



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.

LENTEN SERIES: *FERTILE GROUND*

CONTINUES ON MARCH 1st AND MARCH 22nd



Denise Trevino, the Missioner for Intercultural Development for the Diocese of Texas, is coming to St. Timothy's for three Sunday evenings in Lent to present *Fertile Ground: Sowing Seeds for Competent Leadership in a Diverse Changing World*. Denise will introduce us to new ideas and skills in order help make our faith community become more diverse, in accord

with our vision of *inviting and welcoming all from our diverse community*.

Rooted in the Gospel, the Fertile Ground Project is intended to help us to affirm our individual cultures and to positively engage another person's culture, addressing many complexities facing the church today with grace and respect.

The series will continue on March 1 and March 22, beginning with a Lenten supper at 6:00 PM and the presentation at 7:00 PM. A concurrent program will be offered for children.

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CHILDREN'S LENTEN SERIES



Jessica Boyce will meet with the kids (ages three and up) in the Youth Hall during the adult Lenten Series.

Ages 5 through Senior High
In the Youth Hall
March 1st and 22nd
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Program 7:00 – 8:00 PM

The Lenten Series is a great opportunity to invite friends to 'taste and see' what happens in God's community.

EVENING PRAYER IN LENT Will be prayed at 5:15 PM Monday through Thursday in the Chapel and on Fridays at the home of Rae Zylks, 508 Circle Way. Consider making this ancient practice a Part of your prayer in this Lenten season.

The Daring Way: Insights from Brené Brown

Andy Parker will teach the Sunday morning adult Christian Formation class for the five Sundays of March. He and Liz recently attended a conference for Episcopal clergy with Dr. Brown at Camp Allen. She is a "shame researcher" and professor at the University of Houston and an acclaimed author. Perhaps the best introduction is her TED talk: http://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_on_vulnerability?language=en

This class (like the conference) will explore her work on vulnerability, courage, shame and worthiness in order to help people to "show up, be seen and live brave." The study is rooted in qualitative "grounded theory" research published in peer-reviewed academic journals. Perhaps more importantly, it translates easily into biblical and theological language because it is at heart in tune with the Christian gospel.

A PARISH-WIDE LENT CHALLENGE!!



Can we donate 40 pounds of food to The Food Basket each Sunday during Lent? Those who deliver the food will post on our Facebook page how many pounds are given each week. Can we set a St. Timothy's record?



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 7th.

Don't be late to church on March 8th!!!

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Upcoming Events

- Mar 1** 4:00 PM Gulf Coast Masterworks Chorus Concert (nave)
Lenten Series: Fertile Ground 2
6:00 pm Lenten Supper (by Christian Formation)
7:00 pm Presentation/Kids Program
- Mar 20-21** Healing Prayer Workshop with the Rev. Jack Sheffield
Friday: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Mar 22** Lenten Series: Fertile Ground 3
6:00 pm Lenten Supper (by Christian Formation)
7:00 pm Presentation/Kids Program
- Mar 29** 7:00 pm Taizé service
Palm Sunday
- Apr 2** 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist with Footwashing
- Apr 3** 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy
- Apr 5** 6:30 am The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
8:15 am Breakfast
8:45 am Children's photo and egg hunt
10:00 am Easter Eucharist

WORK DAY – MARCH 28TH.

**Work day is here again. Come out.
Bring the whole family. Bring your garden tools.**

It is a great time to really get to know someone you don't know well.

We will weed the flower beds, trim the bushes and then put mulch on the beds. We need weed eaters and we will pick up sticks.

The great reward will be our church grounds that will look so good on Easter Sunday and you and your family can take great pride in coming together to make it happen as a church family.

**It will be Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 until 11:30 in the morning.
Don't wait, put it on your calendar**



FORWARD MOVEMENT'S FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Congratulations to Dena Cline who is writing for the Forward Movement's online Family Devotional. In addition to reflections on the Scripture readings for the day you will find short videos and reflections on artwork, along with links to other sites like Lent Madness. Dena is one of several authors who contribute to the site. Be sure to check out Dena's short bio. and the wonderful photo of Dena and her family in the Narthex at St. Timothy's. In order to receive these free family devotionals, simply email the Rev. Liz Parker at lparker@stimothy.org and she will sign you up.



