

From the Rector: How is your Vision?

One of our Church family members recently asked me what my vision is for St. Timothy's, what do I think God's plans are for this Church. Of course I have some strong ideas (based on a good bit of praying, studying, and listening). But before I say more about that I want to say this; God's Church is not run by ordained people (deacons, priests, bishops). The Church belongs to God and the people of God. The Spirit of God speaks to all of us, and works through all of us. We are a community of believers.

Now that we're clear about that, this is what I believe God is calling us to be and do. You may agree or disagree, but I hope you'll start a conversation about this.

- Remembering that the first divine command is to love God with all our heart, mind, spirit, and strength, that is what we do in our worship. Worship is an act of love for

God. We should put our entire self into it and respond, recite, listen, pray, and sing as well as we can. I think our worship is wonderful, but we do need to buy a new organ. We've spent more than ten years studying our 150 year old Tracker and every possibility available (if you want to know more about that ask our Music Director, clergy, or any member of that committee). We believe the best solution is a new pipe organ. I support this and I'd like to see that

accomplished as soon as possible. The difference will astound us and add new life to our worship and to our spirits. Worship inspires mission.

- All of the demographic projections assert that the population in this area will continue to grow, and the growth will be increasingly diverse. We need to grow with our community and embrace the revelation John had of people from every language, tribe, and nation praising God together. We have to invite and welcome all of our neighbors. Share with other people what we're doing at St. Timothy's, how we are trying to make the world better for everyone, and invite them to see for themselves.
- The funding of our endeavors to help people in this community, Scott County Virginia, Pine Ridge South Dakota, and Haiti, comes from fund raising. I think these should be in our general fund budget because the second divine command is to love our neighbors as Christ loves us. Mission is not an additional thing we do, it (and worship) is primary.

We are called to worship God and serve other people in the name of Jesus Christ. I think that is God's vision for the people of God, and I'm all for it. I honestly believe the most important gift I can give my family, friends, and neighbors, is the faithful Christian community we have created with the guidance and grace of the Holy Spirit. I've devoted almost twenty years to this mission, and I believe God's got more for me to do. I pray that my best and most faithful service to God and the people of God is ahead of me. I am profoundly grateful to be in this Christian community with you, working beside you, and making a positive difference in Northern Virginia, Appalachia, the Pine Ridge Reservation, and Haiti.

And now, please tell me what you believe God wants us to do. +

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Happy Birthday, Gifts to Glorify the Lord!

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. We still have more to go and we look forward to your continued help and a successful finish in 2014! +

[Watch the Video →](#)

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. +

Thank you for Serving LINK

April was a very successful month for recruiting volunteers from St. Timothy's for deliveries to LINK clients. Using Sign-up Genius, a record number of people offered to help. Eight members of St. Tim's volunteered, some for the first time. Additional volunteers were recruited from the Friends of LINK emergency list to fulfill the commitment of eleven delivery dates. Thank you to all who donated their time to serve our neighbors. If you volunteered for the first time, welcome and thank you for expressing an interest in LINK. On behalf of LINK and the Service Ministry, thanks are due to Carolyn Hamm, Carole Dill, Anne Komatz, Maria LaWalt, Sandra Schanne, Christine Cozza, Shon Beury, and Rob Duchesneau. +

Q. Why are there two choices for lectionary readings after Pentecost?

A. During part of the season after the Day of Pentecost in the Revised Common Lectionary (which we use), there are two "tracks" for the Old Testament readings. Parishes are supposed to choose one. Track One is a semi-continuous reading of major Old Testament books. From June through mid-August in Year C (the current year), quite a bit of Kings is read. The idea is to hear more of the Old Testament story continuously over successive Sundays. For Track Two the Old Testament reading is selected to have some thematic connection to the days' Gospel reading, which can make preaching about the readings easier. *Submit your questions to the Question Box on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.*

Thoughts on our Sanctuary "Sails"

by Jill Cox

There have been many Sundays when I have sat studying the "sails" above my head which lead to and from the retable in the Sanctuary. The focus is the rendition, in pale colored glass, of the dove, reminding us of the great gift of the Holy Spirit to each and every one of us. But, about those "sails?"

They emanate from above the dove in narrow points gradually widening and transversing the nave and pews and leading to the everyday word beyond the narthex. They constantly remind us of Christ's commission to spread the Good News, help the poor, assist the afflicted, feed the hungry and love one another as we would love ourselves.

He promised that He would be with us always in the spirit and we would be aware of the Comforter even in the most difficult times.

Conversely I have looked at those "sails" imagining the millions of people who are serving the Lord and preaching His Kingdom in thought, word and deed every day. It is only recently that I have noticed that the "sails" go beyond the dove in converging lines and that somewhere in the distance they all meet in an area of brighter light where those who are making their journey on ever-decreasing paths to the Heavenly throne will join the Spirit in a glorious hymn of constant praise and worship when our work on earth is finished. +



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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:

Charlie John Parker

Kelly Katherine Barron Dodd

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