



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 138th Year

For September 2006
Herndon, Virginia



Give more freely; live more freely

When I was ordained to the priesthood in August 2004, I received an unusual gift. It came from two of the most generous people I know. This couple did not have their own children but poured themselves into working with the youth in the parish. They were the first to shovel snow from the church sidewalks in the winter, and they had traveled 750 miles to be present for my ordination. I un-wrapped the paper to find a red checkbook cover that said, "With God All Things Are Possible."

The gift surprised me because I don't usually think about writing checks or balancing my checkbook as a very holy or spiritual task. In fact, my friends have always accused me of having a ledger mentality. I want to pay people back, to be "even." Yet now this message "With God All Things Are Possible" hits me squarely in the eye every time I open my purse. Strange to say, this gift has changed the way I think about stewardship. The surprise of seeing that expansive message as I enter each debit on the ledger helps me to think not just of what I'm losing, but of how much I have already been given.

Stewardship isn't an occasional act of balancing the ledger, of trying to pay God back for what he's given us so that we'll be even. We could never do that. Nor is stewardship writing a check for more than we have in the bank. It's learning to be more like God in giving and learning to view all that we have as a gift from God. One church leader put it, "we become responsible partners with God." Stewardship is a way of living more freely by giving more freely what we have already been given.

Leslie⁺

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Father Brad was away on vacation in August. His next article will appear in the October issue.

"Think Stephen" (the Stephen Ministry motto)

Sunday, June 25, 2006 was a special day for the congregations of both St. Timothy's and the Herndon United Methodist Church. On that day, twelve new Stephen Ministers were commissioned: Chuck Allison, MaryMoon Allison, Judy Conroy, Jim Hendrick, Peter Hwochinsky, Bill Sanger, Jean Shepherd, Florita Tildon, Ralph Tildon, and Stephanie Wolo from St. Timothy's, and Kim Murphy and Allyson White from HUMC. St. Tim's and HUMC have a joint Stephen Ministry program, to help insure there are trained Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders available to be a caring presence in the lives of those who are facing life challenges. The newly commissioned Stephen Ministers join Vee Berno, Cheryl Brock and Jane Perry from St. Timothy's, and six other Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders from HUMC.

What is Stephen Ministry? The Stephen Ministry is a confidential, lay caring ministry grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (as recorded in Acts 6). In Stephen Ministry congregations, lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers) help provide one-to-one Christian care to those facing a crisis or life challenge. Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love can help us get through the confusion, stress, loneliness and other feelings that are often experienced during those times. The Stephen Ministry helps clergy and congregations provide quality caring ministry for as long as people need it.

Since 1975, Stephen Ministries in St. Louis, MO has made available the Stephen Series, which provides congregations with the structure, training, and resources to set up and administer a complete system for lay caring ministry (called Stephen Ministry) in the congregation.

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Come One, Come All For St. Timothy's Gleaning Outing!

Sponsored by the Youth Group and the Service Ministry

This is one event the entire family can do together!! Gleaning is the ancient tradition of hand-picking the fruits of the field (be it apples, corn, or other fruits and vegetables) to benefit those who often go without the necessary food and sustenance. St. Timothy's has been helping out the Society of St. Andrew for many years and will be doing so again this year. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.** We will meet at St. Timothy's at 7:30 am and car pool out to St. Stephen's City, Virginia area (off of I-81) to a to-be-determined farm that is in need of gleaning (the actual farm site will be chosen by the gleaning coordinators the week before). Bring a hat, sunscreen, closed-toe shoes, long pants and gloves (there may be some poison ivy in some of the fields -- not a big deal just be careful!). St. Timothy's will provide the chips, drinks, and cookies but please bring a picnic lunch (after our morning of gleaning we will picnic and shop at the nearby Markum Miller Farm market (!) then return to St. Timothy's in the afternoon). **SIGN UP IN HENRY HALL** (and fill out the waiver form). Questions? Contact your Youth Group officers or St. Timothy's Steward of Creation, Craig Dubishar. Thanks for helping out!

LAW'S Needs

The Loudoun Abused Womens' Shelter is seeking donations of the following items.

Woman's deodorant

Boys and Girls Pull-up's/Goodnights - all sizes

Woman's underwear - all sizes

Maxi pads/ tampons

Flashlights and batteries

Gift cards for Back to School clothes

Please place these gifts in the large blue container in the Narthex.

