



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 140th Year

For November 2007

Herndon, Virginia



## What are your dreams?

I don't mean the dreams you have at night when you're asleep. I mean the big hopes you have for your life, and for the world.

As far back as I can remember I have always wanted to change the world - end war and create peace, make sure every human being has sufficient and nutritious food, a safe and comfortable home, the highest quality healthcare, an inspiring education, love, hope, joy, and self-esteem. I am especially concerned about children; we are so vulnerable when we are young.

These aspirations might have led me to become a nurse or doctor, a social worker or teacher, a politician or philanthropist. Instead I had an unshakeable sense that God wanted me to be a priest. God didn't give me any miracles but God did give me a voice, and I try to use it to further these ideals. I want to see God's kingdom unfold all over this good earth. I want to see love and grace envelope every person. I want to witness the transformation of this warring and broken world into a Garden of Eden for all of God's people and creatures. And to this end (for this I was made) I devote my energy - my time, talent, and treasure.

It is a fool-hearty quest some would say, but I am not alone. There are hundreds, thousands, millions of people with such grand and glorious dreams.

I am particularly grateful that so many of you in the community of St. Timothy's have taken up the cause of changing the world by and for the love of God. You give your life to make things better for the people you love, for other people in Northern Virginia, and elsewhere in the world. I am profoundly impressed and encouraged by your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, by your generosity, selfless dedication, and quiet heroism. I am surrounded by saints!

The daily news is a sad counterpoint, reminding me that the "paradise" of my dreams is still far from fulfillment. Never the less, I am confident that we are making great strides. Those who come after us - our children and grandchildren - will know that we have made a difference, because we follow Jesus Christ. St. Timothy's is a living testament.

I urge you to recall your Christ dreams, consider your God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure, and devote your life in whatever way you can to making a positive difference. With every act of love and generosity, of kindness and compassion, of goodness and grace, we set another stone in the foundation of The Kingdom.

I thank God for all of the pledges of time, talent, and treasure that make life better for families, friends, and strangers. I thank God for all of the saints in St. Timothy's who "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!"

*Jr. Brad*

## The Church: A People on a Journey

For the longest time, I thought of the Church as home. I grew up in a church where I felt surrounded by God's love. The people in my home church made God's love as real to me as my own family's love. My parents pledged as members of that local church and their commitment to God and to the larger Church and its mission grew with their financial commitment.

Throughout college and graduate school, I attended other churches and gave time, talent, and treasure as I was able, but I still considered my parents' church as home. Only after I settled into my teaching job did my longing to be part of a church community begin to tug at me. I missed being connected to people of all ages who put down whatever they were doing all week to gather on Sundays as the people of God in worship. I began attending a Lutheran church with my mother-in-law even though I remained an Episcopalian. Yet during that time, I realized that the Church is more than a home on this earth. The Church serves a living God. The people of God who make up the Church are on a journey; we are constantly on the move toward our true home with God.

Somewhere along the way, I felt another tug to give a portion of my paycheck to support the life of the congregation of which I was a part. I decided to give not because I had found a permanent home, but out of the joy that I had found people to travel with on this journey. The first thing I noticed in the months I gave was that I barely missed the amount that had seemed so huge when I decided to give. I was delighted that I had something to give on my own, not just through my parents. The more I shared, the more involved I became in that community. I played piano for the contemporary worship service, sang with the choir, tutored children in the local community through the church, and learned more about the congregations we were supporting in other parts of the world. Through these ministries, I discovered that God is calling the Church not just to journey through the world with blinders on until we reach our destination. We are to bring God's love home to everyone we meet on the way, to make His love and kingdom a reality for those who feel least at home on this earth.

I have experienced the joy of that reality through the ministries of St. Timothy's time and time again. I continue to give to the Church not because I'm sentimental about the fixed institution that raised me, but because I believe in the living, dynamic mission of the Church as the people of God journeying in joy and hope that God's kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.

*Leslie+*

# Learning To Talk About Our Faith In Community

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

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

**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.

### Ministry of the Month: Christian Education

#### Exploring Faith through Presentations, Activities, and Fun

Education is a vital component of the Christian experience; to accept God into our lives, we need to know something about him, i.e., his laws, his desires for us, and his presence among us through his son, Jesus Christ. In other words, the foundation of our faith begins with the teachings and precepts of the Bible.