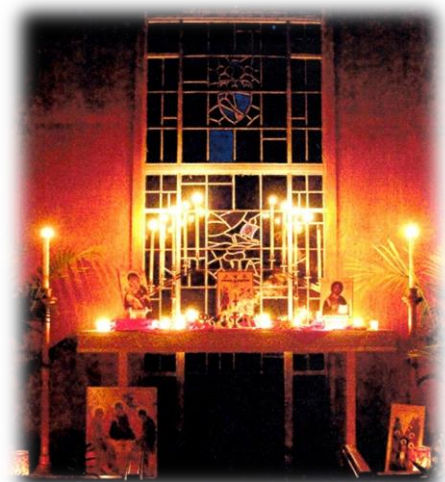
Taizé Service Announced

By Paul Butt

This Palm Sunday, March 29th, at 7:00 St. Timothy's will host a Taizé service. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Protestant and Catholic traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Reformed Protestant. Guidelines for the community's life are contained in The Rule of Taizé written by Brother Roger and first published in French in 1954.

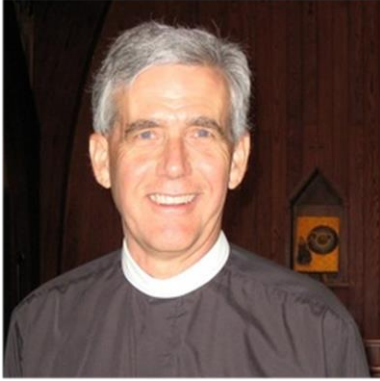
The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Taizé music is simple, meditative, and an excellent way to help achieve a prayerful mindset for Holy Week. In the service songs are alternated with readings in the chapel which is beautifully lit with candles and decorated with icons. One may light incense as aid to prayer.

Being a musician in this service is another way to pray. If you would like to sing or play a quiet instrument please join us for a rehearsal the week before, March 22nd after church (11:30) in the choir room and the day of the service, March 29th at 5:30 in the chapel. It will take just two short rehearsals and we will be ready to present our gifts. Please worship with us and consider adding your voice to the music.



Your Lenten Practice

by the Rev. Andrew Parker



This is a portion of the sermon Andy Parker preached on the First Sunday of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday I invited you all to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, meditating and reading God's holy Word. And this morning, you might be considering what to do for Lent this year—what you might give up or what you might take on.

I would offer you just one criterion in choosing your practice—that it help you know that God is present in your life, to know it in your bones. Believe or not, the purpose of a Lenten practice is not to demonstrate self-discipline. How is that going to lead you closer to God? It might even drive you further away, if you think you've succeeded in this self-discipline all on your own.

A priest friend told me back when I was in my twenties that fasting from food presents us with the twin temptations of the older brother and the prodigal son in the parable--pride and despair: the pride of the older brother if we succeed in our fast and the despair of the prodigal son if we fail.

The only way to skirt the twin temptations is to rely wholly on God as we fast, so that if we succeed, it is God succeeding. And if we fail, God is with us as much as ever.

Now I don't really like fasting. It's not fun. Food is fun, but fasting is not. I only do it on the two fast days of the Church Year when I feel obliged to—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But I can say that fasting helps me realize certain things about myself:

- like my dependence on food for comfort,
- my dependence on meals for structuring my day
- the many things I put in place of God
- and the many ways I blunt my hunger for God.

Fasting renews my gratitude for the gift of food; and my amazement at the abundance of good food most of us enjoy in this country.

This year, I decided to accompany my food fast with a media fast—from TV, radio, and the internet.

That was good—it deepened the quiet and my sense of God's presence with me. (You know, one of our favorite ways to blunt our hunger for God is with distractions, like the media.)

