



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 139th Year

For October 2007

Herndon, Virginia



## How Does Your Faith Rate?

"How unfortunate and how narrowing a thing it is for a man to have wealth who makes a god of it instead of a servant." (Mark Twain in an open Letter to Commodore Vanderbilt, 1869). Or, as Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21).

What's most important to you? Do you value the people you love more than all else? In relation to other things where would you rank your health, your home, your life's work?

It has been said that our priorities are clearly revealed in our check books and credit card statements. For most of us the greatest expense is probably mortgage or rent. Health insurance, utilities, groceries, and car payments likely vie for second place; there could also be college tuition (savings or payments). Clothing is in there somewhere, as are the various comforts and luxuries we enjoy - music, travel, hobbies, favorite activities, etc.

But how about your faith; does that show up in your household accounting? How would you rate your faith in God, and your desire to make the world a better place? Do these have a visible, significant place in your priorities?

I was asked recently why I give money to the Church. I replied that it's one of the ways I show my gratitude for the life I've been given, for family and friends, home, health, and all of the wonderful blessings God bestows on me. My financial gifts are "thanksgiving." But, there's more to it than that. My pledge also funds mission work in this community and beyond, purchases Sunday School curriculum and supplies to help children, young adults, and grown-ups learn about God's love. My monthly check insures regular worship that feeds my soul, renews my spirit. My pledge helps spread God's love and draws other people to St. Timothy's - which I happen to believe is about the finest Church family in the world! My offering supports sisters and brothers in Christ who are in pastoral crisis. It maintains a very fine facility where members and non-members (especially people wrestling with addiction - that's a real life-saving ministry) gather to learn and grow. What I give provides highly skilled, well-trained, compassionate staff to help all of our members, marginal and homeless neighbors, visitors looking for a place to worship - every person who comes here for any kind of assistance. My pledge helps spread love, hope, faith, peace, and joy.

My contributions to the Church help make the world a better place.

That's so important to me that I'd like it to be the most prominent feature in my personal ledger. So, I plan to increase my thanksgiving and support to the Church until the Kingdom comes or Christ calls me home.

*Jr. Brad*

## When Shadows Lengthen

Autumn has always been one of my favorite seasons, but I dread the shorter days when darkness seems to close in on us. In college at Sewanee, I discovered the Anglican service of Evensong during this season. On Sunday evenings, the choir sang this 400-year-old service of Evening Prayer by candlelight in the gothic chapel on campus. Somehow, gathering with community to welcome the evening made the darkness seem less threatening in the winter months.

This year, the combined choirs of St. Timothy's will offer a service of Evensong on Sunday, November 4, 2007, All Saints' Sunday. On that date at 2 am, we will all have just turned our clocks back one hour. Darkness will come earlier that evening. We will gather to welcome the evening in with prayers like this one: "O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done..." (BCP, 833). Greeting the darkness with prayer in community makes us aware of God's presence among us and helps us to see the gift in setting aside the frenzy of the day.

After the service of Evensong, the congregation will break bread together at a dinner provided by the church. We will conclude the evening with our final presentation in the Fall Lecture Series. Dr. Timothy Sedgwick, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Christian Ethics at Virginia Theological Seminary, will lead us in reflecting on how to live lives "marked by prayer and worship, centered in forming households of faith...in a world saturated with consumerism." By the end of our time together, I hope that this prayer will have been answered: "Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope..." (BCP 124).

Whether you can come for all of these events or just one or two, mark this time when shadows lengthen with quiet reflection by the light of the community gathered in Christ.

*Leslie+*

## Welcome to Our New Seminarian

Kim Seidman will be doing her field work with us this year. She is a graduate of Emory in Atlanta, and is now completing a required one year of Anglican Studies at VTS in Alexandria. From the Diocese of NW Texas she will be ordained a Deacon on December 21st. Please introduce yourself to her and show your St. Tim's hospitality.

# Learning To Talk About Our Faith In Community

## Moral Quandary And Christian Vocation: Acknowledging Difference—Practicing Discernment

This autumn, we offer an adult faith formation series featuring distinguished scholars from the local area. Each speaker will offer a presentation followed by an opportunity for questions or discussion.

The programs will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact: Leslie Chadwick (lesliec@saint-timothys.org)



### October 14: Shaping Space with Worship Words for Spirit-ed Conversation - *The Rev. Dr. David J. Schlafer*

Praise, proclamation, prayer—when Christians gather as God’s people, they employ words in ways that are quite curious. How does the language of liturgy “work”? What is it trying to “do”? How can preaching convene Spirit-ed Conversations in Christian faith communities, in order to nurture communal discernment regarding urgent moral issues that are complex and conflicted?

### October 21: The Quest for Moral Certainty - *Dr. Terrence Reynolds*

On heated issues, Christians often defend opposing positions with absolute certainty. To make sense of these deep moral divisions, we will examine a theory of knowing that may illuminate the reasons why we disagree and then offer a proposal for improving moral conversations.

