


The Word

November

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

2013

Remember!
Set your clocks back
one hour before
retiring for the
night on Saturday,
November 2nd!

As of September 30 2013		
	Balance	Goal
Pipe Organ	\$253,134	\$475,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 57,775	\$100,000

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From the Rector: The Gift of Hope

On Saturday, November 9th, six of us from St. Timothy's will fly from Dulles to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where friends will greet us. We will visit in the city with Pere Kesner Gracia, then ride to the village of Cange. On our way we will also visit the village of Mirebalais, which has a brand new teaching hospital. When I conducted medical missions to Haiti in 1982 and 1983, I stayed in Mirebalais; that village, Cange, and Peligre were the poorest in the country; they are now model villages. Change can happen, but it takes time and dedication.

In Cange, the closest city to "our" village of Chapateau that can accommodate us, the new priest there - Pere Milor - and I will conduct a Sunday morning Holy Eucharist attended by about 700 people (standing room only for folks who are late!). The choir is amazing! These often frail, undernourished, faithful people can blow the walls down and raise the roof with

singing! The service will last two hours - or more. And we will attend another service that evening which has to be experienced to be believed - the people, old and young, dance and sing for at least two hours! There are no prayer books or hymnals; everything is memorized or spontaneous.

On Monday Pere Milor will go with us to Chapoteau. Getting to this small, isolated village involves riding for awhile in a couple of trucks (a dozen trucks were given to the Diocese of Haiti by the Diocese of Virginia), climbing into a small boat, crossing Lake Peligre, and scaling a steep mountain. Much of this area has never been mapped. Three-fourths of Haiti is mountainous; the highest peaks are almost 9000 feet above sea level. It's the dry season; temperatures will be in the mid 90's. There won't be any air conditioning anywhere we go, and precious little water- except what we buy.

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Bishop Shannon Johnston visits Nov. 24

Our Diocesan Bishop will visit us on Sunday November 24th at 2:00 pm. That's an unusual time but our three Bishops have 185 Churches, several schools and other institutions to visit every year. Bishop Shannon will Confirm, Receive, or hear the reaffirmation of vows of several people, possibly including some of our Latin American sisters and brothers who worship in St. Timothy's on Saturday evening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our friend The Rev. Natividad Menjivar started this mission, and it is well attended. The Bishop will also preside at a Holy Eucharist service for us. I hope you will worship Sunday morning, welcome our Bishop in the afternoon, and come support our newest members. +

LINK Holiday Food Program

On November 16, LINK will hold the annual Thanksgiving food distribution at Trinity Presbyterian in Herndon and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling. During the program, LINK provides a week of groceries to eligible families. In addition, coats, hats and gloves are distributed at Sterling United Methodist Church. With your help, over 800 families were served in November 2012.

Donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the collection box on the lower level near the stairs. Gently used coats, hats and gloves are also welcome.

Volunteers are needed Nov. 11 thru 16 to assist with sorting and transporting food, and escorting clients during distribution on the 16th. To volunteer, please use the Sign-up Genius link on the LINK website, www.linkagainsthunger.org. For more info contact Rob.du@verizon.net or ShonBeury@aol.com. Thank you for putting your faith to work to support LINK. +

Look for the Angel Tree

It's hard to believe, but the holidays are just around the corner. On Sunday, November 24th, look in Henry Hall for St. Timothy's Angel Tree filled with requests from children and families in need from Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) and LAWS (Loudon Abused Women's Shelter). Last year we provided more than 50 children and 30 families with multiple presents to open on Christmas morning. Thank you all for your generosity! Let us have the same success this year.

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 8th. We will hold a sorting party after the 9:30 a.m. service on the 8th, and volunteers will be needed to sort and deliver gifts to Cornerstones and LAWS. For more information, contact Amy Hein: 719-352-5815.

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 Embry Rucker Community Shelter, and LAWS. In this way, our Angel Tree continues to give to our local community during the holiday season. +

Holiday Service Times

Our host for the Community Thanksgiving service this year is Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Herndon (1090 Sterling Rd). The preacher is Gary Robbins, Pastor of Herndon United Methodist Church. All offerings – non-perishable food and money – will go to our food bank LINK. The service will be on Sunday November 24th at 7:00 pm. We will have a Holy Eucharist service at St. Timothy's on November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, at 11:00 am.

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, we will have a children's service at 5:00 pm (the children come and sit in front of the Communion rail and help Fr. Brad tell the original Christmas story). We will also have services at 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Weather permitting we have 500 luminaries outside, and the Sanctuary will be resplendent with mounds of poinsettias. The quartet Patagonia Winds and our handbell choir will accompany our organ. And our choirs combine to create indescribably beautiful celebrations of our Savior's birth. Come, and bring family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers to experience a soul stirring evening. +

The Hymns Continue

by the Rev. Brad Rundlett

I miss Peter Waggoner. He was and is a great musician, conductor, and friend. In the ten years he was with us he turned down several other (and better) offers. I told him that sooner or later he would have to accept an offer because he needs to share his gifts with more people.