In her sermon last Sunday, Liz mentioned the spiritual writer Avery Brooke. Liz told you how she was raised by her parent to be an atheist. But even as a child, she sensed a mysterious presence with her when she was out in the woods, a presence she called "X." I'd like to continue that story, a little.

One day when she was 31 years old, happily married and with three young children, Avery Brooke suddenly realized as she was shaking the mop out the back door that *atheist* was not exactly the right word to describe her beliefs.

She decided to read ten books on religion and see what they said. She writes:

Ten was a nice round number and enough to make it a serious—but not too daunting—quest. I went to the town library, to the section on religion, and chose almost at random. ...a history of Islam, a book on comparative religions, something by a Christian missionary in India. None of them seemed to speak to my questions. I found an old Bible in the house and read it from cover to cover, but it didn't help either.

I had expected something else. What was it? It still hadn't occurred to me that God had anything to do with X. I had read about seven books and was dutifully still reading, even though I had inwardly given up, when I thought of another plan. Somewhere, in the Bible or another book, I had read, *The Kingdom of God is within you*.

"Do you suppose," I reflected "that they mean it literally?" I decided to find out. "I'll look," I thought, "this afternoon when the children are taking their naps." When the house was quiet, I went to our bedroom, closed the door, and sat down in a comfortable chair. I remember that I felt as if I were clearing a space in the room of my mind and throwing out extraneous clutter. When my mind seemed reasonably empty, I paused. It was very still. "There's nothing here," I thought.

And then I realized that I was wrong. God was there. And I knew somehow that God had been there all along, if I had only bothered to look. I did not immediately equate God and X. That came when I had time to reflect. The God of this inner kingdom was not the intellectual concept I had argued against, but a living presence.

I went around in a daze for the rest of the day. There had been nothing dramatic about my experience, no vision, no voice of God. It was very quiet. Yet at the same time, I had a sense of vast change.

God is present to us, in our life and in our heart, and we can feel his presence, if we would only clear away enough clutter and dampen enough noise to listen.

I hope whatever you do this Lent, that it won't be merely an exercise in self-discipline, prompting to you to either pride or despair. I hope and pray that your Lent will be an opening to know on a deeper level that God is with you.

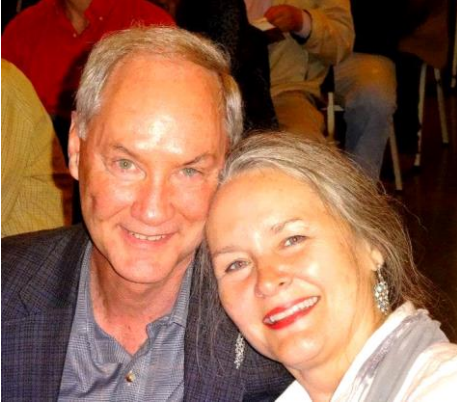
Amen.

The success of love is in the loving; it is not in the result of loving.

—Mother Teresa

HEALING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Make your Lent richer by attending the Healing Prayer Workshop that will soon be held at St. Timothy's.



The Rev. Dr. Jack Sheffield and his wife, Anna Marie Sheffield will be visitors to our parish on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21st for a Healing Prayer Workshop. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield has been involved in the healing ministry for many years. Before his giving all his time to the healing ministry he was an Episcopal parish priest and Anna Marie was a Dental Hygienist. He is presently Warden of The Order of St. Luke the Physician and Anna Marie is the Secretary of the national organization. OSL is the healing order in the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Dr. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield

They are well known all over the Episcopal Church in the U.S. for their workshops. They also have started a prayer and counseling ministry in San Antonio named The Deep River Ministry. This ministry has several satellites in various parts of the U.S. You can learn more about their ministry at <http://www.deepriverministries.org/>

Please reserve this 24 hours to grow in Christ and become aware of his healing powers for all of us through the opening wide of our souls to the Holy Spirit.

The Pictorial Church Directory

Did you know there's an app for that??

Follow these easy steps:

On your iPhone or Android go to the App Store

Search: Instant Church Directory

Press: Get

Press: Install

Sign in: to iTunes Store or Google Play

Type in: Your email address as it appears in the church directory.