### October 28: Discerning the Word; Loving the Questions; Living into Community - *The Rev. Dr. A. Katharine Grieb*

From the beginning of church history, Christians were reading their Holy Scriptures and arguing about how best to honor the plan of the Creator God, follow Jesus Christ in the way of the cross, and walk in the ways of the Holy Spirit. The greatest challenge for Christians is to live together with our different moral visions, respecting that God may also be working through those with whom we disagree.

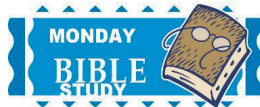
### November 4: Vision, Practices, and Forming Communities of Faith - *Dr. Timothy F. Sedgwick*

In a world saturated with consumerism, Christian faith offers a way of life that is marked by prayer and worship and centered in forming households that shape our life together. We will explore the nature and challenge in forming households of faith.

## ECW Annual Retreat

The annual ECW retreat will be led by Margaret Guenther, the former director of the Center for Christian Spirituality at The General Theological Seminary. She is the author of several books of spirituality, including *Holy Listening: The Art of Spiritual Direction* (1992), *At Home in the World: A Rule of Life for the Rest of Us* (2006), and *Just Passing Through: Notes from a Sojourner* (2007). The retreat will take place at the Cabins at Algonkian Regional Park on November 9-11. Contact: Carol Sinclair at 703-437-4713 (csinclair83@msn.com).

## Monday Morning Bible Study



The Monday Morning Bible Study will continue this autumn with our study of the scripture that we will read the following Sunday. We meet in Room B1 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. No preparation is necessary. All are welcome! Contact: Leslie Chadwick(lesliec@saint-timothys.org)

## Calling All Adults!

As Sunday School begins for the youth of St. Timothy's, this year it also brings the beginning of Sunday School for adults, though the term "school" is used loosely. Classes will begin Oct. 7 at 11:00 am in Room B2.

The Adult Sunday School at St. Timothy's is not about the answer. It is about learning, exploring, and questioning. It is a journey or a quest that begins with us, the children of God.

Using a discussion-type format, we will explore a wide variety of topics such as:

The Bible: passages, history, geography, archeology (such as the Roman empire and the spread of Christianity)

Theological reflections beginning with a painting, song, movie or other cultural item (such as Norman Rockwell)

World religions

Local, national, worldwide events

Interesting/controversial people (Was Paul really a chauvinist?)

Classes are open to all adults ages 18 and up and meet at the same time as the rest of the Sunday School. Registration is not required. Drop in, bring your coffee, and exercise your soul.

—*Shirley Ratliff*

## THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God

we joyfully worship God,  
spread the WORD of God's love,  
treasure all people, and  
serve others everywhere  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Therefore, with God's help, we:

open our doors to everyone,  
open our hearts in worship,  
open our eyes to the Spirit's gifts, and open  
our arms to embrace God's work.

## *Lectionary for October 2007*

10/7/07 18th Sunday after Pentecost; *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-10; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10*

10/14/07 19th Sunday after Pentecost; *2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; II Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19*

10/21/07 20th Sunday after Pentecost; *Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8*

10/28/07 21st Sunday after Pentecost; *Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-6; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14*

### *Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Elections*

All “members in good standing” of St. Timothy’s are expected to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2008. On that Sunday we will review our 2008 budget, elect four people for a three year term on Vestry, and one person as an alternate for a one year term. But that’s more than three months away; why am I telling you this now? Because we have some work to do. A Nominating Committee will be formed very soon to start the process. And you could be a candidate.

As required by National and Diocesan Canons all members 16 years or older, whose Baptism has been recorded in our books (whether the Baptism was here or elsewhere), attends Church regularly, and contributes to the mission of the Church, is eligible to vote. The same requirements apply to nominees whose names must be announced no less than 30 days before the parish meeting.

The twelve Vestry members are, by Canon, “agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the Parish to its Clergy.” The Vestry members also cooperate with the Clergy in promoting the spiritual welfare of the parish, support the programs of the Church encouraging the congregation to do likewise, greet newcomers and new members, see that the Church staff is compensated in accordance with Diocesan standards, make provision for Church music, ensure that there are prayer books, hymnals, lectionary books, sacraments, vestments etc. for worship, provide a portion of the parish budget in regular monthly payments to support the Diocese, plan annual audits of all income and property, make a full annual report, and appoint Trustees as required by Virginia law. Vestry members also serve as liaisons for the lay ministers of the Church. Vestry meets once per month on the fourth Monday, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

We will also vote for two delegates and two alternates for Regional and Diocesan Council (the same requirements for Vestry apply for delegates and alternates). Delegates attend six Regional Council meetings per year, all in Northern Virginia, usually on a first Monday. They also attend Diocesan Council once a year, on a Friday and Saturday at the end of January, either in Richmond or Reston (the Church pays for food and lodging).

Many of our members have been elected to one or both of these ministries and will tell you that they are very rewarding. Very important decisions are made. Wonderful things are accomplished. New relationships are formed. Faith grows.

Is God calling you to serve on St. Timothy’s Vestry, or as a delegate to the Councils of the Diocese?

### *Stewardship Campaign – Something New!*

Yes folks, it is that time of year again. Time for the annual stewardship campaign, but this year we are doing things a little differently. Well yes, we are still going to ask you for your financial support of St. Timothy’s, but in a different manner.

After being inspired by a Stewardship seminar in March of this year, we decided to try a multi-pronged approach, and divided the congregation into four distinct groups. Leaders have volunteered to direct a campaign uniquely tailored to each group. They, are Tim Coffey, Robert Bumbarly, Katie and Joe Mazza, and Spencer Hixon. With the help of their individual team members, they will get out separate stewardship messages for each group, something they think will resonate with you.

Consequently, there will be no Pledge Sunday this year, as each group will be conducting their campaigns at different times during October and November. We hope to have the entire effort wrapped-up before Thanksgiving.

You will see several new things this year. There will be no Pledge Cards. Instead, there will be a Stewardship Survey Form, on which you can choose from among five statements the one that best describes your support of St. Timothy’s. We hope that every individual or family who receives a Stewardship Survey Form will return it to the Treasurer in an envelope that will be provided.

You will also note new methods of contributing on a regular basis through automatic deductions from your bank account or by credit or debit card. You can learn more by going to the church’s website: [www.saint-timothy.org/giving.asp](http://www.saint-timothy.org/giving.asp). Of course, we will continue to receive cash or checks during the Offertory.

This year’s Stewardship Ministry has developed these innovations in an attempt to make it easier for you to support St. Timothy’s. Why? Because your financial support of our programs and ministry is essential. St. Timothy’s is solely supported by your generosity. We receive no funds from the Diocese or the National Church. So, please listen to the message you receive, and give generously from the bounty which God has given you. On behalf of the members of your Stewardship Ministry, Chris Brock, Charlie Clattenburg, Jim Hendrick, Susy Nixon, and Jimmy Norcross, I wish you health and happiness and a thankful heart.

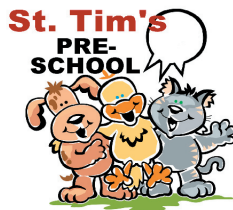
— Paul Conroy, Chair.

## The Pre-School Page

Boo! The pre-school students can't wait to show off their spookiest and silliest costumes at the Halloween parades on October 30th and 31st.

Thanks to everyone who placed a Sally Foster order - you will be contacted to pick up your order when it comes in.

Keep your eyes open for the announcement of a fall spirit night at a local restaurant! Thanks again for all you do in support of our wonderful pre-school.



—Liz Griffith

## Mark your calendars!

St. Timothy's will host this year's Herndon Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 18, 2007 at 7 pm. The service will feature music from several choirs, and members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and First Baptist Church in Herndon will join us in celebrating Holy Communion in the Episcopal tradition.



## Busy October Planned For Troop 159

Scouts from St. Timothy's Troop 159 have big plans for the month of October. We kick off the fall camping season with our annual bike hike to Claude Moore Park in Ashburn. This is an opportunity for visiting Webelos to spend an afternoon learning what Boy Scouts do, and learn a few skills too. An evening court-of-honor ceremony will yield advancement and merit badges for several boys. And a special part of the ceremony includes the transition between scoutmasters. Rob Carter is hanging up his scoutmaster hat after 10 years. He's been a leader in the troop for 15. Carter isn't going away, just passing on the scoutmaster patch to Drew Mehan who's been an assistant leader for several years. A campfire program tops off the evening's events.



If you know someone who would be comforted by receiving one of our handmade creations, please see Jackie Clattemburg, Janet Dopsovic, Donna McGrath, Jean Shepherd, Florita Tilden or fill out a form located in Henry Hall.

## Vestry Meeting Notes

September 24, 2007

\* Vestry heard two requests from the Boy Scouts; a motion to give the Boy Scouts space to hang the current year charter and an Eagle Scout plaque passed, and is referred to Building and Grounds to find an appropriate location; the request for additional storage space (possibly an outdoor storage unit) will be further researched to see if it complies with Town of Herndon permitting requirements

\* Vestry heard a presentation from Stewardship regarding the upcoming campaign; all Vestry members and Clergy will complete a 2008 Stewardship form; the form will also be available on the website under the Giving link.

\* Stewardship also requested an additional \$400 for postage/mailings; approved subject to Treasurer's assessment of funds' availability.

\* The upcoming Vestry-Ministry meeting will be October 20, breakfast served at 8:30 am; ministry budgeting and budget requests will be a primary topic of discussion.

\* Debit/Credit card donation system is online and ready for testing; plans to launch to the general congregation in October if testing is successful.

\* Michael Cook volunteered to act as temporary liaison to Worship Ministry, with plans to make Worship a Ministry liaison position in the 2008 Vestry term.

\* A request for an announcement policy during the service was discussed and a communications subcommittee formed to draft such a policy.

\* MOST has nearly completed the courtyard wall; pavers will be made available for sale to the congregation once more prior to laying brickwork.

\* The Vestry and congregation were reminded that information in the parish directory is private and is to be used for communicating personal and church business only, and not for business contacts or solicitations.

