

The Word

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

November 2016

From the Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you read this letter, the church is celebrating All Saints Day. It has long been one of my favorite feasts—and now all the more so, since I will celebrate my first eucharist as a part of St. Timothy's on All Saints' Sunday, November 6.

While the feast originated as a sort of catch-all saints' day—a way to honor any local saints that the church's wider calendar might have missed—it has come to be a celebration of the communion of saints across time and space. On All Saints, we know ourselves to be connected to the other members of Christ's body—people who look different from us, who act differently from us, who live in other places, who have already died, who are not yet born. And through that connection we see God. In fact, over the years I have come to realize that we cannot see God without seeing one another.

I learned all the words to "For All the Saints" as a teenager, and it has become one of my favorite hymns. It was a favorite of my grandmother and my mother; my daughter now asks me to sing it to her sometimes at bedtime. Every year, walking into church and watching the faces of the people singing around me, I know others love it, too. I know I am not alone. And that is the point of the hymn—that we are not alone. In Christ, there is an end to loneliness. In Christ, there is connection.

For me at St. Timothy's, that connection is personal as well as spiritual. My mother (who is also an Episcopal priest) served the parish in the late 1980s, and I attended for three years as a teenager. I have memories of volunteering



in the nursery and of praying under the soft, rosy pink sails. Those prayers were a part the spiritual foundation that sent me to seminary in my late 20s and that has sustained me through a dozen years of ordained ministry.

All Saints Day invites me to look not only back but forward. I come to you filled with joyful anticipation of the months ahead. I know that this is a time of great transition for St. Timothy's—and I know that transition is filled with challenges. But it also brings the disorientation that allows for insight, and the vulnerability that allows for connection. As this parish defines its identity in search of a new rector, I am honored to be able to share in your life together.

I look forward to getting to know you all, and to knowing Christ better in the process.

Blessings, *Rev. Anne Turner*

5th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 13

This year's event will feature many of our previous vendors who will have wreaths, clothing, Tupperware, toys, pampered chef items, jewelry, and many other items for sale. Come enjoy doing some holiday shopping & fellowship in Henry Hall before or after service! In addition to the crafts, we will have our usual Bake Sale, Raffle and new this year – a DIY gingerbread table for kids of all ages. All proceeds will benefit the Reserve Fund for long-term maintenance of our church building. ***We hope you can join us and bring a friend!***

-Marty Brady

2016 Angel Tree

It's hard to believe, but the holidays are just around the corner. This means that it will soon be time for St. Timothy's beloved Angel Tree to once again grace Henry Hall. On Sunday, November 20th, the Angel Tree will arrive, filled with requests from children and families in need from Cornerstones. Last year we provided more than 50 children and 30 families with multiple presents to open on Christmas morning.

Please consider selecting one or more gift tags to provide a present to a child this season. Each tag represents a boy or girl, ages newborn to 18, who might otherwise go without something special to open this holiday season. Shop on-line or in-store for the requested items and return the gifts unwrapped to the Angel Tree by 11am on Sunday, December 11th. Gifts and/or gift cards may also be handed to our Parish Administrator Kevin Hamilton during normal church business hours any weekday the office is open for business. Sorting will begin after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 11th in order to ensure timely delivery to Cornerstones. For more information, contact *Diana Wright* 703-298-0391.

Thank you all for your generosity! Last year we provided more than 50 children and 30 families with multiple presents to open on Christmas morning. Let us pray that we may have the same success this year."



Thank You for Supporting LINK!

Thank you to all who donated to the LINK Food Drive in October. The Stuff-a-Truck collection on October 2 brought in nearly 2,000 lbs of food!! Throughout the month, St. Tim's generosity came through as always with bountiful donations. Your kindness helps feed hungry families in Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn through weekly grocery deliveries. And, has helped LINK prepare for the annual Holiday Food Distributions in November and December.

Want to learn more about LINK and how you can volunteer? There are many opportunities to serve all year long. Check out the website at www.linkagainsthunger.org or, speak to a Service Ministry member. Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve the community.



Service Ministry members Gerritt Peck, Carolyn Hamm, Larry Grantham and Shon Beury with one van filled with food on Stuff-A-Truck Sunday, September 28.

Rector Search Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the RSC survey in late September. There were an excellent number of respondents and your feedback is a significant help in understanding what you hope for in a new rector. Additionally, the responses will offer the new rector a profile of our congregation, our personality and priorities. The survey feedback is particularly useful to the RSC in interviewing and selecting a candidate. So that all candidates may have equal opportunity for consideration, survey results will be shared at the conclusion of the search process.

You might ask, now what happens? The RSC is working diligently to prepare the Office for Transition Ministry (OTM) Portfolio. The Portfolio is a multi-page document the diocese requires from churches in a search process. Data from the document is used by the diocese to post an online profile of St. Timothy's for candidates to access. The Portfolio includes information a possible candidate will be interested in such as liturgical style, stewardship, ministries and compensation. Once the RSC completes the Portfolio it will be submitted to the vestry for approval before forwarding to the OTM.

Another tool future rector candidates will use to learn about St. Timothy's is our church website. Working with ministry leaders and the vestry, the RSC hopes to make the website as appealing and informative as possible. The church website is the best comprehensive image of our parish we have. It not only offers necessary information about St. Tim's such as staff, worship times, and Christian Ed programs, it also offers a snapshot of our missions, ministries and outreach efforts. *Every* ministry is encouraged to look at their webpage on the church website and consider changes that correct outdated information, or revise existing information to be as interesting and informative as possible. This is an opportunity to put on our "company best" for our beloved church.

The RSC will help guide any ministry with questions or concerns about how to improve webpages. Please send your questions to rsc@st-timothys.org.

Your continued prayers and support are welcome as the RSC works to identify the ideal rector for St. Timothy's. *Open our hearts to one another in God's love, patience and joy during this time of spiritual growth and decision.*

-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

Gifts To Glorify The Lord

We hope everyone has been enjoying the improved acoustics and new look in the Sanctuary since Welcome Home Sunday. On 10/24 the Vestry approved the final finish work for our project – Narthex doors and organ case refinishing colors. Earlier in October the Vestry also approved the GtGtL recommendation for repainting the organ façade pipes in a design that both honors the vintage of the organ as well as complements our more contemporary Sanctuary space. Please see the photo below:



Also, John Farmer reports that the organ restoration is proceeding smoothly and there have been no major setbacks that would change his expected delivery between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
-Marty Brady

View Point Book Club

For November the Club will be reading “Two Old Women” by Velma Wallis. The meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12 at Panera Bread, Elden Street, Herndon at 9:30 a.m.

For information please contact Jill Cox at (703) 963-8251 or by email: jillcoxva@verizon.net

The Closet of Greater Herndon “Everything Christmas Sale” November 11-12

Find EVERYTHING Christmas related, from artificial trees and nativities to Christmas cookie cutters and tins, plus some Hanukkah items, at The Closet’s “Everything Christmas Sale”. The Preview Sale is 4-7 p.m. on Friday, November 11, and the Main Sale is 9 a.m.- noon on Saturday, November 12 at The First Baptist Church of Herndon (681 Elden St.). Shop both days - the sales floor will be re-stocked with additional items on Saturday morning. Get a jump-start on your holiday decorating or choose something unique for that hard-to-please relative --- All while helping your community! Net proceeds benefit The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, which supports the Herndon-Reston community through grants to local nonprofits and college scholarships to local students. For more information on The Closet, see www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Time for Christmas Wreath Orders. The Haiti Ministry is conducting its annual Christmas wreath sale. Orders will be taken via email and in Henry Hall through *November 6* for delivery the first week of December. Proceeds enable the Ministry to provide an opportunity to serve the poorest in our Hemisphere, including the mission trip to Chapoteau scheduled for November 10-13 this year. You can also make a direct donation to support the Mission trip - write checks to St. Timothy’s with “Haiti Ministry” on the memo line. Send questions and wreath orders to Natalie Dubishar at n.dubishar@gmail.com

Vestry Update

September Giving: **\$48,959**

Revised 2016 Budgeted Giving: \$54,250

September Expenses: \$56,099

During the October Vestry meeting on the 24th, the Vestry met the Rev. Anne Turner, who will join us on November 6 as our Bridge Interim Rector.

The Vestry heard a presentation from Randy Karn regarding the final Gifts to Glorify the Lord Sanctuary modifications and organ facade. The Vestry approved the design of new glass inset doors from the Narthex into the Sanctuary, as well as new pipe painting pattern and colors on the organ, and final wood case finish color.

The Vestry then heard a presentation from Milan Shepherd, Chair of the Music Discernment Committee, and accepted that Committee's final report. The report is posted here, and recommends that once St. Timothy's calls a permanent Rector, we conduct a search for a ¾ time music director.

Susy Nixon reported back on the proposal to remove a pew to make room for handbell tables. Doing so carries risks of damage to the pew and is not something that can be easily undertaken. It was decided to hold off on pursuing this.

Hollis Colie reported that the Endowment Fund would need 3 elected members from the congregation to be reconstituted. Additionally, the legal documentation needs to be reviewed and re-signed. Any congregant interested in the Endowment Fund Ministry should contact Hollis at hollis211@aol.com.

Two budgetary line items, the Rector Search Committee and the Food Table Ministry, had reported they have excess budget to reallocate. The Vestry determined to reallocate funds as necessary to address the existing shortfall in the contract music director compensation. The Vestry also conducted an initial review of the Draft 2017 budget presented by Finance. Comments on the draft budget will be directed to liaison Duane Hartge before the next Finance meeting.

Finally, the Vestry reviewed the consolidated response to the questions posed by the RSC regarding the Latino Ministry, and decided to provide the draft response to the RSC with updates to follow as more information becomes available

regarding the grant proposal and the next meeting of the Latino Counsel in November.

The November Vestry meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:30 pm on November 28 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, Jr. Warden

Comments from Jill Cox

How many times have you heard that question on a road trip "Are we there yet?" with wriggling children constrained in a car seat or even in the "olden" days when everyone piled into the station wagon and fought over who was going to sit in the flat section at the back?

"We'll be there soon" was the constant reply with no attempt to define "soon". We seem to be in that interval now at St. Tim's except that the "flat area" at the back will be soon be filled with the newly-renovated organ and the choir will be firmly anchored in their pews with a new driver, who is already displaying his mastery and love of music

Now our church is in for a "tune up" which may take a while because we are lacking a permanent leader of the tours ahead, but the junior mechanics in the role of a Search Committee are earnestly working, but we must remember that St. Tim's and the Diocese are not synonymous with "Jiffy Lube". We are here for the quality, first class service only.

If I may change the analogy, inspired by the sails which adorn the church ceiling, I would pray that everyone would remember we have the greatest "captain" of all in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We must have faith that He will guide us through whatever storms are ahead as He has always done. He will navigate us through storms large and small help us through the rocky places and greet us on the shore as He greeted His disciples on the lake shore so many years ago.

Let us continue to pray for the Rector Search Committee with peace and hope in our hearts remembering all that we have learned over the 147 years of being a church which has worshipped and praised God in Herndon and done His work in the local community, in the nation and abroad with prayer and love and supporting each other.

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Friday, November 25

2016 Vestry

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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:

- John Gilbert Kassar (B)
- Abigail Catherine Smith (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