



The Word

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

September 2016

Welcome Home Sunday

September 11, 2016

Picnic begins at noon

Food - Fellowship - Leesburg Petting Zoo

From the Interim Rector: Fr. Mark Michael

Pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, that we may appoint to this duty." Acts 6:3

This summer, Rick Wilson resigned after twelve years as the treasurer of Saint Timothy's Church. We all owe him a great deal of thanks for the way in which he has discharged his responsibilities with steadfast patience, integrity and care. For twelve years Rick has been a careful and diligent steward of the resources entrusted to us to God's work.

One almost never hears of someone committing for so long to such a demanding (and often thankless) role in these days when so many responsibilities and social activities fill people's calendars. Maybe he didn't think he would be at the task for so long when he first took it up. But Rick has been faithful, pressing on to complete tasks week by week, and carefully training those people (two of them) who will continue in his stead.

Rick has been the classic "behind the scenes" worker, coming in on weekends and burning the midnight oil to keep up with the demands of our large and complicated organization. A highly skilled professional, his generous donation of time and talent has saved our congregation tens of thousands of dollars in accountants' fees. Most importantly, Rick has maintained the trust that is

absolutely essential for the management of church finances.

It's interesting that the early church's first major conflict centered around financial management. As the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, He drew people together into a common life, where people shared their financial resources with each other as a sign of their love for each other. The community soon began providing a daily distribution of food to the widows among them, who had no other means of support.

But the process wasn't being managed carefully. The author of Acts tells us that there were "murmurings," a deadly thing in community life just as much then as now. The "Hellenist" widows, those from a Gentile background, thought they were getting less than the "Hebrew" widows. The resulting protests threatened to divide the church when it had only just begun to knit together.

The solution was to choose seven well-respected and capable leaders to administer the finances of the new congregation. The seven were solemnly ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands and became the first members of the order of deacons.

Fr. Mark continued....

For much of church history, the management of finances remained with ordained deacons, who counted these administrative tasks Fr. among their duties in caring for the poor and stewarding the gifts of God's people. Paintings of deacon saints often show them with the keys to the church treasury. A few European cathedrals today maintain a post for the canon treasurer, a cleric who continues this work as part of his or her service of God.

We may have chosen the wiser course in handing these tasks off to lay people. My seminary training, at least, didn't provide the kind of detailed training in accountancy that one needs to do this work well. It's also a beautiful thing when people dedicate the skills and knowledge they have developed over so many years to God's service.

But financial management in the church remains a matter of great spiritual importance, even if we don't still expect our treasurers to take vows and wear clerical dress. The money we administer belongs to God. It is given as expression of people's faith. It's meant to be used for work that draws people closer to God and makes His loving purpose more tangible in their lives.

Rick has meditated on these things for many years. I've also talked about them with our new treasurer, Jean Shepherd, who is just as skilled as Rick was and brings the same deep commitment to her work. I know that Jean will maintain the same trust that Rick has stewarded so carefully in the days ahead.

Please take the time to thank Rick for his service. We are planning a way to honor him as an entire congregation in the near future as well. It's important to celebrate deep faithfulness, and to thank God for those who are steadfast in His service, maintaining the trust that unites us to each other and to Him.

+Father Mark

Welcome Home Sunday - September 11

Open Arms Ministry has planned a fun time for Welcome Home Sunday on September 11 – the Annual Picnic to celebrate the start of another school and church year.

Fellowship – please come together at **noon** on the grassy area beside the church (indoors if inclement weather).

Food – Open Arms Ministry is asking for donations of food: hotdogs, buns, hamburgers, rolls, side dishes and desserts. There is also a need for coolers and ice. There is a sign up outside the church office or email jillcoxva@verizon.net

Fun – Leesburg Petting Zoo will be there and there will be games for the children.