Thank you.

—Jackie Clattenburg

THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

As people of God

adopted 03/09/02

we joyfully worship God,
spread the WORD of God's love,
treasure all people, and
serve others everywhere
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, with God's help, we will:

open our doors,

enhance our worship,

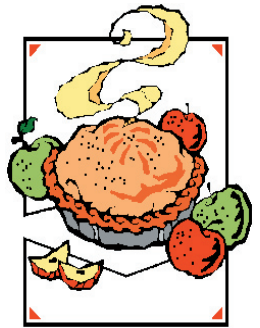
and increase our involvement
through all of our ministries.

Mom's Apple Pie Raffle

A Year's Supply + 2 = Yum !!!

There is a pie for every taste and Mom's Apple Pie Co. has been treating our community for years with her delectable treasures.

Shenandoah Peach, Chocolate Pecan, Wild Blueberry, Strawberry, Lemon Chess, Coconut Custard, Blackberry Crumb, Frozen Key Lime, Sour Cherry, Bourbon Walnut, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, Blackberry Crumb, Lemon and Chocolate Meringue, Apple and so many more !!!



St. Timothy's Service Ministry will begin selling raffle tickets Sept. 3rd for a year's worth of pies. The winner will receive 1 PIE (any 9") of his choice each month for an entire year!! What a Prize! But wait my friend, it gets better!

During the months of November and December you will receive not 1 but 2 pies!

Just when you need an extra hand during all of those Holiday activities, a 2nd pie awaits your choosing.

What's that you say? "That's a lot of Pie for me to eat!"

Give a pie as a gift: Christmas, Birthdays, Thank You, Mother's Day, any holiday is a pie day. Or consider giving the coupon(s) itself as a gift. Take dessert when invited to dinner, or surprise the office staff; there are many ways to share the fortune of a Mom's pie.

Proceeds go to: "LINK"local food pantry and "Society of St. Andrews" ... gleaning fields to feed the hungry

"Mom's" has been featured in: the Washington Post, Wall St. Journal, & NY Times, Southern Living magazine says "The best Sour Cherry Pie we've ever tasted."

Watch for Mom's to be featured on the Food Network's "Road Tasted", in Sept.

5 store locations: Sterling, Herndon, Leesburg, Occoquan, Warrenton

Tickets \$10.00 each Value \$180.00



If you know someone who would be comforted by receiving one of our handmade creations, please see Jackie Clattenburg, Janet Dopsovic, Donna McGrath, Jean Shepherd, Florita Tilden or fill out a form located in Henry Hall.

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All of our commissioned Stephen Ministers have successfully taken the training that is provided through the Stephen Series.

Some brief FAQ's about the Stephen Ministry and Stephen Ministers:

WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

A Stephen Minister ...

- Is a caring person who takes the time to really listen and who walks beside someone who is facing a crisis or life challenge
 - Is a lay Christian who is selected, trained, and supervised by Stephen Leaders to provide effective Christian care for a period of at least two years
 - Makes a commitment including 50 hours of training, ongoing supervisory meetings, continuing education and an average of one 1-hour visit per week with the person receiving care
 - Is trained to recognize when to refer someone to helping professionals
 - Recognizes this as a confidential ministry.
- A Stephen Minister is NOT ...
- A counselor or therapist
 - A problem-solver
 - A casual visitor

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE NEEDS WITH WHICH STEPHEN MINISTRY CAN HELP?

Illness, Family frustrations and challenges, Loneliness, Chronic illness, Families of the chronically ill, Loss of a loved one, Separation or divorce, Being shut-in, Having a newborn, A low self-esteem, Terminal illness, Loss of a job, Financial setbacks, Struggling with faith in God, Aging, Facing life changes, including "empty nest", Retirement, Miscarriage and Infertility

HOW DO I REQUEST A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Please feel free to contact Father Brad Rundlett or the Rev. Leslie Chadwick, or our Stephen Leaders at St. Timothy's, Cheryl Brock or Jane Perry.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY IN GENERAL?

Besides talking with Fr. Brad, Leslie, Cheryl or Jane, or any of our Stephen Ministers, be sure to stop by the Stephen Ministry table on Welcome Home Sunday (September 10). And stay tuned for "soon to come" info on the church website, in *The Word*, in the pews, in the bulletin, and throughout the church.

The Pre-School Corner

Greetings from St. Timothy's Pre-School! The pre-school has just completed another successful summer camp program, including "Young Astronauts", "The Rainforest", and "Under the Big Top" sessions. The pre-school staff are now busy preparing the rooms for the new school year. Pre-school begins on Monday, Sept. 11th. Students and their parents are invited to attend the Open House (Sept. 7th & 8th).

Don't forget to stop by the pre-school display at Welcome Back Sunday on September 10th. Sally Foster gifts and gift wrap will be available for purchase. The

Well Done, Good and Faithful Steward

What do you think of when you hear the word Stewardship? For many, money is the first thing that comes to mind. Giving of ones treasure is just a part of faithful Stewardship. Being in partnership with God during ones lifetime, recognizing that God loves us, sharing that love with others, and having an impact on others loving God is being a faithful steward. The following is the fourth in a series of articles that will appear in the WORD throughout the year in which parishioners will try to express their answer to the call of Stewardship. The following was contributed by Jill Norcross.

I've been asked by the Stewardship Ministry to describe why I attend St. Timothy's and why I give of my time, talent and treasure. As I reflected on these questions, I kept coming back to the idea of community. St. Timothy's strength is our community--the parishioners, clergy and staff—and together we form a gifted Christian ministry. As a relative newcomer of two years, I have been amazed and impressed by the gifts St. Timothy's open-heartedly offers. For a relatively small congregation, we are able to reach the lives of many through our worship, fellowship, service, and education. It is a place where my whole family (parents, spouse and children) feels welcome, useful and an integral part of the community. There are boundless opportunities to serve God, his Church and each other, here at St. Tim's.

As a member of the service ministry, I am particularly inspired by all of the outreach we do locally, nationally and internationally. I enjoy the service ministry because it is important work, because it both grounds and refreshes me, and because it strengthens the bond I have with the people of St. Timothy's. In our community, there is an incredible group of people who thoughtfully and creatively find ways to stretch limited resources to serve those in need. It has been my true privilege to work with this ministry of committed individuals.

I also especially appreciate how our community at St. Timothy's is able to respond to difficult issues in our town, in the Episcopal Church, and in the world, by just remembering to "love one another." Our church is one of inclusion, not exclusion; one of hope, not fear; and one of justice, not judgment. As a Christian in an often divisive world, I am so thankful to have a place where we can find common ground through love and tolerance.

There are many other reasons why I attend St. Timothy's and I am sure that I don't even realize many of them yet. With two young sons enrolling in Sunday School, one being an up-and-coming acolyte, and me as a first-time teacher, I know there is much to learn and love about St. Tim's. My family and I look forward to working with you all to serve God and others in our growing community of faith.

pre-school receives 50% from your order! We appreciate your continued support as we look forward to our new school year!

—Liz Griffith

From the Music Director

Fall Choir Schedule Offers Something For Everyone

Sing to the Lord a NEW SONG! It is time once again to announce the beginning of a new year of singing and ringing to the glory of God! We have many opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to become involved in our Music Ministry. As always, I want to encourage everyone to come and check us out! Our choirs meet weekly for rehearsals and sing and ring regularly for Sunday services and other special occasions. Previous musical experience is never required and becoming a member of one of our ensembles is a fantastic way to become acquainted with the basics of music.

So, without further ado, here is our schedule for the 2006-2007 season of music at St. Timothy's:

TUESDAY: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. YOUTH CHOIR Ages 8+

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. ST. CECILIA CHOIR Intergenerational - no minimum age requirement

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR Ages 13+

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR Ages 14+

THURSDAY: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. ST. AMBROSE CHOIR Ages 14+

Youth Choir: is for youths ages 8 and older. We use the training methods developed by the Royal School of Church Music which teaches choristers the basics of music reading, theory, and correct vocal production. It is a valuable way for youth to become actively involved in the life of the Church and learn about the vital ministry and gift of music.

St. Cecilia Choir: provides choral support in the form of hymns and anthems for the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday. Beginning this year, we will be meeting on Tuesday evenings to rehearse music for the following Sunday. We encourage everyone interested, including parents and their children, to come together and help lead the congregation in making a Joyful Noise!

