

The Word

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

February 2017

From the Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We don't normally hear this collect, my favorite, because it comes from the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. This year, however, Easter is late and Epiphany is long, so we will get to pray it in church.

It is easy to declare the sentimental virtues of love. The stores are already full of hearts and lace for Valentine's Day. But Christian love is much deeper, much less emotional. It is rooted not in feeling but in choice, in deliberate action over time.

Paul talks about it in his letter to the Corinthians, of course—that love is patient, and love is kind, and love never ends. Again, at weddings, our minds think first of the affective gift of romantic love—but, again, I think we are meant to think of something much sturdier. To Paul's list of qualities, I would add another: love is brave. Love is brave, to face conflict, to make the heart vulnerable again and again and again.

I write about love this way because I know that sometimes, in this place, loving is an act of bravery, and an act of vulnerability. But I believe that whatever



we accomplish at Saint Timothy's—our hard work on vestry matters, on finance, on service to Cornerstones or to Haiti, on the organ restoration, on the Spanish-language service, on the search for a new rector, in youth group, in Sunday School, in bible study—none of it is worth anything without love. We are like dead people if we can't figure out how to love.

Brothers and sisters, be brave. Start small: find one person in this place whom you have not loved as you should, and go love them, well. It is the greatest gift the Spirit can pour into our hearts.

Blessings,

Anne+

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The Rev. Anne Michele Turner

Rector Search Committee (RSC)

News

The RSC accomplished a significant milestone in early January when it delivered the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) Portfolio to our contact in the diocese, Rev. Mary Thorpe. The OTM published the Portfolio for priests in search of a new position. Through use of this online tool, candidates will submit their applications to the RSC for consideration. The Search Committee is receiving names through February 28, 2017.

Everyone on the Search Committee is tremendously grateful for the contributions, support and prayers of the congregation. Preparing the Portfolio would not have been possible without your participation in the Focus Groups and Survey. Your willingness to send responses to the Questions of the Week (QTWs) over the summer was also a great help. We appreciate all your feedback in helping us arrive at this milestone.

Our next phase, while we await candidate applications, is to prepare for candidate interviews.

The RSC is coordinating with Rev. Thorpe for guidance and direction regarding the interview process. As we discern what God calls for St. Timothy's, our work includes screening applications as they are submitted and developing interview questions. During this phase of the search, confidentiality is particularly crucial. It is important that our work does not impact any priest's current circumstances.

As the RSC continues to move forward in identifying a priest to become our new rector, we ask for your prayers and patience. Through prayer and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we have faith we will be blessed with an ideal rector for St. Timothy's. *Holy Spirit, thank you for guiding, inspiring and strengthening us so that we may glorify God through our work.*

-Shon Beury

RSC Update....continued

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

Saturday 7:30 Leadership

Bill Baker, a second year seminary student from New York, will be serving the Saturday 7:30 p.m. service. Between now and the end of April, he will preach each week; most weeks, he will also lead Evening Prayer. (Anne Turner will join him to celebrate the eucharist on March 5 and April 1.) Bill has a background in social work and is the father of a teenage son and an adult daughter.

Bill also serves a seminarian at San Marcos in Alexandria, and that parish will continue to be his field education site--i.e., he will engage in a wide range of ministries there with the purpose of being formed as a priest. Here at Saint Timothy's, his role will be limited to liturgical leadership. Anne Turner will continue to provide pastoral care and oversight for the entire congregation of Saint Timothy's, Spanish- and English-speaking alike.

Please greet Bill if you meet him on a Saturday evening.

-The Rev. Anne Turner

2016 Report to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

Diane Miller, President of Region 5 and a member of St. Timothy's prepared this annual report that was included in the packet for the Diocesan Annual Convention held last week in Reston.

Region V achieved profound results through our "Region Life Committee", an initiative to discern and act upon our "shared mission and ministry". We identified a number of challenges in our community for which we wanted to offer a Christian response, and pull our shared resources to deliver a comprehensive program on a selected topic each year. In 2016, we focused on Race & Reconciliation. Region V hosted a screening of the Emmy-nominated documentary, "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North." Filmmaker Katrina Browne led discussion around this film in which she discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Ms. Browne then followed-up to show "Repairing the Breach: The Episcopal Church and Slavery Atonement," Ms. Browne's short film sharing the process that the Episcopal Church went through to address the Church's role in slavery and to embark on dialogue and repair. Afterwards, led by The Diocese's Ellyn Crawford and Ms. Browne, we explored where we individually or collectively might feel led by spirit to further engage issues of racial equity in our community. We continued to seek opportunities to leverage the strengths and resources of our individual parishes to make an even greater impact in Northern Fairfax County. Highlights include:

- *Youth and Young Adult Ministry* – Blessed with an extremely gifted and energetic Region Deacon, the Reverend Mary Beth Emerson, our youth ministry was very active again this year in Christian formation, opportunities to seek and serve Christ in others, fellowship and great fun! Highlights were the annual Region V Youth Service Event, the annual youth mission trip to Dungannon and hosting Syrian refugees settled in our community to share a meal and

improve understanding through personal engagement. Rev. Mary Beth continued to leverage the network she created among youth leaders in our Region's parishes, led our Youth Delegate nomination process and shepherded Youth Delegates at the Annual Diocesan Council.

- *Strengthening our Congregations* – Region V meetings actively engaged our delegates and increased awareness of activities and opportunities in other Region parishes and in our broader community. External speakers and Diocesan representatives also sparked our imaginations and helped us identify ways to strengthen our congregations and our shared ministry.
- *Evangelism and Proclamation* – With relatively close proximity of our parishes, we sought creative ways to engage and serve God's people wherever they may be in our community. We continued to provide financial support to the ARISE Campus Ministry at George Mason University. Epiphany's 3rd annual Hypothermia Prevention Shelter brought volunteers and supplies from across Region V.
- *Multiculturalism and Ethnic Ministries* – The Latino Ministry at St. Timothy's Herndon continued to flourish with active engagement from the Rev. Adolpho Moranta of St. Mark's Alexandria. In addition to weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Spanish, the Latino Ministry celebrated baptisms, confirmations and marriages. All activities hosted by our Latino Ministry are open to all in the Region. We are blessed to also have St. Francis Korean congregation in our Region.
- *Mission Beyond Ourselves* – A highlight is our annual youth mission trip to Dungannon. Over 60 youth from across the Region participated in this week-long service trip to one of the poorest areas in Virginia. Through strong collaboration among our

- parishes and youth leaders and financial support from the Region, this continues to be one of our flagship initiatives and a model of effective shared ministry. Most Region V parishes have active domestic and international mission programs. For 2017, the Region dedicated funds for a young adult mission trip to Grace House on the Mountain in St. Paul, Virginia.

In 2017, we have re-dedicated ourselves to local, Regional and Diocesan outreach by sponsoring new and expanded ministries. We will seek broader participation in the Region Life Committee as we continue to address critical issues in our area from a Christian perspective.

Delegates from St. Timothy who attended the Annual Convention are Jean Bennett, and Mike Colie. Dean Rohrbach is the alternate. Look for their report in the next The Word.

Region V 2017 Budget Highlights

The 2017 Budget of Region V was approved by the Diocese of Virginia Executive Board at their meeting on December 14, 2016. Region V is blessed to receive generous pledges from our nine member parishes, enabling us to financially support a number of initiatives important in our area. Our total annual budget of \$6,350 benefits all parishes and parishioners in our Region of Northern Fairfax County..

In Local Outreach, we increased our financial support to the Hypothermia Shelter hosted by Epiphany Herndon to continue leveraging resources and assets from across Region V parishes to expand their service to those in need. We reinstated our \$500 commitment to the Latino Ministry at St. Timothy's and continued our \$500 commitment to the Arise Campus Ministry at George Mason University. This ecumenical community of students will receive additional Region V engagement as the Rev. Valerie Hayes of Holy Comforter Vienna will be a member of the Arise Board.

