From the Rector: What Do You Expect?

This is God's Church, and your Church. God establishes the message and the mission; we use our gifts, we fulfill our role.

I invite you to review the Catechism in The Book of Common Prayer (pages 845 to 862). There's a lot of thoughtful and faithful information in it. Look, for example, on page 855 under the heading "The Mission." The ministry of the Bishop is to represent Christ and his

Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

The ministry of the priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.

The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

And the duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

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St. Timothy's Hosts Partners from Haiti

April 21 was a beautiful Spring day for the congregation to meet the priest in charge of St. Mathieu's school in Chapateau, Pere Kesner Gracia. Pere Kesner and his friend, Pere Hyvenson Joseph, from Florida, visited St. Tim's and shared news about life in Chapateau. Pere Kesner began serving at St. Mathieu's in the summer of 2012. Members of the Haiti mission team initially met Pere Kesner when they visited Chapateau in December 2012.

During April, the Service Ministry sponsored an Agape offering to raise funds for the students at St. Mathieu's and to establish a building fund to construct a kitchen for the school. The fundraiser culminated with a brunch on April 21 to

welcome Pere Kesner and Pere Hyvenson and thank the congregation for their continued support and generosity. To date, funds have been raised for ten of the twenty children we have committed to support, and nearly \$2,000 was raised toward the building project. Donations to these efforts can be made any time by writing a check to Saint Timothy's, and noting either "Haiti School" or "Haiti Building" on the memo line.

Pere Kesner shared news of the changes in Chapateau over the past year. Due to budget cuts by the non-profit Zamni Lasante, which runs the hospital in nearby Cange, many local villagers have lost their jobs at the hospital. Without those jobs, they are unable to send their

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Happy Birthday, Gifts to Glorify the Lord!

Happy Birthday Gifts to Glorify the Lord Campaign! Our Campaign to raise funds to replace our ailing organ and build up a reserve fund for future infrastructure expenditures is two years old. To celebrate, and kick off our last year of the campaign, come enjoy some birthday cake on Sunday, June 2nd, during the coffee hours in Henry Hall.

Saint Timothy's Gifts to Glorify the Lord Committee wants to thank all who have donated and supported the campaign over these first two years. We have raised over \$200,000 for the Pipe Organ Fund and over \$50,000 for the Reserve Fund.

As our Music Director Peter Wagonner demonstated on Sunday, our century-old pipe organ is literally falling apart,

piece by piece. We can no longer find parts or experts to repair it on a weekly basis, and we have selected an organ manufacturer to build a new one for our Sanctuary. Please consider becoming a part of this legacy to the church and to future generations of worshippers—make a donation with a check to St. Timothy's and "Organ Fund" on the memo line. Or, make a pledge: just \$650 from each family during the coming year will get us to our goal. We look forward to your continued help and a successful finish in 2014!

Watch the Video →

Find out more about the Capital Campaign: Gifts to Glorify the Lord →

When God Closes a Door ...

by Nikki O'Malley Vestry Representative

When God closes a door, he opens a window. When my son was about to graduate from High School in 2005, I felt the need for my voluntarism at his school was declining. I had taught Sunday School and sang in the choir at St. Tim's but those volunteer avenues had run their course for me. For several Sundays in early 2005, I read a blurb in the church bulletin asking for help in St. Tim's office. After prayerful consideration, prodding by my daughter and input from the rest of my family, I mentioned to Fr. Brad (while in the receiving line after services) that I could come in a couple hours every Wednesday. What began as a couple hours has become my "Wednesdays with St. Tim's". My concerns that I wouldn't be able to fulfill my commitment and that somehow I didn't know enough about St. Tim's and its mission were completely unfounded. With each week, I find new tasks that can be taken on. I've come to think of this as my mission. According to the Department of Labor, a volunteer is: an "individual who performs hours of service...for civic, charitable, or humanitarian reasons, without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered." I believe that a volunteer is "paid" three fold: you give back to God, you provide a service, and you reward yourself.

So, eight years and three Parish Administrators later, I still LOVE the time spent Wednesdays at St. Timothy's. Anyone who knows me well knows that on Wednesday I'm "church lady". I am simply one of the many congregants

who offer time and talent to St. Timothy's. What fills my heart the most is seeing how many people consider St. Timothy's their church home—whether they attend Sunday services or simply visit St. Tim's for a meeting, or to receive assistance.

In 2013, God opened yet another window. I was elected to serve on St. Timothy's Vestry. Every month my eyes are opened to how many ways St. Timothy's is a part of our congregants' lives as well as a part of the Herndon community. The Vestry thoughtfully considers every issue and delves into the financial, legal, and spiritual ramifications of every decision. I truly am honored to associate with each of the caring, giving, and knowledgeable individuals who serve on the Vestry.

Please consider opening a window to your spiritual journey by volunteering at St. Timothy's.

Are you new to the area, have children, are you newly retired, or widowed? Volunteering is a lovely way to meet new people. Have you often wanted to get involved but didn't know where/how to start? Do you have a gift or talent that you could share? Are you reticent to volunteer a large block of time? Please consider becoming a Super Star (where you will be called upon to do a single task on an "as needed" basis). I look at St. Tim's as a large Venn diagram. The circles overlap and you find that you have more in common with some of the other congregants than you could have ever imagined!

Herndon Senior Center Says Thank You for Lenten Outreach

Thank you to all who contributed to the Herndon Senior Center, the short-term Lenten Outreach spearheaded by the Service Ministry. The items were delivered the Monday after Easter and Holly Hartge gave a brief speech at the Center about St. Timothy's and the project. During the speech Holly mentioned that St. Timothy's is celebrating its 145th year.

Ruth Junkin, Director of the Herndon Senior Center, wrote to us to say: We really appreciate all the contributions. We have already planned a musical program using

some of the donated CDs. Folks are enjoying the magazines right now and our 2 crafty assistant managers have decided how to utilize the canvases for the arts program. Our Sr+ director is delighted by the planting materials. Her group will be seed starting all week! This is such a blessing for our seniors. I was tickled when Ms. Ruby said "that church is only 45 years older than me!" She was certainly listening and she is 100 years young!

Thank you St. Timothy congregation! Our seniors will be toasting you with decaf in the morning!

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The Catechism is a great check for people like us who tend to overfunction. It also helps us focus. Knowing our gifts and using them is the key. The work may be difficult but when we use our gifts we feel good; when we try to do things for which we are not gifted, we feel frustration, even pain. As my friend (The Rev.) Lloyd Edwards said "You wouldn't use a screwdriver to drive a nail into a board. It doesn't work. Likewise we should not try to do things God has not given us the gifts to do. We need to use the gifts we have."

But many of us are not sure what our gifts are. If you're aware of how you feel, you will feel a certain confidence, comfort, and joy when you are using your gifts. And the people who know you well can probably help you know what your gifts are; ask them. +

ST. TIM'S MUSIC MINISTRY NEARLY NEW FLEA MARKET

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Henry Hall & Church Grounds 432 Van Buren Street Herndon, VA 20170

Saturday, June 1st

10 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine

All proceeds go to the Pipe Organ Replacement Fund

Outside spaces are available for rent to the community – bring your own items to sell! Email sue.vanmeers@live.com

St. Tim's Music Ministry

NEARLY NEW FLEA MARKET

WE NEED DONATIONS THAT WILL SELL

Toys, Games, Small Appliances, Household Items, New or Gently Used Baby or Toddlers Clothes, Sports Equipment, Outdoor Equipment, Small Furniture

Please bring items to Henry Hall on Thursday, and Friday, May 30th and 31st Between 12 pm –2 pm and 4 pm - 7 pm

Call Sue Van Meers with questions 703 867 1768

No computers, computer equipment, old TVs

children to school. Additionally, Zamni Lasante also subsidized the salary for some teachers at St. Mathieu's. Those teachers are now working without pay. Chapateau also depends on the lake where it is located for food, jobs and transportation. Since the level of the lake has dropped significantly, fishing has been reduced and fewer people can make a living selling fish. These circumstances make it even more urgent that we continue our committment to sponsoring our children—going to school gives them clothes, meals, and a chance at a better future beyond their village.

Pere Kesner also shared why the kitchen project is a top priority for the school. As we knew, during the rainy season, the food is prepared outside in the mud, and there is no way to avoid getting the mud in the food. But even during the dry season, winds on the deforested mountain blow dust and dirt into the plates of food sitting in the open air. A kitchen will go

a long way towards increasing basic health and sanitation.