Handbell Choirs: We have such a great interest in ringing handbells at St. Timothy's that we discovered one choir simply was not enough! Therefore, now we have two choirs that will begin meeting on Wednesdays to rehearse and ring as scheduled throughout the year. Traditionally, our first handbell choir is more accessible to those who may be new to ringing or reading music. However, both choirs continually welcome new members as space permits, so I encourage everyone to turn in their registration forms as early as possible!

St. Ambrose Choir: is for "adults" ages 14 and older. This choir meets regularly for rehearsals and sings each Sunday for the 11:00 a.m. service, providing musical support through the singing of hymns and anthems.

Concert Series

Last year the Music Ministry began what turned out to be a successful and inspiring concert series featuring musicians from the area, followed by dessert receptions and a time for fellowship.

This year, I am excited to announce we have a number of exceptionally talented artists planning to come and share their gifts with St. Timothy's.

Below is a glance at what will be happening this Fall and Winter. I want to encourage everyone to plan to attend each event as they will be excellent ways to support the important ministry of those God has blessed with the vocation of sharing the gift of music, and to support St. Timothy's which also benefits from the funds raised through ticket sales.

SEPTEMBER: 16th -17th Choral Workshop & Hymn Festival - David Cherwien, clinician. Dr. Cherwien is director of Music at Mt. Olive Church in Minneapolis, MN. His work as an organist, director, and composer has led him to become a familiar name in the realm of church music. He will come and lead a workshop on Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, for our choirs and those in the community interested in attending, sharing his knowledge of vocal technique as well as introducing new and exciting music. Also, on Sunday the 17th at 4:00pm, he will lead a Hymn Festival at St. Timothy's. Pick up a brochure and sign up now!

OCTOBER 7th The Treble Clefs concert has been postponed.

NOVEMBER: 3rd The "Hermitage Ensemble" of St. Petersburg, Russia will perform a concert of Russian Orthodox and traditional a capella music at St. Timothy's.

DECEMBER: 9th The "VOCE" Ensemble will perform their concert, "Christmas in The Americas".

Again, I want to encourage everyone to take part in these fantastic opportunities. As Director of Music, I feel privileged to be able to host such a talented group of performers this year and hope you will all take time to come out and experience them all.

Thank you all for your continued support! —Peter



CE Corner

Sunday School will kick off on Sunday, September 10th. This year, we will be using a brand-new curriculum, called Seasons of the Spirit. This program follows the lectionary that we use in church, so parents and children will be able to share the stories and the lessons they learned after church. We look forward to a fabulous year with your children!

Rev. Lauren Stanley, our Missioner in Sudan

Rev. Lauren Stanley blessed the congregation with her presence on Sunday, July 30th, preaching at all three services and sharing her stories of life in Sudan and the struggles and joys she encounters daily. Rev. Stanley shared with us that there are two main things she asks every person in the Episcopal Church to do: 1. To pray – by name – for the Episcopal Church in Sudan and 2. To remember Sudan (to help prevent further atrocities such as in Darfur). She gave us updates on St. Matthew's Cathedral in Renk (the farthest north a Cathedral has ever been built in South Sudan) and also what is currently happening at the Renk Bible College.

Between the May-June Agape program and donations made on July 30th, St. Timothy Parishioners donated over \$3500 to the Sudan Mission and the Renk Bible College. This money will be used to help plaster the walls of the Bible College, and Rev. Stanley wrote in an e-mail thanking us:

"As I write, the workers are back, plastering the west wall of the school. As soon as they finish that, they will start on the remaining east walls (2), important because the rain comes from that direction right now. We had one heck of a storm the other night, and you can see where the mortar definitely is coming out. This plastering, as I told the congregation just two Sundays ago, literally is keeping us standing!

"And that's a good thing, because we have 26 pastors from the Dioceses of Renk, Malakal and Bor (the latter two south of us, but our partners in teaching) learning about Anglicanism. It's been a fascinating class for them, since many have not had any church history training, and it helps them figure out how to be more in communion with us in the US, especially with our partners like you."

Thank you, on behalf of the Service Ministry, for your generous support of Rev. Stanley and her mission

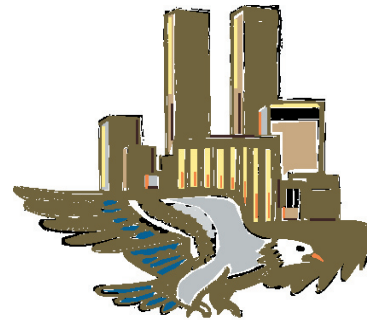


A Note From Pastoral Care

Whoa - group hug everyone! There have been times lately that calling in an exorcist was being considered. Instead we worked with prayer and caring, and guess what? God really does answer "knee mail"! Miracles happened, prayers were answered, help was given, and volunteers stood up. Thank-you, Gracias, Dankeschön, and any other way you know to express gratitude!

