues and topics. Classes averaged 15-20 people in attendance.

During Spring 2017 the Adult Formation program made use of the Living the Questions and Facing Issues That Divide (Church of The Resurrection Methodist Church) DVD and resources. We utilized several Religious scholars to offer a diverse presentation of Faith's and Biblical perspectives.

The arrival Papa John Porter Acee has brought new energy and focus on Adult Formation. This years programming has Followed a new paradigm, the first Sunday if the month is Family Matters, and offers programs focused on issues facing todays Christian Family; the second Sunday is based on the current Lectionary scripture; the third Sunday is Bible Basics, discussions about and from the Bible, including Bible study; the fourth Sunday is Episcopally Speaking, programs on the Episcopal faith and when a fifth Sunday occurs, it is Free Form Sunday, an includes activity based study.

The Lenten Program will continue, the topic/theme will be death and dying. We are also arranging guest speakers to provide Biblical and Faith explorations.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN
Megan Roberts, Director
Judy Tucker, Vestry Liaison

Sunday school this year has been lots of fun! We've learned about creation, the parable of the lost sheep, learned about sharing and caring for God's creations. We had a great time dressing up and putting on the pageant. We hope to have even more fun next year.

COMMUNITY GARDEN
Chuck Widney, Chair; Brent Foster, Co-chair

The St. Timothy's community garden had another great year. We started planting in February and had our spring kick-off meal in March. Several members attended from other community gardens in Pitt county, we also had a seed exchange. It was a great opportunity to network and for our neighbors to see St Timothy's. Planting continued as the weather continued to warm. There was an exceptional spring crop of spinach and other leafy greens to start the season. The next main crops were potatoes and corn, both of

which were bountiful and tasty. We enjoyed a picnic on the evening of our potato dig, complemented with shrimp and enjoyed by old and new garden participants.

Our summer crop of okra, tomatoes, melons, and such performed better than the previous year, but we find pests to be an increasing concern as insects, voles, squirrels and diseases find their way into the garden.

Crowder peas fended off many of the pests to provide an ample crop to enjoy and grace potluck meals. The late fall crops are well established and providing various cruciferous vegetables, carrots will be available for Christmas and into the New Year.

Throughout the year, various crops were harvested and taken to the J.O.Y. soup kitchen. The garden is a great combination of community and ministry to provide fresh vegetables to our members and to the greater community.

Over 100 individual jars of pickles and jam were canned for sale at the lobster fair, excess bread and butter pickles were taken to the soup kitchen for use there. Canning is a great project to bring us in out of the heat and involve people with other talents.

Thanks to all who helped make the garden a success in 2017 and we look forward to 2018. All members of the local community are welcome to be a part of the garden.

FELLOWSHIP

Julie Crippen, Vestry Liaison Kristine Kelly-Salamon

Fellowship group planned eight successful events including dinner groups, ball games, ice cream socials, and church picnics that were well attended. The 2018 list of events will be announced at the kick-off event- January 14th, 5:30 pm Wine and Cheese Social followed by a card and game night. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Anyone wishing to join the fellowship committee or contribute may contact Julie Crippen at 252-246-9442.

HOSPITALITY

**Valerie Foster, Chair
Nancy Leamy, Co-Chair**

It was our joy as a committee to provide various meals for our family to gather around this year. It is our goal to provide at least one communal meal each month. Throughout the course of this past year we also provided a successful reception for our Celebration of New Ministry, support for the gatherings of several other committees, and we took over the weekly responsibility of providing refreshments at coffee hour.

Our hope in the year to come is to further partner with our fellowship committee and other parish leadership to build a working annual calendar for St. Timothy's. This goal will help ensure our ability to support other ministries as well as making sure our parish fun and fellowship is spread out evenly throughout the year. If you are interested in working with the hospitality committee, and are not currently doing so, please contact Valerie Foster or Nancy Leamy.

We look forward to breaking bread with you in 2018!

INREACH
Mary Vincent, Chair and Vestry Liaison

Inreach currently has 4 coordinator teams of 2 parishioners that rotate throughout the month. Members of the teams are as follows: Bitsie Harwell and Marty Michaels, Angela Mallette and Kathy Seibel, Debbie Broyles and Linda Lane, Sharon Paoloni and Mary Vincent.

