

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

August 2016

## From the Interim Rector: Fr. Mark Michael

I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be sped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little. Romans 15:24

Charlie O'Malley sent me a picture last week from the trip that he and Nikki recently took to the West. It shows Nikki standing before a stunning mountain vista in the Grand Tetons, with a log church just over her shoulder. She's pointing to a sign, "The Episcopal Chapel of the Transfiguration."

It was a beautiful place, they said, and a real treat to join the congregation for worship. The church's dedication is certainly fitting. The miracle of Christ's transfiguration was on a high place, set apart. "We have seen his glory on the holy mount," Peter would write long after the fact. If you build a church amid some of our nation's most stunning peaks, why not name it for such a momentous occasion, with a prayer that some of the same glory might be revealed among the people who gather inside it.

### Insíde

Vestry Update Rector Search Committee LINK The Closet VBS - Who Wants to Meet at the Surf Shack? Gifts To Glorify The Lord This is vacation season, and like many of you, my family and I will soon be spending a few weeks away to explore and reconnect. And like Charlie and Nikki, we will spend a little of that time each week, getting to know the people of another church.

My last parish was in a tourist town, whose population regularly doubled or tripled during summer weekends. Summer Sundays were busy times, as we welcomed many visitors most weeks. Members of the congregation and I enjoyed meeting all the people, hearing their stories, and sharing a bit of what was exciting in our corner of the world. It was really encouraging to us that travelers sought us out, even if they would only spend an hour or so with us. I expect it will be the same with the Christians (Episcopalian or otherwise) who gather week by week in the communities where you will vacation this summer.

Church life is connectional. When we are united with Christ, we are bound to brothers and sisters around the world. We will meet only a tiny fraction of them, even if we travel extensively, but one of the real joys of travel can be sharing in worship with them.

I've been struck by how many times Saint Paul mentions his travelling itineraries in his letters. Probably his greatest masterpiece was his Epistle to the Romans, but he issued it with a kind of apology, because he hadn't yet visited them in person. Saint Paul did have plans, though, to stop over on his way to new adventures in Spain. Travel in his time was much more expensive and dangerous than it is now, but he undertook it anyway. But travel established personal connections, and these, for him, were essential to his work in sharing the

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Gospel across great social barriers. In a sense, for him, spending time with Christians in different places was at the heart of the vocation God had given him.

You and I don't have his precise vocation, and a visit from us won't be nearly as momentous for the congregations where we travel as was the presence of the great apostle for the ancient churches. But these encounters that come during our trips can still be very inspiring and instructive.

One of the things travelling Episcopalians often find very pleasing is how similar worship usually is from one congregation to another, as we literally read from the same hymnal and prayer books. I've even met a few old friends by chance in unexpected places, showing how small the world of the church can sometimes be. A few years ago, we filed into the pews in the little Anglican Church in Palermo, Sicily, and found three pews behind us a man I'd known very well in Oxford as a seminarian.

Sometimes, though, it can be fun to have a deliberately different kind of worship experience, to try a church with a different form of service, or to hear a famous preacher or choir. Some of you return to Saint Tim's with bulletins from the places you've visited on vacation with items underlined. "What a great idea," you say. "Maybe we could try this here." The churches we visit may well face some of the same challenges we do, and they've discovered innovative approaches to them. We might have valuable things to learn.

I encourage you to give it a try, if you haven't yet enjoyed this summer's vacation. When you get back, let me know what you learned and how your time with your brothers and sisters in a new place helped you grow a little closer to the Lord we all serve.



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor (Proverbs 22:9).

Many of us at St. Timothy's are blessed with comfortable homes, loving family and friends and plenty of food to eat. Sadly, that isn't true for some of our neighbors in Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn. For over forty years LINK has been delivering a week's worth of groceries to families in our community to help them get through difficult times. Thanks to LINK volunteers like you who deliver food five days a week, fifty-two weeks a year LINK clients get the help they need when it is most needed.