In Regional Outreach, we continued to fund our flagship program, the youth mission trip to Dungannon at \$3,100, and our Youth Ministry program under the amazing leadership of the Rev. Deacon Mary Beth Emerson at \$500.00. Our Region Life Committee, open to all members in Region V, will receive \$500 to continue producing impactful programs recognized across the Diocese. New this year is seed funding of \$150 to begin our support for a Young Adult Mission to Grace House in the Appalachia region of Virginia. This demonstrates our commitment to mission for those ages 18 to 30.

Additionally, the Region budget funds the Region President and Region Youth Delegate registration at Diocesan Annual Convention and the Region President's Retreat with Bishop Gulick.

Any questions about Region V may be directed to our St. Timothy's Delegates Jeanne Bennett and Mike Colie.

-Diane Miller, President, Region 5

Gifts to Glorify the Lord (GtGtL) Update

As many of you have noticed, the GtGtL team has received and installed the new altar cushions and kneelers. Big thanks go out to Paige Williamson and Sean Brady for assisting with the installation.

In the next week or two, we are also expecting delivery and installation of the new Narthex doors which will have a glass insert to visually connect the two spaces.

For the pipe organ, JAFI has just provided us with a detailed list of all of the tasks remaining to complete the restoration. The team also has an in-person meeting scheduled with Mr. Farmer to finalize a few last details of the case and to discuss the delivery timeline.

Please continue to keep our GtGtL team and contractors in your prayers as we work hard to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

-Marty Brady

St. Timothy's Serves Hypothermia Clients on Saturdays in March

Once again, St. Timothy's will be preparing and serving dinner for clients of the North County Hypothermia Shelter –this year we have moved our dates to **Saturdays** in March (March 4, 11, 18 & 25). Please sign up to provide a part of this meal or to volunteer to serve the meal. You don't have to do it all yourself! We created an on-line sign up through Sign-Up Genius. Please visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baead2aa46-sttimothys> to sign up (only your name and email are needed to use Sign Up Genius) or contact Jill Norcross if you want prefer to sign up with her, jillnorcross@verizon.net or 703-587-4098.

You prepare your portion of the meal at home and then bring your food, ready to serve and enough to feed 40 adults, to the North County Hypothermia Shelter at 5:30 pm, located in the North County Human Services bldg., 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston, just ¼ mile from the Embry Rucker Shelter and Reston Regional Library. Drive around to the back of the building and follow signs to the shelter. Two volunteers are needed each Saturday to serve the meal between 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

This is a great service opportunity for your family, ministry and friends (volunteers need to be 18 years or older).

Thanks in advance for your time, talent and generosity in support of Cornerstones and our homeless neighbors.

-Jill Norcross

News from The Closet of Greater Herndon

Customers Love The New Closet- In addition to the new ceramic tile floor, new interior and exterior paint, and new more efficient racks and fixtures, returning customers and volunteer workers are impressed with the new floor layout. Some customers had trouble believing it's the same business! With more open space and tighter organization by departments, shopping and bargain hunting is easier and more enjoyable for our customers.

The Closet...continued

Thursday Shopping Nights –Thursday shopping nights will return in March. Shop between 5:00 and 8:00 pm – no crowds and new inventory added between 2:00 and 5:00 pm.

Support The Closet -- St. Timothy's is one of the congregations that founded The Closet 41 years ago. There are three ways for you to support The Closet:

- **Donate** - items can be dropped off between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Volunteers will assist you with unloading your items. Consider donating books, clothing, toys, small appliances (such as CD players, microwave ovens, blenders, toasters, irons, food processors), baby and children items and clothing that is clean and in good condition.
- **Volunteer** – St. Timothy's is responsible for providing volunteers once or twice a month for two-hour shifts. Volunteers can work the floor or assist cashiers on sale days (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturdays 9:30 am to 4:00 pm). Or volunteer when the store is not open to put out new merchandise or price items.
- **Shop** – There are bargains to be found at The Closet so add a stop to your weekly errands to see what is new and perhaps purchase an item or two.

For more information, contact your Closet representatives Holly Hartge (mhhvirginia@verizon.net) and Marie Lally (marielally@yahoo.com) or talk to the regular volunteers from St. Timothy: Elaine Horsfield, Dottie Lawson and Pat Rhodes.

The Closet of Greater Herndon is located at 845 Station Street, Herndon (north of Great Harvest Bread Store and across the street from Zeffereilli's Ristorante Italiano) in Historic Downtown Herndon.

-Holly Hartge

2017 Picture Directory

St. Timothy's is preparing a new, updated Church photo directory. Our own St. Tim's photographers* (Paige Williamson and Craig Dubishar) will be taking the portraits (family, individuals, whatever!) starting on Sunday, January 29th and every Sunday in February (i.e., five Sundays in a row) from 8:30 a.m. through about 1 p.m. (minus time actually in the 10 o'clock worship service). We will also schedule a Saturday morning (TBD) for those that cannot make any of the five Sundays.

The location will likely be in Henry Hall or the Narthex. We will have a hardcopy of the current church directory for you to double check your "particulars" (family names, and, if applicable, email address(es), cell phone number(s)). The plan is for this to be an internal directory only (i.e., only made available to St. Timothy's parishioners and not publically published on the St. Tim's website).

Please RSVP with an expected date for your photographs (just in case we run out of time on any particular Sunday) (or if you have any questions) to Craig and Paige at wcdubi@gmail.com and paige_williamson@mac.com, respectively. [* Please note the lack of the description "Professional" – we will do our best but cannot guarantee you'll look like Ryan Gosling or Emma Stone (this isn't 'La La Land' after all!).]

We want you to participate!

- Craig Dubishar
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The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Priesthood of Father Natividad Menjivar

Santa Maria Virgen, a church in the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, cordially invites you to the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Rev. Natividad Menjivar's Priesthood.

Father Natividad served as celebrant for our Spanish service before accepting his current position in Oklahoma. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Spanish will take place on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with a reception to follow at the church, 5500 S. Western Ave. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109.

Please RSVP by texting to 405.219.4830 or email anagv77@yahoo.com.

From Jill Cox

THE EMPTY CROSS

As we approach the reflective season of Lent, we consider many events in the life of Christ on earth and particularly those that led to His sacrificial death on a crude tree near a city that did not understand Him, in a nation subdued by a powerful, despotic system and in a century that is described as "ancient" which to some may be "irrelevant".

No doubt many people like me have a crucifix either to wear around one's neck or to hang upon the wall, but the real glory for me is the empty cross above the altar at St. Tim's. Each week I can focus upon this glorious emblem, knowing that God is not confined by anything invented by man. He is in everything we see and do if we look for Him. He is in our hearts and thoughts. He is in beauty and ugliness, tribulation and joy and every parts of our lives. As we open our eyes to gaze upon the wonder of the empty cross, we open our hearts and lives to His love and care. After every resurrection each Sunday we take that knowledge into the world, to our workplaces and neighborhoods, to our families and friends, and we know that God is beside us in all that we do. Above all we know that we are loved with a love that knows no bounds, limitations or demands except for love in return.

2017 Vestry with Liaison Assignments

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Answer Jesus' Call



Are you looking to connect with a ministry where you can join with others in volunteer service to make a difference at St. Tim's, in our local community, and in the world? Your first step is to take a look at the opportunities below and reach out via the contact info provided. Reach out today and discover how you can make a difference!

Acolyte Ministry- This Ministry provides training and support for young people to serve in our Worship Services as Acolytes (*Crucifers, Torch Bearers, and Servers*). If you are a parent of a young person who is interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Danny Wechtenhiser at mrvnnk9@verizon.net. Adults are also welcome to join the Acolyte team as Crucifers and Servers; if your child is an acolyte, this could be an opportunity to serve as a family. Please note- all will be provided with training and are guided, so no experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve and be present when scheduled.

