



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

# The WORD

Our 137th Year

For January 2006  
Herndon, Virginia



## Why Should We Give To The Diocese?

As the Dean of Region V, I was asked by our Bishop, Peter J. Lee, to speak with the Vestry of a neighboring Church about their stewardship, specifically concerning their pledge to the Diocese. One of their members asked, "There are so many things to do in our own community, why should we give to the Diocese?" It is a very good question.

First, I affirm the ministry of the Church in the immediate community. We are called to feed the hungry, house the homeless, care for widows and orphans in our own neighborhood. We could easily devote our entire mission to that! I shared with our brother and sister Episcopalians of this Vestry that St. Timothy's had just recently collected Christmas gifts for 100 families, made bag lunches for 100 day-laborers, and provided gifts for the women and children of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. In addition we serve an average of two dozen marginal or homeless people very month, and host 17 twelve-step recovery meetings every week. And that's just a brief sample! We have a critical ministry in our own neighborhood.

However, we have to reach out to people beyond our community as well. As a collection of Churches – a Diocese – we can do far more than any individual parish. The 195 congregations of the Diocese of Virginia collectively support two college chaplains, a military chaplain, and prison chaplains. We provide scholarships for minorities, support small congregations with insufficient numbers and means to support themselves, including La Iglesia de Santa Maria – the only free-standing Latino congregation in the Diocese. We support a missionary in Sudan, Christians in other countries, people who have suffered catastrophes, ministries to the young and ministries to the old, ministries to the mentally ill and their families. And we receive back from the Diocese too. St. Timothy's has been the recipient of two Mustard Seed grants (one for our elevator and another for our mission to the Lakota people of the Pine Ridge reservation). All youth Confirmed in this Diocese receive a \$50 voucher toward a mission trip of their choice. Members of the Diocesan staff are available – free of charge - to lead seminars, conduct discussions, address parish

groups, and consult with Church leaders. And that's just a sample.

Just as we need to pledge to our parish – both for our own spiritual health, and for the mission of the Church - we also need to pledge to the other 194 congregations that constitute the Diocese of Virginia, to our collective mission.

Apparently I was convincing. After I left this Vestry raised their pledge to the Diocese by several thousand dollars, several percentage points!

St. Timothy's has two lay delegates and two clergy delegates who attend Regional and Diocesan Councils. We are privileged to see what goes on beyond the St. Timothy's community. And I can tell you, it is amazing. 195 congregations working together make miracles happen!

So I pray, God grant us the grace to share our resources generously for the spread of God's love, the well-being of God's people, and the honor of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Jr. Brad*

## A Busy Month

January is a busy month for us at St. Timothy's. New Year's Day falls this year on Sunday, and we will begin the New Year with our usual Sunday services at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am. Our Annual Parish Meeting will be on January 8th. At each of our three services on this day we will vote for four people to serve three year terms on our governing board, the Vestry. The results will be announced at a luncheon following the last service, and the Church's budget for 2006 will be presented. We will also discuss possible changes in our summer worship times. The rector and Vestry will be on retreat January 12-14. The Rev. David Schlafer will preach and celebrate at our Sunday services on the 14th. Then our rector and delegates will attend the Annual Diocesan Council in Richmond January 27-28. Meanwhile our search for an associate rector continues, as do all of our usual ministries and missions. Please pray for wisdom, guidance, and endurance!

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## Summer Services

The question has been raised regarding the need for three Sunday services during summer months when our attendance drops to about one-third of the usual for the other nine months of the year. I elected to keep the three service schedule because the change was confusing to a number of our members. No matter how diligent we were in announcing the change, some people invariably failed to hear it, and showed up at the wrong time. Even when we changed our Spring Street sign, our website, voicemail, and put notice in local newspapers, some newcomers and visitors failed to get the message. I did not like having to tell people that they had completely missed their opportunity to receive the Sacrament and worship God. The easiest solution was to maintain the usual schedule.

However, the question has been raised again and I am more than willing to consider it. If a majority of our members would like to make the change (as many of our Church neighbors do), St. Timothy's staff and volunteers will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible, and make sure everyone knows the dates. Please come prepared to discuss this at our Annual Parish Meeting after the 11:00 am service on January 8th. Your wisdom and insights are needed for this decision

## Associate Rector Search

St. Timothy's Associate Rector search committee has now reviewed more than a dozen resumes and will begin conducting interviews this month. We have some excellent candidates. Please pray for our search, and our committee members – Chris Brock, Jackie Clattenburg, Paul Conroy, Michael Cook, Terry Jones, Betsy Knoizen, Ken Vierra, Genevieve Zetlan, and Fr. Brad.