The St. Timothy's Christian Education Ministry assists our community with the building of this foundation, supplementing the Bible passages and sermons we hear during church services with a variety of classes and activities for the membership to use to fully explore what it means to be a Christian and an Episcopalian.

"We try to offer something for everyone," says Marybeth Henry, chair of the Christian Education Ministry. "We provide a wide range of special events and ongoing activities for both children and adults, and we encourage everyone to participate.

"Our hope is that through these many opportunities, the members of St. Tim's will develop a greater understanding and appreciation of their faith and, with this added insight, will strive to better serve God, each other, and the community," she added.

The Ministry's special events include the recent four-part lecture series on Sunday evenings, titled Moral Quandary and Christian Education: Acknowledging Difference – Practicing Discernment.

Christian Education is also participating in the annual Episcopal Church Women's Retreat November 9-11 at the cabins of Algonkian Regional Park. The Rev. Dr. Margaret Guenther, author and former director of the Center for Christian Spirituality at the General Theological Seminary, will lead this fascinating weekend experience, and all interested female members are welcome to participate (pending available space).

St. Tim's offers adult as well as children's Sunday school classes, and the Ministry currently provides Bible study classes Monday mornings in Room B1 from 10 am to 11 am. Monday Bible Study tends to run for six- to nine-week periods followed by brief intervals, but members can join classes at any time and all are welcome to attend.

The Ministry is also planning a Bible study/dinner on Sunday evenings during the upcoming Advent season (more information will be available soon), and a four-week Bible study class, Sunday evenings in January, from 5 pm to 6 pm in Henry Hall.



In addition to Sunday school classes for children, the Ministry offers the St. Tim's Kids Club for second through fifth graders, which includes hands-on, fund-raising projects as well as other group activities. On November 17 from 5 pm to 7 pm, the Kids Club will enjoy a potluck dinner and movie, and December 8 from 12 noon to 1 pm, the group is planning a Christmas party.

Interested in learning more about what defines Christianity? Christian Education offers a unique program titled Christianity 101, which examines the basics of Christian faith and allows members to learn more about what it means to be confirmed, received, or to renew one's baptismal vows. The church also provides periodic confirmation classes.

Other Christian Education options allow members to get directly involved with the Episcopal Church. Education for Ministry prepares lay people with a means to pursue their own individual ministries. Students enroll for a year at a time and receive 18 hours of continuing education credit per year.

Additional programs are already in the planning stages. To learn more, talk to Brad Rundlett or Leslie Chadwick or approach one of the Ministry's board members: Betsy Knoizen, Carol Van Evera, Kerrie Wilson, Kim Savage, Linda Kennedy, Marcia Andere, Maria LaWalt, Melissa Randolph, and Shirley Ratliff. Other Christian Education members include Carol McLean, Chrissa Mankin, Jim Showalter, and Ken Vierra,

Also make a point to look for Christian Education Ministry functions and activities in future issues of The Word, on the St. Tim's website (<http://www.saint-timothys.org>), in the weekly bulletins, on church bulletin boards, and Christian Education flyers that are circulated in Henry Hall.

Learn more about learning more, and come join us for one of the many opportunities to better understand what it means to believe in God and to be a member of our church.  
—John Perkinson, Communications Ministry

### Holiday Shop

Christian Education will be hosting the St. Timothy's Holiday Shop on Saturday, December 1st this year. One of the main fundraisers at the event will be a raffle. Almost all of our vendors are donating wonderful items for the raffle, but we would also like to ask the congregation to pitch in and help out. If you have any items you would be willing to donate for the raffle, please contact Marybeth Henry at [momsonline@juno.com](mailto:momsonline@juno.com) or at 703-742-6694. Thanks in advance for your support!



## Lectionary for October 2007

11/4/07 All Saints Day; *Daniel* 7:1-3, 15-18; *Psalms* 149; *Ephesians* 1:11-23; *Luke* 6:20-31

11/11/07 23rd Sunday after Pentecost; *Haggai* 1:15b-2:9; *Psalms* 145:1-5, 18-221; *II Thess.* 2:1-5, 13-17; *Luke* 20:27-38

11/18/07 24th Sunday after Pentecost; *Isaiah* 65:17-25; *Isaiah* 12; *II Thessalonians* 3:6-13; *Luke* 21:5-19

10/25/07 Reign of Christ; *Jeremiah* 23:1-6; *Psalms* 46; *Colossians* 1:11-20; *Luke* 23:33-43

### Stewardship and the "Cost of Doing Good"

Like any organization or enterprise, St. Timothy's needs money for its operations. It is a fact of life. I hesitate to use the phrase, "the cost of doing business," but prefer, "the cost of doing good." For those who think God will provide, you are correct. But, it is you, the members of St. Timothy's, who are God's instruments to make those provisions. We do not get support from anywhere else, including the diocese. Everything we do rests upon the generosity of you, our members.

