



## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Showing the Love of God at Christmas

Many of our Church family members have lost their jobs, many others are dealing with salary cuts; and to some degree or another all of us are wondering when, even if, the proverbial ground beneath our feet will feel firm again. These are economically uncertain times.

So, with regard to Christmas gifts, what are you going to do?

I've heard some very creative and meaningful ideas from some of you. How about making a financial donation to a charity in someone's name (e.g., Reston Interfaith, Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic, Rector's and Associate Rector's Discretionary Funds, Episcopal Relief and Development), giving the gift of time spent together doing something fun and recreational or of benefit to others (come to the Voce Christmas concert, the Community Christmas concert, sort groceries for LINK, deliver groceries for LINK), giving something "homemade", taking on someone's chore for a period of time (e.g., cooking dinner, cleaning, doing laundry), or giving a back rub?

We show our love and the love of God not by how much money we spend but by how much thought and care are in our gifts. I personally like just being with family and friends, reconnecting. I already have more stuff than I want or need. For me, time with the people I love is the best gift. Jesus came into the world to be with us. That's what Christmas is about.

When you make your list, be thoughtful. Be creative. Make your gifts unique. Make them personal.

*~ Fr. Brad*

### Come

Since early summer, one parishioner has asked repeatedly, "When can we change the colors in church? I'm sick of green." Change has come. The long, ordinary time after Pentecost has finally ended. Advent marks the beginning of the new church year. We set the hangings and vestments to Sarum<sup>1</sup> blue, the color of the night sky in winter, a color associated with Mary, a color of expectation and hope. In the seasons when the colors change, something inside of us changes, too. The church deepens and becomes more concentrated. From the youngest to the oldest, we sense that something special is coming. Our longing intensifies to be together. Things change so quickly in seasons like this one that we don't want to miss anything.

Each week, as the days grow shorter outside, the light grows stronger inside the church. A new wreath of candles appears, and we light the candles slowly, one by one. We don't get the brightness of Christmas all at once. John the Baptist and the long line of prophets tell us in stark colors and muted hues of the Son of Man, the branch of Jesse, a refiner's fire, mountains made low and rough ways made smooth, winnowing forks, and a woman in labor.

Even the days between Sundays are not ordinary in this season. More visitors than usual come seeking food and gifts for their children; people come by to pluck cards from the Angel tree; study groups share meals of bread and soup as the poetry of W. H. Auden and Isaiah washes over them; the altar guild prepares greens and clears space for poinsettias; music fills the hallways as bell choirs and singers prepare for the great feast to come. In this season of Advent, the invitation is simple: Come. Prepare your soul for the coming Christ. Come.

*Rev. Leslie*



<sup>1</sup> In some Anglican and Lutheran churches, blue is the liturgical color for Advent, a custom traced to the usage of the [Church of Sweden](#) (Lutheran) and the medieval [Sarum Rite](#). This color is often referred to as "Sarum blue". Red is used in the Eastern churches.

## Welcome Bishop David Colin Jones

Our Suffragan Bishop David Colin Jones will visit St. Timothy's on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Jones will preach and celebrate at our 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist service, and we will host a reception in his honor after the service. He has visited St. Timothy's several times in his 15 years as a bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Come and welcome Bishop Jones.



## We Need Your Greens Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>



The Altar Guild is in need of donations of freshly cut "greens" Saturday, December 19 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. to be used with the Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary. If you need help cutting

or transporting your greens, please notify us either by phone at 703-716-9094 or email at [quiltdiva730@hotmail.com](mailto:quiltdiva730@hotmail.com). We will also need volunteers on Saturday and Sunday to assist in preparing the greens and the arrangements for decoration. It's a fun time and floral training is not necessary. For further information volunteers should contact Sandy Wright at 703-716-9094

## Christmas Flower Dedications



Please use a flower envelope from the table in the rear of the Sanctuary to make your donation to the Christmas flower fund. 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 Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to be included.

## Refresh Your Soul

During this wonderful and hectic time of year most of us are so busy doing things for other people that we let our own souls run dry. Don't let this happen to you! Come to St. Timothy's for the Voce Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Musicians from the McLean Symphony will also be featured. According to the Washington Post, The Voce Chamber Singers are Northern Virginia's premier vocal ensemble. Tickets at the door are \$20 adult, \$15 senior, and \$10 students. For more information visit [www.voce.org](http://www.voce.org).

And don't miss our Community Christmas Concert at Trinity Presbyterian Church on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This spectacular event is produced by the Music Directors, choirs, and instrumentalists of Herndon United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Feed your soul.

