

From the Rector: The World is Changing

I want to commend all of you for your exemplary faith. We serve the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere (Haiti), the geographical United States (The Lakota), this state (Appalachia), and our closest neighbors in this community. We recently started fostering two services in Spanish—a prayer service on Saturday (7 - 9 pm) and a Eucharist on Sunday (4 - 6 pm). You support The Nurturing Parent Program and provide space (heat and AC) for twenty-five recovery meetings every week. You welcome everyone who comes to St. Timothy's. And you do a great deal more. You are good and faithful people, you inspire me and you give hope to more people than you can possibly realize. I pray that our mission to embrace all people as our neighbors, to serve our planetary kin who need food, shelter, medical attention, and education will continue for a very long time.

Meanwhile, the world is changing, and the Church is changing too. I just attended a meeting at St. James' in Leesburg; I was one of the few who spoke English. Almost

everyone there spoke Latin-American Spanish. In this country the Latin-American community is growing faster than any race or ethnic group. The United States has the second largest Latino population in the world. And in the near future they will out-number Caucasians.

They have a lot to share and teach us. They don't (in general) know very much about the Episcopal Church, but they are (in general) more faithful, attend Church more regularly, are more family-oriented, and are more responsive to The Episcopal Church than any other denomination. And they want the same things we do—work with dignity, a fair wage, good homes, quality medical care, good schools for their children, peace, and good neighbors. They are anxious to learn our language and customs, and they want to share their heritage with us.

The world, this country, and our community are changing.

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Welcome, Filippa Duke!

Sunday, March 30 was our new Music Director and Organist Filippa Duke's first service with us. Filippa official started on Monday, March 24, and has already held choir rehearsal and scheduled a resumed handbell rehearsal schedule.

Filippa is a native of Henderson, North Carolina, and has served St. Timothy's Episcopal Church as music director and organist since March 2014. She has also served churches in North Carolina, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee, most recently as Director of Music at Westport Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, and Choirmaster for the Solemn High Mass at Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS. She was also the Music Intern West End United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN.



A graduate of East Carolina University, Filippa earned a master's degrees in Organ Performance from Indiana University. She is in the final stages of completing a

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As of February 28
2014

gifts
to glorify
the Lord

	Balance	Goal
Pipe Organ	\$310,494	\$475,000
Reserve Fund*	\$ 63,310	\$100,000

*Some funds disbursed for HVAC equipment

Thank You from Jane Perry

I would like to thank the St. Tim's clergy, staff, and church family for your gracious support, and to express appreciation for all of the volunteer musicians who sang and played instruments at worship services between February 2 and March 23. During that time, in addition to the lovely choir voices, 10 singers and 7 instrumentalists volunteered their talents during services. It was a privilege and joy to be a part of this wonderful community, as volunteer interim organist during that time. In particular, I'd like to express special thanks to and appreciation for Les Johnson, who generously volunteered his time and considerable conducting talents with presentation of the choir anthems. Many thanks also go to Marty Brady for the countless tasks she has performed in support of the music program. And we are all very delighted to welcome Filippa as our Director of Music and Organist! +

Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont May 2-4

Are you tired of this long, cold, wet winter? Does a weekend in the mountains in springtime sound like a dream? Well dream no more, because it's time to go to Shrine Mont!

Mark your calendars for this wonderful time of renewal, rest, fun and laughter. You can spend time catching up with old friends and making new ones, rocking in a chair on the porch, or take a hike into the mountains. On Saturday morning adults can enjoy a study entitled, "Living a Christian Life" if you wish to broaden your spiritual mind, a fun program for the kids, or a chance to just sit and relax.

Another great opportunity during the weekend is a visit to the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the outdoor cathedral of the Diocese of Virginia, located on the grounds of Shrine Mont. The highlight of the weekend is the AMAZING TALENTLESS SHOW – a great opportunity to show everyone how talented (or untalented) you really are. Of course, as in years past, there is a rumor that the Halleluiah Honeys will again make an appearance.

Registration forms are now available in Henry Hall. The cost of the weekend (listed in the registration form) includes 6 meals and all linens. Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, VA in the beautiful Shenandoah Mountains -- less than 2 hours from Herndon. Join us for this great St. Tim's tradition, but sign up soon because space is limited! Place deposit checks (made out to Saint Timothy's) and forms in the "Shrine Mont" mailbox located outside the offices. For more information about Shrine Mont, visit to www.shrinemont.com. For more information about our weekend at Shrine Mont, Contact Cheryl Brock at 703-437-3968 or email charlieandmaggie@hotmail.com with questions. +

Chapoteau - An Opportunity to Learn

by Bob Henry

Contrary to the rote definition of learning that involves a piece of information in a lesson being retained and regurgitated on a test, for this discussion, learning is that which occurs when behavior changes. Moreover, teachers who have been teaching for some time know that they will learn more from their students than they will ever teach, and possibly more than they could ever learn otherwise. Such is the case with our mission work, especially if not exclusively in Chapoteau. As a congregation engaged in fulfilling the call to evangelism through mission and outreach, both locally and globally, the motivation is not to embody the epitome of the "Scooby-Doo do-gooder", but rather to engage the opportunity for learning about God and ourselves.

In supporting St. Matthieu's School in Chapoteau, Saint Timothy's has become aware that the number of efforts in progress to support the people living in the Cange area and Chapoteau may be too many to quantify. We also share an understanding with other groups working near Chapoteau that our efforts must

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Let Us Go Back

by Jill Cox

Stillness over water touched with
green, blue and gray,
Grass, green and brown, with small
touches of yellow and blue
Rocks, gray, brown, ochre, touched
with dark green lichen
All shades of nature burnt into our
souls and minds

A sudden sound, a ripple, a sigh of
wind, a rustle
A plip, a green watery swish against
those gray rocks
A chirp, a peep, a jump, a scuttle and a
whirr of wings.
All sounds of nature burnt into all our
senses.

On the blur of color and noise that is
our mundane life
Speed, clanking, clanging, hammering,
shouting, and beeping.
Roar of overhead engines following
the wind who knows where
Small sounds of humanity in multi-
hued colors
Going to destinations of their own
choosing.

Blue sky, multi-colored houses,
flowers of all hues and size
Trees green, yellow, large and small,
brown earth, red mulch and gray
paths.
Clothes white, blue, red, green, purple,
pink and black
The clash with nature is eye-watering
and ear-splitting
Let us go back. +

Voce: Brahms' Requiem with original four-hand piano arrangement

The concluding concert of our 25th year opens with our most recent commission, Matthew Harris' "i love you much". The remainder of the concert will be Brahms' masterwork, Ein deutsches Requiem, a work usually associated with large choirs and full orchestras. Brahms wrote a very fine four-hand piano accompaniment for his Requiem as a much smaller-scaled conception, for use in a house concert. It is our honor to present this work, not often heard, as chamber music, focused on the intimate beauty of choral

voices singing words of comfort and hope for the living.

Friday, April 4, 2014 at 8 pm
St. John Neumann Church, 11900
Lawyers Rd, Reston, VA 20191

Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 8 pm
Oakton United Methodist Church,
2951 Chain Bridge Rd, Oakton, VA
22124

Tickets: \$10 for all seats, general
admission +

Thank You, Hypothermia Shelter Volunteers in March

Thank you to the following volunteers who served dinners to hypothermia clients last month: Leslie Chadwick, Ralph & Kate Quarles, Service Ministry (Dianna Traub, Carolyn Hamm, Holly Hartge, Shon Beury), Catherine Michaels & Grady Lamb, Allison Hedley & Brian Dodd, Jill Koenig, Maria LaWalt, Judy Conroy, Paula Gershen, Elspeth & Tim McCormick, Bonnie Bunting, Kerrie Wilson, the Bumbarly Family and the Norcross Family. Thanks also to the many others who offered to volunteer, but who weren't needed due to the overwhelming response. St. Timothy's really stepped up during this incredible winter weather and the request for us to double our food quantities and volunteers, as Cornerstones accepted additional clients from another shelter that closed in mid-March. Thanks to all those who served—you truly made a difference in the lives of our neediest neighbors. If you are ever interested in providing bagged lunches or other meals for the unsheltered, Cornerstones and the Embry Rucker Shelter operate year round and accept food donations, please contact Nate King at nate.king@cornerstonesva.org for more information. +

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be identified, exposed, synchronized, enabled and related to our own work. Given a more coordinated approach, the information about all of the efforts can be communicated accurately, foster accountability and provide results orders of magnitude greater than the sum of isolated efforts. A grand milestone in learning will be achieved once this information sharing is occurring on a regular basis with quantifiable results.

Last month, representatives of Saint Timothy's Mission Team to Chapoteau and the Service Ministry attended a half day Symposium in Spartanburg, SC. We were invited to attend by the Bishop of the Diocese, after making contact with a mission team from the Diocese of Upper South Carolina while in Cange. Without having experienced and learned the value of direct engagement with stakeholders and contributors during our trip in November, our behavior would likely have been different. We know that God calls us to evangelism, outreach, mission; we have learned that our efforts must make a contribution at the same periodicity of endurance as those living and learning in the challenges of Haiti today (i.e., daily). As such, we planned our attendance and engaged the opportunity to obtain a plethora of additional facts that can support yet more learning.

At the Symposium, representatives of Clemson University explained their plans to contribute significant resources to track the activity between US-based organizations working with sponsoring organizations in Haiti. Other efforts are underway to significantly expand fish farming in Haiti, ironically to replace at an appropriate rate fish taken by those who have been taught to fish. Programs are being expanded to enable vocational students supported by scholarship to apprentice.

These programs have learned that a pay-it-forward approach multiplies the value of the education and creates accountability. The Diocese of Haiti now has a Chief Operating Officer to more closely oversee both internal affairs and global partnerships.