## Parishioner To Start Journey To Ordination

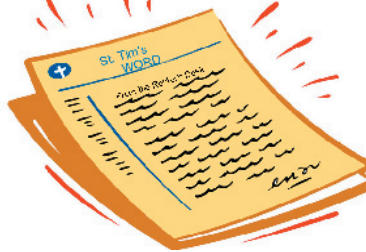
I am pleased to announce that one of St. Timothy's members, John Eric Schmitz, has been approved to attend seminary and study to become a priest of the Episcopal Church. The journey to Ordination is a long process. An individual who perceives a call by God must have that call affirmed by other members of the Church and by his/her rector. The "aspirant" must also submit to a medical exam, background check, psychological testing, and a psychiatric evaluation. When this is complete, a Parish Discernment Committee (PDC) is formed to help this person examine his or her call. They meet regularly for almost a year. If the rector and PDC affirm the call, the individual must meet with the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. If they approve the aspirant's call they recommend him/her to the Bishop. If the

Bishop also affirms the call the aspirant may go to seminary. While in seminary this person, now called a "postulant", will meet with the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Then, in the Senior year, the postulant must pass a General Ordination Exam. Presuming all grades and evaluations are acceptable, the postulant becomes a "candidate." After graduation the candidate will be Ordained a transitional Deacon and serve in this capacity for six months to a year, usually with an experienced priest as mentor. If all goes well, the Deacon will be Ordained a Priest.

John has a long road ahead. He will apply to seminary next Fall and will need our support – financial and spiritual. Please keep John in your prayers!

## Rector's Message for the

## NEW YEAR



## LINK Food Collection

While our new year's resolutions may focus on eating less, there are plenty of people in our community who go hungry every day. On your next visit to the grocery store, please remember that January is St. Timothy's month to collect food for LINK. Comprised of 16 churches in the Sterling and Herndon areas, LINK works year-round to offer food and financial assistance to qualified residents in need. Needed food items include non-perishable, non-expired food, diapers, infant formula, detergents, etc. Canned meats and fruit, rice, jelly, peanut butter and other forms of protein are especially helpful. Continue the generous spirit of the Christmas season into January by remembering our neighbors in need. St. Timothy's will have the opportunity to deliver food for LINK in September. Please place all grocery items in the grocery cart located in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God

adopted 03/09/02

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

Therefore, with God's help, we will:

open our doors,  
enhance our worship,  
and increase our involvement  
through all of our ministries.

## From the Music Director

### *Dessert Concert Series*

Plans are still being formulated for the next concert.

More information will be coming soon for the next event.

### *The New Piano is Here*

On December 16th we took delivery of a new piano. The Music Ministry and Peter Waggoner want to thank all of those who have so generously contributed towards this wonderful instrument. We are still asking for donations since the piano is not fully paid for. Donations will be accepted directly by the Music Ministry or may be made through the Memorials Committee.



Thank you all for your continued support! —Peter

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule

### Tuesdays:

Youth Choir (ages 8-13) 6:00 p.m.

Family Bells (ages 12+) 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

### Wednesdays:

Handbell Choir (ages 14+) 7:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.

### Thursdays:

St. Ambrose Choir (ages 14+) 7:30 p.m. – 9:00p.m.

### Sundays:

St. Cecilia Choir (all ages) 9:00 a.m. – 9:15a.m.

## *An Angelic Thank You*

St. Timothy's angels were out in full force last month. Our congregation purchased 150 gifts for 50 children in need through Reston Interfaith's local program. In addition, over 20 gifts were purchased for residents of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS). The LAWS gifts ensured that everyone arriving at the shelter over the holidays had gifts to open. Finally our Angel Tree was filled with gloves and our neighbors out this snowy winter items to the Embry Laurel Learn- and LAWS. congregation their time to deliver these many gifts. Thank you all so much for your generosity and help in making the Christmas season a little brighter, more joyful and much warmer for these families in our community.



hats, mittens, scarves to keep warm through-winter. These were delivered Rucker Shelter, ing Center Many in our volunteered help sort and

## AGAPE CORNER

**WHO** The service committee is recognizing two state facilities, Jackson-Field Homes for Girls and Boys' Home Inc. for AGAPE collection at the start of 2006.

**WHAT** Both of these facilities have a mission to help each child, strive to develop their spiritual, mental, physical, and social potentials, resulting in healthy, happy, caring adults. Jackson-Field Homes for Girls was actually the Jackson Orphan Asylum founded in Norfolk in 1855. In 1925, the Jackson Orphan Asylum and Field House merged (formerly known as "Walnut Grove" in Jarratt, Va). All JFH students are victims of severe physical and/or sexual abuse and neglect with many abandoned by their families. Boys' Home INC. was founded in 1906 and is a residential education facility for boys ages 6-18. Thousands of boys' lives have been changed since its beginning. These boys are neglected, dependent and troubled and also many abandoned by their families.

