



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 137th Year

For December 2005

Herndon, Virginia



Come, abide with in me

"The holidays" (as we prefer to call Advent and Christmastide these days) are a mixed bag for most of us. Only young children have that undiluted excitement we'd like so much to preserve. For more mature folks the season evokes both joy and sorrow – love, generosity, and faith; grief, regret, and despair. We try to stave off the more painful thoughts and feelings with decorations, music, food, libations, and gifts, but none of this gives us what we really want – the love, hope, peace, and joy of God.

And yet, that is the gift of Christmas. God becomes human, Emmanuel (God with us), so we may never feel lonely or unloved again. Jesus is born so we may have hope that never fades. Christ comes into the world so our restless, fretful hearts may know peace. And the Son of God, God Incarnate, is given so we may experience joy.

Of course it is difficult to take this in. But that is what Christmas is all about, accepting Jesus Christ in our hearts. We do that with "oblationary" prayer. And among the most eloquent prayers of self-offering I've ever heard is hymn 475 by Gerhardt Tersteegen in The Hymnal 1982. (Verse 1) "God himself is with us; let us all adore him, and with awe appear before him. God is here within us; souls in silence fear him, humbly, fervently draw near him. Now his own who have known God, in worship lowly, yield their spirits wholly. (Verse 4) Come, abide with in me; let my soul like Mary, be thine earthly sanctuary. Come, indwelling Spirit, with transfiguring splendor; love and honor will I render. Where I go here below, let me bow before thee, know thee, and adore thee."

May I suggest, amidst all the sparkle and frenzy of these days leading to Christmas, you take moments purely for yourself and God. Find a quiet place, create a bit of free time, and offer your heart to God. Pour out all your hopes and disappointments, and then invite God into the newly open and hallowed space.

I wish you a very blessed Advent and Christmastide.



Fr. Brad

Notes from Fr. Brad

Advent

"Advent", the first season of the Church year, means "coming", as in our Savior is coming. We hear ancient prophecies of the promised Messiah and Gospel accounts John the Baptist proclaiming he is here. And we look for his "coming again with power and great glory." We live in an in-between time; Christ who came to us once (and ascended to the Father) "will come again to judge the living and the dead." While we wait for our Savior's return and the Kingdom to be fulfilled we serve others in Christ's name, and bear witness to his presence in Spirit. And we pray, come Lord Jesus!

Associate Rector News

As of my writing this on November 22nd we have received eight resumes for the positions of Associate Rector for St. Timothy's. The first step in our "search process" was gathering ministry leaders to talk about where God is calling us, the gifts and experience we'd like our new associate to have. We agreed the next associate should have good people, pastoral, and preaching skills, with interest in youth and Christian education. We then publicized our search, and starting receiving responses. A new committee was formed to determine which of these best matched our priorities. And then the calling references began. We have not set a deadline for having a new associate; we would rather find the right person even if the process takes a little longer. Please pray for divine guidance, and the right person.

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish meeting will be on January 8th. All members (you are a member if your date and place of baptism has been added to our record books) 16 years and older may vote for new members to our governing board, the Vestry. Voting will occur during the announcement period at each of our three Sunday morning services. The Church's budget for 2006 will be presented at a luncheon beginning at 12:30 pm; the Vestry will address questions, and election results will be reported. Please plan to attend, and make sure you are eligible to vote.

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Exciting! Fantastic! Rewarding!

These were but a few of the adjectives used by members of St. Timothy's Habitat Team which who to Botswana in July. Everyone on the team felt the mission was an absolute positive experience, both for the team, and especially for the people they helped. So positive was the experience, the team wants St. Timothy's to continue its involvement with Habitat for Humanity. However, due to the devastation occurring in our own country, the 2006 mission will be to a location in the United States.

Anyone, 16 years or older, who is interested in learning more about our plans can come to an open house meeting to be held on Sunday, December 11th at 12:30 p.m. in Room B-1. What we know already is the trip will be only a week long, and it will be considerably less expensive than the trip to Botswana. Even if you are unsure, but think you might be interested, please attend this meeting. It will give us an idea what to plan for in 2006. With your support, we might even send two teams. If you have questions beforehand, please call Paul Conroy at (703) 860-9518.