Questions or additional information is available from Jill: jillcoxva@verizon.net

New Course with Father Mark

The Story of the Prayer Book is a six week course that Father Mark will teach on Sundays at 9:00 in Room A1. Edited by Archbishop Thomas Cramner, and first authorized for use at Pentecost in 1549, the Book of Common Prayer is perhaps Anglican Christianity's single greatest contribution to the mission of the Church and the history of Western culture. Though revised many times, it is among the most important sources of unity for Anglicans around the world, and its influence on the English language and literature has been immense.

This course will trace the story of the Prayer Book and the ways that worship has changed across the ages within the Episcopal Church and Anglicanism more broadly. We will look at the way the Prayer Book was forged in the midst of the English Reformation, its modifications in response to seventeenth century political crises, connection between the Prayer Book and missionary work, and the most important changes of the past century. Last summer's General Convention opened the process for a revision of the Prayer Book, and the final session will ponder some possible future directions. Join us for this fascinating journey across the history of our church.

Rector Search Committee Update

Exciting News for September

In September, The Rector Search Committee (RSC) will focus on learning as much as possible from individual members of the congregation through two new efforts, the Question of the Week (QTW) and a Parish-wide Survey. The QTW offers a unique opportunity for members to respond with their own perspective and priorities to a specific question. Thus far, the feedback from the initial QTWs is helpful and informative.

On September 25th during the services the congregation will have an opportunity to participate in a written version of the survey. It covers a wide range of questions and offers each person a chance to express their personal preferences. The survey can be submitted in writing on the 25th or in the following weeks. For those who prefer, an electronic version will also be offered. Members 16 or older are asked to participate. In order for the survey to be effective, it is important that individuals respond only once regardless of whether the response is written or electronic. Specific details will be announced in upcoming weekly bulletins and eNews.

In August, the QTW was introduced to hear feedback regarding specific elements of the Diocesan Community Portfolio. The Portfolio is a document the RSC will prepare and submit to the Vestry and the Bishop. As an overview of St. Timothy's congregation and its operation, the Portfolio is used to inform prospective candidates of the Rector position.

How can you respond to a QTW? Each week, during the next several weeks, a new question is posed in the Friday eNews and the Sunday bulletin and you are invited to email your response to the RSC at rsc@saint-timothys.org. All responses will be kept confidential and are for RSC use only. If you prefer to submit a written response, you may leave it in an envelope in the RSC mailbox near the coat closet. Any QTW may be answered at any time and you are encouraged to respond. The initial questions are:

Question 1 - *When you think about how St. Timothy's serves the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of our congregation, what examples of how we meet these needs come to mind? How*

successful do you think St Timothy's is in meeting these needs?

Question 2 - *Where do you see St. Timothy's in 5 years or so? In what ways do we as a congregation need to develop to continue to be a vital Christian community in Herndon?*

Question 3 - *As a congregation, what is St. Timothy's practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of our worshipping community?*

The previously introduced Focus Groups offer an additional opportunity to share your thoughts for selecting a new rector. The hope is that each congregant has the opportunity to make it to one focus group. Anyone interested is invited. The discussion each time is on topics that will guide the RSC in choosing a rector. Dates for upcoming Focus Groups will be publicized in the weekly eNews and Sunday bulletins.

The Rector Search Committee welcomes your feedback to any or all of these opportunities. Your contribution will help the RSC in selecting the most ideal candidate. Please contact us at RSC@saint-timothys.org. Your continued support and prayers are appreciated. *Heavenly Father, thank you for making us instruments of your holy work during this time of renewal and discernment as we prepare to welcome our new Rector to St. Timothy's.*

-Shon Beury

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

Christian Education - Changes for 2016-17

I hope you all are enjoying the last days of summer! As we get ready for the new school year, I would like to let you know about some changes we have coming to Christian Education, specifically in the middle school and high school classes. At the end of the 2015/2016 school-year we had six youth graduate high school and a family with three youth move to the mid-West. Due to this shift in numbers, we need to adjust our classes to maximize the impact of our program with opportunities for discussion and sharing.