~ Fr. Brad

## Sunday Afternoon Visits at Reston Sunrise Retirement Center

Would you like to join us when we visit residents at Sunrise? If you feel called to minister to our precious elders, but have limited time, this may be a great opportunity for you. Every Sunday, a small group from St. Tim's gathers for a one-hour visit with 8-10 residents in the sitting room. We share conversation, laughs, music and much more. At our last visit a teenage volunteer joined in and of us all sat spellbound as a resident recalled his days singing and touring with the Glenn Miller Band during World War II.

You will not only be giving but also receiving joy from being with these wonderful people. As a volunteer you can decide which Sundays you would like to visit or just simply meet us at 12:55 p.m. in the main room sitting room of Sunrise. The address is 1778 Fountain Drive, Reston. All are welcome.

Questions??? For more info please feel free to contact Gayle Rippe at 703-471-0763 or email: [Gayle.657@hotmail.com](mailto:Gayle.657@hotmail.com).

## Wanted: Epiphany Pageant Director (and helpers)

St. Timothy's Annual Epiphany Pageant needs a director and helpers (to arrange parts, conduct one or two rehearsals, assist children with costumes). We have the script and the date (January 3<sup>rd</sup>). If you are interested please speak with Rev. Leslie or Fr. Brad.

## Angel Tree Program

Thank you to everyone who took gift requests from the Angel Tree! Please bring the gifts (**unwrapped with the original tags firmly attached**) to St. Timothy's by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a sorting party after the 11:00 a.m. service on December 13<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers are needed to sort and deliver gifts to Reston Interfaith and LAWS. For more information, contact Janet Dopsovic 703-391-9633 or Jill Norcross 703-435-7216. Once the gifts have been delivered, our Angel Tree becomes the collection point for scarves, hats, mittens and gloves for adult and children clients of Laurel Learning Center, the Embury Rucker Homeless Shelter and LAWS.



## St. Timothy's Communications Ministry

Are you a shutterbug? The Communications Ministry is looking for photos and videos of St. Timothy's events to use in church publications and website. Look through your digital photos and upload them to our new Flickr share site, so we can all see them! Let's share the fun and joy that we experience at St. Timothy's! Contact Elaine Horsfield ([ehorsfield@cox.net](mailto:ehorsfield@cox.net) 703-476-4439) or Genevieve Zetlan ([gzetlan@gmail.com](mailto:gzetlan@gmail.com) 703-456-7340) to get the login and password to upload your files.



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Become a friend of St. Timothy's! We now have our own page on the internet site, Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)), and we want to connect with all our other "friends" in the world. Just search for "Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church" and click "become a fan," or visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Herndon-VA/Saint-Timothys-Episcopal-Church/126879873591?ref=ts>.

## Volunteer at the Closet

For the month of December, St. Timothy's has been assigned Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The two hour shifts are 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Call Holly Hartge to volunteer – 703-318-8292 or email her at [mhhvirginia@verizon.net](mailto:mhhvirginia@verizon.net).

## LINK Holiday Baskets

LINK Basket distribution in November was a wonderful success. Thanks to the generous donations of the community, over 650 families received food. Many of those also received winter coats, hats and gloves at the coat distribution in Sterling.

In December, LINK will again distribute food at two churches in Herndon and Sterling. There will also be a toy distribution in Herndon for all the families. Food and toys will be distributed on December 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to live your faith by serving others.

Donations of food and toys are ongoing through the month of December. Both the LINK pantry shelves and the supplies for Holiday Baskets were diminished considerably by the November distribution. Donations are welcome anytime and may be placed in Henry Hall or at one of the locations listed below. Volunteers are also needed to help with sorting and distribution in December.

Following is the schedule for donation drop-off and sorting, and the distribution locations. If you are able to volunteer please contact the LINK rep, Diana Hamilton at [Diana@hamiltongroup.com](mailto:Diana@hamiltongroup.com), or Rob Duchesneau, [rob.du@verizon.net](mailto:rob.du@verizon.net) or Shon Beury, [shonbeury@aol.com](mailto:shonbeury@aol.com) from St. Timothy's for additional information.

### **Distribution and Donation**

Food Distribution: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling and Trinity Presbyterian in Herndon. Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped off at either church during the sorting hours listed below.

Toy Distribution: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Herndon United Methodist Church. Donations of new unwrapped toys can be dropped off here Dec. 14-18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### **Volunteer Dates & Hours**

Dec. 14 and 17: Sorting from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at both churches.

Dec. 18: Sorting from 9:00 a.m. until finished at both churches.

Saturday, Dec. 19: Volunteers needed to help re-stock food, assist families, act as translators, and clean-up, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

## St. Timothy's Kids Club

St. Timothy's Kids Club provides fellowship and service activities for the children of St. Timothy's who are in the second through the fifth grades. Older children and families are welcome at our events.

The mission of St. Tim's Kids Club is for our children to

- Get to know other children in the church
- Become active participants in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church community
- Perform hands-on service for those in need

Upcoming Kids' Club Events:

- December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Sing-along. Meet at St. Timothy's to carpool to the sing-along.
- January 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Swimming. Meet at Herndon Community Center to swim. Bring a new or gently used stuffed animal to donate to LAWS.
- February 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Party. Meet in Henry Hall to make Valentine's cards and decorate cookies.
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch at Fuddruckers. Meet in Henry Hall to carpool to Fuddruckers.

Contact Melissa Randolph at 703-787-9993 (email: [asafamily@cox.net](mailto:asafamily@cox.net)) or Ella LaRae at 703-444-1390 to RSVP or for more information.

## Meditations and Discussion with The Rev.

### Dr. Ralph Bayfield

The Rev. Bayfield is leading a five week adult education program that began Sunday evening, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The meditations and discussion are based on "A Christmas Oratorio" by W.H. Auden. Auden was a Pulitzer-prize winning poet born in England and later became a U.S. citizen in 1946. The first four weeks' program – Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> – will tell the Christmas story. The fifth week, January 17<sup>th</sup>, will be about the flight into Egypt. We will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. with a soup and bread dinner, followed by meditation and discussion and end at 8:00 p.m. Please sign up in Henry Hall so we will know how much soup to prepare. If you would be able to make a pot of soup, there will be a place to sign up for cooking. Direct questions to Carmela Condro at [ccondro@juno.com](mailto:ccondro@juno.com).



## Caroling

Sing!! Sing!! Sing!! The St. Timothy's Youth Group and Choirs cordially invite you to join us in our annual caroling caravan on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the choir room at St. Tim's at 9:30 a.m. We will sing carols at Sunrise Assisted Living and at a private residence in Reston. We should be finished by 12:30 p.m. Please help us bring Christmas joy to people who cannot get to church this season!

## Clean Energy Could Create 850,000 Manufacturing Jobs in U.S.

These are stats we can live with! U.S. clean energy legislation could help create 850,000 manufacturing jobs around the country, a report from a group representing business and environmental interests said. The study conducted by the Blue Green Alliance found that policies such as a renewable electricity mandate would provide steady demand for clean energy and put Americans to work building the components needed to make wind turbines, solar panels and other technologies. What can we do as Stewards of Creation? Do your research and, if possible, buy "green"! Supporting the economic engine that supports clean energy would help to build an even stronger clean energy movement. Go team! A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation, Craig Dubishar. (P.S., remember there is no such thing as "clean coal" so please be aware – and beware – of any such claims by the power companies!)

## Boy Scouts

Troop 159 had an eventful month in November. We went scouting for food, and got 68 bags and 550 pounds worth of food! We also had the fall



Order of the Arrow

(OA) ordeal, where members of the troop got to be inducted into the OA. The venture scouts went on the Hike-O-Ree to Old Rag, which was "intense." One scout started sliding off the mountain! [He is safe.] We meet at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays in Henry Hall.

Looking for a way to serve the Church?  
Consider Running for Vestry.

The Vestry is the 12-person governing body of the church. Established during colonial times, the Vestry deliberates and decides on all matters pertaining to running the church, including the budget, formation of policies and procedures, use and modification of the building and its grounds, and when necessary, hiring a priest!

The Vestry meets on the fourth Monday of each month, and each member also serves as a liaison to one of St. Tim's Ministries. After elections by the parish, announced at the annual meeting in January, Vestry members begin the year with a weekend retreat. Anyone is eligible to run for the Vestry who is 18 years of age or older, a confirmed Episcopalian and member of St. Timothy's, and "known to the Treasurer" (has made a donation to the church).

Serving on the Vestry is a great way to learn a tremendous amount about what goes on here at St. Timothy's, to gain insight into the day-to-day operations of the church as it serves the community, and to connect with a devoted, talented group of people using their gifts to run our church.

**Interested candidates should submit a photograph and a short statement of interest in serving on the Vestry to be distributed to the congregation to Keith in the office before December 15 (keith@saint-timothys.org).**

St. Timothy's Annual Parish Meeting

Plan to attend one of our three services on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and return or stay for lunch (provided by St. Timothy's). During the announcement time in all three services eligible Church members will vote for four new Vestry members, two Diocesan and Regional Council representatives, and one Endowment Fund Committee member. To vote or serve on the Vestry you must be (1) at least 16 years old, (2) have your Baptism recorded in our books, (3) attend services regularly, and (4) financially support the mission of the Church. St. Timothy's 2010 budget will be presented during lunch after our services.

Join us for our annual  
**Holiday**  
**POTLUCK AND**  
**SING ALONG**  
Saturday, December 12th  
at 5:30 p.m.  
at the home of  
**John, Susy, Timothy, & Elizabeth**  
**Nixon**  
**12712 Builders Road**  
**Herndon, VA 20170**  
*We will provide the entrée. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, beverage, or dessert to share. If you cannot join us for dinner, please come around 7:00 for dessert and singing.*  
RSVP 703-437-0370 or [senixon@verizon.net](mailto:senixon@verizon.net)

**New Registered Members for November 2009**

The following individuals became registered members of St. Timothy's in November:

Lucy Rachel Milans

Leola Ann Moss

Registered members are baptized, confirmed, or received at this church or are baptized in another congregation and transfer their membership to St. Timothy's. Membership has its privileges: you can vote in St. Timothy's church elections, be elected a member of St. Timothy's Vestry, or register your child early for St. Timothy's fabulous pre-school. If you would like to become a registered member of St. Timothy's, please complete and return a Membership Transfer Form (available in the church office) or the form can also be accessed at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).



Christmas Services

St. Timothy's will host three services on Christmas Eve – one at 5:00 p.m. (this one is especially appropriate for children), one at 7:00 p.m., and another at 10:00 p.m. The later service includes thirty additional minutes of anthems and carols. We also have an 11:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day. All services are Holy Communion, and all people are welcome.

## Youth Group Happenings

### Antietam 2009

Youth!! Need a meaningful way to begin Advent? Try this: Cold day, hot chocolate, freezing hands, huddling with friends, lighting candles, remembering war, giving thanks for peace, cold campground, warm supper, great memories. Please join us the weekend of December 4-6 in lighting luminaria at Antietam National Battlefield. You can either stay the whole weekend (\$40) in cabins at the Maple Tree Campground or drive up for the day on Saturday, Dec. 5 (\$15). Sign up on the sheet on the Youth Group Bulletin Board in Henry Hall.

Contact Rick Wilson for more information:

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### We Need Your Help for the Christmas Eve Luminaries Set-up.

Meet at St. Tim's at 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve to help us set up hundreds of luminaries around the paths and driveways of our beautiful church property. Mr. Dubishar will have plenty of Christmas tunes playing from his car as we form a "production" line to get this large job done before the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service. It really is a beautiful sight with the soft glow all around St. Tim's! Questions? Contact Mr. Dubishar at [wcdubi@cox.net](mailto:wcdubi@cox.net). Clean-up will be December 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. (please bring some extra large yard trash bags and a wheeled trash can if you have one available!). Thank you!



#### **November Fun!**

*Laser Tag  
Sunday Brunch  
Challenger Dance*



### **December Youth Group Activities**

- Fri.-Sun. 4-6:** *Antietam (see above)*
- Sun. 6:** Regular Youth Group Gathering 4-6 p.m. (dinner included)
- Sun. 13:** Gathering 4-6 p.m. (dinner included)
- Sat. 19:** Caroling 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Sun. 20:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brunch. 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Thur. 24:** Luminaria at St. Timothy's 2-4 p.m.
- Sat. 26:** Luminaria Clean-up 1 p.m.

NOTE: If you play an instrument and want to perform on Christmas Eve, please contact Peter Waqqoner at [pwaqqoner@saint-timothys.org](mailto:pwaqqoner@saint-timothys.org)

*Images of Life at St. Timothy's*





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St. Timothy's newsletter, *The Word*, is published monthly and emailed to members and friends on the first day of each month. It also appears in full color on the website ([www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org)) home page under Downloads. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify Keith Nelsen Stroud in the church office ([office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Questions, articles, or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to [wordeditor@saint-timothys.org](mailto:wordeditor@saint-timothys.org) and put *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.  
~Allyson Showalter, Editor

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#### Services

**Sundays**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel  
(nursery care available)

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Christian Education  
(nursery care available)

**Wednesdays**

12:15 p.m.- Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (and by appointment). Clergy are off on Fridays.

#### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4-6 Youth Group – Antietam Illumination trip
- Dec. 13 Bishop Jones visit and reception
- Dec. 13 Voce concert
- Dec. 19 Caroling
- Dec. 20 Community Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve – Services at 5, 7, and 10 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Christmas – Service at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 28 Vestry meeting