



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The Rector's Sabbatical

There have been significant archeological and theological studies since my days in Seminary, so I am on sabbatical, "catching up." It's about time. I have finished reading The Historical Jesus by John Dominic Crossan, and I am awed by the depth and breadth of his research. He has studied numerous ancient documents and a great variety of commentaries from the first century to the present. His insights are profound and compelling. He has given me a much better understanding of Jesus and the socio-religious world of a first century Palestinian Jew.

I have also finished reading An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor (one of my favorite authors). I had the joy and privilege of meeting and studying with Barbara a few years ago at the National Cathedral College. She is an extraordinarily gifted writer and preacher. Her view of God's love is expansive; she sees God's holiness is in all creation, in all people and places. Her imagery and insights are transformative. I heartily recommend reading this book.

Seeking the Identity of Jesus edited by Beverly Roberts Gaventa and Richard B. Hays, From Jesus to Christ and Jesus of Nazareth by Paula Fredrickson, and A People's History of Christianity by Diana Butler Bass are next on my reading list - after I re-read Frederick Buechner's book A Room Called Remember (he is my other favorite author). In his uniquely warm and colloquial style Frederick Buechner exposes the most weighty and delicate human issues to the light of Christ. This is another "must read" book.

I hope you are finding refreshment this summer as well – in rest, work, and play; in worship, music, good books, the beauty of this season, movies, and a vacation - and especially with the people whose love feeds your soul.

~ Fr. Brad

*Fr. Brad will be on sabbatical until
August 24th.*

Our Church Family

"If you are new or visiting today, welcome to St. Timothy's. Please consider St. Timothy's your church home and us your church family. We are very glad you are here." Each Sunday, we hear these words during the announcements. One summer when Fr. Brad was away, someone asked me to say them exactly this way. She said, "I love those words. Even though they are the same every week, I feel as if we mean them each time for each new person." For this parishioner, these words capture who we are as the people of St. Timothy's: family, home, a place of welcome and reaching out to others.

It has been a privilege in the past month to see from a larger perspective how this parish operates as a family, as a home, as a place of welcome, and as a place of outreach and mission. Many times, when people share space, no one takes ownership of the place and it gets run down. The opposite is true at St. Timothy's. You can see how much people care about St. Timothy's as a home in the love and attention they pour into keeping the space we share beautiful and welcoming. On any given weekday, you can encounter volunteers arranging flowers to match the stained glass windows, setting up the altar, doing pro bono repairs and projects, cleaning the kitchen, balancing the books, typing bulletins, writing letters to newcomers, and coordinating larger projects with the Vestry. On the same day, you might see scouts transforming the storage space the church and community groups share with new shelves. You might see people who have no homes "cleaning up" in our bathrooms and leaving those bathrooms cleaner than when they arrived. You might see people who have received aid from St. Timothy's sweeping behind the walls in the sanctuary because they want to give back. Brad has said a million times that our building is not separate from our mission.

The mission that often begins in the building transforms lives beyond the walls. The St. Timothy's family joins together to support the youth group in a car wash; the youth raise over \$1,200 in one morning. A family gets a new roof on a home in Dungannon, Virginia. Members of the St. Timothy's family adopt stories to create a new classroom for the children; a preschool family sees the effort and decides to come back to church. Inspired by a speaker, someone writes a check to the service ministry's

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General Convention

This July, the Episcopal Church's General Convention convenes in Anaheim, CA. The theme for the Convention is *Ubuntu: I in you and you in me*. Archbishop Tutu defines *Ubuntu* in this way:

One of the sayings in our country is Ubuntu - the essence of being human. Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can't exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can't be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality - Ubuntu - you are known for your generosity.

We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity¹.

