



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 139th Year

For December 2006

Herndon, Virginia



Prepare The Way

We have entered the season of Advent, the first season of the Church year. The word "advent" means "coming" as in the Savior of the world is coming. With Christmas in mind we tend to think of our Savior coming in a past event, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. However, the Scripture readings of Advent remind us that the One who came two millennia ago will come again, and this "second coming" will inaugurate the Kingdom in all its glory. Hence, while we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus we are urged to prepare for his triumphal return.

The Bible actually has a lot to say about how we are to prepare – "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God" (Micah), "Seek first the Kingdom" (Matthew), "Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, be hospitable to strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit prisoners" (Matthew), and "Go into all the world and make disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (also Matthew) – just to present a few. It is also important to note that Jesus spoke much more about money and good stewardship than he did about any other matter. To summarize (and quite simply), we are supposed to live our faith, and share our faith.

Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is therefore an important time to reflect on what we say in Church (vis-à-vis the Nicene and Apostles Creeds), and how this is expressed in our lives. Bottom line - Christ is coming, again, we don't know when. We should be ready. As John the Baptist announced, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Jr. Brad

Lose A Seminarian — Gain A Deacon

The Sacred Order of Deacons comes directly from the New Testament. As the number of believers increased after the Resurrection - and the demands on the original disciples also increased - the original twelve followers of Jesus laid their hands on specially selected individuals, conveying the Spirit of Christ, and thereby "ordained" them to the Christian ministry of service. On December 21st, seminarian Allen Pruitt will be Ordained to this Sacred Order of Deacons in St. Philip's Cathedral, Atlanta Georgia (in his home Diocese). When he returns to St. Timothy's in January for his field work he will be "The Rev. Allen Pruitt." Deacons in the Episcopal Church (1) read the Gospel at all corporate Sacramental services, (2) accept the elements and offerings of God's people, (3) prepare the Altar for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and (4) announce the dismissal at the end of worship. He will preach as well, as he has been doing. Allen will be a "transitional deacon" (as opposed to a "perpetual deacon"); he will be Ordained again in June to the Sacred Order of Priests. Congratulations Allen!



New Deacon

Waiting For The Light

Advent has always been my favorite season of the church year. I like lighting one candle each week as we get closer to the light of Christ and singing the hymn, "Sleepers wake!... The time has come, O maidens wise! Rise up and give us light..."

When I was younger, I took turns with my brother and sister opening the drawers of our Advent calendar. My sister's godfather was a carpenter and made a small chest of twenty-four drawers with four candles on top. Each drawer had a number and Christian symbol painted on it and contained candy and wooden angel ornaments. Usually, waiting for anything made me feel impatient. With this Advent calendar, each day of waiting seemed special. Advent carried with it a quiet excitement, not the frenzy of a countdown, but the holiness of waiting with anticipation.

Advent teaches us to wait with expectation and anticipation because we know who and what is coming. We wait with assurance, knowing that our waiting will last for a fixed time and then light will burst forth. I pray that advent will also prepare us to wait with expectation and anticipation for the light even when we don't know how long our waiting will last, when we find ourselves in times of uncertainty. The promise of advent is that the darkness will not overcome the light of Christ. We never wait in vain. Christ will come again and shine through the darkness.

What element of expectation is in your life this Advent? How will you mark the days of waiting?

Leslie+



Notes from Fr. Brad

A Busy Month

January will be a very busy month for the Church. Our Annual Parish meeting is January 14th. During the announcement period of all three morning services members of St. Timothy's will be given the opportunity to vote for 4 people to serve a three year term on the Vestry. A luncheon will be provided at 12:15 pm, the Church's budget for 2007 will be presented for review and discussion, the results of the election will be announced, and the new Vestry will have their first meeting to elect officers. The Vestry will go on retreat on the weekend of January 19-21. Our Diocesan Council will meet in Richmond January 25-27, and will elect a Bishop Coadjutor to succeed Bishop Peter James Lee when he retires. Please pray for St. Timothy's and for the Diocese of Virginia.

Christmas Schedule

This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th, Christmas Eve. Consequently we will have one service at 9:30 am on Sunday morning, December 24th. We will also have our usual Christmas Eve services at 5:00 pm (children's service; adults are also welcome!), 7:00 pm (traditional service for everyone), and 10:00 pm (traditional services with extra anthems, hymns and carols). We will have a Christmas Day service at 11:00 am. Please come, and invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Church Moves On

The Episcopal Church has been in the news a lot in the last three years. Not everyone agrees with the election of an openly homosexual Bishop, nor the recent election of a female Presiding Bishop. Some diocesan Bishops have asked for Alternative Primatial Oversight, and some parishes have announced their wish to separate from the Episcopal Church. There's a lot of turmoil.

But, if you look beyond the headlines the great majority of Episcopalians are simply trying to fulfill their

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.

Baptismal covenant faithfully. Congregations all over this country are feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, visiting the sick, sharing God's love with people in prison, carrying out the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us, proclaiming the Good News. Through it all we are reminded that the Church is a family, we are the household of God. Of course we have our disagreements (we always have); every household does. Still, we are indissolubly connected through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. And we are making a very positive difference in the world. Multiply all the ministries of St. Timothy's by several thousand and you get some sense of the wonder of the Episcopal Church.

People who are suffering and searching are not concerned with our differences in theology and Biblical interpretation. They are looking for people of faith and compassion. We can disagree with one another. We can argue, even vehemently. That is one of the great strengths of the Episcopal Church. But more importantly, we are called to serve the world with the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The Episcopal Church will survive and thrive, as the Church always has in times of distress. Things will work out, in time. God will prevail; that is certain. While we wait for the dust to settle, we are called to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Attention Ministry Leaders

All ministry leaders are reminded to submit brief year-end reports on each ministry's activity. These will be compiled in St. Timothy's Annual Report.

Courtyard Completion

The Courtyard Project is still underway. We had some logistical issues (isn't that always the case!). But do not fear, the plans are in place. It will be completed.

December Vestry Meeting

Our December Vestry meeting will not be on the 4th Monday (Christmas Day). The Vestry will meet on December 18th.

Youth and Parents:

Please SAVE THE DATE for this event:

January 7: 12:30 PM Parish-wide Appreciation Luncheon for Ken Vierra who will be retiring in December 2006 as Youth Group Coordinator.



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.

Christ's Passion

Mark your calendar now for a very special event to occur on **March 23rd and 24th, 2007!** Herndon United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of Herndon, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church have joined together to present three performances of Christ's Passion by Tetelstai, an ecumenical dramatic troop of about 120 members. There will be three performances - 8:00 pm on Friday March 23rd, 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Saturday March 24th. All performances will be held in Herndon United Methodist Church's gymnasium (located directly across from Herndon High School on Bennett Street). This event in the fourth week of Lent is an excellent way to recall the love of God expressed in the crucifixion of Jesus, and prepare for the miracle of Easter. Watch for more information!

Something To Think About

During the month of December most of us think about Christmas, the gift of Jesus Christ, the gifts we might get and give. I invite you to think about something else. The Episcopal Church has come out in support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the intent of which is to "eradicate extreme poverty and hunger on this planet by 2015." The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church calls upon each Diocese, congregation, and parishioner to

- ◆ begin giving 0.7% by 7/7/07 to support MDGs
- ◆ designate the last Sunday after Pentecost as a special day of prayer for global reconciliation and the achievement of the MDGs
- ◆ create a commission in every Diocese to work on the MDGs
- ◆ endorse the "One Episcopalian" campaign that calls on the United States government to spend an additional 1% of budget to combat global poverty, and
- ◆ designate 0.7% of our national Church budget to support the MDGs.

While we take our comforts and luxuries for granted the disparity between the wealthiest and poorest citizens of this planet continues to grow. The gross domestic product of the poorest 48 countries combined is less than the net worth of the world's three richest people. Nearly 3,000,000,000 people – half the population of the planet - live on less than \$2.00 per day. Approximately 11,000,000 children under 5 years of age die every year (30,000 per day) as a direct result of poverty. Half of all the world's children live in poverty. Approximately 790,000,000 people suffer from chronic malnourishment.

0.7% of income is a very small price to pay to eliminate the worst suffering caused by poverty. Please consider the abundance in your life, your material resources, the gifts you have received from God, and what you can give to support the Millennium Development Goals.

Thank You & Goodbye

I first moved to Herndon fresh out of graduate school and attended St. Timothy's sporadically until I married and moved out of the area. When my family moved back to Northern Virginia, a toddler named Grant returned with us and St. Timothy's once again became our church home. Many of you know that Grant is now a college freshman and I have become a single empty nester. So, I've decided to take the next step and move from the area that has been home for most of my adult life (and a little closer to my beloved beach.)

I would like to say goodbye to my many friends here and offer a "Thank You" to everyone who played such a big part in our lives for so many years. St. Timothy's has carried us through some rough times and blessed us through many other wonderful times. I'd like to share a bit of the kaleidoscope of memories that I carry in my mind:

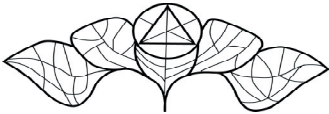
- Directing a bevy of tiny people recounting the Christmas story – especially "Beau," the littlest angel.
- Family retreats at Shrinemont – bad jokes, great music, wonderful fellowship – including a Wheel of Fortune anagram answer of "Happy Birthday" to a 16-year-old to whom the annual retreat tradition meant more than the average birthday
- Receiving a three-course home-cooked meal for the whole family - from a parishioner I'd never met - during my chemotherapy treatment
- Fun Fairs, 135th Anniversary, Pancake Suppers, Summer Picnics, Clean-Up Days
- Assembling bounteous Thanksgiving and Easter baskets with ECW for Reston Interfaith families
- Earnest third-graders learning about the meaning and symbolism of the Eucharist
- Meeting a local resident in the church parking lot to deliver LINK groceries so that her teenage son and his friends wouldn't know they were desperately in need of groceries
- Listening to the youngest lay reader deliver his first "lesson"
- Sitting by the river and in the cottage at Algonkian, sharing personal stories of pain and celebration with some amazing women
- Meeting other parishioners who have been touched by cancer when sharing my story and raising money for cancer research and treatment
- Christian Education Commission, Communications Ministry, and Service Ministry
- Helping Sunday School students chalk-draw their own saint's shields on the front sidewalk
- Seeing the impact of the Dungannon Mission on my son through the high school years
- Delivering to my dying mother a warm shawl knit with love and care by the Shawl Ministry

Our new home is in Cary, North Carolina, in the Raleigh-Durham Research Triangle area. Our door and our arms will always open to our friends and family from St. Timothy's:

102 Ivy Tree Place, Cary NC 27519

Cell (no NC number yet): 703-901-3569

—Joanne Rehm



From the Music Director

DECEMBER: 9th at 8:00PM: The "VOCE" Ensemble will perform their concert, "Christmas in The Americas". See Peter for tickets and information.

Again, I want to encourage everyone to take part in this fantastic opportunity. As Director of Music, I feel privileged to be able to host such a talented group of performers this year and hope you will all take time to come out and experience them.

Thank you all for your continued support! —
Peter



Notes from the Vestry

I am basically a nosy person. I know, curiosity killed the cat . . . , but satisfaction brought it back! And I'm a very satisfied person. I always want to know what's going on, so I really wanted to be a Vestry member. As a member I could find out everything! Little did I know that I was not given this chance just to satisfy my own curiosity. I believe now that God had something else in mind. A light bulb has come on, if you will.

The curiosity has led to knowledge. I understand how our church works, how important our ministries are (and how many we have!), and how the community depends on St. Timothy's.

The knowledge leads to the acknowledgment of responsibilities. Such a big word, all by itself, written on the page it seems heavy. But that's the key - it's not by itself. Jesus taught us to share and that's exactly what happens here! No one, I repeat, no one has to do anything all by themselves. The ministries and the congregation as a whole share each responsibility. We turn to each other for help and support and we receive it.

I frequently pray for help ("God please help me help my stupid self" to take a phrase from a song I like), and the prayers are always answered. The answers usually lead to new awareness and new friends. It's amazing and wonderful. As friends we work together to achieve a goal and we also play together. We gain insight from each other and, before you know it, we are happily involved.

Is that what God had in mind for me when I joined the Vestry? I don't know. I do know that He has allowed me to be touched by so many others, encouraged me to become passionate about things I love, taught me to be mindful, and He has taught me to be humble (or at least try!). I am truly blessed. So, I thank God for the gift of curiosity. I pray that you, too, will find your gifts.

—Shirley Ratliff

Dear St. Timothy's Family:

I'd like to give all of you a brief update on what I'm doing and how my life is progressing while I'm attending Seminary. We're currently in the middle of the second quarter, and I'm taking the second of three parts of New Testament and Church history, the first of three parts of Old Testament, and a history of the Episcopal Church. I've completed the Greek language requirement, and just finished up serving on a Chapel Team, being responsible for morning worship over a two-week period—I was even allowed to officiate, and that was a joy!

Apart from the classes, I have learned a lot about community. First, there is the broad seminary community itself, consisting of all who work, study, and serve at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). Then there are the students, and among them, my class - the Juniors. Next, there is small group worship every Friday morning. Finally, there are groups of people with similar "outside" interests, and those who have dissimilar interests yet share their talents, creating new bonds and new communities. I am also learning a lot more about our global community. I will be going to work in the Dominican Republic during the January term, and am starting to look into going to Tanzania next summer to do mission work. I will also be doing both my field education and pastoral care work soon, though I am not sure where as yet—although I am inclined to do the former in a small, rural church and the latter in a hospital, perhaps in the emergency room.

To conclude, in this time of thanksgiving, I recognize you, my St. Timothy's Church family. I want you to know that without you and your support—spiritual, financial, and familial—I simply could not do what I am able to do. So, thank you for your prayers. They strengthen me while I study late into the evening, when I awake from too little sleep, as I drive to Alexandria, and in my celebration of God's blessings—among them the gift of devoting many hours every day to the study and worship of God. I am overwhelmed by the amount of study and work we are given - reading volumes, writing long essays, completing assignments. Even so, I realize how blessed I am to devote my time, energy, and love to serving God and God's people. Thank you for your financial support! Without it, I simply could not afford seminary. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, thanks for being my extended family!

I wish you joy and peace this coming Christmas, and hope to see all of you soon. Please feel free to email or call any time you wish to say hello or want to know more about seminary!

God's peace, John Schmitz

Christmas Caroling at Harbor House

On Sunday, December 17, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, St. Timothy's Youth Group will be sponsoring Christmas Caroling at Harbor House in Herndon, VA. Snacks and refreshments will be provided for both the participants and residents. We will also need teens and/or adults to play musical instruments to accompany as well...all parishioners are invited. We will leave from St. Timothy's at 6:30 PM. Please sign-up in Henry Hall on the Youth Group activity board. We would like a good turn out!

Angel Tree

Don't forget the Angel Tree, located in Henry Hall this year. If you don't normally attend coffee hour, use this excuse to visit our tree and enjoy some fellowship with St. Tim's parishioners and clergy. On this year's tree are names of children in need provided through Reston Interfaith's "Adopt-a-Family" program and special request items from the Loudon Abused Women's Shelter. Almost 175 gifts fill this year's tree...please think of those in need this Christmas season. Place your unwrapped gift in one of the bags provided, firmly attach the appropriate Angel tag, and place under the tree by Sunday, December 10.



Help Needed

We will also need volunteers who can help organize and load up the gifts on Sunday, December 10 after the 11 am service for delivery to Reston Interfaith. If you can help in this way, please call Jill Norcross at 703-435-7216.