Bring Books Alive. Do you like to read aloud? Many of our members would love to have someone come to read to them. They may be homebound or hospitalized, young or old. Almost everyone likes a good read and it hurts when you can't do it yourself. But now you can help by volunteering to read! Books, poetry, newspapers, magazines it really doesn't matter as long as the material is relevant to the receiver. The time commitment is up to you. If you're interested please sign-up in Henry Hall at the Pastoral Care bulletin board. Put reading down as your interest. You may also call Shirley Ratliff at 703-444-1071 or email her at saratliff@earthlink.net

Try it to see if you like it. Become a reading buddy!



WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11

Following in the hoof prints of George Washington

Scouts from Troop 159 are hot off the bike trail from their adventure along the scenic and historic C & O Canal. Six scouts and four adult leaders pedaled the 184.5 mile route over the course of four days, spending evenings camped out in biker-hiker campgrounds. The group started in Cumberland, and averaged 10-12 miles an hour to get them to the end of the trail in Washington, DC. They took time out along the way for sightseeing and an occasional swim in the Potomac, as well as acting as Good Samaritans to some other bikers in distress. Along the way they met a biker in the midst of a 4600 mile hike, all the way from Washington State! Scouts haven't even gotten the dust off their bikes from this trip, and they're looking ahead to the next -- the 150 mile trail along the Great Allegheny Passage. Want to get in on the adventure? Contact Scoutmaster Rob Carter at recarterjr@cox.net for details, or visit our homepage at troop159.org.



LEM Schedule/ Lectionary for September 2006

9/3/06 Proper 17(22); *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

8:00 – Rick Howarth, Tim Coffey

9:30 – John McGrath, Chris Brock, Gayle Rippe, Mike Torres

11:00 – Jane Perry, Duncan Hutcheon, Ted Mankin, Rachel Muir

9/10/06 Proper 18(23); *Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37*

8:00 – Allen Pruitt, Ralph Tildon

9:30 – Allen Pruitt, Edna Whittick, Sean Brady, Cheryl Brock

11:00 – Michael Cook, Bill Odio, Dave Parker, Allen Pruitt

9/17/06 Proper 19(24); *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*

8:00 – Robin Mullet, Allen Pruitt

9:30 – Jackie Clattenburg, Allen Pruitt, Frank Martin, Tricia Mussante

11:00 – Allen Pruitt, Betsy Knoizen, Jane Perry, Keith Sinclair, Allan Stanley

9/24/06 Proper 20(25); *Wis. of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37*

8:00 – Allen Pruitt, Ralph Tildon

9:30 – Laura Dendler, Laura Petrosian, John McGrath, Allen Pruitt, Chris Brock

11:00 – Jim Hendrick, Bob Duchesneau, Allen Pruitt, Michael Cook, Dave Hixon

Upcoming Events at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Fall 2006

September

Welcome Home Sunday Sunday, September 10th
All Services

Sunday School Begins Sunday, September 10th
10:45am

Choral Workshop Saturday, September 16th

9:00am – 4:00pm

Choral Hymn Festival Sunday, September 17th
4:00pm

October

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 8th
3:00pm

Elder Care Seminars Sunday, October 15th
, 22nd , 29th , Nov. 5th at 1:00 pm

November

Hermitage Ensemble Concert Friday, November
3rd 6:00pm

Dance For Special Needs Children Friday, No-
vember 10th 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Service Thursday, November 29th
11:00 am

December

VOCE Concert Saturday, December 9th
8:00pm

Advent 4 Sunday December 24th, 9:30am only
Christmas Eve Services Sunday December 24th

5:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day Service Monday December 25th
11:00am

For more information about St. Timothy's Episcopal Church visit our web site at www.saint-timothys.org or call 703-437-3790

Calling All Church Women!

ECW of the Diocese of Virginia to Meet
October 28 at Holy Comforter in Vienna

"Living in the Light of God's Call" is the theme of the 115th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Diocese of Virginia. The event will take place at Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, and will include recognition of women clergy in celebration of 30 years of ordained ministry.

The keynote speaker will be Marjory Zoet Bankson, a noted artist, author and retreat leader who is also editor of Faith@Work magazine. She says of her presentation: "Do you feel too busy to care? Overwhelmed with the needs of others? Guilty when you ignore phone calls and e-mails from others? Would you be surprised to learn that God's call for you now, at this point in your life, can help you set priorities? Give you a sense of direction and peace?"

The meeting will include reports on activities such as "Our Call to Action - Women and Children at Risk," and other programs of the ECW. Following lunch will be a celebration Holy Eucharist with Bishop Lee as Celebrant, and there is special music planned. During the service, the 117th Ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO) will be held.

Registration information has been sent to every ECW President or parish representative. Contact Carol Sinclair, 703-437-4713, CSinclair83@msn.com for more information or to register. The cost is \$20 per person and includes the program, administrative costs and lunch.

PRESS CONTACT: Katherine Hutt

REGISTRATION CONTACT: Kathy Tearno
703-938-6521

Service Ministry Corner

What is the Agape program and how does it differ from my pledge?

By now, I am sure you are very familiar with those yellow Agape envelopes that appear in your bulletin from time to time. St. Timothy's runs an Agape program where six charitable organizations or groups are highlighted each year. Bi-monthly, St. Timothy's parishioners are given the opportunity to learn about, serve and donate goods and/or financial support to a specific cause. Each year, the Service Ministry chooses the organizations based on need and interest. Through guest speakers, printed materials and other media, the Agape is intended as a platform to learn, volunteer and give. Some parishioners give to each Agape, some to just those that really "strike a chord". Whatever your choice, we hope this program provides useful information and raises awareness about the organizations that do good work in God's name locally, nationally and internationally.

Your pledge is planned giving, prayerfully decided upon, as a parishioner's yearly monetary contribution to the overall mission of the church. The total General Fund contributions are spread out to cover the many needs of St. Timothy's including salaries and benefits of clergy and staff, contributions to support the work of the Diocese, support of our ministries, administrative expenses, mortgage payments, building and grounds maintenance. The church budget is determined by the Finance Ministry and approved by the congregation at our annual meeting in January. In order to plan for the coming year, your pledge is crucial to supporting the ongoing operations of our church. As we move into our Stewardship campaign this fall, please carefully consider what you can give to St. Timothy's in 2007.

We hope you continue to support the Agape program through your time, talent and treasure. We are always looking for worthwhile organizations to serve as one of our Agapes. If you have a favorite or two, join us on the Service Ministry and help us plan for the following year. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room B-1. Please contact Tricia Mussante at 703-481-6853, if you are interested in joining us.

Don't Worry -- I Waste More Than That Everyday!

Sometimes things strike me as amazingly incongruous. I was recently in a Kinko's to copy about 80 pages of a 3" x 5" notepad. I asked the attendant if there was such a thing as a copier machine that used paper smaller than 8.5 x 11 as I did not want to waste all of the excess paper from copying a 3x5 page onto an 8.5x11 page. The response "Don't worry. I waste tons more than that here every day!" I politely said that I would simply take the excess home and recycle it in my "white paper recycling" box. My point? Why was this individual's first response to "don't worry"? When, in fact, they absolutely should worry. Everyone's actions do, indeed, matter and can make a difference. Think about it -- if this one per-

AGAPE Offerings Sept-Oct

Matthew 25:35 *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in ...*

Feeding the hungry of the world is a daunting task. The Service Ministry offers you the opportunity to learn more about and support two organizations who are both dedicated to these words of Jesus.

LINK is a group of churches in the Ashburn/Herndon/Sterling area that has provided food on an emergency basis, to people of our community, since 1972. Food is donated by grocery stores, local churches (St. Timothy's), individuals, businesses and other groups, with all the work being done by volunteers. Being a member of a local food bank allows LINK to purchase over \$13 worth of food for every dollar donated!

LINK: Christians Helping Their Neighbors

2000 Congressional Winner of the Victory Against Hunger Award

Society of St. Andrews works to fill God's mandate to feed the hungry. It started with a donated tractor trailer load of sweet potatoes in 1983. These cosmetically unappealing yet perfectly good potatoes became their 1st "Potato Harvest". Another project is the "Gleaning Network", where some 30 thousand people glean fields across the nation. 15 million pounds of fresh produce is gleaned for the hungry after the harvest. Food is then distributed to food banks, soup kitchens, Indian reservations, anywhere there is a need.