**WHEN** January + February 2006 AGAPE collection will be dedicated to Jackson-Field Homes for Girls and Boys' Home INC. respectively.

**WHERE** Jackson-Field Homes for Girls are located in Richmond and Walnut Grove in Greensville County, Va. Boys' Home Inc. is located in Covington, Va.

**WHY** The service committee continues to strive to acknowledge and support organizations dedicated to the spiritual, financial, and physical health of our children in need.

Please Help with this Endeavor!

Judy Pasquarello

## *Your Interactive Cathedral?*

Have you visited the National Cathedral's website recently? Did you know that every Sunday sermon is now on-line? Did you know that you can take a virtual video tour through many sections of the Cathedral? Did you know that there is a live-cam located in the back of the Nave for real-time views of what's going on in the Cathedral? Did you know that the wonderful Cathedral Museum Shop can be accessed on-line? Did you know that you can read about Dean Lloyd's vision of "One place, One people, One voice" directly on-line? Hey, maybe now is a great time to visit [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org) to see what's up!



## Day Labor Site Opening — Thanks St. Tim's

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you at St. Timothy's for your continued prayers, help and caring for the Herndon Official Workers Center. While there are legitimate questions and concerns that some members of St. Tim's have raised with me or members of PHH, that hasn't prevented our congregation from acting out of charity for their neighbors (attending public hearings, providing food/sandwiches, volunteering, prayers), and we at Project Hope & Harmony are so grateful.

The first half-week at the new worker center was successful in so many ways. Between 100-120 men registered at the site Wednesday through Friday over the course of operating hours – despite opponents, media circus, horrible weather (17 degrees our opening morning, snow/sleet Thursday) and small number of employers and homeowners who arrived.

When I arrived each morning workers took charge without being asked, helping staff and volunteers set up tables, traffic cones, tents, trashcans – this is their site and they are taking great pride and are so grateful to have a place of their own. Typical men (sorry Men of St. Tims!), they were making wisecracks as another female volunteer and I assembled a radiant heater, hooked up the propane tank and attempted to get it started. Lots of rolling of eyes and one guy whispering “boom” in my ear! Of course, “the men” took over from us womenfolk and then couldn't get it started either...many laughs over that one.

As far as the goals of the site - Herndon police sent us a report that opening week was nearly flawless – the 7-Eleven parking lot and Elden Street corridor virtually empty of jobseekers. While some men continue to visit the mercado near the bank, there have been a handful rather than the dozens who normally congregate there. Workers are traveling to and from the site using the main routes, crossing safely without disruption to neighborhoods. While this will be very hard to maintain without continued opportunities at the official site, the men's spirits are high. If nothing else, the predictions about crime and neighborhood deterioration are shown to be spin by people who disagree with the site and hope to garner support through scaring their neighbors. In the rules they've set for themselves, workers are pretty clear about behavior that is not tolerated and their disdain for criminal behavior.

One disappointing thing that happened is a group of

activists from DC came out to protest the Minutemen and Help Save Herndon. Unfortunately, they reacted to/provoked the Minutemen and the press covered that on opening morning. Several opponents of the site then claimed that these activists were working with HEART – a newly formed group of Herndon residents who want to promote tolerance and respect, and with PHH - which is not true.

Getting to this point has been long and hard, and with the expected decision by Loudoun Zoning Board on Thursday, Dec. 15 and the Judicial Watch lawsuit we may yet face other setbacks. But the smooth nature of

things on site is entirely due to the hard work of laborers and Project Hope & Harmony staff and our faith community volunteers and gives us hope the site can succeed.

Since the Town approved the site in August, these workers have met every Saturday night – electing their leadership (Governance Team), drafting rules for the site, learning about the anti-solicitation laws, designing a work system that prevents the “rushing” of cars and is a fair way of helping them find work. A Community Advisory Board (made up of people who both support and oppose the site) has met half of

dozen times to review the site plans, policies and procedures and formalize a system of how they will address community concerns and work with day laborers to apply sanctions if there are problems.

I can't tell you how moved I am by the courage, spirit, kindness and gratitude of the workers, and of all of you. Their faith in God, and through Him, our community, is inspiring. They don't understand any of the politics and only half of the concerns. They are bewildered by accusations that they are rapists or child molesters – most of them grieving for their families back home. I have almost no Spanish (a new year's goal for me) and many of the men have limited or no English. However, I've been reminded that so much of communications is non-verbal and God does indeed work through those who let Him in.

