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# St. Timothy's News

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## Rededication of Lamont Hall



## St. Timothy's

Ninety years ago, on December 12, 1920, the new building for St. Timothy's was dedicated by Bishop James Sweeney, the Bishop of Toronto. The simple brick structure with its Norman tower had been built over the previous year. It was a small country church, forty by twenty six feet, oriented to the East. There is no record of who designed it, who built it, or how much it cost. The church occupied part of the present nave from the back to beyond the fourth window on the south side with the communion rail across the sanctuary just in front of the third window. If you look carefully at the bricks surrounding the windows, you can see the colour of these bricks is slightly darker than the ones installed in 1954 around the other windows of the nave.

The church was to hold about 100 people, probably with twenty pews. The official opening was a great occasion attended by two hundred people. In the evening, one hundred and fifty people attended the second service. The church was crowded with visitors as well as the members of the congregation. How did this small church accommodate them all?

Bob Saunders

## LRT Update

Many of us will be wondering about what is going to happen to the LRT development in light of the recent municipal election with a new mayor and 15 new councillors. There has been pressure from community groups to build a subway rather than place tracks along Sheppard Avenue. The new mayor has spoken in favour of subways as opposed to streetcars.

The decision is going to be essentially one for the province and the federal government. Premier McGuinty has already said that he is willing to discuss transportation plans with the city and appears to be flexible. The basic funding for the Sheppard Avenue East LRT is from the federal government, but if the province should be willing to support subway development, it is not likely that the federal government would stand in the way.

Development on the Sheppard Avenue East LRT is further along than that for the other LRTs planned by Transit City and Metrolinx. As you can see, construction work for the underpass on Sheppard Avenue at the CN Rail line has begun. Contracts for the construction work are all in place here and others elsewhere have been signed as well. Property along Sheppard Avenue is being expropriated both permanently and for short-term easements during the construction. To back away from these contracts might well be costly. Moreover, extension of the subway along Sheppard would be subject to a new environmental assessment which would take time and construction costs would be far more expensive than the proposed LRT.

Some of the other Transit City plans may well be changed. The commitments for the Sheppard Avenue East LRT probably mean the development will continue and the project will be completed.

Bob Saunders

## Fun—Anagrams

PRESBYTERIAN =====>

THE MORSE CODE =====>

THE EYES =====>

SLOT MACHINES ===>

# A Word From John

It's perhaps because I'm closest to it and have spent much of my adult life studying it, it's our tradition. It never ceases to amaze me by its many facets and dimensions. As I write this on a sunny brisk day in November, I can feel a spiritual change beginning to happen. The lectionary readings are leading us towards the end of the year. With its strange visions from John's Revelation and occasional lections from the obscure Apocryphal books (those strange books in the middle of the Bible between the Old and New Testaments), our attention is being directed to think about endings both for us in this world and for all things. By the time you read this, the cycle will have begun again and we will have entered that intriguing period in our yearly life together that is both about endings and beginnings.

When Advent comes, I always remind myself that it is concerned with all three-time dimensions; past, present, and future. Advent looks to the past to remind us that God entered time and space in the person of Jesus of Nazareth who came, as recorded by Dr. Luke, "to seek and save the lost." In the present, Advent pushes us to look for fresh in-breakings of God among us. Advent, most importantly emphasises the future when Christ will return at the end of all things to renew the heavens and the earth and to raise us from the dead, as both the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds state.

Very often we speak of Advent as a time of waiting. We stress the need to look ahead, to yearn to meet the risen Christ in multiple time dimensions, to meet him now in the ongoing course of life, at the end of our earthly journey, and at that great final moment when all will be made new. Advent encourages us especially to pray the one word prayer that comes as the final word of the New Testament: *Maranatha* ("Lord, Come!").

As I was doing my Advent shopping at one of the Church supply companies in Toronto, I was checking out the new devotional books for the season. The title of one stopped me dead in my tracks; *It's Not About Waiting But About Preparing*. This title immediately resonated in my heart. I know that so often I emphasise the waiting part of Advent. Although the waiting aspect is important, the point of the book's title is well-taken: Advent is not passive; we don't just sit and think and wait. Advent should be active: it's about concerning ourselves with our spiritual well being and intentionally addressing the lack and the failures in our spiritual lives. We are all human: none of us has a perfectly complete and whole spiritual life. It is no mistake that some in previous generations have understood Advent as the *Little Lent which is* a four-week period of spiritual reflection and action to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord in all its dimensions.

This Advent I would encourage you to make a deliberate effort to prepare for our Lord's Coming. Here are a few suggestions for an Advent spiritual discipline:

1. Read a chapter of Scripture a day.
2. Read *Prayers for Morning, Noon, and Night* that can be found in the Tract Rack.
3. Commit yourself to pray each day for 15 minutes.
4. Read a good devotional book in the Advent season.
5. Call or visit one sick person a week for the next four weeks.
6. Give to alleviate the physical needs of someone one who is suffering.
7. Fast one meal a day and devote that time to reading and prayer.

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# A Word From John

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God's truth can be found in many places. I think this reflection, given by Pope John Paul II, encapsulates the active meaning of Advent. The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an "advent," a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life.

Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, **an intense training** that directs us decisively toward Him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.

Maranatha!

John +

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## Milestones

We ask God's blessing upon Stephen Christopher Linton, Jacqueline Eleanor Jane Preston, and Kayden Reid Kirby who were baptised on November 7, 2010.

Mark Regis' family celebrated the exchange of matrimonial vows between Mecha Kipokola and Anthony Regis on Saturday, September 25, 2010. We also celebrate Marion Watson and Rick Bassermann whose nuptials occurred on the same day.

We pray for the following families who held funeral services for loved ones: Isabella Andrews, Dorothy Jean Fick, John Oswald Stanislaus, and Susan Elizabeth Rose.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doug Peers and his family upon the passing of Doug Peers Sr. on October 28. Funeral services took place at St. Nicholas Church on November 8.

We ask that you remember Susan Flowers in your prayers as she will be in the hospital for several months. We also ask that you remember in your prayers those known to you who are seriously ill.

Congratulations are extended to Sylvia and Clarence Green who celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 22, 2010, Jean and George Gittens, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in late September, and Eileen and Doug Turner who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 10.

Shauna van Hoof

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## Church Signs

Can't sleep, count your blessings

Under same management for over 2000 years

Try Jesus, if you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back

The best vitamin for a Christian, B1

## Bible Study Groups

The Monday evening Bible Study groups meet at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The Library group is studying the Book of Genesis using a DVD presentation as the basis for discussion. The group in the Bonis Room will commence a study of Genesis using a study guide from Intervarsity Christian Press. The rector will be providing an introduction the study for the Bonis Room group on Monday, November 29 - an introduction which should be of particular interest because of his background in teaching Hebrew and using Genesis as a basic text.

The Wednesday morning group will continue its exploration of the nature of forgiveness also using an Intervarsity guide with the rector leading the discussion.

Bob Saunders

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## Rev. Alfred Clark

The collection of pictures of former incumbent clergy for St. Timothy's Anglican Church in the Bonis Room has had one more added, a photo of the Rev. Alfred Clark who was responsible for our church from 1919 to 1923. He was an energetic young man who not only pushed our church building to completion in 1920, but also who established and built St. Crispin's. When he left St. Timothy's he went to the parish in Grafton. In 1928, he decided to move to the United States and went to the diocese of Connecticut serving first as an assistant in one parish, and then as the rector of Christ Church, East Haven from 1931 until he retired in 1959. We are fortunate that the parish of Christ Church and Epiphany in East Haven has shared with us this photo taken about 1940.

Bob Saunders

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## Fast Friars

Here it is November and everyone is back to fall routine and getting involved with the church; the Friars are no different. In September, we hosted our annual *Welcome Back to Church Corn Roast* with approximately 100 people attending our event for corn on the cob, hot dogs, refreshments, and a game of Bingo. Our annual Seniors' Pot Luck Dinner on November 8 was a huge success with those in attendance. Everyone had a great time and this year we introduced Barbara Broadbent, our Person of the Year. A big "thank you" goes to Terry Isles for his caricature.

The Men's Club has already made plans for the 2011 year. Our Bingo evening is planned for Saturday, February 19, for everyone in the parish. The communion breakfast will take place in March.

We would want to thank Bill Gibson and the Men from the Pine Shop for all their hard work helping to restore Lamont Hall. On Sunday, October 31, the hall was rededicated and the reconstruction looks great.

If you are a member of St. Timothy's you are automatically a member of the Men's Club. The Executive is responsible for planning and arranging the different events and activities that are sponsored by the Fast Friars. Anyone is welcome to become an executive member by speaking with one of our existing members.

David Blizzard

# Saturday Night Healing Service

In the September St. Timothy's Newsletter, I was unable to thank all who attended and helped with our Chinese Dinner as I was not in time to make the submission deadline.

I'm taking this time to say a big thank you to all. We were able to raise the monies required to install our part of the sound system which cost us \$7,000.00. I am happy to say as I am writing this note that the work is about to begin. Hopefully it will be in for Christmas.

I'm also happy to report that we are seeing an increase in numbers at our Saturday Night Healing Service and our "keep in touch" list has grown.

For this season 2010/2011, we are looking at the topic of "The Christian and the World": The Christian and Suffering; Money; Death; Natural Disasters; Power; and Healing. How would you handle these situations or what do you think God is telling us when we are confronted with these events? Curious? Well, we can help you to find out! On the third Saturday of every month is the Saturday Night Healing Service at which you will find priests such as the Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls, Rev. Clare Wade, Rev. Kim Beard, and Rev. Beth Benson who will help us to understand and to learn what the Bible has to say about these topics.

We've now started a new way of sharing our personal experience of how God is moving in our lives and bringing us closer to Him. Last month, Ruthia Pak Regis shared her personal journey with God - it was very moving and touched us in many different ways. If you were not there, then you missed a testimony that was spoken from the heart and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Of course, December is the month we're all waiting for! I hope you will come out to celebrate our Christmas event with us. We would love to have you join us. You can always pick up a timetable in the church that will inform you of the dates and speakers for each month.

God bless you all.  
Xavier Dias

## Lamont Hall

Lamont Hall was the scene of a blessing on Sunday, October 31.

Lamont Hall's musty odour has caused problems for the people who use the building. On inspection there was visible mold. This meant stripping the hall to the bones and treating the mold— a full renovation!

Under the leadership of Bill Gibson and Cleveland Hamilton, those listed below gave their time and talent to renovating the area. This was accomplished through short and some long spurts of time over the past five weeks. Some of these men are not current itsmembers of St. Timothy's. A big "thank you" is extended to all of you.

Walter Dorlandt  
Eric Weekes  
Bill Gibson  
Basil Forgach  
George Ryan

Doug Peers  
Steve Lincoln  
Fred Bourne  
Eric Williams  
Dave Brown

David Finn  
Reg Perkins  
Cleveland Hamilton  
Matthew Zhang  
Stuart Daniel

David Blizzard  
Brian Aubrey  
Jason Kyriakou  
Ron Wilson  
Penny Laity

Lamont Hall had been blessed years ago, but since it had been stripped to the bones and rebuilt, a new blessing was required.

The Craft Club, which uses the hall on a regular basis and supports the hall financially, is looking forward to getting back into its usual location for its regular meetings. Lamont Hall will also be used for parish group meetings.



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## Worship Schedule Advent – Epiphany 2010-2011

Date	Liturgical Day	Services	Special Features
Nov. 29	1st Sunday of Advent	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Dec. 5	2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Dec. 12	3rd Sunday of Advent	8:00 & 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion 11:00 am Lessons and Carols	The Festival of Lessons and Carols
Dec. 19	4th Sunday of Advent	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Dec. 20	A Blue Christmas	7.30 p.m. Holy Communion	A service for those who experienced loss
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	5.00 8.00 & 11.00 p.m. Holy Communion	10:15 p.m. Carol Sing
Dec. 25	Christmas	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Dec. 26	1st Sunday of Christmas	8:00, & 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	Note: Only 2 Services
Jan. 2	Epiphany Sunday	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	Special Prayer for families & Chalking of the doors
Jan. 9	The Baptism of the Lord	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Jan. 16	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	8:00 & 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Morning prayer 12.10 p.m. Holy Communion	
Jan. 23	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	



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## Worship Schedule Advent – Epiphany 2010-2011

Date	Liturgical Day	Services	Special Features
Jan. 30	The Feast of St. Timothy and St. Titus	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	11:00 a.m. Episcopal Visit: Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu
Feb. 6	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Feb. 13	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	8:00, 9:15, & 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion	
Feb. 20	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	8:00, 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:10 p.m. Holy Communion	

## Craft Club

A simple "thank you" hardly seems enough to express how much we appreciate all the renovations that have been done at Lamont Hall. The Wardens, Property Committee, and the Workshop have demonstrated how much can be accomplished by working together. We also thank the Youth Group for sharing their time and effort to help with the moving and clean up.

Renovations have not stopped us! During this time we have been meeting in the Church library. We continue knitting, sewing, stuffing and planning. We extend thanks to Pam Blizzard for making our tags, signs, and adding many other finishing touches.

Thank you for your continued support at the annual Christmas Event. It was great to see new and familiar faces again. We are happy to be back in our usual space, and welcome anyone who wishes to drop in for a visit on a Tuesday morning.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new member, Amy, to our group and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Ann, Marge, Nora, Eileen.

# Library

*"What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store?*

*What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." – Dr. Seuss.*

Can you believe it? Advent and Christmas are fast approaching! Of all the seasons of the year, this one seems to come around the quickest. It is so easy to become overwhelmed with all the demands upon us at this time of year. I hope you can make the time to sit quietly with a book to help you to relax, catch your breath, and refocus.

All the Advent and Christmas books will be on display for the next few weeks. We have a number of Advent study guides, thought provoking "meaning of Christmas" books, and lots of lighter Christmas-themed fiction to entertain you. The children's books which are particularly beautiful will be on display and available for borrowing downstairs in the library just opposite the children's worship area. Just sign the card in the book, write the date borrowed, and drop it in the box.

For a complete change of pace - and that can be good too - there are many terrific new items on the shelves in the Bonis Room. There are several that are new to us by Karen Kingsbury, Michael Phillips, Anne Perry, Bodie Thoene, and Canadian author Janette Oke - all of whom write many different series. Also recently acquired, is Nicky Gumbel's "[30 Days: A Practical Introduction to Reading the Bible](#)", and downstairs, a new Teen DVD "[To Save a Life](#)" and 2 new Veggie Tales for the children. Also new, due to a very generous donor, is a remarkable gift: the complete NIV Audio Bible on 64 CDs.

Many of the above were acquired when I attended the Church Library Association of Ontario's semi-annual conference this past October in Brighton. These are very informative meetings of church librarians of many denominations during which we attend workshops, swap books and information, and hear about new technologies and new titles. The October meeting was particularly useful as I became aware of an almost free-of-charge online website which will enable us to link the Church library catalogue of books, CDs, and DVDs to the Church's website. I am currently working to get the items ready to be linked, a time-consuming project, but well worth it. It should be up and running sometime during 2011, our centennial year.

***"Do give books – religious or otherwise – for Christmas. They're never fattening, seldom sinful, and permanently personal " - Lenore Hershey***

Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Blessed Christmas

Donna Clifton

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From St. Timothy's Library

Some Quotes about Christmas you may want to use:

"Of course, this is the season to be jolly, but it is also a good time to be thinking about those who aren't" - Helen Valentine

"Three wise women would have...

asked directions,  
arrived on time,  
helped deliver the baby,  
cleaned the stable,  
made a casserole,  
brought practical gifts,  
And there would be peace on Earth." - Unknown

"May we not 'spend' Christmas or 'observe' Christmas, but rather 'keep' it." - Peter Marshall

# Outreach

## Out of the Cold

Each year St. Timothy's Anglican Church, along with other churches in Scarborough, supports the Out of the Cold Program hosted by Knox United Church. This is a wonderful ministry that *provides shelter, food, and fellowship* for Scarborough's homeless during the cold months.

This year we will be in charge of **Friday evening, December 10** (preparing and serving supper for up to 40 guests and packaging 20 bagged lunches for guests to take with them when they leave on Saturday morning), and **Saturday, December 11** (preparing and serving breakfast). We are also in charge of **Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12**.

There are many ways to share in this ministry: helping to prepare and serve meals, chatting with guests, and sharing in the provision of juice, fruit, cookies, and sandwiches for the bagged lunches.

## Faithworks

Faithworks is an essential part of our outreach. Your donations continue to support a wide variety of community ministries that provide much needed help and encouragement for people in difficult life situations.

**Sunday, November 21** is an important date to mark on our calendars. Our guest preacher at each service will be *Susan McCulloch, Faithworks Manager for the Diocese*. Refreshments will be served after each service so that you will have the opportunity to meet and chat with Susan.

## Christmas Project

Our yearly Christmas outreach project will be in support of Dr. Roz's Healing Place. Dr. Roz's provides counselling and support for victims of domestic violence. Our gifts, such as household items, help the clients at Dr. Roz's to make a new start in life. The gift tree, with names and with gift suggestions, will be in the narthex for Advent.

## Food Security

Did you know that ACSA responded to *37,000 requests for food assistance* from families and individuals last year? There continues to be an urgent need to support this basic human need.

Would you consider buying an extra item to donate when you do your grocery shopping? If so, please bring it to the church and place it in the baskets in the narthex.

There is always a need for items such as: dried beans or lentils, cans of fruit, vegetables, and tuna, juice, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauces.

Rev. Kathy Buligan

## More Fun—Anagrams

Election Results =====>

The Earthquakes =====>

A Decimal Point =====>

Dirty Room =====>

Eleven Plus Two =>

# Website

Have you ever wondered how often the St. Timothy's Website is visited? Here are some statistics that may interest you:

DATE	UNIQUE VISITS	TOTAL VISITS	PAGES VISITED
August 2010	289	410	2091
September 2010	395	569	2830
October 2010	424	593	3335
Summary	1108	1572	8256
Average/day	12	17	92

What do these numbers mean?

On the average, we have about 12 people who sign on to our website each day, with 5 more people who visit it more than once, and 92 pages visited in total. There are 123 pages in our website which means that 75% of our website is viewed.

Rev. John informed me that he has had people call him up about our website, and especially about the information it carries.

Another interesting statistic is that our website is viewed with: Internet Explorer at 59 %, Mozilla's Firefox at 16 %, and other browsers such as Safari, Opera, Mozilla, Chrome, and Netscape at 25 %.

Although we have visitors throughout the day, the website is hit with most viewers approximately four times a day: twice in the morning, and twice in the evening.

Our website is an important communication vehicle which St. Timothy's uses with its parishioners and the surrounding community. In order to attract newcomers, and to keep our members abreast of the events going on in our busy church, we need to keep it current with information relevant to all of us. So group leaders, please remember that when you have events upcoming and have postings beside the front door, a copy for posting on our website is needed. This will allow us increased exposure within our community.

As webmaster, I always look forward to getting new ideas from all about what our website needs, and how we can make our website more accessible. This website belongs to all of us, and the more it is made useful and friendly in meeting our needs, the more it will meet the needs of people in our community.

All news from St. Timothy's is always the LORD'S NEWS, and so to plagiarise a song,

"Let's start spreading the news, I'm surfing today! I want to be a part of it, St. Tim's, St Tim's".

Happy Surfing!

Wellington Phoa

# Altar Guild

Well, the Altar Guild has been at it again! The church looked beautiful on Thanksgiving Sunday. The donated produce and flowers were abundant. The Altar Guild extends a big thank you to all who made the Thanksgiving Festival a bountiful and beautiful time. Vegetables and fruits were donated to ACSA and gratefully received.

On November 7, All Saints Day was observed as well as Remembrance Day and Baptism. The Apostles, four Gospel Writers, and the Remembrance Banners were on display.

The Church year begins November 28, the first Sunday of Advent. Advent encompasses the four Sundays before Christmas and is the first season of the church year. Our Advent wreath will be ready with five new candles. The Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love candles mark the four Sundays in Advent. The centre candle is the Christ candle for Christmas, and is lit at Christmas.

Christmas Flower Donation envelopes will be available in the pews Nov. 21, 28, and Dec. 5 and 12.

The Altar Guild delights in preparing our worship space especially during festive times such as those mentioned above. We hope you enjoy the beauty of the church windows, banners, flowers, and other embellishments as much as we do in presenting them.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Martin (Directress) Irene Hilbig (Co-Directress) Roz Trotter (Co-Directress)

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## Back To Church Sunday

We participated for the second time in Back To Church Sunday (BTCS) on September 26. The idea behind BTCS is very simple, "Invite someone you know to something you love - your church". All of us were challenged to think of one person to invite to St. Timothy's, and many of us rose to the challenge. As a result of our invitations, more than 50 visitors came through our doors on BTCS. All our visitors were offered gift packages that included a St. Timothy's pen, bookmark, information brochure, a copy of the September newsletter, and a visitor card. The church groups also put on a well-attended Ministry Fair to inform visitors and the congregation about their activities and to recruit new members.

While it was marvellous to see so many new faces on BTCS, I encourage all of you to keep inviting others to church. In my mind, every Sunday could be Back To Church Sunday if someone who doesn't go to church regularly accepts an invitation to come to our church. For those who brought guests on BTCS, please keep in touch with them and invite them to visit us again.

Kevin Chung

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## More Church Signs

You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

Try our Sundays, they are better than Baskin-Robbins

# Belles

Can you believe we just "Rang in Christmas" This has always been a fun event, the anticipation of Christmas, the mixing and meeting of friends and acquaintances, the tasty baking, and the early shopping. Thank you to all who worked and participated in this event. Congratulations to Fran MacGregor, the winner of our draw. I know you will be cozy in that lovely red housecoat.

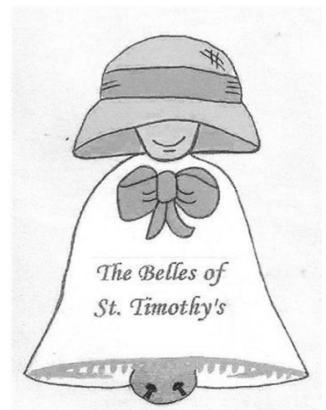
The Belles wish to congratulate Ruth on her retirement and to wish her well. We will certainly miss her participation in the advertising and promotion of all our events as well as keeping us on the straight and narrow. Best wishes, Ruth.

Our next event is the bus trip to Buffalo for shopping and a show. Unfortunately, barring any cancellations, at this time it is sold out. Check with Betty Steele for that information.

We wish you all a very pleasant and merry Christmas and good wishes for a prosperous New Year. The Belles will be bringing in the New Year with a Brunch to be held in Walker Hall on January 8, 2011. Look for more information on the bulletin board and in the bulletin closer to the event.

Season's Blessings to all.

Peggy Perkins



## Mark Me on Your Calendar

November 21	Guest Speaker Susan McCulloch
November 27	Altar Guild Meeting
December 3	Youth Ministry Basketball at the Air Canada Centre
December 12	Carol Service 11.00 a.m.
December 17	Youth Ministry Christmas Party
December 18	Saturday Night Healing Service
December 19	Kids' Ministry Christmas Party
December 20	Blue Christmas Service
January 8	New Year Brunch
January 9	Baptism of Jesus Sunday – Baptism Service
January 15	Saturday Night Healing Service
January 29	Just For Fun
January 30	Guest Speaker Bishop Patrick Yu
February 12	Men's Club Bingo Night

# Families

Our Church is always in a process of wonderment - where would God have us go? We learned that our Youth Emphasis Sunday, the fourth Sunday of the month when Kids and Youth worshipped in the nave with the adults, is not practical in its existing format. The decision was made to have Church School and Youth Group continue on that Sunday in the East Hall and Fellowship Room. This decision was welcomed by most as we seek to provide an environment in which Kids and Youth can worship and learn about the God who has created and redeemed us.

The Youth Group has begun a new curriculum series: **A Gospel Journey** is designed specifically for teenagers to ask big questions and to be led through that process in a Christ-centred and Word-informed discussion format. It's the best curriculum I've seen for youth, and has been received well by leaders and youth alike.

Some of our Winter 2010 activities –

## Kids' Ministry:

A Christmas Party – Sunday, December 19 (during the 11:00 a.m. service)

## Youth Ministry:

Raptors Basketball at the Air Canada Centre - Friday, December 3

A Christmas Party – Friday, December 17

## Young Adults \*Emmaus Fellowship\*

Our Young Adults' group has found its name! **Emmaus Fellowship** represents what the heart of this ministry is really about: following and learning about Jesus while together in community, through the power of God.

Following the resurrection of Christ, the two disciples who walked with Jesus on that road to Emmaus had no idea that it was He. Through the wise work of God, they were brought to a place of acceptance and joy that their Lord was alive and active. This is our prayer and hope as a group; that our faith grows in real and tangible ways, and that our eyes become more perceptive to the 'warming of the heart' that only God can give. We also seek to do this as urban people living in today's culture as we look for ways in which Jesus applies himself to all areas of life.

We will continue to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room, and will begin the video series **Gospel and Life** that will engage us as committed believers, as well as those who are investigating Christianity. All of us will share the reality that we are GTA residents who are searching for deeper truth and meaningful fellowship.

If you are in your twenties', thirties', or forties', consider coming out to a fellowship gathering on Wednesday nights, and stay tuned for social events that will be advertised.

God's Grace be with you,

Mark

# Wardens

There is no doubt that fall 2010 has brought to St. Timothy's an abundance of new challenges. Thanks to the capabilities and sheer determination of our parishioners, these challenges have been met, and much has been accomplished.

Under the leadership of our Treasurer, Wayne Leacock, the Capital Campaign is well underway. By participating in any (or all!) of our fundraising activities, each one of us has the opportunity to contribute to the care and preservation of our beautiful church home. Placing donations in the green Building Fund envelopes, buying or selling draw tickets, enjoying a lunch at Boston Pizza (Scarborough Town Centre) - all of these are ways of helping us to reach our goal of \$100,000.00.

Your wardens were most grateful for the support shown by those attending the Special Vestry Meeting on October 10. Two motions that were carried related to the acceptance of the City's offer for the temporary and permanent expropriation of land at the front of our church property, and the granting of both a temporary construction easement and a permanent easement at the south end of the parking lot. A third motion has given approval to the Corporation to direct compensation money (currently \$15,800) to St. Timothy's Building Fund. These decisions have now been approved by the Diocese of Toronto. Required documentation has been submitted to the City of Toronto.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the awesome team of men who worked tirelessly to repair and to renovate Lamont Hall. The patience and full cooperation of the Craft Club members has been very much appreciated, as well. Our industrious Craft Club and Pine Shop workers can now enjoy a clean and healthy workplace!

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Ruth Williams, our Church Office Administrator for almost 35 years. Ruth is so deserving of the new opportunities that retirement offers. She has been an invaluable member of our church staff, and she will be missed! We feel certain that Ruth's replacement, Karlenna Tsang, will receive a warm St. Timothy's welcome.

Your Wardens: Penny Laity Natalie Sampson Barbara Broadbent Cleveland Hamilton

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# Music

I have said this before in previous articles, but this time I REALLY mean it - I can't believe how quickly time is passing this year. I don't know if it's a function of getting older, or that I'm just that much busier these days.

Christmas is soon upon us, and so is Christmas music. Our annual Carol Service will take place at the 11 a.m. service on December 12. A number of you commented that you would like to hear more familiar music this year. I have taken this into account and I hope you will be pleased.

As for my schedule at Christmas, I will be performing in Peterborough with the Peterborough Singers on November 28, with the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra on December 18, and the All Saints Kingsway Chorus on December 19.

What is very special for me is that both in Peterborough and with the All Saints Kingsway Chorus, a new piece of mine entitled, "In Bethlehem" will be presented.

I wish all of you a thoughtful Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Soli Deo Gloria, Norman.

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## Newsletter Deadlines

You are all welcome to contribute to our newsletter. If you decide to compose an article, it should be current and of interest to parishioners. If you are promoting an event it must occur between the next distribution date and the following distribution date (a three month interval). Your participation will always make our newsletter interesting!

Last date to receive articles	Distribution Date
February, 13, 2011	March 6, 2011
May 15, 2011	June 5, 2011

Send items by e-mail to Peggy Perkins at [pperkins@sympatico.ca](mailto:pperkins@sympatico.ca) and also to your contact person.

If you do not have a computer, you can write your article and place it in the Newsletter folder at the top of the stairs.

## Ruth Williams

St. Timothy's is sad to see our intrepid "Office Manager and Jill of all Trades" leave us after 35 years of service. Those who've had the opportunity to know Ruth will miss her.

Ruth has helped so many of us deal with the myriad events and challenges through the years. She has been the coach of the many incumbents, wardens, and group leaders who have passed through St. Timothy's through her sojourn. The front office will never be quite same!

Ruth— all of us at St. Timothy's will miss your guidance, your wise counsel, and your assistance over the years. It is our hope that you will have a happy, healthy, and pleasant retirement.

We now look forward to spending time with you as a member of the parish.

As always, we wish you well.

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