

The Word

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From the Rector/ Boletín El Rector

Worship in Spanish or English

Disregarding Holy Days, St. Timothy's offers four opportunities to worship – three on Sunday (8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am), and one on Wednesday (12:15 pm). These are all in English. We recently added two more opportunities to worship in Spanish – one on Saturday (7:00 pm) and one on Sunday (4:00 pm). Adam Guardado and The Rev. Natividad Menjivar organized and lead the Spanish services—and one of our members contributed 50 copies of *The Book of Common Prayer* in Spanish. Many of the people who worship in Spanish were Received when Bishop Shannon visited on November 24th, 2013. They are Episcopalians and official members of St. Timothy's. I have invited them to send representatives to our Vestry meetings so we can get to know them and they can get to know us. When you meet them say “Vecino de bienvenida” (welcome neighbor), or “La bienvenida a mi hermano/a en Cristo” (welcome my brother/sister in Christ). +

Adoración en Español o Inglés

Haciendo caso omiso de los Días Santos, ofertas de San Timoteo cuatro oportunidades para adorar - tres el domingo (8:00 am, 9:30 am, ya las 11:00 de la mañana), y otro el miércoles (24:15). Todos estos son en Inglés. Recientemente hemos añadido dos más oportunidades para adorar en español - uno el sábado (7:00 pm) y uno el domingo (4:00 pm). Adam Guardado y El Rev. Natividad Menjivar organizan y llevan a los servicios españoles. Y uno de nuestros miembros contribuyeron 50 *Libros de Oración Común* en español. Muchas de las personas que adoran en español fueron recibidos cuando el obispo Shannon visitó el 24 de noviembre 2013 por lo que son los episcopales y los miembros oficiales de St. Timothy. Los he invitado a enviar representantes a las reuniones de la Junta Parroquial para que podamos llegar a conocer a ellos y podemos llegar a conocernos. Cuando te encuentras con ellos dicen “Vecino de Bienvenida” (vecino de bienvenida), o “La Bienvenida a mi hermano / a en Cristo” (bienvenido a mi hermano / hermana en Cristo). +

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Chapoteau, Part III

by Bob Henry

The third day of the mission trip to Chapoteau is the one appointed for the team to travel across the lake and up into the mountains to visit St. Mathieu's school. Greeted with another beautiful, sunny day, the team leaves the compound in Cange just after 8 am. Accompanied by our new friends from Clemson, we are anxious to see Chapoteau and its newly repaired water system, deliver literally thousands of children's vitamins, meet with the students and teachers, and learn more about God's plans.

There is an unpaved boat ramp at the hydro-electric dam where we will meet the 14-foot skiff operated by a lean skipper and propelled with a 10 hp outboard motor. While we patiently await the arrival of our transportation, we have the opportunity to

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Genevieve talks (in limited French) with our students about their artwork

Three Delegates, Two Clergy Attend Annual Council

by Diane Miller
St. Timothy's Delegate

With a theme of “Awake my Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”, the 219th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia was held in Richmond January 23 - 25. In Bishop Shannon's “State of the Diocese” address, we were awed by stories of the Holy Spirit at work in unique ways across our Diocese—a college youth delegation to Liverpool; a downtown mission at St. Paul's, Richmond; a radio show by GIRLS and Women of Faith at St. George's Fredericksburg; the nourishing relationship between Buck Mountain Earlysville and residents of an assisted living center; a 10-month residential mission for young adults sponsored by St. Andrew's Richmond; the “Shout it From the Mountain” capital campaign for Shrine Mont camps, among many others. At the beautiful Holy Eucharist celebrated at St. Paul's, three priests shared their inspiring stories of transformational outreach ministries, demonstrating amazing outcomes when we “stretch every nerve”.