With all my heart, I give thanks to you, and to the community who has been so supportive. I will continue to reach out personally to my elected officials to ask them to make the appropriate decisions at the appropriate levels of government that recognize the economic and human realities that have created this issue in our community, and I hope you will do the same. Pray for the workers, for our community, including our neighbors who oppose this site, that we can resolve this peacefully and move past the anger.

—Kerrie Wilson



## NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGREGATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO BYLAWS

The Vestry is proposing a change to St. Timothy's bylaws to address the issue of designated gifts.

**Background:** St. Timothy's may receive designated gifts. These are gifts (usually monetary) that are "tagged" for a specific project, such as a new church organ. However, gifts may also be other than monetary. Currently, the church does not have an official written policy on this issue.

When the funds have been expended in accordance with a donor's designation, any balance of funds remains in the designated account. Under current provisions, these funds cannot be transferred for other use within the church without the donor's express permission. In the past, this has become difficult when there are multiple donors, e.g. the church kneelers fund.

The proposed change will establish a policy requiring Vestry approval of all designated gifts. When the purpose of the gift has been achieved, the proposed change authorizes the Vestry to transfer the balance of funds to the Endowment Fund.

In accordance with Article VI, the Bylaws may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Vestry, after notification to the Congregation.

### Proposed Change to the Bylaws:

Rename Article V: Financial Matters

Section 5: Designated Gifts

Designated gifts are those financial and material items given to the church for specific project accomplishment or uses. The Vestry must formally accept/approve all designated gifts.

If an approved gift is designated to be used for a particular purpose, the gift will, so far as is practicable, be used in accordance with such a designation. If the designated purpose has already been achieved, the gift (including proceeds therefrom or balance remaining) may be transferred to the endowment fund upon recommendation by the Treasurer and the Stewardship Ministry and Vestry approval.

## *Appalachia Mission Trip Service Awards*

(see picture on page 8)

As most of you are aware as part of our Youth Program, we sponsor a Mission Trip to the Appalachia region of Virginia to rehab sub-standard housing for residents of that community. We can all be proud of all St. Timothy's young people; especially those who give a week of their summer to go to Appalachia. More and more of our teens return year after year, even after going on to college. Also a special thanks goes to the seven adults who took off work, provided transportation, and served as chaperones for this event. We were fortunate once again to have Keith Pinkard and Mike Colie accompany us to Dungannon; both of them are very experienced in construction. Their expertise is of great value. The projects we take on each year include painting, building accessibility ramps, dry wall, adding additions and porches, plumbing, and electrical work. Our youthful participants learn on the job, and work as a team. Everyone works hard during the day, and participates in an evening spiritual program. Our theme this year was "Lord When Did We See You" from the Gospel of Matthew. We were blessed for a second year to have Fr. Brad come with us to lead our program sessions.

Our Youth Program is strong because we have adults who care enough to be involved. You help us raise the money we need. A mere \$250 per person covers all our expenses, and provides a fund for purchasing supplies. Our mission to Dungannon is a bargain. Last year we had an unprecedented 29 teens and adults go; requiring us to raise about \$8,000. We sell candles, ask for donations, and seek corporate grants. We are always looking for new and creative ways to finance this mission. Your support and assistance is always appreciated. Note that

our mission next year will be July 29th through August 5th, so teens currently in 8th through 12th grade and adults should plan their vacations and work schedules accordingly. The sign-up list is posted in Henry Hall.

29 teens and adults who went to Dungannon, Virginia this year were honored with service certificates signed by Bishop Lee, a group picture, and a custom T-Shirt designed by Doug Colie, and a pewter cross. The following teens and adults received Service Awards:

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|-----|--------------------|---------|
| 1.  | Dallas Peck        | 1-Year  |
| 2.  | Robert Marsh       | 1-Year  |
| 3.  | Ethan Rundlett     | 1-Year  |
| 4.  | Corey Burke        | 1-Year  |
| 5.  | Natalie Dubishar   | 1-Year  |
| 6.  | Annemarie Rundlett | 1-Year  |
| 7.  | Keith Pinkard      | 2-Years |
| 8.  | Stephen Colie      | 2-Years |
| 9.  | Bas Sobchak        | 2-Years |
| 10. | Caitlin Vierra     | 2-Years |
| 11. | Janelle Colie      | 2-Years |
| 12. | Brittany Savage    | 2-Years |
| 13. | Brad Rundlett      | 2-Years |
| 14. | Spencer Hixon      | 2-Years |
| 15. | Erik Lund          | 2-Years |
| 16. | Charlie Collier    | 2-Years |
| 17. | Kim Savage         | 2-Years |
| 18. | Andrew Berno       | 2-Years |
| 19. | Ian Martin         | 3-Years |
| 20. | Johnny Sobchak     | 3-Years |
| 21. | Paul Berno         | 3-Years |
| 22. | Grant Johnson      | 3-Years |
| 23. | Mike Colie         | 3-Years |
| 24. | Bryant Colie       | 4-Years |
| 25. | Douglas Colie      | 4-Years |
| 26. | Seth Martin        | 5-Years |
| 27. | Jason Law          | 5-Years |
| 28. | Kenneth Vierra     | 5-Years |
| 29. | Elizabeth Vierra   | 8-Years |