## Golf Tournament

Play in the 2nd Annual Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Golf Tournament on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Drive, Herndon, VA. For info and entry blank go to:

[www.jsfreeclinic.org](http://www.jsfreeclinic.org)

## Quilt Raffle

The Education Ministry will be selling raffle tickets in September and October to raise money for educational programs. A green and pink star-pattern quilt will be raffled off in October. The quilt was made by Robin HerManyHorses, a member of the Lakota tribe in South Dakota. Purchasing tickets will support the Lakota tribe as well as the Christian Education programs. Carmela Condro(703-620-1110) and Rebecca Page(703-435-2542) will sell tickets at the coffee hours.



## Why I Go to Pine Ridge

St. Francis said, "Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace—that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is despair, I may bring hope; that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

When I first joined the Lakota team, I was intrigued when told that the Lakota team generally does manual labor projects—no experience required—in the mornings, is expected to play with Lakota children in the afternoons, and joins in daily worship in the evenings. I heard that Pine Ridge was the poorest county in the United States and saw a chance to help.



When I arrived there, I saw sharp contrasts and deep paradoxes.

- I met people who showed warmth and humor in the face of shocking poverty.
- I saw strong US patriotism at a powwow for Native American military veterans. I saw the powwow participants pay tribute to US Army Specialist Lori Piestowa, a Navajo and the first US servicewoman to die in combat in Iraq.



I've been to four continents in my life, and at Pine Ridge I saw acts of love, sacrifice, service—and poverty--that I've rarely seen anywhere else.

I want to continue to build relationships with the Lakota and to better their lives and ours. I want to see Gabby. His real name is Everett. Gabby greeted our team when we laid the foundation for a community hall that now is completed. Gabby was there when we planted fruit trees behind a nursing home, so

that infirm Lakota can see natural beauty from their windows.

Gabby is a US Air Force veteran, a former rodeo bull rider, and a Christian. He surprised me one evening three years ago when he showed up at our evening worship with a little girl. To this day, I carry the image of Gabby's gnarled hands that tenderly held his three-year-old daughter Laura on his lap as we prayed in the basement of the Pine Ridge Retreat Center.



After a hard day's work in the open air, we serve as positive role models and give attention to children who may receive little attention from adults in their lives.

I want to reconnect with Sonny Boy Mousseau, who lost both parents in a car accident. He was shy and withdrawn when I met him three years ago.

I want to visit Basil Brave Heart and his wife, Charlotte, on whose property we helped to build the community hall. For days, we slung dirt, nailed plywood flooring, sang and laughed till we were breathless, and returned to our bunks exhausted and exhilarated. Basil is a gracious man. He fought in Korea and won America's third highest award for valor.

For five years now, St. Tim's has sent a team in May to Pine Ridge to build homes and friendships. God willing, we'll be going again in May 2008.

My Mom used to quote, "Only one life, t'will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." That's why I go to Pine Ridge. Y'all come. If you can't join us in the flesh, please join us in the spirit. We appreciate your giving. We appreciate your prayers for us. We appreciate your prayers for the Lakota.

— Ralph Tildon

## Join the Lakota Team

The Lakota Team is seeking new (and returning) members who are interested in traveling to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota May 17-24, 2008. The team meets the first Sunday of every month, Room B-1, at 5 pm. For further information contact Chuck Allison, crallison@aol.com or Janet Koch, jankoch@aol.com.

## Lakota Team Craft Sale / Coffee Hour

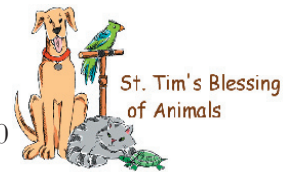
HENRY HALL, October 7, after all services.

See beautiful, native-made crafts from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota. All are available for purchase. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and support St. Timothy's mission to the Lakota people.



## Blessing of the Animals

St. Timothy's will hold its annual service of the Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 pm, in the outdoor chapel on the front lawn of the church. This service, a much-beloved tradition in the Herndon community, is open to all animals, great and small, and their humans and other animal lovers. Dress is casual – come as you are in feathers, furs, fins and such finery! Should the weather be bad, the service will be held on Oct. 21.



## Attention!

All articles submitted to the Word must be in MS Word 97-2003 format (files ending in .doc) The new Word 2007 format (.docx) is not compatible with our software and cannot be used.

Thank you., Charlie Clattenburg

# From the Music Director

## Music Ministry Upcoming Events

The Music Ministry plans an exciting 2007-2008 season of Sunday afternoon and evening concerts and services, including traditional services of Evensong, Christmas Lessons and Carols and Taizé. The season begins with a Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m. This service provides a meditative close to the day through an ancient and beautiful tradition in the Anglican Church. St. Tim's combined choirs will join to sing music by British composers Herbert Sumsion, Harrison Oxley and Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

Concert Series  
at  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

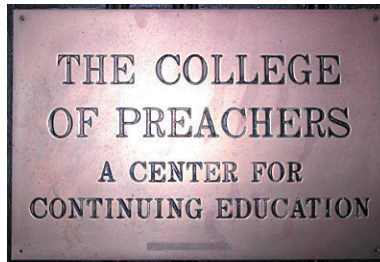


The Voce Chamber Singers return to St. Tim's on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. with a program of Christmas music of the 20th and 21st centuries including Franz Biebl, Morten Lauridsen, Kirby Shaw, and others. It will feature Alice Parker, renowned composer, arranger and leader of community sings, who will conduct the premiere performance of her new work, Magnificat, commissioned by Voce. On December 23 at 5:00 p.m., St. Timothy's choirs will again combine for a Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols, which will include scripture readings (lessons) along with choral anthems and familiar carols accompanied by organ and brass.

Four afternoon presentations are scheduled for 2008, including a Taizé service and a Choral Evensong by our choirs, and two concerts by Voce. All concerts and services are open to the public. For more information about our events, including ticket prices and reservations for Voce, please contact Peter Waggoner at 703-437-3790, ext. 16 or peterw@saint-timothys.org.

## St. Timothy's Choir Retreat 2007

On September 21st, 22 members of St. Timothy's choirs gathered at the College of Preachers at the National Cathedral for the first annual Choir Retreat. Friday evening found everyone relaxing and unwinding with a few games, some exploration of the historic building and grounds, and of course, knitting! A sung service of Evening Prayer closed out the day.



On Saturday morning both choirs had the experience of singing together for the first time in preparation for the upcoming services of Choral Evensong in November, and Lessons and Carols in December. The choirs met and rehearsed in the chapel at the College and benefitted both from the talent of the singers gathered there and from the great resonance in the chapel!



The retreat ended Saturday afternoon with everyone going their separate ways, renewed and energized by a weekend of uplifting music and fellowship in a truly inspiring setting.



Thank you all for your continued support! —Peter



# St. Timothy's Youth Group Calendar

October-December 2007

## October

October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Class (Upper Room)

October 7, 6:00-8:00 pm - Youth group gathering with movie/pizza/discussion  
(Upper Room)

October 9, 7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Class (Upper Room)

October 16, 7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Class (Upper Room)

October 21, 12:30-1:30- pm - 3rd Sunday Brunch (Upper Room before walk)

October 21, afternoon - Help the Homeless Walk

October 23, 7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Class (Upper Room)

October 28, 5 PM - Halloween Party at St. Tim's

October 30 [no Confirmation Class—confirmands will attend one lecture in the fall series]

## November

November TBD: Local Outreach Project

November 6, 7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Class (Upper Room)

November 10, 8 am-6 pm – Horseback Riding (Gettysburg)

November 13, 7:00-8:30 pm – Confirmation Class (Upper Room)

November 16, evening - Challenger Dance

November 18, 12:30-2 pm - 3rd Sunday Brunch (w/ meeting in Upper Room)

## December

November 30 - December 2: Antietam Trip [Confirmands return with Leslie and another adult Saturday evening]

December 1, morning – Holiday Shop Fundraiser

December 2, 11 am - Bishop Eastman visits for Confirmation!!

December 16, 12:30-2 pm - 3rd Sunday Brunch (w/ meeting in Upper Room)

December 16, evening - Caroling at Harbor House

December 24, afternoon - Christmas Luminaria at St. Tim's

## 2007-2008 Officers

President: Brittany Savage

Vice-President/Vestry Liason: Sarah Wilson

Secretary: Natalie Dubishar

Treasurer: Tyler Ogden

Communications Chair: Breanna Eskeridge

Communications Assistant: Jenny Jones

Historian/Web Guru: Alex Brock and Benjin Dubishar

# Youth Group Leader Training Class





# A Stephen Minister

## What Kind of Man Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

✝ A man like Adam who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.

✝ A man like Noah who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.

✝ A man like Abraham who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.

✝ A man like Moses who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.

✝ A man like David who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.

✝ A man like Elijah who thought he was all alone and needed a still small voice to encourage him.

✝ A man like Job who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

✝ A man like Peter who found himself in over his head and needed the strong hand of a faithful friend.

✝ A man like Paul who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.

✝ A man like JESUS who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and needed an angel of God to minister to him.

✝ A man like you.

## What Kind of Woman Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

✝ A woman like Sarah who faced a major change in life at an advanced age and needed someone to listen to both her joy and apprehension.

✝ A woman like Hagar who was abandoned along with her child and needed someone to offer her hope and remind her of God's presence.

✝ A woman like Hannah who struggled with her inability to bear a child and needed someone with whom to share her sadness and pain.

✝ A woman like Naomi who had lost her loved ones and needed someone to hear her sorrow and pain.

✝ A woman like Ruth who left everything that was familiar to her and needed someone to journey with her in her new life.

✝ A woman like Esther who was faced with a major decision and needed someone who could listen to her concerns and offer encouragement.

✝ A woman like Mary of Nazareth who lived with both the joys and struggles of having an exceptional child and needed someone to help her sort out the ponderings of her heart.

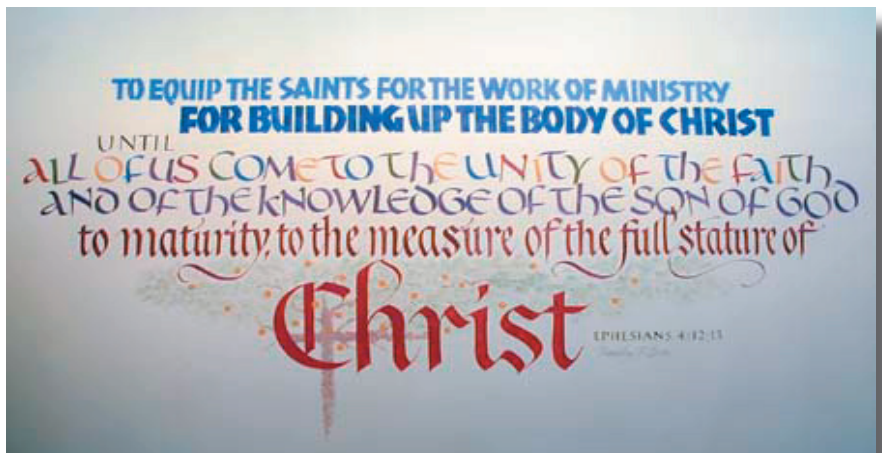
✝ A woman like Martha who was burdened by the demands of daily life and needed someone to help her regain sight of what was most important.

✝ A woman like Mary Magdalene who received healing from inner turmoil and needed someone to walk with her as she built a new life.

✝ A woman like you.

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could help, please call any of our Stephen Leaders, Cheryl Brock (703-437-3968), Jim Hendrick (703-430-4914) or Jane Perry (703-478-0032), Fr. Brad or Rev. Leslie Chadwick (703-437-3790).

## The Stephen Ministry Mission





## Ministry of the Month:

### *Service with More than Just a Smile*

An essential component of the St. Timothy's mission statement indicates that the church strives to "serve others everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ." Nowhere is this effort more obvious, within the church structure, than the Service Ministry, a group of volunteers who coordinate and administer a wide variety of both fundraising and outreach programs.

The Service Ministry acts on behalf of the St. Tim's community to identify those in need, educate the church-wide membership about these needs, and organize catchy and meaningful campaigns to raise awareness and resources—which can range from finances, to specific items, to groups of volunteers. The Ministry then channels these resources to local, national, and international charitable organizations.

"We try to create a thread," explains Service Ministry Chair Carolyn Hamm, adding that her group will have a member "stand up and introduce a campaign during the Sunday services, and include information in the weekly bulletin and *The Word*."

Carolyn notes that, in funds alone, the Ministry collected more than \$20,000 last year, largely from Agape donations, and that none of these contributions came from the church's regular member offerings.

Agape is a Greek word meaning unconditional love, but can also be interpreted to mean an act intended to encourage kindness and wellbeing. Either of these possible translations is appropriate when you consider that the Ministry has used this year's Agape collections for the local Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic (formerly the Herndon Free Clinic); the USO organization, which supports our troops overseas; the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, which assists those preparing for the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church; the three St. Tim's mission teams—the youth group trips to Dungannon, Va. and the Lakota Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as well as efforts to help local Habitat for Humanity events.

### *A Word of Thanks From the Service Ministry*

The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Agape months of July and August were filled with generous giving from the people of St. Timothy's. It is hoped that we learned more about the clinic and their mission to provide access to quality health care to low income uninsured members of the Herndon, Reston, Centreville and Chantilly communities. JSFC services include school admission physicals, health screenings for sports physicals; on-going medical care for adults with hypertension and diabetes. In July JSFC delivered its 2000th free physical. In 2006-07, 112 on-going adult patients were seen in the hypertension and diabetes clinic and over 1300 patients were screened in community Blood Pressure screenings. The clinic, located at 500 Grove St., Suite 330, Herndon, serves as a medical home for people who have nowhere else to turn. Thank you St. Timothy's for the donations of goodie bag supplies, school supplies, volunteer time from more than 12 volunteers and a total financial contribution of \$3,590.00. These gifts will touch the lives of many in our community. Please visit the JSFC website at [www.jsfreeclinic.org](http://www.jsfreeclinic.org), email [freeclinicvols@aol.com](mailto:freeclinicvols@aol.com) or call 703-481-8160 for more information.

"My mother prays five times a day and every time she prays in thanks for you." (Daughter of a patient at the JSFC)

"I...volunteer at the clinic because week after week I see the impact we are making on our patients just by looking at their faces. It feels good to know that the small role I play at the clinic is part of something very great." (Volunteer at the JSFC)

However, the Service Ministry does so much more.

Throughout the church year, the group promotes important opportunities for volunteering that may or may not be directly associated with a particular Agape campaign. For example, the St. Tim's youth group ran the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign in February to benefit the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic and, in August, the Ministry collected backpacks and school supplies for disadvantaged area children. During the month of August, the parishoners of St. Tim's donated 55 bags of groceries to LINK, a local food bank.

The Ministry is currently planning for Reston Interfaith's Sunday, Oct. 21, "Help the Homeless" community walk and the Angel Tree, holiday-gifts-for-the-needy collection. Other Service Ministry initiatives for the fall include the annual flu shot clinic scheduled for Oct. 14th.

The Service Ministry supports Reston Interfaith (St. Tim's is a sponsoring church) in a variety of ways including providing a member (currently Jill Norcross) to the charity's board of directors. The Ministry routinely recruits parishioner volunteers to help staff The Closet, a local charitable, second-hand store and has conducted numerous efforts to aid and promote area organizations like the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter and other notable charities.

Service Ministry members include Rob Duchesneau, Tricia Mussante, Jill Norcross, Judy Pasquarello, Keith Pinkard and Dianna Traub. The Ministry's Vestry liaison is Marcia Andere.

From the Service Ministry's track record, it's obvious that this group literally practices what it preaches. With an active and burgeoning agenda, the Service Ministry has many dedicated volunteers, but could always use more hands. St. Tim's members interested in volunteering can contact Carolyn at [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org).

## 2007 Help the Homeless Walkathon

Save the Date for the 2007 Help the Homeless Walkathon to benefit Reston Interfaith and the Embry Rucker Shelter. Please join us on Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter for our 4th Annual Community Walk for the Homeless. The walk begins at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, continues to St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Reston and returns to the Shelter. The walk is approximately two miles long and the entire event is less than two hours.

Each individual walker must complete a registration form (available in Henry Hall) and return it to Reston Interfaith no later than October 8 to receive their t-shirt at the event. On-site registration will be available and participants will receive their t-shirt two weeks after the event. **ALL CHECKS FOR REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE OUT TO 'HELP THE HOMELESS'.**

Reston Interfaith has set a goal of 1,000 walkers in order to raise over \$40,000 for their programs and services. Reston Interfaith not only receives all of the registration fees walkers pay, but we will also earn large incentive prizes from the Fannie Mae Foundation, the Walk's foundation sponsor, if we produce a good turnout of walkers. So St. Timothy's assistance is greatly needed and appreciated! We always have a great crowd from St. Tim's and this is a fantastic event for youth, singles, families, strollers and pets. Join the St. Tim's "team" and show the community our compassion and support of the homeless in our area. For more information, contact Jill Norcross at 703-435-7216 or [jillnorcross@comcast.net](mailto:jillnorcross@comcast.net) or see the poster in Henry Hall. Thank you in advance for helping to make this year's events a success in support of the thousands of homeless children, families, and adults served at the shelter each year and in other programs designed to prevent homelessness and place families in homes of their own.

—Jill Norcross

## Seek and Ye Shall Find!

The Communications Ministry is looking for a few good writers--individuals willing to meet or participate in a conference call a couple of times a month, reach out to a small set of St. Tim's church ministries, and write relatively brief articles that will be used for various church communications tools. This job is not a major time commitment (we all have busy lives); however, it should be viewed as a commitment.

Although the Communications Ministry provides St. Tim's with several gold star products, the group's infrastructure has eroded over time and is in desperate need of revitalizing. The Ministry has been meeting recently to consider more efficient and effective ways to communicate our church's good works. The group has developed several plans, but more heads will lead to more ideas. In other words, with your help, we can take a good product and make it better.

The job does not require having a Pulitzer (but former prize winners are certainly welcome to apply). The Ministry is simply looking for people with basic writing, organization, and interpersonal skills. Here's your chance to learn more about what's happening at St. Tim's.

Interested parties should contact John Perkinson at [perkinsonj@alpa.org](mailto:perkinsonj@alpa.org) or at 703-437-9512 (in the evening). Thanks for your attention.



## Saints Alive.....

This is your opportunity to recognize "saints of God, patient and brave and true" – those joyous saints among us at St. Timothy's. You know them – the "saint" who went the extra mile in support of one of our ministries or the "saint" who quietly did the task no one else wanted to do. We are blessed at St. Timothy's with many wonderful servant-leaders who daily give of their talents and time. Let's celebrate them! It's simple -- nominate your "saint" by emailing the editor ([cclattenburg@saint-timothys.org](mailto:cclattenburg@saint-timothys.org)) with the name of the person and one or two sentences on your saint's deeds. Your name will not be published. That's part of the fun – you get to be the unknown angel that recognizes saints alive. Who knows? You may be one, too.

*We would like to recognize and acknowledge Brittany Savage, a member of our Youth Group, for her efforts in holding a summer Sunday School class during both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services this summer. This mission, a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award, was a true service for both the parents and children of St. Timothy's, not to mention the rest of the congregation who were spared from having our youngest parishoners wiggle, squirm and squeal throughout the summer services. Brittany carefully planned an interesting, interactive curriculum that touched on many familiar stories from the Bible. Each lesson included a story, craft, and the ever important, snack. She was positive, organized and the children loved spending time with her. Children were actually overheard asking their parents NOT to come get them in time for the Eucharist, so they would have a longer time to spend with Miss Brittany.*

## Pipe Organs 101

*This article is being provided to you for your education about pipe organs. No opinions will be offered concerning St. Timothy's current ongoing organ discussion between the Vestry and the Organ Committee. This month we complete our class on the pipe organ.*

### Why do organs have several keyboards and pedals?

So far we've explained everything pertaining to just one keyboard. Just as a human body is made of several organs like the heart and lungs that serve different purposes, an organ is in reality a collection of several organs which serve different musical functions.

The second keyboard will control a second windchest with its own pipes. Traditionally, this second keyboard would control a positive organ which would be lighter in character and an octave higher in pitch. The main principal stop would be a 4' pitch and its first octave would be at 2' pitch.

The pedal organ is played with the feet and is typically designed at an octave lower than the main organ, so its would likely have a 16' Principal as its main stop. Pedal boards typically have 32 keys ranging from low C to G two and one-half octaves higher.

### Are organs used only in churches?

The organ certainly grew up in the church, primarily in Germany, France and Holland. Before the electronic reproduction of music, the church was a primary source of music in one's life. Because the harmonic structure of the organ is so highly developed and it can sustain its tone unlike a guitar, piano, or drum, it makes the organ an ideal instrument to accompany singing.

Today, organ builders have been very busy building organs for universities and modern concert halls. The popularity of the organ has also blossomed in the Far East; many new concert halls in places such as Japan and Singapore are being equipped with fine modern pipe organs.

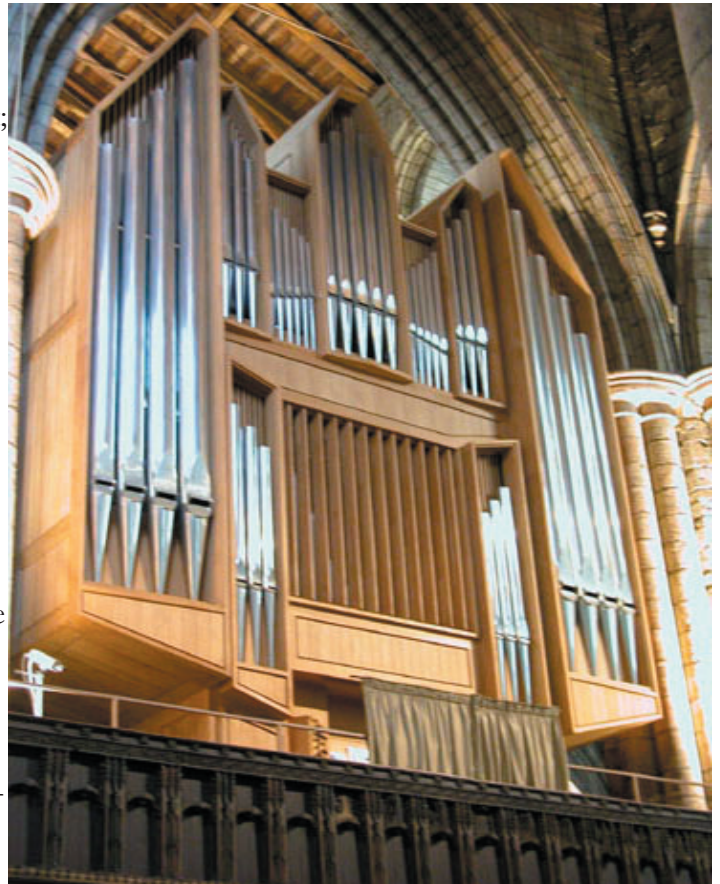
### Aren't electronic organs just as good?

With modern digital technology, electronic organs have improved greatly. However, just because something has a computer in it, it doesn't mean it's better. Digital sound samples from real pipes are used now to create the sounds, but one must still pay attention to the balance of sound within an individual rank, between ranks in one division, and between divisions. These issues apply to any organ design, pipe or electronic. Like the modern trend in software of "feature-itis", organ builders must be careful not to get caught in the trap of making organs that focus on unique stop sounds randomly collected and miss the balanced design of the overall instrument so masterfully done by the best builders in history.

### What kind of music is available for the organ besides "Phantom of the Opera" and funeral dirges?

Unfortunately organ music has often been clouded by ignorance and gained a reputation of being either melodramatic or boring. The truth is the organ has a very long history and its current repertoire spans a period of over 400 years. Certainly Johann Sebastian Bach is the most famous composer for the organ, but there are many others from the same period in Germany as well as France, and there are modern composers writing for the organ today. Many great composers have contributed to a wealth of literature including Pachelbel, Bach, Handel, Mozart, Liszt, Reger, as well as Couperin, Franck, Vierne, Widor, Dupré, Langlais, and Messiaen.

After World War II a reform movement began in organ building where a return to some of the underlying principles used by the historic masters of organ building were followed. Organs had become muddy and inarticulate in sound. Organs built by some German and Dutch builders were imported to North America in the 1950's, and these instruments were part of an awakening of what an organ could really be. A good example is the Dutch-built Flen-trop organ at Harvard University installed in 1958. Although it was not a large organ, it was bright, fresh, and perky, and became popular through a number of recordings made on it.





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The deadline for submission of material for the November issue is Thursday, October 18 at 9 am.

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: [Cclattenburg@saint-timothys.org](mailto:Cclattenburg@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.

Weekly Bulletins appear on the website no later than Saturday morning for the coming Sunday.

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Editor's Comments: St. Tim's has entered the Fall with a bang. We had to add 4 pages to this edition to cover all the news and happenings. There is a lot going on and it's to your benefit to read through this newsletter to find things of interest to you. Remember that this is the beginning of our stewardship campaign and we would like you to look into your heart and seriously consider a pledge for 2008. It looks like the Youth Group is forging ahead this year with Rev. Leslie at the helm. Our Music Director is to be congratulated for putting together a wonderful program for the upcoming series of concerts.  
— Charlie

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