We Need Your Greens Saturday December 17

The Altar Guild needs donations of freshly cut "greens" Saturday, December 17 between 9:00 and 11:00 am to be used for Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. If you need help cutting or transporting your greens, please note that on the sign-up sheet to Henry Hall, but please sign up for our planning purposes. We will also need volunteers on Saturday to assist in preparing the greens for decoration. It's a fun time and floral training is not necessary. For information call Brenda Donnelly at 703-437-4129.

THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God

adopted 03/09/02

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 will:
open our doors,
enhance our worship,
and increase our involvement
through all of our ministries.

Have A Merry Green Advent and Christmas

What better time of year than when we are preparing for the birth of Christ to reflect on how we can all care for His Creation in ways that are meaningful and respectful. Need some ideas? Meditate/reflect on the miracle of his birth and what it means to care and protect Creation. Take a walk outside and enjoy the beauty of the season. Try to live more simply (Do my children really need this many gifts? Do I really need this many gifts?). Recycle last year's gift wrapping paper (and save this year's undestroyed wrapping paper). Did you get a new computer or computer peripheral this year? If yes, then recycle/donate the old equipment. As we "prepare" and consciously focus on the miracle of what Jesus' birth really means, also take time to reflect on what it really means to care for and appreciate Creation. The two really do go hand-in-hand. Joyous Advent and Christmas to all of St. Timothy's Stewards of Creation.

Christmas Flower Dedications

Please use the envelope enclosed in the bulletin to make your donation to the Christmas flower fund and note on the envelope your dedication information in memory of friends and loved ones or in thanksgiving for someone or something special to you. For the "date Requested" insert "Christmas". The list of donors and dedications will be included in all the bulletins printed while the flowers are on display this season. Your gift envelopes must be received in the office by Tuesday, December 20 to be included.

Herndon Free Clinic Honors St. Tim Parishioners

Congratulations to two of our dedicated parishioners. Tricia Mussante and Jane Perry were co-awardees of the Eddie Hurley Volunteer Service Award in the category of Community Volunteers at the Founders Dinner for the Herndon Free Clinic. We honor their dedication to making a difference in people's lives.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve this year is on Saturday. We will have our usual services at 5:00 pm (a children's service with "St. Nicholas"; adults who love children are welcome!), 7:00 pm (traditional festal Eucharist), and 10:00 pm (festal choral Eucharist). And though Christmas Day is Sunday we have only the customary single Christmas Day service at 11:00 am. We will have a dramatic Christmas Gospel at the 7:00 and 10:00 pm services. Come and invite friends and family to come with you.

Have You Done Enough?

I have a friend who is an Anglican missionary. She told me a story once of how she was planning a retreat at an Anglican seminary in the countryside of Madagascar when her car started giving her trouble. My friend Patsy said she mentioned this problem to an acquaintance and asked that person to please pray that God would find a way to solve her transportation problems. This acquaintance said, yes Patsy I could pray for that, or I could just take you there myself.

As a member of St. Timothy's Service ministry for the past four years and most recently as the Chair of that ministry I work at balancing prayer and action. I work and pray with members of our ministry to seek out meaningful ways for all of us to put our faith into action. The Service Ministry supports outreach programs in the community through the use of your money pledged through the General Fund and together with you we undertake service projects of our own here in this sanctuary and in Henry Hall throughout the year. Time goes by and once again we must create a new budget for all the church ministries in 2006. This means you and I must examine our personal finances, search our hearts and pray as we each determine how much of what God has given us we will entrust to the General Fund in support of Ministries, such as the Service Ministry, to continue the mission of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Our church, our collective mission work.

The mission statement of St. Timothy's is printed in the bulletin every Sunday. It's rather long. If taken seriously, it is very ambitious. It is what we strive to be. I ask you to pray that God will help us as a congregation to fulfill that mission statement. I have no doubt that God will help us. However, what our ministry programs look like and what we can attempt to do through them depends on you and the level of your financial support. The kind of funeral reception the Pastoral Care Ministry can provide a family at a time of loss, the Christian Education programs provided to our children, the condition of our Buildings and Grounds, the salaries we pay our clergy and staff, the extent to which the Service Ministry can reach out to others in God's name, these decisions and more depend on you and your continued and increased generosity in pledging to the General Fund of our church. It's your money, as they say, and it is your good work that is being carried out here in God's name.

