



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

From our Rector ~

The Church has entered the long season of Pentecost which stretches from Trinity Sunday to Advent. During these 23 to 28 weeks (the length depends on the date of Easter which changes from year to year) we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit in the world and in us. With the dispersal of his Spirit on Pentecost Jesus fulfilled his promise, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). His Holy Spirit has been passed on through the ages since, by the Sacraments and various mystical experiences. Thus inspired, his followers fulfill another of our ascended Sovereign's promises, "you will do greater things than I have done" (John 14:12). We spread the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ throughout the world! Pentecost is the season for great things.

How we share God's love depends on our gifts. And because our gifts vary (see 1st Corinthians, chapter 12), each of us has our own special way of demonstrating divine compassion. Some people are better with words; other people express it more easily in their actions. In one way or another we can all convey God's love for humanity and creation.

So I invite you to consider your gifts. What do you like to do? What do you do well? If you have difficulty answering these questions, ask a family member or friend. There's a very good chance that the people who know you best are aware of your gifts. Invite them to tell you what they have observed. And don't measure your gifts against the gifts of others. Maybe you don't feel as comfortable talking about your faith as someone else; that's okay. You have abilities that are just as important, just as critical for conveying the love of God. Use what you have. And don't worry about the results. The immediate impact of good words and deeds is almost always invisible; trust that you have planted a seed, let God handle the growth and the harvest.

Throughout the season of Pentecost we thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and we use our spiritual gifts to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with all people. Thus we end our Sunday worship with the familiar acclamation and refrain, "Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Thanks be to God!"

~ Fr. Brad

Coming Events



- 06/01 - Youth Sunday - 9:30 am Service
- 06/01 - Melissa Dickt Flute Recital - all are invited
- 06/08 - Annual Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon & Ice Cream Social - noon
- 06/08 - Youth Car Wash
- 06/08 - Newcomer's reception, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- 06/18 - Leslie returns from Maternity leave
- 06/26 - Kim Seidman's Ordination at Christ Church Alexandria, 7:00 pm
- 06/29 - Youth Group Cookout at the Chadwick's



Leslie and Jay Alexander at Church!

Leslie will return to work on June 18, 2008.



Stewardship

In the May edition of *The Word*, Fr. Brad mentioned the book, *The Giving Myths*, by Stephen B. McSwain, which was

recommended by the Diocesan consultant, Patsy Bjorling. It has generated some discussion among members of the Stewardship Ministry, in part because the author presents a number of interesting and possibly controversial points about stewardship. The book may be a good starting point to generate discussion about how we see stewardship and the use of our financial resources, both as individuals and as a parish. What follows is a brief summary of the seven myths McSwain identifies in his book.

Myth 1: Give and You'll Get Rich – According to the author, this is a misreading of scripture and glamorizes materialism. A better way to look at it is to think about what God wants us to do with whatever we are given.

Myth 2: I Can't Afford to Give – Although it is human nature to worry about having enough money to live, it is important to trust that God will provide for all our needs. In return for being recipients of God's abundance, however, we have an obligation to give some of it away.

Myth 3: Equal and Fair Share Giving is Enough – McSwain likens this to giving out of obligation or guilt. The amount may be more or less than a person feels called to give. Giving must come from the heart and not be defined or limited by external expectations or guidelines.

Myth 4: The Standard for Giving is the Tithe – Although tithing is mentioned in the Old Testament, St. Paul had another perspective: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Myth 5: Get Them Involved and They Will Give – Some of the most involved people in a church are not financial supporters of the church. Sometimes this is because these persons feel that they give of their time rather than money. McSwain believes that while it is important to give of our time and talent, it is not a substitute for financially supporting the church.

Myth 6: Your Charity is a Private Matter – There can be a balance between privacy and encouraging others by being open about your giving, especially in church. Cheerful givers can help others learn to be generous by sharing their own journey towards generosity.

Myth 7: Test God through Your Giving – If we trust in God's faithfulness it is not necessary to test. McSwain writes, "If you'll train yourself to listen for God's voice ... ,

you will move beyond the need for signs or tests to give you reassurance and self-confidence." (p.231)

We hope that you will consider reading *The Giving Myths*. A fall book group is in the planning stages, with more information to come. ~Stewardship Ministry

Agape Program Reinstated



The Service Ministry has reinstated the Agape program for the rest of the year. The Agape recipients for May are Saint Timothy's Mission Trips: Lakota Mission Team (Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota), Youth Group Mission Trip (Dungannon, Virginia) and Habitat for Humanity Mission Team (location varies year to year). There will be various causes presented for Agape collections during the year, one every other month starting in May. We ask that you support these groups through prayer, monetary donations, and by becoming involved with their efforts.



Newcomers Reception

Please join us for Wine and Cheese Reception Sunday, June 8 from 4:00-5:00 pm. in the Narthex to welcome our newcomers. We extend a special invitation to those who have come to St. Timothy's within the last six months to a year, and all the congregation is invited, too! Wine, tea and soft drinks will be served, and we will have a variety of cheeses to sample, as well as special hors d'oeuvre made by St. Tim's parishioners. For more information or to offer time and/or food, please call Gayle Rippe at (703) 471-0763.

Summer vacation plans and being Green!

SeaWorld Orlando and other Busch Entertainment Corp. parks are converting their food-service containers and tableware supplies to versions made from materials that are both farm-raised organic, and biodegradable. Everything from spoons to pizza boxes will come from the soil and quickly return to it after they have been used. Company officials said the items are designed to quickly decompose in typical landfills, in a matter of months, rather than in the hundreds of years that petrochemical-based plastics can last. Now this is thinking Green and taking positive actions! Well done! (A Message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)



Maintaining the House of God: The B&G Ministry



“For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building”

1 Corinthians 3:9

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, may have used the church as a symbol to make a larger point, but that's exactly what a church is—a symbol. The physical structure at 432 Van Buren is an important representation of who we are as an Episcopal congregation. We don't need a building to be good followers of God, but the church is a place where we come together, a manifestation of our religion, and an ongoing reminder of the presence of Jesus Christ here on Earth to all those who pass by.

Accordingly, we have a duty to ensure that our building's appearance is in keeping with the significance and reverence it holds. An attractive and welcoming St. Timothy's is the responsibility of each and every one of its members but, for practical purposes, this profound charge falls upon the shoulders of the church's Building and Grounds Ministry.

Chaired by John Moone, B&G is tasked with installing new drywall, painting, repairing plumbing and broken fixtures, replacing light bulbs, and other comparable jobs. The Ministry oversees the church's landscaping and HVAC (heating, cooling, and ventilation systems) maintenance contracts. Moone and his crew make sure that snow and ice are cleared from the parking lots and driveways on cold winter mornings. Most recently, B&G has been working in conjunction with other church leaders and ministries to complete an enclosed courtyard in the center of the building.

To the “unhandy,” it's easy to take these kinds of tasks for granted, but they represent important work that needs to be accomplished and, in some cases, accomplished quickly. After all, St. Tim's sits in a prominent location within Herndon, and a broken outdoor fixture or an unkempt lawn sends a message to the community about the interest and care our congregation takes in its church.

Do you feel inspired yet? Good, because Mr. Moone needs your help. John is in the process of creating a list of volunteers to work on a rotational and skill-set basis, to periodically assist with the upkeep of our facility and, when necessary, to respond to emergencies.

“I don't want anyone to feel like they're getting in over their heads,” he says. “Some individuals can fix a dripping faucet but don't want to get near a circuit breaker, and that's fine. Regardless of your level of ability, there is something that you can offer.”

“Whatever that something is, please consider helping out,” he says, adding that, “volunteers can work at their convenience for as little or as much time as they like.”

John notes that you are welcome to use your own tools (if you have them) and that B&G will reimburse you for any supplies you use. However, if you're feeling particularly charitable . . .

Please consider occasionally wielding a hammer, screw driver, or paint brush for our parish. Your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated, and the evidence of your good works will be obvious to all. Remember that in addition to worship, this is the place where many of us are baptized, confirmed, married, and remembered after we pass away. A facility that houses these important life events should look its best. If you want to sign up or have questions, contact John via e-mail at moonej@aol.com.

As I recall, Jesus was a carpenter. Hmmm.

St. Timothy's Pre-school



St. Timothy's Pre-school ended the year with a lovely Teacher Appreciation Lunch that was hosted by the parents. Teachers honored for their many years of service to the pre-school were: (back l - r) Jamie Hurd- 30 years, Cathleen McGraw – 25 years, (front l - r) Colleen Jennings – 15 years, and Debbie Butherus, 10 years. The pre-school is blessed to have such devoted and caring teachers.

Activities resume at the pre-school in June with summer day camps for children 4 and 5 years old. Call Helen Guest (703) 436-4767 for more information.



Have you heard about Goodsearch.com yet?

Goodsearch is search engine similar to Google, however **every time you use it St. Timothy's can earn some money!** To use the site just go to goodsearch.com, select the charity you wish to support from the drop-down menu - St. Timothy's Herndon, VA of course (Make sure that you select the St. Timothy's from Herndon.) - Then type in whatever you are searching for. From that point on goodsearch is like any other search engine.

For every search you do St. Timothy's earns one cent. I know that doesn't sound like a lot, but those searches add up quickly. It is estimated that an organization can earn as much as **\$750 per year**. That could easily fund a ministry for us and it costs us nothing!

In addition we can use **goodshop.com** to earn money for St. Timothy's when we shop. It operates like its sister site above, select St. Timothy's as your charity, and then select the store you where you want to shop. This will bring you to that store's website. When you make a purchase, a percentage of the sale goes to St. Timothy's. Again, **free money**. You must link to the store through goodshop.com to get the percentage. The participating stores are ones that we all use, like Amazon.com, BestBuy.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Proflowers.com, and many others. This couldn't be easier.

Please try goodsearch.com and goodshop.com. Remember to use them whenever you need to search for something or want to shop. Encourage others to use it too. You may have family or friends that would support St. Timothy's also. One word of caution: please do not misuse the sites by making false searches or purchases. To do so will cause us to be taken off the list of charities and forfeiting any money we may have earned.

Ready? Set? Start your searches!



A note from Kim

Dear St. Tim's,
I am so grateful for my time with you these past nine months. This community has been a womb for my formation as a priest. You welcomed a shy seminarian, and grew me up with love and encouragement, and I leave you much more confident in my gifts and affirmed in my calling. Thank you for your careful listening, for your feedback, for sharing your lives with me. I will miss worshiping with you. I am a more faithful Christian, and will be a much stronger priest for my time with you. Thank you for the beautiful stole. Every time I wear it, I will remember you.



God willing
The Right Reverend C. Wallis Ohl, Jr.
The Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas
will ordain
**The Reverend Kimberly Anne
Seidman**
and
The Reverend Erika Lee Takacs
to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church
Thursday, June twenty-sixth
Two thousand eight
at seven o'clock in the evening
Christ Church
118 North Washington Street
Alexandria, Virginia
Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Are you looking to reach new heights of fun this summer? Then you'll want to head to St. Timothy's for a canopy of adventures at Rainforest Adventure! This exciting Vacation Bible School is for everyone between the ages of 3 through rising 6th graders. The fun begins July 14, 2008 and continues through July 18, 2008. Sessions run from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM each day. The church is located at 432 Van Buren Street in Herndon.

At Rainforest Adventure you'll hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catchy rainforest tunes, play super fun games, and make lots of new friends! Each day offers a new Bible story to explore through loads of fun activities.

For more information or to register for VBS, call Rachel Wilkinson at 703-435-0798 or Liz Griffith at 703-318-6777.

Mark Your Calendars -- The Beatles' U.S. Manager of Apple Records at St. Timothy's, October 19, 2008

This will be one unique and special event, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Ken Mansfield, the U.S. Manager of Apple Records for the Beatles, will bring his unique presentation and testimonial to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia) on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 7 pm. Ken was personally appointed by the Beatles to this role and spent years with the Beatles helping to manage Beatlemania in the United States. Ken was even present "on the rooftop" in London for the Beatles' last concert in January 1969!

Ken, and his wife Connie, discuss their unique Christian testimonial and Ken's own personal "long and winding road" to understanding the love of Christ -- this is his intriguing central testimony theme surrounded by over 30 years of working in the music industry with some of the most famous artists of our time as an executive, producer, songwriter, entertainer and manager. A splendid time is guaranteed for all! Ticket prices are \$10 per person, or \$25 per family (any size). A special surprise treat may include a Christian band from Northern Virginia just before Ken's presentation. More details in a future update! For more information, please email 2008oct19@cox.net.



National Cathedral's 'Lighting To Unite' Centennial Event

The Washington National Cathedral recently ended its nearly year-long Centennial celebration with a special "illumination" of the Cathedral by Swiss lighting-artist, Gerry Hofstetter, with the images reflecting the themes of peace, reconciliation and global justice. There were approximately ten thousand people in attendance to witness the event and share in the Cathedral's mission and message. It was a special evening and a special way to end the Cathedral's centennial celebration.

California

An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official recently told a Senate committee in May 2008 that it's possible there will be no standard set for the amount of perchlorate allowed in drinking water. State officials and water suppliers across the US have been waiting for the EPA to set a standard for several years because perchlorate has contaminated the water supplies of at least 11 million people. Last year, California, impatient with the EPA's indecision, set its own standard. Studies have shown that the chemical blocks iodide and suppresses thyroid hormones. Way to go California for taking steps to protect the most precious of God's Creation -- water! (A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

St. Tim's Youth -- National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to Colin Curtis, Nicki Dubishar, Michael Gjormand, Brian Hrozencik, and Timothy Nixon -- all recognized at the May 8, 2008 Herndon Middle School National Junior Honor Society event! Well done and Thanks Be to God!



Colin Curtis & Dr. Jenkins,
Principal, HMS



Chris, Pam, and Michael Gjormand



Brian & Christy Hrozencik



Timothy Nixon & Dr. Jenkins, Principal, HMS



Nicki & Craig Dubishar

Horseback Riding



St. Tim's Horseback Riding Trip at Gettysburg
Craig, Natalie, Kathy, Benjin, Nicki, Lila, Rick, Laura,
Sarah, Jeremy, Caleb, Lilly, and George



Thanks to all!

[The following is adapted from the message given by the Senior Warden to the congregation at the May 18 services]

Four month ago I presented you with the bare fact that our projected budget for 2008 was insufficient to meet the bills that we have to pay, and to ask you for your help in addressing this matter. At last count, 46 families or individuals had increased their pledge through one-time gifts or an increase in their regular giving, and approximately 20 families or individuals who were "givers" have become "pledgers."

So the first thing I need to do is thank you so very much on behalf of the Vestry and all of the St Timothy's family. Your response, and I suspect your prayers, has allowed us to increase this years projected budget such that we should meet all our basic commitments. We are very grateful that St Timothy's can continue with its extraordinary mission of doing Gods work; within the church, in the local community, and further afield.

Being able to come back with this good news is only a first step; I told you the Vestry is equally concerned with the longer term challenge of avoiding future short falls and in fact expand our ministries. In order for that to occur there needs to be a sustained change in how we regard St Timothy's and how and we respond to its needs. In essence it is about us individually gaining a greater sense of our involvement and accepting that the mission of this church is much more our mission. Father Brad's article in the May issue of the WORD most ably describes what this means.

So how do we get there? Step by step. Some of the steps that have already been taken are:

- The meeting held with Patsy Bjorling, the Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer on February 2 was very well attended and her inspirational presentation has sparked a number of initiatives within our ministries.
- We have adopted a theme, which will soon be very noticeable around here of "Abundant Giving Abundant Life".
- We recently had a very successful Vestry / Ministry meeting characterized by a greater sense of cooperation and oneness of purpose and exciting initiatives.

The next step is for the church to make sure we better know our congregation; not just who you are, but what concerns you. To this end we will be carrying out a telephone survey of all church members.

We are planning a series of dinner meetings in the Fall. The creation of a Vision Budget, and thought is being given to offering a discussion series on the book, "Giving Myths". Already this book has been an education to those who have read it.

But to return to my main reason for taking up your time; thank you for your generous and rapid response to the immediate needs of our church.

Finally, God Bless You and God go with you.

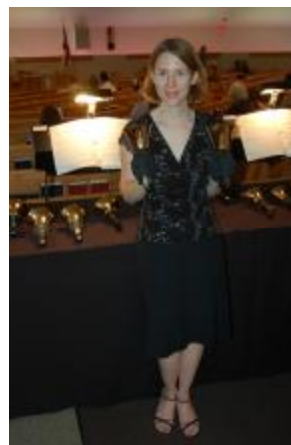
Needed: Southwest Airlines Frequent Flyer Miles!

Ken Mansfield, the former U.S. Manager for Apple Records and the Beatles, is bringing his unique and exciting Christian testimonial to St. Timothy's in Herndon on October 19, 2008. To help defray the cost, we are looking for someone to donate Southwest Airline frequent flyer miles to Ken and Connie Mansfield to fly them from California to Herndon. If you can help out, please email Craig Dubishar at craig.dubishar@raytheon.com. We need to let Ken know by mid-June if this will be possible.

Thanks for the quick help!



Trinity Sunday



Evensong



The **WORD**

St. Timothy's Word is published monthly and E-mailed to members and friends on the first day of each month. It also appears in full color on the website main page under "Downloads" the same day it is e-mailed. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify Carol Frost in the church office. Copies of the Word will also be available in the office for you to take home.

The deadline for submission of material

Questions or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments! You may send the material as an attachment to an e-mail message to: office@saint-timothys.org. The message subject line must mention Word. Photos are welcome. Please identify key people if possible. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

See our website for the up-to-the-minute monthly calendar. It's always current and covers several months. The Bulletins appear on the website no later than Saturday morning for the coming Sunday.

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Regular Services

8:00 am Sunday- Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(nursery care available)

11:00 am Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II
(nursery care available)

12:15pm Wednesday - Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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