The Pre-School Page

Last month, the preschoolers learned about the Thanksgiving story, Native Americans and Pilgrims. They also had fun talking about all the things and people they're thankful for.

The many donations to the LINK food drive were a great example for the preschoolers of the importance of giving! The drive was another big success this year. Thanks for all your donations, which made the Thanksgiving holiday enjoyable for so many.

This year's holiday parties will be held on Dec. 13-14. The pre-schoolers are busy learning songs to sing for all the parents (and Santa too!).

—Liz Griffith

CE Corner

With the Advent season upon us again, we in the Christian Education Ministry would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! We are very pleased to be able to offer an Adult Bible Study for Advent, starting on **Sunday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. in Henry Hall.** We will be studying The Miracle of Christmas and will have one lesson for each of the four Sundays of Advent (finishing on the 4th Saturday of Advent – December 23rd – because the 4th Sunday is actually Christmas Eve). For those of you with children in the Christian Education program, here are some suggestions for helping your children prepare for the coming of the Savior:

1. Put a crèche in a prominent space in your home. Leave the baby Jesus (or the entire Holy Family) out until Christmas Eve. Talk with your children about the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem and why Jesus is not yet in the stable.

2. Open an Advent Calendar with your children

Christmas Flower Dedications

Please use the envelope enclosed in your 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 **Sunday, December 17** to be included.

We Need Your Greens Friday December 22

The Altar Guild is in need of donations of freshly cut "greens" **Friday, December 22 between 9:00 and 11:00 am** to be used with the Christmas decorations for 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, December 23** 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.

Attention St. Timothy's Altar Guild

On Friday, December 22, we will be pruning and preparing the "greens" for our annual decorations in the Sanctuary. On Saturday, December 23 we will actually be making the greens for use with the poinsettias and setting them in the flower cooler to await services on Christmas Eve. On Saturday/Sunday, December 23/24 the poinsettias will arrive and we will need your assistance in bagging and preparing them for the Sanctuary as well as setting out the previously prepared greens. We will need volunteers to help arrange and assist in decorating for the Christmas services. A sign up sheet is available for volunteers on the Altar Guild bulletin board in Henry Hall. All teams are asked to help us in this effort.

each day during the countdown for Christmas. Visit your local Christian bookstore for a Bible-themed calendar, instead of the chocolate-and-Santa calendars that are popular in most stores.

3. Count from A to Z with your children (one letter a day) choosing an Advent-themed word for each letter. For example, A is for Apple (tell the story of the Garden of Eden and why Jesus had to come to save us from our sins). B is for Bethlehem (also known as the City of David, Jesus' ancestor). C is for Candles (we light one candle for each week in Advent).

4. Create a paper chain on the way to Christmas. Alternate red and green paper, writing a Bible verse on each link. You may want to start with a few verses from Genesis, move to the prophets and end in the Gospels. Choose verses from your childhood that you remember hearing during Advent and share them with your children.

We look forward to seeing you and your children in church and Sunday School during this brand new Church Year. Happy New Year! —Marybeth Henry

LEM Schedule/Lectionary for December 2006

12/3/06 Advent 1; *Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, I Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36*

8:00 – Allen Pruitt, Robin Mullet

9:30 – Allen Pruitt, Cheryl Brock, Tricia Mussante, Frank Martin

11:00 – Michael Cook, Duncan Hutcheon, Allen Pruitt, Rachel Muir

12/10/06 Advent 2; *Baruch 5:1-9, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6*

8:00 – Rich Howarth, Allen Pruitt

9:30 – Laura Dendtler, Allen Pruitt, John McGrath, Chris Brock

11:00 – Dave Parker, Betsy Knoizen, Jane Perry, Bill Odio, Allen Pruitt

12/17/06 Advent 3; *Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18*

12/24/06 Advent 4; *Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45*

12/31/06 1st Sunday after Christmas; *Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 147, Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7, John 1:1-18*

Get your raffle tickets now!

The Youth Group has received a black video Apple iPod and we are raffling it off! This Apple iPod has 30g, which means it can play up to 14 hours of music or 3.5 hours of video and holds up to 7,500 songs. It comes complete with every thing you need and a carrying case to keep it safe. Tickets are on sale now in Henry Hall and are \$5 a piece or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be on Sunday December 17th after the 11 o'clock service.

Epilogue for Fall Agapes

Along with the autumn leaves around St. Timothy's, a good measure of generosity was also noted in the air. Several parishioners spent a morning gleaning apples to be sent to food pantries, shelters, and soup kitchens for the Society of St Andrew. Others devoted time in delivering groceries from LINK directly to hungry neighbors. Combining contributions together with sales of raffle tickets, we are sending a total \$2,777.21 to assist these charitable groups in providing nourishment to those who are hungry.

Agape offerings for LINK and the Society of St. Andrew were well supported and the Service Ministry is grateful for your collaboration.

Congratulations to Jackie Clattenburg for winning a year of delights from Mom's Apple Pie!

Vestry Candidates Sought

As indicated in the Word last month, the process for obtaining candidates for the Vestry election began in November with the selection of a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is composed of the four retiring Vestry members (Bill Sanger, Chris Brock, Shirley Ratliff and Ralph Tildon) and at least two non-Vestry members.

The non-Vestry members are Matt Maginniss, Pat McGibbon and Tina Pinkard. If you are interested in running for the Vestry or learning more about the Vestry and the election, please contact any of the committee members. If you are 16 years or older, a confirmed communicant in good standing, and a person whose Baptism has been duly recorded in this church, you are eligible to run for the Vestry. Being on the Vestry is a great opportunity to learn about your church and to give, your time and talents, to the church.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) in El Salvador

El Salvador is no stranger to heartache. The prolonged civil war in the 1980s left thousands with physical and emotional scars. In 1998, Hurricane Mitch killed hundreds and destroyed half of the nation's crops. Today, almost 50% of the population lives in poverty. In early 2001, two major earthquakes and ten thousand aftershocks destroyed 25% of the country's housing, with damages near \$2.8 billion.

Barely four months after these devastating earthquakes, ERD began rebuilding the communities of Izalco, El Congo, Cara Sucia, and San Juan de Letrán from the ground up by constructing houses, offering healthcare services, and providing agricultural training. ERD is committed to providing long-term solutions to communities affected by the 2001 earthquakes through partnership with the Diocese of El Salvador. ERD provided social workers in several communities to train residents how to organize, select leaders and develop decision-making processes for the community. We constructed houses for families whose homes were destroyed using cinderblock materials which offer protection from future earthquakes. We constructed and reconstructed medical clinics and schools which were destroyed by the earthquakes.



Note: Please make out your checks to St. Timothy's and indicate on the MEMO line: "Agape" Be sure to place the check in a yellow AGAPE envelope.

Up A Creek; Food For Thought; Spare Time

Scouts from Troop 159 spent a recent Saturday morning on a treasure hunt -- through the streams of Fox Mill. It was their semi-annual creek cleanup.

Historically, it's been fun disguised as work, and this time was no different. Scouts have hauled everything from a tractor tire bigger than themselves, to a bed, out of the waterways. This year, nothing spectacular, just an eclectic collection of clutter-gone-wild: Perrier bottles tossed alongside Rolling Rock cans. The biggest challenge? A tire filled with concrete that once held a metal post. Talk about heavy metal!

Food For Thought: Hours of effort by several scouts and leaders means hundreds of pounds of food will be available on the dinner tables of folks in need across our area over the winter. Troop 159's Scouting For Food effort ended in the highest number of bags of cans, boxes, and jars of food taken to the collection site, from any of the troops in this area.

Spare Time: Get your mind out of the gutter and get ready to strike it rich -- it's time for the annual cosmic bowl-a-rama and all-night lock-in! Scouts hit the road for a pizza supper then take off for the alleys. After a few games with hot frames under bright lights and cool music -- scouts make a dash for a stash of good times behind locked doors. It's an all-night event full of good times, good friends, and bad snacks. The lock-in is your key to fun.

