

The Word

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

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From the Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner

*I have decided to follow Jesus . . . no turning back,
no turning back.*

For years, I sang these lines on Ash Wednesday, leading chapel at an Episcopal day school. I learned to appreciate their emphasis—not necessarily on penitence, as we often think of in Lent, but on discipleship.

Lent is a season for us to reconsider the way in which we follow Jesus. It is all too easy simply to catalog the ways in which we have *not* followed, the ways in which we have failed: I meant to do x, but I didn't get around to it . . . I never wanted to do y, but I just fell into it . . . I should have turned left there instead of right. I lost my way there. Self-reflection denigrates quickly into guilt and ultimately into shame.

But if we come to this season with an eye to the road ahead of us, our perspective changes. What is the path ahead of me, ahead of us? Am I walking with the intention and deliberation I would like? Not looking back so much but looking forward, what do I see—and am I satisfied? What might I do to change direction? Where is Jesus walking? What do I have to do to walk in that direction, too?

Each Christian individual has this task of discernment: What does it mean to follow Jesus in this day, at this time?

As I write this, I am asking myself this question all over again. After much prayer, I have decided not to apply for the position of permanent rector here—not because I don't love this community (I do), but rather because I sense that to follow Jesus I need to look elsewhere. I hear the call of God right now asking me to be available to my family, to leave room for the kind



of writing and reflection that parish ministry makes difficult.

I also hear—quite clearly—the call to be with you as your interim rector. I'm aware that this work may well become easier if my role is made more clear. I am with you not as a candidate for something else but as someone who is fully present in this time. My task is to ensure that this community is fully prepared for the road ahead—that the people of this church are able to look forward, and that there is no unfinished business of grief or conflict behind us. No turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus—and I decide again, each day, figuring out anew what that will mean. I hope this season will allow you the space and the freedom to decide, too.

In Christ,
Anne+

Rector Search Committee (RSC) Update

The Rector Search Committee is in the Receiving Applications phase of our work. Applications are sent directly to the RSC. Applicant names are forwarded to the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM), which can offer insights into the applicant. This system allows the OTM to guide us in narrowing the field to the most suitable applicants and avoids wasting time for an applicant who is a poor match. Once applications are received, the RSC prayerfully reviews those applicants that best suit St. Timothy's based on the feedback we have received from the congregation, the applicant's experience and, eventually, conversations with the applicant. Naturally, this process is undertaken thoughtfully and seriously and requires doing God's work in His time.

The interviewing phase is somewhat different from the previous work the RSC has done. Rather than creating a profile of what our congregation looks like, we will focus on what our congregation is seeking in a new rector and, which candidates are the ideal fit to our congregation's profile. Necessarily, all information about the candidates is confidential to avoid compromising anyone's current position. As we continue this new area of discernment, we particularly pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

The RSC has posted a summary of the parish survey and the Portfolio submitted to the (OTM) on the RSC webpage of the St. Timothy's website.

We greatly appreciate the insights you have offered during the information gathering phase. Your support and participation during the focus groups, parish survey and QTW program have allowed us to embark on the interview period well informed and confident. Thank you for your continued prayers as we evaluate candidates. As we have undertaken this most recent phase of our work, we have found the following Prayer for Guidance (BCP) inspiring.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-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

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

Again this year 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

Saturday 7:30 Service 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



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Timothy's Vacation Bible School will be July 10 - 14 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for children ages 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade. 6th -12th grade students and adults are encouraged to volunteer for this fun week! Registration will be up by mid-March. Contact Christine Hoyle @ christineh@saint-timothys.org if you have any questions!

-Christine Hoyle

Are We Flouting Our Dominion?

Too often, caring for God’s creation takes a distant second place – or even more – in how many of us perform our ordained dominion over the wondrous earth that the Lord has given us. A few examples:

We realize – most of us, at least – the dangers of driving an automobile too fast at night, beyond the headlights’ ability to illuminate risks that might lay not too far ahead in the dark, yet many of us do exactly that.

Home lawns, farm croplands, and golf courses too often are over - fertilized, resulting in the stormwater runoff of environmentally hazardous chemicals and other pollutants into waterways and causing the loss of life - sustaining oxygen so vital for aquatic creatures living there, even in our huge Chesapeake Bay. Scant thought seems to be given to what this means in the depletion of fish, crabs, and other marine life on which we depend for food – and that results in shortages and higher market prices for what we put on our dinner tables.

Industrial smoke and automobile exhaust contaminate the air we breathe, and power - generating dams disrupt the ecological balance affecting our water supply and marine life, even though there are readily available alternative energy sources — thermonuclear, solar and wind – to sharply reduce our near - total reliance on those present resources. Here, also, among the results are electricity shortages, “brown-outs,” increased costs, and “doing without.”

As a matter of regular routine, hormones and other chemicals are fed to livestock and poultry in order to make them grow more quickly to “market size,” and then these potentially harmful substances are passed on to us when we eat our breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks. Is the result many of the life - threatening physical maladies affecting us; especially children?

Genesis, in the Bible, tells us of God’s creation of the heavens and the earth, and that he saw it was good. And then he created Adam and Eve and gave their descendants – us – specific instructions to “be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and the birds of air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

For many of us, God couldn’t have been more explicit. God’s words are clear, even to those among us who would seek to find loopholes to escape them – examining and dicing the language of the Lord’s instructions in hopes of finding legalistic “work-arounds” as though they are statutes adopted by Congress, signed into law by the President, and advised and suggested by pricey lobbyists and lawyers.

Is our planet better off today because we have so long and so sorely neglected our duties and responsibilities to perform caring dominion over God’s creation as he instructed? How long can we continue our thoughtlessness, neglect, and disobedience and continue to do further harm to our planet and to ourselves – or, for that matter, escape the Lord’s wrath? Is it already too late?

God surely knows. We must learn – and quickly!

(Many thanks to the Creation Care Alliance of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock, Virginia)

-submitted by Craig Dubishar

Chili Cook-Off - Save the Date

March 18

The Annual St. Timothy’s Chili Cook-Off will be Saturday, March 18 - watch e-News for details

Gifts to Glorify the Lord (GtGtL) Update

The new Narthex door installation was delayed in February due to a backorder of the hardware. Our revised delivery and install date for the doors is now March 6th, and the install should just take one day.

More importantly though, we have a specific date for the return of our beloved JD Moore pipe organ from John Farmer! He and his staff will begin assembly of the organ at St. Timothy's during the week of March 27th and finish the following week. As published in the bulletins recently, weekend worship services will be conducted in the Sanctuary as usual. NO need to move to Henry Hall this time! Sanctuary activities Monday – Friday will need to be relocated during those two weeks.

Here are photos of some of the preliminary test fitting of organ components coupler chassis:



Sub bass 16



Coupler chassis

Sunday Morning Lenten Series: Surprised by Hope

Whether it's domestic issues like politics and health care, or international ones like war and terrorism, there's a lot of discouraging news these days. Where do we find hope? In this study, based on a series of short video talks by Church of England bishop and New Testament scholar Tom Wright, we'll explore what the Bible has to say about hope -- it's not just going to heaven when we die! -- and what this hope means for how we live our lives right now. Sunday mornings at 9 am in room A1, March 5 - April 9. Led by Jane Burkett.

Tuesday Night Lenten Discussion Series: The Crucifixion

Please join us in a series of discussions on the significance and purpose of Jesus dying on the cross. Have you wondered why God became human in Jesus in order to die? Do you struggle with the amount of suffering and injustice found in the world, or even in your own life, and wonder how Jesus fits in?

We will touch on these and other topics using the book The Crucifixion by Fleming Rutledge, an Episcopal priest. The first talk will be on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 pm in the music room. Discussion led by Schantal Montgomery. All are welcome. No purchase or reading of the book is necessary. Come and enjoy an engaging hour of conversation with your fellow parishioners!

Our Journey Through Lent

The Saint Timothy's Church Family invites you to join us on our journey through this spiritual season of reflection and introspection. All are welcome to participate in any of the opportunities presented in the Guide prepared by Reverend Anne. For more info on an opportunity mentioned in the Guide, visit us at www.saint-timothys.org and click on the Lent 2017 button!

Vestry Update

January Giving: \$46,247
Budgeted Giving: \$54,244
January Expenses: \$52,165

At the February 27, 2017 Vestry meeting the Vestry first heard a presentation from Deke Smith regarding the need to update the Reserve Study, completed in 2012. Buildings and Grounds uses the study to project upcoming repair and replacement costs for the building. An updated study would likely cost around \$5,000. The current Reserve Fund balance is \$75,368.10.

The Vestry then heard from Sean Brady regarding Buildings and Grounds maintenance requirements. The Vestry approved up to \$14k in expenditures from the Reserve Fund for the repair of the front steps. The Vestry also approved cleaning ductwork and changing filters in the Sanctuary HVAC system, also from the Reserve Fund. Finally, the Vestry approved up to \$10k from the General Fund for the purchase and installation of a humidifier for the Sanctuary. Humidity levels were down to 8% over the past winter, which is not an acceptable level for maintaining the integrity of the new organ once it is returned. Some funds from the GtGtL Organ fund may be available to assist with the cost of the humidifier. Other items that need to be completed but are not currently budgeted include painting and fixing drywall in Henry Hall, replacing the tile in Henry Hall (which will involve remediation of the asbestos tiles below the existing flooring), and changing the locks to a keyless entry setup.

St. Timothy's also is looking into a replacement cleaning service, which will likely result in increased costs.

The Vestry then discussed and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

We, the members of St. Timothy's, affirm that we are a community of God's love extended to all of God's people. Under the clear direction of our Bishops, we stand with our brothers and sisters of every ethnic background and immigration status. We re-affirm our longstanding policy of not releasing any information about

anyone on our membership rolls or anyone who visits our church property, and we vow to continue to provide resources as we are able to all who seek aid from us.

The resolution will be translated into Spanish and posted, as well as shared with our Region.

The Vestry then heard a presentation from Randy Karn and Marty Brady of the GtGtL committee. The new Narthex doors will be installed on Monday, March 6. Doors, when closed, should assist in providing quiet, reflective time in the Sanctuary prior to the service. However, the Vestry was reminded that one reason the doors are kept open is the placement of the thermostat just inside the Sanctuary entrance – circulation of air is necessary around that thermostat to maintain comfort in the Sanctuary. The Vestry approved the final footprint drawings for the organ. The organ is scheduled for delivery and reinstallation March 27-April 10. However, the new pedal cases at the back of the organ, which add additional pipes, will be enclosed in a temporary casing at the rear of the organ upon installation. The final additional exterior casing required for the new pedal cases will be reviewed by the Vestry at the next meeting, and should be installed one month after the organ's return, when John Farmer comes back to tune it.

The Vestry voted on Diocesan Convention representatives for the November Convention: Jeanne Bennett and Mike Colie will serve again this year, and Amy Hein will be the Alternate.

The Vestry was unable to award the preschool scholarship due to lack of applicants/interest. If anyone knows someone who could benefit from a scholarship to St. Timothy's preschool, please contact the Rev. Anne Turner (annet@saint-timotheys.org) or Preschool Director Monica Despina (sttimothyschool@aol.com).

The Vestry signed a letter of support for Ordination as Deacon for Seminarian Lisa Erdeljon.

-Genevieve Zetlan, Sr. Warden

2017 Vestry with Liaison Assignments

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Meet the Newest Verger

Sean Brady became the newest Verger at St. Timothy's on Sunday, February 12.



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 / stilledaly@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!"

Make a Difference this Lent! *Book Drive for Students at* *Clearview Elementary School*

Once again we will collect gently used books in Spanish and English that are appropriate for pre-school through 6th graders. The books will be sent home with students at the end of the school year for summer reading. Many parents at Clearview work to provide food and shelter for their families with little extra income for books for their children. Please place books in the bin in Henry Hall. For further details refer to our weekly bulletin or write to service@saint-timothys.org.

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Submission Deadline for the next issue:

Friday, March 24, 2017

Submit to: mhhvirginia@verizon.net

Welcome New Member

Hugh David Lamoureux (T)

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 I

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