



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Reminders from Haiti

In every crisis there is danger and opportunity. The dangers in Haiti are obvious, and people are suffering horrifically from them. They are on a fault line, and frequently in the path of hurricanes. Their infrastructure is very fragile and insufficient under the best of circumstances. The people are poor. And much of the land is desolate.

And yet the people of Haiti have the same intrinsic value that all human beings have, that all living creatures have. Their worth is not measured by the strategic importance of their land or any other country's assessment of their natural resources. They are the people of God, wonderfully cast in the image of God. They are our neighbors on this planet, our kin. If we ignore or forget them, our spirits will suffer.

We are members of a world community. All human struggles are family struggles. We must find ways to distribute the riches of this planet so everyone has enough. We must change our habits and protect this planet. We must use the resources entrusted to us to heal rather than hurt, to make peace rather than war, to support every individual's discovery of their unique gifts and abilities for the benefit of all.

It is not only the case that they need what we have in abundance. They have in abundance what we need as well. Our sisters and brothers in Haiti are resilient, resourceful, faithful, and generous. We can help each other, and make the world a better place together.

~ Fr. Brad

**Please join us for
Ash Wednesday Services**

February 17th

6:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.



Outward and Upward

It's February, the month that propels us into the 40-day season of Lent. In this month, we prepare to look inward to see where we have fallen short in our relationship with God and with others in our lives. This month, the youth group also invites the entire congregation to look outward as a way to reconnect with God in the world.

On February 7th, the youth will team up with the Service Ministry in the Souper Bowl of Caring to collect donations for a local ministry to feed the hungry. You'll have a chance to put change in large pots and pans as you leave the sanctuary and head out to enjoy the game.

On February 16th from 6-7:30 p.m., you're all invited to the Annual Pancake Supper. Thanks to a generous donation from Superior Foods, Brokerage, Inc. we'll have Smithfield hams with our pancakes, French toast sticks, apple sauce, milk, and juice. This dinner is wildly popular because you get to eat good food, enjoy top service (youth group members will be your cooks and waiters), and catch a glimpse of how large and energetic our church family is as people from all 3 services sit side by side. All profits will go to the Dungannon Mission Trip. Quality leftover food goes directly to the Embry Rucker and Hypothermia shelters.

On February 21st, we invite parents of rising 6th-12th graders and all others interested to a presentation and question/answer session on Journey to Adulthood, a program that will help the whole St. Tim's family reflect on our place in God's world.

Finally, we'll join youth groups from Herndon United Methodist Church and from Trinity Presbyterian Church in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine and in a trip to the ALIVE food bank. Youth will be asking for sponsoring contributions (any amount) for the Famine. All contributions will go directly to help victims of Haiti's recent earthquake. You are welcome to join us in feast on Saturday, February 27th to celebrate the end of our 30-hour fast or to help us the following Friday in making bagged lunches for the Hypothermia shelter. Rejuvenate your spirit and balance reflection with action on behalf of others!

~Rev. Leslie

2010 Vestry: Supporting the Business of the Church

The 2010 Vestry is already hard at work on behalf of St. Timothy's! New members Alain Bashore, Allison Dodd, Duncan Hutcheon, and Ted Mankin, and Vestry-Alternate Donna Cornwell were elected at the January 10 annual meeting. They join returning Vestry members, as well as our Treasurer and our Registrar.

Immediately after the announcement of the election results, the new Vestry held its first meeting to elect the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Registrar.

The following weekend, a Vestry retreat held at the Meadowkirk retreat center offered Vestry and Clergy an opportunity to reflect on – and to discern how best to build towards – the future of St. Timothy's.



2010 Challenges and Goals

The 2010 Vestry is committed to supporting – intentionally and effectively – the community of St. Timothy's, the business of the church, and the foundation of growth. (The group remains aware that the current economic environment will continue to have a financial and emotional impact.)

Discussions during the retreat focused on ideas and goals to help support and build on St. Timothy's community and gifts. The Vestry has identified three key areas.

- **Nurturing the community**, including but not limited to:
 - Ways in which all who are part of St. Timothy's immediate and extended community can nurture – and be nurtured – in a caring, collaborative and accepting environment
 - Using our gifts in community, so that “energy begets (joyful) energy” rather than a feeling of drained “burn out”
- **Managing the gifts**, including but not limited to:
 - Working with Finance and Stewardship to discuss a new budget process
 - Supporting growth of the church towards an increasingly vibrant community
- **Equipping the house of worship**, including but not limited to:
 - Helping to ensure that the physical infrastructure of the church is able to support our mission and goals

- Helping to ensure that St. Timothy's is accessible to all

The Vestry also redefined its group responsibilities and updated its ministry-liaison structure to more closely align with these three areas. The goal is to better help St. Timothy's' various ministries accomplish their missions

and to support the needs of the parish.

The new Vestry recognizes their call to form community and to be an intentional, effective body, prayerfully

committed to serving the larger community. With Vestry leaders grounded in this belief, the year ahead holds great promise for St. Timothy's.

2010 Vestry

The Vestry is comprised of the following members and alternate.

Jim Hendrick	Senior Warden
Kathy Lombard	Junior Warden; Ad Hoc Liaison*
	<i>Liaison to...</i>
Steve Page	Buildings & Grounds
Hollis Colie	Christian Education & Youth
Patrick Hobson	Communications
Tricia Mussante	Finance
Allison Dodd	Open Arms & Hospitality
Ted Mankin	Service
Dave Hixon	Stewardship
Duncan Hutcheon	Stewardship
Alain Bashore	Volunteer Coordination & Support (VoCoSuM)
Cheryl Brock	Worship & Accessibility
Rick Wilson	Treasurer
Jillian Hajdasz	Registrar
Donna Cornwell	Vestry-Alternate

- * Ad Hoc ministries include:
- Columbarium
 - Education for Ministry (EFM)
 - Endowment
 - Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

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Facilities Advisory
Historian/Memorials
Lakota Mission
Pastoral Care and Shawl
Personnel
Scrip
Shrine Mont
Stephen Ministry
Steward of Creation
...and other miscellaneous funds

Want to learn more?

For more information, please contact any member of the Vestry. Vestry members' names, roles and contact information are typically provided on the final page of our monthly newsletter, *The WORD*; on the final page of the Parish Directory; and on the Vestry page of St. Timothy's website: <http://www.saint-timothys.org/ministries.asp?ministry=vestry>. The Vestry website page also provides a link to a more detailed description of Vestry Canonical Duties.

St. Timothy's By-Laws provide additional details; copies are available from the church office. Please contact Keith Nelsen Stroud, Parish Administrator (office@saint-timothys.org).

Vestry meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room B-1. These meetings are open to all church members. Requests to be on the agenda (e.g., for presentations or proposals) may be made to the Clergy and/or Wardens, and should be made at least one week prior to a meeting.

~Lael Lyons, Communication Ministry

Vestry FYI

Did you know?

Vestry members are baptized Christians of at least 18 years of age, elected by the congregation to serve as the legal representatives of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its Clergy.

The Vestry functions with 12 members. Vestry members may serve only one term of three years. Terms rotate, so that new members are elected every year. St. Timothy's elects its Vestry members during services preceding the annual parish meeting (on the second Sunday in January). On January 10, 2010, four new members were elected to our Vestry, to replace the four members who retired. The person ranked fifth in the

election was designated as Vestry-Alternate for the coming year.

The Senior Warden (sometimes referred to as "the Rector's Warden") and the Junior Warden (sometimes referred to as "the People's Warden"), the Treasurer and the Registrar are elected by the Vestry and hold their positions for one year. The Wardens provide leadership within the Vestry, serve as "official" liaisons to the Clergy, and are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the church.

The Vestry-Alternate is encouraged to fully partake in Vestry meetings and discussions. Although the Alternate is not required to attend meetings and is not able to vote, the Alternate must be prepared to step in should a Vestry member withdraw during the year. In that case, the Alternate would serve until the next election.

Liaisons to the Ministries

Vestry members also assume a liaison function with one of the *nearly 30 ministries* at St. Timothy's. The Junior Warden serves as "Ad Hoc Liaison" to all ministries not served by a designated liaison. The Senior Warden is considered a member of every ministry and assists wherever necessary.

The liaison function is designed to provide a two-way communications channel between the Vestry and the ministry: to keep ministries aware of anything that might affect them, and to enable ministries to bring issues to the Vestry's attention. Liaisons generally attend their ministry's meetings and actively participate in ministry activities. Liaisons are also required to review and countersign any expense vouchers completed by their Ministry Chair. Liaison assignments are renewed every year at the Vestry retreat.

Some ministries also participate in Vestry-Ministry meetings. This successful innovation grew from the realization that – in addition to the good work of the liaisons – some ministries could benefit from enhanced communication with the larger parish, in order to stay informed and to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

Annual Vestry Retreat

Each year, on the weekend following Vestry elections, all Vestry members – returning and new – participate in a weekend retreat. In addition to the 12 members of the Vestry, the Rector, the Associate Rector, the Vestry-Alternate, the Treasurer, and the Registrar are also invited. This year, the retreat was held at Meadowkirk, a retreat, meeting and camp ministry center in Loudoun County, Virginia. The retreat starts with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with Eucharist on Sunday morning. This retreat and other activities help bind the Vestry as a



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working group, rather than merely a collection of people. (Even individuals who have been quite active at St. Timothy's may not have met other individuals who attend a different service. The retreat offers everyone an opportunity to become acquainted.)

Vestry Meetings

Vestry meetings, held monthly, are open to all church members.

Although not a member of the Vestry, the Rector proposes the agenda for comment prior to the meeting, and facilitates the group's working through it during the meeting, with the assistance of the Wardens. Meetings start with members being invited to share where "they have recently seen God in their life," followed by an inspired reading and prayer. The Treasurer reports on income, spending and any budget issues. The group then works through items of ongoing and new business. Meetings conclude with the singing of the Doxology.

Invited guests and those who request to address the Vestry – such as individual parishioners, committee members and Ministry Chairs – may make presentations or proposals during Vestry meetings.

The Vestry at St. Timothy's is characterized by – and committed to – a stated resolve to work towards consensus. There have been very few motions that, once presented, have not been carried unanimously.

-Lael Lyons, Communication Ministry

Congratulations and Thank You!

At St. Timothy's annual meeting on January 10, 2010, the congregation elected:

- Two **members to the Endowment Fund Committee**, for a three-year term: Maria LaWalt and Pat McGibbon
- Two **delegates to Region V**, for a one-year term: Michael Cook and Betsy Knoizen
- Two **alternates to Region V**, for a one-year term: Janet Koch and Sandy Wright
- Four new **Vestry members**, for a three-year term: Alain Bashore, Allison Dodd, Duncan Hutcheon, and Ted Mankin
- One **alternate to the Vestry**, for a one-year term: Donna Cornwell

The next time you see these folks, please say "hi"...and "thanks"!

Adult Lenten Classes: "When God is Silent"

Are you looking for something positive to do during Lent? Join us on Sunday evenings for some information, inspiration and discussion with Father Brad and Seminarian Peter Doddema. We will meet on five Sunday evenings at 7 until 8:30 p.m. The first class will begin February 21, and the last class will be on March 21. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Christian Education board in Henry Hall. Refer questions to Carmela Condro, 703-620-1110, ccondro@juno.com

Images from the Annual Meeting



Donna Cornwell (alternate), Allison Dodd, Alain Bashore, and Duncan Hutcheon pledge to serve to the best of their abilities on the Vestry.

Fr. Brad speaks to the congregation.



Treasurer Rick Wilson talks about the 2010 budget.