Interested in joining? Contact Scoutmaster Rob Carter at 703-471-9069 for details.

St. Timothy's Christmas Eve Illumination

Remember the beautiful, nearly magical, scene of driving up to St. Timothy's last year for the Christmas Eve service -- the driveway and walkways were all softly lit by hundreds and hundreds of luminaries. Well, we would like to create this same wonderful scene again this year. Please mark your calendars for Christmas Eve afternoon at 1 p.m. We will meet on the front steps near the old bell and form a production line of people to put together the hundreds of luminaries necessary to make this work -- we have jobs for "sand in bag fillers," "sand in plastic cup fillers," "cup placers," "bag folders," "candle placers," and, ooohh -- ahhhh, "luminary location consultants." The final position is "luminary lighter." It is great fun for the entire family, so please plan to join us. All of this work can be done in about 90 minutes if we all work together! We will also need volunteers to remove the luminaries on December 26th -- please plan to be at the church around noon time and we will set about removing the luminaries (this is also a great time to nab a bunch of half-used candles -- perfect for camping trips, pumpkins at Halloween, and so much more -- re-use and recycle!). Contact Craig Dubishar, Coordinator, at wcdubi@cox.net for details or if you have questions. Thanks!

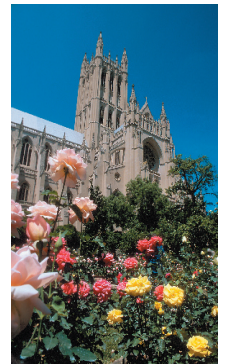


Cartridges for Cash Program

St. Timothy's is working with a local Herndon small business, Rapid Refill, to recycle your used/empty ink and laser cartridges. Please bring your used/empty ink and laser cartridges (all brands EXCEPT Epson, Canon, and Brother) (Brother Laser toner cartridges are acceptable!) to St. Timothy's and deposit them into the "Cartridges for Cash" recycling bin in Henry Hall. What a great way to help protect God's Creation, while working with a local small business. Many thanks to Kiran at Rapid Refill for this wonderful program, and to Marybeth Henry for spearheading this effort. Look at all the good we "stewards of creation" can do when we put our minds to it!

National Cathedral to Visit St. Timothy's this Advent Season

Well, at least the National Cathedral's Museum Shop will, once again, be gracing the space in Henry Hall this Advent. Look for many new "uniquely" National Cathedral items to be here, as well as many other beautiful and truly one-of-a-kind gifts for friends and family. A big thank you to St. Timothy's for its wonderful support to this "National House of Prayer for All People."



Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

As we head into the holiday season, it is important to think about what we are grateful for: the ability to help others. Each year, Volunteer Fairfax compiles many interesting holiday volunteer opportunities that exist throughout Fairfax County. Simply visit www.volunteer-fairfax.org and download the Holiday Volunteer Opportunity Flyer (PDF). You can also click on "Volunteer Now" and search for opportunities by checking the mittens icon and selecting a location. Volunteering is easy and may be the greatest gift you can give.

Lakota Sunday - December 3

On December 3, St. Tim's Lakota Team will be hosting coffee hour after all the services. In addition, we will be offering for sale Lakota-made crafts and jewelry we purchased during our May 2006 trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as well as other memorabilia. The proceeds from all sales will benefit St. Timothy's Lakota Team and our mission. Please stop by and enjoy some treats and get some Christmas shopping done, too!

If you're interested in joining the 2007 Lakota Team, please join us at our meeting on December 3 at 5 PM in Room B1. Future Lakota Team meetings will continue to be held on the first Sunday of the month, same time, same place.



The **WORD**

for December 2006

St. Timothy's Word is published monthly and mailed to members and friends during the last week of each month. It also appears in full color 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 21 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: We await the coming of our Lord. Remember how excited you became near Christmas time. My grandsons are working themselves into a frenzy. Make sure you call your distant families who can't be with you and wish them much happiness. We often forget to do this and it's such an easy task. Is your shopping done? If not, make sure to look at the goodies that will be in Henry Hall from our National Cathedral. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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