

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

James Alexander Chadwick



The History Channel usually has some sort of “special” during Holy Week and Easter. This year it was about crucifixion. I only saw a small portion but it was illuminating: I did not know that crucifixions are carried out even now in Sudan. It is appalling.

While we celebrate Easter and enjoy the rejuvenation of the natural world, there is great suffering in the world, by natural disasters and human cruelty. We are extraordinarily privileged to live in relative peace and prosperity. And we must never forget our sisters and brothers who are in anguish. Before his death Jesus instructed his followers to love one another, and I believe he meant that to be active, not passive.

It is an honor to be part of St. Timothy's, a Christian community committed to helping our neighbors near and far. With our gifts we support Preschool children, Boy Scouts, adults who need help to become better parents, people afflicted with the disease of addiction, neighbors struggling to secure essential goods and services including food, shelter, clothing, and medical assistance; brides, grooms, and their guests; people mourning the death of loved ones, the Lakota people on the Pine Ridge Reservation, residents of Dungannon in Appalachia, people devastated by natural disasters, orphans in Honduras, the people of Sudan, abused women and children in this community, people who are unemployed, people in spiritual crisis, people with physical and mental disabilities, men and women studying to become ordained servants of the Church, and people in the Armed Forces around the globe who risk their lives for the cause of freedom and peace. Though the Church's professional staff, building, money, and members, we make the good news of Easter come alive.

I am very grateful for your faith and generosity. I thank God for letting me be part of this wonderful community. With all of the bad news in the world it is encouraging to witness the goodness of God's people in this Church. God bless you, my friends, and may our Savior's love and grace ever touch more people through your ministries.

~ Fr. Brad



Born: March 17, 2008  
Weight: 7 lbs. 9 oz.  
Length: 21 inches  
Proud Parents: Leslie & Jay Chadwick

*Our Associate Rector, Leslie Chadwick, is on maternity leave until June 18<sup>th</sup>.*

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### Scrip Sales

Among all of the ministries of St. Timothy's there is one that gets little notice. Every Sunday one of our members sits at a table in Henry Hall prepared to sell Giant or Shoppers Food Warehouse debit cards/scrip. Few people

know that these grocery chains sell the cards and scrip to us, and that we receive 5% back from them for our ministries and missions. You can buy, for example, \$100 worth of cards or scrip, with which you get \$100 worth of groceries. And St. Timothy's receives \$5.00 in return. What a deal!

If you shop at either of these grocery stores I encourage you to buy debit cards/scrip from St. Timothy's first, and know that you are supporting the Church's mission.

~ Fr. Brad

### The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic

First in Fairfax County – Best of Reston 2008  
The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Receives Recognition Award

“Since 2002 the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic has provided free medical services to the community thanks to the hard work of more than 150 volunteers. That steady dedication to providing free health care to residents in Reston, Herndon, Chantilly and Centreville has earned the clinic and its volunteers a 2008 Best of Reston.”

~ The Fairfax County Times- March 19, 2008

This fiscal year the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic has provided services for 261 children and 172 adults totaling 793 visits as of February 2008. Thank you, St. Timothy's for your support of the clinic and its work in the community. The Best of Reston award will be celebrated at a gala on April 24 at the Reston Hyatt. For tickets please contact Reston Interfaith. To make a financial donation to the clinic contact the executive director Meagan Ulrich at [ulrichmeagan@jsfreeclinic.org](mailto:ulrichmeagan@jsfreeclinic.org) or send to P.O. Box 5143 Herndon VA 20172-5143. For donations of meals, supplies or to volunteer your time during the day or evening contact Tricia Mussante at [freeclinicvols@aol.com](mailto:freeclinicvols@aol.com). Summer internship applications are now being accepted for anyone 15 yrs. or older.



### Community Vacation Bible School

You are invited to join St. Timothy's **Community Vacation Bible School**, taking place July 14-18 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon daily. Our theme this year will be **RAINFOREST ADVENTURE: A TREE TOP BIBLE BLAST!**

The **RAINFOREST ADVENTURE** will have your kids swinging into a canopy of fun! Everyone is sure to soar high into the Tree Tops for a faith filled exploration of a lifetime!