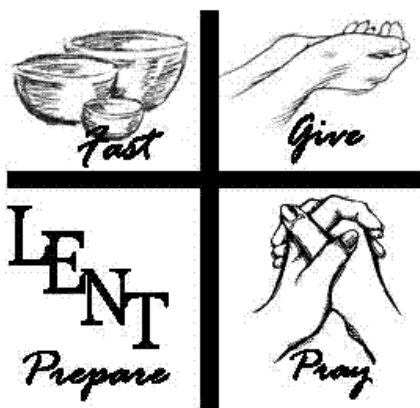
Prepare for the Season of Lent

On February 17th, Ash Wednesday, our journey through the season of Lent begins. It will continue through Holy Week (the peak of the Lenten season), to Easter Sunday. During these penitential days we generally give something up that we enjoy but don't really need (like chocolate) in order to more fully appreciate the suffering Jesus endured to save us. That's okay as far as it goes, but, I think we might more readily identify with our Crucified Savior by taking something on (as he took on the sin of the world) – like volunteering at The Closet, The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, LINK, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, The Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter, the Hypothermia Shelter, FACETS; Habitat for Humanity. Or (though these are not scheduled in Lent) consider going on our adult mission to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, or our youth mission to Dungannon in Appalachia.

In addition, may I suggest, make it a point to attend the weekday services of Lent as well as the Sunday services – Ash Wednesday on February 17th (with services at 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.), Maundy Thursday on April 1st (with a service at 7:30 p.m.), and Good Friday on April 2nd (with services at 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.). On Ash Wednesday we are confronted with our mortality. On Maundy Thursday we recall Jesus' command to serve others and his offering himself, his life, in the Last Supper. On Good Friday we acknowledge his suffering and death. We can only really appreciate The Resurrection on Easter morning by retracing Jesus' last days.

Lent is a time of “self-examination and repentance; ... prayer, fasting, and self-denial; ... a time of “reading and meditating on God's holy Word” [The Book of Common Prayer page 265]. It is a journey of deepening faith. “I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent.”

~Fr. Brad



Meals and Servers Needed for Hypothermia Shelter – Fridays in March

The North County Hypothermia Shelter has been open to clients since December, and now it is St. Timothy's turn to provide meals and serve dinner on Fridays in March (with the exception of March 19).



As in years past, we are looking for volunteers to provide simple breakfasts, bagged lunches and hot dinners for DELIVERY on March 5, March 12, and March 26. In addition we will need volunteers to set-up, serve and clean-up the dinner meal on those Fridays, as well.

The North County Hypothermia Prevention Program is operated by Reston Interfaith, and is one of three hypothermia prevention sites in Fairfax County that prevents weather-induced illness and loss of life among unsheltered homeless adult men and women. The program is operated from the North County Human Services Bldg., 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston, just ¼ mile from the Embry Rucker Shelter, and will run through March 31, 2010.

Please look in Henry Hall for sign-up sheets and food prep guidelines and meal suggestions. Thank you in advance for volunteering for this important ministry. We are always blessed by many volunteers and your generosity is appreciated!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

--Matthew 25:35

Did You Know? Facts, Thoughts, & Discussions on the Lord's Prayer.

Presented by Danny Wechtenhiser Feb. 27th – March 6th from 12-1:30 p.m. in Room B-1.

The Lord's Prayer, also known as the Our Father or *Pater Noster*, is perhaps the best known prayer in Christianity. According to Fuller Seminary professor Clayton Schmit, "there is a sense of solidarity in knowing that Christians around the globe are praying together, and these words always unite us." We speak these words each Sunday at service; join Danny and explore these words that unite us as one. If you have any questions, please contact Danny Wechtenhiser at wechtenhid@us.saic.com or home phone 703-430-6458.

The Closet - Reduce, Recycle and Volunteer

The Closet is a non-profit thrift shop founded by a handful of churches, including St. Timothy's, to assist low-income families by selling used clothing at a nominal price. The Closet continues to be a source of low-cost clothing and household necessities for those on a tight budget. It also provides clothing at no charge to truly needy individuals and uses its profits to support worthwhile community programs. Items that don't sell are donated to needy communities in the western part of the state.



In 2009, The Closet again put its profit back into the community, supporting programs at the Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic, Reston Interfaith, and scholarships for high school students.

You can reduce your clutter and recycle items by donating them to The Closet. The Closet sells a wide variety of donated items, including clothes and shoes; housewares such as dishes, kitchenware and linens; electronics; sporting goods; books, videos, CDs and record albums; artwork and frames; toys; and knickknacks. The Closet accepts donations on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

St. Timothy's is committed to providing volunteers one or two days a month. There are two shifts of two hours 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. St. Timothy's is asked to provide two people for each shift. Volunteers help the paid staff with the running of The Closet.