We also tended to the business of Annual Council – electing members from both the Clerical Order and the Lay Order for the Standing Committee, General Convention, and the Provincial Synod; receiving a report by the Diocesan Treasurer and passing the Diocesan budget; receiving reports of the various Diocesan Committees; and addressing Resolutions. There were debates on immigration reform and the Boy Scouts and a video visit from the presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. Of the nine Resolutions brought before Council, seven were adopted and two were referred to Diocesan Committees. Our delegation included Brad and Leslie among the 445 Canonically Resident Clergy Delegates, and Cheryl Brock, Diane Miller and Sandy Wright among the 471 Lay Delegates. At conclusion of Council, Diane Miller began her term as President of Region V of the Diocese. For more info, visit www.thediocese.net/Council/2014/ +



From Service: Ways to Volunteer in February

by Holly Hartage
Service Ministry

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 2 is Souper Bowl of Caring -- this year's contribution again goes to Helping Hungry Kids. HHK provides food for meals to children who would otherwise not have a meal on weekends when school is closed. Every penny counts so drop your change in the soup pots on your way out of the service. If you wish to write a check, please make check payable to Giving Circle of HOPE/CFNV and write HHK in the memo line. Thank you!


The Closet

The Closet needs your time and talent (and gently used treasures). The Closet of Greater Herndon on Station Street in Herndon, is happy to receive donated items Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you pull in the back people are there to help unload your items. Looking to volunteer once or twice a month? The Closet can use you! Volunteers days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 10:00 to 2:00. Shifts can be two or four hours long. Volunteers help bag at check-out counters, hang clothes, help price items and assist customers. It is a great way to give back to the community as well as snag a bargain or two.

Angel Tree Report

Thank you to all the St. Timothy Angels who contributed gifts and gift cards to the Angel Tree. Items collected made a difference to families in our area through Cornerstones and LAWS (Loudoun Area Womens Shelter). After the gifts were collected in mid-December the Angel Tree was decorated with over 150 mittens, hats, gloves and scarves -- many hand made! These were distributed to LAWS and Cornerstones. Thank you all for sharing these items to warm people big and small who didn't have gloves, mittens, scarves or hats. The items were delivered before our big cold spell in the New Year. Service Ministry...putting our faith to work.

Contact Holly Hartage (mhhvirginia@verizon.net or 703.318.8282) to volunteer or have your questions answered. +

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| <div> <div> As of December 31 2013 </div> <div>  </div> </div> | | |
| | Balance | Goal |
| Pipe Organ | \$298,809 | \$475,000 |
| Reserve Fund | \$ 68,976 | \$100,000 |

Sign Up to Help with Hypothermia Meals on Sundays

St. Timothy's will be preparing and serving dinner for clients of the North County Hypothermia Shelter on Sundays in March. Please sign up to provide a part of this meal or to volunteer to serve the meal. We created an on-line sign up through Sign-Up Genius. [Please sign up on-line here](#) (only your name and email are needed) or contact Jill Norcross if you want to volunteer the old fashioned way, jillnorcross@verizon.net or 703-587-4098.

The dinner, enough for 40 adults, should be dropped off at the North County Hypothermia Shelter at 5:30 p.m., located in the North County Human Services bldg., 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston, just ¼ mile from the Embury Rucker Shelter and Reston Regional Library. Drive around to the back of the building and follow signs to the shelter.

This is a great service opportunity for your family, ministry and friends (18 years or older). Thanks in advance for your time, talent and generosity! +

Taking Care of Business: Volunteers for B&G are St. Tim's Unsung Heroes

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

by John Perkinson

Any homeowner can tell you that a building constructed several decades ago, surrounded by acres of gardens and other grounds, is going to require a great deal of maintenance. Thankfully, three handy gentlemen have taken it upon themselves to ensure that St. Timothy's facilities remain visually attractive and in good working order. These three parishioners, who wish to remain anonymous, joined forces last year to apply their God-given talents as the church's unofficial Building and Grounds ministry.

"They take care of needed projects around the church at least several times a week and have been at it since last summer," says Reverend Leslie Chadwick of the B&G trio. "It's really cool, especially since this ministry desperately needed to be revitalized. The Holy Spirit provided the necessary inspiration without the clergy or vestry ever having to intercede."