**Day 1:** We Share (Boaz Shares With Ruth, Ruth 2:1-17)

**Day 2:** We Give (Elijah Gives Food to 100 People, 2 Kings 4:42-44)

**Day 3:** We Grow (Parable of the Mustard Seed, Mark 4:30-32)

**Day 4:** We Love (Jesus the Vine, John 15:1-5, 7-17)

**Day 5:** We Praise (Jesus Enters Jerusalem, Mark 11:1-10)

To register for our Rainforest adventure, or to find out more information, call Rachel Wilkinson at 703-435-0798 or Liz Griffith at 703-318-6777.

### Vacation Bible School



### Stephen Ministry Caring Workshop

Stephen Ministers at Saint Timothy's are excited about joining Stephen Ministers at Herndon United Methodist Church (HUMC) and Trinity Presbyterian Church in hosting a half-day Stephen Series Caring Ministry

Workshop on Saturday, 26 April 2008 at HUMC, 701 Bennett Street, Herndon, VA 20170.

The workshop is intended to introduce churches to Stephen Ministry and to allow them to interact with current Stephen Ministry congregations. The workshop will feature three topics: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief, An Introduction to the Stephen Series System of Lay Caregiving, and How To Care in a Distinctively Christian Way.

Workshop participants will receive a sample of Stephen Ministry training and will go home with hands-on ministry skills that they can use immediately.

Feel free to invite your friends from other congregations. If you have questions about the workshop, call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600. Your friends from other congregations who wish to attend can register at [www.caringministry.org](http://www.caringministry.org). Saint Timothy's members who wish to attend should contact Jane Perry, [eperry2ster@gmail.com](mailto:eperry2ster@gmail.com), or call (703) 478-0032 by April 15.

Registration will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, and the workshop will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We continue to pray for our Newsletter Editor, Charlie Clattenburg, as he continues to heal from surgery and recover his strength. God be with you, Charlie!

### Going Once, Going Twice . . .

Here's a great way to have some fun and help brighten our church's financial future. Join us for the St. Timothy's Silent Auction, Saturday, April 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Hospitality Ministry and will be held in Henry Hall.



Bring family and friends for food and fellowship, as you peruse the wide range of this year's goods and services up for bid. The members of the church's Hospitality Ministry have outdone themselves, offering deluxe accommodations at a time-share villa in sunny Marco Island, Fla., December 5-12 (the villa sleeps up to six people and has a beautiful view of the Gulf of Mexico); an overnight stay at the venerable Red Fox Inn in historic Middleburg, Va.; and many other wonderful surprises.

The Hospitality Ministry will serve wine and cheese (pending approval) for a nominal fee, as well as other

delicious treats, and all proceeds will go to St. Timothy's.

Numerous area businesses including Illusions Hair Salon, the Nissan Pavilion, Pei Wei Asian Diner, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Herndon Florist have donated products and services to help keep St. Timothy's fiscally sound. Our music director, Peter Waggoner, is even contributing music lessons.

However, we still need additional donations. If you know anyone willing to contribute their time, talents, services, or products, please have them contact Beth Lumnitzer at (703) 262-0403.

So grab your check book and meet us in Henry Hall for the St. Timothy's Silent Auction, Saturday, April 19, for what's certain to be a great time. Who knows what you'll come home with?!

### Youth Events

April 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brunch at Virginia Kitchen
April 20	Taste of Scuba
May 4	Election of Officers
May 10	Officer Training at Hemlock (new and old officers)

### Stewardship of Creation Committee

The Committee began as the Commission on the Stewardship of Creation in August 1992 and was formed by Bishop Lee in response to a resolution passed at General Convention in 1991. The Diocese of Virginia was one of the first to create such a Committee focused on caring for God's Creation. The 1991 resolution called for Episcopalians to view environmental stewardship as a matter of the "highest urgency" and asked dioceses to develop committees and programs to help address threats to God's Creation. Shortly thereafter, the commission was "promoted" to full committee status as it was seen by the diocesan leadership to be an "on-going program of the Diocese of Virginia." (Thanks to Paul Conroy for this information!)

