

The Word



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Ordination

On Saturday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m., in St. Alban's Episcopal Church Annandale, one of our members, Marty Hager, will be Ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Marty began the journey of discernment and study several years ago. We thank God for his dedication to serving the people of God. Congratulations Marty, and congratulations to the Episcopal Church!

Serving others in the name of Christ

On Sunday February 6, during our three services, we will have displays of our ministries and missions in the parish hall. We are all invited to visit the displays, talk to people who are fulfilling their Baptismal Vows by serving God and others in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn what your Church is doing. And consider how to use your gifts to help.

Adult Bible Study

The Rev. Wisnel Dejardin will offer an adult Bible study from 9:30 am to 10:30 am on, February 13, 20, and 27, and March 6. All adults are invited to attend.

St. Timothy's "Gifts to Glorify the Lord"

In 2002 our former Organist approached me [Fr. Brad] and told me that our Tracker organ was failing; he and two of our members were working on it ever week just to keep it functioning. I was shocked.

We had organ experts check it out quite thoroughly and were told that we might keep it going for a while, but the cost of restoring it to pristine condition would be far more than it is worth - and we would still have a very limited instrument. When Peter Waggoner was called to be our Music Director and Organist we launched a study to determine what we should do. We formed a committee, learned everything we could about our Tracker in particular and about organs in general. We visited churches with digital organs, newly refurbished organs, hybrid organs, and pipe organs. We listened to various instruments. We consulted with organ makers. We invited organ designers and makers to visit us, to see our worship space, and offer their expert advice. We accumulated a great deal of information and submitted

a full report to the Vestry. They sent us back to do some more work, which we did, and we then submitted that. We have been very thorough. The Vestry accepted the Committee's recommendation that St. Timothy's should purchase a new pipe organ, and in addition, improve sanctuary resonance, lighting, and entry/exit doors.

We wondered if we could accomplish this in the current economic climate, so we met with two different professional consultants (from our Diocese) who examined our financial history in detail; they agreed that we could do this. We then met with representatives from highly recommended professional fundraising companies, and decided to go with Kirby-Smith Associates whom we used (successfully) in our previous capital campaign. We agreed that a feasibility study should be conducted, and that is now complete. The Vestry met with Jeffrey Knauer (from Kirby-Smith Associates) on January 31st to hear the results of that study, and discussed this late into the evening. The Vestry finally agreed to go forward with the capital campaign, with the provision that we all have an opportunity to contribute to a contingency fund for current and future facility expenses (replacement of worn-out HVAC systems, replacement of roof shingles, resurfacing driveways and parking lots, etc). The Vestry also agreed that we will not apply for a loan to pay for these capital expenses.

We know that some of our members are very excited about this project, and some others are not. I've had second thoughts myself; times are tough and this is a big project. Even so, having been part of this study and discernment process for more than four years now, and having thought and prayed about this through many sleepless nights, I would like to offer some food for thought: (1) music has the power like nothing else to draw the pain out of our hearts and to lift our spirits, (2) music is therefore essential to

worship, (3) we are drawn to good quality music and good worship (and put-off by bad music and bad worship), (3) and pouring money into a failing organ is not good stewardship.

As a general rule I don't favor fancy and expensive appointments, vestments, or building materials, just so we can say we have the best. I don't for a moment believe God would be pleased with such expenditures while people are hungry, homeless, in need of essential things they cannot afford. We are here to love God and our neighbors. I see an organ, therefore, as one of the tools we use to show our love for God, and to lift our spirits to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.

I believe we are called to invite, attract, draw people (everyone we know and meet!) into St. Timothy's, and encourage, challenge, support every member of this Church in using their gifts to spread faith, hope, love, peace, and joy throughout this community and the world. I believe a good pipe organ (one that will last and work well for many, many decades), will bring more people to St. Timothy's and increase our service and witness in the world. I support this project, and the building up of St. Timothy's.

I commend the Vestry for their decision to include in this campaign a contingency fund for necessary replacement and repairs. They are wise, and St. Timothy's is well served by them. As always, each of us is invited to contribute to this. And I hope all of you will. Meanwhile, the ministries and missions we have been given by God will continue.

Fr. Brad

Welcome Cassandra!



St. Tim's wanted to take a moment to welcome the new Director of Christian Education, Cassandra Riedy. Her personal education has taken her to many wonderful and unexpected places throughout the world, including Qatar and Scotland. She is very excited about influencing and inspiring the education of the members at St. Tim's. Cassandra received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and is now crafting her Masters' Thesis for the University of Virginia on the subject of how defining death brings meaning into life. Throughout her life, Cassandra has enjoyed several projects concerning social justice, such as working with the Episcopal Public Policy Network on healthcare policy, mentoring students falling behind in the D.C. public school system, and studying the educational structure available for the youth of Cameroon. Cassandra looks forward to meeting as many people as possible over the coming weeks.

Promises, Promises...What do they mean?

Covenantal Explorations with Wisnel

Study and discuss the "terms of agreement" for humanity. Wisnel is holding Bible Study during the Adult Discussion Hour on **February 13, 20, 27, and March 6**. He will be highlighting the covenants written by God in Genesis and Exodus and what they tell us about our

relationship with Him? Come explore with Wisnel during the 9.45-10.45am Adult Discussion Hour in Room A-1.

Christian Education Donations Needed

St. Timothy's would love to have a donor or donors who will help us purchase a lockable TV Cabinet that will hold a 40" flat-screen TV, a 40" flat screen TV, and a DVD player (preferably Blu-Ray) which we will use for various educational programs. The cabinet is actually the most expensive part of this. The estimated cost for the cabinet, TV, and DVD player is ~\$1700.00. The locking cabinet is \$859.00 (not including shipping). A side handle can be added for \$69.00. A Blu-Ray DVD player would be \$150.00 at most. And a 40"-42" flat screen TV would be \$500.00 to \$600.00.

God Knits Us into Wholeness

The Shawl Ministry at St. Timothy's is a prayerful ministry of knitting and crocheting that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as to those celebrating births, baptisms, or other milestones of life. The shawls and lap robes that we give away offer tangible evidence of our prayers. To know that our shawls may speak love and prayers into another person's heart is rewarding. To date, 380 people have received our knitted and crocheted gifts. If you or a loved one would like to receive a shawl, please contact **Jackie Clattenburg (703) 743-2433; Lorna Moran (703) 476-1138; or Florita Tildon (703) 464-9377**. The Shawl Ministry meets in the Narthex at 7:00 pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

Taste and See St. Timothy's

On Sunday, February 6th a special event will take place at St. Timothy's. It will be a "Taste & See" day for all to explore the direction of their own ministry. They can visit with members of the church who already commit their time and efforts to the many outreach and in-house ministries at St. Tim's. This will give people a chance to consider what can be done on a one-off base as a "taste" and "see" whether more can be offered as and when needed.

It is obvious from the many

announcements that members of St. Timothy's are involved in caring for people, conserving and preserving the gifts of God's creation, and worshipping the Lord. However, "Taste and See" is an opportunity to see which other ministries may need a hand. Most of all, it will be a day to thank God for all the gifts that he has bestowed upon us and, to quote the hymn, "taste and see that the Lord is good." We welcome everyone to partake of the varied refreshments at each table, to pick up written information, sign a "One time" sheet if possible and submit suggestions via the box at the entry to the Sanctuary, where we hope you will sit for a minute and pray for the work being done and that which lies ahead of us. For more information, contact Jill Cox at 703-963-8251.

After each service on Feb. 6th, all children are invited to go on a "Scavenger Hunt;" objects will be hidden on each Ministry table and they are listed on the hand-out sheet. There is a small prize for completing the list and there is also a tear-off section to deposit in the Viewpoint Book Club box to have a chance to win a book suitable for an adult and a child. There is also a crossword puzzle for you to complete and we wish to thank Bill Perry

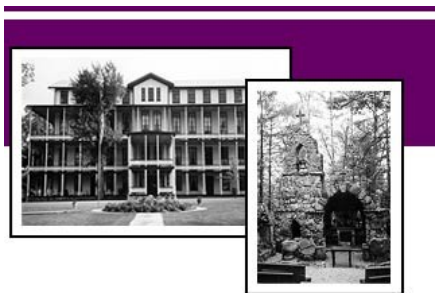
for compiling it for us. Enjoy the varied refreshments as you visit each group and get your coffee/tea/juice near the kitchen in Henry Hall. Take a STAR form and consider where your time and talents might be used on a one-off basis or more. Just "Taste and See" – the Lord is indeed good!

Save the Date!

St. Timothy's Annual Parish

Retreat

Mark your calendars now for our annual Spring Retreat at Shrine Mont, April 1-3, 2011 located in Orkney Springs, VA. This year's theme will focus on an alternative approach to mission: "Mission... The 'Do Be' Model – Informed by Native American Spirituality."



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:

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Diocesan Stewardship of Creation Annual Report Now Available

For all you Stewards of Creation, please email Craig Dubishar (St. Timothy's Steward of Creation lead) at wcdubi@cox.net for a PDF copy

of the Diocese SoC Annual Report. Lots of great activities going on in the Diocese to protect and care for God's Creation. Also, please check out the updated SoC website at <http://caringforgodscreation.net/default.asp>.

How to consume Green?

Or, how do I know if my choices help or hurt God's Creation?

All good questions! St. Timothy's now has one more resource to help you with these very important questions. The church now owns a copy of the recently published National Geographic book on "Green Consumerism" - look for it on a table in the Nathex! Peruse it, use it, check it out, but most definitely put your faith into action by learning even more what we can do to protect God's wonderful resources. Who knows... there might even be some tips from this book published in a Word article or two in the future! (A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

Celebrating God's Gifts: Keeping the Faith

While the Church's year begins just after Thanksgiving with Advent, "New Year's" at St Timothy's is the second Sunday in January with the Election of new vestry members, the Parish Meeting, and the presentation of the Budget for the upcoming year. This is a good time to review your stewardship of the past year, the faith you have shown in your pledging and re-

viewing what this means to St Timothy's.

First let us consider how we kept our pledging promises in 2010. Based upon the pledges made in the Fall of 2009, the Vestry approved a Budget of \$725,150 for 2010. We are very happy to report you kept the faith! St Timothy's actual income for 2010 was \$719, 848 and our actual expenditure was \$718, 282! A difference of \$1,566 and in the words of Dickens' Mr. Micawber, "... result happiness." These data tell two good messages about Stewardship at St Timothy's; those spending the money clearly exercised great financial discipline in adhering so closely to the Budget, while those providing the funds showed equally admirable discipline, sometimes perhaps in trying circumstances, in meeting their pledge to God and St Timothy's. It also attests to the powers of prediction embodied in our Finance Ministry who put the Budget together for Vestry approval.

Now we pass on to the 2011 Budget, which was approved by the Vestry and presented to the Parish. Again, based on the results of the pledging campaign, this has been increased by 2.3 % to \$742,480.00. Now 2.3 % may not seem a huge increase but given the continued financial stress many of us continue endure, it demonstrates the sacrificial nature of our pledging.

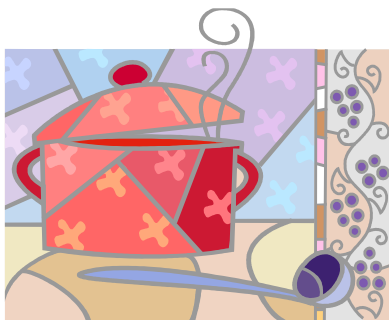
So what does this 2.3 % increase in projected income mean to St Timothy's? First, you will be glad to know, it enables us to grant our

clergy and staff a modest increase in salary (none was forthcoming last year). It allows the Vestry to substantially increase the Christian Education budget, and provide the Building and Grounds Ministry with a standalone budget to pursue necessary projects. These are consistent with the Goals the Vestry adopted for 2011.

So you can see that with dedication, discipline and prayer we, the Church and the congregation, were able to keep our Stewardship promises in 2010. We pray we are blessed with the same dedication and discipline in our pledging and giving this year as we were able to achieve last year, so that this time in 2012 we can humbly say to ourselves, "We kept the Faith, with God's help."

Souper Bowl of Caring – Pre-game!

Who will you root for on February 6th, the Steelers or the Packers? The Service Ministry is hoping that before you settle down for the long-winter's game next week, you'll gear up for our annual *Souper Bowl of Caring*. This year's recipient is **Helping Hungry Kids**, which is committed to providing food for 100 local kids every weekend for the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you from *The Service Ministry ... putting your faith to work.*



Connections for Hope – Free Financial Counseling

Despite signs of prosperity in Northern Virginia, there are always those among us who suffer quietly at home, either with bills, their mortgage/rent, or debt. Connections for Hope in Herndon is offering free financial counseling for those bearing such burdens. Snack and childcare are provided, and each family receives one gift card. Connections for Hope, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Suite 103 Herndon, Virginia 20171. Every fourth Tuesday of the month, from February—July 2011 (2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28, 7/26) from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Registration Required: email or call carolinachavez@helpingchildrenworldwide.org or 703-956-6722

A Broken World

With more trouble occurring across the world on a daily basis, Tunisia and Egypt being the most recent, we can't help but remember those who are suffering. Even though it goes without saying, we should keep ALL nations who are experiencing turmoil in our prayers. Not everyone has a peaceful and supportive home that we are blessed to have at St. Timothy's.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33



Open Arms Q&A

Starting this month, The Word will feature an Open Arms Q&A column addressing questions about the church. You may drop your questions in the Question Box located on the wall outside the Sanctuary, below the photos of the Bishops. The members of Open Arms wish to apologize for the period of time during which questions were not answered - a malfunction with the Question Box lock left us unable to open the box! However, we look forward to answering more of your question in the coming months.

Q: Why do we have cloth hanging from the ceiling in the sanctuary?

We call the cloth triangles our "sails." They were sewn for the Sanctuary by three ladies of St. Timothy's at the time of construction: Joan Bayfield (late wife of then-rector Ralph Bayfield), Anne Crocker, and Carolyn Reighley. The 12 sails represent the 12 apostles. Additionally, the Sanctuary was designed with stripes of colored paint on the floor behind the low walls. This was so light shining through the windows could reflect off the painted floor creating a sunrise/sunset effect. The shape and orientation of the sails provides the "sky," radiating beams from the altar. The sails are made of fiberglass, a material researched with the help of DuPont and chosen for its non-yellowing and fireproof properties. The sails have been removed only once for cleaning, when they became mildewed due to a problem with the church HVAC system.

Thank you!

As the editor, I try to keep The Word an impersonal vehicle for the congregation's words and not my own; however, I want to say a personal thank you. Since Christmas I have been incapacitated with a herniated disk in my lower back. By the grace of God I have a wonderful husband, Steven, and family who rallied around me before and after my surgery. However, I would remiss if I didn't thank my St. Timothy's family. I received a beautiful shawl from the Shawl Ministry which kept me cozy as I waited for surgery and recovered afterwards. Hundreds of prayers went up and Shirley Ratliff drew up a roster of meal deliveries for my family, teaming up with my non-St. Tim's friends. Truly, nothing can be said to show you all the gratitude in my heart. "Thank you" seems insufficient, but it all I have to offer.

Helpful Links

www.awidercircle.org,

www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp

www.jsfreeclinic.org

www.restoninterfaith.org

www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83

: <http://leaderresources.org/j2a>

<http://www.stephenministries.org/>

Food Table Ministry

The Food Table Ministry is a recently formed ministry at St. Timothy's, created to address a growing need in our parish. Many hungry visitors come in to the church during the week in need of assistance. As their numbers have grown, the clergy and parish administrator have indentified a need for some volunteer assistance in directing these guests to the food pantry in the kitchen (for an immediate hot meal), handing out food cards they can use to purchase food on their own, as well as distributing bus tokens.

The days and times volunteer assistance is most needed is Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 10a.m. and 2Pp.m., although it would also be welcomed at any other time. Volunteers who speak Spanish would be an extra help, but the ability to speak Spanish is in no way a requirement. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed and appreciated. Suggested "shifts" are 10:00-12:00 and 12:00-2:00, but a shift of less than 2 hours is also completely acceptable; again, all donations of time for this ministry will be welcomed with open arms.

If we get enough volunteers, we are also hoping to schedule volunteer pairs for each shift, to assist each other with tasks as well as keep each other company when there are no visitors. Perhaps you already know of someone you'd like to pair up with!

Since these volunteers will be located at a table (hence, the name of the ministry!) just outside of the church office, a few other tasks

may be asked of them in addition to assisting the hungry visitors, such as signing for packages delivered and directing other visitors (for example, those coming to a twelve-step program meeting in the Upper Room) to where they are supposed to go, as the clergy and parish administrator could also very much use help with these tasks.

If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact Katie Mazza for more information: Katie Mazza katiemazza@yahoo.com (703) 421-3979

Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

*Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

Robert Frost (1923)

A glimpse at our family



Romans 12:5

... so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others

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Sundays

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

9:30 a.m.- Holy Eucharist,
Rite II

Children's Chapel

Godly Play, ages 3-9

(Nursery Care Available)

11:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist,
Rite II

Sunday School

Godly Play, ages 3-9

(Nursery Care Available)

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.- Holy Eucharist And
Healing Service

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. –5:00 a.m.

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

Friday, February 18, 2011

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.

Our Mission:

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

*Therefore, with God's help, We:
Open our doors to everyone,
open our hearts in worship,
open our eyes to the Spirit's gifts and
open our arms to embrace God's work.*

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