Press: Request Password

Your password will be sent to your email. Be sure to check your spam folder if it doesn't show up in your regular email.

Did Jesus really mean for us to have abundant life? What does that look like, what does it take?

Explore these questions with the Rev. Liz Parker, Kathie Jinks and Sara Eddy
as they facilitate



Friday, March 27 5:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, March 28 9:00am-5:00pm
Thursday, April 9 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thursday, April 16 6:30pm-8:30pm

in the Blue Room at St. Timothy's

Babysitting provided

Following the Way, the Truth and the Life of Jesus requires courage, compassion and connection. Join us to discover what prevents you from cultivating these virtues and how you can begin to live a wholeheartedly faithful life.

Sign up: email lparker@sttimothy.org and you will receive further information about registration. If you don't have email, simply call 979/297-6003 during business hours and ask for the Rev. Liz Parker.

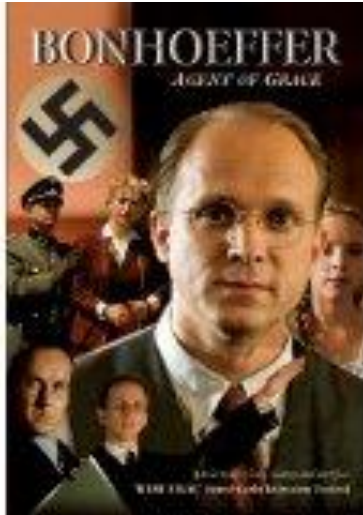
*"...I have come that that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
~ John 10:10b NKJV*

Lunch and a Movie - *Bonhoeffer*

Sunday, April 12, 2015

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

St. Timothy's Youth Hall



Bonhoeffer stands as a moving memorial and a fitting tribute to the formidable German theologian who was hanged on April 5, 1945, at Flossenberg prison camp for his role in assassination plots against Hitler. Mark Lehnhoff will share his grandparents' experiences in Germany in the 1930's. This 90-minute documentary is directed, produced and narrated by Martin Doblmeier. *Bonhoeffer* is unrated; the content is suitable for intermediate-school age youth and older. Please sign up at the M&M table if you plan to attend. The customary \$6.00 donation for the meal is encouraged. Childcare is available. Contact Lela Seay (979-480-0604, ljseay1.9@gmail.com) for additional information.

There will be no Lunch and a Movie in March.

A Purification

At the start of spring I open a trench
in the ground. I put into it
the winter's accumulation of paper,
pages I do not want to read
again, useless words, fragments,
errors. And I put in it
the contents of the outhouse
light of the sun, growth of the ground,
finished with one of their journeys.
To the sky, to the wind, then,
and to the faithful trees, I confess
my sins: that I have not been happy
enough, considering my good luck,
have listened to too much noise,
have been inattentive to wonders,
have lusted after praise.
And then upon the gathered refuse
of mind and body, I close the trench,
folding shut again the dark,
the deathless earth. Beneath that seal
the old escapes the new.

~ Wendell Berry

MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 AM Hand Chime Practice 4:00 PM Gulf Coast Masterworks Chorus Concert 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM EYC (grades 5-8) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EYC (grades 9-12) 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Lenten Series Study	2 5:15 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel 6:42 PM Sr. High Bible Study-131 Daisy, LJ	3 5:15 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel	4 8:30 AM A.R.M. (Army of Retired Men) 5:15 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Gentle Yoga with Sheila 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	5 5:15 PM Evening Prayer in Chapel	6 World Day of Prayer 8:45 AM Healing Prayer 5:15 PM Evening Prayer - Rae Zylks' Home - 508 Circle Way 5:15 PM Evening Prayer- Rae Zylks House	7
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**MASTER SCHEDULE
March 2015**

	<i>March 1, 2015 The 2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>March 8, 2015 The 3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>March 15, 2015 The 4th Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>March 22, 2015 The 5th Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>March 29, 2015 PALM SUNDAY</i>
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8:00 AM