God is providing us with opportunities to do his work all the time. Pray that He will help us answer the calls we feel we have been given and to be open and ready to move in new directions. Most of all pray that we will never become complacent by thinking we have already done enough.

I thank you for your past support of the mission of this church and for your continued support through your pledge to the 2006 General Fund.

—Tricia Mussante

Vestry Notes:

From Vestry minutes of October 24, 2005

Approved November 28, 2005

✠Treasurer's Report: For the budget to remain on target, approximately \$ 9,500 must be provided at each Sunday and holiday for the remainder of the year.

✠The return of St. Timothy's performance bond (\$30K) was passed by the Herndon Town Council on October 11. The release of the conservation bond (\$11K) is still outstanding.

✠Ministry budgets for 2006 are due.

✠Stewardship committee will kick off pledge drive by early December.

✠Action Items: Revised drawings for the courtyard area will be completed soon. Clearing will begin with pavers to be installed in the spring.

✠Finance committee will review the request for contribution to the Mustard Seed Fund. This diocesan fund has been used in the past to purchase our elevator and support the Lakota team.

✠Vestry approved the proposal to mount a memorial stained glass window in the church foyer. Vestry to consider needed repairs to window prior to installation of memorial.

✠Nominating committee posted an article in the bulletin to encourage church members to run for the Vestry.

✠Vestry rejected proposal by evening EFM class regarding furnishing of Room B1.

✠Summary of activities for the Annual Report should be submitted to Pat McGibbon as soon as possible. Annual Report to be presented at the Church Meeting on January 8.

✠Discussed need for revision to by-laws to allow for church to access balances on unspent designated funds.

✠The Organ Committee is looking for a company to help with the search for a replacement organ. This process could take several years.

Next Vestry meeting—December 19, 2005



Hometown (Environmental) Heroes

WETA TV 26 is accepting nominations for its 2006 Hometown Heroes awards. This multimedia project profiles eight individuals who are making an impact on the region's environmental issues through many fields, including the arts, literacy, education and health. Environmental projects may include clean-up programs, development of community gardens, after-school environmental programs for students but more importantly, things that happen within the classroom such as the joining of environmentalism with creative writing or the arts. Some questions to consider include:

- 1) Why do you think this person should receive WETA's Hometown Heroes award?
- 2) What are the nominee's contributions to the Greater Washington metropolitan area in the area of the environment?
- 3) What has the impact of their actions been in the Greater Washington metropolitan area?
- 4) How has this person inspired others to community service or leadership? (please list any examples)
- 5) List any awards, recognitions and/or honors the nominee has from the public.

To submit your application online, go to <http://www.weta.org/community/hometownheroes/>. For more information, please contact Ferne Barrow at 703-998-2420. You say you don't know any hometown environmental heroes? Did you pick up some litter the last time you took a neighborhood walk? Did you recycle this week? Did you skip the Styrofoam coffee cup for the porcelain mug? Then YOU are an environmental hero!

Christmas Luminaries

For the past few years (thanks to some very stalwart souls, and weather permitting) we have had luminaries around our outdoor chapel on Christmas Eve. They add a very reverent touch to our celebration of Christ's birth. And we hope to have them again this year, but we'd like to do something different. As we encourage St. Timothy's members to contribute a poinsettia to decorate the Altar and Sanctuary, and publish the thanksgivings and memorials of contributors, we will likewise do with the luminaries. Individuals, couples, or families may contribute a luminary (or luminaries) in memory or thanksgiving. These will be published. And, contributors will actually have an opportunity to set the luminary(ies) out along the path to and around the outdoor chapel. The luminary bags, sand, and candles will be provided by the Church. Watch for information as we get closer to the Feast of the Incarnation.

The National Cathedral at St. Timothy's

The National Cathedral Association continues to bring the beauty and magnificence of the National Cathedral to St. Timothy's through select items from the Cathedral's Museum Shop. We'll be in Henry Hall on Advent 3 (December 11th). Please stop by.

You Can Be An Angel To Someone

Special bags for the presents are provided under the Angel Tree. Place your unwrapped gift in one of the bags provided, firmly attach the appropriate Angel tag, and place under the tree by Sunday, December 11.

