

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 7, 2014

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.



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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist - Rite I
9:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist - Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Eucharist With Hymns- Rite II
4:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist in Spanish- <i>Misa en Español</i>

Opportunities for Children

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.	Godly Play (<i>ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2</i>) - Room B1
9:30 a.m.	Spark + (<i>grades 3-5</i>) - Room A-5
9:30 a.m.	Christian Education (<i>Grades 6-8</i>) - Room A-8
9:30 a.m.	Christian Education (<i>Grades 9-12</i>) - Upper Room

Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

AS PEOPLE OF GOD, WE JOYFULLY WORSHIP GOD, SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD'S LOVE,
TREASURE ALL PEOPLE, AND SERVE OTHERS EVERYWHERE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEREFORE, WITH GOD'S HELP, WE: OPEN OUR DOORS TO EVERYONE,
OPEN OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP, OPEN OUR EYES TO THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS,
AND OPEN OUR ARMS TO EMBRACE GOD'S WORK.

Information For Our First Time Guests



All children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary during worship. However, for parents of children ages 0-3 years who want nursery care, we have a well-equipped and professionally-staffed nursery at the end of the hall nearest the Sanctuary. Each child brought to the nursery is given a number; only the parents of the child can take the child from the nursery. If a parent is needed during worship, the child's number will appear (in red LED's) on the black panels beneath the hymn boards on both sides of the Chancel. Parents, please bring diapers, any snacks, and formula as needed for your child.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you have not been baptized, please come to the Altar rail for a blessing during Holy Communion (place your arms across your chest to signify your desire for a blessing). If you would like to be baptized, please speak with the clergy after the service. To receive Holy Communion, accept the bread in your hand and place it in your mouth, then sip wine from the Chalice when it is brought to you (guide the Chalice to your mouth please), or hold the bread, dip it in the wine when the chalice comes to you, and place the bread with wine in your mouth. If you are allergic to wheat or are gluten intolerant, please let the person serving bread know to give you a rice wafer.

Staff

Regular church office hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with a member of the clergy, feel free to call the office at 703.437.3790.

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Keith Sinclair

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Egil Hovland

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion *(In Unison).*

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.
8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people, and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

Sermon

Mr. Bryan Spoon, *Seminarian*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

***the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

***the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers for Advent

Leader Sisters and Brothers in Christ, with faith in God's sovereignty and providence, let us pray.
(Pause)

Leader Blessed Savior, we pray for creation – for the whole human family and every living creature, for landscapes of breathtaking beauty, this good earth; clean air and pure water. Help us revere and preserve what you have called into being. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***
(Pause)

Leader Merciful Messiah, we pray for the nations of the world, for our leaders and all whom they serve; fill us with humility and grant us mutual respect; give us wisdom, and help us make peace, that all your people may thrive and prosper. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***
(Pause)

Leader Gracious Christ, we pray for individuals in physical, mental, and spiritual distress. Increase our knowledge, wisdom, and compassion; help us heal people who are sick and injured; help us restore people who are broken; let none of your children suffer for want of good and loving care. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***
(Pause)

Leader Redeemer and Sanctifier, we pray for your Church: where we are in error, reform us; where we are divided, unite us; where we fail, give us new life; where we are faithful, perfect us. Make us shine with the light of your love, and draw all people to you. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***
(Pause)

Leader Sovereign of Heaven and earth, we pray for loved ones who have died, and for people who are dying now. We commend them to your loving care. And we praise you for the resurrection of the dead, everlasting life, the communion of saints, and your promise that where you are we may also be. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***
(Pause)

Leader Holy and Eternal God, we offer ourselves to your service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may think what you would have us think, do what you would have us do, and be the people you would have us be, that every individual may experience your unyielding love and live according to your perfect will. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***

(Pause)

Leader O God, our creator and preserver, we cry out to you along with our brothers and sisters in West Africa, especially Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, where so many lives have been lost. We pray that as they continue to live and struggle with the Ebola Virus Disease, you will grant them your grace and mercy that an end to this virus will come soon; and that life and community will be restored. Give us the courage and strength to respond willingly to this great human need. We ask this in the Name of the One who came and gave his life, so that we might live life fully, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. ***People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.***

(Pause)

Leader Divine Majesty, we praise you, and we thank you, for innumerable blessings, immeasurable love, and relentless grace. And we offer ourselves to your service – all that we have, and all that we are. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done. ***People: On earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Comfortable Words

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our lives and labors to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Gerald Near

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People *It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild

Donna Dick, Maria LaWalt, Bobbe Duquette, Michele Bumbarly

Counters

Keith Pinkard, Tina Pinkard

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Will Pfadenhauer, Kent Miller

9:30 a.m. Andre Dupuy, John Perkinson

11:00 a.m. Pete Gleason, Dave Gough

Greeters

8:00 a.m. Jeanne Bennett

9:30 a.m. Dave Tigar

11:00 a.m. Jill Cox

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 a.m. Ralph Tildon, Bryan Spoon

9:30 a.m. Donna Marie Barrett, Edna Whittick, Chris Brock, Bryan Spoon

11:00 a.m. Michael Cook, Betsy Knoizen, Rachel Muir, Dave Parker, Bryan Spoon

Acolytes

9:30 a.m. Ali Barriere, Emily Horyczun, Sara Zetlan

9:30 a.m. Christopher Wilson, Sam Krauss, Ben Krauss

Altar Flowers

The greens on the altar during Advent are given by the People of God to the Glory of God as we celebrate God's coming to be among us in the form of a child!



If you would like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanksgiving for family and friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (located on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Please write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office by Tuesday, December 16.

Do you need someone to talk to? Call a Stephen Minister!



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Church Events @ St. Tim's This Week

Only ministry related events are listed. Visit www.saint-timothys.org and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 12/7	8, & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	4 p.m.	Eucharist in Spanish	Sanctuary
Monday 12/8	5 p.m.	Children's Choir I	Music Room
	6 p.m.	Children's Choir II	Music Room
	7 p.m.	Service Ministry Meeting	B1
	7 p.m.	BSA Troop 159 Meeting	Henry Hall
Tuesday 12/9	5 p.m.	Nurturing Parents Group (Fairfax County)	HH, Kitchen, A1, A4, Nrsry
Wednesday 12/10	10 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Kitchen
	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist/Healing Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Thursday 12/11	7 p.m.	St. Tim's Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday 12/12	No Events Currently Scheduled.		
Saturday 12/13	9 a.m.	Altar Guild	Sanctuary & AG Room
Sunday 12/14	8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	11 a.m.	Bishop Gulick Visits	Sanctuary
	12 p.m.	Reception for Bishop Gulick	Henry Hall
	6 p.m.	Lessons & Carols	Sanctuary

Happy Birthday To You!!!

- Sun. 12/7** Lydia Gough, Robert Bacha
Mon. 12/8 Jasmine Lynch, Michael Boatright, Annabelle Brennan, Abigail Abbott
Tue. 12/9 Mae Fuller, Peggy Curley, Jennifer Borosky, Blake Clayton
Wed. 12/10 Jeanne Bennett, Terrence Mahan
Thu. 12/11 Carmela Condro, Brian Dodd, Andrew Fletcher
Fri. 12/12 Matthew Horne, Avery Louis
Sat. 12/13 David Tetteyfo, Andrew Hamm, Jennifer Wilson, Eric Horne
Sun. 12/14 Jean Shepherd, Keith Dera, David Abbott, Kathryn Byford



General Announcements

Last call for Pennies for Pipes by Gifts to Glorify the Lord

If you still have coins collected in your blue boxes for the pipe organ fund, please turn them in on Sunday, December 21. This last collection date of the year will allow us to get the coins counted and processed by the counters before 2015. There will be a collection box in the Narthex during all 3 services that day. Any monies collected will assist the church with a possible extension of the new sanctuary flooring into the Narthex, flexible choir seating and new sanctuary doors. **Thank you!**

General Announcements *(continued)*

Presiding Bishop calls for prayer for Liberia, West Africa on Sunday, December 7

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has urged Episcopalians to observe the Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, as a day of prayer for those in the Diocese of Liberia and the entire Anglican Church of the Province of West Africa, areas heavily affected by the current Ebola pandemic.

Bishop Ted Gulick to Visit Saint Timothy's next Sunday, December 14!



Bishop Gulick will be with us for our 11 a.m. service on Sunday, December 14. Baptisms, confirmations, and reaffirmations of vows will take place during this special service as people are received into the church. This service will have elements in both English and Spanish, as attendees of our 4 p.m. service in Spanish (*Misa en español*) will attend the 11 a.m. service for the Bishop's visit. A reception for the Bishop will follow the service in Henry Hall and will include light refreshments. We are excited for the Bishop's visit and hope you will be able to attend!

Help Decorate for Christmas on December 23!

The Altar Guild will be decorating the Sanctuary and the Narthex for Christmas services on December 23, starting at 10 a.m. until completed. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to help. Don't have time but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more information contact Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950.

Viewpoints Book Group

Viewpoints Book Group will meet on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Amphora Diner at 1151 Elden Street, Herndon (it is 1 mile from St. Timothy's) to read Christmas-themed short stories. Choose your favorite or a new one and share with the group what you liked about the short story you read and what it means to you. For some ideas, please check out this web site for a fantastic list: <http://osr.org/christmas/20-famous-christmas-stories/>. For those who like to read ahead, for the January meeting we will be reading "The Dinner" by Herman Koch. Library Book Kit books will be available at church on December 14. *(For January's meeting, we'll meet at Panera on Elden Street at 9:30 a.m. at a date to be communicated in a future bulletin, so keep an eye out for that update)*. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Cox at 703-963-8251 or jillcoxva@verizon.net.

Lakota News

The Lakota Team for the May 2015 trip is forming now! If you are interested in going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation from May 16-23, 2015, please contact Tina Pinkard for more information at mapnbuild@verizon.net! A recent Washington Post article provides some insights into life on the reservation and can be found at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/national/2014/11/28/from-broken-homes-to-a-broken-system/?hpid=z1#>.

Angel Tree Program Collection!

We'll hold a sorting party after the 9:30 a.m. service today, December 7 and volunteers will be needed to sort gifts. See Diana Wright in Henry Hall if you would like to volunteer. Once the gifts have been delivered, our Angel Tree becomes the collection point for scarves, hats, mittens, & gloves for adult and children clients of the Embury Rucker Community Shelter. In this way, our Angel Tree continues to give to our local community during the holiday season. **Thank you for your generosity!**

General Announcements *(continued)*

Bulletin & eNews Submission Deadlines for the Christmas Season

As the staff prepares for upcoming Christmas Services and office closures, all bulletin announcements for the Sundays of December 21, 28, & January 4 as well as eNews submissions for the Fridays of December 19, 26, & January 2 are **due Monday, December 15 at 9 a.m.**

LINK Needs Donations and Volunteers for December Holiday Program

Yes, Thanksgiving has just passed and already it's time for the LINK Christmas Distribution. On Saturday, Dec. 13 LINK will provide a week's worth of groceries to over 700 families as well as toys to children 16 and under. Your donation of non-perishable food will have a great impact on making this outreach a success. Please bring your donations anytime to the LINK grocery cart in Henry Hall. Volunteers are needed Dec. 8 thru 12th to assist with sorting and transporting food, and escorting clients during distribution on the 13th. To volunteer, please use the Sign-up Genius link on the LINK website, www.linkagainsthunger.org. For more info contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com. Thank you for putting your faith to work to support LINK.

Wreath Pick Up and Sale

If you ordered a Wreath and/or Centerpiece from the Youth Wreath Sale, be sure to pick it up today in the courtyard. We do have several on hand for sale, so please stop by if you would like to decorate in style this Christmas season while supporting St Tim's youth!

Help those in need find "room at the inn" during Christmas week!



Epiphany Episcopal Church, with assistance from other local churches including St. Tim's, is hosting the FACETS Hypothermia shelter over Christmas week, December 21 - 28. What a great week to offer a ***"room at the inn"*** to Fairfax County's homeless population! Guests will be transported to Epiphany each evening, served dinner at 7 pm followed by light entertainment and fellowship, with lights out at 10 p.m. Guests will be served a light breakfast in the morning, provided with a sack lunch and returned to the collection point. Many hands are needed to make this event a success and there are many options for participation.

- **Donate items** that are needed by signing up at <http://tinyurl.com/ow5k48t>. Items needed include paper goods, warm socks, reading materials, gift cards and food items. Any non-perishable items can be left in Henry Hall the week of December 14 – 20. Look for a container marked Hypothermia Shelter near the Angel Tree. Perishable items should be delivered to Epiphany (near the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway and Franklin Farm Road) by December 20th.
- **Volunteer your time** by signing up for one of the following at <http://tinyurl.com/mrrjwqy>
 - Help staff the shelter by during one of four shifts daily: Early morning (5:30 am – 7:00 am), early evening (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm), late evening (8 pm – midnight), or overnight (Midnight – 5:00 am). Brief volunteer training will be provided.
- **Help with Transportation:** Drivers are needed to collect guests from designated locations in Fairfax County (Vienna Metro and Fairfax City) each evening and return them to the same location in the morning. FACETS will provide the vans.
- **Provide or lead light entertainment** for a short time evening between 7:30 and 9:00 pm.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older. You may volunteer by going to the links noted above or sign up in Henry Hall today, Sunday, December 7 between 9 and 11:00. Please contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net) with any questions.

General Announcements *(continued)*

Giving Statements Available for Pick Up in the Narthex

Giving Statements are available in the Narthex. This statement reflects giving through October only. Statements not picked up by Sunday, December 14 will be mailed on Monday, December 15.



Mark your Calendars! St. Timothy's Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 in the evening. This beautiful service will feature Advent and Christmas carols and readings which tell the story of the coming of the Christ Child. All are invited to a reception in Henry Hall afterwards!


Give the Gift of Music this Holiday Season!

St. Tim's Music Ministry has a wish-list of anthems this Advent Season. We need extra copies of many of our old favorites as well as would like to invest in new anthems for the upcoming years. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize those that love the music ministry at St. Tim's. No gift is too small! For more information, including options and amounts of anthems that you might want to gift this holiday season, please contact Filippa Duke, who has a list of anthems that the ministry needs and can help you gift music that will be heard in the church for years to come!



Prayer List: Glenn, Bill, Dave, Florita, Mabel, Dave, Melissa, Paige, Phyllis, Pam, Cheryl, David, Diane, Christine, Catherine, Matthew, Julie, Eric, Sandy, John, Doug, Grace, Sean, Natalie, Damion, Patricia, Ed, Lynn, Carrie, Dillon, William, Jesse, Carol, Ross, Anna, Leslie, Drew, Charlotte, Michael, Jac, Pat, Tom, Mary, Patricia, Reese, the Mankin family, Mike and Lisa, the Neaveill family, the Augustine family, Nancy, Dora, Barbara, the Hargadon family, the Barrett family, Pete & Emily and family, Pat, Emily, the Augustine family, Anne, Dora, Barbara, Nancy, Family of Scott Zetlan, Tom, the family of Paul Powenski, Phyllis, Nadejda, Mikko, Nina, George, Elizabeth, Christopher, Jace, Maloney/LaRe families, Lynn, the family and friends of Carolyn Osbourne, Claudine, Geoff, Rick, the Wieczorek family, Gerry, John, Donna, the McGrath Family, Margaret, John, Sally, Jim, Christine, Katie, Lilly, Cookie, Kathleen, Susie, Beth, Glenn, Margaret, Beth and Joe, the Wood family, Duncan, Evelyn, Joel, Eustace, Loy, Geoff, Alison, Jerry, the Yergen/Jennings Family, John, the Hannam family, and Meghan.

Please Note: *To add a request please email Prayer@saint-timothys.org with the name of the person and prayer request. Please note, the request itself will only be placed on the list for the Pastoral Care Team to pray for; first names will be placed in the bulletin. If you do not have access to email, you can call the church office and leave your request with the Parish Administrator, 703.437.3790 x.10.*

 <i>As of September 30, 2014</i>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Goal</u>	
	Pipe Organ Fund	\$ 346,047	\$475,000
	Reserve Fund*	\$68,549	\$100,000
<i>*Some funds disbursed for HVAC equipment</i>			

Celebrate Christmas at Saint Timothy's!

Feel free to invite friends, family, & neighbors to attend one of our Community Christmas Services!



Community Christmas Eve Services, Wednesday, December 24, 2014

4:00 p.m. Children's Service and Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 6:30 p.m.*

10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 9:30 p.m.*

Community Christmas Day Service, Thursday, December 25, 2014

11 a.m. Bi-lingual (*English & Spanish*) Christmas Day Service with Guitar & Piano

Regular Wednesday Eucharist/Healing Service Information

The regular 12:15 p.m. Service will not be held on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24.

This service will be held on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31.