While the news Pere Kesner brought was not happy, it is encouraging to know how grateful the Chapateau families are for St. Timothy's friendship and commitment. In conversation and his presentations, Kesner mentioned several times how much it means to his congregation to have missionaries visit annually. Multiple times, he extended an invitation to St. Timothy's to visit in Cange and Chapateau and meet our partners. A 2013 mission trip is scheduled for November 9-14. If you are interested in joining the mission, please contact Father Brad.

Our friendship with Pere Kesner and the families in Chapateau is a blessing to all of us. Thank you to the volunteers and donors who made the Haiti Agape and brunch a success. The Service Ministry appreciates your generosity in putting your faith to work for Haiti. +







Top: Fr. Brad with Pere Kesner and Pere Hyvenson; Middle: Fr. Brad read the Gospel in English, Pere Kesner in French; Bottom: during a brunch reception the two priests answered questions

Red Cross First Aid & CPR Training

We will be offering an American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED course Saturday June 8, from 9 AM to 4 PM at the church. If you are interested please sign up in Henry Hall. Red Cross First Aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training meets the needs of workplace responders, professional rescuers school staffs, professional responders and healthcare providers, as well as the general public. Learn how to respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies in adults, children and infants including the use of automated external defibrillators (AED). Also, Learn how to respond to common first aid emergencies, including burns; cuts; head, neck and back injuries. If you have any questions please contact Kenneth Vierra at kenvierra@gmail.com.

May 11: Welcome Reception

Are you new(ish) to St. Timothy's? Join us on Saturday, May 11 in the Narthex at 4:30 pm for a Welcome Reception. Meet and get to know other people at St. Tim's in a casual atmosphere with snacks and drinks—kid friendly food is served, too! And, if you're not a newcomer, mark you calendar and join us to welcome our newer members.

News from The Rez: The Lakota Ministry

The St. Timothy's Lakota team would like to share with you news and information about the Pine Ridge Reservation where we travel each year to do God's work. The following are excerpts from the Pine Ridge Retreat Center Jan/Feb Newsletter authored by Pastor Karen Rupp and Ms. Meredith Harber (intern):

While we've had less retreat groups in these last two months, we've kept busy in the community with funerals, basketball games, the children's Sanctuary program and the sandwich ministry. Those of you who have visited us in the past are often asked about, even if you were only here for one week or a few days. Thank you for your dedication to God's people!

Cross-Cultural Immersion

This January, we hosted 18 students from four different seminaries across the country for a cross-cultural immersion program. We were happy to host such a fun group of bright leaders in the Church. Jen Southworth, a student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C., shares her thoughts on tiling the floor in the basement of the Pine Ridge Retreat Center:

"Today was a different kind of day. I learned how to tile a floor with peel & stick vinyl tiles. I got dirty and tired and frustrated and even a little bloody. I made mistakes, found some weaknesses, and felt accomplished at the end of the day. In the main recreation area, Karen decided she wanted to redo the floor. The carpet was old and gross and the kids who come here everyday deserve more. So she enlisted us to do it. The unskilled willing volunteers.

I'm loving these people. Today a small group of us started with 1,390 tiles and

the ugly brown carpet. Because mostly this room is used for kids, Karen wanted us to integrate games into the flooring. So we decided to do a chess/ checker board, hopscotch and four square. Menard's in Rapid City was not really prepared to meet our needs in terms of tile, so instead of buying just four colors, we ended up with seven. But we knew we'd make it work. So up came the carpet. And down went the tiles in the general pattern.

We had a speaker tonight named Will Peters – a NAMMY (the Native American Grammys) award winner and amazing prophetic speaker. He talked and sang with his daughter and grandson and I felt so lucky to be there for it today. He talked about remembering that we all have part of the spirit within us - I can't come close to making it sound as awesome as he did, but – and that we need to acknowledge that in ourselves and each other (making a special point of the children). Now, I've heard this before and it's just gone right through me, another piece of mumbo jumbo to weed through some other time. (Someone I love has described seminary as drinking from a fire hose. Try to get as much in without drowning.) This time, I think I heard it, and I want to believe."

WORK WANTED!

Often, our visitors find themselves asking, "How can I help?" As Americans, we often define 'help' as what we can fix or build. If you've ever visited with us at the Center before, you have likely participated in a "service project," where you work alongside community members to build or repair homes, porches or whatever needs some attention. As we move more and more into a model of "accompani-

ment," where we work alongside the community and even remove ourselves from the role of "helper," we can envision together a broader scope of "help", where we work beside one another. We often receive a knock at the door or a phone call asking if there's any work to be done. Community members want to work and want to help themselves. The staff at the PRRC do their best to come up with projects, but funding is often an issue. With this in mind, we invite you to consider making a financial contribution to the center to hire local people to do "service projects" on their own homes or the homes of their relatives. You can still help, but your support from a distance can nourish autonomy and pride in our own community here.

Wish List/List of Needs

We again thank all of the awesome donations of time, talents and money to the ministry that happens here at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center.

The following list is of Retreat Center/Community needs:

- Funding for: Twin mattresses,
 Leap Frog learning pads, Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship hymnals
- Gift certificates for Shell or Sinclair
- Monetary donations to support the staff and ministry at PRRC
- Funds to produce Retreat Center t-shirts
- Donations for community assistance (to help out with food and energy needs)

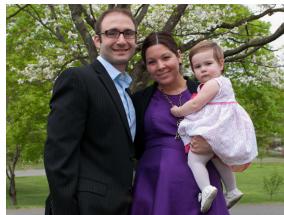
If you or your ministry would like to contribute to any of the PRRC wish list items, please contact Tina Pinkard by email or phone. Thank you for all your prayers and support for our ministry to the people of Pine Ridge! +

We Welcome the Newly Baptized

On April 15 Adira Grace Papp was baptized. Adira is the daughter of Stephanie and Mike.



On Spril 28, Harper Grace Keeman was baptized at the 9:30 am service by Fr. Brad. Harper is the daughter of Mandy and Dan.



Congregation Q&A

Q. Why aren't we hearing any Old Testament readings in church?

A. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary for Sunday readings. The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of weekly readings used to varying degrees by the vast majority of mainline Protestant churches in Canada and the U.S. It includes four lections for each Sunday. During most of the year, the lections are: a reading from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles (letters), and a Gospel reading. During the church season of Easter, which lasts 50 days (from Easter to Pentecost), the RCL contains reading from the book of Acts for the first reading, rather than the Hebrew Bible. This is an ancient practice mentioned by Augustine in the fifth century, and is the liturgical tradition of the Ambrosian and Hispanic rites in the West and also that of the majority of the Churches in the East.

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

Shawl Ministry Invites You

The Shawl Ministry was started May 5th, 2005, with members knitting and crocheting shawls, lap robes and blankets for those in need of comfort and solace, as well as for those celebrating births, baptisms or other milestones of life. It expanded to include members of the community and more projects like hats, scarves, mittens, purses and other items. Each item is blessed before it is given to the recipient.

To date, over 500 knitted and crocheted items have been blessed and given away. Some of our projects have included:

- Shawls and lap robes for members, families, and friends of St. Timothy's
- Lap robes for our men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Shawls, sweaters and scarves for children on the Pine Ridge Reservation
- Hats, scarves and mittens for the Christmas Tree

- Shawls and lap robes for residents of Harbor House and The Alzheimer Center
- Purses and other items for Purses for Progeria
- Scarves for Special Olympics
- Afghan Raffles to benefit St. Timothy's Organ Fund
- Baby blankets, sweaters and hats for The Binky Patrol, Newborns in Need, Save the Children, Preemie Hats, and Caps for the Capital

You are invited to join us the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 pm in the Narthex. We will be happy to teach you how to knit or crochet! And if you are unable to attend or prefer to knit or crochet at home, you can send in your work. If you have questions or if you or a loved one would like to receive a shawl, contact Jackie Clattenburg (703-743-2433), Lorna Moran (703-476-1138), or Florita Tildon (703-464-9377). +



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Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, May 24, 2013

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

Welcome, New Registered Members

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

Eloise Jimmie Abbott Gerald "Jerry" Ritchie Jennings, Jr. Adira Grace Papp Harper Grace Keeman

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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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