Altar Guild Team- St. Timothy's Altar Guild plays an important role in the Worship Ministry. Their mission is to ensure that the Sanctuary is in order, beautiful, clean and prepared for worship on a weekly basis and for special services. The special fellowship of this team-based ministry is an easy way to support your church and only requires a few hours of your time on the week you are scheduled to serve (approximately every other month for a two-week rotation). Each team is led by an experienced Guild member and training is provided. Service opportunities can be flexible to meet your busy schedule or special interests (flowers, care of linens, Sunday only). Please consider helping the Altar Guild grow and meet our 2017 goal of doubling the number of teams who serve. For more information, please contact Carol Sinclair (csinclair83@msn.com) or Kerrie Wilson (kerriebun@verizon.net or 703-628-4876).

Building and Grounds Team- The Building and Grounds team is in need of volunteers for work around the church and for coordinating contractors for some upcoming tasks. Meeting attendance is not required, but helpful. We meet the 4th Saturday of the month. For more information on this vital ministry or to volunteer, please email Sean Brady, Building & Grounds Ministry Chair, at BandG@saint-timothys.org.

Hospitality Team- The newly formed Hospitality Ministry met last Sunday to strategize for the year ahead. We have new ideas for coffee hours including a special way to gather together on the months with a fifth Sunday. We are in need of a volunteer to chair Hospitality, which involves overseeing our modest budget and generally keeping the wheels in motion. We are always looking for people who are interested in helping in small ways. The immediate need is for people to help with the Sunday Coffee Hours (either 8 or 10 o'clock services) by sending a reminder to bring food on a particular Sunday, and ensuring that we have volunteers for set up and clean up. For more information, please contact Carol Sinclair at csinclair83@msn.com.

Answer Jesus' Call (*continued*)

Parish Retreat at Shrinemont- If you are interested in helping with the planning of the parish weekend for this year which takes place May 5 - 7, please contact Susy Nixon at senixon@verizon.net or 703-437-0370.

Pastoral Care Team (includes Home Communion Visitors)- The Pastoral Care Team is welcoming new team members to this ministry of care for members and friends of the Saint Timothy's family. We write cards and make phone calls to those in need of encouragement, we make Home Communion Visits to those who cannot attend church services, and we pray for the various needs of the church. We will train anyone who is interested in being a part of this important care network. Please email Gayle Rippe or Sarah Daly for more information. (gayle_657@hotmail.com / stlldaly@gmail.com).

Service Ministry- Would you like to engage the congregation in living their faith by serving others through local and global outreach? Consider joining the Service Ministry! We meet once a month and there are a variety of ways that you can make a difference in this ministry. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Hamm, Service Ministry Chair, at carolynhamm@verizon.net.

St. Tim's Vocal Choir!- The St. Timothy's vocal choir needs additional singers. We particularly need basses and at least one additional alto. However, all types of singers are welcome. The choir leads worship in the singing of hymns, service music, and anthems, most Sundays between September and June as well as providing special music for Christmas Eve and during Holy Week. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in the Music/Altar Guild room. We also have a brief warm up rehearsal at 9:20 on Sunday mornings. Please see Roger Long after worship today if you are interested, or contact him at Longr158@hotmail.com or 703-984-9236. And remember, as Martin Luther once said "He/She, who sings, prays twice!"

The Word Newsletter, Editor Needed- If you are interested in editing The Word, Saint Timothy's monthly Newsletter, please contact our Bridge Interim Rector, Anne Turner, at annet@saint-timothys.org. Proficiency in Microsoft Word or another document publishing software is required for this volunteer position.

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Submission Deadline for the next issue:

Friday, February 24, 2017

Submit to: mhvirginia@verizon.net

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

Christian Ed

Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista