

THE SAINT TIM'S TIMES



It's Lobster Time

In this edition of the Saint Tim's Times, we're going back in time... a photo essay of Lobster Fair through the years, accompanied by a story from Judy Tucker about the arc of the fair itself, we hope you will enjoy this blast from the past as we prepare for this year's Lobster Fair on October 11th!

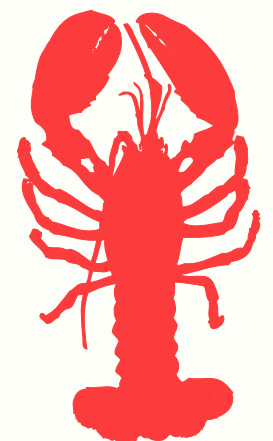
From Judy Tucker:

The first Lobster Fair was the second attempt at raising money to build a church for worship. A parishioner suggested a Lobster Fair, sharing that her parents' church held very successful Lobster Fairs in Las Vegas. The rationale for selling lobsters was not for the profit gained from the sales, but rather for the attraction to attend the event and purchase baked goods and crafts donated by church members. At that time, lobsters were not commonly consumed or readily available as they are today. So the decision was made to give it a try! We believe that event would have been held in the Fall of 1978.

The first Fair was held with the help of our mission sponsor, St. Paul's, using some of their parking lot and fellowship area. There seemed to be more children in the church than than adults. In order to free up the adults to help with cooking and distributing lobsters, selling baked goods, and crafts, we opted to add children's activities as a way of keeping the young ones happy, including pony rides! Throughout the process, we discovered fun times and binding fellowships as a bonus for all of our hard work.

We have enjoyed great success with the many Lobster Fairs that were planned, expanded, modified, organized, and executed in our early years. We look with hope and possibilities of events to come that will benefit our community and church.







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Lobster Fair A T Way To Raise M

By CHERIE EVANS
Reflector Staff Writer

The lobsters are coming!
Trucked from Maine to Boston, flown to Raleigh and trucked to Greenville, live lobsters again will be the delicacy at the 10th annual Lobster Fair on Oct 3 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 14th Street extension, said Bob Van Veld, chairman of the event.

The fair has provided "a great opportunity for us (at St. Timothy's) to get better acquainted, to teach the community about St. Timothy, and yeah, it makes the money," he said. More than \$75,000 has been raised

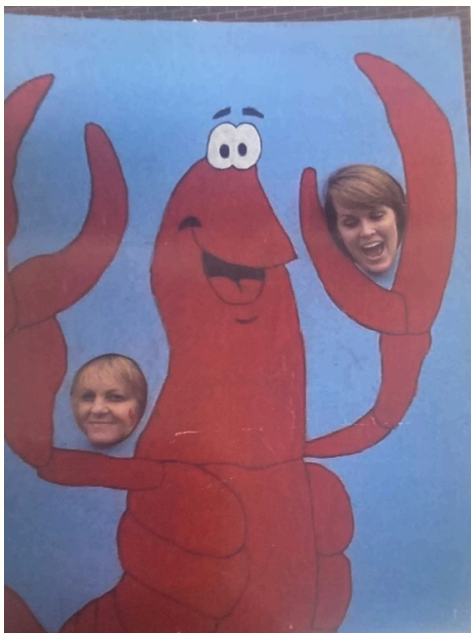
by nine Lobster Fairs, stemming from an increase in participation each year, Van Veld said. About 600 lobsters were sold the first year, while 2,500 were sold in 1986.

Proceeds from the fair benefit the church building fund, he said.

St. Timothy's adopted the Lobster Fair as a project during its first year as a church. The idea came from a downtown Episcopal parish in Las Vegas where it was used to introduce its bazaar.

Capitalizing on the idea, St. Timothy uses the lobster to introduce crafts and baked goods sold during the fair.





It's Lobster Fair Time Again

By Rosalie Trotman
THE DAILY REFLECTOR

The congregation of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church are positive they won't be jinxed by picking the number 13. Their 13th annual Lobster Fair will be held Oct. 13 and kick-off plans within the church were May 13.

One of the first challenges that faced St. Timothy's Mission in 1978 was how to raise funds to support and build new parish facilities. The idea of a lobster fair was borrowed from another parish, but it has developed into a unique part of the church's experience.

"The fair provides a significant part of our budget aimed at retiring the building debt for the Christian education building," said Jamie Kirby, one of this year's co-chairmen. "It's a real coming together for the parish family — involving men, women and children."

Lobster isn't the only attraction for the fair, however.

"Yearly we try to come up with something new in the food category. This year the men in the church are



going to be serving homemade tacos with all the trimmings," said Debbie Broyles, also a co-chairman. Jack Chatham is heading the committee for the new item.

Big hits of last year were homemade French fries and a tasting booth. Both will be featured again this year. The tasting booth will have samples of gourmet desserts such as orange blossoms and chocolate cheese cake. Hot dogs and snacks will also be available.

Of course the biggest food items

are the lobsters. Approximately 3,000-4,000 lobsters were presold last year and were purchased from a Maine lobster dealer in Spruce Head.

Other baked goods will be available including cakes, pies, breads, cookies and brownies. "We have some really good cooks," said Mrs. Kirby.

But food may take a back seat for the younger set. "Traditionally, outdoor activities have been aimed at entertaining young children," said

Mrs. Broyles. "The church's youth group will be leading activities for the youngsters such as face painting, balloons, pumpkin decorating, children's games and sky riding."

"Keeping Christmas in mind, we will have some new wood crafts on sale including primitive Santas and angels which are painted, Advent boxes and sponge painted stools."

Several handpainted and sponge sweat shirts and T-shirts and seasonal door mats for Christmas and Halloween are among the crafts to be sold.

"Other new items for sale this year are prepared lobster kits containing crackers, forks and bits," said Mrs. Broyles.

Information sheets will also be given to those picking up their lobsters, either live or boiled. Tickets for the live lobsters are \$8, and boiled lobster tickets are \$9.

The lobster fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Lobster tickets will be sold through Sept. 23 and are available at the church office, Kitchen Cupboard, Gazette and Butterfields. For more information call Sharyn Lennox at 756-4746 or the church office at 355-2125.