In fact, the revival of this important church function appears to have occurred just as spontaneously as Leslie describes. A long-time, St. Timothy's member realized that the ramp near the church's main doors needed some repair. While fixing it, he came across a new parishioner working on another church renovation project. Sometime later, a third member joined their ranks, and the three now routinely work together to knock things off their "punch list." This impromptu committee may

not hold meetings like traditional ministries, but it certainly gets things done.

So what kind of work have these self-starters been up to? B&G—we'll call them A, C, and J—recently taped the sanctuary in preparation for painting, which should be completed by Easter. They expect to install new speakers later this month (February). Downstairs, the sextons' closet has a new set of shelves and will soon be cleaned, painted, and tiled, and supplied with a hangar for mops.

The base molding by the hall closet has been repaired, as has an outlet in the preschool main classroom. Specs have been developed for a camera system for the preschool, and the committee's to-do list continues to grow with exterior building projects, when the weather improves.

We're all greatly indebted to these members for recognizing a need and applying their talents in a manner that serves the church, but the fact remains that they have their hands full and could use some help. If you have electrical, carpentry, or maintenance skills, or would just like to provide a helping hand, please contact Leslie and she'll be happy to put you in touch with the group. Any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated. In the meantime, if you happen to hear nails being hammered or see walls being painted, you can be sure that the B&G three are keeping the Lord's house. +

See the Capitol Steps Feb. 16

Join Cornerstones on February 16, 6 p.m. for their 31st Annual Capitol Steps Benefit Performance on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Reston. St. Timothy's will be getting a table for this year's event, so make it a night out with your St. Tim's friends for a good cause. Tickets are \$75 each. Just a few blocks away, 70 men, women and children will be staying at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter because they have no permanent home — plus 50 or more people will be sleeping on mats in the shelter's open space, or at Cornerstones' winter Hypothermia Prevention Program. Your support of this event provides a safe home for families in the shelter and helps clients build more stable lives by connecting them to vital resources that solve their needs for shelter, affordable housing, childcare, food and financial assistance. The longevity of this event speaks to the root of what makes our community so special...the ability for us to come together to laugh for a good cause.

Please join us for decadent desserts, fine coffee, and wine to warm the mid-winter chill, and be a part of an audience of more than 600 guests bidding on one-of-a-kind items in the silent and live auctions (look for a special preview on our website and via email), led by Virginia Delegate Ken Plum.

If you would like to sit at the St. Tim's table, please contact Jill Norcross, jillnorcross@verizon.net or 703-587-4098 or Carolyn Hamm, carolynhamm@verizon.net or (703) 593-4148. +

New Vestry Members to Serve 3 Years

On January 12, St. Tim's elected by voice affirmation four Vestry members and one alternate. The Vestry is the governing body of the church, and makes all financial and other decisions about the church's operation. [See the last page](#) for liaison assignments and contact info. +



Elected Vestry: Hall Hallet (alternate), Bob Henry, Bob Kimmel, Larry Grantham, and Stephanie Kenis

Q: I hear the words “Morning Prayer” and think “no music” - but those “5th Sundays” have music. What is Morning Prayer?

A. Morning Prayer is part of *The Daily Office*—the daily public “prayer” or service of the Church, which has its roots in the ancient Jewish practice of marking the rhythm of the day with prayers at fixed hours (like morning, noon and evening). We know from the Acts of the Apostles that the earliest Christians continued this practice. Later, with the development of monasticism, the daily round of Christian prayer grew in structure and complexity to include psalm singing, hymns, and readings—in some orders to 7 or more times a day!

In 1549, the first Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England was published, and included services of Morning and Evening Prayer – in English – with elements from the monastic rites, but drastically simplified for use by the common person and in ordinary parish churches. These are the basis for the services we know as Morning and Evening Prayer today. They are designed to provide spiritual nourishment for parishes, small groups meeting regularly or occasionally, and for individuals praying alone. They can contain music or not as deemed practical and appropriate for the setting.

These beautiful services are not often seen regularly today, although they used to be quite commonly used on Sundays when many churches held communion only once or twice a month. Some people choose to take on part or all of the daily office at home during Lent. St. Timothy's next service of Morning Prayer (using the Daily Office) will be held on March 30 at 9:30 am.

Submit your questions to the Question Box on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.

observe the locals utilizing the dam as a makeshift bridge for “HOV” motorcycles—this country’s “taxi” service—as many as 6 people pile onto one cycle. It’s forgivably humorous to contrast this Monday morning commute here with ours back home.

Eventually the boat arrives and we divide into two groups to fit the seating capacity of the under-powered (and leaking) aluminum skiff. We are fortunate, though—we see most people crossing the lake in dugout canoes. Reaching the opposite shore about 2 miles from the dam, we wait for the tiny vessel to bring the rest of the party across. A well-worn foot path through the cornfield at the lake edge leads to a rugged and steep climb up the side of the hill through rutted, gray clay made slick by dew and rain showers we observed passing through the mountains the previous evening. Frequent communication is necessary to coordinate careful footsteps and balance as we lug vitamins, water, cooler, and backpacks with school supplies over rocks, ruts and small ditches created by incessant erosion.



The moderately strenuous hike takes about 20 minutes and concludes next

to a large cement structure that acts as a storage tank for water flowing from springs higher up the mountain. The school comes into view just ahead and rather suddenly, as the trail crests on the narrow plateau about 150 feet above the lake. We look furtively for shade and a place to drop our loads and evaporate some accumulated sweat, and immediately older students bring out handmade chairs and insist that we use them.

Shortly, we are greeted by school superintendant Jacob Renard, and follow him into the small church attached to the school where the children we sponsor are gathered. Following a short introduction, the children stand to welcome us with a song of greeting, in English! We take photos of the children, attempting to talk with them, learning more about them, the school and classes. Jovial and smiling, the children remain disciplined and notably unrestless over the 45 minutes or so that we interact.

We are then given a short tour of the school and we deliver the vitamins to a locked cabinet, just barely large enough, in the Director’s office. We are then presented with about 2 dozen coconuts and twice as many fresh eggs. It’s a most generous gift in this subsistence community.

A meeting with the teachers follows. They are clearly dedicated, proud of their years at the school, yet distressed by events taking place in Cange. They express eagerness for both training (some have been teaching for more than 20 years without any educational updates), and reassurance that they

can continue to educate their students. Funding that has been used to compensate the teachers has not been received since school began in October—the teachers have not been paid.

Shortly after meeting with the teachers, a member of the school staff offers to open some of the coconuts for us to enjoy with our picnic lunch. The coconut milk is amazingly refreshing and the meat is a sweet and delicious accompaniment to our sandwiches. We all discussed and agreed that the one change to improve the trip to Chapoteau is to one day leverage the kitchen and join with the students to have lunch together.



After lunch the Clemson engineers, Brian and Sam, educate us on the new water system. First, they explain and demonstrate the fountain at the school. A series of filters treat the water as it flows from newly installed spigots that automatically close when released. A newly designed all-steel housing protects the valves from wear and tear that would otherwise reduce system longevity. This is just a small part of the overall effort to make repairs and improvements to the water system in Chapoteau. We hike further up the mountain. An additional 30 minutes and several hundred feet in elevation later, we reach the source and are able to see the cement cisterns that collect

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and concentrate the water from the two springs that emerge imperceptibly from the side of the mountain. New sections of steel pipe have replaced broken PVC. The repairs are not perfect, but the system is working: Smaller “filtration boxes” are reducing the sediment flowing in the water emanating from the spring. Locks on new metal access doors to the cement structures secure the system and allow those charged with maintenance responsibilities to inspect and clean the system periodically. The engineers will turn over the keys to the Chapoteau water council that will be formed in a meeting scheduled for the very next day, to ensure that the local people maintain the new system. The funds for all this engineering were raised by two ladies in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina—a remarkable testament to the power of partnerships in this area.

In the meantime, news of our visit has spread in Chapoteau and we are now accompanied by Hermon and Rosmond. Hermon invites us to his home to see how he is applying his recent degree in agriculture to the needs of his home village. His seed beds and cultivated land adjacent to his home, complete with a decorative lawn of grass, appear to be the foundation for transforming Chapoteau’s agriculture

from subsistence and sustenance to one producing economically viable cash crops. In a similar vein, Rosmond explains during our hike back to the school that he has the desire to attend medical school and return to Chapoteau to benefit his community.



The foundation of the kitchen; the teachers tell us it’s the #1 priority

On this third day, we are both heartened by progress, but observe that many challenges remain. The new water system will reduce disease and hardship. More children are in school now than two years ago, thanks partly to St. Timothy’s increase in sponsorship. But the kitchen at the school remains unrealized, the shell of the cinderblock foundation barely observ-

able through the vegetation rapidly overtaking and disrupting the site. The majority of children graduating from St. Mathieu’s are unable to continue their education to the next level. We saw during our hikes what we already knew—not every child has access yet to even the first levels of education. Those with access rely on faculty that only know methods of teaching learned over 20 years ago, and whose salaries are uncertain. Electricity, which could extend the usefulness of the school facility after sunset, is manufactured just 2 miles away at the dam; yet it is a wish most likely to be realized here only if power can be harnessed from solar-based technology. There are no toilet facilities. Although sanitation in the school is now possible, it rates a fairly low priority given the needs already mentioned.

I believe that our visit was successful, but much of His work in Chapoteau remains to be done. The success of the water system provides the example. Partners in the U.S. made its repair possible, and now the village has taken on the responsibility of maintaining it. Forming self-sustaining systems that provide access to all levels of the education cycle to secure better than subsistence level living remains an objective worthy of our attention and support. +



View of Lake Pelig, which cuts the village of Chapoteau off from major roads and cities in Haiti



“Our” students cluster around Craig for a view of their photos on the back of his camera

Fr. Brad: In Appreciation for 20 Years of Service

by **Duncan Hutcheon**

Father Bradford Rundlett is a humble, holy man of God. A nourisher of souls. He loves and cherishes the people of St Timothy's, and we in turn adore him.

There is almost little else to say about him that is not covered by that statement. Everything else that can be said or written about him stems from it.

St Timothy's is the church it is today; inclusive, loving, sponsoring of more missions than it has any right to believe it can support, because of the guiding influence and preaching of this Father Brad. It is a worthy reflection of Brad's fulfillment of vocation.

He is endlessly encouraging, understanding and sympathetic, exceedingly loyal and thus greatly loved and loyally supported by the congregation. Now note I do not write "his" congregation, I deliberately used "the". Unlike many clergy Brad does not regard St Timothy's as in any way belonging to him, he is its spiritual steward, it is God's church and it is his role as rector to proclaim through grace and works the living message of Jesus Christ.

Again, unlike many clergy, Brad's preaching is not about what you must do or not do to be considered a Christian. No, he provides guidance on how we, as flawed human beings, can better aspire to God's plans for us. He does not judge, rightfully remembering this is God's role, not his.

He stands with us as a sinner, using the experiences, lessons and the tragedies of his life to show us that while God may operate in mysterious ways, he is always with us. Personally, it is his humility that I find so engaging and

genuine, and which convinces me that all he says and does is in the fulfillment of his vocation. There is none of the unctuousness of the falsely modest.

I have been attending St Timothy's for only 14 of the 20 years he has been rector, but have served as a member or alternate on 8 Vestries, so I have worked quite closely with him. I understand he came to St Timothy's at a time of strife in the church, with the direction to heal wounds. Clearly he was very successful. And it continues—somehow coming to St Timothy's brings out the best in people. This is a community of almost 300 members and the level of dissension is minimal: nowhere near as much as might be expected in any group that size.

Key to this is his belief that debate is only useful when all parties really listen. He knows that there is an inverse relationship between the level of emotion and the degree of listening. That is: Increased emotion results in decreased listening, thus debasing the value of the debate or discussion.

