



## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Remember

It wasn't very long ago that we Northern Virginians were up to our mid-sections in snow. It was beautiful. And it was a serious impediment to normal activity: schools closed, businesses shut down, and churches cancelled services. I recall looking out of the window of my home; watching my driveway, the road, sidewalk, bushes, and mailbox, disappear under growing mountains of frozen flakes. I thought I'd be shoveling snow forever!

When spring finally came – in all its soul stirring glory – I realized I had forgotten how beautiful this season is. I forgot how resplendent the daffodils and cherry blossoms are, how beautiful the birds sound, how intoxicatingly fragrant the hyacinths are, how magnificent creation is awakening from winter's icy doldrums.

In the frigid grip of winter, I forgot the life-giving wonder of spring. Forgetfulness is an undeniable feature of our nature. Time stands still when we are in pain, and we think the suffering will never end; we forget what it's like to be pain-free. Likewise when we are celebrating, having a wonderful time, we forget the work we have to do, the challenges we will later have to face. In the midst of one thing or another, our focus narrows. While one thing dominates our perspective, other things are forgotten.

It happens with faith too. In the midst of our overloaded schedules, the demands of life, we lose our connection to God; we forget the promises of God. It is inevitable. And that's why coming together every week to hear readings from the Bible, sing hymns, recite the Creed, and pray, is so important.

Hence, for me, "remember" is one of the most important and powerful words in our worship. We are reminded in our Holy Eucharist that Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said "Do this for the remembrance of me." He did likewise with the cup of wine. And this is more than an invitation to mental recollection. The Hebrew word, *zakhar*, and the Greek word, *anamnesis*, have meaning far beyond active memory. The Lord's Supper is not just a symbolic re-enactment of the Last Supper; it is a re-remembering, a re-gathering, a coming together of Jesus Christ and the people of God. Jesus said, "When two or three are gathered in my name, I

am there among them" [Matthew 18:20]. As we actively recall the things that Jesus said and did, he becomes present. In our worship we recall the truths and promises of our faith, and we are reunited with each other, with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Of course our Savior is with us whether we are aware of him or not (thanks be to God); Jesus promised, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" [Matthew 28:20]. It is important to realize, however, that we do forget God's promises of grace and redemption, and we lose our sense of His Presence – our connection with the source of life, the One who is life.

Thus, we come to Church to "re-member." In our worship together we renew our bonds with each other; with our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier.

-Fr. Brad

### Small Things with Love

Mother Theresa claimed that, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." On April 25, we had the privilege of hearing Tracey Herzer preach that we, as a congregation, are called to take small steps with the youth on their journey in their passage into adulthood and to celebrate what we learn about ourselves in community. We also had the pleasure of watching the actors in the Jeopardy skit highlight ministry needs for people willing to do "smaller tasks."

Everyone at St. Timothy's is busy. We live in Northern Virginia and have to deal with traffic, commutes, family obligations, work, and volunteering, not to mention events like graduations. However, busy people make time for things that are meaningful and rewarding. This month, take a few minutes to pray about which small ministry tasks at St. Tim's might feed your soul without adding more stress to your life. Pay attention to how you feel in thinking about the tasks: Where is there energy? What makes you tired?

Jesus demands our whole lives. All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. However, he does not pressure us to perform great miracles to transform our ministries into worldly successes. He claims, "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). Being faithful means being connected to the one

who gives us life, faith, and energy for the work He calls us to do.

May we, the people of St. Timothy's, give ourselves in great love to whatever small things we claim as "ours" to do. God will give the growth.

-Leslie

### Drive Out Poverty!

Join Five Talents International for the 7th annual [X-OUT Poverty Golf Classic](#) on Thursday, June 10, at [Westfields Golf Club](#) in Clifton, Va. This event will feature an 18-hole Captain's Choice with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Individuals can play for \$300 by signing up before May 15 (Save \$50!) All golfers will receive a round of golf with cart, range balls, special gift package, breakfast, lunch and awards reception. For more information, contact Laura Verinder, at [FiveTalentsEvents@FiveTalents.org](mailto:FiveTalentsEvents@FiveTalents.org) or (703) 242-6016 or visit [www.FiveTalents.org](http://www.FiveTalents.org).

### Jeopardi Returns to St. Tim's!

On April 25, we were treated to a fun "Jeopardi" skit during each of the services. Put on by the Volunteer Coordination and Support Ministry (VoCoSuM) and many helping hands, the skit illustrated our STAR initiative (Small Tasks are Rewarding) by showcasing several opportunities within our ministries where parishioners can help out with small tasks around the church. Survey forms were distributed before each service; listed was a collection of tasks, grouped by area of interest, recently solicited from all ministries at St. Tim's. Parishioners were asked to reflect on their talents and interests and to please indicate on the form any task(s) for which they would be willing to provide helping hands. VoCoSuM hopes to further the growth of the ministries at St. Tim's, and assist volunteers in finding meaningful and rewarding ways to contribute. If you were not able to attend a service on April 25th, we encourage you to step forward in faith and joy, and complete the survey form. Completed hard copies may be placed in the VoCoSuM mailbox outside of the offices. You can receive an electronic copy of the survey form by e-mailing Katie Mazza at [katiemazza@yahoo.com](mailto:katiemazza@yahoo.com). VoCoSuM sincerely thanks you in advance for your generous giving of time and talent to our church family.

### Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School 2010!

The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything are coming to St. Timothy's! Get ready for a super fun Veggie Tales VBS

from July 12-16. Registration forms will be available in Henry Hall and on the church website ([www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org)) beginning Sunday April 18th. Please turn them in with your payment to the VBS box in the narthex. Register soon; space is limited!



To learn more, or to volunteer for VBS, please contact Liz Griffith, VBS Director at 703-318-6777 or [lizgriff@yahoo.com](mailto:lizgriff@yahoo.com).

### The Breath of God?

The U.S. wind industry had its best year yet in 2009, with enough new generating capacity installed to power the state of Washington, according to a report the American Wind Energy Association. The nearly 10,000 megawatts of generating capacity added in 2009 expanded production of the nation's wind fleet by 39 percent, said the [report](#). Wind now rivals natural gas as the leading source of new electric generation in the U.S., with the two combining to account for 80 percent of the new capacity added in the U.S. last year. Current estimates conclude that wind generates about two percent of the country's electricity, and it is being counted on to help move the country away from traditional sources of fuel that contribute to global warming. Texas leads the country in wind generation with about three times the production of the next highest state, Iowa ("Is this Heaven?" "No, it's just Iowa"). After Iowa are California, Washington and Minnesota. Hey? Where's Virginia in all of this? E-mail your elected officials and encourage a greater use of alternative energy sources in Virginia (and, remember, there is no such thing as "clean" coal). (A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

### Thank You!

On behalf of the staff and the families of the pre-school, I wanted to express sincere appreciation to the volunteers who worked so hard this spring. Their efforts inside the building help to keep the facility safe and comfortable for so many people during the week.

In addition, the volunteers created a beautiful, colorful landscape surrounding the church. I know it gives great joy to everyone visiting the building. Thank you for the generous gift of your time.

With sincere thanks,  
Helen Guest



The first blossoms of the season were such a blessing; even the birds seemed to sigh a breath of relief after the bitter winds and snows . . .



### Red Cross CPR Training

The Standard First Aid, Adult/Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR class will be held **May 22, 2010 from 8 a.m to 5 p.m.**

### Tupperware® for Haiti

If you heard Reverend Laura Stanley's sermon on Sunday, March 14, you were probably as moved as I was hearing her account of the earthquake in Haiti. I would like to contribute to the fundraising to help in their recovery from the earthquake by coordinating a Tupperware® fundraiser. Profits will be donated to Episcopal Relief & Development [ <http://www.er-d.org/> ]

Tupperware® has a fundraising program with many unique products and colors you will not find in the regular product line. The fundraising program offers a 40% profit on purchases! I will also donate my personal profit from all sales. There are no shipping/handling charges (a 10% savings!) for the Tupperware® fundraiser program.

Please pick up a Tupperware® fundraising flyer and order form from a table in Henry Hall when you are at church next, and visit me in Henry Hall at a Tupperware display table after all 3 services on Sunday, May 9. You can check out many of the products in the flyer, ask questions and place your order. If attending church is not possible, I can e-mail you a copy of the flyer and order form so you can get started right away.

Orders will be picked up at church, but special arrangements can be made for delivery if necessary. Checks are the acceptable form of payment and should be made payable to me, Cindy Wei. Orders are due back to the Tupperware® box in Henry Hall no later than Sunday, May 23.

