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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

From the Rector: The Church is Us

The word "Church" comes from the Greek word ekklesia and it refers to the assembly of Christian people, not the building. The Church is us.

Our facility is a very important instrument for our mission of worship and service. And sometimes we forget this. When we think about electric bills, carpets, paint, plumbing, etc., we reduce the Church to a facility we pay of operate. It is important to remember that we provide space with lights, heat, cooling, bathrooms, etc. for people afflicted with addiction, people who need to learn better parenting skills, Boy Scouts, children learning music, Bible study, refuge for homeless and marginal neighbors, math tutoring, an outstanding Preschool, Tai Chi, groups of people making plans and creating programs for folks in Scott County (the poorest county in Virginia), The Pine Ridge Reservation (the poorest people in this country), and Haiti (the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere), and of course Sunday school classes, expert childcare, worship services, pastoral counseling, weddings, Baptisms, Confirmations, Funerals, training Seminarians, a Latino Prayer service, etc. St. Timothy's facility is a very important and well used instrument!

But we are not bricks and mortar, we are not doctrines and dogma, we are not a club to which everyone must belong or be sentenced to eternal pain. We are the Church; we are the Ekklesia. We are the heart and hands of Christ. We embody the Good News of God's love for all people. We practice compassion.

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Visitors from Haiti Scheduled for April, Haiti Agape Month

During the month of April the Service Ministry and Haiti Mission team will be talking about the needs of the children in the village of Chapateau, where we have been sponsoring 18 children for the past three years. Service will be collecting Agape donations for the school: St. Matthieu's.

April 6 kicks off the Agape fundraiser. The generosity of our congregation last year has allowed us to add two additional students to school, bringing the total of our sponsored children up to 20 children who would otherwise not go to school at all. In Haiti, all schooling is private. The cost to send a child to school for a year is \$400 - about half what most Americans pay for cable television in a year. That money buys two new, clean uniforms, new shoes, a backpack, books, tuition, and one meal a day. The difference in health and well-being between children who go to school and those who don't is tremendous.

On April 14, members of the Haiti Mission team will give a short presentation during the services about their trip. Additionally, the Godly Play and SPARK+ classes will hear special presentations about the children in Haiti.

Mark your calendars and plan to stay for brunch after church on April 21, when we will have the joy of hosting two Hai-

Company Chosen for Organ

Great news! The Gifts to Glorify the Lord committee recommended and the Vestry selected the A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company of Lithonia, Georgia to design, build and install a pipe organ for St. Timothy's. Here's the catch: We currently have over \$200,000 accrued in the fund, and pledges for ³/₄ of the pipe organ cost. In these tight economic times the Vestry will not sign the contract with only ³/₄ of the funding in place. The Schlueter Company has held the cost of their proposal for over a year but that will soon change.

Further, time is of the essence—Our musical director, Peter Waggoner, currently has a box of parts that have fallen off our organ, signalling that we have little time to waste. If you have not made a pledge or a donation to the organ fund, please join us now. We are so close to our goal of making this 10 year project come to a wonderful conclusion. Maybe you weren't here when we began; maybe you feared we would not be successful; maybe you worried the amount you could give was too small. Whatever the reason, if you haven't yet contributed, please take the time to do so now. Campaign envelopes are available in the Narthex. Finally, do you know where we might apply for a grant? Our church and musical ministry serves not just us but the whole community. You can be creative in ways to help us reach our goal. Remember, "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (II Corinthians 9:8) +

A Walk in the Woods: Shrine Mont

by John Perkinson

St. Timothy's parishioners look forward to the spring, and not just for the warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours. They know that the season hails the church's annual excursion to Shrine Mont for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and relaxation at the bucolic Episcopal Conference Center. This year's event is slated for May 3-5.

Situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains just a two-hour drive away, Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, Va., and offers something for the entire family. Shrine Mont Committee Chair Katie Mazza and members Cheryl Brock, Ella LaRe, Keith Stroud, and Jean Shepherd plan the weekend's activities, and coordinate fund raisers throughout the year to aid those who may need some financial assistance to participate.

The theme for this year's event is "A Study of World Religions," and several fun and informative activities are planned to explore this thoughtprovoking topic. A corresponding children's program will be available for younger church goers, overseen by Christine Hoyle. In addition, there will be lots of time to hike the beautiful trails and explore the little mountain hamlet where the conference center is located.

To learn more about this popular retreat, speak with a Shrine Mont Committee member or visit the Shrine Mont information table, located along the back wall of Henry Hall. There, you'll find brochures with details about logistics, activities, and costs. All you need to do is complete a registration form and drop it in the box along with your deposit. To see photos of the facility and learn more about this historic community, visit www.shrinemont. com. Commune with nature, enjoy time with your family, and get to better know some members of the St. Timothy's congregation. Sign up for this year's Shrine Mont spring weekend! +

Scouts Hold Winter Court of Honor

By Will McLauchlin, First Class Scout in troop 159

The Court of Honor Troop 159 had on Sunday, February 10, 2013, was quite exciting. There were rank advancements, merit badge awards, and other recognitions such as ranks in shooting, recruiting, and service stars. Thank you to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church for sponsoring our troop.

There were many rank advancements. John Foong advanced to Tenderfoot. Kieran Heare and Aidan Kropp-Sullivan advanced to 2nd class. Scott Browning advanced to 1st class. Cody Spencer, Peter Stluka, and Jordan Zainal advanced to Star Scout. And Jacob Savage and John McLellan advanced to Eagle Scouts. But we can never forget the great rank advancement of Vincent Woo to Scoutmaster. We now honor him and know that he will do a great job as Scoutmaster. We also thank Drew Mehan for all his years in being Scoutmaster to the troop. Thank you Mr. Mehan for all your guidance and support.

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Guest Preachers Scheduled During Associate's Sabbatical

During the Rev. Leslie Chadwick's seven week Sabbatical, St. Timothy's will have two guest preachers. The Rev. Dr. David J Schlafer will preach May 5, and the Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke will preach May 19.

The Rev. Dr. David J. Schlafer has taught philosophy, theology, and preaching at theological seminaries of several denominations in the United States (four of them Episcopalian). He has served as Sub-Dean for Academic Affairs at Nashotah House, Interim Director of Studies in the College of Preachers at Washington National Cathedral, and as faculty member and advisor at the D. Min. in Preaching Program of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools.

He currently works as an author, editor, preaching consultant, and conference leader, working with clergy, lay preachers, and sermon listeners in the US, Canada, and England. He served as editor for Sermons that Work for ten, has published eighteen books, and has been a friend of St. Timothy's for more than 15 years.

Ruthanna Hooke is the Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary. She received her A.B. degree summa cum laude from Harvard University, an M.A. in Performing Arts from Emerson College, an M.Div. degree summa cum laude from Yale Divinity School, and her Ph.D. in Theology from Yale University.

Dr. Hooke has recently published Transforming Preaching, a book that helps preachers more fully embody the Word that they preach. She serves as adjunct clergy at St. Thomas' Parish, Washington, DC., and leads workshops and retreats on performance and vocal training for clergy and parishes. She recently gave a presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature entitled "Performance as a Bridge between Interpretation and Proclamation," and was a keynote speaker at the 2008 Pennsylvania State Pastors' Conference. +

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There were also many merit badge awards. Scott Browning, Will McLauchlin, Cody Spencer, Peter Stluka and Jordan Zainal all earned their Citizenship in the Nation badges. John McLellan, Conor Mears, and Chris Showalter all earned their Family Life Badges. John also earned his Hiking, and Personal Fitness badges. Chris earned his Personal Fitness and Forestry badges too. The other scout who earned his Forestry was Jordan Zainal. Conor, Peter, and Misha Weber all earned their Citizenship in the Community badges. Stephen Soliday, Cody, Peter, and Jordan all earned their first aid badges. Jordan also earned his Astronomy and Rifle Shooting merit badges. We congratulate all of these scouts today for all their hard work to earn these badges.

There were some other recognitions too, including Rifle Shooting. The scouts who earned there Rifle Shooting for Winchester were Scott Browning, Brian Edner, Sam Fisher, Aidan Kropp-Sullivan, Will McLauchlin, John McLellan, Conor Mears, Chris Showalter, Stephen Soliday Cody Spencer, Misha Weber, Alex Woo, and Jordan Zainal. That's a lot of scouts! Misha and Alex also earned their Marksman and Pro-Marksman.

Of all the troop, Johnny Norton was recognized for Recruiting another scout to the troop.There were also many Service Stars. Luke Dawson, John Foong, Keiran Heare, Aidan Kropp-Sullivan, and Johnny Norton have all been with this troop for 1 year. Scott Browning, Sean Horne, Will McLauchlin, Stephan Soliday, Cody Spencer, and Jordan Zianal



have all been with this troop for 2 years. The only scout who has been with the troop for 3 years is Peter Stluka. The only scout who has been with the troop for 4 years is Sam Fisher. Daniel Arango, William Craun, John McLellan, Conor Mears, Matthew Savage, and Alex Woo have all been with this troop for 5 years. Justin Aukamp and Chris Showalter have both been with this troop for 6 years. The only scout who has been with the troop for 7 years is Misha Weber.

We congratulate all of these scouts today for their very hard work to earn these awards. We thank them for their responsibility to assist the troop and their courage to join it. May all the scouts be prepared! +

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tian priests: Pere Kesner, who is the priest in charge of the village of Chapateau, and his friend Pere Hyvenson Joseph. The brunch after the 11:00 am service in their honor will give everyone the chance to speak directly with these two English-speaking Haitian Priests about the country, and how we can help.

Our history with Haiti goes back to early 2009, when the Service Ministry began to search for outreach opportunities there. St. Tim's already had a strong mission to the poorest area of Virginia (Dungannon) and the poorest area in America (the Pine Ridge Reservation). Haiti is the poorest region in this hemisphere. By providence, that fall we welcomed Wisnel Dejardin, a seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary who did his field studies with us until his graduation. Wisnel was from Haiti. In January 2010 the earthquake that devastated his country brought grief to Wisnel, who lost a brother and a cousin. St. Tim's was, as always, very generous in donating for disaster relief, but Wisnel continued to work with Service regarding the village of Chapateau, where he grew up. The result was an initial commitment to educating 18 children for six years - through their graduation from the village Episcopal school of "St. Matthieus".

In 2011, the first mission team from St. Timothy's traveled to St. Mathieu's in Chapoteau. This team of six members, including Father Brad, learned much about the lives of the students and the extensive needs of both Chapoteau and other rural areas of Haiti. They also learned about the tremendous hope that education offers to children there for both an immediately better life in the form of clothing and food, and for the future. They also met the children's parents. Last year Pere Kesner Gracia became the priest in charge of Chapoteau, and the Mission Team returned to meet him and pay another visit to our students and their families.

This year, because the congregation has been exceptionally generous, we are able to add two more students to our commitment. Additionally, after talking with the school's director for several years and receiving detailed estimates and plans for building projects that would improve the lives of the students, we have decided to collect donations for the construction of a school kitchen.

To sponsor a child to go to school, please make checks payable to St. Timothy's and write "Haiti School" on the memo line. If you would like to contribute to the building of a kitchen, write "Haiti Building" on the memo line. +

Why a kitchen?

During our first trip to Haiti in 2011, school director Renault showed us the foundation of a kitchen that had been started but never completed. Without a kitchen, women cook the children's daily meal of rice and beans outside, a situation that is impossible during the rainy season. The foundation is still sound, and we have received a detailed list of materials and costs necessary to complete the kitchen and other necessary improvements to the school.

To build a solid, tangible structure will not only provide immediate improvement to the daily lives of the women and children (ensuring year-round availability of a daily meal), it will be a tremendous sign of hope for our village.



Please consider what you could give - anything from a single concrete block to a door or window will help build up Chapateau.

64¢	\$8.33	\$24	\$33	\$150	\$350	
concrete block,	bag of cement,	bag of sand,	sheet of steel,	door,	window	
1500 needed	700 needed	90 needed	90 needed	3 needed	4 needed	

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Thanks to Hypothermia Volunteers

Thank you to the many wonderful individuals and families who prepared and served dinner to the North County Hypothermia Shelter this winter. St. Timothy's was responsible for providing four dinner meals to about 40 adults each night on consecutive Sundays this season. Many thanks go to the Hartges, Sheri Bobko, Erin Owens, the Wrights, Jill Koenig, the Hedley Dodds, Dianna Traub, the Hamms, Shon Beury, Judy Conroy, the Norcrosses, Bonnie Bunting, Kerrie Wilson, and Kate Bunting. Also thanks to all those who offered to help—we had more volunteers than we needed!

The Hypothermia Shelter closed for the season on March 31. However, the Embry Rucker Shelter is in need of food donations throughout the year. If you are interested in feeding our neighbors, please contact Nate King at nate.king@restoninterfaith.org. This winter, Fairfax County was pleased to join the 100K Homes Campaign, a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for 100,000 of the country's most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families. To learn more about homelessness in our community and this exciting campaign, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/100khomes-campaign/100k-homescampaign.htm. 🕇

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The Word is published monthly and emailed to members and friends on the first weekday of each month. It also appears on the website (www.saint-timothys.org). If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify Keith Nelson Stroud in the church office (keith@saint-timothys.org). Copies of The Word are also available in the office.

Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, April 26, 2013

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

Welcome, New Registered Members

Welcome to those who have joined, been confirmed, or transferred their membership in the past month:

Margaret Lee Hamm Ana Leigh Mears

We have *many* active congregants who have been attending St. Timothy's for many years who are not officially registered members. If you requested a membership transfer prior to 2005, the request might not have been processed. Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has on record, 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 & 11 a.m. Eucharist, Rite II Godly Play, ages 3-8 SPARK+, 3-6th grades Nursery Care

9:45 am Journey to Adulthood Rite 13, 7-12th grades

Wednesday 12:15 P.M. Eucharist and Healing Service

Saturday 7:00 P.M. Latino Prayer Service