St. Timothy's has long been a supporter of the LINK pantry. We're fortunate at St. Timothy's to have three dedicated volunteers who serve LINK throughout the month transporting donated food, collecting mail and serving as St. Timothy's rep to the LINK board. In August, when St. Timothy's is committed to coordinating and delivering food throughout the month, the need for volunteers is even greater. Tuesdays through Saturdays two volunteers per day are needed to deliver food to families in Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn. Packed bags of groceries are picked up at the pantry in Herndon and delivered to clients' homes. Groceries are ready for delivery by 3:00 pm every day but Saturday, when they are ready by noon. Two volunteers per day are needed to provide deliveries. Anyone 18 or older who is able to carry moderately heavy bags is able to volunteer.

Please help make this year our most successful volunteer effort ever. There are a total of forty-four volunteer spots open on the LINK Sign-up Genius. Sign up now before someone takes the day you want! To volunteer click on this link or, copy it into your browser

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ea9a7292-20167. Want to learn more about LINK's role in our community? Contact Shon Beury, LINK rep, <u>shonbeury@aol.com</u> or check out the LINK website, www.linkagainsthunger.org.

# "Who wants to meet at the Surf Shack?"

"Who wants to meet at the Surf Shack?" Long time Saint Tim's member Lydia Gough enthusiastically leads as this first line of the theme song for Saint Timothy's 2016 Vacation Bible School (VBS) rings out. With joyful exuberance that can only come from 40 excited children, the answer bounces off the sanctuary walls... a resounding chorus of "I do, I do, I do, I do!"

It was no surprise that the kids wanted to meet at the Surf Shack, it was five days, two and a half hours each morning, of hanging out with new and old friends while learning about God and having fun doing it! As the day's opening session ends Fr. Mark, clad in his Blue Hawaiian shirt, welcomes the kids to an exciting day ahead at the Surf Shack!



Lael Lyons and Father Mark

On what normally would have been a quiet Friday around the church, the building hummed with energy. As children walked the halls to their next station, some held hands with one another, others were getting piggy back rides from their teen group leaders, and some were so full of anticipation for the next event they were walking as fast as they could.

How does one pull off an event that teaches 40 children about God while keeping the energy high and the fun meter on the awesome side? First, one doesn't; it takes a team! 39 adults and teenagers who love kids were willing to serve wherever needed to make the Surf Shack possible. Each day kids journeyed though multiple stations that reinforced that days lesson.

"Imagination Station" was one such station. Jeanne Marie Burke led this unique station, combining science and crafts to help reinforce the daily lesson with creative experiments like exploding toothpaste, how cool is that? There were Bible stories performed by high school students. Annie Poandl led this group of young gifted actors with costumes and all, rehearsing parts with them so the stories came alive for the campers! There were fun outside games lead by our First Baptist partners, snacks, and high energy opening and closing celebrations each day. It takes a lot of planning, communication, and time.

You may be surprised to hear that before the first pumpkin pies were baked for last year's Thanksgiving Dinners, this year's VBS was already in motion! Christine Hoyle, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, meets with several volunteers in early November and together they begin reviewing possible programs for the following year's VBS. From the very beginning, Christine starts the process just as she ends it, with a team! When asking Christine about her role in VBS she did what great leaders often do and diverted the conversation to praise for her team, some of whom were previous campers themselves. They were impacted by their own VBS experiences and they wanted to be a part of creating those same experiences for those walking in their shadows.



Christine Hoyle

When asked what stood out for her from this year's VBS, she shared a moment of reflection she had the *-continued on next page* 

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evening before. After hearing of yet another tragic incident in the news where innocent lives were lost at the hand of hate, she spent some time in prayer. "God reminded me of the importance of what was taking place at St. Tim's this week. We are impacting young lives

and teaching them how to love with the love of God." That moment underscored the importance of VBS and St. Tim's tremendous investment in young lives.