Peter is now at St. James Episcopal Church in Marietta Georgia, and we are blessed to have Jason West serve as our interim Music Director and Organist. He is very talented, and he keeps smiling even when our old Tracker organ does something unpredictable.

Our search committee is busy reading a lot of resumes submitted by very talented people. The final choice will be difficult, however we hope to have a new Organist and Music Director early in the New Year. Please thank Jason, our choirs, and other instrumentalists for the gift of music. +

8 cents + Lions = Vision!

Consider the humble donation of unused eyeglasses in the Henry Hall drop box.

According to The World Health Organization, 153 million people have uncorrected refractive errors (near-sightedness, far-sightedness or astigmatism). Most of these vision impairments are quickly diagnosed and easy to treat with corrective lenses. Still, millions of people in developing nations and the U.S. are pushed deeper into poverty simply because they don't have glasses. They can't learn, because reading is difficult. They can't work to the best of their ability, because they can't see clearly.

Lions clubs collect millions of eyeglasses each year to address the need for glasses. It costs Lions less than \$0.08 to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses and change someone's life. For children, clear vision means a better education, healthier development and a better quality of life. For adults, it means greater employment opportunity and economic strength. For seniors it means less dependence on others.

Through the Service Ministry's collection box in Henry Hall, St. we have donated 85 pairs of glasses this year to Lions Clubs. Service Ministry ... living our faith. +

Dear St. Timothy's congregation,

On behalf of HealthWorks for Northern Virginia (formerly Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic) we thank you for your wonderful generosity in providing us with school supplies for our school age pediatric patients. The number of children we see from our community has greatly expanded since we became a community health center last October, and almost all of the children are low income, many very low income. The school supplies have been very welcome by one and all!

Sincerely,
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Bike Drive Collects 87 Bikes, \$1000

Conor Mears, a Life Scout with BSA Troop 159, conducted a bike drive at St. Timothy's on September 28 to benefit Bikes for the World for his Eagle Scout community service project. Twenty volunteers from the troop helped coordinate the event and collected 87 bikes, along with some accessories like helmets, and over \$1,000 in donations to help offset the cost of shipping. They completely filled an entire truck with

bikes that will be refurbished and provided to people needing transportation to school, work, and health care services. The bikes will likely be part of an October shipment to Barbados. There were many donors who are part of the St. Timothy's community—Conor would like to extend a special thanks to the church and its parishioners for their generosity and wonderful support in advertising and hosting the event. +

Holiday Fair Nov. 17

Come by Henry Hall after any of the Sunday services on November 17th, get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping and benefit the GtGtL Pipe Organ Fund at the same time. We will have vendors present from Tupperware, Scentsy Candles, White House ornaments, and several handcrafted jewelers to name a few. In conjunction with the Fair, we will also have a bake sale and numerous items for raffle. Please join us for this festive event. +

Cornerstones: Why did Reston Interfaith Change its Name?

by Jill Norcross

As the current Vice Chair of Cornerstones representing St. Timothy's, I wanted to share more information about our recent name change. The Board of Directors, after a thorough and thoughtful process, voted to change the name of Reston Interfaith to Cornerstones. If you are like me, this will take a bit of time to sink in and fully adopt. I also hope like me that after living with the name a bit you will be as excited as I am.

Let me share a few of the reasons informing our decision.

- We are seeking to be ever more inclusive of all our supporters and donors.
- Our services are now being provided throughout northwestern Fairfax County. As advocates for those in need, our voice is heard beyond Reston—throughout

Northern VA and metro DC, in Richmond and on Capitol Hill.

- The name Cornerstones has meaning in each of our faith traditions and we will always hold to the core values that our congregation brings to the mission.
- At the same time the name lends itself to expanded outreach to additional groups and supporters.
- Most importantly, the new name highlights our mission to help families build more stable lives. A cornerstone connotes a pivotal element around which this happens.

As the transitional tagline says: "Reston Interfaith has changed its name. The mission remains the same." We will have the ongoing opportunity and responsibility to care for those in need in our community.

We rolled out our new name at this end of this summer with a bang, thanks to support from The Container Store. The Container Store approached our organization and offered to pay for all media related to their new store opening in Reston and pledged to 10% of all sales during their opening weekend to Cornerstones. Thanks to the generosity of their store and its customers, Cornerstones earned \$22,000 in addition to a lot of free publicity.

I invite you to embrace the name and see how you can become a Cornerstone by visiting www.cornerstonesva.org. I'd also thank the Service Ministry for their support of Cornerstones throughout the years. I have been honored to serve Cornerstones on behalf of our congregation and look forward to continuing my service. +

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At the top of the mountain, Renard will be waiting for us, with the twenty-five children we support and their parents. The children will have their uniforms on (the best clothing they have) and their school books. They will have a meal of rice and beans (their only meal for the day), and medical care is about two hours away if they need it. All of this is a gift from you. There are at least one hundred other children in the village who receive no support and thus don't go to school. Instead they try to fish in the polluted lake for sustenance, or work if they can find it.

While we are in Haiti we hope to visit Pere Wisnel and Pere Michelin (they are several hours away through one of the most densely populated urban areas in the world). When we return we will tell anyone who will listen what we have seen, and how we can help.

Our friendship with the people of Haiti and our support of the children are more precious to them than we can possibly imagine. Through everything they suffer – crushing poverty, earthquakes, hurricanes – our relationship gives them the priceless gift of hope. And they show us faith and generosity way beyond anything we have ever known.

This is also true with the poor and homeless here in Northern Virginia, in Appalachia, and on the Pine Ridge Reservation. When we help other people, we invariably receive more than we give. I invite you to spend a week in your church office, or sign up for the next trip to Dungannon, Pine Ridge, or Haiti. And I thank you, with all my heart and soul, for your support of these missions. +

If Music ...

“If music be the food of life ...”
Play on with brass and string and fife,
While poet’s words stir soul and mind,
The hearer can respond in kind.

Not with perfection in tone or pitch
But in song, with hearts that are so rich
With sound, emotion, love and peace
And hope that harmonies increase
Where all is chaos and disruption
And scars and wounds bear no relation
To innate need for calm and laughter
Preceding need for peace hereafter.

Throughout this world wherein birds sing,
Cats purr, leaves stir and church bells ring,
And babies soothed by lullaby
Whispered by mothers, who fortify
Their strength and love in every day,
By keeping strife and war away
From their most beloved treasures,
In taking all the hardest measures
To shelter, teach, to feed and love
With many pleas to the Lord above.

He, who created color and sound
And all good things to be found,
Has given the gift of music soft
And loud to praise Him as He reigns aloft.

Yes! “If music be the food of life”
Indeed play on! Till no more strife
Disturbs our peace and adoration
Of our Father. And all creation
Kneels before Him in total prayer
And naught but harmony and gentle air
Fills the heavens and our hearts,
As angels support with tuneful darts
Of chord from golden harps and voices
And the whole of Heaven and Earth rejoices.

—Jill Cox

Did you know? November 22 is St. Cecilia Day!

Cecilia is traditionally the patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians and poets. Details of her life are not known and much of what we do know comes from later periods. 5th century sources tell that Cecilia was a Christian of noble birth and was betrothed to a pagan named Valerian. Cecilia’s witness to Christ resulted in the conversion of Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius, but both were martyred and Cecilia was arrested as she attended to their burial. She, herself, is believed to have been martyred around 280 A.D.

Since the 14th century she has been shown in art often playing the organ, especially portrayed by Raphael in his famous altarpiece for San Giovanni-in Monte, Bologna, painted in 1516. Composers such as Handel, Purcell, Howells and Britten have written choral works and mass settings in her honor and many music schools, choral societies and concert series bear her name.

In view of the coming fundraising effort towards a new purchasing a new organ for St. Timothy’s on November 17th, we can well remember Cecilia’s love of music and her faith.

Submit your questions to the Question Box on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.

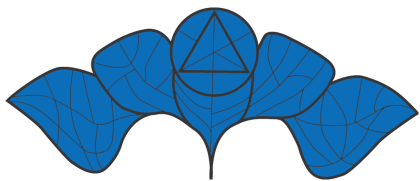
We Welcome the Newly Baptized



Parents Kristen and Chris with Jordan Haines, who was baptized October 6.



Parents Qaadri and Jesi and family with Zander Antwine, who was baptized October 29.



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Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, November 22, 2013

Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put "The Word" in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

Welcome, New Registered Members

Welcome to those who have joined, been confirmed, or transferred their membership in the past month:

Jordan Josephine Haines

Donna Marie Barrett

Rebecca Lynne Carroll

Preston Edward Carroll

We have *many* active congregants who have been attending St. Timothy's for many years who are not officially registered members. If you requested a membership transfer prior to 2005, the request might not have been processed. Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has on record, the more delegates we can send to the conventions (thus giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters). To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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Service Times

Sundays

8:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 & 11 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Godly Play, ages 3-8

SPARK+, 3-6th grades

Nursery Care

9:45 am

Journey to Adulthood

Rite 13, 7-12th grades

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and

Healing Service

Saturday

7:00 P.M.

Latino Prayer Service