After the beginning of the Diocese of Virginia's Stewardship of Creation Committee in 1992, a seasonal committee newsletter began in April 1993 (now available on-line at <http://stewardshipofcreation.thediocese.net/>). Over the years, the Committee presented several successful resolutions calling for: increased attention to environmental hazards in churches and schools; a more active clergy role in emphasizing the connection between Christianity and care for the environment; open dialog on the scientific, economic, theological and ethical

aspects of environmental issues; increased ecumenical outreach and parish education on global change; increased energy conservation and use of renewable energy by parishes; and utilization of energy-efficient building materials and designs in new construction. (Thanks to Paul Conroy for this information!)

Over the years, the Diocese of Virginia's Stewardship of Creation Committee has looked for ways to expand its ministry and message to more and more congregations. The Diocese encouraged individual churches to create the volunteer role of "Steward of Creation" to help promote and educate parishes on environmental stewardship issues and the activities of the Committee. The Committee's efforts have also resulted in other churches outside of the Diocese creating similar roles. The first Diocesan conference on "religion and the environment" was held in 1994 at the Virginia Theological Seminary conference facilities. Conferences have been held most years since and have featured keynote speakers such as Bishop Lee and other theologians, NASA astronauts, lay environmentalists, and scientists. This (almost) annual event is part of the Committee's on-going effort to bring environmental issues to the attention of our parishes and missions. (Thanks to Paul Conroy for this information!)

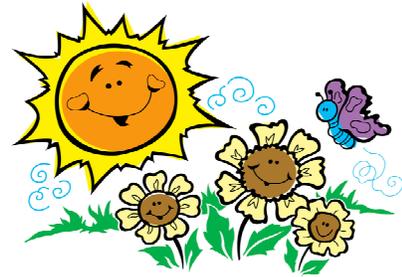
Over the years, the Diocese of Virginia's Stewardship of Creation Committee has sponsored projects throughout the Diocese in order to expand the ways we look at caring for God's Creation. Recent projects have included: creating a revolving loan fund to assist churches with costs related to improving energy efficiency; developing and advocating for a forest management plan to improve the stewardship of 1,000+ acres of church-owned forest; partnering with other faith groups to help establish Virginia Interfaith Power and Light; and launching a committee web site. For more information, contact Evelyn Wheeler at 703.941.3879 (or [ekwhlr64@verizon.net](mailto:ekwhlr64@verizon.net)) or your own St. Timothy's Steward of Creation, Craig Dubishar, at [wcdubi@cox.net](mailto:wcdubi@cox.net). Thanks be to God for all of St. Timothy's Stewards of Creation and all that you do to protect God's Creation.

## The Pre-School Page

Thinking about summer plans for your 4- and 5-year-olds yet? St. Timothy's Pre-School offers some wonderful programs to entertain



and educate the little ones! There are 3 two-week sessions (two in June and one in August), from either 9:30-Noon or 1:00-3:30 PM. This year's themes are Dinosaurs, The Circus, and Olympic Fun. Registration begins in mid-April; please call the office at (703) 437-4767 for details.



## Rebirth, Renewal, and Relevancy....

With Easter Sunday now behind us, there is an important question for us to ask about the resurrection of the Son of God: what is next for us? How, over two thousand years later, does the resurrection relate to us as members of Saint Timothy's in Herndon, Virginia?



Yes, the story we know about how the Christians fared...how it went from a persecuted small band of followers to a major religion of the world is known to us. But even in the much larger, more sophisticated world of today, we can still be in a minority. We as members of Saint Timothy's can provide the encouragement we all need to survive in a world not really interested in a tolerant community of fellow believers. While many do not see a tolerant community of faith as important, or a God that gave his only begotten Son to die for all of us as valid; for us it is right and salutary to be in fellowship supporting each other. The encouragement and fellowship we can give each other, the strength we can provide to each other to find our way on our individual walks of faith, that is important, and valuable.

We, the people of Saint Timothy's, as a tolerant community of faith, will be finding our own rebirth and renewal. Yes, change can be uncomfortable, but our God is a God of change. We as his children must also be receptive to that change, in all the forms that it brings to us. The ministries of Saint Timothy will be looking at each individual mission, and how to become a more proactive part in the ordinary lives of our members and the community around us. All members will be invited

to partake, and the ministries of our church will be asking you what you need to be a more active part of the community of faith. The Stewardship and Finance committees will sponsor dinners twice a year to update you on the challenges and mission accomplishments of your community of faith. A yearly emphasis on stewardship will culminate with a fall celebration as encouragement, not lecture. In essence, Saint Timothy's is discovering its relevancy anew.

If you are not active in the church community, do not let any lack of communication be taken as uncaring or indifference. The best of our intentions can go astray, so that we lose contact with each other to the point of not knowing each other. But even the prodigal son of the parable was welcomed home because he was so loved.

It is our desire that you will be a part of that new beginning, make inquiries where you can help, challenge when you are told no without reason or alternative, and start something new if there is merit. Discipleship is not easy, it is not cheap, but it has rewards that last far beyond our own limitations.

This will take time, lots of coordination, a sprinkle of humility, a dash of patience, but it will endure. All that is God's handiwork endures...Now and Forever, Amen.

~Stewardship Committee



**Kiss Me Kate**  
**Herndon High School Auditorium**  
**April 30, May 1, 2, & 3**  
**7 pm**

Come see our youth who are cast and crew in the Herndon High School spring musical.

Ethan Rundlett is Bill/ Lucentio  
 Tyler Andere is Paul  
 Elissa Hawkins is Stage Manager  
 Bevin McGibbon is Assistant Stage Manager.

Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate is a musical within a musical -- altogether appropriate, since its source material, Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew, was a play within a play.

The deadline for the May issue of "The WORD" is Thursday, April 17, 2008. Please send your articles to Carol Frost at [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).



**Ministry of the Month: Hospitality**

"Join us for refreshments..." Each Sunday morning during announcements, Father Brad warmly invites newcomers to join St. Timothy's family in Henry Hall after the service. Coffee hour is an opportunity to extend fellowship and community beyond the sanctuary, as an interim step back into the larger world. We connect with friends old and new, conduct church business, and catch up on news. Children (of all ages!) cheerfully grab a snack or beverage on the way to their next task.

Organizing coffee hour for the Sunday morning services is a major focus of the Hospitality Ministry. The ministry's mission is to provide opportunities throughout the year for all members of our church family to grow together socially while celebrating church events. The ministry seeks to create an inviting place and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. Hospitality is a wonderful, logical aspect of our larger mission and current stewardship initiative.

In addition to coffee hour, Hospitality joyfully organizes, hosts and supports a wide variety of special events. Examples include – but are not limited to – the Annual Meeting luncheon in January, Welcome Back Sunday in September, the Bishop's Luncheon, Christmas Eve dinner for clergy and choir, confirmation receptions, baby showers, and farewell parties. Hospitality inventories the kitchen and restocks the supplies (e.g., coffee, tea, cups, napkins, plates, utensils) necessary for all ministries to host events. Hospitality is also responsible for the water cooler in Henry Hall.

This year, the Hospitality Ministry is launching new, creative initiatives – such as St. Timothy's Silent Auction – to help stretch its budget (50% less than last year). Looking toward the future, the ministry hopes to

expand its membership, to get more people involved in hosting coffee hours, and to save for a new refrigerator.

Given this “full plate” of activities, I was amazed to discover that the Hospitality Ministry currently consists of its Chair, Beth Lumnitzer. As the Hospitality Ministry, Beth supports those who sign up to host coffee hour, and she quietly fills the gaps when no one volunteers. On behalf of the ministry, she takes the lead on special events such as the Annual Meeting luncheon. She supports other ministries when they host events that include refreshments. She assisted the Youth Group in hosting this year’s Palm Sunday-St. Patrick’s Day coffee hour. Marcia Andere frequently lends her talents to special events. Bill Sanger helps out by buying groceries. Hollis Colie serves as the Vestry Liaison.

Beth says, “I feel this is an important ministry because it brings everyone together every Sunday.”

In researching this article, I learned that hosting a coffee hour is easy. Finding people to sign up has been difficult. If you enjoy refreshments and have not yet been a host, please consider signing up! Groups and ministries may also sign up. Hosting coffee hour is an ideal opportunity to honor special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms), pay tribute to loved ones, share a favorite recipe, or simply take a turn. The sign-up sheets are in Henry Hall. Volunteers can also e-mail Carol Frost, Parish Administrator ([office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)). Pamphlets provide step-by-step instructions for first-timers – and Beth will be happy to assist. You can host coffee hour for a service and still attend that service.

In Beth’s words, “Your donation of time and talent is greatly appreciated. The Hospitality Ministry will support you in any way possible to make your hosting experience pleasant and rewarding.”

The Hospitality Ministry is actively seeking new members; meetings are few and very short. In addition, this ministry is a great fit for busy people in search of one-time tasks such as:

- Coffee hour immediately following the 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. Sunday service
- Luncheons and other special events
- Kitchen clean up
- Kitchen restocking, including donations of items for the “kitchen shower” each May.

Please consider if and how you can assist this vital ministry. For more information, contact Beth Lumnitzer (703-262-0403; [blumnitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:blumnitzer@yahoo.com)). Beth welcomes comments and suggestions about all aspects of the ministry.

I look forward to seeing you in Henry Hall, after the service. Perhaps we can have a cup of coffee together!

– Lael Lyons, Communications Ministry



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*The concept of hospitality is deeply rooted in scripture and in our language. The word comes from the Greek philoxenia (“love of strangers”) or xenia (“ritualized-friendship”) and the Latin hospitalitas (from hospes, referring to the hosting of guests or travelers). The meaning has remained basically unchanged since Middle English times when pilgrims and travelers were offered shelter to stay or to be entertained. The words hospital and hospice derive from the same roots.*



### Saints Alive.....

This is your opportunity to recognize “saints of God, patient and brave and true” – those joyous saints among us at St. Timothy’s. You know them – the “saint” who went the extra mile in support of one of our ministries or the “saint” who quietly did the task no one else wanted to do. We are blessed at St. Timothy’s with many wonderful servant-leaders who daily give of their talents and time. Let’s celebrate them! It’s simple—nominate your “saint” by emailing Carol Frost ([office@saint-timothy’s.org](mailto:office@saint-timothy’s.org)) with the name of the person and one or two sentences on your saint’s deeds. Your name will not be published. That’s part of the fun—you get to be the unknown angel that recognizes saints alive. Who knows? You may be one, too.

*We recognize Beth and Peter Hwoschinsky for cleaning up the grounds around St. Timothy’s. They came many different days, and in all kinds of weather – including weather that was cold enough for ice to be on one of the heating/ac units outside! Yes, they were the ones who discovered that, so we could fix it and pay less for our utilities! Take a look around the next time you come to church and notice the plants that are trimmed and the trash that has been picked up. Thank you, Beth and Peter!*

**St. Timothy’s Music  
Ministry**



## Calendar for April

Sunday April 20, Evensong Rehearsal in Sanctuary,  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## Calendar for May

Sunday May 4, Evensong Rehearsal in Sanctuary,  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sunday May 4, VOCE Concert in Sanctuary,  
4:00 p.m.

\*\*\* Reception to follow in Henry

Hall

Sunday May 18, Choral Evensong for Trinity  
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Reception to follow in Henry

Hall

## Updates from the Music Ministry

Spring has arrived, Easter is here, and the end of our choir season is upon us. Our four choirs have had an exciting year full of new events and great music.

On Sunday May 11, the Jubilate Choir will receive medals worn on light blue ribbons to recognize their completion of the first level of the Voice for Life training program by the Royal School of Church Music. It is our hope to begin a fundraiser next September for new choir robes so they can become a fully-outfitted choir!

We will begin our next season in September and plan to continue with the new events established this year, such as our Choir Retreat at the Cathedral College, which will take place on September 12-13, our Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day, which will take place on November 2, and our Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols, which will take place on December 21.

As we close out this season together, we invite you to come and join us for our remaining rehearsals and Sunday services. We are always welcoming new members into each choir and enjoy sharing our experience of worship and music with our congregation and community.



The **WORD**

*St. Timothy's Word* is published monthly and E-mailed to members and friends on the first day of each month. It also appears in full color on the website main page under "Downloads" the same day it is e-mailed. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify Carol Frost in the church office. Copies of the Word will also be available in the office for you to take home.

The deadline for submission of material

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