For each \$25 of Tupperware® orders you turn in (before sales tax), your name will be entered into a drawing to win a Surprise Bag of Tupperware® valued at \$100!! Turn in \$100 in orders and your name is entered 4 times!!

I'd appreciate your help and support for this important fundraiser. Feel free to share the flyer with friends, neighbors, coworkers and family to help increase sales; sharing the flyer will ultimately lead to higher sales and a higher donation.

Please call or email me with any questions you may have; (703)435-1937 or [cawei@cox.net](mailto:cawei@cox.net). Or visit my personal website <http://my.tupperware.com/CINDYWEI>.

### Boy Scout Highlights

In April some of the scouts in the troop started working on the Chemistry Merit Badge with Mr. Turner. One of our experiments was to fill a jar with copper sulfate and put a nail in it, then wait to see what would happen to the nail.

The older scouts helped some of the newer scouts with knots. We also played bucket ball during one of the Troop meetings.

### Spring Job Search!

The Job Search Networking Team will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month through June and then take a break until September. Please remember to share job opportunities you know of with Sue Van Meers, a career coach and facilitator of the St. Timothy's JSNT. She can be reached at (703) 867-1768.



## A New Twist on Eco-Travel?

The governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with federal agencies to develop a clean energy development strategy for the territory. The U.S. Virgin Islands hopes to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels by 60 percent within the next 15 years by developing its renewable energy resources. The MOU calls for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and federal agencies to work with the U.S. Virgin Islands to establish a renewable energy deployment strategy for the islands that includes transportation, electricity generation and transmission, energy efficiency, and tourism and industry, as well as a communications and public education campaign. Currently, the U.S. Virgin Islands rely entirely on fossil fuels to meet their energy demands. Not only do the islands have among the highest energy prices in the U.S., their economy is especially vulnerable to supply disruptions and price fluctuations. This new move could be a showcase of how to reduce one's reliance on fossil fuels. To all of us Stewards of Creation, this seems to be yet another reason to visit the USVI. (A Message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

### **New Registered Members**

The following individuals became registered members of St. Timothy's between late January and early March:

Carlos Alexander Schulenburg

Sam Jee-Hyuk Schulenburg

Registered members are baptized, confirmed, or received at this church or are baptized in another congregation and transfer their membership to St. Timothy's. Membership has its privileges: you can vote in St. Timothy's church elections, be elected a member of St. Timothy's Vestry, or register your child early for St. Timothy's fabulous preschool. If you would like to become a registered member of St. Timothy's, please complete and return a Membership Transfer Form (available in the church office) or the form can also be accessed at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

## African Team Ministry Sales

Thanks to all of you who purchased jewelry and crafts at the African Team Ministry sales in April. Over \$1400 was raised by you for this important cause! We helped churches in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda in their missions to fight AIDS.



The Service Ministry is grateful to VoCoSUM for helping find volunteers to work the sale. We are also grateful to Tim & Marie Lally, Ching Weedon, and Alison Cook for their time and talents at the tables. We could not have done any of this without you!

***The Service Ministry ... putting your faith to work!***



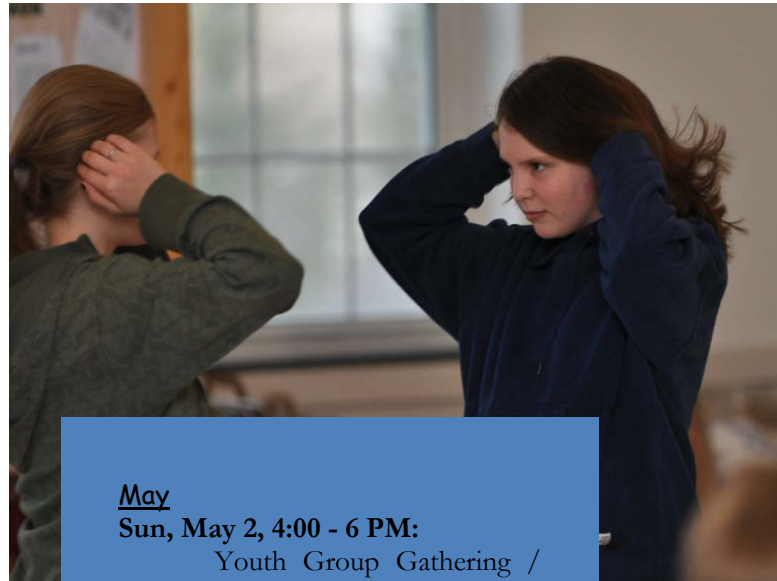
'For behold, the winter is past,  
The rain is over *and* gone.  
'The flowers have *already* appeared in the land;  
The time has arrived for pruning *the vines*,  
And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land.  
'The fig tree has ripened its figs,  
And the vines in blossom have given forth *their* fragrance.  
Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
And come along! "  
Song 2:11-13 (NASB)

# Youth Group Lock-In

March 26, 2010



Fun was had by all the night of the Youth Group lock-in. Eggs were stuffed for the Easter Egg Hunt, and antics ensued until the early hours.



## May

**Sun, May 2, 4:00 - 6 PM:**

Youth Group Gathering /  
Election of Officers

**Fri, May 7, 7:00 - 10 PM:**

First Friday Outing  
(officers/parents lead)

**Sun, May 9:**

Mother's Day

**Sat, May 15, 12:30- 2 PM:**

**Sun, May 16, 12:30- 2 PM:**

3rd Sunday Brunch

**Sat, May 22, all day:**

Hearts and Hammers  
Project (Keith Pinkard leads)

**Sun/Mon, May 30, 12:30- 2 PM:**



## Parish Clean up day - Thank you.

St. Timothy's Building and Grounds Ministry, its chairman, John Moone, and Vestry Liaison, Steve Page, would like to extend our most heartfelt thank you to all those wonderful individuals who gave freely of their time



and talents to make St. Tim's Parish Clean Up Day such a fun and successful day. We had over 55 volunteers who showed up with sharpened shovels, righteous rakes, wonderful wiping cloths, and eloquent elbow grease to help make St. Tim's glow both inside and outside. Thank you all so very much.

For those of you who couldn't make the Parish Clean Up day due to other commitments and who unfortunately missed out on all the fun, you can still help! If you'd like, you can make a donation to the Building and Grounds Ministry and please mark your check memo line "for B&G - Landscape Fund". Thank you for your glorious generosity.

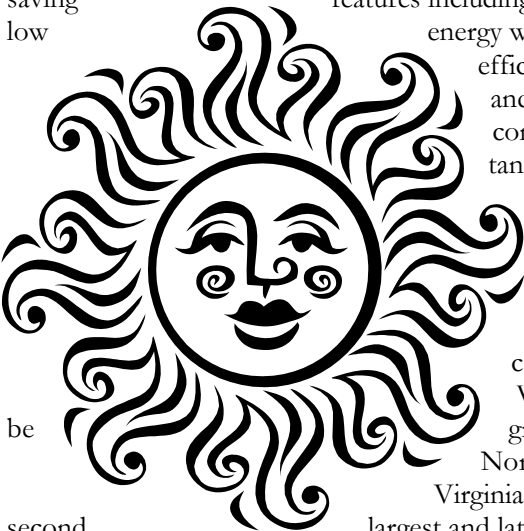
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glorious generosity"*



## Largest solar energy home community showcased in Southern California

The largest solar powered community in the U.S., with 384 units, completed its first phase and opened to the public in Santa Fe Springs, California. Named the Villages at Heritage Springs, the 50-acre community is now offering the first 18 single-family homes and 19 town homes for sale. All of the homes feature the latest in solar power and energy-efficient technology that is expected to reduce homeowners' power bills by up to 60 percent (hmm? Could this extra money be used to fuel (pun intended!) the many fantastic ministries and outreach programs at St. Timothy's??).

These homes also incorporate other energy saving features including dual pane low energy windows, high efficiency heating and air conditioning, tankless water heaters, energy efficient lighting and special cool roof tiles. Wouldn't it be great if Northern Virginia became the second largest and latest home community to showcase solar power! Just a thought from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation.



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*Psalm 104: 25-30 - There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.*



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St. Timothy's newsletter, The Word, is published monthly and emailed to members and friends on the first day of each month. It also appears in full color on the website (www.saint-timothys.org) home page under Downloads. 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.

The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Questions, articles, or ideas for The Word are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put 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.

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Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel (nursery care available)

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Christian Education (nursery care available)

Wednesdays

12:15 p.m.- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (and by appointment). Clergy are off on Fridays.

Upcoming Events

May 9 - Mother's Day

May 16 - Voce concert

May 22 - Red Cross CPR 8:00 am-5:00pm

May 24 - Vestry meeting 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

May 31 - Memorial Day