Personally, I see St. Matthieu's as both a physical and spiritual extension of Saint Timothy's. We know that Saint Timothy's enjoys an amazing outpouring of time, treasure and talent from our members. Every contribution matters – like the proverbial disturbance of air from a butterfly flapping its wings can impact the weather. Our ministry in Chapoteau provides a mechanism by which we can be exposed to similar issues confronting us locally in a context and environment that is vastly different. This dissonance enables a unity of purpose and provides perspective and focus beyond our so-called “first world” problems. We must continue to learn how to utilize our gifts in Chapoteau in response to – and according to – God's will and agenda.

Finally, I have recently become aware of the idea that humans tend to gravitate toward and focus on their own problems. As such, this suggests to me that our troubles, concerns, issues, all have, in a sense, gravity. Once engulfed in our own focus, it is easy to remain at rest within the pull of our own concerns. Our mission work in Chapoteau teaches us that we can learn to get up, almost in opposition, and never give in to remaining there. In other unoriginal speak, “Just do it.”

As members of St. Timothy's, our work in Chapoteau is an opposing force that teaches us to move away from our own small world of trials and concerns to join together as one body in a common effort to hear God's word, act in service to others, and to learn. +

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We can fear and fight the changes, we can try to hide from them, or we can accept them. I prefer to meet new best friends and neighbors, taste food and spices I haven't had before, learn another language, and maybe discover a new favorite music.

One of my favorite authors, Henri Nouwen, describes “Hospitality” as “creating a space in which another person can become who God wants her or him to be.” I think that hospitality is one of the hallmarks of St. Timothy's, and what Jesus meant when he said “love God and love your neighbor.” I see that every day in you, the people I am so very blessed to serve, and from whom I learn how I can be more like Christ. +

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Church Music with double emphases in organ and choral conducting from the University of Kansas. Her principal organ teachers have been Michael Bauer, Christopher Young, and Janette Fishell and she has studied choral conducting with Michael Bauer, Mariana Farah, Paul Tucker and Daniel Bara. She has performed organ recitals across the southeast and Midwest, most notably the National Cathedral and St. Philip's Cathedral in Atlanta, GA.

Please welcome her and introduce yourself! +

St. Tim's Charters Cub Scout Pack 156

by Chris Brock

Last month we welcomed the pack as St. Timothy's became their new Chartering Organization. We had four boys bridge over to Boy Scout in March. Also we have some new adult leaders in the pack. The outgoing Cubmaster is Steve Jancich and the new Cubmaster is Matt Lewis. The outgoing Committee Chairman is Zeina Zannelli and the new Committee Chairman is Jessica Martes. We want to thank Steve and Zeina for their excellent job in the outgoing positions and their willingness to help assist in the transition of the new leaders. We want to welcome and congratulate Matt and Jessica in their new roles with the pack. If you have any questions or want more information on Pack 156, please contact Chris Brock – email: Christopher.brock2@verizon.net or phone: 703-437-3968. +



Matt is on the left and Steve on the right in Cubmaster picture. Zeina is on the left and Jessica is on the right in the Chairman picture.

Final Lenten Series: Dr. Terrence Reynolds

The final session of our Lenten series on Ethics will be held next Sunday, April 6 from 7-8:30pm. We are honored to have Dr. Terrence Reynolds present our final discussions on ethics and our Christian life together. Dr. Reynolds is Associate Professor and Chair of the Theology Department at Georgetown University. He holds a BA from Queens College, a M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, a Th.M. from Princeton Seminary and a PhD. From Brown University. He is the author of *The Coherence of Life Without God Before God*, and the editor of *The Phenomenon of Religious Faith and Ethical Issues: Western Philosophical and Religious Perspectives*. Let's show our appreciation to him for being with us by providing him with an outstanding turnout! You won't want to miss this one! +

Q: David Schlaffer talked about the Gospel of John being different from the other three. How is it different?

A. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are known as the "Synoptic" Gospels, and share many common stories. Scholars believe they used some common sources. But John is different from the other three is structure, content, and theology (or "Christology").

In structure, John's Gospel starts with a prologue of sorts, and then moves into the Wedding at Cana and Cleansing of the Temple - a story that occurs near the end of Jesus's life in the other three. Rather than being organized chronologically, stories are grouped thematically. In content, about 92% of John's Gospel is unique material. The stories of Nicodemus, the wedding in Cana, the Samaritan woman, the "I AM" sayings, Raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus washing the disciples' feet, Jesus' appearance to Mary in the garden, Jesus' appearance on the lake and Peter's restoration, are all unique, and most of the stories in the Synoptics are not present in John at all. Additionally, in John, there is no Last Supper because the crucifixion happens on a different day (the day *before* Passover). John's Gospel is also the most highly Christological, portraying Jesus from the beginning as God incarnate.

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



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Registered Members

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 & 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

4:00 pm
Misa en Espanol

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

Saturday
7:00 P.M.
Oracion y Alabanza