

# The Word

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## *A Message from our Rector*

Dear Friends,

I am writing to share with you how excited I am to be coming to St. Timothy's. I also want to share with you an amazing story that happened just today (August 3, 2017). We had our Joy of Living (seniors) Summer Cookout and it was a marvelous event. The sun was shining, it was 78 degrees, and a light breeze was blowing. A beautiful white tent set up on the Rectory lawn covered the group as they laughed and told stories across blue, pink, yellow and green table cloths. One of the attendees was Allen Perry who told me he and his wife Nell lived in Herndon on Glenbrooke Woods Drive for more than 20 years while he worked for the Department of the Interior.

Allen said he knew St. Timothy's well and that I had been called to a great parish. If it is not a small world it certainly is a small church. Since our joint announcement on July 30, I have had several people tell me about their connections to St. Tim's. One man even told me about being married at the old St. Timothy's. He currently lives in Pennsylvania and is an Episcopal priest. I have not yet arrived, but I can already tell that St. Tim's has both a legacy that is multi-generational and a reach that is broad, even international. As a church community your arms reach around the world.

Sometimes I wonder if the people in our churches are aware just how much of an impact their church makes in their community, not to mention in other countries. St. Tim's has an amazing school, a solid Christian Formation program, and people who make a difference not only in Herndon, but Haiti, the Dakotas, Pennsylvania, and even Taunton, MA.



You have connected with the Hispanic community in your midst and embraced them, too. As an outsider coming into a new community, I can see that St. Tim's has a heritage of which it can be proud. It is a heritage that has bettered the lives of generations and communities across the country. It is a heritage that has been faithful to God's call to love each other and the world.

I am grateful to be joining a community that is vibrant and "has long arms". I am excited for the opportunity to learn how you do things at St. Tim's, to make new friends and support the members of St. Tim's as we work together for God's continuing redemption of creation. There is a saying that goes: "There are no strangers only friends we haven't met yet." The people of St. Timothy's are friends I haven't met yet. I am so looking forward to getting to know you and working with you as we move St. Tim's forward in faithfulness to God's plan.

Labor Day Blessings,

Father Rich

## *Vestry Report*

July 2017

July Giving: \$47,650

Budgeted Giving: \$47,223

YTD Expenses vs. Income: (\$2,880)

At the August 28 meeting, the Vestry received the General Fund balance as determined by the dedicated work over several months of Andy Hamm and the Finance committee, along with Treasurer Duane Hartge. The General Fund has a cushion of \$55,000. The newly projected deficit for the close of 2017 is \$47,000. The Vestry determined to draft a letter and announcements to the congregation to clearly communicate the situation and ask for help.

The Vestry approved the Endowment and Investment Fund Policies and Guidelines, and appointed Dean Rorhbaugh to fill the current vacancy in the Endowment Committee.

The Vestry heard a Music and Organ report from Susy Nixon, and determined to send a letter to John Farmer outlining our understanding of the next steps and dates for the remainder of the organ installation, including completing the installation of the remaining pipes by September 30 and final payment once final tuning and punch list are complete. The Vestry also heard a request from Interim Music Director Roger Long to turn the storage room at the end of the upper hallway into an office. Sporadic and unscheduled use of the Music Room and of Roger's desk for meeting space has caused interruptions to his work schedule. The Vestry determined not to make office/building changes at this time, but passed a resolution regarding the use of the Music/Altar Guild room, that "The room on the upper level known as the Music Room, shared with the Altar Guild, is to be used only for Music and Altar Guild activities, and not as the location for unrelated meetings or events." If Ministries need to use space in the church, that space usage needs to be scheduled in advance with Kevin, and needs to occur in a public room of the building and not in a staff member's office.

The Vestry heard from Building and Grounds Chair Sean Brady about a list of upcoming expenses from deferred maintenance, including the removal of a

dying tree on the edge of the property, water damage to the choir room from a roof leak, the need to replace the choir room HVAC system, patching the parking lot, and re-tiling Henry Hall, which might necessitate remediating asbestos from the tile underlayment. Priorities for the next two months are installing a humidifier in the Sanctuary to keep the restored organ in good repair and repairing the steps at the front of the building, both of which have already been approved by the Vestry.

The Vestry approved the Vestry Nominating Committee, consisting of the four outgoing Vestry members (Genevieve Zetlan, Duane Hartge, Hal Hallett, and Vilma Lemus) and two members of the congregation: Nikki O'Malley and Brian Fluche. The Vestry approved changing Vestry meetings from the fourth Monday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month, beginning September 12.

Lastly, the Vestry discussed two questions from Jill Cox: first, how to handle grown children of parish families in Church Windows. The Vestry advised that as Jill is assisting Nikki O'Malley with cleanup of Church Windows records, she may contact adult children to determine if they would like separate records of address or continue to be listed with their families. The Vestry also discussed her proposal to take up a special collection for churches in Texas affected by flooding. Understanding the deep desire St. Timothy's folks have to help those in need or trouble everywhere but also recognizing that our funding and accounting systems are not set up for efficient disaster relief, the Vestry determined, as in the past with Katrina, Sandy, and Matthew, to encourage donations directly to Episcopal Relief and Development, which is working with Dioceses in Texas and Louisiana on the ground now, is set up to take donations and get them where they are most needed, and they has extremely good accountability and transparency.

Draft minutes can be viewed online [here](#) once they are available. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

*Genevieve Zetlan, Sr. Warden*

## *Are we there yet?*

I can remember the trips like they were yesterday. After the persistent pleading by my five year old self, “Mom, can we plllllllleeeeeeease go to the playground?” she would finally cave. “Ok, let’s go!” she would say, her words a resounding victory cry for a kid who loved going to the playground.

Those were the days of the mammoth wooden parks that made it easy for a kid to get lost in his imagination (and riddled with splinters). My friends and I would go on a number of quests, from exploring alien planets to sailing the open waters on a pirate ship. So much fun awaited!

But the problem was that it took forever to get there, at least for a five year old kid. My brother closest to me in age, our neighborhood friends, and I would pile into the old green station wagon, often called “the tank”, and hit the road. I always called dibs on the seats in the back that were rear facing so I could make goofy faces at the people behind us, so often I couldn’t see where we were going. About a minute in and I was asking the inevitable question... “Are we there yet? Every time the car would come to a stop I would shout out, “Mommmyy, are we there yet?” Every. Time. We. Stopped. (Sorry, Mom!).



You know, the last two years have been a bit like those car rides for Saint Timothy’s (except you have been much more patient than five-year-old me). The St. Tim’s family all piled into the green station wagon of a Rector search. The Search Committee, comprised of committed and prayerful folks, led the way from the driver’s seat; listening to the Saint

Tim’s family dream of what the destination could look like. And a couple of weeks ago came the news from the front seat when asked are we there yet?... yes, we’re here! The new Rector will join us September 10.

And like my five-year-old self in the back seat we all want to unbuckle, climb out of the “tank”, and run towards the dreams of what can be.

I know you are excited, I am too. The last two years have been a time of personal growth and a lot of challenge thrown in for good measure. Father Mark and Mother Anne both sat in the car with us all for parts of the journey; reminding us of where we were headed and all that it could be. So before you unbuckle and head out, can I offer a couple of suggestions? There are some things that I think we can all do, staff and church family together, to make this destination an awesome one right from the beginning. I’d like to offer them here.

### Pray

Yeah, yeah, yeah... standard church stuff, right? Nope, this is not the obligatory spiritual reminder. Prayer is a very powerful and moving conversation between us and God. Something very special happens when we have conversations with God, whether they be written prayers of old, prayers from your Book of Common Prayer, or just open and honest dialogue with the Creator.

Please ask for wisdom for Father Rich and encouragement as he comes to lead here. Father Rich will have a lot on his plate and I can assure you that he will need and cherish every single prayer you offer up to God on his behalf. Also, pray for you! You also have a calling and a major part to play if you consider Saint Tim’s your church home. I don’t know about you, but I have never regretted having a good conversation with a trusted friend I love.

### Gift him time

You’ve been in the car for two years now, and that means you have been dreaming for a while. What will you be able to do together? How can you reach out to the community? How can you take your current programs to the next level? ... and on and

on. These are wonderful dreams! I have to remind myself, though, that while we all have been on this journey together, Father Rich will need some time to just get to know folks and to get a sense of just how special this faith community is.

I have heard many people say they can't wait to talk with him about their ministry, help him get to know the area, and I have a feeling a few invitations to some very tasty homemade dinners may be in his future. What a special group of people you are! I would just say to be patient and give him the time that he will need to get acclimated to his new surroundings as he settles in. I am sure he is going to want to get to know you all, and that means he may have a pretty full calendar for a bit, so we can help by setting expectations that he will need time to have those introductory conversations.

Have fun!

Enjoy getting to know Father Rich and perhaps reigniting relationships with others in the church after time away on summer adventures. Sometimes living in the fast-paced and overworked Metro DC area, our minds can wander to the more mundane of church operations, policies, and procedures. Those operational pieces are indeed needed and have much value, but don't forget that this is a time of welcome and relationship building.

Get to know Father Rich, stop by and greet him after services. Be here on September 10 for Welcome Home Sunday and introduce yourself to him if you're in town. This is a time of rejoicing in what God is doing in the life of the church as a whole, so celebrate!

Recommit to the mission of Saint Timothy's.

What a wonderful time to stop and do a little soul searching. Take a few moments to read the mission of the church (it's always on the front page of your Sunday Bulletin and on our website). Recommit to this mission and to being a part of what God is doing at 432 Van Buren. See a need and step up to fill it. See a ministry that ignites your passion and join it. What better way to welcome Father Rich than for him to come to Saint Tim's to meet his new church family and find us all committed to its mission and excited about the future?

Friends, I just want to close out by saying thank you for your dedication to the ride. I am so excited for all of you to have your permanent Rector on his way. You have been praying for him as a regular part of your Sunday services for a year and a half! I am also excited as a staff member as we welcome our new boss to the office and look forward to the work ahead in building the Kingdom. Ok... unbuckle, climb on out, and get ready to imagine all that God is going to do in your common life together.

Be Blessed and Love Much!

*PK Hamilton*  
*Director of Parish Operations*



### ***Great Harvest Bread Sale!!!***

The Lakota Ministry will hold the annual bread sale on September 17th in Henry Hall. Delicious Great Harvest bread varieties including Pumpkin Swirl and Apple Scrapple will be available after each service. Suggested donation is \$10 for a loaf. Proceeds will support the St. Timothy's mission to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.





### ***Wednesday Morning Bible Study***

If you are a stay-home-parent of school-aged children or you are retired, please consider joining this coed multi-generational group. The Wednesday Morning Bible Study that meets in St. Tim's kitchen at 10:00 to 11:00 September 13, 2017-June 6th, 2018. NO PREPARATION IS NECESSARY-- yet a lively discourse of the readings takes place. The readings for the upcoming Sunday are found on <http://www.lectionarypage.net/> and various versions of the Bible are read. We follow Fairfax County Public School closings. Current members will receive an email. If interested, contact [nikki.omalley@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or leave a message at 703-481-0729.

### ***Haiti Mission Trip – Planning and Interest Meeting***

*When?* Sunday, September 17th, 0900 – 0930 in Room B1.

*Why?* If you have ever been curious to learn more about St. Timothy's annual mission trip to Chapoteau, Haiti, now is your chance. We will discuss logistics, costs, goals, and set expectations for this trip.

*What?* We are meeting to answer any questions you might have about the Haiti mission trip.

We are currently scheduled to travel from Northern Virginia on Saturday, November 4, 2017. We will spend time in Cange, Haiti, with Pere Kesner Gracia the Priest-in-Charge at Bon Sauveur Church, Chapoteau, where we support children at the St. Mathieu's school. We will also visit Port-au-Prince to catch up with Pere Wisnel Dejardin, St. Timothy's seminarian from 2009 - 2011. Finally, we plan to return to Northern Virginia on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

*Questions?* Contact Haiti Mission Trip Team Lead, Craig Dubishar, at [wcdubi@gmail.com](mailto:wcdubi@gmail.com), or any member of the St. Timothy's Haiti Ministry Committee.



### ***Talents for a Change***

On July 30th, you may have heard Rev. Jackie Thomson preach upon the Gospel written in Matthew 13:31-33; 44:52, in which Jesus relates five parables to his disciples to describe what the kingdom of heaven is like. He ends by asking them if they understood and like many obedient students they said “Yes”, but like many of us after sitting in class for an hour or two, they were only too glad to be released to get something to eat or chatter among themselves.

But also like those faithful men and women, maybe you went home to think a little more about what was read and discussed, especially in light of the changes coming on September 10th with the “Welcome Home Sunday” and “Ministry Fair,” where we welcome our new Rector and will be invited to share our talents in furthering our work in the church family.

I would like to share the last part of the commentary on this passage written by my favorite commentator, William Barclay:

Every person comes to Jesus Christ with some gift and with some ability. Jesus does not ask that they should give up their gift. So many people think that when a person declares for Christ they must give things up and concentrate on the so-called religious things. But a scholar does not give up his scholarship when they become a Christian, rather they use it for Christ. A business person does not give up their business, rather they should run it as a Christian would. One who can sing, or dance or paint must not give up their art, but must use their art as a Christian would. The sports player need not give up the sport but must play as a Christian would. Jesus did not come to empty life but to fill it, not to impoverish life, but to enrich it. Here we see Jesus telling people not

to abandon their gifts, but to use them even more wonderfully in the light of the knowledge which He has given them.

I have taken license to assist Barclay with the addition of some inclusive pronouns, as he was writing in a different era when women were excluded from duties they easily and effectively perform. Yet the inspiration from this passage can spur us on to Christian service.

So I appeal to all members of our church family to consider what talents they have to offer to our Christian work and to consult with those who are already committed to the various Ministries who will be available with information and VOLUNTEER LISTS on September 10th and I also urge you not to be shy of offering other ideas and areas of spiritual studies you may like to pursue in the coming year.

In peace,

Jill Cox



### *Harvesting Creation's Bounty*

With another annual harvest season upon us, and as our farmers begin to reap a broad variety of agricultural crops here, the first chapter of Genesis in the Holy Bible comes to mind. That biblical chapter tells us about the third day of creation, when God separated the waters and the land, "saw that it was good," and caused vegetation to grow on earth, including "plants yielding seed of every kind." We are blessed with a variety of seed-related money crops as a major and these form a very significant part of many local economies. Take winter wheat. Its seeds, planted last fall and germinating in the earth over the winter, came up bright green as the

climate warmed with approaching spring. It reached maturity in the late summer and has been harvested. Virginia's corn crops seem to be coming along nicely, standing tall on its stalks and promising what appears to be a good harvest; its leaves pointing skyward, indicating it is getting enough rain to grow – so far.

Soybeans cover a number of fields in the Commonwealth. Their leaves, currently green, soon will turn to old gold as the plants ripen, then become brown as the plants are ready for harvesting. Barley also is grown in Virginia, some of it destined for the making of beer, especially with the increasing number of small craft breweries popping up around Virginia. There are more than 60 of these craft breweries in Northern Virginia alone. Many more can be found throughout our Commonwealth.

Canola, its flowers bringing a blanket of eye-catching yellow to our environment, is being grown here in recent years. It will be the source of the oil many of us use for cooking in our home kitchens. Sunflowers also have become a lucrative crop here, turning their yellow flowery faces each sunshiny day to follow Old Sol as Earth's rotation makes it seem to move across the sky. Sunflower seeds will be part of the mix we put in our backyard bird feeders. And many professional baseball players, not permitted in recent decades, use to use the once-traditional, cheek-bulging wads of now-banned chewing tobacco long associated with old-time baseball, have converted to more healthful sunflower seeds, removing their tasty inner kernels in their mouths and spitting out the husks. Combined, these grains contribute considerably to many local Virginia economy, ranking agricultural products right along with seafood, forestry and tourism as major parts of the abundance enjoyed, for example, in Virginia's Northern Neck.

In fact, economists for Virginia's state government report that, after harvest, nearly 95 percent of these local crops are sold to processing companies and other producers bringing in millions of dollars to local Virginia farmers and those involved in crop harvesting and transportation, as well as the retail merchants and commercial providers of goods and services with whom they and we deal.

Indeed, we all benefit from it. So – the next time your car is caught behind some huge farm equipment as it lumbers slowly along a narrow rural road, relax and appreciate that it is all part of what makes farming in Virginia the beautiful thing it is. And you might say, even aloud, “Thank you, God, for your bountiful creation.”

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The Lord will hear you – surely.

(With special thanks to Bill Kling and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church’s Creation Care Alliance)



### ***Welcome Home Sunday***

Welcome Home Sunday will be on September 10, 2017, with our annual picnic from noon - 3 p.m. Our picnic will have a theme this year, namely "Make A Change," and we have invited all the Ministry Leaders to have a table to introduce the area of their service and the need for volunteers. We will also invite all participants to attempt to surround the picnic area with all the loose change in their pockets or purses which will go towards our church funds. This event will also be graced by the presence of the Leesburg Animal Farm, and there will be games for children as well as good food. Please look for sign-up sheets each Sunday or contact Jill Cox at 703-963-8251 or on e-mail: [jillcoxa@verizon.net](mailto:jillcoxa@verizon.net) for further information.

### ***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

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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

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### **Welcome New Members**

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).**

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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-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

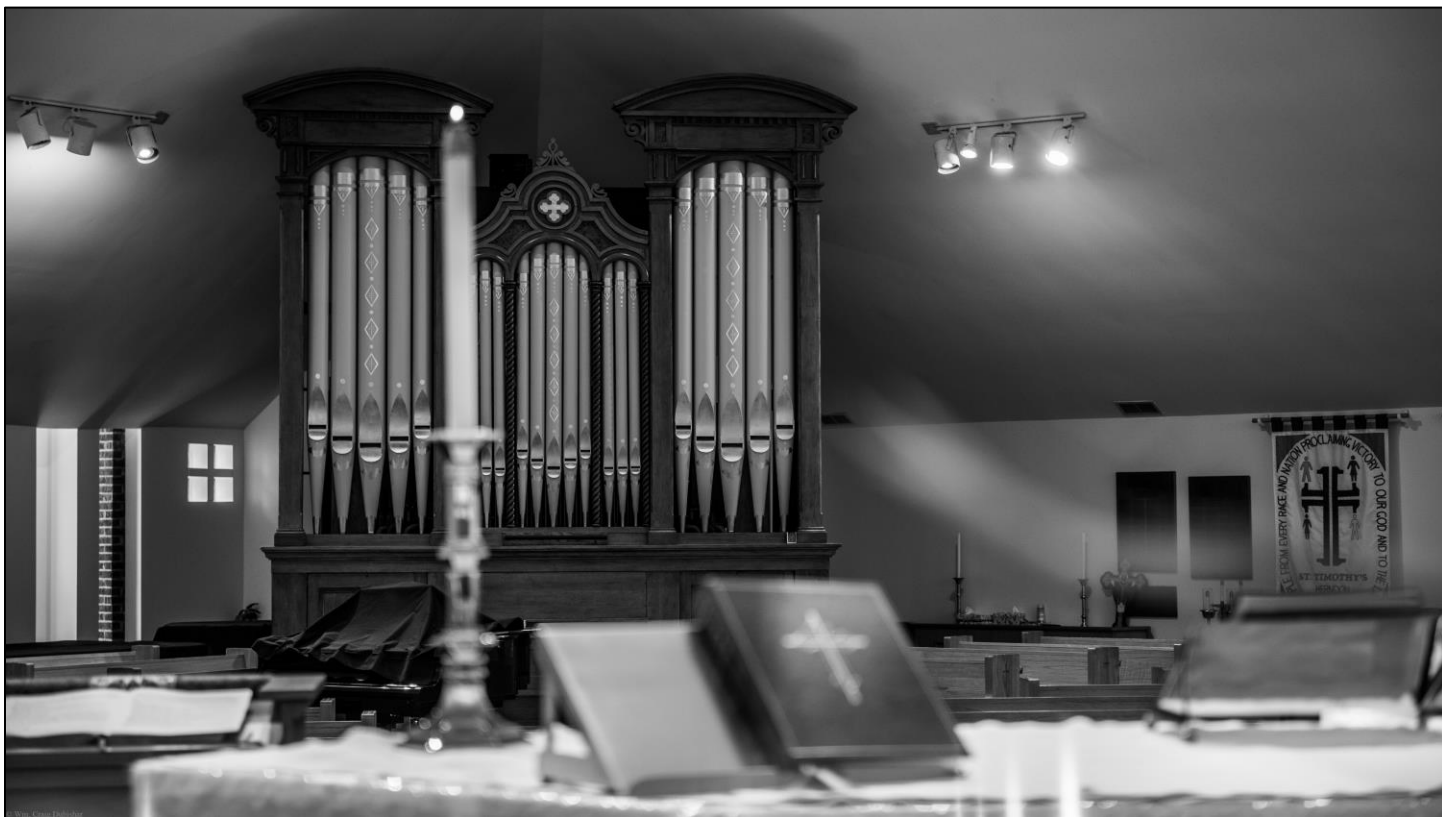
### **Submission Deadline for the next issue:**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

**Submit to Ian Smith at**

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*Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.... a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.*

Luke’s Gospel account of the Transfiguration