

From the Interim Rector: Fr. Mark Michael

“Give them an inquiring and discerning heart...and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.”

For decades, Miss Helen’s door has been open. Preschools can’t be run behind closed doors. There are too many grand tales to hear, too many smiles to glimpse, too many skinned knees to fuss over, too many tears to dry.

For over thirty years they’ve come to Miss Helen’s door, two generations of children in some families, children whose families come from all over the world. They’ve learned many things under her watch at Saint Timothy’s Preschool. They’ve made friends and memories. Above all, they have been loved.

It will be strange to look in the door in a few weeks, and find that Miss Helen isn’t there anymore. After so many years the time has come for her to retire, for new leaders to carry

forward the work she began almost at the very beginning of the school’s life.

Preschools sometimes change quickly, and with good reason. Children usually only attend for a year or two. Community demographics and parental expectations shift. Staff are paid modestly, and move on to other kinds of work. But sometimes the leaders of a school find a focus that really works well, an approach that continues to connect with what is truly valuable and important.

Helen Guest would be the first to note the many ways in which Saint Tim’s preschool has changed over the years. But since its founding in 1975, almost in the prehistory of a community as transient and dynamic as Herndon, the ethos of the school has remained consistent.

Our preschool was founded by former rector Fr. Ralph

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Wisnel to Visit in May for Haiti Agape

by Shon Beury

The annual Haiti Agape to benefit our 25 students at St. Mathieu’s Episcopal School in the rural village of Chapoteau, Haiti, will kick-off on May 8. As in past years, the Agape will run for three weeks through May 22. Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 20-22, the culmination of our Agape, when the Priest in Charge in Chapoteau and our former seminarian Pere Wisnel Dejardin is visiting! The Haiti Ministry will hold a fellowship event for the congregation to hear from Pere Wisnel about Chapoteau and the students at St. Mathieu’s. Pere Wisnel, who is from the village of Chapoteau, was a seminarian at St. Timothy’s during the 2010 earthquake, in which he lost a brother and two of his



*Former Rector Fr. Brad Rundlett and
Pere Wisnel Dejardin during St. Tim’s
first visit to Haiti*

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Our 25 students at St. Mathieu's Episcopal School in Chapoteau; students are extremely proud of their new shoes, uniforms and backpacks—often the only new clothes they get each year

cousins. When he could not return to Haiti, St. Timothy's became his adopted family, and our relationship with Chapoteau began. Upon his graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary, Wisnel returned to Haiti to minister to his people. After serving in the villages of Jenette and Leogane, he was named Priest in Charge in the Chapoteau area last summer. We look forward to welcoming him as our guest this month. Please watch the weekly bulletins for more details about the event.

The Agape offers several opportunities to learn about and become a part of the work St. Timothy's has been doing for the past 6 years for our brothers and sisters in Chapoteau. On May 8 we will have brochures available talking about the support we send each year that keeps our 25 students in school, and consequently gives them nutrition, health, clothing, and a chance at a better life. On May 15 after each service the Haiti Ministry will show a video about our parish's relationship with St. Mathieu's and families there, and an extended coffee hour will be held in Henry Hall. Please join us in Henry Hall and talk to members of the Haiti Ministry.

In 2010, after working closely with Wisnel to determine how we could help the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, we began supporting primary students at St. Mathieu's, and we now support 25 children for every year of the education until graduation from St. Mathieu's. Each year we hold the Agape to raise funds to send over the summer for the following school term. In 2013, we began supporting a university student, Wilpha Pierre, who attends university in Port-au-Prince. We also provide tuition for one secondary student, Magdalene, one of our supported students who graduated from St. Mathieu's last year and who now attends Bon Saveur in Cange. For the primary school students, St.



Timothy's covers uniforms, backpacks, tuition, books, shoes and one meal per day -- Often the only meal he or she has that day. Through the continued generosity of St. Timothy's donors we have been able to meet our commitment of providing this support each year, which costs approximately \$400 per student.

Although some generous St. Tim's people choose to support a student for a year, any donation amount is welcome and will make a difference in a village that has little but hope. Brochures and donation envelopes will be available in the Narthex and Henry Hall during all three weeks of the Agape.

St. Timothy's has a long history of ministering to the poorest of the poor in our area, our nation, and the world. We have nurtured close relationships with our students, their parents, and their teachers despite the distance, language, and culture gaps, knowing that in Christ we are united. We look forward to sharing with you the news of our Partner Parish St. Mathieu's in Chapoteau. Talk with any members of the Haiti Ministry, identified by their Hope for Haiti name badge, during the Agape, and consider how your generosity can forever change the lives of our children. Thank you for your continued commitment to our friends in Chapoteau and for living your faith by supporting them. For more information, contact Haiti Ministry chair, Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com.