We will also need volunteers who can help organize and load up the gifts on Sunday, December 11 after the 11 am service for delivery to Reston Interfaith. If you can help in this way, please call B.J. Nash at 703-830-8377 or Jill Norcross at 703-435-7216.

If your finances are tight this year, consider buying a warm knitted cap or a pair of mittens to hang on our tree. These items will be given after Christmas to residents at Reston's Homeless Shelter, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, and Laurel Learning Center.

There are many ways to share the good news of God's love with others. Be an angel to someone this Christmas!

LINK Holiday Food Program

The LINK Holiday Food Program is continuing for Christmas 2005. Last season LINK distributed a record 900 baskets (Thanksgiving and Christmas combined) to needy families in Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn. This year we expect to serve a similar number. The Loudoun Holiday Coalition will also be distributing baskets again this year.

Food distribution will be on Saturday, December 17th. This day and the week prior is when **volunteers are needed** as detailed below. Food distribution will be at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church (Sterling and Ashburn) and Trinity Presbyterian Church (Herndon) on both Saturdays at both churches.

For Christmas, toys will also be distributed at Herndon United Methodist Church. These distributions will be limited to food basket recipients, but items left over may be distributed to walk-ins on a subsequent day.

Toy donations may be dropped off at St. Timothy's. **Food donations** may be dropped off at Trinity Presbyterian or Christ the Redeemer.

Families in need may call 703-437-1776 to request a basket. English and Spanish services are provided.

The days and times when volunteers are needed for Christmas are listed below. To volunteer at Trinity Presbyterian, call Betty Eidemiller at 703-481-1973, e-mail: bjeide@cox.net To volunteer at Christ the Redeemer, call George Lingg at 703-435-8367, e-mail: glingg@cox.net .

Sunday Dec. 11 (Trinity only)	4-7pm
Mon-Thu Dec. 12-15	9am-noon, 7-9:30pm
Friday Dec. 16	9am-8pm
Saturday Dec. 17(distribution day)	8am-3pm
Cleanup Sat. Dec. 17	1:30pm-4pm

For other information, please call Rob Duchesneau at 703-450-4795.

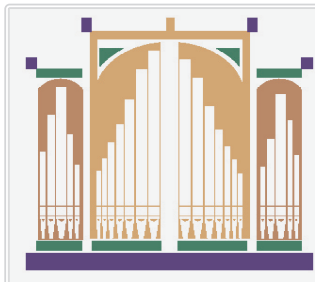
From the Music Director

Dessert Concert Series

The second Dessert Concert featuring the VOCE Chamber Singers was an overwhelming success. A packed house enjoyed the talent of 26 singers and 10 members of the US Army band in a tribute to the Christmas season. This concert included a Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham and highlighted popular and classical holiday music from around the globe.

Our Music Director, Peter Waggoner, wants to thank all those who came out for this second event. If you missed this one, make sure you attend the next concert.

More information will be coming soon for the next event.



What is this musical instrument?

What does it have to do with St. Timothy's?

New Piano is Needed

The Music Ministry is asking for donations to a fund for new piano for the sanctuary. With the growing music program and developing concert series, our need for a newer, more reliable instrument has become apparent. Donations will be accepted directly by the Music Ministry or may be made through the Memorials Committee.



Thank you all for your continued support! —Peter

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesdays:

Youth Choir (ages 8-13) 6:00 p.m.

Family Bells (ages 12+) 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Handbell Choir (ages 14+) 7:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Thursdays:

St. Ambrose Choir (ages 14+) 7:30 p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Sundays:

St. Cecilia Choir (all ages) 9:00 a.m. – 9:15a.m.

AGAPE Gifts are Needed

LAWS is the beneficiary of the November and December Agape program at St. Timothy's.

LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter) provides temporary emergency shelter, food, and emotional support to women and children who are escaping domestic violence and abuse.

All LAWS services are confidential and free of charge. If you, or someone you know is in danger or emotional crisis because of:

- violence in the home
- violence in a dating relationship
- being stalked
- being an abused or neglected child
- having been sexually assaulted

call 703-777-6552 for information and assistance.

LAWS provides free legal representation to physically battered women. Call 703-771-3397.

LAWS offers the following:

Domestic Violence Services – 703-771-7845 (office) or 703-777-6552 (shelter)

Youth & Children's Services – 703-771-3973

Sexual Assault Services – 703-771-9020

Teen Violence Prevention Program – 703-771-9020

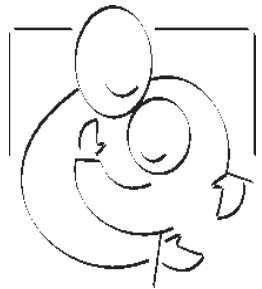
The Resourceful Woman (thrift shop) – 703-771-8173

LAWS Community Services Center is located in Leesburg and their website is www.lcsj.org. If you are interested in volunteering for LAWS please contact Jackie Clattenburg (703-450-6493 or woodbear@adelphia.net) for more information.

Nurturing Parenting Program

Volunteers Needed For 3 Hours To Help On December 20th.

We've started our forth session of the Nurturing Parenting Program already! This time the focus is on families raising African-American children. So far it's a great success. The last night of the session will be on December 20th and we need help. Did I mention good food & cake are involved? On December 20th St. Tim's will heat up the food that the participating families bring to the church, serve it & CUT the CAKE! Then clean up. This will only take 3 hours of your time. So if you can spare it and you love CAKE, please call Janet Dopsovic at 703-391-9633.



Back by popular demand, "Via Media," coming to St. Timothy's in January 2006



An 8-week program for adults beginning Sunday, January 22, 2006 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare is available.

Via Media's eight sessions include short videos featuring prominent theologians talking about important issues affecting the church and society as a whole. A portion of the class is dedicated to open discussion and conversation. Each class closes with worship.

Make an eight-week commitment to strengthen your faith; register today! Learn more about your faith, understand how it evolved, feel secure sharing your faith with other people. Open to everyone. Bring a friend.

Questions?

Contact Janet Koch at jankoch@aol.com or (703) 620-1578.

Please fill out the information and return it with \$15 registration fee (checks payable to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church with "Via Media" in the memo).

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Yes, I will require Child Care. _____ Number of Children

**Return this portion with payment to:
The Very Reverend Brad Rundlett
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, VA 20170-5199**

Expectations of Vestry Members and Standards for Vestry Meetings

1. Vestry meetings are the fourth Monday of each month. We begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. We must have a quorum (a minimum of seven out of twelve present) to conduct the business of the Church.

2. Clergy and Wardens develop the agenda one week prior to the meeting. Requests to be on the agenda should be made by that time. Agendas and previous minutes will be communicated before the Vestry meeting.

3. Additions to the agenda on the night of the meeting should be made for items requiring immediate attention only. Ordinarily, nothing is brought before the Vestry that has not been thoroughly discussed by a ministry group or task force, with a recommendation to the Vestry for action.

4. Attendance at all Vestry meetings is very important. If a member must be late or absent, that Vestry member is expected to notify the Rector or the Senior Warden prior to the meeting. If a Vestry member misses more than three meetings in a calendar year he/she may be replaced by the Alternate.

5. Vestry members do not represent any group within the parish. The Vestry is charged with responsibility for the money and property of the Church. We therefore work for the good of the whole parish.

6. Vestry members are encouraged to participate in other parish ministries according to their own skills and desires.

7. The work of the Vestry occasionally calls for a sub-committee or task force comprised of members of the vestry. Members are expected to assume their fair share of this special work.

8. As spiritual leaders Vestry members also serve the parish by our attendance and participation in parish functions: e.g., special congregational meetings, newcomer's socials, special worship services, etc.

9. Each Vestry member (except the treasurer and registrar) is a liaison with a standing ministry of the church. The liaison maintains close contact with the chairperson and ministry members. Each liaison reports to the rest of the Vestry on the work of the ministry to which they are liaison.

10. Vestry members attend a weekend retreat every year in January at the church's expense.

PROPOSED NOMINATION FOR THE VESTRY

Note: This form has been designed to assist you in the presentation of nominees for election to the Vestry of St. Timothy's. The Nominating Committee will use this information to create a slate and brochure of the candidates prior to the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED NOMINEE'S NAME _____

Can you answer affirmatively the following questions?