This is the fourth year of this Inreach Ministry with two years using teams that weekly work together. Inreach coordinators call parishioners who are known to be sick or having surgeries as well as major changes in their lives and send cards as well. Based on that contact, Inreach recommends follow-up and/or visits from John Porter-Acee and Jack Robertson. Additionally, requests for meals are forwarded to the Unseen Guest teams.

If you are aware of anyone needing assistance, please contact Mary Vincent (347-6826) or John Porter-Acee at 355-2125. Hearing it more than once is better than not knowing it at all. Please do not assume that we are aware of someone's needs. Thanks to all those who do let John or Mary know if someone may need assistance.

LOBSTER FAIR ANNUAL REPORT
Bill Baugh, Chair
Chuck Widney, Vestry Liaison

The Lobster Fair again saw many parish members taking part in this effort to raise at least \$15,000 to be used by the Outreach Committee to assist other non-profit organizations in the diocese and community. The event chaired by Bibb Baugh, did indeed raise \$15,000 through the sale of Lobster and Shrimp Dinner, flowers, frozen food, crafts, baked goods, flowers, food tent and silent auction. Most areas made more profit than last year except lobster dinners. The sale of shrimp dinners helped to keep this area close to last year in profit. That being said the dinners make up the largest segment of income. Almost every area made efforts to cut expenses. Live group performances, children's games, model train displays, hayrides and the fire truck gave the event a fair like feel. There seem to be more community members attending than in recent years. Thanks to St. Timothy's Boy Scout Troop 46 for again providing labor to keep the church grounds clean and outside serving utensils clean.

OPEN & WELCOMING GROUP
Eddie Vincent

It is the purpose of the Open and Welcome Committee to lead the way in making all Newcomers and our Parishioners feel welcome at St. Timothy's. That starts with our team of Greeters that meet you at the front doors on Sunday morning. They make every effort to speak to All who enter our Church for Worship and make them feel as though they are a part of our Family at St. Tim's. Some of the things we did in 2017 to help in getting to know each other better was to consolidate our visitor's information form so that we were getting the proper information from Newcomers so that their worship time with us was as seamless as possible. We continue with our name tag program that is working quite well. Our largest endeavor of 2017 has been our new Church Directory. If all goes well with this last edit we should go to print and have the directories available the first part of January. I would encourage each of us as the Family of St. Timothy's to make every effort to speak to someone new each week. If you see someone you think you may not know, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed as a part of our Parish Family.

UTREACH
Kathryn Lennox Lloyd, Chair and Vestry Liaison

The Outreach Committee has the pleasure of disbursing funds to local, national, and international causes in need of financial support. Members of the 2017 Outreach Committee are Valerie Foster, Kristine Kelly-Salomon, Nancy Leamy, Sharyn Lennox, Kathryn Lennox Lloyd, Linda Mandell, Marchia May, Megan Roberts, and Nancy Williams. The Outreach Committee has had a very productive year and has had the financial means to help a variety of worthy causes. We had a beginning budget of \$24,085, and received \$1,082 in other donations throughout the year. As of December 7, a total of \$19,756 was used for monetary donations to non-profit organizations and assistance for one family in crisis. The remaining balance at the end of December will be carried into 2018 and combined with Lobster Fair proceeds to allow us to continue this good work. The following donations were made between January 1 and December 7, 2017:

Local/Regional

Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County (donation)	\$ 500
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County (shirts for uniform drive)	\$ 52
Catholic Charities	\$1,000
Churches Outreach Network (Toys for Tots - Christmas)	\$ 750
Community Crossroads (Greenville Community Shelter)	\$2,000
Dept. of Social Services (Adult Foster Program - Christmas)	\$ 500
Episcopal Farmworker Ministry	\$1,000
Food Bank of Eastern NC	\$ 500
Group Cares/Clean Water Wells (to match VBS donations)	\$ 498
JOY Soup Kitchen (allocated for weekly food/supplies purchases)	\$1,518
JOY Soup Kitchen (operating expenses)	\$1,000
Little Willie Center	\$ 250
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500
One Church One Child (banquet for foster/adoptive families)	\$ 113
Riley's Army	\$ 500
Family in need of housing after crisis	\$ 538
Shelter Teams (for supplies purchased by teams)	\$ 27
Third Street Education Center	\$ 1,000
Trinity Center (capital/building fund)	\$ 1,000

National

Episcopal Relief & Development (hurricane relief)	\$1,000
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International

Episcopal Relief & Development (Hurricane Relief)	\$ 925
Rise Against Hunger	\$4,385
United Thank Offering	\$ 200

This year we held our first food drive to benefit The Salvation Army during the season of Lent. Multiple boxes full of non-perishable items were donated to help fill Friday food boxes for their clients. Another first was hosting the One Church One Child Banquet to honor foster and adoptive families. Approximately 50 foster and adoptive parents and DSS social workers attended the event in our Parish Hall. This summer, we held our second school uniform drive to benefit members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County. This project was a great success, as our parish collected five uniform shirts each for 25 Club members in need. Our Advent Project, Rise Against Hunger (previously called Stop Hunger Now), continues to be our largest volunteer effort. On December 2, 56 youth and adult volunteers came together to package approximately 15,000 meals to be sent to the world's most vulnerable countries to be distributed to schools, orphanages, clinics, or vocational centers. We have packaged over 145,000 meals since we began our work with this organization in 2008. Thank you to the committee members for their dedication, and to all who have participated in Outreach Projects or brought to our attention agencies in need. Also, we owe much thanks to the Lobster Fair Committee and all who help with that fundraising event. We are able to support so many worthy causes with the funds that are raised at the Lobster Fair. We are excited to start a new year and have the opportunity to help so many within our own community and throughout the world.

ST. TIMOTHY'S PRESCHOOL

Leslie Bowman, Director

Jamie, Vestry Liaison

The school year is proving to be a work in progress for St. Timothy's Preschool. The preschool is currently a little over 85% full. Most of our classes have at least one opening, although one of our Two Year Old and one Three Year Old class are full. According to budget projections we should come close to meeting expenses this year. Additionally, there have been ongoing repairs to the Education Building, which have required creative use of space while they're in progress.

We will soon have a new 4 Year Old assistant and a new Young Two's teacher on campus. I am in the process of interviewing for both positions, and hope to find the perfect fit for our program within the next few weeks. In the meantime, we have two wonderfully dedicated parents who are substituting in these positions.

The preschool staff would like to enlist the congregation's help in spreading the word about our outstanding preschool program. Invite a friend or neighbor with small children or grandchildren to attend our Jan. 25th Open House, which will be held at 6:30 pm. "Like" us and share the preschool's Facebook posts! Distribute my business card, our brochures, or post a flier at your place of business. There is a lot more competition these days, and we'd like folks to know about our excellent program. We are thankful for all that St. Timothy's does to help us provide this important ministry to our parish and community.

STEWARDSHIP

Gretchen Baugh

Susan Holmes, Vestry Liaison

⁵ ***"so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."***

Romans 12:5 (NKJV)

The Stewardship Committee continues to work toward the inspiration and encouragement of all our parishioners for the best use of their time, talent and treasure for the work God has called us all to do. This year our committee included Barbara Bowser, David Geissler (Vestry Liaison), Gretchen Baugh, John Porter-Acee, Malcolm Williams, Susan Holmes, and Tom Swindell.

The stewardship committee chose to try something new this year for our fall Ministry Fair, Homecoming! It was a wonderful day for all to enjoy, spent feasting and celebrating our many ministries, There were many hands that pitched in to make the work light and we were also graced with the lovely talent of Noelle Smith and good weather to make it a perfect day!

To help plan our budget for the year, the annual stewardship campaign kicked off the end of October with puzzle pieces given out to all our parishioners. The puzzle represents all the many faces at St. Tims and the work that we all do together to glorify Christ. St. Timothy's would not be the same without each and every one of us and the gifts we bring just as the puzzle would not be complete without all its pieces. Thanks for your participation in the campaign and for helping us to carry out the mission of St. Timothy's.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jamie Kirby

For the first half of the school year, Amber Beaman continued her leadership of EYC. She reported that there were 6 regular attendees at EYC. Attendance from January 15 to April 9 ranged from a low of 3 to a high of 9. WeeYC attendance was inconsistent with a high number of 7 on March 26. Amber ended the year with a successful Youth Sunday on May 21 and a Mission Trip in June in which they combined with two other EYCs and included several adults from St. Timothy's. On July 30 we said goodbye to Amber and wished her well as she left to begin her teaching career after graduating from ECU in May.

On September 17 the fall EYC season kicked off with John Porter-Acee overseeing the meetings with the help of various parents. The fall plans included a picnic at the Town Commons, a mini-golf outing, bowling and ice skating.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Judy Tucker

The Worship Committee works with the Rector to identify, plan, and execute meaningful worship services and opportunities. Members represent areas involved in worship such as music, Altar Guild, Service ministers (Greeters, Lay Readers, LEMs and Acolytes), Bulletin development, and clergy. The work is ongoing throughout the seasons of the year in addition to planning for special services such as funerals, Celebration of New Ministry, and the Bishop's annual visit as well as for new worship experiences, as with the visit from Fran McKendree. The members meet monthly on third Thursdays at noon in the Meeting Room.

Committee members are: The Rev. John Porter-Acee, Jack Robertson, Belinda Butler, Leslie Bowman, Sharyn Lennox, Susan Holmes, and Judy Tucker.

MINISTRY GROUPS

These are groups that actively serve the Church—consider joining!

ALTAR GUILD

Judy Tucker

Purpose: The Altar Guilds prepares the altar for Communion for all Eucharistic services, provides and/or arranges flowers for all services as needed, and procures and maintains the vessels, hangings, adornments, linens, and supplies used in worship and Eucharistic services.

Work Description: The Altar Guild, led by Judy Tucker in concert with the team leaders from the remaining two groups of members, Nancy Williams and Lynn Forbes are responsible to coordinate services by the Guild with the Rector, oversee the work of the Guild, and procure supplies required for worship services and support of the Guild. The Altar Guild incorporated one new member this year. These projects were made possible through funding by the Memorials Committee.

The Altar Guild is divided into three groups, composed of five to six women in each, who rotate responsibilities in two weeks interval. A calendar noting assignment is posted in the Sacristy. Assignments are from Saturday preceding the assigned Sunday until Saturday after the last assigned Sunday. A leader is designated for each of these three groups. The group leader should be notified by the Rector or designee of any special or additional services occurring during the assignments period. All groups work together for the major services at Easter and Christmas, especially with floral arrangements.

Weekly the assigned group meets prior to the service (usually the day before) to clean, polish, and prepare the Altar for Sunday services. Linens are washed, pressed, and stored to retain longevity. Hangings are selected according to the 'Episcopal Church Year Guide Calendar' or as requested by the priest. The set-up for services is accomplished according to established guides and/or as directed by the Priest. Flowers are procured using cost effective options (personal gardens and general retail stores) and arranged by volunteer Guild members. Flowers for major services such as weddings and funerals may be ordered through a local florist (primarily Cox Floral Expression). Arrangements, by parishioners and professionals, should be simple, attractive, and not overpower the worship venue and ambiance. Sunday responsibilities include clean-up and designation of flowers.

Goals:

- Continue the work and responsibilities of the Altar Guild with the new rector
- Identify needs to enhance worship services at St Timothy's (procure a pottery communion set and banners)
- Increase congregational awareness of the cost for floral arrangements for Sunday service
- Continue to recruit new members.
- Promote communication among the Guild and to parishioners about the ministry of the Altar Guild.
- Update the Altar Guild Manual for St. Timothy's in concert with the new rector

ACOLYTES

Susan Holmes

An *Acolyte* is a layperson who assists in worship by carrying the processional cross, lighting and extinguishing candles, carrying candles or torches in the processional and helping with the collection of the offering. Acolytes may be adults or children. At St. Timothy's, young people in grades 4 through 8

are invited to serve as torchbearers and those in grades 9 through 12 serve as crucifer (carry the cross and assist the priest). There are currently 14 (4 sets of siblings) young people serving as acolytes, 4 of whom are trained to serve as crucifers. Acolytes are regularly scheduled for the 10:15 service, and for special services as needed. Thanks to each of you for your participation in this very special ministry of St. Timothy's.

St. Timothy's invites and welcomes any youth who is interested to serve as an acolyte. Training is provided.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW **Ray Franks, Past Director**

This year has been an excellent year for the St. Timothy's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Leaders of the chapter for the past year have been Ray Franks, director; Jim Williams, vice director, Frank Crawley, secretary and Jerry Hopfengardner, treasurer. For 2018 the officers will be Jim Casey, director, Tommy Tucker, vice director, Scott Crippen, secretary, Jerry Hopfengardner, treasurer and Ray Franks past director. This coming year will be the first year members, who were not founding members, have not held a majority of the officer positions. This year I completed a three year term as director. As the new chapter director I adopted the goal of using the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter as a vehicle for developing the men of St. Timothy's into Christian leaders for the benefit of our parish and community. Changing the meeting format was one of the first and more important methods in achieving this goal. In the past the director had led the prayers and the reading of chapters from a book of the Bible. There was little discussion about the reading. Today a different member leads our prayers. The daily lessons from Forward Day by Day are used by a different member each week, to prepare a lesson and lead the group discussion. No one is required to volunteer but most men take their turn Discussion and sharing has tripled. Many men in our chapter have had their first opportunity to lead a Bible Study.

The Brotherhood chapter, this past year, held its largest fundraiser ever. In February we held a pig picking on a Sunday afternoon. The chapter served over 300 meals and raised over \$3,500. It also provided an outstanding social event for St. Timothy's and our friends. The chapter continues to sell note cards and envelopes featuring a pencil drawing of the chapel. We also provide these to the church for its use. The pig picking was such a success the vestry asked us to repeat the event, for John- Porter Acee's installation as our priest and Bishop's visit. The Brotherhood provided the pig for this event. During the year some of the projects we have financially supported include St. Timothy Episcopal Church BSA Troop and Pack 46, Shepherd Helpers, Third Street School, speaker for Sunday church service and Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels. This is the second year the chapter has provided Christmas presents for the men at Oakmont Assisted Living who do not have family or would not otherwise receive Christmas gifts.

For the church the Chapter continued to set up for several hospitality events, box up left over items after the women's auction and man the food tent at the Lobster Fair. During the year the chapter had 22 registered members. The average meeting attendance has increased this year, especially for the summer weekly meetings. The chapter started an "Every Fourth Wednesday Meeting Program". At these meeting we invite a director from an important non-profit community program. Two of our best programs were the leaders of our own Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop.

We invite all men in the church to join us each Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. for the chapter meeting and free breakfast.

CURSILLO IN CHRISTIANITY

Diane Hatfield

Cursillo weekends occur in our Diocese in the spring and fall of the year at the Trinity Center in Salter Path NC. Cursillo weekend includes fifteen talks, five meditations and a Eucharist every day. The goals/objectives for Cursillo are:

- An opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality
- A deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him
- An experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment
- A Continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

Hard to believe another year has just flown by, Cursillo is alive and well attended by St. Timothy's. Our year started with off in February with a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. The event was well attended, full of laughter fellowship and full bellies! Monies raised for this event help sponsor our upcoming pilgrims to attend future Cursillo weekends in Eastern North Carolina.

St. Timothy's members participated in both the Spring (#95) and Fall (#96) Cursillo weekends. Over the 2017 year we had the opportunity to sponsor 2 Pilgrims; Sharon Paoloni and Debbie Broyles. Among the comments from previous pilgrims "God poured out his love into our hearts an experience filled with love and joy, I am thankful I attended".

We also had 9 St Timothy's team members attending: Leslie Bowman, Sharyn Lennox, Judy Tucker, Margaret Suggs, Marty Michaels, Mark Tull, Tom Czaplijski, Diane Hatfield, Diana Siessel, "Heartfelt fellowship in celebration for the love of Christ was felt by all".

LaPaz Ultreya had two welcome back celebrations and fellowship for all Cursillistas, both taking place at St Timothy's in the late spring and fall. We were also privileged to have members from St. Peter's in Lil Washington and St. Andrews in Goldsboro in attendance. Our Ultreya is growing. Cursillo reunion groups at St. Timothy's are going strong we have 3 main groups:

- ❖ Early morning group meets at 7 am at Egg Yolk restaurant on Red Banks Rd. contact Jim Williams at 252-902-6953.
- ❖ Lunch Bunch meets at various local restaurants on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1230, contact Suzie Shelton at 252-561-6300.
- ❖ Evening group meets every Thursday at 6:30 in the Parish Hall, contact Diane Hatfield at 252-714-0213 or Margaret Suggs at 252-531-5807.

Cursillo Reunion members have also sponsored several coffee hours, feeding the Well (College Campus Ministry) and feeding EYC members "breakfast for dinner" who doesn't love that! As a group we also attended the play "Hairspray", painted pottery, pampered ourselves with pedicures, participated in "couch to 5K" walking/run program for 8 weeks, as we celebrated our faith and supporting each other in our Christian community.

DeColores! Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

The Order of the Daughters of the King
Magdalene Chapter #3085
Phyllis Dombos

The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a worldwide spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, based on the promises of our Baptismal Covenant and are supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey. Our primary goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. **Are you Called?** No special spiritual attributes are needed to become a Daughter of the King – only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God, and to help others do the same and to continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.

We find The Order of the Daughters of the King® to be a safe place in a busy world where we can be together and support each other in Christ's love as we impact the world through prayer and service.

St. Timothy's Magdalene Chapter meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. A confidential Prayer List is kept and updated each month with additions e-mailed to all members throughout the month. Chapter sends out cards to parish members letting them know that we are praying for them in their time of need. We pray daily for those who request prayers and from the Blue Prayer Requests Cards and in the pews at the church for parish members who request prayers. For more information call Phyllis Dombos at 252-635-1797.

Members: Connie Widney, Wanda Williams, Marilyn Steel, Phyllis Dombos, Jocelyn Nelson, Diane Gregg, Sylvia Whitfield, Jeanie Robertson, Diane Hatfield and Hunter Summerlin.

Officers: **President:** Phyllis Dombos; **Vice-President:** Connie Widney; **Treasurer:** Marilyn Steel; **Secretary:** Diane Gregg; **Communications Person:** Connie Widney

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)
Sharyn Lennox and Nancy Leamy

Meetings were held on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month during the school year unless a special event was planned. Meeting attendance ranged from 10-15 ladies. No officers are currently appointed and the group works by committee with different women volunteering to be in charge of the various projects. All women in the Episcopal Church are part of the ECW and we encourage ladies to join us in our projects.

The main fundraiser for our outreach projects was the yard sale held the first Saturday in March and netted about \$2566. Currently the main focus of the ECW is to fund a variety of service projects inside and outside the church which included:

- Gift cards for college students at the end of spring and fall semester.
- Helping pay for some food items for our two "Stock the Freezer" meetings where we prepare foods for the Unseen Guest ministry and then store them in the freezer at the church to be used by team members during the year
- Assisted with Pre-School tuition for a child for the school year
- Made and sold Easter eggs which raised \$1500; \$1000.00 was donated to Hope Lodge; \$300 to Riley's Army; and \$1000 to the Farmworker's in Newton Grove
- In May hosted a dinner for all ladies of the parish where women brought either daughters, granddaughters, mothers or other special women in their lives.

- Donated \$500.00 through Episcopal Relief and Development for Hurricane Harvey recovery in Texas
- Purchased Girl Scout cookies for the Troops

Our group will sponsor and coordinate several projects in December.

- Gifts for several children in the Foster Care System
- Gifts and necessities for residents of Oak Haven nursing facility; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew purchases gifts for the male residents
- The White Elephant gift exchange with all ladies of the church invited

Nancy Leamy agreed to be the coordinator of this group for 2017-2018 with other members in charge of the different projects.

GREETERS Glenn Forbes

Our greeter program is an important part of our church ministry. Greeters are in charge of welcoming current members and newcomers into our church and provide information if needed. Our greeter's roster currently lists twenty parishioners that make a commitment to our church.

KNITTING GROUP Judy Tucker

The Knitting Group began several years ago after a conversation about knitting while several women were working at the JOY Soup Kitchen. What started out as three women gathering on Wednesday morning for a teaching/learning opportunity has turned into a group of women who meet together not only for knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching but for sharing, supporting, talking, eating and an occasional "field trip". All adults are welcome, including nonmembers! Gatherings are Wednesday mornings in the Meeting Room of the church from about 10:30-11:30.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Susan Holmes

A Lay Eucharistic Visitor is a lay or non-ordained person who is licensed by the Bishop to take Eucharist to those who are ill or infirmed and cannot attend worship services. Eucharistic Visitors "represent the church to those they visit by being living reminders that the sick and infirm are integral parts of that community, which is the Body of Christ". Symbolically, the visitor carries the parish with them as a "sign of the whole community's care, support and concern".

St. Timothy's currently has 6 Eucharistic Visitors, teamed in pairs, and scheduled on a rotating basis. They are under the guidance of the Rector.

St. Timothy's invites those who are interested in this ministry to speak to the Rector. Training is provided.

LEM EUCHARISTIC VISITOR **Susan Holmes**

St. Timothy's currently has 16 parishioners serving as LEM Eucharistic Ministers. LEMs serve as lectors and read the Old Testament lesson, New Testament lesson, and lead the Psalm as well as leading the Prayers of the People. A Lay Eucharistic Minister may also administer the chalice. Training is provided and the Bishop licenses those administering the chalice. There are currently 16 licensed Chalice Bearers. LEM's are scheduled for both the 8:00 and 10:15 service, and for special services as needed. There are also 9 parishioners who only serve as lector. Thank you all for your dedication to this very special ministry. If you are interested in this particular ministry, please contact the rector or Susan Holmes.

MUSIC PROGRAM **Belinda Butler, Director of Music**

Much has been happening in our music ministry since my arrival in March. The Parish Choir has continued their important role in each of our services by providing beautiful choral music while also leading our hymns and service music. We have grown by three members, but certainly have room for others. The Children's Choir began anew in September as part of the Children's Formation Sunday hour. They will join the Parish Choir in singing for our Advent Lessons and Carols service to be held on Sunday, December 10th at 5 pm. The Worship Ensemble continues to lead our services on the third Sunday through voice and instruments.

USHERS **Malcolm Williams**

The Ushers represent St. Timothy's each Sunday morning before and after our church service. They meet and greet parishioners and guest to make them feel welcome and right at home. They are available to answer questions, hand out bulletins, help with name tags, and invite people to coffee hour. We welcome any parishioner to join our group as one of their church ministries. We try to meet once a year after church to go over our duties and procedures. Susan Holmes sets up the schedules every quarter.

UNSEEN GUEST Mary Vincent

Unseen Guest Ministry was brought to St. Timothy's by Ellen Crawley from her former church in Wilmington. This ministry has grown to 6 teams with 4 members each and they are scheduled by the Unseen Guest Coordinator, Mary Vincent. We replaced two members who were not able to continue with this Ministry and currently have 24 members with 1 Coordinator only for one of the teams. Twenty-five of our parishioners take part in contacting and delivering meals as needed.

ECW has graciously used part of their funds to buy ingredients and make meals for the Unseen Guest teams to deliver as needed. Many of the team members supply these meals at their own expense but the ECW meals are a welcome addition to these needs.

Meals are delivered to those who recently were discharged from the hospital, have family emergencies, families with new babies or those who are known to be sick. Unseen Guest and Inreach communicate to give this assistance on a limited basis.

Should you be interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Mary Vincent (347-6826) or John Porter-Acee at 355-2125.

THE WELL Michelle Nanny

The Well (Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry) had a great year with a variety of activities and experiences. They had six new students join in January and another ten students signed up in August. They also received a list of about 25 other students from Lutheran and Episcopal churches to contact and have been doing so over the last semester.

Activities have included thoughtful discussions such as "Dismantling Racism", "Was Jesus Political?", care for creation, and mindfulness. They have had several interesting speakers, including Father Bob Hudak, Dr. Dennis McCunney, Dr. Lee Johnson, and a missionary from Hungary. They have had events with students from other religions and denominations and had a Cross Campus Retreat at Trinity Center with students from UNC Wilmington and UNC Pembroke. The students also hosted a picnic for ECU veterans in April, made blankets for Hospice with the Our Redeemer's women's group, and participated in Buddy Walk benefitting the National Down Syndrome Society. They also made cards for those who endured the hurricanes this year and provided child care one night for Our Redeemer's Women's Day. At the beginning of the semester, they also provided water and Gatorade to new students moving into the dorms. For fun and fellowship, they had Game Night, Movie Night, pumpkin carving, miniature golf, handball tournament, cooking night, and tailgating.

As always, the meals that St. Timothy's members have provided for the students have been delicious and are very much appreciated. Thank you!

For more information about this ministry, their website is <http://campusministry.ecdio.org/>. They are also active on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ecupccelcm/>.