

From the Rector: Looking Back, and Looking Ahead

When I came to St. Timothy's a little more than two decades it was very clear there was a lot to do. St. Timothy's was using a Septic Field that had completely failed and had to be pumped out every week. There was mildew all over the Sanctuary ceiling. There were major leaks into the electrical room. The Sanctuary carpet was mustard yellow, stained and torn in many places. The steel girders were bright blue. There was some very serious personal conflict. And the financial contributions were the very lowest I had ever seen, anywhere in my life.

But the Church was very active in the community and in the Church family. Faith was strong, and people were ready for change.

ing in the Sanctuary and Narthex. That was \$125,000.

Then we got serious. We wanted more space for Recovery meetings, our Preschool, Sunday school, and other programs. The designs were over budget so we made some cuts and committed ourselves to a \$1,200,000 renovation and expansion. This project took one year; our offices were in trailers. But the new St. Timothy's was open in January 2005. The courtyard was designed and constructed in six months.

It had been eleven years and two capital campaigns. Then our Organist, Dr. John Ackley, said "Brad, you need to get a new organ." I couldn't speak for a week.

Well, we raised the money for a new organ, but it wasn't anything like we imagined. New organ builders said "It will cost more to fix it than it will to replace it with a new organ." And I knew we would not achieve the goal our professional consultant declared we could. A new organ would be approximately \$500,000. We raised less than that. However, after twelve years of study we discovered organ restorers who could preserve the exterior, completely rebuild the interior, and we had the money in the bank! We changed older spotlights in the sanctuary to LEDs, replaced the big box speakers with better, smaller, in-wall speakers, got better microphones, and had the Sanctuary acoustics studied. And we were relieved to know we could improve the resonance to 1.5 to 2.0 seconds by replacing soft flooring with hard flooring.

Our old Tracker was disassembled last week and shipped to North Carolina where it will be painstakingly rebuilt in eleven to fourteen months. We will modify the flooring before the organ returns.

For twenty two years we have encouraged each other, prayed to and listened to God, donated money, had fund raisers, examined and re-examined what we could afford

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We raised \$70,000 to connect to the town sewage system. We took down "the sails" to repair and clean them (and putting them back was an all-night activity for a solid week). We put vents in the Sanctuary ceiling, cleaned the ceiling and applied an anti-fungal paint. We electrified the historical bell so it could be rung from inside the building. We added the stained glass behind the Altar, improved our sound system, and put new carpet-

Mission Trip to Chapoteau – Part 4: Leogane

by John Druitt

It's Wednesday morning, our last day in Haiti. We have finished the packed schedule of meetings and visits in the Central Plateau region, and we drive from Cange through Port au Prince on to Leogane to stay overnight with Père Wisnel. He's the reason we've adopted Chapoteau, a great source of information, and our friend.

There is great beauty in the Central Plateau but the hills look as dry as Southern California where they filmed MASH. Deforestation has taken its toll. Charcoal transport is now forbidden in a late attempt to stop the deforestation, but no industry replaces the income it generated or the fuel it provides.

In Port au Prince, sharply dressed children in school uniforms walk through abject poverty and filth. Another contrast as we navigate west in our SUV – as we pass concrete huts and mounds of trash on the road, our driver is playing Top 40 American music on the radio, including Avicii's "Wake Me Up When It's All Over". There is no real infrastructure here - even in the city. No real sewer systems or drainage systems exist. No trash collection either, so almost everyone just throws trash in the street until the piles are big enough to be burned.



Père Wisnel's compound is on an unpaved road and the SUV shakes so much it's hard to keep our seats. I don't know how these vehicles hold out – perhaps there's a business opportunity in selling replacement shocks.

It's great to see Père Wisnel. He greets us looking spotless in formal clerical attire. He shows us the church under repair, indicating it will be re-dedicated in December. The

earthquake damage is striking, but the new half of the church is going up quickly, as evidenced by the hundreds of yards of rebar in the driveway. Next to the church is a covered courtyard and 40 pews where the congregation gathers temporarily. Beyond the courtyard is the school – it looks neat and organized.



Père Wisnel lives in the building attached to the church. He shows us rooms upstairs. They connect with a second floor porch overlooking the church and the compound.

As the team starts to decompress from the long trip this morning, Craig and I decide to take a walk down the road we drove in on. We ask everyone we see "Kouman ou ye" - how are you? Big smiles in response from school children, people working in the fields, and women selling vegetables by the side of the road. We even get friendly honks from the motorcyclists in return for our waves. Only a few hundred feet down the road, we meet John and his family, including John Jr. He tells us he knows Père Wisnel well, and that Wisnel was a great help when their house fell down in the "trembly trembly".

Later we walk past a small cemetery with two above-ground mausoleums. We greet the owners of the house next door. I comment that their house seems big as it has a circular portico on the front. The husband proudly tells me it houses their nine kids. Later, I give away my last stick of beef jerky to a group of laborers that speak only Creole. Instant smiles. Melanie gives a curious boy named Jacob a power bar to eat. When Craig and I continue our walk in the other direction, Jacob and his brother follow us, mimicking marching with big steps. We meet a nine year old girl who agrees to pose for a picture. She and her younger

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Region Report to the Diocese: What's Going on in Region V

by Dianne Miller
Region V President

In 2014, Region V enjoyed greater collaboration among our nine parishes. We continued to seek opportunities to leverage the strengths and resources of our individual parishes to make an even greater impact in Northern Fairfax County. Highlights include:

Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Blessed with an extremely gifted and energetic Region Deacon, the Reverend Mary Beth Emerson, we had a very active youth ministry this year, featuring not only Christian formation activities and opportunities to seek and serve Christ in others, but also fellowship and great fun! This year, Rev. Mary Beth created an effective network among the youth leaders in our Region's parishes and led our Youth Delegate nomination process.

Strengthening our Congregations – Region V meetings actively engaged our delegates and provided opportunity to learn from each other - - what works in one parish that might assist another, or programs replicated in multiple parishes that might enjoy

greater impact as a region-wide initiative, and open invitations to events around our Region. External speakers and Diocesan representatives also sparked our imaginations and helped us identify ways to strengthen our congregations and our shared ministry.

Evangelism and Proclamation – With close proximity of our parishes, we sought creative ways to engage and serve God's people wherever they may be in our community – including at the Metro station and the local shopping mall! We continue to engage the ARISE Campus Ministry at George Mason University and provide modest financial support. Epiphany's inaugural Hypothermia Prevention Shelter during Christmas week was actively supported with volunteers and supplies from four other Region V parishes.

Multiculturalism and Ethnic Ministries – Region V is committed to the emerging Latino Ministry in Northern Fairfax County. In spite of the loss of the Rev. Natividad Menjivar, who initiated the program at St. Timothy's Herndon and later relocated outside the Diocese, the Region has continued to

provide financial support to the Latino Ministry in hope of greater momentum and expansion. We are blessed to also have St. Francis Korean congregation in our Region.

Mission Beyond Ourselves – A source of great pride is the annual youth mission trip to Dungannon. Over 60 youth from across the Region participated in this week-long service trip to one of the poorest areas in Virginia. Through strong collaboration among our parishes and youth leaders and financial support from the Region, this continues to be one of our flagship initiatives and a model of effective shared ministry. Most Region V parishes have active domestic and international mission programs; we continue to seek opportunities to leverage each other's successes and collaborate.

A priority for 2015 is to launch our "Region Life Committee", an initiative to discern our "shared mission" as a Region. With compelling visits in 2014 from Bishop Ted and Kirk Gibson, we will also be responding to the "Shout it from the Mountain" capital campaign for Shrine Mont Camps. +

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 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! +

Vestry Update

January giving: \$43,479

Monthly expenses: \$58,250

New 2015 monthly giving needed: \$59,481

At the January Vestry meeting, held February 2 due to weather delays, the Vestry adopted three vision statements for the year: Involvement – Every member of our parish uses his or her particular talents to support at least one mission or ministry; Growth – We warmly welcome newcomers and are growing in regular members across generations and cultures; and Outreach – Our missions and ministries are well known in the greater Herndon/Reston community, giving others opportunities to join us wherever we are called to serve. Details regarding how to achieve these visions will be discussed at the Vestry Ministry Leader meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am.

The Vestry also discussed processes for addressing annual budget adjustments for staff compensation. Members voted to create a budget line item for salary increases (unfunded) as part of the comprehensive strategy to be developed by the Finance Committee.

Please discuss any questions with a member of the vestry. The next vestry meeting is March 23 at 7:30 pm. +

**It's Winter Now, But
Spring Will Be Here
Before You Know It!**

**Youth Plant Sale
April 12**

tomato, pepper, lettuce plants



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... and also increased our missions and ministries quite extensively!

These two decades (+) have been an enormous challenge, and a great miracle. When our new Tracker organs returns we shall light up the sky with a grand celebration! And already you are on to new and very important service - creating a bi-lingual worshipping community. You are amazing!

It has been the greatest honor of my life to be on that journey with you. I thank you with all my heart for the faith, hope, love, and joy of these years. Never doubt what you can do in your service to God and the people of God.

With great joy and gratitude,
Fr. Brad +



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Souper Bowl of Caring Collection -Thank you!

Souper Bowl of Caring collection held on Super Bowl Sunday brought in \$805.91! This is a new record and another reflection of how generous our congregation is. Thank you for emptying your pockets of change and giving generously to this effort. This year the collection goes to the Food Table Ministry where it will go a long way to purchasing single-serving items. The Service Ministry...putting our faith to work. +

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brother are giggling and delighted to see themselves on my iPhone.

Meanwhile back at Wisnel's the rest of the team has met Lundi, a remarkable success story of St. Tim's involvement in Chapoteau. Lundi was one of the first children St. Timothy's began sponsoring back in 2010. Our help enabled her to finish school at St. Mathieu's, and Wisnel brought her to Leogane to live with his family so she can attend his secondary school!



In the early evening, beyond the church under construction, the women's choir sings unaccompanied with unearthly beauty, driven by simple but skillful harmonies. We head to the rooftop of the school at sunset. The setting sun creates silhouettes of palm trees against a backdrop of dark green mountains and red and orange clouds.

At dinner, we meet two seminarians working with Père Wisnel, Luke (also known as Leopold) and Herbert. Wisnel highlights the challenges the next Priest in Cange will face. The Lafontant dynasty has massive support but also some very vocal detractors, and it is difficult for any priest to make decisions independent of those influences.

Père Michelin - the Mission Team's host in 2011 - his wife Altagracia, and their 17 month old daughter Mia appear for a visit, having heard we are in town. Père Michelin now serves a church in Leogane. We talk about the concept of University loans, and how much doctors, nurses might make per month after school to pay them back. I've met Père Michelin once at St. Timothy's, but he and his wife make me feel like we've known them forever.

After dinner, Père Wisnel shares his favorite kompa music on his laptop and speakers. The artist is Daan Junior, the music evocative of islands and hope. Wisnel introduces the

newest team members to Crémas, a drink somewhat like eggnog and heavy on Haitian rum. Wisnel talks to me about Virginia Seminary, his focus on the Old Testament, and how he consoles those who have been stripped of everything. Eventually I ask him for his thoughts on voodoo. He tells me that just as there are good and bad people in the church, the same is true of voodoo. He points out there is much intent to heal, and that people should educate themselves before making a judgment.

Sleep does not come easily. It is hot at sea level, and although the roar of the gas generator shuts off around midnight, that means there's no power for fans. Thursday morning is rough. I'm up by 3:30 am, as is my roommate Craig. Staff start working on breakfast at 4:00 and rapid chopping sounds and banging of pots also travel upstairs. This early start turns out to be a blessing in disguise as we need to be on the road to the airport by 6:30.

The two hour trip to the airport is Port au Prince chaos. Wisnel knows the city like the back of his hand and takes us on a shortcut that leads through a warren of tire vendors, bed frame stores, beauty salons, vegetable stands, and repair shops. Everything is for sale. Faith is also evident everywhere, painted on signs, in the names of schools, and brightly illuminated on tap taps; "Merci Jesus" (Thank you Jesus), "Dieu le Seigneur" (God is our Lord). A man jumps on back of our truck for a ride and begins climbing forward. He offers to wash our windows when we come to a stop. A parting friend or lover has painted "adieu Christophe" on six subsequent jersey wall barriers near the airport, the repetition making the sentiment unmistakable.

I never expected to look forward to landing in Miami as a relief from the heat. How great to be completely out of my element. Each convenience we take for granted now seems a gift. Internet, hot water, air conditioning, gluten free or vegetarian food options, and secondary education are all privileges, not rights. With the information and new contacts we have gathered, we now have the chance to help the children of Chapoteau not just subsist, but thrive. As glad as I am to be home, I can't wait to go again. +



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!

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. +

Be a STAR to Get Involved

In the past, some congregants completed a Volunteer Coordination and Support Ministry (VoCoSuM) questionnaire volunteering to be a St. Tim’s STAR (Small Tasks are Rewarding) doing small tasks to aid St. Timothy’s ministries. As a STAR you are called upon to provide assistance as needed. If you cannot help when contacted—no worries, you will be called upon again in the future.

If you are new to St. Timothy’s, becoming a STAR is a fabulous vehicle to jumpstart your entry into volunteering—there is no long-term commitment and you can see if the volunteer task that you perform “fits” and if it is a task you would like to volunteer for again. Volunteering is a great way to get to know other people, and allows you to actively support the Vestry’s 2015 goals of Growth, Involvement, and Outreach.

Our Involvement goal is to have every person at St. Tim’s involved with at least one mission or ministry, using their talents in a way that is rewarding and fulfilling. Interested in getting involved or trying something new? Contact Nikki O’Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) to update or share your contact information and find out more. +

Lenten Choral Evensong

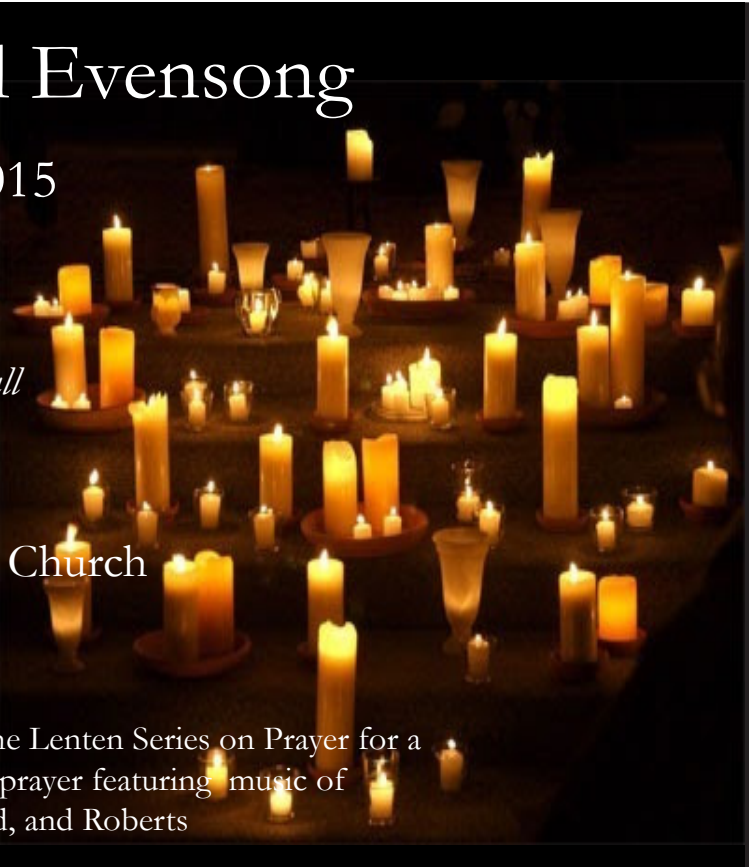
Sunday, March 22, 2015

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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Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to 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

Braden Edward Cimino

Andrew James Stuart

Danielle Jane Cimino

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) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: 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