Yes No

1. Have you the person's permission to offer his/her name to the nominating committee? _____

2. Is he/she 18 years of age or older? _____

3. Is he/she a confirmed who has been communicant of St. Timothy's? _____

4. Does he/she attend worship services regularly? _____

5. Has he/she read the "Expectations of Vestry Members"? _____

6. If the nominee has served a three-year term on the Vestry, has he/she been off at least one year? (If not a former Vestry member, do not answer this question.) _____

Please fill in the following information and items of interest about the nominee:

1. Communicant of St. Timothy's since _____

(year)

2. List parish activities in which the nominee has been involved (commissions, choir, Christian education, ushering, Altar Guild, ECW, etc.)

Are You Planning to Move?

If you are planning to move in the future, please let the church office have your new address if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter and your envelopes. If the post office returns your mail, the church incurs a significant cost against our tight budget. Thank you.



Last Sermon



Gee Boss, did I do OK?



One more hug

*Farewell to
Kedron*

Her favorite colors



Volunteer Needs for Day Labor Project

Project Hope & Harmony

The following positions are needed:

Site Coordinators – Shift workers needed to assist in daily work of matching employers with laborers and referring laborers to on-site and off-site program resources. Needed initially for general assistance during initial days of operation, and thereafter to fill out shift schedules and/or substitute for absences. Training provided; Spanish a plus, but not necessary. Time commitment: regular or as available anytime M-F, 6am-11am or Sa-Su, 7am-12noon.

Site Opening Transition Guides and Monitors – Assist laborers and employers find the site on opening day and in the days/weeks following. Will guide walkers, cyclists, and motorists to the new site during the hours of operation, and from the site upon daily closing, and assist in monitoring/reporting any problems. Training provided, Spanish a plus but not necessary.

ESL Coordinator – Manage outreach, scheduling and logistics for a regular on-site ESL program offered by staffed by volunteers (identify human and didactic materials needed, schedule and supervise volunteers).

Workshop Trainers – Offer or coordinate off-site workshops/trainings to be held after site closing in vocational/educational areas identified by day laborers, such as: carpentry, painting (styles and textures), landscaping, plumbing, HVAC, machinery use and safety, welding, measurement conversions (US standards), electrical, tile and brick-laying, carpet/floor installation, reading architectural/construction plans, computer/tech skills, occupational safety, HAZMAT removal, Field Engineer assistant.

Bicycle Donations Campaign Manager – Promote and coordinate donations of appropriate, working bicycles for day laborer use; take charge of donation log, storing, distribution to day laborers. Coordinate repairs and donations of accessories such as locks, helmets, repair kits.

Bicycle Mechanics/Handymen – Provide timely repair of bicycles donated to the project and/or conduct bicycle repair seminars for day laborers.

Translators – Translate written materials (minutes, articles, letters, newsletters, site signage, official handouts, etc.) from English to Spanish, or vice versa.

Professional Services (Pro Bono or Nonprofit Discount) – Immediate:

Contractor – to oversee construction of sidewalk and other impermeable services on the site (identify human and material resources needed and supervise effort) and shelter; oversee installation of bicycle racks and traffic flow, parking, other signage on site (early November).

Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical Engineer(s) – to guide PH&H through steps needed to get mobile office connected to water/sewer/electricity, and control booth to electricity (mid-October); to guide PH&H through steps to get shelter connected to electricity (mid-November).

GIS/Mapping Specialist – to prepare a large, mounted aerial photo with route overlays showing the

approved day labor site and recommended public access routes to it; prepare inexpensive pocket maps to the site, for laborers (showing recommended public access routes) and for current and potential employers (a “how to get there” map).

Interpreters – to interpret for English-only and Spanish-only participants in public venues (e.g., Community Advisory Board meetings, worker assemblies, public hearings, press events, etc.)

Landscaping – to recommend and oversee plantings of additional shrubbery and flowering plants as appropriate.

Other Key Positions (Opening and Ongoing)

Opening Day Celebration Organizers – to prepare mailing list of invitees, send invitations, organize Opening Day agenda, prepare logistics, set-up, clean-up.