Therefore, when he suspects emotion is running high on a subject he will proactively take steps to minimize that potential. It can be simply issuing participants with a written set of ground rules enforcing good manners. He skillfully facilitated the debates over the scope of the building expansion in 2002. I have seen him do it successfully a couple of times with Vestry, however, his ability to mediate challenging situations was most strikingly demonstrated in 2003 during the debate sessions over the election of the Bishop of New Hampshire. Brad adopted a practice the Lakota Native Americans use during their

formal debates; the group sits in circle, and the person speaking holds a stick decorated with feathers. Interruption is forbidden. It worked brilliantly. People actually listened, and the whole debate was carried out in a civilized manner. There were no interruptions and participants left with some considered understanding of the different views



on the issue.

Brad actually preached an excellent sermon at a Wednesday Healing Service, quoting (I believe) St Augustine, that laid out why staying in the Church even in times of dispute was the thing to do. I only wish he had decided to preach it to the wider congregation.

Now we get to Brad's secret weapon - the line after the services. How it operates is almost unique to St Timothy's. In most churches I have attended, when they have a line at all for the clergy to greet the departing congregation, the expectation is that the interchange between clergy and congregant goes from a simple interchange of "Good Mornings" to perhaps something as lengthy as this:

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“Good morning, Mrs. Smith.”
“Good Morning, Vicar. Lovely sermon.”
“Thank you. How is Mr. Smith?”
“Doing not too bad, thank you”
“Good, good. You have a nice afternoon.”
“You too, Vicar”.

[I even attended a church where the minister stood so far back from the line that it was more of a shout and a wave.]

Not at St Timothy's! The above can be merely the opening to a 5 minute conversation that could cover any number of topics, church related or not. It is, however, how Brad achieves his aim of getting to know everybody in his congregation, from the smallest baby to the oldest member. And he does! It is amazing how well he knows all the children, and by name! He just loves babies. We once agreed that there is nothing to match the feeling of a baby on his chest. I am convinced he regards the time at the line as an informal counselling session. I am sure some congregants get more informal face time with their Rector at St Timothy's on any given Sunday than they would get in a year in any other church. Brad has that invaluable talent of making you feel that when you are in conversation with him you have his completely undivided attention.

I used the word grace earlier and I saw it wonderfully demonstrated during one of those clergy/congregant discussions in the line. After the 11 a.m. service a lady quietly told him that she had been taking instruction in the Roman Catholic Church and would be entering it at the upcoming Easter. What did Brad do? Did he sigh (“Oh no, another giver lost!”)?

Did he quietly remonstrate with her, (“You know that might not be a good decision because ...”)? Did he politely but coldly wish her well? No. He did none of those things. What he did was lean towards her, touch her arm and gently kiss her cheek and say “Bless you”. He realized that she had discerned that this was God's particular plan for nourishing her soul, and who was he to question it? I cannot think of a more apt demonstration of how integral God's grace is to his practice as a priest.

Which leads me to ponder my perception of his ethos as a priest? Well, fortunately I came across a quote from Pope Francis which does it for me: “But the proclamation of the saving love of God comes before any moral imperatives.” This is what I see Leslie and Brad live out week by week, the message is everything, everything else is detail, admittedly some of it is important detail, but detail all the same.

Father Brad is kindness itself. Everybody at one time or another has experienced it; it can be a timely word of sympathy, it can be making time in his busy schedule to have a discussion of some problem, it can be some timely advice, or the comfort of serving communion during a hospital visit. The example that sticks in my mind involves a young teenager nervous at performing the tasks as Server for the first time. I was standing next to her in the Narthex prior to the service. I thought no more of it as she had served as an acolyte many times before. As Father Brad approached the growing altar party, she got up and told him in that nervous, one-breath monotone of youth, this was her first time as a Server, and that her mother had said the one mistake people would

notice is if she spilled the wine. Brad was his usual consoling self and assured her that anything she did wrong he had already done himself at least twice, and as for spilling wine he had once caused the entire jug to be spilled on the floor!