First, I ask you to think about all the blessings you have been given, and then think about all that St. Timothy's means to you, our community, and the world around us. For some examples just look at the articles in this edition of *The Word*. They will speak of our worship and music, our fellowship and pastoral care, our outreach and support to those in need, and our love of the Lord. Then think about what is God's fair share and consider giving a percentage of your income to St. Timothy's.

In 2007, eighty percent of our church's income (about \$550,000 out of a budget of \$684,000) is spent on mandatory expenses such as the mortgage, utilities, building maintenance and our clergy and staff salaries, (which by the way are at least \$15,000 below current diocesan guidelines for clergy, and \$8,000 below for our other staff). Our discretionary spending is what is left over from income after the mandatory expenses have been paid. Discretionary spending is used to improve our spiritual lives and the lives of those in need. Our church could do so much more if we all looked into our hearts, realized how we are blessed, and then gave generously. I, for one, believe our ministry and mission in this place and at this time deserves no less. So please consider increasing your giving to St. Timothy's.

In the coming weeks you will receive in the mail a 2008 Stewardship Survey Form. The form will be sent to you by members of St. Timothy's who are of your own generation. They will have a special message for you. Please read their message carefully and then decide how you will fill out the Stewardship Survey Form. You will be asked to make one of five choices and then return the form to the Treasurer.

I am pleased to report that your parish leadership, Brad, Leslie, Peter, all your Vestry Members, and the members of the Stewardship Ministry, have already

completed and returned their 2008 Stewardship Forms. Every individual or family who receives a form should return it by the date indicated in the letter. We are hoping for a 100 percent return. If you have any questions about this campaign or stewardship in general, please feel free to give me a call at (703) 860-9518.

—Paul Conroy, Stewardship Ministry Chair

### Mark your calendars!

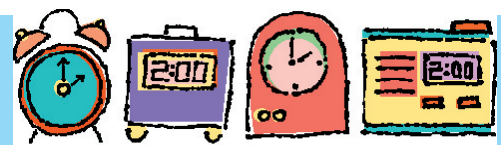
St. Timothy's will host this year's Herndon Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 18, 2007 at 7 pm. The service will feature music from several choirs, and members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and First Baptist Church in Herndon will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



### Annual Parish Meeting / Vestry Election

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be convened on Sunday, January 13, at 12:30 pm in our parish hall; lunch will be provided. Every member in \*good standing will be given a ballot during the announcement period of our morning services, and will cast a vote for four new members for our Vestry, and two delegates to represent St. Timothy's in Regional and Diocesan Councils. Is God nudging you to serve on the Vestry? Or as a delegate to Councils? Do you know another member of this Church who would be an excellent candidate to serve in either of these very important ministries? We will be hearing very soon from our parish Nominating Committee. Meanwhile, please pray for discernment.

\*Good standing: 16 or older, Baptism recorded in our register, regular in worship, contributing to the mission of the Church.

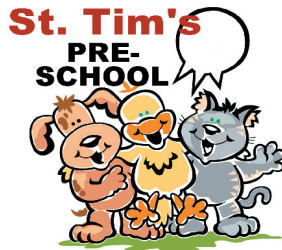


**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep on November 3rd!

## The Pre-School Page

This November, the pre-school is collecting donations for Operation Pinecone, which collects and assembles gift and care packages for service members primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan. Operation Pinecone is a grassroots nonprofit organization based in South Riding.



The following types of items would be greatly appreciated: hard candy or licorice (individually wrapped); microwave popcorn packets; dried fruit/nuts (packaged or small cans); beef jerky; slim jims/beef sausage (individually wrapped - no pork products please); cookies in sturdy boxes; tee-shirts with logos from sports teams or bars; DVD/CDs (latest releases preferred but all accepted); board games (new only) or small hand-held games; decks of playing cards, pocket-sized crossword puzzle books, magazines, or Sudoku; lip balm/chap stick.

Please visit [www.operationpinecone.org](http://www.operationpinecone.org) for a complete list. Monetary donations are also appreciated, with checks made out to "Operation Pinecone". Please bring your donations to church on Sunday Nov. 11 (the pre-school will also be collecting that week until Friday Nov. 16). Your generosity means so much, especially during the holidays!

—Liz Griffith

## Scouts From Troop 159 Reach New Heights

'Ain't no mountain high enough' to keep hearty hikers from Boy Scout Troop 159 from reaching for the top. Their peak performance begins with a one-mile rock scramble up the side of Old Rag Mountain in Luray, Virginia. Along the way, spectacular views of the countryside. Definitely an event scouts remember forever.

Meanwhile back in Fairfax County, two events taking place for scouts doing their part to improve their community. Scouting for food bags are dropped off the first Saturday of the month, and the bags filled with food are collected the next weekend. It takes a lot of foot-power but the benefits are big. Last year our troop collected a record amount of food for needy folks around Herndon.

And finally, talkin' trash: the semi-annual creek clean-up takes place in the Fox Mill neighborhood. It's like a treasure hunt of wild and whacky finds.

Looking ahead to December -- a perennial favorite -- the all-night lock-in.

Want to get in on the action? Contact Carolyn Edner @ (703) 742-9654 or [cedner@cox.net](mailto:cedner@cox.net)



## Vestry Meeting Notes

Notes from Vestry meeting October 22, 2007.

\* The Vestry heard the final presentation from the Organ Committee, and voted to accept the Organ Committee's report. The Vestry dismissed the Organ Committee members with much thanks. A period of prayer and consideration will proceed the next meeting, during which the Vestry is scheduled to vote on how to proceed regarding the organ.

\* Stewardship brought in a number of original pieces of artwork by a parishioner, who wishes to donate the pieces to the church. The Vestry voted to accept the donation, and proceed with locating an art dealer to sell the works.

\* The Vestry voted to accept and implement the Communications Ministry's draft Solicitations Policy. The Policy will go into effect immediately, be published quarterly in the Word, and be posted in a visible location in the church. The Policy limits personal solicitations for charitable causes to print publications, and requires that announcements during the service be scheduled with Brad Rundlett at least 1 week in advance.

\* The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's report. Giving continues to be at 87% of expected levels. In January of 07, St. Timothy's had approximately \$110,000 in the bank. We have been steadily eating away at that, and are now close to having only one month of salary/mortgage payments left in the bank. We have no reserves and no lines of credit available. The Treasurer Rick Wilson will speak during the service November 4 to inform the congregation of the state of our finances.

\* Currently anticipated income is calculated from a combination of received pledges and approximations of other giving: donations and loose plate offerings. The Vestry discussed the importance of having more accurate predictions of income for next year, and the necessity of having every parishioner return the Stewardship form, even if they do not plan to give to the church, so that we can plan the budget accordingly for next year.

\* Debit/Credit Card donations are scheduled to be accepted on the St. Timothy's website beginning November 1. Parishioners may donate or pledge online at [www.saint-timothys.org/giving.asp](http://www.saint-timothys.org/giving.asp).

—Genevieve Zetlan



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

## Happy 139th Birthday - St. Timothy's

On November 1st, 1868, some few Episcopal Christians in a small dairy farm community in Herndon Virginia met together to worship, to give thanks on that All Saints' Sunday. That service was led by a school teacher and licensed Episcopal layreader. It was the first recorded service of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. By 1872, a Sunday School with three teachers and seven students had been formed and a small building, once used as a cheese factory, was acquired and renovated. This chapel was located on the northwest corner of Grace and Vine Streets, and was called St. Timothy's Mission.



**Church  
ANNIVERSARY**

The first church building (now the Masonic Lodge at the corner of Elden and Grace Streets) was consecrated in June 1881, and the bell was hung in its steeple in 1882. St. Timothy's status reverted from church to mission and back again several times prior to World War II, but the church remained active thanks to the dedication of a few committed families, two well-liked rectors, and students from the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria. The need for a parish hall to house the ever-growing Sunday School, meetings and social gatherings, was of constant concern. But the budget was already strained with the demands of building maintenance and salaries. So, the congregation raised funds with horse shows, rummage sales, and phantom auctions, and invested the proceeds in War Bonds. The parish hall was finally built in 1947.