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

10:30 AM

Lectors	Carol Bohley Judi James	Denis James Joe Woodburn	Kenric Marshall Bunny Schockmel	Dave Mayberry Dana Andersen- Wyman	Kim Lehnhoff Adrian Zabala
Intercessor	Josh Laurel	Ian Cox	Philip Marshall	Hugh Frank	Cameron Mathis
Chalicers	Sondra Griner Bunny Schockmel	Jeanne Manry Angela McCabe	Christopher Eddy Jeanne Manry	Gary Jones Angela McCabe	Carol Bohley Bunny Schockmel
Acolyte Master	Steve Mathis	Alan Hammond	Steve Mathis	Alan Hammond	Steve Mathis
Acolytes	Carter Hutchison Caleb Woodburn Raina Cline	Rebecca Verghese Hannah Eddy Rowan Davenport	Lindy Koury Ben Laurel Layne Koury	Grace Symington Simone Marshall Hannah Poore	Nick Paul Josiah Woodburn Cameron Eddy
Greeter	Marianne Essington	Elizabeth Hargrove	Jana Marshall	Jeanne Manry	Josiah Woodburn
Ushers	Denis James Christopher Eddy	Duane Ulmer Ben Rudolph	Sondra Griner Lee Massoletti	Kenric Marshall Judy Armstrong	Angela McCabe Jeanne Manry
Healing Prayers	Sherry White Char Aslakson	Gayle Pitts Bunny Schockmel	Jana Marshall Gayle Pitts	Char Aslakson Sherry White	Bunny Schockmel Cathy Richardson
Announcer	Kim Lehnhoff	Denis James	Sondra Griner	Sara Eddy	Sharon McKey
Sound Technician	Alan Essington	Steve Mathis	Joe Woodburn	Brent Symington	Alan Essington

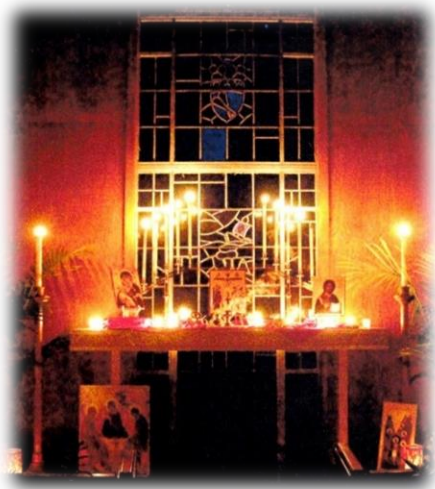
MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Bunny Schockmel Carolyn Hinderer Gayle & John Pitts Angela McCabe Gricelda Kichfski Matthew McCabe	Ken Box Elaine Lillian Elizabeth Hargrove Donna Bocx Sheila Conner	Sondra Griner Nancy Elkins Carol Bohley Kim Lehnhoff	Susan Laver Jeff Laver Jeanne Manry Ann McClendon	Bunny Schockmel Carolyn Hinderer Gayle & John Pitts Angela McCabe Gricelda Kichfski Matthew McCabe
Vestry	Elizabeth Hargrove	Rudy Laurel	Kim Lehnhoff	Jana Marshall	Joe Woodburn
Ministry of the Week	EYC - Mission Trips	Eucharistic Visitors	Altar Guild	Senior Choir	TBD

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



TAIZÉ SERVICE
MARCH 29TH 7:30 PM

Service Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM – Fellowship
9:14 AM – Christian Formation
10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 – 7:00 PM – EYC (grades 5-8)
6:00 – 8:00 PM – EYC (grades 9-12)

*(Please see Page 3 inside and March Calendar,
Page 11 a complete calendar of March Events)*

Also keep abreast of schedule changes by
periodically checking

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Wednesdays (W.E.S.T.)

4:15 – 5:00 PM – Children's Choir
5:00 PM – Centering Prayer, Guild Room
5:45 PM – Intermediate/Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 PM – Pub Bible Study, Wayside Pub
6:00 PM – Gentle Yoga with Sheila
6:30 PM – Joiful Noyse Rehearsal
7:00 PM – Senior Choir Rehearsal