

# The Word

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## *From the Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner*

Dear friends in Christ,

June is the season of change.

We see it our secular and cultural life, as the school year draws to a close. Second-graders become third-graders. Middle schoolers become high school students. Graduation cards appear in the aisles at Target. The school year routine, which has gotten increasingly tattered since Memorial Day, gives way to the wholly different experience of summer.

We see change in our parish life, too, as the routine of the program year winds down. Choirs go on summer hiatus. Sunday School and youth groups draw to a close. This year, these transitions are compounded as we prepare for clergy shift. My last Sunday with the parish will be July 9; the Search Committee continues to work diligently with the intention of soon announcing the name and start date for the new rector. (A supply priest will be covering what we hope will be a short gap.)

These smaller changes are a reminder of the greater change that we experience in this season of Pentecost. Pentecost Day, of course, tells us of the founding of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But just a Pentecost is also a season that spans six months, the gift of the Spirit, too, has a longer arc. God comes to us not only in a single, compelling moment, but through a gradual unfolding. As we discern the Spirit more and more, we find it working in every level of our lives--sometimes dramatically, but other times inwardly, almost imperceptibly.

The Spirit makes change possible for us. It allows



us to withstand moments of powerful transformation and it gives us the stamina for slow, incremental sanctification. It instigates change, nudging us towards the new. And it makes it possible for us to bear change. Our small human hearts sometimes long for stability, long to take refuge in the familiar and the comfortable. It is the Spirit that gives us the courage to step out of the familiar and out of the comfortable into the life being created before us.

As you look to this season ahead, you may be feeling anxiety. Or you may be feeling excitement. Most likely, it is some combination of those feelings, and more, too. Change is complex. But I hope you will know the Holy Spirit in all of this change. And I hope that Spirit brings you not only comfort, but the courage and curiosity to meet the days ahead in trust. God goes before us, always.

Blessings,  
Anne+

## ***Rector Search Committee (RSC) Update***

The RSC is making real progress in discerning who should be called as the next St. Timothy's rector. The committee has a short list of candidates with whom we have had second interviews and we are contacting their references. In late May, we had site visits with two of the candidates and we continue to evaluate them carefully while considering what is most important to the congregation.

The RSC is making every effort to proceed hastily without overlooking important considerations. In nearly all of our discussions, we not only assess how the candidate would best suit St. Timothy's but also, calling a candidate at the earliest opportunity. We cannot guarantee which candidate will be called; nor can we guarantee whether any of the candidates themselves feel called. The committee only promises that we are working hard as a group to discern what God wants, to engage with candidates in very deep discernment, and that we feel closer and closer to making a final determination.

What happens once the RSC calls a candidate? After the RSC chooses a candidate there will be a waiting period while the diocese reviews our choice and the vestry approves the candidate and negotiates salary and benefits. The work of the RSC is complete when the Bishop approves the candidate; he or she accepts the compensation package offered by the vestry and accepts the position.

Understandably, this process may take several weeks and much of it is out of the control of the RSC and vestry. Your patience and support continue to be very much appreciated. The search committee recognizes that we have asked much of you over these many months. We anticipate a welcome and joyous resolution to this long effort. Thank you for your cooperation and prayers. The following section of the Prayer for our Rector Search seems particularly insightful during this final period.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for keeping us united in your grace, hope and love as we minister to each other during our time of transition.*

*Grant us faith to appreciate one another and shepherd us toward your will in selecting a new Rector.*

*-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



### ***Endowment Fund***

An Endowment Fund was established at St. Timothy's Church as a way to donate to the work of the Church. This affords donors a variety of gift vehicles, in addition to cash, bequests in wills, life income gifts, annuities, trusts, life insurance policies, real estate, securities, and other assets. Persons who have questions or are interested in donating to the Endowment Fund should contact the church office at 703-437-3790 or Email:

[office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)

## *7th Annual Haiti Agape a Success!*

The Haiti Ministry is pleased to share the good news of another successful annual Agape fundraiser. Thanks to your outpouring of generosity, we met our goal this year: this congregation raised over \$13,000 to fund another year of education for the students and teachers at St. Mathieu's in Chapoteau. This money will provide tuition, uniforms, books and supplies for the twenty-five students we sponsor, as well as provide some salaries for all the teachers, helping to ensure the school remains open for all the students. It will also fund the final year of tuition and expenses for our university student, Wilpha Pierre. Members of St. Timothy's also donated funds to directly support the Rev. Wisnel Dejardin at his congregation in a central area of Cap Haitien.



The continued support of the St. Mathieu's students is one of many ways we share our abundance with the families of Chapoteau. Last year, Angeline Pierre, our first sponsored University student to graduate, obtained a job working in her field of accounting and is now supporting others in her family. In November 2016, the Haiti Mission team had a successful visit to Chapoteau to meet with the current Priest-in-Charge, Pere Kesner Gracia.

Working with Pere Kesner and the faculty of St. Mathieu's, the mission team was instrumental in getting the school re-opened and teachers back in the classroom after months of receiving no salary. Finally, this spring, construction of a long-awaited latrine at the school was completed. While not a glamorous addition to our successes, the latrine improves the life and health of the students at a time

when cholera continues to be a threat throughout the country.



The Haiti Ministry is grateful to the St. Timothy's congregation for your faithful support to our friends in Chapoteau. Your kindness and generosity makes a real, tangible difference in the children's lives and their futures, and the lives of the families of Chapoteau. Thank you for living your faith to serve them.



## *Vestry Update- May 2017*

April Giving: \$54,063

Budgeted Giving: \$54,244

YTD Expenses vs. Income: \$33,876

At the May 22 Vestry meeting, the Vestry expressed its deep gratitude and thanks to the Gifts to Glorify the Lord committee for its members long work on completing the organ restoration, and formally brought its charter to a close. John Farmer will be returning the week of June 5 to perform adjustments. An organ concert will be planned some time in the Fall, once the final tuning is complete.

The Vestry heard from Buildings and Grounds chair Sean Brady regarding quotes for installation of a humidifier in the Sanctuary to keep the organ and other wood in good shape. The Vestry has already authorized the purchase and installation of the humidifier.

Deke Smith presented the Endowment and Investment Fund Policies and Guidelines. The Vestry made recommendations regarding edits to the guidelines, and once those edits are incorporated, agreed to vote via email on their adoption.

Jean Shepherd reported that income for April appears to outmatch expenses significantly, but several large expenses like pension contributions had been deferred and will hit in May. Credit card giving is up, both one-time and recurring, which will assist St. Timothy's over the summer when attendance is usually down. The Supply Priest line item in the budget, which is being used to pay our Seminarian for Saturday evening worship, needs additional funding. The Vestry will conduct a mid-year budget review at the next meeting, in June. Jean also walked the Vestry through the contents of a Parochial Report, due to the Diocese. The Parochial Report was reviewed by the Vestry online and approved via email vote on Wednesday, May 24.

Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner reported that Catholic Charities did not receive the grant to enable them to hold ESL classes at St. Timothy's. She also reported that her last Sunday with St.

Timothy's will be July 9; she has four weeks of travel and vacation planned starting that day, and the hope is that our new Rector will be in place by the time she would have returned. The Rev. Jackie Thomson, who has been a supply clergy for us in the past, will cover the four weeks from July 16 - August 6.

The Wardens reported that they will be holding a Dinner with the Wardens on June 2 - all are invited to attend, and should RSVP to [gzetlan@gmail.com](mailto:gzetlan@gmail.com). Additionally, the RSC has performed second round interviews, begun checking references, and has also begun site visits to candidates' home parishes. Some funds from the RSC's budget may need to be designated for moving expenses for the new rector.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

*-Genevieve Zetlan, Sr. Warden*



## Poetry Corner

### “Prayer”

The communion between God and man  
Held by love in Heaven's span,  
Angel song and psalmody,  
Quiet thought and fine-tuned harmony.  
Contemplation of created wonder,  
Cries of anguish break asunder,  
Despairing hearts and mourning souls,  
Seek God's comfort as bell tolls.

"Our Father" we plead day by day,  
"Forgive us" we constantly say,  
"Feed us with Thy daily bread",  
"Comfort us" as we mourn our dead,  
"We believe" confirms our trusting  
In the Triune God, and the bursting  
Of the Holy Spirit in our souls  
To guide our actions and our goals.

Gratitude for health and safety,  
Thanks for joy in scenes of beauty,  
Memories of all we've seen,  
Blessed moments of peace serene.  
Prayer in all we think and do,  
Morning, evening and night time too.  
Prayer for all of God's creation  
No matter which faith in any nation.

Take the Eucharistic prayer  
Into service everywhere,  
Then the world will find true peace  
And praise of God will never cease.

*Submitted by Jill Cox*

### “Trees”—A Creation Poem

Can we see the evidence of God's creation  
abounding all around us – or are we simply not  
paying attention? [Alfred] Joyce Kilmer was  
paying attention, indeed, in 1913 when he penned  
“Trees,” one of the most revered and perceptive  
English-language poems ever written. Here is  
Kilmer's “Trees” – a mere but very familiar 12 lines  
beautifully and stirringly to the point:

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

Hollywood icon Walt Disney was so taken by Kilmer's poem that he used it in his 1948 animated film, “Melody Time,” lovingly set to music by composer Oscar Rasbach and well-performed by Fred Waring and His Pennsylvanians. Kilmer, in addition to being a prolific poet, also was an author and journalist, a career interrupted in April, 1917, when – early in United States entry into World War I – he enlisted in the New York National Guard, quickly rose to the rank of sergeant, and was sent to France with the famous “Fighting 69th” infantry regiment.

On July 30, 1918, Kilmer died during heavy fighting in the Second Battle of the Marne when a sniper's bullet struck him in the head, killing him instantly. Tragic though Kilmer's death was, he left us with “Trees,” his insightful poem inspiring us to be observant of God's wondrous creation and to better understand its fundamental importance in our lives. Why not take a stroll among the trees near your home – and as you do, pay attention to your surroundings and contemplate Kilmer's poem? Truly notice – perhaps for the very first time – the magnificent multitude of the trees, shrubs, flowers and other plants that grace the beautiful world in which we live. In Genesis, the Holy Bible tells us that God created them all – every one. Joyce Kilmer knew that. Thank you, Lord.

*Special thanks to Bill Kling, Creation Care Alliance, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; submitted by Craig Dubishar*

## ***2017 Vestry with Liaison Assignments***

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## Answer Jesus' Call



Join a ministry where you can connect with others in volunteer service to make a difference at St. Tim's, our local community, and in the world! Reach out via the contact info provided where you have an interest!

**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).

**Godly Play Door Keepers-** If anyone is looking for some quality time with some our youngest congregation, we are in need of some volunteers for Door Keepers for Godly Play ages 3 to 8. This opportunity is during the early part of the service. Our goal is to bring the children up at Peace, but always in time for Communion. We run Godly Play throughout the Summer with exception of the Sunday closest to July 4th and Labor Day. We try to schedule each person once per month. Please contact Sarah Hobson at sarahlhobson@hotmail.com if interested!

**Pastoral Care Team (Includes Home Communion Visitors)-** The Pastoral Care Team welcomes new members to the team who can reach out to those in need via prayer, phone calls, notes of encouragement, as well as those who are able to make Home Communion Visits to those who cannot attend church services. 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 / stilldaly@gmail.com).

**Hospitality Ministry-** The Hospitality Ministry provides an opportunity for fellowship at Sunday morning coffee hours and provides support to church wide events such as the annual visit by our Bishop. We are in need of extra hands to assist with coffee hours following the 8:00 and 10:00 services. If you are able to help by making coffee, setting out snacks or cleaning up - once a month or once a year - your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact the chair, Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net).

**Service Ministry-** St. Timothy's has a long history of service to the local community and beyond. The Service Ministry is dedicated to continuing that tradition by providing opportunities to serve others through local and global outreach. We support local organizations such as The Closet, LINK (a local food pantry), and Cornerstones and partner with the Haiti Ministry to support students in Chapoteau, Haiti. 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 service@saint-timothys.org.

**St. Tim's Summer Choir Begins JUNE 25-** This summer, as in past years, St. Tim's will again offer a 'Summer Choir' that rehearses only on Sunday mornings before our 10 a.m. worship services. Repertoire will include mostly 2 and 3 part anthems from a variety of composers. Our Summer Choir schedule will begin on June 25 with rehearsal at 9:20 a.m. This is a great opportunity to sing without attending weekly Thursday evening rehearsals; come as you are able. Due to the warmer temps, we will not vest, so participants can sit with their families and then join the choir for their anthem. If you have been thinking about singing in the choir but are too busy for weekly rehearsals, this choir is for you! Please see Roger Long after church for more details or e-mail him at rogerl@saint-timothys.org.

## Answer Jesus' Call *(continued)*

**Ushers Needed-** The role of an Usher is multifaceted, but the most important is to assist visitors and members not only coming into the presence of God, but doing so in a welcoming manner that helps facilitate the worship experience in a way that is meaningful and significant. Ushers play a significant role with projecting the mission of St. Timothy's Church as they are frequently the first people to meet visitors or members as they enter the sanctuary. Ushers are needed for Sunday Morning Worship Services, Holiday Worship Services, Evensong, Funerals, and other Special Events (Music, Plays, Visiting Artists/Guests, etc).

If you are interested in joining this critical, visible Ministry as an individual, family, or with someone else, and can assist in any or all of the services mentioned above or if you have further questions, please contact one of the following individuals: Jim Wallis - 703-478-3390/ [jimw.wallis@gmail.com](mailto:jimw.wallis@gmail.com), Robin Mullet - 703-471-0385/[Robin.Mullet@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Robin.Mullet@fairfaxcounty.gov) or contact the church office.





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Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
Submit to Ian Smith at  
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**Service Times:**

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista  
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

***Welcome New Members***

02/22/2017  
Hugh David Lamoureux (Transfer)

03/15/2017  
Beth Hwoschinsky (Transfer)

5/28/2017  
Julia Anne Stuart (Baptism)

Please be aware that there are MANY active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years that 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 congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and 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 Diocese 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-timothers.org](http://www.saint-timothers.org) or send the information to [office@saint-timothers.org](mailto:office@saint-timothers.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](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothers.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothers.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

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At St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Christians of all ages gather to worship our God through song and praise, contemplation of His holy scripture, and the breaking of the bread.