



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

# The WORD

Our 136th Year

for January 2005

Herndon, Virginia



## How did you first come to St. Timothy's? And why is it important for you to be here?

—Fr. Brad

The first question is one of Evangelism. Who nurtured your faith? Who first got you into Church, into the family of God's people? Many of us were effectively born into the faith. Our parents were Christian, and they raised us Christian. Some of us became Christian because another person (other than a parent) "witnessed" to us, shared their faith in a compelling way. The point is someone, sometime in your life, helped you into the fellowship of God's adopted daughters and sons. Imagine what your life would be like if that person or persons had been silent.

The second question is one of Stewardship. What are you receiving from the Church? And what are you giving to the Church? Are you helping spread the Good News of God's love for all people? Each one of our worship services and all of our many ministries are cooperative efforts. Our members contribute time, talent, and treasure to create worship, to provide pastoral care, to serve the community and the world, to educate younger and older people about Jesus Christ, to welcome new people and make them feel "at home." Imagine what St. Timothy's would be like if our members were not so generous.

Evangelism and Stewardship are the basic missions of the Church. Eliminate either and the Church will cease to exist.



This New Year is a good time to consider how you first came to believe in God, in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and what your connection to St. Timothy's means to you. As a beneficiary of other people's belief and love, how can you share this legacy with someone else? How can you witness to and nurture faith in

another person? Can you give some of your time, talent, and treasure to make this world a more just, peaceful, and loving place for all people?

God welcomes resolutions of evangelism and stewardship, and everyone benefits – givers and receivers.

*Fr. Brad*

## Think Big!!!

—Rev. Kedron

A friend of mine has a Mini Cooper automobile. Did you know that the Apple iPod mini was one of the hottest selling Christmas gifts? I know parents who wish mini skirts were never invented! And please tell me why there are mini Oreos? Mini means small or rather, smaller than regular size. And truthfully, in our era, mini implies lighter, faster, better. If we're talking about work, a mini work day could come just at the right time. Or a mini retreat where you get a few hours to yourself might just be the thing for you. If we're talking about health, then a mini meal may not be the best thing for you. And if we're talking about faith then mini isn't going to cut it.



It's the new year. It's time for New Year's resolutions. What are you going to cut out? What are you going to add into your life? Or in other words, What are you going to **maximize** and what are you going to **minimize**? Of course we'd love for you to come to church every Sunday, figure out what you'd like to give back to God in terms of time and money and do it, and center your family life around your faith. This is a prescription. That means it will work for some and not work for others. We each have to figure out how to bring God into our lives. St. Tim's, its building, worship, its ministries, and clergy are all here to help you. Of course we'd like for you to try the three things listed above. More importantly, though is this question: How is God manifest in your life and what helps make God real?

I do know something that works for most people. Adoration- a big word with a simple definition. Remember, the wise men came to adore the Christ child? For us too, standing in awe of God and what God does in the world brings us closer to God. "Adoration is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence." (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 857.) As the new year begins, I invite you to enjoy God's presence. Thank God for your abundance; pray for someone you don't know, but saw on the street or in church; find ways to share God's presence with your family. Forget mini, think **BIG** when you think about God. Blessings,

*Kedron*

## Accessibility Assistance

Anyone needing accommodations for a disability in order to attend or participate in any St. Timothy's activity should call Chrissa Mankin of the Accessibility Ministry at 703-476-7251. Calls should be made seven days prior to the activity so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## LEM Training in February

Our winter Lay Eucharistic Minister training will be held **Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. We will be done by noon. All current Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are asked to attend. Anyone not presently a LEM but interested in this ministry should talk with the clergy. We welcome new people into all of our ministries.



## Stephen Ministry Training

St. Timothy's is joining with Herndon United Methodist Church to train Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry is a care-giving enterprise, pairing a trained minister with a person going through a crisis. Stephen Ministers will train every Sunday evening, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, **February 6<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>**. For more information please speak with Fr. Brad.



## Angel Dinner And Open House

On **Sunday, January 16 at 6 p.m.** there will be a special Angel Dinner and Open House.



All newcomers are invited to attend as is anyone interested in learning more about St. Timothy's. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for fellowship and a light supper of soup, bread, and, of course, dessert. Informal

tours of the church will be provided for those that are interested.

Please RSVP to the church at 703-437-3790 by January 12 so that we may provide enough food for everyone.



## A Sure Sign of Spring!

As you start marking up that nice, new 2005 calendar, reserve the weekend of **April 15-17**. Yes, we're talking about St. Timothy's annual parish retreat weekend at Shrine Mont already. It will be here before you know it!

This year's theme is a topic of particular interest to busy people — "Rediscovering Sabbath: The need for rest and re-creation." We're planning to square dance on Friday night, maybe take the kids to visit a deer farm on Saturday afternoon ... among many other activities now in the works.

If you can help out in any way, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Donna McGrath at 703-437-3514 or [jdksmcgrath@starpower.net](mailto:jdksmcgrath@starpower.net). And stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!



## IT'S COMING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY !!!!

Look for more information in the spring about **Via Media**, a new program produced for the Episcopal Church. We will eat supper together and after a short presentation spend time talking about our faith.

**What is Via Media? Literally, "the middle way". The class is described like this:**

**Via media** is grounded in the traditional Anglican perspective balancing Scripture, Traditions and Reason. It is rooted in Trinitarian theology and offers a diverse, compelling witness to the unique way of being Christian that is our Anglican heritage.

**Via media** invites those seeking spiritual community to explore Anglican Christianity through an eight-week course of study, prayer and conversation surrounded by radical hospitality.

Look for more information in the coming months. Questions? Call Rev. Kedron.

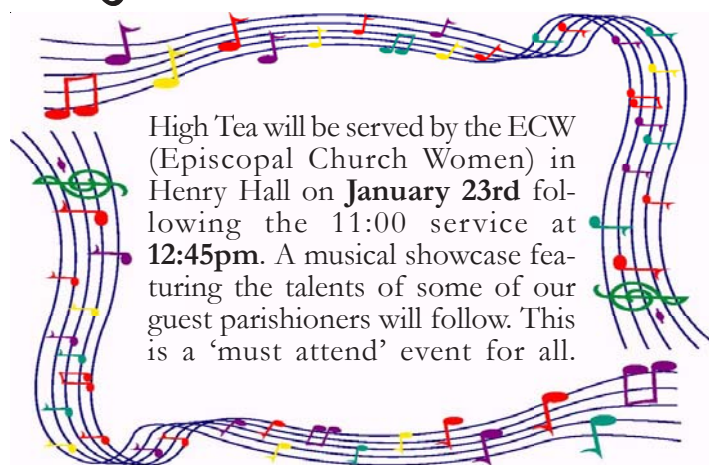


## Coming January 9

Make your plans now for Sunday, January 9 at 6:00pm to attend St. Timothy's Annual Epiphany Pageant.

The pageant is followed by the popular pot-luck supper in Henry Hall, so join your friends and fellow parishioners and come out to help celebrate the Epiphany.

## St. Timothy's Musical Showcase and High Tea



High Tea will be served by the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) in Henry Hall on **January 23rd** following the 11:00 service at **12:45pm**. A musical showcase featuring the talents of some of our guest parishioners will follow. This is a 'must attend' event for all.

## Episcopal Power And Light

A new electrical company? Well, not quite but perhaps something even more powerful! The National Council of Churches of Christ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are partnering with the Episcopal Church and the Energy Star Congregation program to assist Episcopal congregations to put "faith into action." The initiatives include local Episcopal churches implementing energy efficiency practices. The program includes ideas such as establishing Episcopal churches and their congregations to create purchasing power "aggregates" to negotiate more favorable prices as well as to purchase "environmentally friendly" power.

Why become an Energy Star Congregation? Because God calls people of faith to protect creation and to use its resources carefully; because developing buildings which are energy conserving and efficient is a witness to the need for careful use of God's resources; and because energy conservation and efficiency saves money which can be used for environmental ministries and other church mission efforts.

Want to learn more? Contact the National Council of Churches' Energy Star Congregation Program (located at the University of Northern Iowa) at 800/288-1346, or contact Craig Dubishar, Steward of Creation.

## New Year's Resolution: "Gratitude"

Through out the year, the Service Ministry keeps involved with various outreach programs. Our first project for 2005 concerns showing our gratitude to those who have risked so much for the liberties we enjoy. Watch the bulletins this month for a quick way to say "Thank You" to our Armed Forces.



## Pre-School Corner

Excitement and energy filled the air recently as the pre-schoolers gathered for their holiday parties to hear a terrific one-man band, eat delicious treats, and sit on Santa's lap. The children also gave their own enthusiastic performances of favorite holiday songs. Everyone enjoyed the shows! Other holiday preparations in the pre-school included making colorful decorations and ornaments as well as learning about celebrations in other nations and faiths.

In fundraising news, the Barnes and Noble book fair in November raised \$985 for the pre-school. If you made purchases during the book fair, thank you for your support! The fundraising committee is investigating several other fundraising options for the near future, including family nights at local restaurants and the annual Tupperware sale in the spring. Please watch this space for more information.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>**. During each of our three morning services, members of the parish will have the opportunity to vote for four people to serve a three-year term on our governing board, the Vestry. Twelve people serve on the Vestry. We elect four new members each year. Every person who is 16 years of age or older, and whose Baptism is recorded in our record books (by virtue of being Baptized here, by transfer from another Episcopal Church, by being Received from another denomination by one of our Bishops, or by otherwise having our Parish Administrator record the date and place of Baptism in our record books), may vote.

Please also consider each of the candidates who have offered to serve on our Vestry, and pray for God's guidance electing the four who are best suited to serve the Church at this time.

After our 11:00 am service (at approximately 12:15 pm) we will all gather in the parish hall for food, and discussion of our budget and mission priorities for 2005 (questions are welcome). The new and currently serving Vestry will go on a weekend retreat, with our clergy, January 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

## THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God  
we joyfully worship God,  
spread the WORD of God's love,  
treasure all people, and  
serve others everywhere  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

*adapted 03/09/02*

Therefore, with God's help, we will:  
open our doors,  
enhance our worship,  
and increase our involvement  
through all of our ministries.



*The* **WORD**  
for January 2005

*St. Timothy's Word* is published monthly and mailed to members and friends during the last week of each month. It also appears on the website under "See All Events" beginning the day it is ready for mailing. The deadline for submission of material for the February issue is **Thursday, January 20 at 7am.**

Questions or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments! Please put articles, typed or legibly written, in the "Newsletter" slot in the church hallway mailbox preferably accompanied by a disk. You may also send material as an attachment to an e-mail message to: [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org). The message subject line must mention *Word*. Photos will be used only if key people in the photo are identified. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

See our website for the up-to-the-minute monthly calendar. It's always current and covers several months.

Weekly Bulletins appear on the website no later than Friday for the coming Sunday.

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Many thanks are due Charlie Clattenburg for assembling the articles, and laying out the newsletter for me this month and last month. That amounts to many, many hours of service in this busy season. His artistic skills and knowledge of the congregation's activities serve him well as he uses his knowledge of Adobe's Pagemaker software which we use for virtually everything prepared in the office.

*Bob*

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8:00 am Sunday- Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(nursery care available)

11:00 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(nursery care available)

10:00 - Children's Chapel

10:45am Sunday - Sunday School

12:15pm Wednesday - Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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