Bob Kimmel is well aware of how great of an investment it is. Bob, a member of the Vestry, is on year two of volunteering. He was here every one of the five days helping wherever needed, from registration to sweeping up after snack time. When asked why he volunteers, he said he wanted to invest in the lives of children by sharing faith and helping them to see "God's work in their lives."



Bob Kimmel

Sandy Wright also knows the value of the investment in VBS! Sandy oversees the snack station. However, Sandy serves up much more than delicious treats, she serves up a lot of love and care. With her infectious smile and kind attention to each of the young people she comes into contact with, Sandy loves what she does. When asked why she volunteers, Sandy replied that other than because the kids are "just so cute," she loves to be a part of their lives and thoroughly enjoys working with Christine.

This year St. Tim's partnered with First Baptist of Herndon. This partnership brought together two congregations and made them one united force for good. The two groups hit it off from the start. The First Baptist volunteers jumped right in to support VBS and the campers immediately became friends with our campers. Christine loved the partnership with K Scarry, the leader of FBC's children's ministry. St. Tim's looks forward to working with First Baptist again in the future.

Lael Lyons summed up what it is like being a VBS Volunteer. During VBS Lael, a Volunteer since coming to St. Tim's in 2009, could be found dressed in very colorful costumes while dancing and singing on stage with the best of them, or giving a little pep talk to a kid that needed a reminder of how awesome they are! Lael said of VBS, "It is like shooting the rapids, you are in the midst of all of this activity and excitement and then you come out at the end of the week saying wow, that was really fun!"

Yes, learning wonderful truths about Christ can not only be foundational for young lives, it can be a lot of fun! It was fun to learn about God. It was fun to make new friends. It was fun to put faith into action by donating over 100 lbs of school supplies for children in need, as the campers and their families did during this week!



On behalf of those 40 young lives that were touched during VBS, thank you to all 39 of the dedicated and loving volunteers. You made a difference and helped create memories that can last a lifetime.

-PK Hamilton, Director of Parish Operations

## Rector Search Commíttee

Summer often brings a slower and easier pace for families, employees and volunteers. For the St. Timothy's Rector Search Committee (RSC) it's been the opposite. While accommodating vacation and work travel schedules we've stepped up our efforts to understand "Who We Are" and "Where Are We Going?" at St. Timothy's. Defining these two stories, along with "Where Have We Been?", are the major efforts of the self-study phase the RSC is in currently.

During this self-study phase, the RSC is pursuing several efforts. We are preparing a parish wide survey which will be distributed in early fall. We are working closely with the Finance, Stewardship and Latino ministries to learn how best to portray them to candidates. As we continue the self-study we will also collaborate with other ministries to accurately represent their role at St. Timothy's. Focus groups are ongoing through the summer so that we can understand what members of the congregation most what in their new rector. In addition to interviewing the congregation and collaborating with ministry members, another important tool for inviting candidate interest is the parish website. The church website, in conjunction with the online Ministry Portfolio, offers potential candidates a comprehensive picture of our church. The RSC will work closely with individual ministry leaders, the church webmaster and the Vestry to enhance the website in order to present an accurate and complete picture of St. Timothy's. When seeking candidates, producing the Ministry Portfolio is required by the diocese. This document is prepared by the RSC and approved by our Vestry and the Bishop before posting on the diocesan website. The Ministry Portfolio is a summary that includes many of the details learned from the survey and focus groups (e.g. worship and liturgy style), salary and benefits, our approach to stewardship, ministry and outreach and our ideal of pastoral skills.