St Timothy's has a wide reaching outreach, as Brad says we serve the poorest in our community (Reston Interfaith), the poorest of our state (Dungannon), the poorest in the country (the Lakota in South Dakota) and the poorest in the western hemisphere (Haiti). Not unexpectedly, Brad leads by example and has been active in visiting these places, particularly Haiti.

And how does he achieve all of this? By working sometimes insane hours. Many an evening I have come up to the church for a meeting and there he is in his office, talking with someone or catching up on Email. I have seen him leave a Vestry meeting at past 10:00 p.m. and go straight to the office; by the time I have arrived home there was an Email pertaining to some aspect of business from the meeting!

And his ministry at St Timothy's is known and respected beyond the Parish; despite the long travel time, there are always Seminarians wanting to come here to serve their 2 years. That is a great compliment to Brad and St Timothy's. +

This article is an expansion on the content of the presentation made at the Parish Meeting on January 12th, 2014.

Hallelujah Honeys “Celebrate Brad”

Occasions of various sorts, whether building sewers or celebrating anniversaries, have inspired parodies which the ‘Hallelujah Honeys’ have performed over the years. This one was composed with a little less roasting and a little more toasting of Father Brad’s incredible 20-year ministry. The entire parish family sang with gusto and wound it up with a standing ovation. Here are the lyrics for your enjoyment.

(tune – “Earth and All Stars”)

Southern by birth, hailing from Georgia;
God had His eye on a fellow named Brad.
Made him a priest, kicking and screaming;
God had big plans for this fellow named Brad.
He’s been our rector for twenty long years!
Hear as we sing to celebrate Brad.

When he arrived, spirits were sagging,
toilets were leaking and mildew was bad.
Rolled up his sleeves, got down to business.
We would need all of the talents he had!
Plumber and fundraiser, healer and priest ...
Things started changing when we called Brad.

Tiny St. Tim’s needed expansion.
“Build for Tomorrow!” proclaimed Father Brad.
Look what we’ve done, working together!
Built an addition that’s totally rad!
Next will be lighting, an organ, and more ...
Pull out the stops and celebrate Brad!

Soft-spoken tone, powerful message;
walking the walk by example – that’s Brad.
Passing the peace, takes him forever;

everyone wants to be greeted by Brad.
Hundreds are patiently waiting in line!
It is our joy to celebrate Brad.

Couples in love, people in trouble,
all have been helped through the counsel of Brad.
Grownups and teens, hundreds of children,
baptized and prayed for by dear Father Brad.
Babies stop crying when placed in his arms!
Our growing parish celebrates Brad.

Dungannon, here, Pine Ridge and Haiti:
dozens of ministries nurtured by Brad.
People at risk, people at worship:
scores of support groups encouraged by Brad.
VTS outsources students his way ...
God picked a winner when He chose Brad.

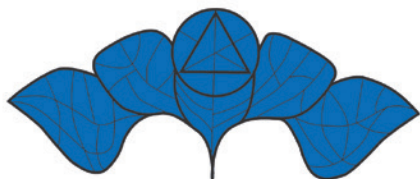
Twenty long years! Where did the time go?
Thanks be to God for the blessings we’ve had.
Think and reflect, cherish the mem’ries.
Thanks for your friendship and love, Father Brad!
We’re looking forward to twenty years more!
Let’s give a hand to celebrate Brad!



January 12, St. Timothy’s baptized Elsa Prout, daughter of Audra and Mike.

In January, the youth group had a fun evening with dinner, a movie and games at the home of the Rev. Leslie and Jay Chadwick.





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Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put "The Word" in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

Welcome, New Registered Members

Welcome to those who have joined, been confirmed, or transferred their membership in the past month:

Elsa Madeline Prout

Lawrence Bently Grantham, Jr.

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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 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). 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 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 & 11 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Godly Play, ages 3-8

SPARK+, 3-6th grades

Nursery Care

9:45 am

Journey to Adulthood

Rite 13, 7-12th grades

4:00 pm

Eucharist in Spanish

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and

Healing Service

Saturday

7:00 P.M.

Latino Prayer Service