With that said, for the 2016/2017 school-year (ONLY!) we will have our “upper classes” consist of 8th – 12th graders and our “lower classes” consist of 6th – 7th graders. Again, this will only be for the 2016/2017 school year. Next year (2017/2018) we will go back to having 9th – 12th and 6th-8th grade classes. We want to have classes be as full as possible to encourage lively discussions amongst the groups.

Our Youth schedule follows the same pattern every month (with the exception of September) and allows for a great balance of Christian Education with opportunities to serve and participate in the life of the church. Starting in October and going until June, the first two Sundays of every month the youth have interactive classes where they can learn and share in the discussion. The third Sunday is “Family Service” where we encourage youth to either sit with their friends or family for service. The fourth Sunday we have a youth group meeting in the upper room where students can take ownership of the youth program and provide their creative input for programming and service opportunities.

For those wondering how we arrived at this schedule, look in the October edition of The Word to learn about this thorough process and the reasons for the changes that have been made over the last year and a half!

For the month of September, the youth class schedule will be as follows:

September 11 - class

September 18 – youth group meeting

September 25 – car wash (to support youth pilgrimage)

The 8th – 12th grade class will meet in the Upper Room and the 6th-7th grade class will meet in room A-8 on the lower level.

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions I encourage you to email me at christineh@saint-timothys.org. I look forward to seeing everyone back at “Welcome Home Sunday” on September 11!

-Christine Hoyle,

Director of Children and Youth Ministries



Thank You for Serving Our LINK Neighbors

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with LINK deliveries in August! This year was one of the most successful efforts in many years. Along with several longtime delivery volunteers, some new folks stepped up to help. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time for deliveries especially Jane Burkett, Christine Cozza, Carolyn Hamm, Maria LaWalt, Jill Norcross, Sandy Schanne and Allyson Showalter. Your effort was a big help to me as LINK coordinator and means a lot to the LINK clients. This is also an ideal opportunity to recognize year round volunteers from St. Timothy's including: Larry Grantham, Gerritt Peck and Schantal Montgomery. As an all-volunteer organization, LINK could not be the success it is without your commitment and dedication. Thank you *for putting your faith to work* to serve LINK.

~Shon Beury

Gifts to Glorify the Lord

During the month of August the GtGtL team proceeded with the Vestry-approved Sanctuary improvements to enhance the space acoustically and visually:

The carpeted floor has been replaced with porcelain tile that has a low slip coefficient for safety and that will also be very durable and liven up the sound environment of the Sanctuary.

The organ pit has been raised and moved forward about a foot so that the organist can more easily see and direct the choir. As seen in the panoramic photo below our main worship space has a new fresh look:



Thank you to everyone for *pardoning our dust and for tolerating the limited space throughout the building as this construction work has been performed.*

In September we look forward to putting everything back together and resuming worship in the renovated space. Updates still to be done this Fall are upgrades to the Sanctuary doors and the replacement of the chancel cushions which can be done without any major disruption of services. Please continue to follow our weekly status updates on the church Facebook page and E-news!

-Marty Brady

Announcements

Do You Have an Hour a Week for Wednesday Morning Bible Study?

On Wednesday, September 14th the Wednesday Morning Bible Study will reconvene in St. Timothy's kitchen from 10 to 11:00 a.m. . Bring your Bible (we read from various versions for comparison) if you would like to join this coed multi-generation group. All are welcome! Interested? Contact : Nikki O'Malley nikki.omalley@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal Begins Soon

Adult choir rehearsals will begin again on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. on September 8. Handbell choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on September 14. Both choirs welcome new members *with enthusiasm*.

Dinner with the Wardens September 23

Join Sr. Warden Bob Henry and Jr. Warden Genevieve Zetlan with other members of St. Timothy's for the next monthly *Dinner with the Wardens series* - have a meal, fellowship, and conversation with members of your St. Tim's family. RSVP by September 19 to gzetlan@gmail.com

News from Cornerstones

Thank you!

On behalf of Cornerstones, we would like to thank you for the donations of backpacks, school supplies and other necessities for area children in need. Thanks to your generosity, Cornerstones and their partners help ensure each student begins school ready and able to learn. This year, St. Timothy's donated 36 high-quality backpacks, 2 packages of children's underpants, 3 packages of socks, and a wide assortment of school supplies. The photo shows Carolyn Hamm dropping off St. Timothy's backpacks to the Cornerstones main office. Thank you all who donated and helped with the collection!



Experience Cornerstones – Join us for a One Hour Virtual Tour

You've made dinner for the Hypothermia Shelter clients, packed bagged lunches for the Embry Rucker Shelter, donated backpacks and school supplies, purchased gifts for our Angel Tree families, supported our Help the Homeless Walks and made financial contributions to Cornerstones and WE THANK YOU! But we want to help you gain a greater understanding of our mission and the important work Cornerstones conducts in our community. This fall, we invite members of St. Timothy's to join us for "Experience Cornerstones," a one-hour virtual tour that will further explain our success with providing stability, empowerment and hope for our neighbors in need.

Virtual tours are held at Cornerstones' main office, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190 (unless otherwise noted). There is no fee to attend. All we ask is that you be willing to participate in a brief follow-up phone call after the presentation.

Tours are scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, September 14th, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 15th – 8 am
- Wednesday, September 28th, 7 pm* (Hosted at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd, Reston, VA)
- Wednesday, October 12th, 6:30 pm (Location TBD)
- Thursday, October 13th, 8 am
- Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, November 3rd, 8 am

To register for a tour, please contact Jill Norcross, jillnorcross@verizon.net or 703-587-4098. Jill can provide additional information or you can also register through the website at <https://www.cornerstonesva.org/experience-cornerstones/>. Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!

-Jill Norcross

Welcome New Interim Musician: Roger Long

Please join in welcoming Roger Long as our new Interim Musician. His first Sunday with us will be September 11. Roger is a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University and has, over the years served Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal churches as Organist and Choir Director. For the past 10 years he was the Director of Music Ministry and Organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax. Roger is familiar with St. Timothy's having attended St. Tim's in the past and on occasion has played our Tracker organ during off hours. We are delighted to have Roger and are looking forward to his leadership of our Music Program.

Kicking off the year with a New Director



The Board of Directors of the St. Timothy's Preschool welcomes Ms. Monica Despina as its new director. Monica grew up in Connecticut, went to college in Maine and has been a resident of northern Virginia since 1987, where her family resides in the Franklin Farm neighborhood. Monica first became acquainted with the Preschool as a parent when her three boys attended the school, then joined the staff in 1998 as the head teacher.

Monica plans to continue the St. Timothy's Preschool tradition of creating a loving, nurturing environment where children build self-confidence and independence while learning respect for themselves and others. She meets individually with prospective parents and students to ensure that their needs are met and that the student is ready for school. As one of the most well-established and respected preschools in the area, St. Timothy's relies primarily on word of mouth and reputation to fill its roster. The Preschool offers enrichment programs and "lunch-bunch" in addition to its normal curriculum for three to five year olds. This fall the Preschool will pilot a before school care program for working parents.

The Preschool is a non-profit organization and relies on tuition and some fundraising to meet its budgetary needs. This fall the school will offer Midland gift-wrap and other items (look for a table on Welcome Home Sunday) and plans to hold family night at the new Chik-fil-A at 3454 Historic Sully Way on Wednesday September 14th from 5 – 8 pm.

At this time there are limited spaces available for the school year. Teachers are busy preparing for students' first day of class on September 12. Please see the website for additional information: www.sttimothypreschool.com

The St. Timothy's Preschool Mission is committed to meeting the individual needs and potential of each child in an interracial, non-denominational environment that is fostered by the belief that the Church's mission can best be expressed by "living out the values" of Christianity. At St Timothy's, we strive to develop creativity, self-confidence and independence within each child.

-Carolyn Hamm

Vestry Update

July Giving: **\$49,953.93**

Revised 2016 Budgeted Giving: \$54,250

July Expenses: \$57,756.23

During the August Vestry meeting on the 22nd, the Vestry approved the addition of Nikki O'Malley and Allison Dodd to the Vestry Nominating Committee. Anyone considering running for Vestry in 2017 should speak with Nikki, Allison, or any of the four outgoing Vestry members: Larry Grantham, Bob Henry, Bob Kimmel, and Stephanie Kenis.

The Vestry heard a report from the Rector Search Committee, and a request for two pieces of information necessary for the completion of the Parish Portfolio: 1) compensation range for our new Rector, and 2) more detailed input on the expectations for the Latino ministry. A subcommittee will be working on each of these questions, to report back to the Vestry and the RSC.

The Vestry received the first Treasurer's report from new Treasurer Jean Shepherd. The Vestry approved the 2015 audit from the Finance Committee and heard from Finance regarding collaboration with Building and Grounds on upcoming required maintenance recommendations. The Vestry also requested that the Finance Committee begin a straw man 2017 budget for review at the September meeting.

The September Vestry meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:30 pm on September 26 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

My Friend Rick (Wilson)

Do you remember the year 2004? Let me help jog your memory. America said goodbye to Phoebe, Chandler, Monica, Rachel, Ross and Joey as the Friend's finale aired, Jennifer Hudson placed 7th on American Idol's third season, a new website launched allowing College students to connect with one another called "TheFacebook.com", and Rick Wilson stepped in as Treasurer for Saint Timothy's Episcopal. For the last twelve years, a remarkable tenure for such a critical role, Rick has served faithfully. As expressed in Fr. Mark's article this month, Rick has done a superb job.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Rick since joining the staff of St. Tim's three years ago. Rick has been a patient teacher, a trusted mentor in all things Saint Timothy's and accounting, and I am honored to say has become my friend. I have come to know that the only thing greater than Rick's commitment to his fiduciary integrity is his heart for the ministry that takes place at 432 Van Buren and beyond.

I was curious what was at the heart of Rick's commitment for the last twelve years so I asked him a simple question, why? Why has he served in such a time intensive role for so long? His answer, *"I would say that as a member of St. Timothy's I felt an obligation to help out in an area of need and I hope my efforts allowed the church to use its resources to better support our mission and ministries."* In joining with Fr. Mark's sentiment, and I am sure also echoing what you all, the Saint Timothy's family, would say... Rick, you have absolutely done that and a whole lot more!

So what will Rick do now? You would think after serving for twelve years as Treasurer he would take a nice long break, but not Rick. Rick has already signed up to return to a previous role, Sunday School Teacher. When asked about serving at Saint Timothy's Rick said *"my greatest joy has been as a leader of the youth group's pancake supper and Antietam trip, working as a Sunday school teacher and just being part of a very wonderful supportive church family."*

When I told Rick I was writing this article, he wanted to make sure that he got the opportunity to express his gratitude to the church. He said, *"Over the years it has been my great pleasure to work with the leadership of St. Timothy's and have*

always appreciated the support they have shown me. I especially would like to thank our Finance Chair, Pat McGibbon, who has worked closely with me over these many years. Finally I would like to thank our former Rector, Father Brad, and current Rector, Father Mark, for their leadership and support."

I will miss the regular office interaction with Rick, especially the laughter. I have seen Rick at "crunch time" periods at work, working ten to twelve hour days, and then he would drop by the church for a couple hours of volunteer work. What amazed me is how he still managed to keep his sense of humor. It was a rare occasion when we didn't have at least one of those laughs where you lose all control, evidenced by a snort or two. I am thankful for his friendship, his dedication, and his commitment. Rick may no longer be the treasurer, but he definitely is a treasure!

-P.K.Hamilton

The New Treasurer

The new Treasurer for St. Timothy's is Jean Shepherd. Her contact information is:
Email: jbshep78@gmail.com
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Watch for an article introducing Jean in an upcoming Word.

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Friday, September 23, 2016**

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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:

Herson Steven Hernandez Reyes (B)

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

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade
SPARK+, 3-5th 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