## **Back by popular demand, "Via Media," coming to St. Timothy's in January 2006**



**An 8-week program for adults beginning Sunday, January 22, 2006 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare is available.**

**Via Media's eight sessions include short videos featuring prominent theologians talking about important issues affecting the church and society as a whole. A portion of the class is dedicated to open discussion and conversation. Each class closes with worship.**

**Make an eight-week commitment to strengthen your faith; register today! Learn more about your faith, understand how it evolved, feel secure sharing your faith with other people. Open to everyone. Bring a friend.**

### **Questions?**

**Contact Janet Koch at [jankoch@aol.com](mailto:jankoch@aol.com) or (703) 620-1578.**

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Please fill out the information and return it with \$15 registration fee (checks payable to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church with "Via Media" in the memo).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will require Child Care. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children

**Return this portion with payment to:  
The Very Reverend Brad Rundlett  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, VA 20170-5199**

## Vestry Notes:

*From Vestry minutes of November 24, 2005*

*Approved December 19, 2005*

✠ **Treasurer's Report:** Based on expected revenue and expenses, St. Timothy's will meet the 2005 budget requirements.

✠ We have received the Performance Bond from the Town of Herndon (including interest earned) in the amount of \$32,008.34. The Conservation Bond (\$11,000) is still outstanding.

✠ The Bishop has requested St. Timothy's commit 5% of the General Fund to the Diocese in 2006 or increase giving by 1%. In both 2004 and 2005, St. Timothy's gave slightly over 3%. The Vestry deferred this decision until presentation of pledge and budget information. Vestry also will consider making a small donation to the Diocesan Mustard Seed Fund which has been used in the past, by St. Timothy's, for the purchase of our elevator and the Lakota project.

✠ **Action Items:** The only construction on the courtyard project to be completed before spring will be the railroad tie retaining walls.

✠ The development of a Gift Registry will be deferred until 2006 budget is finalized.

✠ Comments from Vestry members on proposed change to bylaws concerning Designated Gifts are due before December Vestry meeting.

✠ Brad has received 8 active resumes for the position of Associate Rector.

✠ Nominating committee still seeking candidates for the four available Vestry positions. In addition the Vestry must select a new Trustee to replace Roger Rick who has tendered his resignation. Deke Smith and Ann Crocker are the other trustees.

✠ A brief summary of activities for the Annual Report should be submitted by all ministries to Pat McGibbon by December 11. Annual Reports will be presented at the Church Annual Meeting on January 8.

✠ Suggestions for a new coordinator for the Annual Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont should be forwarded to Chris Brock.

*Annual Meeting – January 8, 2006*

*Vestry Retreat – January 13-15, 2006*

## Good News From The Sudan

Tuesday noon, Dec. 20, Khartoum

Dear Friends and Family:

Thanks be to God, I seem to have a one-year visa! This morning, Samuel and I went back to the Ministry of Internal Affairs with paperwork and money and my arm prepared for an HIV/AIDS test. After doling out money, and more money, and more money (to be honest, I've rather lost count, but it was cheaper than expected, less than \$100), Internal Affairs said yes!

And I didn't have to have a blood test (which to be honest was beginning to worry me, because I don't know the cleanliness of their needles), since I am a pastor and thus am to be trusted not to be infected.

After an hour, Samuel came back to me and said, Good news! In one week, we get your passport back with the stamp in it for one year!

Of course, I have to go without a passport for a week, but I have copies and in fact have NEVER shown my actual passport to anyone in the South. Everyone gets a Xerox copy of it instead.

And we have to trust that in one week, Internal Affairs actually will give me back the passport WITH the one-year visa in it.

To leave the country, I now have to go to Religious Affairs with a letter stating why I want to travel, and then go to Foreign Affairs to get the actual exit and re-entry visa. But ... since this is what most Sudanis have to do when they want to travel, this should not be an issue at all.

So ... thank you for the prayers, and keep them coming. In one week or so, we should know for certain.

Everyone here is celebrating, because I am the first person in the Episcopal Church of Sudan who has managed to get this visa! There are other Americans working here in Sudan on long-term visas, but none of them are Episcopalians, so we're feeling pretty good about things right now.

Blessings and joy, Lauren

*Lauren Stanley is a missionary in Sudan sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia.*

## The Season of Epiphany

What does Epiphany have to do with being a responsible steward of creation? Everything! As we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to their newborn king, bringing gifts from the bounty of God's Creation, what better way to honor the Creator than to do even more to care for his Creation. Let's start with the simple things – consciously being aware that our actions (and, indeed, inactions) do have an impact on Creation. With awareness, comes action. Action leads to change. Hmm?? Does this pattern sound familiar? Isn't this the fundamental call that Jesus has for us all? Wishing you a joyous Epiphany.

— Craig Dubishar



*Dungannon Mission trip 2005*

## **St. Timothy's Youth Group** *27th Annual Antietam Battlefield* *Memorial Illuminations*

On September 17th 1862 over 100,000 Union and Confederate soldiers met near the small village of Antietam. By the evening of the 18th, with confederate forces retreating back across the Potomac River, American military history would record its single bloodiest day. During this engagement, 23,110 men were killed, mortally wounded, wounded or captured. Five years later, the wounded were still recovering in field hospitals setup around the battlefield. Today we look back and find it hard to imagine the carnage that took place at Antietam. As each generation passes, the suffering and sacrifice of those young men seems but a faint memory. Battlefield reenactments, television and movies can give us some idea of the events, but they can never really connect us to the sheer loss that the battle of Antietam represents. So how can we connect? How can we understand the thoughts and feelings that each soldier faced as they marched into battle so long ago?

December 2nd 2005, members of St. Timothy's youth group met around 6pm at the church to caravan up to Antietam for the weekend. For some years now, St. Timothy's youth group has participated in Memorial Illumination Ceremony at the Antietam Battlefield Park honoring the memory and sacrificed of those who participated. Each year over a thousand volunteers from diverse organizations meet on the first Saturday in December to place rows of candles across the battle field. Each row consists of candles (inside paper bags) that are placed 15ft apart with every row spaced the same. Each candle represents a fallen soldier. The result, when lit, has been described as nothing more then miraculous! After arriving at the Maple Tree camp ground Friday night, the group enjoyed fellowship over a hot cup of cocoa and for some, a bowl of chili. Cabin assignments were handed out and everyone hit the sack around

11pm. Ken Vierra, the youth group coordinator, informed everyone that they would be up bright and early the next morning.

December 3rd 2005, as promised "Bright and Early" came. After a delicious breakfast of sausage and pancakes (no chili) the youth group (consisting of Jen Wilson, Natalie Dubishar, Stephen Colie, Nate Ratliff, Ian Lerch, Charlie Collier, Michelle Lerch, Alex Brock, Joe Downs, Craig Dubishar, John Lerch, Chris Brock, Mike Colie, Ken Vierra, Cheryl Brock and Steve Downs) headed off to the Antietam battlefield. Mike Colie led the group to St Timothy's assigned field and by 10:15am he had everyone assigned to a job. A lot of work goes into this effort; the measuring, spacing, adjusting the bags on the line, setting the wick and adjusting the candles so they won't catch the bags on fire. Despite the cold, the parents and youth pulled together and completed their assignment. There was time for joking, laughing, picture taking, hot chocolate and lunch, and before they knew it, it was time to light the candles. Groups of two were sent out to light row after row of candles. The first person would adjust and cut the wick while the second person followed behind and lit the candles. Ian Lerch had quality control duty. If he didn't like the way things looked, he was sure to let you know. 700 candles later they were done. The temperature was dropping and little by little the cold began to penetrate jackets and sweaters of the volunteers. Snow and freezing rain were in the forecast that night and everyone prayed that it would hold off until after the ceremony that evening.

December 3rd 2005, 4:15pm. Dusk is still 45 minutes away. After walking the battle field for an hour before the Memorial ceremony everyone could not help but notice, with some awe, the thousands of bags placed symmetrically on the battlefield. Pride in the achievement was on everyone's face, but still, something was missing. First Timers to this event seemed a little confused, after all, they were just paper bags placed on a field. As the time for the ceremony drew near, the crowd of volunteers slowly began to gather around the State of



Maryland memorial.

The group from St. Timothy's gathered together at the front of the monument as the ceremony started with singing from the Ebenezer AME Church Choir. The Reverend John Schildt did the invocation and as he ended he asked the crowd to turn around and look at the bags placed on the field. There was just a faint glow beginning to emerge from each bag.....every so slightly..... as the dusk approached, the bags began to glow a little brighter. As each speaker came to the podium to provide insight on the events of the Antietam battle, the crowd used the brief pauses to turn and view the candles. Each time they turned the candles had tripled in intensity. First Timers now began to realize that there was something more to this event. At the end of his benediction, the Reverend John Stildt asked the crowd, to once again, turn around and gaze out among the battlefield. As the crowd gazed out at the now brightly lit candles, the Reverend noted: that "the body is gone, but the spirit never dies". Just then, bagpipes began to play from on top of the hill and for a moment, all were connected to the events and soldiers of September 17th 1862.

As they walked back to their cars the volunteers looked forward to driving through the park (with just their parking lights on) to view the wonderful lights that represent the spirit and sacrifice of those soldiers so long ago. Their annual pilgrimage to Antietam allows the

youth of St. Timothy's to connect with the past, and by doing so; they share that connection with the thousands who come each year to view the lights.

Today, more then ever, with our troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is important to take the time to remember the sacrifice that young soldiers continue to make for this country. Let us keep them all in our prayers.

"the body is gone, but the spirit never dies"

### Youth Group Participants At Antietam Memorial Illumination, December 2-4, 2005

**Youth:** Jen Wilson, Natalie Dubishar, Stephen Colie Nate Ratliff, Ian Lerch, Charlie Collier, Michelle Lerch, Alex Brock.

**Adults:** Craig Dubishar, John Lerch, Chris Brock, Mike Colie, Ken Vierra, Cheryl Brock



## LEM Schedule/ Lectionary for January 2006

**1/1/06 Holy Name;** *Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21*

8:00 – Tim Coffey, Rick Howarth

9:30 – Laura Dendtler, TBD, John McGrath, Roger Rick, Diane Payne

11:00 – Dave Parker, Annemarie Rundlett, Ted Mankin, Keith Sinclair, Jane Perry

**1/8/06 Baptism of the Lord;** *Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11*

8:00 – Jane Perry, Mike Maser

9:30 – Jean Rick, Laura Petrosian, Gayle Rippe, John Schmitz, Mike Torres

11:00 – Michael Cook, TBD, Dave Hixon, Grant Johnson, Allen Stanley

**1/15/06 Epiphany 2;** *I Sam 3:1-10(11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, I Cor. 6:12-20, John 1:43-51*

8:00 – Robin Mullet, Ralph Tildon

9:30 – Cheryl Brock, TBD, Sean Brady, Edna Whittick, Chris Brock

11:00 – Duncan Hutcheon, Betsy Knoizen, , Bill Odio, Jane Perry, Jim Hendrick

**1/22/06 Epiphany 3;** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, I Cor. 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20*

8:00 – Shirley Ratliff, Tim Coffey

9:30 – Patricia Mussante, TBD, Frank Martin, John McGrath, Diane Payne

11:00 – Rachel Muir, Bob Duchesneau, Dave Parker, Michael Cook, Ted Mankin

**1/29/06 Epiphany 4;** *Deut. 18:15-20, Psalm 111, I Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28*

8:00 – Rick Howarth, Allen Pruitt

9:30 – Allen Pruitt, TBD, Jean Rick, Jackie Clattenburg, Roger Rick

11:00 – Allen Stanley, Annemarie Rundlett, Jane Perry, Dave Hixon, Keith Sinclair

## St. Timothy's Holds 2nd Annual Holiday Shop

The 2nd Annual St. Timothy's Holiday Shop for Ministry Outreach, sponsored by the Service Ministry, was held on Saturday, December 3rd. Over 25 vendors and organizations were in attendance with gifts as varied as jewelry, wine bags and shawls. Several St. Timothy's ministries took part, including ECW selling wreaths, the Youth Group selling candles, and the Shawl Ministry selling a variety of hand-made knitted gifts. The Communications Ministry sold homemade, mouth-watering fudge too! The Cathedral Shop was in attendance, as were the "Bethlehem Christians," a group selling carved olive wood figurines that supports Christians in Israel. Keith Pinkard and Jill Norcross took over the kitchen and served breakfast and lunch to vendors and visitors, and the Service Ministry held a door prize raffle. All proceeds from the food and raffle went directly to the Service Ministry for outreach. The Service Ministry would like to thank all the vendors, visitors and volunteers who made this event a success!

TROOP 159 STAYS UP -  
- CLEANS UP -- AND LOOKS  
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Up all night, sleep all day! Must be the annual Troop 159 LOCK-IN! Scouts started the night at St. Timothy's for a pizza party, then scored big at the Dranesville Bowl America. Leaders 'spared' no effort, to 'strike' up a winning bowling strategy. Luckily, not much time was spent in the gutter. After burning up the lanes, scouts moved on to their overnight facility, and an hours-long video game tournament. The scout team of Jake & Dylan went undefeated. The food highlight of the evening: radishes.

Late last month, scouts performed their semi-annual community creek cleanup i.e. treasure hunt at Fox Mill. Many thanks to the Papa Johns there for giving the hard-working cleanup crew a good deal on lunch!

Next month -- Scouts take on Big Mac -- the mountain not the hamburger -- where they'll stoke wood fires in cabins to beat the freeze. Venture scouts will visit Jack Frost and enjoy a four day run down a mountain of snow.

Want to get in on the fun? Contact Scoutmaster Rob Carter at (703) 471-9069 for details about joining.



## A Note From Stewart

We received a note the other day from Stewart, our former associate Rector. Here are several excerpts:

*It is difficult to say how overwhelmed and touched I am by your love and kindness. The shawl is beautiful! So soft! And green, the color of growth – thank you!*

*Other than work, I've landscaped my front yard and am pleased with the results of my efforts. 28 azaleas, 3 hydrangeas, 10 hastas, 5 feins, 3 blue things(?), a bunch of irises, 200 impatiens – and a ton of pixie straw and transplanted lariope. It's so peaceful. A St. Francis statue pleads with the slugs not to eat the impatiens, and life is good.*

*A few more plants will go in this month now that it is cold – a dogwood tree, some camellias and those green splashed yellow bushes. Then I'm done with the front. The back might be too intimidating to do until later.*

*Thank you so much for your love and support – I'm very very grateful for you and your prayers.*

*With love, Stewart*

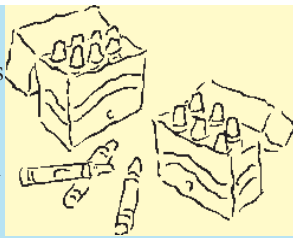
**Maybe we should ask her to help us landscape our courtyard!**

If you know someone who would be comforted by receiving one of our handmade creations, please see Jackie Clattenburg, Janet Dopsovic, Donna McGrath, Susy Nixon, Jeanne Rick, Jean Shepherd, or Florita Tilden or fill out a form located in Henry Hall.



## Pre-School Corner

A reminder: church members receive priority during the registration process for St. Timothy's Pre-school. If you are interested in enrolling a child for the 2006-2007 school year, please contact the pre-school office in January to find out about February registration dates. The phone number is: 703-437-4767.



—Lydia Gough

## Your Help is needed with The Closet

Thanks to the many volunteers who have come forward to help with the Closet over the summer months. The Closet was established with the help of St. Timothy's and other local faith organizations to meet community needs for low cost clothing and household supplies. Proceeds from the sales are then returned to the community. The Closet has blossomed into a well run volunteer based organization that stretches beyond its original goal. Located in downtown Herndon on Station street, it offers everyone a convenient place to shop and to give volunteer time for the good of the community. Plus its fun!!

At this time of year it is more difficult to find the needed volunteers to fill our commitment to the Closet. Every month we need four volunteers for two hours each on as many as two different days. In return St. Timothy's Service Ministry is given up to \$2,000.00 a year for outreach when we meet our volunteer hours

commitment. Unfortunately, we have not accomplished this in 2003 or in 2004, limiting St Tim's ability to serve others through our outreach ministries. If you are able to offer your time to this worth-while organization please contact Tricia Musante at 703.481.6853. A little bit of help linked together with others makes a big difference.



### Upcoming Closet dates:

Saturday, Jan. 7	9:45am-12	or 12-2pm
Tuesday, Jan. 24	“	“
Saturday, Feb. 11	“	“
Thursday, Mar. 2	“	“
Thursday, Mar. 23	“	“

If these times do not work for you please call to place your name on a list for future volunteer dates. Thank you.

## Are You Planning to Move?

If you are planning to move in the future, please let the church office have your new address if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter and your envelopes. If the post office returns your mail, the church incurs a significant cost against our tight budget. Thank you.



The **WORD**

for January 2006

*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 19 at 9am.**

Questions or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments! You may send the material as an attachment to an e-mail message to: [Cclattenburg@saint-timothys.org](mailto:Cclattenburg@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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Editor's Comments: Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We enjoyed the day with grandchildren and toy trains. Don't forget to come Sunday, Jan. 8 to vote for 4 new Vestry members and attend the Annual Parish meeting. Peter's new piano sounds beautiful in the Sanctuary and we choir people will now have to work harder to keep up with the quality. Off to Rhode Island for a New Year's eve wedding and party is my plan. No snow please!

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