Crowded conditions prevailed again during the 1950s, but it was the construction of Dulles Airport and the growth of Reston and Sterling Park in the early 1960s that compelled the Rev. John C. Henry and church leaders to plan seriously for major expansion. With more years of creative fundraising, ten acres of pasture were purchased and the structure which is now Henry Hall was built. Consecrated in 1969, it served as church, education building, and parish hall. Upholstered pews (constructed by parishioners) had to be moved out of the way after each service so the congregation could socialize and enjoy refreshments.

A strong tradition of liturgical music has been maintained throughout the church's history, thanks to the dedicated efforts of talented choir directors, organists, volunteer instrumentalists and choir. An antique two manual Tracker organ was acquired in 1972. A plaque detailing its acquisition and restoration is displayed on the narthex side of the instrument.

In the early years, St. Timothy's was dependent upon students from the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria for Sunday services. Today, St. Timothy's serves as a site where second and third year students from Virginia Theological Seminary develop practical skills. St. Timo-

thy's still has a Sunday nursery, Children's Chapel, Sunday School, and summer Vacation Bible School. Christian education programs are offered at various times for people of all ages.

St. Timothy's also has a strong tradition of outreach, both within and beyond the community. The acclaimed preschool was founded in 1974. We welcome children of all faiths. The Closet, Herndon's highly successful used clothing exchange, had its beginnings at St. Timothy's in the 1970s. A young deacon initiated the first shelter for the homeless in Fairfax County in 1984. Volunteers set up cots and provided dinners in Henry Hall. Other churches joined in the effort, which continued until the Embry Rucker Shelter was built in nearby Reston. Parishioners support annual youth mission trips to Appalachia, adult mission trips to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and Habitat for Humanity missions in various places in this country and abroad. The congregation also supports Reston Interfaith, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, Our Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras, LINK (an ecumenical food ministry), a missionary in Sudan, Episcopal Relief and Development, and many other noteworthy Christian ventures.

The present sanctuary, which seats 350, was consecrated November 11, 1982. The baptismal font and hymn boards date from the late 19th century. The bell from the 1881 church building has been electrified and continues to ring before every major holy day and Sunday service as it has for more than a century. Major renovation of the parish hall and educational wing, and construction of new educational space was completed and dedicated in January 2004.

By the grace of God, St. Timothy's will keep on being a vibrant, luminous, and faithful witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit until Christ for the people of Herndon, Northern Virginia, and the world.

### 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

## THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God

*adopted 01/20/07*

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

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.

# 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 pm.** 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.

The Voce Chamber Singers return to St. Tim's on **December 16 at 4:00 pm.** 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 pm.**, 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.

Concert Series  
at  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



Thank you all for your continued support! —Peter

## St. Tim's Youth Seen at Herndon High School Homecoming Parade



Our roving reporter caught these photos of some of our youth at the Herndon High Homecoming parade several weeks ago. It is wonderful to see them out in the community having fun and enjoying the great freedoms of our country. We wish them the best in their endeavors and pray for these children to succeed.

## Community Events



# St. Timothy's Youth Group Calendar

November-December 2007

## November

November TBD: Local Outreach Project

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

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

November 14, 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 [Confirmants return with Leslie and another adult Saturday evening)

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

December 2, morning – Holiday Shop Fundraiser

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

## *Agape Update—Where are those yellow envelopes?*

Maybe you've missed them and maybe you haven't, but did you know the Agape Offering has been on hiatus, last appearing in August? The Service Ministry decided to put this program on hold for the remainder of the year. In place of the regular yellow envelope offerings, please consider the following:

**Stewardship:** The Stewardship campaign is underway—prayerfully consider what you can pledge to St. Timothy's in the coming year. Pledges, no matter how small or large, help our church accurately budget and plan for the upcoming financial year.

**Leadership:** In addition to your treasure, consider giving your time and talent to outreach. Individuals are needed to spearhead some key programs for St. Timothy's:

- Closet Coordinator—scheduling St. Timothy's members to volunteer at The Closet in downtown Herndon.

- Hypothermia Shelter Coordinator—schedule volunteers and meal preparers (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for each Monday in March.

- Angel Tree Coordinator—work with this year's coordinators to “learn the ropes” about how to run the Angel Tree Program at St. Tim's in preparation for taking over this ministry in 2008.

**Membership:** The Service Ministry is made up a few dedicated volunteers and we are always looking for new members to help us accomplish our goals. Have a suggestion for your own Agape Offering? Want to learn more about how St. Timothy's helps in our community, the nation and the world? Join us on the second Monday of the month in Room B-1 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Partnership:** Throughout the remainder of the year, you will notice special requests for your support. Our Little Roses and Frances, our sponsored child, need our

support in the aftermath of a hurricane. Rev. Lauren Stanley our missionary in the Sudan, will be visiting on December 16. LINK Holiday Food Baskets need donations. The Angel Tree will soon be filled with gift tags. Plus upcoming jewelry sales, bread sales and holiday shop sales need your support. We ask for your continued partnership in donating to these worthy causes.

The Agape Offering will return in January 2008 with a two-month offering in support of St. Timothy's missions—Lakota, Dungannon and Habitat for Humanity. In 2008, we will hold a total of four Agape Offerings taking place January/February, April/May, July/August and October/November. The remaining months will serve as a respite between offerings.

If you would like more information on how you can be involved with the Service Ministry, please contact Carolyn Hamm at 703-435-0438 or carolynhamm@cox.net.

## *Angel Tree Program*

With the holidays just around the corner, it must be time for the beloved Angel Tree. On November 25, look in Henry Hall for St. Tim's Angel Tree filled with requests from children in need from Reston Interfaith and LAWS (Loudon Abused Women's Shelter). Once again the tree will be filled with close to 200 individual gift requests. Please take one, two or several tags from the tree, shop for the requested items and return the gifts unwrapped with the original tags firmly attached to St. Timothy's by Sunday, December 9. We will hold a sorting party after the 11 am service on December 9, and volunteers are needed to sort and deliver gifts to Reston Interfaith and LAWS. For more information, contact Janet Dopsovic 703-391-9633 or Jill Norcross 703-435-7216. Once the gifts have been delivered, our Angel Tree becomes the collection point for scarves, hats, mittens and gloves for adult and children clients of Laurel Learning Center, the Embury Rucker Homeless Shelter and LAWS.



## *Stephen Ministry at St. Timothy's ... in the words of the care receivers*

St. Timothy's celebrated "Stephen Ministry Sunday" on October 21, recognizing our 18 devoted active Stephen Ministers, 3 committed lay Stephen Leaders, our outstanding congregational and clergy support. Folks heard about the benefits of having a Stephen Minister during life challenges, great and small. The following are some of the thoughts on Stephen Ministry from three care receivers, shared here with their express permission and edited slightly to insure confidentiality:

"I think we have all heard of the expression 'They have my back.' As we go along life's bumpy road we are sometimes lucky enough to have someone who provides that extra help--the soothing words to calm our fears, the voice of assurance to help us face our problems or just that arm of support to help us fend off our foe. My Stephen Minister 'has my back.' Stephen Ministers don't offer magical solutions or the answers to all your questions but they are just there! They can console by phone call or in person. They can give you an outlet over coffee to vent your frustrations about your situation. They never judge nor do they criticize. They are God's grace personified."

"My Stephen Minister helped me get through a serious illness. I am truly grateful for the warmth and pure kindness that he extended to me with 'no strings attached.' My Stephen Minister was a wonderful listener. I felt that he was with me out of a sincere compassion for others in need. He was genuinely interested in hearing how I was doing. The 'compassionate listening' that my Stephen Minister offered me, and that I gladly received, was an important part of the healing process for me. I never had any concerns about the confidentiality of my conversations with my Stephen Minister. My

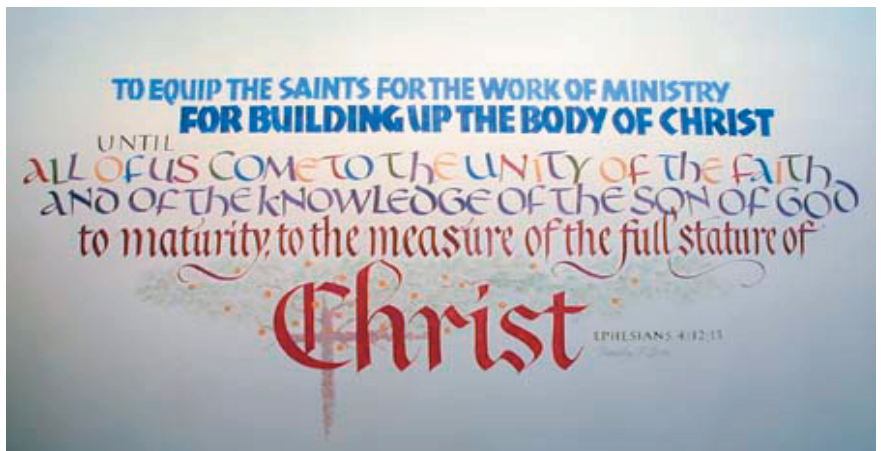
Stephen Minister's visits in my home were informal and he let me take the conversation wherever I needed to go, but he was always asking good questions and gently guiding me 'home' toward a comforting and peaceful resting place. I was touched by my Stephen Minister's willingness to pray for me, with me, to thank God for my recovery. My experience with the Stephen Ministry during my illness was wonderful. I recommend that others, in times of need, check out this wonderful ministry at St. Timothy's."

"Each day I am grateful for the caring people from our Stephen Ministry who have helped me get this far. They have also given me hope for the future: a different future from what I had wanted and planned, but a future that will be as good as I can make it. My husband was sick for many years ... he improved for awhile and then started to lose ground. My Stephen Minister helped me to be able to help my husband, and she also helped my husband because he knew someone from our church was helping me. At first it was the great responsibility of caring for my husband, keeping hope alive while evaluating alternatives. Being able to discuss these issues with a sympathetic and knowledgeable friend was a great comfort to me. After my husband passed on to Heaven, the grief was overwhelming. But I trusted my Stephen Minister to help me start to look for God's pathway for me to walk as a widow. Grief is a long journey down a dark road, but the road is not endless. My Stephen Minister helped me find each step of progress so that I could feel the reward of getting through each day and being OK."

Next month: Stephen Ministry at St. Timothy's ... in the words of the Stephen Ministers.

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





# Blessing of the Animals at St. Timothy's



Chewie



Nestle

O God, I thank thee  
for all the creatures thou has made,  
so perfect in their kind--  
great animals like the elephant and the rhinoceros,  
humorous animals like the camel and the monkey,  
friendly ones like the dog and the cat,  
working ones like the horse and the ox,  
timid ones like the squirrel and the rabbit,  
majestic ones like the lion and the tiger,  
for birds with their songs.

O Lord give us such love for thy creation,  
that love may cast out fear,  
and all they creatures see in man  
their priest and friend,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*--George Appleton in The Oxford Book of Prayer , Oxford University Press, 1985.*



Lexia



Amenia



Ginny

## Hypothermia Shelter Update— Mondays in March

Reston Interfaith in cooperation with Fairfax County will operate a Hypothermia Shelter each night from December 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. Once again, St. Timothy's has signed up to fill volunteer and food service needs for "Mondays in March." Please look in future bulletins and issues of the Word, to learn more about volunteer training, duties, and sign-ups. St. Timothy's will host each Monday in March by providing on-site volunteers and by preparing dinner, breakfast and lunches for those days. We are also looking for someone to serve as the St. Timothy's Hypothermia Shelter Coordinator (scheduling volunteers and serving as the liaison between St. Tim's and Reston Interfaith). Please note that volunteers are welcome and needed any time during the shelter's operation. You can contact Reston Interfaith directly at (571) 323-9565, if you would like to volunteer before our scheduled dates in March.

## Volunteers Needed for LINK Thanksgiving Baskets

LINK, an organization of fourteen local churches including St. Timothy's, is having its annual Thanksgiving basket distribution to needy families

in Herndon and Sterling. LINK provides a week's worth of food to over 600 families each year every Thanksgiving and Christmas. Volunteers are needed to sort locally donated food prior to distribution, and for numerous duties on the day of distribution, including guiding recipients in choosing their food.

Sorting and distribution take place at both Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling. Each volunteer is asked to serve for 2-3 hours on one day. The sorting days are November 12, 13, 15, and 16, (not the 14th), and the distribution day is Saturday November 17. The sorting hours are 9-12 am and 7-9 pm, and the distribution hours on the 17th are 7:30 am-5 pm. The last two hours on the 17th will be primarily cleanup work. Volunteers please email Diana Lawrence at [diana@hamiltongroup.com](mailto:diana@hamiltongroup.com) or call the LINK phone line at 703-437-1776.

Another announcement will be made for the holiday baskets in December. The sorting days will be December 10, 11, and 14, and the distribution day will be December 15.



## Thanksgiving Food Baskets

## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### 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 Shirley Ratliff, Chair of the Pastoral Care Ministry, and all of the "Helping Hands" members of this vital ministry. Shirley gives of her time selflessly in coordinating and helping with deliveries of prepared meals, transportation to doctor's appointments, performing errands, sending care cards, hosting funeral receptions, and many other pastoral care needs of our parish family. We offer sincere thanks to Shirley and to all of the "Helping Hands" parishioners, who quietly and generously lend a compassionate hand to help and support others in our church community.*

## Volunteer Opportunity

If you are looking for a productive and satisfying way to give back to your community and do so in a convenient location, consider providing homework assistance to local students. The Homework Assistance Program provides help with school assignments and projects to students in grades 1 to 8 who cannot receive help at home either because their parents do not speak English, are working, or both. Provided in a group environment, students also receive help with study skills and organization of assignments. The program seeks to foster a positive attitude toward homework and school and thus bring about an improvement in grades. No prior teaching experience is necessary.

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.

Where: Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street, Herndon

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Homework Assistance

Coordinator, Janet Drill at 703-742-8847 or [jmdrill@earthlink.net](mailto:jmdrill@earthlink.net).

The web site is [www.vecinosunidos.org](http://www.vecinosunidos.org)

## St. Timothy's Solicitations Communications Policy

*The church welcomes requests by parishioners for support of external charities and related events, but wishes to ensure that these appeals are vetted and coordinated so that they do not supersede or overshadow ongoing charitable efforts organized and scheduled by the ministries at St. Timothy's.*

### Verbal

All requests regarding announcements to be made during a worship service should be made to the Rector at least one week prior to the date of the announcement.

The Rector and Associate Rector exercise discretion over announcements they make at the service.

Requests made to the congregation, by other than the Rector or Associate Rector, during the service for support of any kind (time, talent, or treasure) may be made only for sponsored activities of a St. Timothy's Ministry. St. Timothy's will allow not more than two Ministry-sponsored speakers per Sunday.

### Written

Solicitations for support submitted to the bulletin or weekly announcements (e-mail distribution) will run for a maximum of 4 weeks, at the discretion of the Parish Administrator. Submissions to the monthly newsletter (The Word) will run once, at the discretion of the editor.

Each written solicitation for time, talent, and/or

treasure should clearly state whether or not it is an initiative of a St. Timothy's Ministry. Initiatives sponsored by a Ministry should indicate the name of the sponsoring ministry; other solicitations should include the phrase "individual giving opportunity," "outside giving opportunity" or similar wording. Written submissions should be less than 100 words (bulletin)/200 words (newsletter) but may be shortened at the discretion of the Parish Administrator or editor.

### Online (Website)

St. Timothy's online policy is to not link to, or promote, charitable causes not directly related to the specific Ministries of the church.

### Other

E-mail addresses of St. Timothy's members made available due to the members' involvement in the church (i.e. in the directory, or for the purposes of communication and participation in a ministry) should not be used for personal or business solicitations of any kind, unless the member has specifically requested to be kept informed regarding such solicitations/causes.

NOTE: In the event of a personal crisis (e.g. illness, death of a family member, fire, or other family catastrophe), please notify the clergy and/or the Pastoral Care Ministry as soon as possible. They will use the appropriate channels to alert the congregation and request support, as appropriate.



**YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES!  
Say cheese!**



St. Timothy's is adding photos to the church directory. Get your family's photo taken for free in Henry Hall following all three services on:



**Sunday, November 4**  
**Sunday, November 11**



You don't have to sign up—just show up! Help us put faces with names! Photos will appear in black and white in the directory. However, color prints will be available by order.



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

The deadline for submission of material for the December issue is Thursday, November 15 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.

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Editor's Comments: It's already November and we had our first frost. It was only several weeks ago that the temperature was in the eighties. Try to get to the Evensong concert this Sunday for a really great performance by our combined choirs. Afterwards, you can get dinner and then go to the last of the Lecture Series in the Sanctuary. Don't forget to go into Henry Hall after this Sunday's service or next week for your FREE picture taking to go into the directory. Watch the bulletins for all the coming events in this busy fall and winter season. Don't forget to turn your clocks back Nov. 3, Saturday evening— *Charlie*

## News – Time Sensitive

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8:00 am Sunday- Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:30 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(nursery care available)  
11:00 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(nursery care available)  
12:15pm Wednesday - Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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