St. Timothy's has been assigned the following days for February and March:

Saturday, February 13

Tuesday, March 2

Saturday, March 20

If you would like to volunteer for a shift on one of these dates, call me at 703-318-8292 or send me an email at mhhvirginia@verizon.net. The Closet staff is friendly and happy to train you to assist them. Please consider this worthy organization for your volunteer time – especially if one of your new year's resolutions is to volunteer more in your community.

Thank you.

~Holly Hartge

Family Movie Night at St. Tim's, Feb. 13th from 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Grab the whole family and join us for pizza, hotdogs and a movie night.....



The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Open Arms and Adult Education invite you to spend an evening of fellowship and fun. Children ages five and under are free and ages six to adult are \$4.00 per person. Please sign-up for this event in Henry Hall on the Christian Ed. board or contact Danny Wechtenhiser at wechtenhid@us.saic.com or home phone 703-430-6458.



Shrine Mont

Save the Date!!

Saint Timothy's Annual Parish Retreat

Mark your calendars now for our annual Spring Retreat at Shrine Mont, located in Orkney Springs, VA in the beautiful Shenandoah Mountains. This year's theme will include a program on resilience and faith in a challenging economy, and the many opportunities for stewardship that manifest themselves in a time like this.

April 16-18, 2010

This is a wonderful time of renewal, rest, fun and laughter. Plan now to join us in the spring for this great St. Tim's tradition. Watch for registration materials and additional information soon.

Questions?

Call Katie Mazza at 703-421-3979 or

Email: katiemazza@yahoo.com



Coming Soon to a Youth Ministry Near You!

The Journey to Adulthood (J2A) is a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th - 12th grades. It uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore its two guiding principles:



1. Manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God.
2. Adulthood must be earned.

There are three two-year segments of the program:

Rite-13: The first two years (6th & 7th or 7th & 8th graders) that focus on celebrating the individuality of each young person and their creative potential. The Rite-13 liturgy (A celebration of Manhood and Womanhood) is the community expression of this and a rite of passage from childhood towards adulthood.

J2A: The middle portion of the program (8th & 9th or 9th and 10th graders), engages youth with the skills and critical thinking involved in adulthood. The youth plan and embark on a pilgrimage together at the end of this segment. This experience is often the spiritual highlight of their youth.

YAC: This is a mentor-based program that helps older teens (11th and 12th graders) discern and carry out a ministry within their church or in the larger community. Vocation and development of a personal credo are also emphasized. A final rite of passage sends them out into the world as ambassadors of Christ.

J2A is based on the principles of relational youth ministry. It assumes that at least two or three adults (of both genders) will be leaders for each of the three groups and that these leaders will only serve for two years before taking a "break." This engages many more adults in building relationships with youth and providing positive role models for them. The traditional youth ministry model of a single youth "guru" (paid or volunteer) depends on the personality of that individual -- and when he/she leaves, the youth program often collapses. J2A is designed to engage lots of adults in nurturing the youth of your congregation and community. It is designed to bring young people into full participation in the life of the congregation so they actually ARE the church of today instead of the church of the future!

- "Our church used to have 6-8 kids serving as acolytes and coming to an occasional pizza party or field trip. Now we have at last 25 teenagers in church every Sunday morning

and lots of them actively involved in the life of the congregation. We recently had a couple of Smith College students come to church who were very pleased to see we had J2A....they talked about how much it meant to them and how it still influences how they think and live." (St. John's Episcopal Church, Northampton, MA)

This is a very common story of a J2A congregation. An added benefit of this ministry is that it often serves as a catalyst for congregational renewal. Parents are drawn into greater participation. Youth leaders learn skills and develop a commitment to ministry that they use in other ministries when they rotate off of being leaders. Others in the congregation pick up on the energy and the ministries of the youth. So J2A is much, much more than just a way to inform or entertain our youth -- it is a way of being the church that engages everyone in ministry!

Parents: SAVE THE DATE!

All parents of rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to a very special PARENT MEETING on Sunday, February 21 right after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will have lunch together and share exciting news about our new program, The Journey to Adulthood (see *Coming Soon to a Youth Ministry Near You* for some details). The youth will head off to Third Sunday brunch (with qualified adult chaperones, of course) while we share our vision for the future of the Youth of St. Timothy's and answer any questions you may have.

Please RSVP to Rev. Leslie Chadwick at lesliec@saint-timothys.org so we have enough food for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

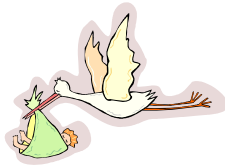
Pre-School Registration

Registration for fall classes at St. Timothy's Pre-School begins on February 19 for members who are recorded in the church register by virtue of formal transfer, confirmation or reception. Registration for the public will be held on Feb. 27. The pre-school offers a part-day program for children three, four, and five years old. Please call Helen Guest at 703-437-4767 for more information.



Births

We welcome to our church family Vivienne Rosebrook Lamoureux, who was born to Catherine and Hugh on December 30, 2009. Vivienne weighed in at 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was welcomed by siblings Nathaniel and Madeleine.



[We are beginning a new feature, birth announcements, in the WORD. Please email information about the arrival of our newest members to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org. Pictures are also welcome!]

St. Tim's STRIDES for MS

On October 3-4, 2009 several members of St. Timothy's took the challenge and participated in the Capital Challenge Walk MS, walking 50 kilometers over 2 days. What an unforgettable experience and accomplishment. Our team, St. Tim's STRIDES for MS (*Steps taken regularly in devotion ending suffering for MS*) raised over \$12,500 in fund raising and shared time and fun together. So much that we decided to take the challenge again!

The Capital Challenge Walk MS is hosted by the National MS Society. The event will raise funds to end multiple sclerosis (MS), increase public awareness of the disease, and promote health and fitness. The Challenge Walk is expected to host several hundred walkers and volunteers and raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to support local chapter programs and services, as well as national research initiatives.

This year the walk is September 25 and 26, 2010. The Challenge Walk route will take participants through the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and end at the U.S. Capitol in an incredible demonstration of strength and unity. For the safety of the participants, the exact route will not be released to the public prior to the event.

Chris Brock and Hollis Colie are co-captains and invite you to please join us on Sunday, February 21, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. in Room B2 to learn more about the walk. This meeting will provide you with information about multiple sclerosis, joining the team, different opportunities for team participants, how to register, and fundraising ideas. This team is open to friends and family, too, so spread the word and bring them along. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Chris Brock at christopher.brock2@verizon.net or 703-437-3968 or Hollis Colie at Hollis211@aol.com or 703-499-7936 for more information.

St. Tim's Viewpoint Book Club... The Shack February 20th 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Our next read will be The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity, by William Paul Young. The Shack is a one of a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God.

Please mark your calendars and join us as we take this journey and share our thoughts and views. Mary Perry will be hosting this book club meeting. Please sign-up for this event in Henry Hall on the Christian Ed. board or contact Danny Wechtenhiser at wechtenhid@us.saic.com or home phone 703-430-6458.

New Registered Members

The following individuals became registered members of St. Timothy's in the last month:

Elizabeth "Betsy" Rendel Eames

Lukasz "Luke" Szczech Hall

Registered members are baptized, confirmed, or received at this church or are baptized in another congregation and transfer their membership to St. Timothy's. Membership has its privileges: you can vote in St. Timothy's church elections, be elected a member of St. Timothy's Vestry, or register your child early for St. Timothy's fabulous preschool. If you would like to become a registered member of St. Timothy's, please complete and return a Membership Transfer Form (available in the church office) or the form can also be accessed at www.saint-timothys.org.

ST. TIMOTHY'S JOB SEARCH NETWORKING TEAM (JSNT)

The JSNT, for those in career transition and job search, meets on Monday afternoons at 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The team objective is to offer resume review/critique, networking ideas, interview tips, and advice on how to develop a target market and give moral support to team. Sue Van Meers, a Career Coach and Recruiter, facilitates the meeting. We welcome those from other congregations in the Herndon/Reston area with experience in administrative support to executive/management level professionals. Contact information – Sue Van Meers, 703-435-2253.

Boy Scout Troop 159 News

This month, Troop 159 went to camp Big Mac, (no relation to McDonalds) and while we were there, we made an enormous bonfire! It was about 5 ½ feet tall, it was started with one match, and it was so hot that it could evaporate snow on contact! But there was nothing flammable near the fire and the camp asked us to do it. They needed us to burn wood cleared



away from a new cabin to protect it from fire. We also had a big dinner where each patrol made something for the troop to eat. On Jan. 28th, we're having our troop lock-in and going cosmic bowling. We meet in Henry Hall Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



Are Landfills Ever A Good Idea?

Well, maybe the concept of making lemonade from lemons fits here?? The world's largest landfill (no, it is not New Jersey or the one located just off of Fairfax County Parkway) has opened up a "gas to liquefied natural gas (LFG-to-LNG)" facility in California. The Waste Management Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility in Livermore is designed to produce up to 13,000 gallons of LNG a day and is expected to reduce 30,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. The project is capable of creating clean vehicle fuel by collecting gas



from the natural decomposition of organic landfill waste. Remember -- this is the natural decomposition of organic waste. Please continue to recycle all of your No. 1 and No. 2 plastics, aluminum and steel cans, and glass containers. *A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation.*

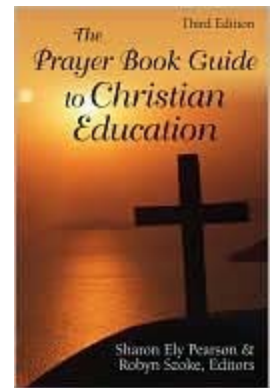
Sowing Seeds: Please Join Us!

Noted Christian educator Sharon Ely Pearson will be leading a teacher training day at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This event is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Christian Education and Formation.

Sowing Seeds: Planting & Tending Your Christian Formation Ministries is designed for anyone who ministers with children, youth or adults in the congregation. Pearson will offer two plenary sessions: *An Engaging Lesson Plan* in which participants will learn how to use their current curriculum to make it the most engaging to the learner and *Trends in Christian Formation* that will explore what the future of faith formation may look like in the future.

In addition to the group presentations, a number of workshops will be offered by a variety of educators from the Diocese of Virginia. This event is free for members of St. Timothy's, but pre-registration is required. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For further information, contact Marybeth Henry, at education@saint-timothys.org or at 703-742-6694. If you know anyone from another church who might be interested in attending, please have them contact Marybeth directly for details on fees and registering.

Sharon Ely Pearson has been Church Publishing's Christian Formation Specialist since 1997. Previously, she served as Children's Ministries and Christian Education Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut for 10 years. The author of *The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, 3rd Edition* (2009: Morehouse Publishing), she served on PEALL, a task force commissioned to study theological education and Christian formation that reported to General Convention 2009 which led to the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation. With over 30 years experience in Christian formation at the parish, diocesan, provincial, and church wide level, she is recognized for her knowledge of curriculum for children, youth and adults as well as her passion for holistic life long learning. A lifelong Episcopalian, Sharon has two grown children, and with her husband and cat, lives in Norwalk, Connecticut.



Annual Antietam Trip Caught in Snow Storm

About 15 members of the St. Timothy's Youth Group braved the elements (and Mr. Colie's instructions in the cold) to assist with the annual luminary set-up at the Antietam Civil War Battlefield on December 5, 2009. A snow storm stopped the group from completing its task but not before about 300 luminaries were set-up and hot chocolate served! Well done.



Christmas at St. Timothy's

Thank you to all of the people and groups who helped make our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services especially beautiful and festive!

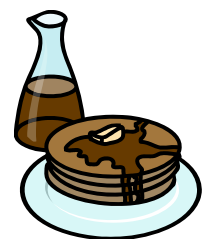


St. Timothy's Youth Group Calendar February 2010

Mon., Feb. 1, 7 p.m.	- Region V Dungannon Leader Meeting
Fri., Feb. 5, 7-10 p.m.	- First Friday Outing
Sun., Feb. 7, after all services	- Souper Bowl of Caring
Sun., Feb. 14, 4-6 p.m.	- Youth Group Gathering
Tues., Feb. 16, 6-8 p.m.	- Pancake Supper
Sat., Feb. 20, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	- Ski Trip at Whitetail
Sun., Feb. 21, 12:30-2 p.m.	- 3 rd Sunday Brunch and J2A/Rite 13 Parents' Meeting
Fri./Sat., Feb. 26-27	- 30-hour Famine

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Take a break from figuring out "what's for dinner"! Join us Tuesday, February 16 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. as the Youth Group hosts this popular event, ideal for all ages. Come feast on pancakes, French-toast sticks, ham, applesauce, coffee, apple juice and milk. Tickets are \$14/family and \$8/adult, and may be purchased in Henry Hall after services or at the door. Proceeds will help fund the Youth Group's Dungannon mission trip.



Our Baptismal Font

Like most American organizations St. Timothy's congregation is a forward-looking group. We devote much of our energy to planning our future. That's a good idea since we have to live in it. However, it's useful, from time to time, to recall what has come before today. Anne Crocker wrote a book about the original St. Timothy's Church building on Elden Street. Some of what she wrote about is still with us today.

St. Timothy's Church history begins with its founding on All Saints' Day in 1868. The original members could not have envisioned the beauty that surrounds us in our sanctuary today. However, if their time machines brought them to our Sunday service in 2010, they would spot some items familiar from their Sunday service. One of the items they would recognize is our baptismal font. The story of the font is contained in Anne Crocker's book:

A three and a half foot tall marble baptismal font, still in frequent use, was purchased with hard earned gleanings and consecrated to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Mary M. Castleman in 1893. "Mary M. Castleman 1830 – 1891 Dead Yet Speaketh" is carved on the base. "Holy Holy Holy" is carved around the six-sided bowl. Its original location in the Elden Street sanctuary is not known but after the Baptismal window was installed, it occupied a prominent place in the front of the church near that window.

The Minute Book of the Gleaners reveals the tremulous process of its acquisition. Mrs. Barker wrote of January 21st, 1891: "Owing to the illness of Mrs. Castleman, the 'Gleaners' did not meet as announced. Later in the day the sad intelligence was received of her demise." They honored her with a resolution in *The Southern Churchman*, a small weekly newspaper published by the Episcopal Church. In February, at the suggestion of Miss Mary who told the group "that her mother had always been anxious to see a suitable baptismal font in our church," the Gleaners voted to purchase a font in memory of their friend. They also agreed that the proceeds from the sale of the crazy quilt [A patchwork quilt constructed of odd shaped pieces of material, the seams of which were oversewn with decorative embroidery. The word crazy also referred to that Quilt's resemblance to crazed china.] then under construction, were to go to the "fund for



the proposed baptismal font." Mrs. Hannah Ballou and Mrs. Louise Meade agreed to be a committee of two to solicit funds and procure the font.

The work did not go smoothly. The first designs considered were too expensive. In November it was discovered that mice had gnawed a strip of the quilt and it had to be redone. By January 1893, an unnamed marble works in Alexandria had been chosen to make the font. Instead of costing \$50.00 the final design cost \$75.00. The ladies redid the quilt, but instead of selling it for the customary \$1.00 - \$3.00, they gave it to Miss Mary Castleman. The additional money required was taken from the proceeds of the Gleaners weekly ice-cream sales and periodic "Entertainments." There is no mention of the font after the minutes of March 22, 1893 which noted that it could not be in place for Easter. The first Baptism after Easter was June 4, 1893 when Elsie DuShane Averil age 7 months 14 days was baptized.

From St. Timothy's Protestant Episcopal Church, by Anne Ward Crocker, July 2009.





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The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:

Thursday, February 18th, 2010

Questions, articles, or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put *Word* in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

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Sundays

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel (nursery care available)

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Christian Education (nursery care available)

Wednesdays

12:15 p.m.- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (and by appointment). Clergy are off on Fridays.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 7 – Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day – Office Closed

Feb. 16 – Pancake Supper

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday, Services at 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 21 – J2A Parents' Meeting

Feb. 22 – Vestry Meeting

Feb. 26, 27 – 30-Hour Famine