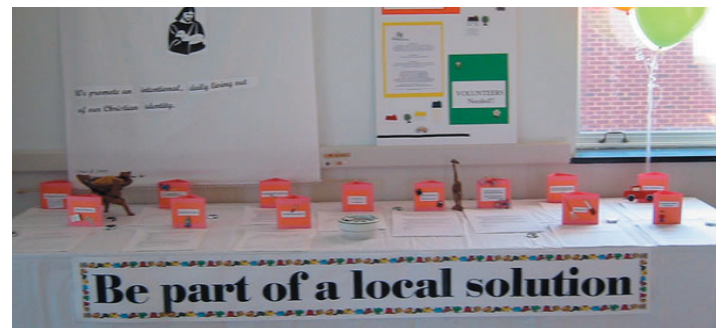
Vendor Researchers – to research options and present recommendations and bids for service providers needed on site: mobile food vendor, trash collection, portable johns.

Handymen/women – to work with day laborers in doing odd jobs in preparation for site opening (clean siding of mobile office, put on mobile office skirt, spruce up area with mulch and other landscaping ideas, paint for parking area curbs and lines, etc.)

Move-In Assistants – to work with day laborers to help with moving day packing, transportation, unpacking, set-up, etc.

Committee Positions – to serve on Project Hope & Harmony committees for ongoing work such as Advocacy and Communications, Community Outreach, Facilities Management, Program and Volunteer Coordination, or other committees/task forces of interest.

For information about volunteering please contact Kerrie Wilson - Kerrie.Wilson@restoninterfaith.org - 571-323-9571



Be A Part Of A Local Solution

- Help Tell A Different Story.



LEM Schedule/ Lectionary for December 2005

12/4/05 Advent 2; *Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8*

8:00 – Mike Maser, Allen Pruitt

9:30 – Cheryl Brock, Laura Petrosian, Allen Pruitt, Shirley Ratliff, Chris Brock

11:00 – Keith Sinclair, Annemarie Rundlett, Allen Pruitt, Jane Perry

12/11/05 Advent 3; *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:47-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*

8:00 – Allen Pruitt, Robin Mullet

9:30 – Sean Brady, Jackie Clattenburg, Allen Pruitt, Edna Whitick

11:00 – Dave Hixon, Dave Parker, Allen Pruitt, Michael Cook

12/18/05 Advent 4; *2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16; Ps. 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*

8:00 – Bill Odio, Ralph Tildon

9:30 – Shirley Ratliff, Diane Payne, Patricia Mussante, Frank Martin

11:00 – Allen Stanley, Betsy Knoizen, Duncan Hutcheon, Jane Perry, Grant Johnson

12/24/05 Christmas eve; *Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, and Luke 2:1-20*

5:00pm – TBD

7:00pm – Jackie Clattenburg, Jim Hendrick, Chris Brock, Gayle Rippe, Jane Perry

10:00pm – Keith Sinclair, Cheryl Brock, Michael Cook, Jane Perry, Tim Coffey

12/25/05 Christmas Day;

11:00 – Bill Odio, Bob Duchesneau, Rachel Muir, Jim Hendrick, Michael Cook

Youth Group News

Candle Sale

All orders may be picked up in Henry Hall, following services by December 11th.

Coordinator Needed

Perhaps most importantly for the Youth Group, we are still in need of another Youth Coordinator to assist with “Programs” the responsibilities would include putting together the programs for the monthly meetings and assisting in the various events, which our Youth Group schedules throughout the year. We are in need of a parishioner to step forward to help with our Youth Group Program, as one of our Coordinators. If interested, please contact Kenneth Vierra at (703) 801-2636 or KenVierra@aol.com.



The Scoop On The Troop

What takes a lot of heart, but has no chest; takes a lot of hustle, but has no muscle; weighs over a thousand pounds, and puts a lot of smiles on faces? Scouts from Troop 159 devoted two Saturday mornings out and about scouting for food for needy people in our area. This year the boys collected a record amount of food for the group.

Have you ever heard of Old Rag? It's not a holey wash cloth used for scrubbing. It's a mountain in the Shenandoah's, and scouts from T159 spent the better part of a day last month climbing it.

Also last month, a first for T159 -- scouts earned a 'best campsite award' at the District Camporee. Some say it was the clean and organized site they kept. Others think it may have been the creativity of the tent setups, which have been described as looking 'like a circus tent.' Whatever it was, we're happy to be holding our first ever award for best campsite.

We are on the eve of a favorite troop event -- the lockin! An all-nighter of food, games, bowling, and fun. Want to find out what scouting is all about for yourself? Contact scoutmaster Rob Carter at (703) 471-9069 for details about joining.



The Episcopal Church & St. Timothy's

There's good news and bad news for the Episcopal Church. Kirk Hadaway, Director of Research at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, has reported three consecutive years of decline in average attendance for ECUSA (the Episcopal Church in the United States of America). Active membership is down to 2.25 million (making us one of the smallest denominations in the country). But, almost one third of all Episcopal Churches grew by 10% or more in the past five years and the average annual pledge increased by nearly 5% to \$1881.00.

And where is St. Timothy's? Our attendance is slipping (even while Herndon and Northern Virginia continue to grow faster than the national average). Our pledges are thus far showing a modest 3% increase for 2006. Staff salaries and benefits continue to be well below our Diocesan minimums, and our ministries have had no increases for quite some time.

It's not about the numbers, but numbers do tell us something about our commitments, our faith. Why is attendance down? Why are our pledges increasing only marginally? Why are we struggling to pay staff and fund ministries? As I ponder these questions I pray for St. Timothy's and the Episcopal Church in the New Year.

Fr. Brad

Be Warm!

The Shawl Ministry meets on Wednesdays at 7PM. Please join us to share the camaraderie and to learn to knit or crochet. Since May we have created over 70 blankets, shawls, hats, ponchos, and teddy bears for members of St. Tim's and their friends. Many

of our recipients are not known to us at all. We've been asked by friends to provide something for someone they know. Is there someone you know who would benefit from these gifts? Please see our display in Henry Hall and fill out a form. In the meantime,

"Be warm . . .

Be well . . .

Be comforted . . .

Be loved!"

BLESSED BE!

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



Your Help is needed with The Closet

Thanks to the many volunteers who have come forward to help with the Closet over the summer months. The Closet was established with the help of St. Timothy's and other local faith organizations to meet community needs for low cost clothing and household supplies. Proceeds from the sales are then returned to the community. The Closet has blossomed into a well run volunteer based organization that stretches beyond its original goal. Located in downtown Herndon on Station street, it offers everyone a convenient place to shop and to give volunteer time for the good of the community. Plus its fun!!

At this time of year it is more difficult to find the needed volunteers to fill our commitment to the Closet. Every month we need four volunteers for two hours each on as many as two different days. In return St. Timothy's Service Ministry is given up to \$2,000.00 a year for outreach when we meet our volunteer hours

commitment. Unfortunately, we have not accomplished this in 2003 or in 2004, limiting St Tim's ability to serve others through our outreach ministries. If you are able to offer your time to this worth-while organization please contact Tricia Musante at 703.481.6853. A little bit of help linked together with others makes a big difference.

Upcoming Closet dates:

Thursday December 8 9:45am-12 or 12-2pm

If these times do not work for you please call to place your name on a list for future volunteer dates. Thank you.

Shrinemont Retreat News

Our well loved and hard working coordinator for the annual retreat at Shrinemont stepped down after many years of dedicated work to make our retreats so well organized and pleasurable. Donna McGrath retired and we need to find a new coordinator for this most important job. If you are interested in taking over this position, please talk to Fr. Brad(703-450-6493). Donna

has many notes and suggestions to give over to a new coordinator. Now is the time that things need to start moving for our April retreat.





The **WORD**

for December 2005

St. Timothy's Word is published monthly and mailed to members and friends during the last week of each month. It also appears on the website under "See All Events" beginning the day it is ready for mailing.

The deadline for submission of material for the January issue is Thursday, December 15 at 9am.

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. The message subject line must mention Word. Photos will be used only if key people in the photo are identified. 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 Friday for the coming Sunday.

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Editor's Comments: Goodbye Kedron, we'll miss you. The snow is coming down and finally we have a newsletter. Many things are happening at St. Tim's. Did you know that an organ committee has been formed? Congrats to our Scout Troop 159 for winning "Best Campsite" at the District Camporee. The Holiday Shop was quite successful and this year we had food! Thanks to all who set up and broke down. Finally, this editor has a healthy grandson #3, Shaun Patrick, 7lb-9oz, 19in long.

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