Each year Chris and Christoph get a photo together; Christoph is a teacher at St. Mathieu's who taught Wisnel many years ago



Sharing a Godly Play story from St. Tim's class to St. Mathieu's

Vestry Update

March Giving: **\$65,175.43**
Budgeted Giving: \$58,167
March Expenses: \$58,396.16

During the April meeting, the Vestry held extended discussion and working session devoted to balancing the budget by bringing expenses in line with the newly adopted income projection of \$682,000 voted on last month. St. Timothy's is realizing substantial savings by not hiring an Associate Rector, by using a contract employee as Music Director, and by delaying the start of the bookkeeper until June 1. Once those savings are realized, we had a \$13.5K gap which the Vestry voted to close by cutting unspent staff book allowances (~\$1K), cutting the Communications budget by \$1.5K to \$500 (the ministry has no ministry lead and no apparent plan to spend the money), cutting the Hospitality budget by \$1.5K (Hospitality has a dedicated fund which contains ~\$6K which can be used), cutting Diocesan support by \$3K, and cutting the annual contribution to the Reserve fund (\$6K). If actual income exceeds \$682K, the income will be split (in some yet to be determined fashion) between additional Diocesan support and transfer to the Reserve fund at the end of the year. The Finance Ministry is reviewing the numbers to ensure accuracy.

During the April Vestry meeting the Vestry also heard a brief update from Tom Davis about the Rector Search Committee.

Next month the Gifts to Glorify the Lord Committee is scheduled to make their final presentation to the Vestry for a vote regarding Sanctuary modifications, organ trim, and finishings in anticipation of the organ's return at the end 2016.

Our Registrar will post complete DRAFT Vestry Minutes [online here](#). +

Rector Search Committee Update

by Shon Beury

The Rector Search Committee (RSC) is blessed to have an outstanding group of talented, motivated and hard-working members. Two new members, Betsy Knoizen Bosworth and Allyson Showalter, joined existing members Shon Beury, Tom Davis, Catherine Lamoureux and committee chair Bill Odio. Allyson and Betsy jumped in enthusiastically and are contributing important talent and parish experience to the group.

In April, the RSC invited members of the congregation to share thoughts and priorities with the committee during informal meetings. This initial focus group approach is meant to engage parishioners in an informal set-

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Next Dinner with the Wardens May 29

**by Robert Henry, Sr. Warden
& Genevieve Zetlan, Jr. Warden**

Many thanks to Tom Davis, Duncan Hutcheon, Chris and Cheryl Brock, and Chuck and Carmella Condro for a lively gathering at the April Dinner with the Wardens. We invite you to sign up for the third in our "Dinner with the Wardens" series which will be held May 29 at 6:00 pm. If you've got an opinion or a great idea about what St. Timothy's should be doing, questions that are easier to ask in an informal setting, or you're just interested in having a nice dinner with relaxed conversation, sign up to attend by email: gzetlan@gmail.com, by May 22. Dinners are held approximately once per month. We look forward to seeing you! +

Region V Needs You!

By Diane Miller, Region V President

St. Timothy's is one of the nine parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Region V (loosely defined as Northern Fairfax County). To help us discern our shared mission and ministry as a region, we formed the Region Life Committee last year. Last year, we hosted the Teen Sex Trafficking Awareness Workshop to engage local law enforcement, runaway shelters, not-for-profit organizations and other parishes to increase awareness and develop an action plan to address this tragedy in our area. This year, the Committee is pursuing an activity and plan to address race and reconciliation. The Committee tackles topics compelling to the parishes in our Region. Participation in the Committee is open to all parishioners in Region V—no need to be a delegate. If interested, please contact Region V vice president, Joni Langevoort, at jlangevoort@gmail.com. +



RSC L to R: Shon Beury, Tom Davis, Bill Odio, Catherine Lamoureux, Betsy Knoizen Bosworth and Allyson Showalter

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ting to learn about key priorities in searching for a new rector. The RSC also kicked off the congregation wide Timeline event. The historical recording of milestones in St. Timothy's history will help the RSC in preparing the "Where Have We Been" portion of the Parish Profile. The Timeline project was promoted at Shrine Mont and spans three Sundays, April 24 to May 8, in order to give as many people as possible an opportunity to participate. This collaboration with the congregation offered a valuable opportunity to participate in the rector search and contribute to the work the RSC is doing to expand the church history.

The RSC has been meeting each Sunday following the services to outline our roles and develop a process to survey the congregation and begin research for the Parish Profile. The Parish Profile is a multi-section document that expresses the history of St. Timothy's, our current financial picture, and the personality of our congregation. Rector candidates will be interested to know what defines our parish. They will wonder about our financial health, what type of worship and music is most popular, how important outreach is to us, what is expected for pastoral

care, and many other factors. Collecting and expressing this data is a detailed and deliberate process that, most importantly, relies on the help of everyone in the congregation.

An initial focus group meeting included members of the 1992 Vestry and Rector Search Committee. These committed people offered valuable pointers on what worked well during the 1992 search. They also expressed the wisdom of what can be expected going forward, limitations to avoid, and appreciating the role of spirituality.

Another key activity the RSC focused on is to identify the leadership roles each of us has in creating a survey, writing the Parish Profile and, once the Vestry approves the Profile, interviewing candidates. With the leadership of our chair, Bill Odio, all of the RSC members have chosen roles that suit their talent and interest in pursuing these areas. RSC members are all contributing experience in serving St. Timothy's and a dedication to discerning, with God's help, the best candidate for our new rector.

Search Process Progress

Vestry chooses a search committee

Search Committee is commissioned

Committee selects Chair, Vestry approves

Self-study with congregation input

Draft church profile

Profile approved by Vestry and Bishop

Candidate names received

Office of Transition Ministry vets candidates

Finalist candidate selected

Vestry votes on finalist

Call extended to finalist

Vestry negotiates letter of agreement

Candidate, senior warden and Bishop sign the letter of agreement

At times the rector search process may seem slow and drawn out. Although Fr. Brad retired in August 2015, it is helpful to recognize the RSC was not commissioned until February 2016. Since then the RSC has made much progress and, with your continued support, we will move steadily forward. The RSC welcomes the opportunity to discuss parish priorities for the rector search with any ministries or small groups. If you're interested in meeting for a focus group, please contact us. Everyone is encouraged to share your questions and concerns with any of us either in person or by mail. We all have nametags identifying us as RSC members and you may email us at RSC@saint-timothys.org. Thank you for keeping St. Timothy's and the RSC in your prayers. "Grant us faith to appreciate one another and shepherd us toward your will in selecting a new Rector." +

Helen Guest Retirement Celebration

It is with gratitude for a job superbly done that we honor Helen Guest (“Miss Helen”) as she retires as long-serving Director of St. Timothy’s Pre-School. During her tenure, the preschool has had the reputation as one of the premier preschools in the area. The school focuses on fostering independence, social skills, and responsibility in an academically enriching environment. St. Timothy’s Pre-School remains one of the most highly regarded preschools in the Herndon area.

Miss Helen is a native of New Orleans, and a graduate of Louisiana State University. Prior to moving to Herndon in 1973, she taught in New Orleans and Piscataway, NJ.

From 1973-1975 she worked as a preschool teacher for the YWCA. In 1975, when St. Timothy’s Pre-school was founded, Miss Helen worked as a teacher in the new school. She has been director of St. Timothy’s Pre-School since 1978. As director, Miss Helen has created a supportive and loving preschool environment for the students, families, and staff. The preschool staff enjoys an exceptionally mutually supportive environment fostered by Miss Helen.

We hope you can join us at a celebration of Miss Helen on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 in Henry Hall. +

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Bayfield as an outreach to our diverse community at a time when Saint Timothy’s was deeply involved in many kinds of transformational work. It was intended as an open environment, where people of many backgrounds could encounter Christ’s love and a moral vision shaped by His teaching.

It was also intended as a place for kids, that gives appropriate space to play and the development of the imagination. There haven’t ever been very many worksheets or reading drills at Saint Tim’s preschool. It’s a non-competitive, nurturing place, where children discover and wonder about the world, a rarity in our world, which often seems so dominated by institutions that deal only in what is quantifiable and controlled.

The spiritual life is not really nurtured by facts, but by these softer, more relational ways of learning. When a child is baptized, we pray that God would grant them “inquiring and discerning hearts” and “the gift of joy and wonder,” to grow into mature and thoughtful followers of Jesus. They will need to memorize prayers and recall doctrines as well, but the facts of the Christian life must be animated by curiosity and joy, signs of the Spirit’s presence and work. Informing the mind is important, but cultivating the soul is essential.

Out of a desire to be as welcoming as possible, Saint Timothy’s Preschool has never focused on direct religious instruction. But Miss Helen and those who work with her have been dedicated for many years to the cultivation of young souls. The children who come

to us has been received as gifts, and tended with respect.

We expect that many former students and their parents will be with us as we bid farewell to Helen at a special reception on May 15 at 2:00 in Henry Hall. Those who devote themselves to the cultivation of young souls are rare and precious people, and there are many in our community who are deeply grateful to Helen for what she has done over so many years.

If you can be with us, please join the celebration. If you can’t, consider writing a card thanking Helen for her work or sharing a few words of appreciation when you see her at worship on Sunday. She has given her life to an important part of our common work, and many lives bear the marks of her faithfulness. +



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Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, May 27, 2016

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

Welcome, New Registered Members

Welcome to the following individuals who have been baptized, received, or had their membership transferred to St. Timothy's!

Caleb McAlister Loggins

We have *many* active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years who are not registered members! Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's. Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship except serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions (thus giving us a stronger vote in diocesan matters).

If we don't have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to office@saint-timothys.org. To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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Service Times

Sundays

8:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m.

Rite II service with

Holy Communion

Godly Play,

ages 3-2nd grade

SPARK+, 3-5th grade

Christian Ed,

6-8th 9-12th grades

Nursery Care

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and

Healing Service

Saturday

7:30 P.M.

Santa Eucharistia