What's next for the RSC in the coming month? In addition to our weekly committee meetings, we will hold more focus group meetings for general participation. Anyone interested is welcome to attend, please watch for bulletin announcements with date and time. Information gathering with individual ministries is also ongoing throughout August. As always, you're encouraged to contact the RSC with questions or contributions, RSC@saint-timothy.org Please keep the RSC and our church in your prayers . . . "shepherd us toward Your will in selecting a 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 Portfolio Portfolio 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

# The Closet of Greater Herndon Temporary Move and New Hours

The Closet of Greater Herndon needs a new floor so it has moved temporarily to 771 Elden Street in the former NAPA Autoparts store. Please note that donations are being taken **only** at the permanent store located at 845 Station Street.

To meet the needs of our community The Closet has added shopping hours:

Every Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Extended Saturday hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Would you like to volunteer at The Closet (and find good bargains too?) – please contact The Closet representatives:

Marie Lally - marielally@yahoo.com and Holly Hartge - <u>mhvirginia@verizon.net</u>

## Vestry Update

June Giving: **\$53,828.49** Revised 2016 Budgeted Giving: \$54,250 June Expenses: \$74,330.97

During the July meeting, held July 13, the Vestry heard an extensive presentation from the Gifts to Glorify the Lord committee and voted to approve expenditures from the Organ Fund for Sanctuary renovations and improvements. St. Timothy's has paid \$68,200 to J. Allen Farmer for organ restoration so far, and owes an additional \$185,400 for the remaining work—including refinishing the case and pipe facade and reinstallation at the end of this year. Funds remaining for Sanctuary improvements total \$111,435. Improvements will begin in August, and include modification of the shape and depth of the organ pit, new tile flooring of the Sanctuary, new electrical wiring for the organ and the Altar area, shortening of choir pews to accommodate the new pit space, and possibly new Sanctuary doors with glass insets for visibility into the Sanctuary from the Narthex. The GTGL committee estimates for this work leave us with an approximately \$8,000 overage/contingency. Worship will likely need to be held in Henry Hall for 2-3 Sundays during August while the flooring and modifications are completed.

The Vestry voted to elect Jean Shepherd the new Treasurer, effective August 1. The Vestry also voted to elect Larry Grantham, Bob Henry, Bob Kimmel, and Stephanie Kenis members of the Vestry Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is required to have two non-Vestry members from the congregation - if you are interested in being on the nominating committee, please contact Sr. Warden Bob Henry. The Vestry also elected Hollis Colie to the newly resurrected Endowment Committee - one Vestry member serves on the Committee each year. Deke Smith is the current chair of the Endowment Committee.

The Vestry also heard an extensive report from the Rector Search Committee regarding actions taken to date, upcoming plans, and the decision to forgo the creation of a parish profile in favor a Ministry Portfolio as recommended by Diocesan Transition Office liaison The Rev. Mary Thorpe. The RSC will be conducting further focus groups as well as a survey in the Fall. To contact the RSC with your input or to request information, contact <u>rsc@saint-timothys.org</u>

The August Vestry meeting is scheduled to take place August 22 in B1. Vestry meetings are open and any member of the congregation is welcome to attend.

Our Registrar will post complete DRAFT Vestry Minutes online here.

-Genevieve Zetlan, Junior Warden

# GtGtL Update

The St.Tim's GtGtL (Gifts to Glorify the Lord) team made its recommendations to Vestry on July 13 for the specific Sanctuary improvements and the Vestry has APPROVED! We would like to thank all of the Vestry for the time and consideration, and especially our Vestry liaison Susy Nixon who provided us with a lot of pre-meeting support.

Also on July 13th our committee was deeply saddened by the passing of Sue Van Meers, a long time parishioner, committee member and friend. Sue was devoted to the restoration of our JD Moore organ and requested that memorials for her be designated for the GtGtL project. We will miss her greatly as we work to complete this project for St.Timothy's.

Construction to redesign the organ pit and to upgrade the Sanctuary flooring, doors and appearance is scheduled to begin in August. *Please pardon our dust and follow our weekly status updates on the church Facebook page and Enews!* 

-Marty Brady

## August Dinner With The Wardens

We invite you to sign up for our "Dinner with the Wardens" series that will be held Friday, August 12 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 August 8. We look forward to seeing you!

## Thoughts on Transition from Jill Cox

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines the following words we are currently considering: **Transition**:

1 a) Passage from one state, stage or place to another. SYN – CHANGE; b) A movement, development or evolution from one form, stage or style to another.

2. a) A musical modulation; b) A musical passage leading from one section of a piece to another.3. An abrupt change in the energy state or level (as of atomic nucleus or molecule).

### Transitory:

- 1. Tending to pass away not persistent.
- 2. Of brief duration temporary SYN. transient ANT. enduring.

These definitions essentially agree with several other dictionaries consulted and quite honestly the words are not completely unknown or unrecognized by all people

Many, many writers are far more erudite and capable than I have considered the phases of life and difficulties in dealing with change. William Shakespeare, for instance, in "As You Like It" likens life to be like performing in the theater and enumerates the seven transitory stages we experience and in the same play (Act II, Scene I) the final lines of a speech by the exiled Dike say: "And this is our life, exempt from public haunt, Finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks, Sermons in stones and good in everything." His follower, Amiens, replies: Happy is your Grace

That can translate the stubbornness of fortune Into so quiet and so sweet a style."

Life is indeed transitory. "Yesterday" was "today", "tomorrow" becomes "today" and "today" completes the circle by becoming "yesterday" once more. Our opinions change during every stage of life, much defined by environment, experience, realization of values, ambition and emotion. The word "temporary" is often allied with "transitory" and "transition" and it is defined in the dictionary as "lasting for a limited time." It stems from the Latin "tempus – time." In the Scriptures (2 Cor.4:18) we are told by Paul that "what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal". We can see from much of Paul's writing that he is constantly reminding the Early Church that faith is what will sustain them and with constant prayer, contemplation and patience, God's will and purpose will be revealed. This last quality "patience" is well- documented in the "God News" and there is no room to quote them here, but please take time to read the following and pray about them. However I will quote from one in the Hebrew Bible, in Ecclesiastes (which is tucked between the book of Proverbs and The Song of Songs) N.I.V. Chapter 7 vv. 8-10:

"The end of a matter is better that its beginning and patience is better than pride. Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the laps of fools. Do not say "Why were the old days better than these" for it is not wise to ask such questions" Phil 4:7 – Transcends Rom. 12:2 – Transformed. Change -1 Sa.15:29; Ps. 110:4; Jer.7:5; Mal. 3:6; Mt. 18:3; Heb.7:21; Jas.1:17 Wait – Ps.37:14; Ps.130:5; Isa.30:18; Ac.1:4; Ro.8:20; 1TH.1:10; Titus 2:13. Watch – 1 Tim.4:16; Heb.13:17. Patience – Lk.2:19; Ro.12:18; Tit.2;2; Heb.10:36; Jas.1:4; Jas.5;7; 2.Pe. 1:6.

## Backpack Dríve - Remínder

In support of Cornerstones Back to School Drive, please drop off in Henry Hall new backpacks by Sunday, August 14 (no wheels or corporate logos, please).

High School size: 20" H x 14" W x 7" D

Junior High size: 18" H x 13" W x 6" D

Elementary size: 16" H x 12" W x 5" D

Backpacks may be purchased online through Walmart or Amazon (free delivery with Amazon Prime). Keep in mind Virginia tax-free school shopping is August 5-7.

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### Submission Deadline for the next issue: Friday, August 26

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## Welcome, New Registered Members

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

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 or 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 <u>www.saint-timothys.org</u> or send the information to <u>office@saint-timothys.org</u>. To transfer your membership to St. Tim's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (<u>nikki.omalley@gmail.com</u>) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: <u>www.saint-</u> timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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### Service Times:

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite 1
Sundays 10:00 am Rite II service with Holy
Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade
SPARK+, 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade begins Sept. 11, 2016
Christian Ed begins Sept. 11, 2016
Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service
Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista