

## From the Rector: Joyfully Worship God

Our mission statement starts with the words, “As people of God, we joyfully worship God ...” It’s the first thing we do – worship – from which all our other ministries and missions flow. And our liturgy for worship has been, for the most part, remarkably consistent - we are Episcopalian after all! But this month our 140 year old Tracker organ will be methodically dismantled and shipped to an organ restoration company. It will take 14 months to complete the restoration and reinstallation. During these 14 months a hard surface will replace the Sanctuary carpet and the completely reconditioned organ will be raised and placed 2.5 feet forward so our music director and organist can actually see and direct the choir.

We have studied this from every conceivable angle for twelve years. We have interviewed many experts. Many parishioners, on the Organ Committee and the Vestry, have pored over this plan, and we’re convinced this is by far the best approach. The sound quality will be vastly improved and we will have a new organ for one-half to one-third the cost.

Our worship will sound different during this time. But, we will continue to worship joyfully, and we will continue to be inspired by our experience of the worship of God to fulfill the rest of our mission - to spread the Word of God’s love, treasure all people, and serve others everywhere. +

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## Diocese of Virginia Annual Council

by **Dianne Miller**  
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With a theme of “Working Together, Reaching Beyond”, the 220th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia was held in Richmond January 22 - 24. Following Bishop Shannon’s powerful pastoral address about spiritual wellness, we were once again treated to “Stories of the Diocese”. We heard awe-inspiring stories of the Holy Spirit at work in unique ways across our Diocese – a tapestry of multi-cultural multi-ethnic identity at St. Gabriel’s Leesburg; a food pantry project partnering girls from St. Catherine’s School (JK-12) with girls from Iqra Academy, a Muslim elementary school in Richmond; making a difference with those incarcerated through “Grace Inside” - a devoted prison chaplain ministry; five parishes in Region I taking Morning Prayer and warm greetings to local nurs-

ing and retirement homes in the Fredericksburg community; a Young Adult Ministry formed by three rural parishes in Fauquier County to build community through monthly dinners and free childcare; and a young lady from Winchester serving in the Young Adult Service Corp for two years to develop a music program in the Diocese of Haiti, among many others.

Bishop Susan provided an update on the Dayspring initiative, happily announcing that all litigation costs had been paid and that The Falls Church is the first Dayspring congregation to regain its financial independence. Bishop Ted gave an impassioned presentation about Shrine Mont camps and their increasing role as primary exposure of Diocesan youth to Christian and Episcopal teaching. Five workshops offered the opportunity to learn and engage in diverse

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# Mission Trip to Chapoteau—Part 3

by John Druitt

It's Tuesday morning, and our day has a packed schedule before we depart tomorrow to visit Wisnel in Leogane. At breakfast, we meet with Steven and Rachel from Clemson, who plan to come with us to the Centre de Formation Fritz Lafontant (CFFL) for our tour of the school that will help us build toilets in Chapoteau. To get there, we ride in a short school bus that claims to be the property of the Florida Rotary Club. Like us, it's a long way from home. CFFL is an agricultural and engineering vocational school that sponsors three classes of 25 students each. The school which is funded through multiple partnerships, including



classroom at CFFL

the Kellogg Foundation. School Director Reginald Cean starts our tour by highlighting five foundational pillars, including ethics. It becomes clear they are teaching everything from business strategy to morals here, way beyond the agenda for a traditional vocational school. Reginald shows us a spotlessly clean set of modern classrooms, chemistry labs for measuring soil content, and a computer lab. The chemistry lab has a wire rack with about forty beakers, flasks, bottles, and pipettes. Among these glass containers is an empty wine bottle. Everything here has another use.

Reginald leads us outside to the agricultural portion of the school. Courses are hands on, so students immediately implement what they learn in the classroom out here. The Caribbean sun is at its peak. Everything is green, and there is a dizzying array of crops including mangos, plantains, cabbages, okra, and other nurseries. He shows us the solar-powered cistern that provides 50 thousand gallons of water twice a day, and the fertilizer system that adds nutrients after the water leaves the cistern.

Steve is working with the sample bio-digester toilet here to learn how to repair a broken one in Cange. His wife Rachel, with a degree in Microbiology, explains the process of breaking down the waste to produce methane and fertilizer.

Reginald then shows us the peanut processing plant designed to create Nourimba, or nourishment bars. It is new, clean, and organized. We meet Fred in the mercifully air-condi-

tioned front office. He designed the plant and is operating the shelling machinery. Here again are spotless work places piled with stacks of peanut bags rising over our heads, each bag marked by farmer and date so that any issues can be traced back to the source.

Tuesday afternoon back at the compound, I buy the two bracelets I commissioned from Waile, a student here. He also has artwork, and Craig and I buy some prints. Haitian art has a distinctive island style, and some of the most stunning pictures are either highly colorful or in surprisingly simple shades of white and grey. Waile finally admits he is not the artist for all of these artworks, and that he might just have a few connections in Port au Prince who supply him.



John with Reginald Cean

After lunch Chris and Genevieve have arranged a meeting with Pastor Leneus Joseph, a Baptist minister who was a teacher in Cange and now has his own school nearby. He leads us out of the compound and up the steep street in



Cange. This is the first time we are out in a Haitian city on foot! We walk along the main road, dodging stalls, people, dogs, tied up chickens, and trucks. He shows us the Baptist church and then the LaPleade School down a ridiculously steep hill. I don't know how Melanie is keeping up as she is wearing thin sandals, and even SUVs would be challenged to navigate this slope. Leneus' school accepts those who can't go to Bon Sauveur. Many girls finish 6th grade and, once out of school, become pregnant. He takes them all in,

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# St. Tim's Serves Hypothermia Clients Sundays in March

St. Timothy's will be preparing and serving dinner for clients of the North County Hypothermia Shelter on the following Sundays in March.

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Sunday, March 29, 2015

Please sign up to provide a part of this meal or to volunteer to serve the meal. We created an online sign

up through Sign-Up Genius. Please visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baead2aa46-sttimothys> to sign up (only your name and email are needed to use Sign Up Genius) or contact Jill Norcross if you want her to register for you, [jillnorcross@verizon.net](mailto:jillnorcross@verizon.net) or 703-587-4098.

The dinner, enough for 40 adults, should be dropped off, ready to immediately serve, at the North County Hypothermia Shelter at 5:30 p.m.

,located in the North County Human Services bldg., 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston, just ¼ mile from the Embry Rucker Shelter and Reston Regional Library. Drive around to the back of the building and follow signs to the shelter.

This is a great service opportunity for your family, ministry and friends (18 years or older are only allowed at the shelter). Thanks in advance for your time, talent and generosity! +

## Preschool Registration

Registration for fall classes at St. Timothy's Pre-School begins on February 20 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. 28.

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. +

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topics from leadership to Tai Chi! We celebrated Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Church, enjoying not only the magnificent beauty of the church but the amazing sounds of the musicians and choir. We joyfully celebrated with the members of Emmanuel Rapidan as they were re-instated to parish status – a miraculous physical and financial recovery after devastating flooding of the Rapidan River.

We also tended to the routine business of Annual Council – electing members from both the Clerical Order and the Lay Order for the Standing Committee, Diocesan Missionary Society, Virginia Diocesan Homes, and Trustees of the Funds; receiving a report from the

Diocesan Treasurer; receiving reports of the various Diocesan Committees; and addressing Resolutions.

The four Resolutions brought before Council, "Accepting Our Duty of Care for God's Creation", "Name Change of Council to Convention", "Boy Scouts and LGBT Discrimination", and "Armenian Genocide" were all adopted. All five Courtesy Resolutions were adopted. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons, "Missions of a Theological Seminary" and "Implement R2" (changing the name of Council to Convention) were both adopted. The Diocesan budget was approved after considerable discussion; although the average parish pledge increased

1.5%, approximately 30 parishes (about 16%) had not yet made a 2015 pledge (St. Timothy's reduced its pledge to the Diocese this year) so reductions in several programs were necessary to produce a balanced budget.

The delegation from St. Timothy's included Rev. Leslie Chadwick among the 448 Canonically Resident Clergy Delegates, and Cheryl Brock, Carolyn Hamm and Sandy Wright among the 265 Lay Delegates. Diane Miller, a St. Timothy's Lay Delegate, had voting authority as President of Region V of the Diocese. Further information about the 220th Council may be found at [www.thediocese.net/Council/2015/](http://www.thediocese.net/Council/2015/) +

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even those that cannot pay tuition. We meet the Principal and other teachers, including a math teacher named Wisnel. I tell him we already know someone with that name. Wisnel laughs, telling me we will find more than two people with that name in Haiti. We learn that LaPleade also has not been able to pay their teachers, a now familiar story. I break the tension by asking them to explain why Haitians

use *bonsoir* (good night) starting in the early afternoon. The Principal explains that since they begin work at daybreak, anything after 1:00 is fair game for a good evening.

Later, Leneus shows us his home and tells us of his faith, and a serious threat on his brother's life. Leneus received a call from a friend in the United States. She told him she had a dream: God said to her that one of his brothers had something bad on his head and all the brothers needed to gather together. Leneus and his six brothers gathered to pray in the Baptist church here in

Cange. At the same time, at Leneus' brother's house in Port au Prince, men poisoned the dogs and tied up the women, looking to kill the brother. Leneus' brother fled to the U.S., and now lives in DC.

After our visit with Leneus we meet with Marie Flore and her daughter. Marie Flore's name is pronounced as one word, and she carries a dignity that matches her commitment to the community. She is born to it—her father, Père Fritz Lafontant, helped build Cange from the ground up along with Paul Farmer. We are treated to several presentations, including one that highlights how barren the compound was before Farmer and Lafontant started work. Under Marie Flore's direction, Zanmi Lasante now runs the compound, the church, an orphanage with 32 children, a program for the elderly, and a women's empowerment program to prevent "restavek". Restavek essentially means "stay with", and it's a form of indentured servitude and abuse for young girls who no longer have a home.

Marie Flore explains the new "district model" for schools in the Cange area, including St. Mathieu's. The plan is to aggregate the schools in the district, spanning almost 10,000 children. The new Haitian Minister of Education has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to pay teachers' salaries, including a year of back pay. Chil-

dren without means are supposed to start attending school. In Chapoteau and at other schools, Marie Flore wants to gradually extend schooling from 6th grade up to 9th grade, adding a grade each year. This new funding model may change the format of St. Timothy's educational support—if teachers are federated under the government and Zanmi Lasante. Payments have not started yet, and things change rapidly in Haiti. How can our funds best help going forward? It appears we will be working closely with the contacts we have made over the last year to chart the best course for the children of Chapoteau.

During this presentation a truly torrential Caribbean downpour starts—the first rain any of the team members have experienced in Haiti. We can hear a few young women shrieking and laughing as they are caught out-

side. It is raining so hard Victoria arranges for a car to drive us the 150 yards or so to View for dinner. In spite of the door to door service we are drenched as we run inside. The rain comes down so fast the downspouts of the neighboring buildings look like water traps in an Indiana Jones movie. At dinner Craig, Chris, and I compete on who can provide his pocket knife as bottle opener the fastest.

Because we are trapped in the same rainstorm, we are lucky enough to meet up with Earl Burch, who coordinates the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina's (EDUSC) efforts here, and Sikhumbuzo Vundla, who heads operations for the entire Diocese of Haiti. We talk about coordinating support, avoiding overlap, and achieving results for funds delivered. During the rainstorm, Earl tells us of the last days of Père Milor, the previous priest in Cange. Over the summer, 300 parents converged on him at Bon Sauveur and accused him of withholding some of the donated funds. In spite of Earl's endorsement of Père Milor in front of the group, Milor had to flee Cange for his life. With no priest in charge here, the major challenge now is accountability. EDUSC donates almost half a million dollars each year, and Earl explains how they have put in place an accounting system to manage all funds to Cange and the surrounding area. It seems like a good opportunity for partnership—as with many things on this trip, today we have been in the right place at the right time to meet the right people. +



walking with Pastor Leneus



meeting with Marie Flore in Cange

# Lenten Series

Join us Sunday nights during Lent to reflect on how God speaks to us through prayer. Each presentation can stand alone, so come to one, two, or as many events as you can!

**February 22 Guest Speaker Tara McCabe** presents “Living in Prayer through the Generations.” This kick-off event includes dinner in Henry Hall at 6:30 pm followed by the speaker from 7:15-8:30. Please RSVP to John Nixon at [jmixon@verizon.net](mailto:jmixon@verizon.net) or 703-437-0370 for the dinner.

**March 1 Rector Brad Rundlett** presents “The Practice of Centering Prayer” from 7-8:30 pm in the Narthex (Light snacks will be served).

**March 8 Associate Rector Leslie Chadwick** presents “Sabbath and the Holiness of Time” from 7-8:30 pm in the Narthex (Light snacks will be served).

**March 15 Seminarian Bryan Spoon** presents “Praying with Icons” from 7-8:30 pm in the Narthex (Light snacks will be served).

**March 22 Music Director Filippa Duke and St. Timothy’s Choir** present Choral Evensong (Corporate, Sung Prayer) from 5-6 PM followed by a reception in Henry Hall. +

## Did you Know?

The builder of our 1870 Tracker Pipe Organ, James D. Moore, lived in Worcester, Massachusetts for many years and in 1885 had his son, Walter D. Moore, join him in building pipe organs. St. Timothy’s organ is the only known example of his work remaining according to the Organ Historical Society. The William A. Johnson Organ Company of Westfield Massachusetts, which later became Johnson & Son Organ Company, a highly respected firm that built 860 pipe organs throughout the United States and in Canada and Bermuda, was the source of the pipework and case. St. Timothy’s is looking forward to starting the process of restoring and augmenting this historical instrument when the organ is removed the second week of February by J. Allen Farmer, Inc. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, our chosen builder/ restorer.

## Lenten Choral Evensong

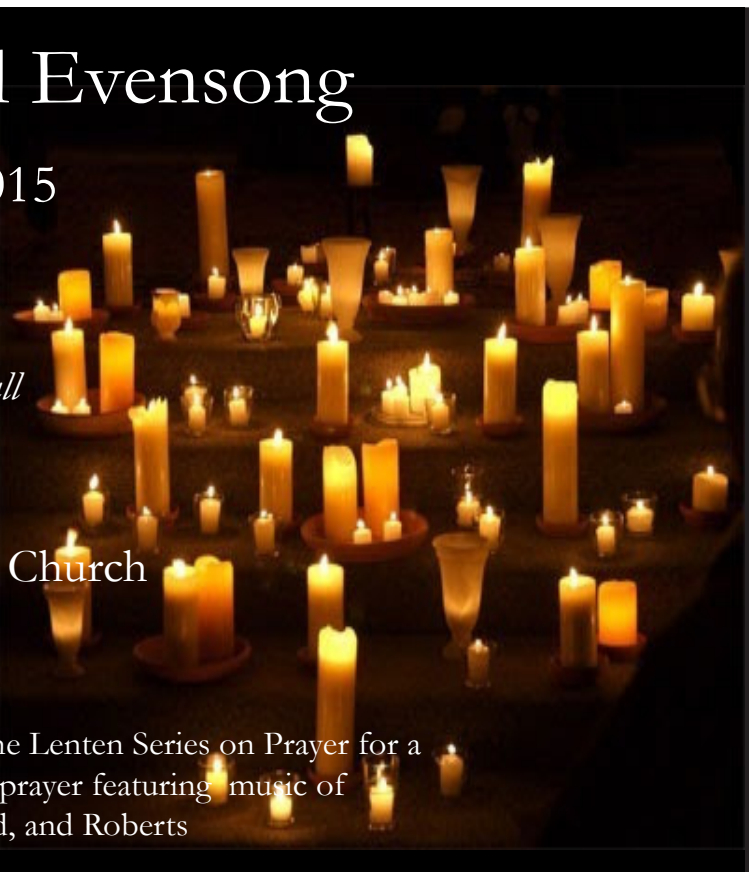
Sunday, March 22, 2015

5 o’clock in the evening

*Reception to follow in Henry Hall*

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church  
Herndon, Virginia

Join us for the final Sunday of the Lenten Series on Prayer for a service of corporate, sung prayer featuring music of Dyson, Barnard, and Roberts





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### Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, February 20, 2015

Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to [wordeditor@saint-timothys.org](mailto:wordeditor@saint-timothys.org) and put "The Word" in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited.

## Welcome, New Registered Members

*Rhonda Jenkins Oswald McGibbon  
Clara Diaz*

We have *many* active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years who are not registered members! Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's.

Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship except serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions (thus giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters).

To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley ([nikki.omalley@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

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## Service Times

### Sundays

8:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery Care

Godly Play, ages 3-8

SPARK+, 3-6th grades

Christian Ed, 6-8th grade

Christian Ed, 9-12th grade

11:00 am

Rite II Bi-lingual service

English-Espanol

Holy Communion

Godly Play, ages 3-8

### Wednesday

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and

Healing Service

### Saturday

7:00 P.M.

Oracion y Alabanza