On the opposite page, you'll find a very fine introduction to the General Convention taken from the official website of the Episcopal Church:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009_97524_ENG_H_TM.htm

The Diocese of Virginia will have current information on Convention as well, including the names of our Diocesan delegates. The Diocese of Virginia General Convention website is:

http://www.thediocese.net/General_Convention/2009/G_C.shtml

In a meeting with local clergy on May 28, Bishop Shannon discussed briefly several items likely to be discussed at this year's General Convention. Some of these include updating elements of the Church's 220+ year old government structure, the Anglican Covenant, and alternative Episcopal oversight. A list of legislation to be discussed is at:

<http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation/>

Though there will doubtless be some controversial items discussed, much of the legislation to be reviewed focuses on really wonderful work in and by the Church. There are resolutions to strengthen ties with developing Dioceses like Haiti and Cuba and provide support for their schools and institutions. There is work happening to develop a standing commission on the environment. The list of legislation shows many, many wonderful things lined up for discussion and action at the 76th General Convention. While it can be useful to look in the Post or the New York Times for information about Convention, I encourage you to balance this view by visiting the links provided above

periodically. It is important for us to remember that the Church is busy acting on Christ's command in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc. and that there is much good, ongoing work (rather than primarily controversy) which needs our prayerful support.

~Peter Doddema

The Episcopal Church's General Convention

Every three years elected clergy and lay delegates representing all 112 Dioceses of The Episcopal Church, and all of the Church's Bishops, meet in General Convention. Our 76th Triennial Convention will convene this summer, from July 8th through July 17th, in Anaheim, California. Approximately 10,000 people will attend, making General Convention the largest legislative body in the world. Our deputies (elected delegates) and Bishops will examine and deliberate on the National Church's budget, consider amendments to the Canons, discuss proposed liturgical changes or additions, and develop resolutions covering a great variety of social concerns, including war, poverty, and disease. You can review the proposed resolutions online [see previous article].

Daily news about the convention's work is available from The Episcopal News Service at the following web site:

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=episcopal+news+service&src=IE-SearchBox&Form=IE8SRC>.

You can also read daily commentary from our Diocesan representatives at www.centeraisle.net.

The work of Convention will affect people all over the world. But the secular press is very likely going to focus on the more inflammatory issue of Lesbian, Gay, Transgendered, and Bisexual people having access to all seven Sacraments of the Church. Currently The Episcopal Church has a moratorium on the consecration of non-celibate homosexuals as Bishops and does not have a liturgy for blessing same-gender unions. These are still very volatile issues in the world-wide Anglican Communion.

As this 76th General Convention convenes I invite you to review the resolutions that most concern you, talk with other Episcopalians, talk with your clergy (Brad and Leslie), pray every day for the delegates and the whole Church, and express your views to our Diocesan delegates.

~Fr. Brad

¹ www.wikipedia.com article on Ubuntu.
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ubuntu_\(philosophy\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ubuntu_(philosophy))
Accessed June 16, 2009.

Introduction to General Convention

by Gregory Straub, Executive Officer and Secretary of General Convention

With few precedents for a republican form of church governance the first General Convention met in 1785 in Philadelphia. That convention began work on a constitution and a revision of the Book of Common Prayer, the church's book of worship. Within ten years the General Convention had agreed on its form of governance and its pattern of worship, both of which endure to the present day.

Uniquely for its time, the first General Conventions determined on a bicameral house in which elected (rather than royally appointed) bishops would make up one house, and lay and ordained deputies (equally represented) would make up the other house.

All bishops of the Episcopal Church, active and retired, are entitled to seat, voice and vote in the House of Bishops (unless deprived of the privilege). Each of the Episcopal Church's dioceses (and the Convocation of Churches in Europe and the Navajoland Area Mission) is entitled to elect eight deputies, four lay persons and four priests and/or deacons, to the House of Deputies. (The diocesan electors of deputies are themselves elected representatives from local parishes.) Deputies are not delegates; that is, they are not elected to represent the electing dioceses.

Deputies vote their conscience for the good of the church. They cannot be instructed to vote one way or another, for to do so would preclude godly debate and preempt the work of the Holy Spirit. Deputies are expected to serve on committees, if appointed, to attend forums and hearings, to read the reports to the church from its commissions, committees, agencies and boards, to listen to, and if so moved, to respond to resolutions on the floor of the house.

The House of Bishops and House of Deputies meet, deliberate and vote separately. To be enacted resolutions must pass both houses in the same language. Both houses have the right to amend legislation, but the amendment must be accepted by the other house. Resolutions presented to convention come from four sources: committees, commissions, agencies and boards of the church; bishops; dioceses and provinces; and deputies.

In the House of Deputies three lay or clerical deputations may request a vote by orders. In a vote by orders each diocesan deputation has two votes: one lay vote and one clerical vote. To cast that vote the deputation is polled. If a majority of a deputation is in favor, the diocesan lay or clerical vote is cast as a "yes." If a majority of a deputation is opposed, the vote is cast as a "no." Tied deputations count as "divided" and, in effect, as additional "no" votes.

The House of Bishops is chaired by the Primate of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, and, in her absence, by the Vice Chair, Bishop Richard S. O. Chang. They are assisted by the Secretary of the House of Bishops, Bishop Kenneth L. Price; a Parliamentarian, Bishop John Buchanan; and a Chair of the Committee on Dispatch, Bishop Wayne Wright.

The House of Deputies is chaired by the President of the House, Bonnie Anderson, and, in her absence, by the Vice President, The Rev. Brian Prior. They are assisted by the Secretary of the House of Deputies (myself); a Parliamentarian, Polly Getz.

Much of the work of convention is carried out by legislative committees. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies determine the number of persons who serve on committees and their membership. Deputies are asked to indicate their preference for membership on committees, and the presiding officers make their choice considering previous experience, expertise and interest, ensuring the committees represent diverse points of view, geographic, ethnic and gender diversity and participation by younger deputies.

Resolutions proposed for discussion at convention are referred to legislative committees, which consider, amalgamate and perfect them before presenting them on the floor of convention. Legislative committees hold hearings on legislation at which the following can speak: deputy, registered alternate or registered visitor. These are held in convention hotels near the Convention Center.

In 2009, the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Anaheim, California from Wednesday, 8 July through Friday, 17 July.

General Convention meets prayerfully. Each day bishops, deputies, registered alternates and delegates to the ECW Triennial gather for Bible study and Holy Eucharist. At this year's General Convention the themes for these gatherings will reflect the theme of General Convention: Ubuntu.

Both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops have chaplains, who lead their houses in regular prayer at the beginning and end of sessions and daily at noon. Chaplains are also asked to pray before the enactment of important legislation. Organizations within the church sponsor additional worship services, while volunteers staff a prayer room in which there is continual intercession for the work of convention.

A highlight of every General Convention is its festival Eucharist at which the United Thank Offering is presented. (The United Thank Offering is taken up in parishes twice each year for the mission of the church.)

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Debate on the floor is governed by the Constitution and Canons of the church, Rules of Order for each house, Joint Rules of Order (that apply to both houses) and Roberts' Rules of Order. Deputies are expected to listen respectfully to the views of others and to adhere to the rules, which require, for example, that persons of different points of view alternate at microphones.

Convention is more than legislation. One of the most interesting parts of convention is the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall reminds me of an oriental souk: it is a marketplace of goods and ideas in which the organizations and interest groups within the church present their wares, recruit members and do their best to influence legislation. It is a colorful part of convention, and it would not be General Convention without it.

Many church-related organizations hold meetings in conjunction with convention, and there are lunches and dinners hosted by seminaries, provinces, societies, boards and staff offices of the church. One gathering not to be missed is the triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church Women. The ECW meeting has changed over the past several decades; it focuses on the mission and service of the church, and many of the church's most distinguished members are invited to address this body.

General Convention is a combination of legislative assembly, bazaar of goods and services and family reunion. It is one of the most exciting and, truth be told, one of the most awe-inspiring gatherings in the world.

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More on the General Convention

Please remember to check out a daily publication called *the Center Aisle* at thediocese.net during General Convention. It will present a balanced view of the conversations lay and ordained leaders are engaged in on behalf of the larger church and remind us that our true focus is on mission, not on the squabbles that make better headlines.

~Rev. Leslie

"Our Church Family"

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Agape program and an orphan in Honduras gets an education; a community in Pine Ridge gets a new gathering place.

St. Tim's is a place where a member of the 8:00 a.m. service can't get to church and has four voice mails by 9:00 a.m. making sure she's alright. It's a place where a family new to the area who doesn't know a soul gets a fresh loaf of bread delivered. It's a place where people bend over backwards to let others know that they are loved and known. It's a place where we become the family of God, where we remember that our true home is with Him, and where we are transformed in giving what we have been given away.

