

## Got Church?

by the Rev. Brad Rundlett

A lot of people say they don't need Church; I do. In St. Timothy's I get the love and support I need to help me through the more difficult times, and the challenges to help me grow through the easier times. I am reminded of the basic principles that shape my life and hold me together. I know that I was created to worship the Creator of the universe, everyday as an individual and at least once a week with other members of this Christian community. In worship I express adoration and praise for God the Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier. I thank God for the innumerable blessings I receive every day and night. I acknowledge my failures, and offer my life to God. I pray for family, friends, and my neighbors on this planet who are in distress. And I pray finally that God will give me the grace to be the person God wants me to be. Worship keeps my head, heart, and spirit straight.

I am also called to serve God and God's people, which I do individually and corporately. There are several things I do (try to do) to help other people. Then there are things I do with other dedicated people. St. Timothy's has eighty recognized, coordinated ministries, including helping the poorest people in Northern Virginia; the poorest people in this state, the poorest people in this country, and the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere! I think this is remarkable. Being part of this Church, being a minister and missionary gives me purpose and fills me with joy.

And I recognize that I am called to be a faithful steward of the time, abilities, and financial resources I have been given. I am accountable to God and every person who lives on this earth. I have more than I need (which is not good for me) while millions of people have less than they need (which is obviously not good

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## Seminarian Updates

Unfortunately, Saint Timothy's has had to say goodbye to both of our seminarians: Terry Edwards and Aime Joseph Kimararungu, due to unforeseen family circumstances for both of them. Below are letters to the congregation from each of them.

*A letter from our Seminarian Aime Joseph Kimararungu, in Burundi:*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior. Hope everthing is going well on your side.

My wife is getting better but the Bishop has decided that I won't be back to school because of shortage of clergy after some were admitted to their retirement last month.

It was a sad news for me, but I have to accept it as it is. Thank you so much for the love and hospitality at Saint Timothy's. I hope you will keep in touch.

Keep us in your prayers  
Aime' Joseph

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# Sing a Song with Your Tax Refud?

Would you like to help with the project to buy a new pipe organ, improve the sanctuary, and endow a reserve fund but don't feel you can commit to a specific giving plan? As the April 17<sup>th</sup> IRS deadline approaches (you get two extra days this year) think how easy it would be to set aside even a portion of your tax refund to St. Timothy's "Gifts to Glorify the Lord." A lump sum gift to the campaign by way of an individual check is greatly appreciated and helps bring us closer to our goal of choosing an organ design and purchase. For more information, contact Gifts to Glorify the Lord Chairman, Randy Karn, at (703)402-0227 or email [randykarn@cox.net](mailto:randykarn@cox.net). +

## A Special Invitation from VoCoSuM

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by Jane Perry

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How truly blessed we are to be part of such a wonderful community of faith here at St. Timothy's! Of course, each of us have different stories and have experienced varied journeys getting here. And there are numerous reasons why each of us has chosen to be part of this particular congregation. Yet we all share a common bond of Christian community here.

As community members, we look forward to having so much available to us: inspiring worship services in a beautifully decorated Sanctuary, a lovely church building and grounds, quality Christian education for our children, a rich variety of Christian education offerings for adults, a remarkable program of fellowship and service for our young adults. We enjoy getting together at coffee hours, at fellowship meals, greeting and meeting newcomers and parishioners, working together on service projects that help neighbors nearby and in distant lands. And we aim to be available to each other when needed—a meal delivered during illness, a ride to the doctor's office, a listening and compassionate ear during a time of difficulty. The list of blessings goes on and on. Many volunteer hands go into helping to

make these things happen.

We give from our hearts not only within the walls of St. Timothy's. We make it our united mission to help serve some of the poorest in our local community of Herndon, in this state (Dungannon, VA), in this country (Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation), and in this hemisphere (Haiti). We offer our time and talents volunteering with a wide array of organizations and needs. And we are all supportive and encouraging through our prayers.

Clearly, all of this is crucial for the health and vitality of the parish. The Volunteer Coordination and Support Ministry (VoCoSuM) helps to raise awareness of opportunities for ministry, where every person can grow spiritually and further the missions of the community through the giving of time and individual gifts/talents. April 22<sup>nd</sup>—the end of National Volunteer Week—is a great time to celebrate this good news!

VoCoSuM, with the Stewardship Ministry and other ministries of the church, continues to encourage each member of the St. Tim's community to consider (or perhaps discover) his or her gifts/talents. How can you share your gifts/talents/interests and your time, as you feel comfortable,

to help further the mission of the St. Timothy's community?

If you don't know what opportunities exist or where you might best help, VoCoSuM may be able to help connect you to fulfilling ministry. Did you know that there are many ministry activities that require only a few hours (or maybe just an hour or two) once a month or less? Here's an easy and fast way to check out opportunities: access the St. Tim's website at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org) and click the "Getting Involved" tab. Here you can view a listing of the many ministries, groups and outreach available here. For a current listing of ministry "small task" needs, click "STARt Here to Volunteer." Or contact our STAR (Smaller Tasks are Rewarding) coordinator, Katie Mazza, at [katiemazza@yahoo.com](mailto:katiemazza@yahoo.com) for suggestions.

VoCoSuM invites you to a special celebration of our community of giving on April 22. Come enjoy delicious food at all coffee hours, list your volunteer activities on the volunteer banner, look over and complete a STAR form, and pick up a copy of the listing of ministries. If you don't usually participate in coffee hours, please ... take a moment to do so on that day. Let's celebrate together! +

# St. Timothy's Supports Reston Interfaith—You Can Help

By Shon Beury

You may have seen the donation box in Henry Hall and wondered, “Why are donations for Embry Rucker being solicited?” One reason is St. Timothy's has a long history of supporting Reston Interfaith, the source program of Embry Rucker. Traditionally, the congregation has provided meals for the Hypothermia program, participated in the annual Help the Homeless Walk, collected backpacks in August and provided Christmas gifts through the Angel Tree program. Volunteer participation and donations of time, talent and treasure are always quite generous.

This generosity is expressed in other ways too. In a three-year period, members of St. Tim's donated to Reston Interfaith in-kind gifts valued at over \$9,300. In that same period, cash donations were over \$5,000. This financial snapshot emphasizes the congregation's commitment to Reston Interfaith and your ongoing generosity.

In April, the Service Ministry has the privilege of again reaching out to Reston Interfaith on behalf of the congregation. A check for \$1,500 was recently presented to Embry Rucker Shelter as a contribution to a new dishwasher. The dishwasher replaces one that was broken and eliminates the need for daily use of disposable plates and utensils in feeding the seventy clients the shelter houses.

The Service Ministry Lenten mission is to encourage donations of bedding, coffee, cleaning products and trash bags, tarps, ponchos and umbrellas to meet immediate client needs. Donations will be collected through Easter Sunday, April 8. A sign-up sheet is located in Henry Hall.

The message from St. Timothy's congregation is loud and clear, “We care about Reston Interfaith”. The Service Ministry will continue to honor that message by working on your behalf to serve Reston Interfaith. If you want to learn more about the programs Reston Interfaith supports please visit, [www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org) or, contact a member of the Service Ministry. Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our community. +



## Hope for Haiti—Sign Up for Dinner with Wisnel

On May 13, from 5 - 8 pm, St. Timothy's will hold the Hope for Haiti Fundraising Dinner in Henry Hall. Our beloved former seminarian, Wisnel DeJardin will return with his friend Michelin Saint Louis to share with us their lives and renew our relationship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to speak at length with Wisnel and Michelin.

A cocktail hour will be followed by a traditional Haitian dinner of rice and beans (with stewed chicken and tomato and cucumber salad). Pere Wisnel and Pere Michelin will make a presentation after dinner. As Henry Hall has limited seating, please RSVP as soon as possible via eVite, here: [http://new.evite.com/#view\\_invite:eid=0108AAQZXGL24E7MMEPBJPJTVVYBEY](http://new.evite.com/#view_invite:eid=0108AAQZXGL24E7MMEPBJPJTVVYBEY)

Childcare will be available. Please join us for this opportunity to renew our friendship and find out more about how we can participate in the building of a “new Haiti”. +

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for them). I must simplify and share, and St. Timothy's helps me do this.

I respect people who say they don't need Church, but I suspect we have very different understandings of Church. I can survive without an organization like St. Timothy's, but I thrive because of St. Timothy's. I am very grateful that we honor the big life questions and don't pretend to have all the answers, that we “respect the dignity of every human being” and welcome everyone into this wonderful community. +

# Pledge Payments

Our Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Vestry have noticed that our pledge income has been running around 85% since the beginning of the year. In spite of the general economy, and until now, we have done very well with our general fund and capital campaign. We are very grateful for the good faith and generosity of our members. We thank God for you. So many wonderful things happen because you take your stewardship of God's blessings seriously.

If you are having trouble keeping up with your pledge, please let our Treasurer Rick Wilson, our clergy Rev. Leslie or Fr. Brad, or any member of our Vestry know so we can pray for you and make the necessary adjustments to our budget. If you are simply behind because you forgot to write a check or were out of town (etc.), please catch up as soon as you can. If you do not pledge and would like to, pledge cards are available—just ask Fr. Brad or Rev. Leslie.

We are dedicated to the mission God has given us, and we vow to be faithful stewards of your gifts and trust. Thank you for your support! With your help we will continue to help our poorest neighbors in this community, in this state, in this country, and in the Western Hemisphere. +

# What I Found at St. Timothy's

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by Marty Brady  
Vestry Liaison to Worship and Music

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I was raised southern Baptist and they typically baptize at what we would consider the age of confirmation. By the time I was an adolescent, my parents had become burned out by the ever greater demands of teaching Sunday school, helping with church music, etc. So they stopped attending church “cold turkey” and I did not get baptized.

When I got to be about 12 or 13, I felt the need to belong to a church family and understand the basis of my own family's Christian beliefs. So for awhile I walked down to the neighborhood Presbyterian Church by myself and attended both service and teen Sunday school alone. I even did a research paper on Islam and read about Hindu beliefs to sort through my thoughts and feelings about faith. Then as a young adult I was too busy (or felt I was) to attend church regularly, though I sampled a lot – Methodist, Catholic, Church of God and Presbyterian, to name a few. Over the years I grew to feel I understood my Christianity, but not necessarily how organized religion and a church fit into the picture.

But when my husband Sean and I started a family, we both felt very strongly that we wanted a church home and a Christian community to support us as we tried to raise

our girls with moral and ethical beliefs. So we began to “shop churches” in the Herndon area. I won't list all that we visited ... but from the moment we entered St. Timothy's we felt at home. From the Newcomer Welcome dinner to the friendly Sunday school teachers to the shaking hands in the Peace to the thought-provoking sermons, St. Timothy's suited us perfectly.

So after the birth of our second child, I decided what I really wanted for my 36th birthday was to finally be baptized. Even though it was during the Lent season, Fr. Brad assured me that every Sunday is a celebration of God's love, so my baptism at that time of the year was allowed. On March 15, 1998 Fr. Brad baptized me and I was accepted graciously by the people of St. Timothy's as a late bloomer as heartily as they accept every baptized baby. Through all of you, I have learned what it means to belong to a church family and how a church home fits with my faith in God.

Our “girls” are now young ladies and we, as a family, have been through years of events with our family, our world and our church. During every crisis and every joy, this church and its people have been there for us... because that's what families do. And every time we walk in the door, it's like coming home and walking in grace with the people of God. +



# Congregation Q&A

## Q. I've heard the Episcopal Church called "Catholic Lite" - so what it is? Is it Catholic or Protestant?

A. Both. Neither. Either. Anglicanism is often referred to as a "bridge tradition" or, in Latin, "via media" (middle way). When the Church of England separated from Rome, it did not consider itself to be a "Protestant" tradition. The separation happened over disputes over authority in the church— While King Henry VIII's desire for an annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon was the straw that broke the camel's back, the trend toward separation from Rome had been building for quite some time in England, which had never fully embraced the rule of the papacy. Rather, Henry and the church saw it as a return to the original organization of the church, with local/national congregations organized under the rule of their own bishops. As the church evolved in England, certain elements of the Reformation (such as worship in the vernacular, an emphasis on Scriptural authority, and a broader view of what happens during the consecration of the Eucharist) became a part of its tradition. In an attempt to reconcile the views of the Reformers with the tradition of the Catholic Church, the Anglican tradition became a home for both. Thus you will find very traditional ("high church" or "Anglo-Catholic") parishes and very reformed ("low church" or Evangelical) parishes throughout the Anglican Communion. Most parishes probably fall in the middle of the two extremes.

*(With thanks to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in North Carolina)*

*Submit your questions to the Question Box hanging on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.*

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*A letter from our Seminarian Terry Edwards, in the Diocese of Southern Virginia:*

Dear Brad, Leslie, and People of St. Timothy's,

This is the letter that I did not want to write, because I am officially notifying you that I will not be returning to St. Timothy's. After family observations and my husband John's first test and first preliminary test results he did suffer hearing loss and he is exhibiting signs of memory loss. As you can imagine keeping on track of whether John is taking his medication is a challenge and no design of pill dispenser is sufficient if you have difficulty remembering.

I do want to thank the both of you, Brad and Leslie, and the St.

Timothy's family for the support you gave me during my short four-month stay. I learned so very much from working with you and you challenged me and stretched me in wonderful ways to promote my growth in ministry.

I have come to realize during John's illness the importance of balance in one's family and professional life. In the beginning of John's illness I did not ask God for grace, but instead ran around trying to "juggle" every situation until they all came crashing down. Once I took time away from school, got John's immediate health needs stabilized, I could see improvements in his health that allowed me to stop speeding down the highway to the emergency room in Norfolk. My being able to go home on the weekend is good for John's

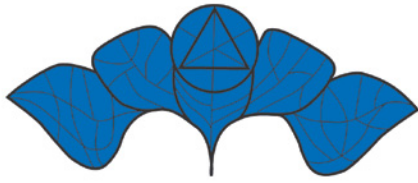
wellness and it certainly keeps me from living with a constant state of worry.

There are so many things I will take with me about ministry that I observed from your ministry team. Thank you Brad and Leslie and God's blessings upon St. Timothy's and the ministry and mission you provide to God's people. I would welcome correspondence from the congregation. They have taught me a lot about being in ministry with others. My e-mail is tedwards1@vts.edu

Terry Edwards

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St. Timothy's will have a new seminarian, Liz Tomlinson, for the 2012-2013 school year. She will begin her work with us in September. +



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### Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, April 27, 2012

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 for brevity or appropriateness.

## Becoming a Member

Welcome to these new members who have joined St. Timothy's in the past month:

*Robert Thomas Heleniak*

*Daniel Nicholas Greene*

*Alice Louise Dawson Greene*

*Laura Brooks Williams*

*Stephanie Kenis*

If you're a member, please pick up your membership card in the Narthex. If you don't have a card, check with Nikki O'Malley in the office on Wednesdays, or at [nikki.omalley@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com). To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, please contact Nikki or visit the website and 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

Godly Play, ages 3-9

Nursery Care

11:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday School

Godly Play, ages 3-9

Nursery Care

### **Wednesday**

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and  
Healing Service