



DECEMBER 16, 2007

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Service schedule

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 a.m. Coffee hour

6:30 p.m. Mid-monthly

Covered dish and lessons

Third Wednesday each month

Remember HANDS during Advent

On Sunday, Father Jim gave us some important ideas to remember during Advent using the acronym HANDS. If you missed them, here they are for your personal reflection.

H-HUMOR. Keep a good sense of humor in all you do, but be careful about how you communicate with others. (A lot of us want to be thought of as witty, charming and funny, but sometimes when we try to be funny, we can also offend people even without meaning to.) If you do try to use humor, be careful that it is not insulting or satirical. The best humor is self-effacing, when you laugh at yourself, rather than when you try to poke fun at others. Too often, the wrong words misunderstood can alienate people that you care about so be careful HOW you communicate.

A-ADVICE. Good advice can be a blessing, but like humor, it can be taken wrong at times. Be careful how you share things. For example, suppose you have an uncle who tends to come over and who drinks too much at family gatherings. See if you can find a kind way before your gathering to ask him to refrain from overdoing it. Do it before he comes so he isn't put on the spot and then becomes defensive. Be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove, to quote Jesus. Give advice to others sparingly.

N-NEW MEMORIES. Re-



Despite the wintry chill, serve God during this season.

member to be careful not to constantly compare this holiday season with past ones. "I remember when"...is natural, especially when the memories are pleasant ones about our family and loved ones. But don't dwell on that too much. It suggests to those around us now, that they are less important. Focus on finding things that are good right now.

D-DEMANDS. During this period, people tend to get stressed out because of the demands being made on them. Learn to have reasonable expectations even if you are busy. We can have a lot of nights out, and shopping to do, but try hard to simplify your time. Enjoy the events as best you can, but remember to prioritize what is important and adjust your own expectations and demands on others.

S-SPENDING. Be reason-

ble in giving gifts. I have seen people go into debt over Christmas. Sometimes people spend thousands of dollars that they do not have, because they can charge what they want on credit cards. They do this because they want to do something special for the people they love, but if they really love us, they will want us to be responsible. Remember what God asks of us, simply a tenth. He wants us to have the remaining nine-tenths to live as good stewards. In a similar way, be reasonable about what you give each other. Give a part of what you have, don't go into debt trying to give more than what is responsible.

During the holidays, remember to keep Christ at the center of what you are doing and these five things will take care of themselves.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

DECEMBER 17

VESTRY. Regularly scheduled Vestry Meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Budget planning session. All ministries of the church are requested to submit their budgets and requests for the next year PRIOR to this meeting.

DECEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

DECEMBER 24

SERVICE SCHEDULE. Christmas Eve family

and children's service at 7 p.m. and Candlelight Christmas Service at 10:30 p.m. There will be special music by the choir, and musicians.

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEARS. Holy Name Day

JANUARY 6

THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 13

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

JANUARY 20

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

PARISH LIFE. Annual Parish Meeting following the Holy Eucharist, Rite II service. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall and everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch. Bring enough to share!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Church Women

In January, the Daughters of the King will begin a new time of preparation for all interested Episcopal Church Women at St. Timothy's. We meet monthly and have a time of prayer and discussion of our study program.

"We are a group of dedicated Christian women who are trying to follow a life of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. We are women to whom parishioners can look for love and for help in time of need, loneliness, or strangeness. We seek to walk with God as our guide and try to draw those with whom we come in contact into the Church. We are women who try to spread Christ's Kingdom here on earth. We can never forget that Prayer is the foundation from which our service grows."

"Prayer without work is empty words,

Service without prayer is labor lost."

"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." (DOK Handbook)

Sometimes a woman says she is not "good" enough to become a Daughter. We are neither unusually good, nor unusually pious. We are women who find that committing ourselves to the Order, find a "safe place" in a busy world where we can be together and support each other in Christ's love.

For more info, contact Barbara Adams or any of the women wearing the silver cross.

Calling ALL Veterans

We want a 8X10 picture of you in your uniform to place on the Wall of Honor in the Parish Hall. It will be placed on the bulletin

board next to those who are serving in a branch of the service today. Dig out your military picture along with your rank and branch of service and bring it to Lois Cooper for framing. All of you who have been in the military deserve to be acknowledged for the service you have given for our country.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase Christmas poinsettias to decorate the church, please make a check out payable to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and specify "flower fund" on the memo portion of your check. The cost is \$6.50 per plant and the flowers can either be taken home on Jan. 6 following the service, or given to someone who is ill or a shut-in. Final day for collection is Dec. 16. Please be sure to fill out the form in the bulletin.

Nominations for Vestry Members for 2008

The Vestry is currently seeking nominations for qualified members for the 2008 Vestry. If you know of someone who would be interested in serving, please consider the following expectations and then offer their name to our Senior Warden, David Taylor, for consideration.

EXPECTATIONS FOR A ST. TIMOTHY'S VESTRYPERSON

The responsibility of being a vestryperson is not to be undertaken lightly. Although one should feel honored to be elected to the Vestry, it is not an honorary position. It is a position of servanthood.

The job involves important activity in the following areas:

- *Provide the leadership for the parish.
- *Actively communicate with the parish

about its activities.

*Responsible, with the rector, for the efficient administration of the programs of the parish.

*Expected to form an environment of mutual trust and loyalty with the clergy, staff, and parish.

In light of the above responsibilities, a committed Vestryperson should have certain qualities:

- *A sound personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- *An active participant in the ongoing church life of St. Timothy's
- *A conscientious, regular Sunday attendee of church, including Christian Education.
- *Demonstrate outstanding Christian stewardship of time and talent as well as striving to achieve and exceed the biblical standard of financial giving (10% tithe)

*Willing to make a sacrificial commitment in the following areas: serve a full three-year term; attend all meetings (if more than three regularly scheduled meetings are missed in one calendar year, the Vestryperson will tender their resignation); attend significant parish and diocesan events and conferences; greet newcomers and help them feel welcome.

No person shall serve on the Vestry until he or she shall have subscribed to the following declaration:

"I am persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; and I accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church." (Diocesan Canon 9, Section 9.1.60)