~Rev. Leslie

Dungannon Youth Mission Trip

It is hard to believe but we will be back in Dungannon in a month. We will be departing on the 1st and returning on the 8th of August. As I write this article, we have about 25 youth and adults from St. Timothy's who will be attending this year's trip. Region V will have 55 total participants attending the trip at the latest count. For those of you who have not been on this trip, this means we have room for more. See the contact information below if you need more information or have questions.

I would like to highlight a couple of our recent events:

We held our annual car wash on June 14th and raised over \$1,200, making this year's event the largest ever. Thank you to all of you who attended and were generous with your donations. I also want to thank all of the youth and adults who organized and participated to make this event so successful.

On June 20th, we held the Toolmeister Day to inventory and clean the tools we will take on the mission trip. Thank you to the youth and adults who participated so we were able to identify what we need to replace before we go on the trip. For those of you who do not know, the group we help in Dungannon has tools but not all the ones needed or enough for some of the extensive repairs needed to work on some of the homes.

If you have questions contact Chris Brock by sending an email to christopher.brock2@verizon.net

Youth Group Wrap-up

On Youth Sunday [June 7th], the Co-Presidents of the Youth Group, Alex Brock and Benjin Dubishar, read this report summarizing the year's activities:

- We played Laser Tag twice (and 9-square more!)
- Took a hike for the Help the Homeless Walk
- Had a First Half Lock-In (and played Rock Band)
- Hosted a Halloween Party
- Made meals for the Embry Rucker Shelter
- Danced all night, (twice,) during two Challenger Dances.
- Did the Antietam Trip in the freezing cold! (It even snowed!)
- Ran an Epiphany Pageant of youth
- Made sandwiches for the Hypothermia Shelter
- Even went Skiing (or snowboarding) at Whitetail
- Cooked lots of food for our Pancake Supper, (and raised lots of funds for Dungannon.)
- Went 30 hours without eating, with 30 youth from here, Herndon United Methodist, and Trinity Presbyterian for the World Vision's 30-Hour Famine (didn't sleep much those 30 hours, either)
- Had a small Taste of Scuba, (and it was delicious.)
- Can't count how many 3rd Sunday Brunches, both at 5 Guys and Virginia Kitchen
- Had a Second Half Lock-In (and played more Rock Band)
- Hid Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt



OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

OPPORTUNITY: Bread Deliverer to Newcomers/Visitors (Open Arms Ministry)

Who is Needed for This Opportunity?

Parishioners with a heart for welcoming newcomers and visitors living locally through delivery of a “welcome!” loaf of bread following a first visit to the church. Bread deliverers are generally scheduled for a two week “on call” timeframe approximately 2 – 4 times per year. Or, if you can serve on an occasional “as-needed” basis, please let us know!

Why Are You Needed?

To help be part of St. Timothy’s traditionally warm extension of hospitality and welcome to newcomers and visitors. We aim to make a delivery of bread within a week or two after an initial visit, if possible.

What Do You Have To Do?

- Once notified by our Bread Coordinator, purchase (anywhere—Great Harvest, Trader Joe’s, your local supermarket) a loaf of yummy bread for delivery to any local newcomers or visitors. You may choose to donate the cost of the bread OR may retain the receipts and submit to the Open Arms Ministry for reimbursement;
- Hand write a brief note of welcome (“Thank you for joining us for worship!”) on St. Timothy’s notepaper (provided);
- Leave the bread in a visible location at the address provided. You do NOT have to make a personal visit, unless you are invited and want to do so;
- If you have an opportunity, thank the person(s) once again for joining us for worship at St. Timothy’s.

How Do You Do It?

At your convenience, deliver the note, St. Timothy’s welcome brochure, and wrapped bread to the name/address provided by the Bread Coordinator. The number of deliveries will be dependent on number of newcomers/visitors. If there is a large number of newcomers/visitors, or if the delivery areas are somewhat distant, the Bread Coordinator may schedule a team of deliverers to help distribute the delivery load.

Who Do You Contact?

For more details or to volunteer your service in the Open Arms ministry, delivering bread, please contact Joyce Eanes; joycemonte01@aol.com; 703-433-2705.

OPPORTUNITY: Greeters (Open Arms Ministry)

Who is Needed for This Opportunity?

Parishioners to help with our ministry of hospitality, welcome and service to all who come to worship. Greeters are asked to serve approximately **one Sunday every other month throughout the year.**

Why Are You Needed?

Our greeters (along with our ushers) are often among the first folks that worshippers meet upon arrival at church, and help newcomers and visitors form a positive first impression of the church.

What Do You Have to Do?

- welcome everyone with a friendly “Good morning!”;
- be ready to assist with providing directions to other areas of the church (for example, the nursery or restrooms);
- help direct newcomers and visitors to Henry Hall for refreshments following services;
- if possible, following services, help introduce newcomers and visitors to one or two other parishioners

How Do You Do It?

On your scheduled Sunday, please arrive at the church at least 20 minutes prior to service and stand by the assigned entrance door to welcome all. Greeter training and support is provided. A greeter schedule is made and distributed quarterly.

Who Do You Contact?

For more details or to volunteer your service in the Greeters ministry, please contact Joyce Eanes; joycemonte01@aol.com; 703-433-2705.

Volunteer at the Closet in July and August

St. Timothy’s supports the Closet by providing two volunteers per shift on the dates that we are assigned each month. Our upcoming dates are Tuesday, July 21, Tuesday, August 11, and Saturday, August 29. The shifts are 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Please contact Holly Hartge at 703-318-8292 or mhhvirginia@verizon.net to volunteer.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

OPPORTUNITY: Ushers for 11:00 a.m. service (Worship Ministry)

Who is Needed for This Opportunity?

Parishioners to help with our ministry of hospitality, welcome and service to all who come to worship. Ushers are asked to serve approximately **one Sunday per month during the 11 am service throughout the year.**

Why Are You Needed?

In addition to the vital role they have during worship services, our ushers (along with our greeters) are often among the first folks that worshippers meet upon arrival at church, and help newcomers and visitors form a positive first impression of the church. **Need is immediate.**

What Do You Have to Do?

- welcome everyone with a friendly “Good morning!”;
- distribute service bulletins; assist attendees with finding seating (if needed);
- collect the offering and bring it for blessing, along with the Bread and Wine, to the Altar; help welcome and assist attendees to God’s Table for Holy Communion or for a blessing;
- count the number of service attendees;
- assist with providing directions to other areas of the church (for example, the nursery or restrooms);
- check the pews after the service to recycle bulletins and prepare the pews for the next service.
- help the clergy and vergers ensure that many of the mechanics of worship are run smoothly.

How Do You Do It?

Ushers work in teams; usher training and support is provided. An usher schedule is made and distributed quarterly. On their assigned Sundays, ushers must be willing to be at the church at least 20 minutes prior to the service.

Who Do You Contact?

For more details or to volunteer your service in this ministry, please contact Jim Wallis; jimwwiii@aol.com; 703-478-3390.

LINK Food Delivery in July

St. Timothy’s is delivering food for LINK in July. LINK (Loudoun Interdenominational Network for Karing) combines the efforts of twelve local churches to feed the hungry in Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn. LINK is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. St. Timothy’s was a founding member of LINK in 1972, and continues to provide vital support to LINK’s food ministry. I have been with St. Timothy’s and LINK since 1991, and I am proud of the support I have received every year from church members, with both the food ministry and the former furniture ministry.

LINK strongly believes that assisting those less fortunate with their most basic needs fosters hope and goodwill among our diverse and fast-growing community. LINK delivers food five days a week to an average of over 60 families per month, and our Thanksgiving and Christmas basket programs served over 400 families per holiday in 2007. Each daily delivery or holiday basket provides a week’s worth of food, tailored to the family’s size and needs. The holiday basket program alone totaled almost 50,000 pounds of food and \$20,000 in gift cards in 2007. Additionally, 500 winter coats and 2,400 toys were distributed.

Deliveries are Tuesday-Saturday in Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn, about 2 hours per day. Volunteers are asked to sign up for one or two days each. Hours are flexible, with the food ready for pickup by late afternoon of the scheduled delivery day.

Delivery may also be done the morning after the scheduled delivery day. A sign-up calendar is in Henry Hall on the Service Ministry bulletin board, or contact Rob Duchesneau at 703-450-4795.



~Rob Duchesneau, Service Ministry

June Agape - Lakota Team

Six years ago, parishioners of St. Timothy's had a vision to reach out to the people of Pine Ridge and share God's unending love. So in 2003, we began our journey of friendship to the Lakota Nation, giving a level of relief from their daily trials, and providing a commitment to a people so often forgotten.

Our first year, we created a mission statement for the team. It reads: "With God's love, we extend our hand to serve the needs of the Lakota, to build friendships, and to foster cultural exchange. With God's help, we will: volunteer our time and talents: perform work projects agreed upon with the Lakota Community: and make an annual trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation." The annual team activities, the work, the cultural education and the sharing hand and heart, are the embodiment of the mission statement. While on the reservation, we repair homes, bond with the children, learn about the rich spiritual past and present of the people, and share in their daily lives. By returning to the Lakota Nation each year, we confirm our commitment to them, honoring them in the giving of ourselves - sharing God's love for all His people.

Many of the team members have returned to the reservation since the first trip in 2003 and new members are added. Each year, we are welcomed into the lives of the Lakota people with warm and open arms. We worship at the local Episcopal Mission and attend to the needs of the people through the efforts of our host, the local Lutheran Pastor. The Retreat Center, where we stay, offers opportunities to interact with the Lakota people in a variety of ways, experiencing their culture and growing in our own faith.

The Lakota Sioux are not the only ones to benefit from the mission trips - so are the people from St. Timothy's. Each member has been deeply moved by the experience. We see God's hand in the midst of some of the worst national statistics - the poorest region in the United States, where most of the population suffers from extreme poverty, alcohol abuse, drug addiction and rampant diabetes. Despite these troubles, the people are deeply spiritual and culturally connected. They are willing to give everything, though they have so little. We are very thankful for the assistance St. Timothy's has provided through the Agape and other fund raising activities. It has helped us to make our vision into a reality.

Lakota Mission Experience

[text of Tina Pinkard's talk on Sunday, June 21st]

Thank you for letting me take a few minutes of your time this morning.

When I was preparing to talk to you today, I thought about the many things I could tell you about the Lakota people, life on the reservation and about the work we do.

I thought about telling you more about the terrible statistics surrounding the living conditions like the unemployment rate is 80% and 49% live below the poverty rate. Teen suicide is four times the national average and infant mortality rate is five times. Many of the families have no electricity, telephone, running water, or sewer. And they have one of the shortest life expectancy the Western Hemisphere - 47 years for men and mid-50s for women.

Then I thought about telling you about the work that we do on the reservation: that a local church has a community hall because over several years, we helped build its foundation, finished the walls, installed flooring and kitchen cabinets. We've also painted an Elder's house, planted fruit trees, completed numerous small house repairs for several families, and helped in the building of another community's meeting room.

I couldn't forget to tell you about the children who come to the Retreat Center each day. These at-risk children come from all over the Pine Ridge Village for some safe, loving interaction with adults.

But then I thought I really need to talk to you about what struck me the most about this year's trip. What thoughts and feelings stood out the most for me. So I decided that I wanted to talk to you about fellowship.

I was impressed when the docent at the local Catholic School remembered Janet Koch and Jonathan Beckett from last year's trip and said - "Thank you for coming again." Consistency and commitment is important to the Lakota people.

When Gabby Brewer, a regular for breakfast and morning devotions at the Retreat Center, looked at Ralph Tildon and said - "Hey you made it this year?" I thought, Wow - he remembered that Ralph wasn't able to come to reservation the year before. Ralph's kind, gentle demeanor and infectious laugh had made a real impression!

I remember watching Kathy Dubishar waiting with the children as they finished their snacks before the ride home. They crowded around her, looking up at her with

St. Timothy's Charity is Present and Making a Difference!

It is evident the heart of our congregation is wide open. With gifts of our energy and funds collected for assisting many charitable organizations, we have indeed enhanced the lives people in our neighborhood, country & even worldwide. The recent Graffiti Wall revealed individual pursuits of generous activity and I hope you were as inspired as I was.

To date it has been an active year filled with notable projects. With a focus on the Millennium Goals, our initiatives have reached the Sudan, our Pastor's discretionary funds, and Episcopal Relief & Development [ERD]. The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic was helped with our contributions for health care as well as Bike & Build, a summer cross-country trip by Bryant Colie to help build homes for the needy. Our Youth Group has raised funds for their Dungannon trip, and we are now in the midst of an Agape campaign for next year's Lakota mission.

Recently, the Service ministry made two donations to ERD from our March Agape. The "Inspiration Fund" received \$1,418.12 to implement programs to fight malaria and other preventable diseases in Africa and Asia, and provide basic health, education, and sanitary systems in Latin America and the Caribbean. Our Sunday school classes collected \$217.50 towards "The Nets for Life" fund which works to eliminate malaria in some of the most remote areas of sub-Saharan Africa.

Additional opportunities this summer and fall include: school supplies to local disadvantaged children, filling the LINK food pantry & distributing groceries to the hungry, and a Great Harvest Bread sale to benefit the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. Blessings for your support to this vibrant ministry.

"To keep a lamp burning, we have to put oil in it."

~Mother Teresa

~*Dianna Traub, Service Ministry chair*

Diocesan Stewardship Conference

Save the date: our 2009 Diocesan Stewardship Conference will be September 12th at St John's Church in Richmond. The featured speaker will be Stephen B. McSwain, author of The Giving Myths. The cost will be \$55, which includes lunch, refreshments and a dramatic reenactment of Patrick Henry. The conference is limited to 150 participants. Please contact the church office for more information, including carpooling, as it becomes available.

Lakota Mission Experience

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faces beaming. She was smiling, talking to all of them yet making each one feel special. I was seeing Jesus in her.

We attended the Pine Ridge High School Senior Pow Wow and were invited to dance with the young people during the celebration. My heart was warmed when the MC, a Lakota friend I hadn't seen yet this year and only briefly saw last year, ran off the stage to give me a hug. I knew I had come to a special place.

I could go on and on about each of the team members and all the wonderful experiences we had. We were truly a team, supporting each other, sharing feelings, laughter and wonder of this wonderful people.

And what I really remember most about this trip, are the words a Lakota friend said to me 9 years ago on my first trip to the reservation – "it's not about the number of nails you hammer" he said, "it's about the relationships you build." The special place I had come to this year was truly realizing the power of these words – yes the work is important, but it's about the people.

As I close, I want to say thank you to all of you on behalf of all the Lakota Team members, past and present. And I hope that each of you has a chance to join us in these experiences

Thank you for supporting us and the Lakota people.

~*Tina Pinkard*

Fulfilling our mission

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend one of our Stewardship dinners on November 1st or November 8th. The dinners are free. Our speaker for both evenings will be the eminent Professor of New Testament at The Virginia Theological Seminary, The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb. Kathy is brilliant, witty, and a deeply committed Christian. You will find her inspiring, insightful, and entertaining. You will not be asked to donate for the dinner or to sign a pledge card. Just come, enjoy good food, good food for thought, and the company of your Church family! Child care will be provided.



St. Timothy's Vacation Bible School 2009

You are invited to join St. Timothy's Community Vacation Bible School, taking place July 13-17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily. Our theme this year is Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere)!

Camp E.D.G.E will bring your children closer to God as they discover that God is with them at all times, in all places, and in all circumstances, ready to help them and guide them. They will also come to know Jesus as their friend and Savior who went to the extreme for them.

Day 1: Trek to the Promised Land: God is with me. I will stay close to God. (Joshua 1:1-11; 3:1-4:18)

Day 2: Trek to Bethlehem: God guides me. I will follow. (Matthew 2:1-12)

Day 3: Trek to the Pharisee's House: God teaches me. I will learn. (Luke 14:7-14)

Day 4: Trek to the Upper Room: God loves me. I will love God and others. (John 13:3-20; 13:33-14:30; 16:12-18:1)

Day 5: Trek to Galilee: God sends me. I will go. (Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20)

To register for Camp E.D.G.E. or to find out more, please contact:

Liz Griffith, VBS Coordinator: 703-318-6777 or lizgriff@yahoo.com,

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Boy Scout Troop 159

Boy Scout Troop 159 had another busy month. At the beginning of June, we had our annual family campout—this year we went to Assateague Island. We went kayaking and saw wild horses—some of them ate some of our food! Later in the month, we went to the Marriott Ranch for horseback riding. We had a good time on the trail ride and invented sloppy scouts—which are just like sloppy joes, but made with ham and Slim Jims. We had to leave at night when we had severe weather, but it was still fun. Now we're getting ready to go to Camp Ottari in July. Troop 159 meets every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's.

New Registered Members for June 2009

The following individuals became registered members of St. Timothy's in June:

Cecilija Hajdasz
Marie Lally
Jonathan Laible
Myron Laible
Sarahnell Laible
Sheri Riedl

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 pre-school. 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.

Congratulations, Girl Scouts!

On June 16th, Elizabeth Nixon and Rebekah Soliday, along with several other members of Girl Scout Troop 4108, were awarded the Bronze Award. This is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. In addition to earning two badges related to a service project, the girls spent many hours completing the rest of the requirements. The service project they developed was creating craft kits for the children served by LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter). The troop donated almost 200 craft kits.





St. Tim's STRIDES for MS YARD SALE July 11 - 8 am to 12 noon - Rain or Shine

The Multiple Sclerosis National Capital Challenge Walk is October 3-4, 2009. **St. Tim's STRIDES for MS** is a group of almost 20 church members and friends who have come together to take the challenge. In 2007, we participated in the Challenge Walk as **Brock's Walkers** and raised \$11,000 in about 6 weeks. We have started earlier this year and hope to beat the amount raised in 2007. We need to raise \$1,500 for each person who will walk the two-day, 50- kilometer course. Our goal is to raise money for the society and participate in the challenge walk. The money is used to fund research, to facilitate professional education and to provide programs and services to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward. We are very excited about this undertaking and hope for support and encouragement from our friends and families.

Our first fundraiser was the MS Capital Challenge Walk Dinner at Herndon United Methodist Church on May 20. On Thursday, June 11, we held our second fundraiser at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern raising \$1,138 that evening. We are currently over 30 percent of our goal and are very excited! We want to thank everyone for your generosity and support for us to reach our goal.

Next up is the **Yard Sale at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Saturday, July 11, 2009**, rain or shine. We need donations, so here is your chance to clean out your living space. Consider donating household items, toys, books, appliances, new or gently used clothing, new or gently used footwear, sports equipment, outdoor equipment, furniture, and whatever you don't need any more but that someone might need.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Timothy's on Wednesday through Friday, July 8-10, between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Pick up is available for large items. Call Hollis Colie, 703-499-7936, to schedule.

Please join us for this great event. Who knows what treasures you will find!



Also, please consider volunteering to help out at these planned events or in any other way you can. The positions available on the team are walker, crew member, and volunteer. Please check out our team website by using the below link or by going to www.msandyou.org, look for the Challenge Walk and then choose Team Information. Contact Chris Brock at Christopher.brock2@verizon.net or 703.437.3968, or Hollis Colie at hollis211@aol.com or 703.499.7936 with any questions.

Link to STRIDES for MS team web site:

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Challenge/DCWChallengeWalkEvents?team_id=151171&pg=team&fr_id=10771&et=y8l96_H7NJWPoAEPPN0r4Q..&cs_tafld=104989

A Morning Resolve

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

From "Forward Day By Day," by Forward Movement

Breakfast Groups

Each month men and women from St. Timothy's gather for breakfast. This is an informal group and everyone is welcome to come. We gather at Virginia Kitchen (in the K-Mart Shopping Center) in the back room at 9:00 in the morning. The women meet on the second Saturday and the men meet on the fourth Saturday. For more information or to get a monthly email reminder, please contact Susy Nixon (senixon@verixon.net) for the women's group or Chris Brock (christopher.brock2@verizon.net) for the men's group.



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

Thursday, July 16th, 2009

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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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

- July 3 Church Office Closed for the Holiday
- July 11 Yard Sale for MS Walk in HH
- July 13-17 Vacation Bible School
- July 18 Godly Play Workshop for Teachers
- July 27 Vestry Meeting
- Aug. 1 Dungannon Mission Trip begins