January-June 2006 Statistics At A Glance

Fresh Food salvaged and donated to feed the hungry

Potato Project4,868,600 lbs.

Gleaned Produce6,416,320 lbs.

Events1,039

Volunteers11,157

Total Pounds11,284,920

Total Servings33,854,760

We will be sharing more about these charities & their admirable work for the most basic human need in the following weeks. And we will invite you to be a part of their plans to feed the hungry. —Service Ministry

Note: Please make out your checks to St. Timothy's and indicate on the MEMO line: "Agape" Be sure to place the check in a yellow AGAPE envelope.

son at this one Kinko's recycled, say, 20 sheets of white paper a day (an extraordinarily low number, mind you, but the math still works) times five days a week times 50 weeks (two weeks of vacation allowed), he could recycle 5,000 pages of white paper in one year. Wow. So, let's all stop worrying and increase our efforts at recycling -- at home, at church, at work, at the park, wherever! (From St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

Dungannon 2006 Mission Trip

In 1991, the Dungannon Development Commission (DDC) created Project HELP to provide for home repairs for the low-income families within the area of Scott County, Virginia. St. Timothy's has been sending its Youth Group to Dungannon, part of Scott County, for 9 years. I have gone on the trip with the Youth Group for the past four years, some others for longer and while the structure of the trip is similar from year to year, each year we go reminds us why we must continue to make the journey.

As in past years, St. Anne's of Reston and St. Thomas's of McLean joined us on the trip, rounding out the 42 participants.

When we're not working or cleaning the kitchen, common room, and bathrooms and showers in our home-away-from-home daily, you can usually find a group of us playing a cards, taking a trip to the local Scotty's Market or Dollar General, or playing football outside. We buy treats or write messages for our Secret Buddies throughout the week, but what's even more telling is that everyone interacts with people they didn't know at the outset without prompting. Highlights of the week typically include the Sunday trip to the local waterfall and the Wednesday trip into Kingsport, Tennessee for bowl-



ing and pizza, but more common acts such as someone holding a ladder for another without being asked, a random game of baseball being started in twilight on Friday, and encouraging notes dropped off for people who aren't our Secret Buddies display the true spirit of the trip. The theme for this year's trip was "One body in Christ," and by the end of the week, we all felt as though we were one with Christ and with one another.

Because maintaining a habitable Phoenix Center is important, so that groups will be willing to come and work on houses in the area, a significant portion of our work this year was focused on renovating the center. The concrete walkway was repaired and painted, the third bedroom was dry-walled and painted, and a drop ceiling and new light fixtures were installed in the kitchen.

Outside of the Phoenix Center, a wide range of tasks were completed at a variety of houses. We even



returned to houses on which we had worked last year for a new task, proving that no matter what we do every year at Dungannon, there is always more to be done. At one house, where a group of us had built a wheelchair ramp the year before, we built and

replaced the vinyl flooring.

Even when a group would finish their task, there would always be another job to go to. This is true during the week, when people are shuffled around to different houses to undertake new projects. The number of tasks completed at just one of our houses is numerous—we replaced the back door, replaced and painted the ceiling in one room, replaced the floor in one room with plywood and vinyl flooring, painted outside, and repaired water damage and plumbing in the bathroom. Another house was wrapped entirely in Tyvek weatherproofing material. We referred to this job as Christmas wrapping the house/trailer. At a house in Gate City, 45 minutes away from the center,



one group painted two exterior stories, installed a door, and installed trim on the porch.

This realization that there is always more to do also hits home at the end of the week; even though we have worked hard and made a difference for these people, our work is never done



there. People always need our help; if we stayed for a month we would make significant progress in the living conditions of these people but would not eliminate all of the need. We know that when we go back next year, there will be another large set of projects to undertake, and we will do them proudly and generously. For those of us who go to Dungannon, the legacy is not in achieving, but in doing.

Because it is so important for us to go on this trip every year, the Youth Group is grateful to the parishioners who make this Mission Trip possible for us. We hope that we can continue to help the people of Dungannon. When it is time to come home, we say our tearful good-byes and the overwhelming majority of us always indicate our intentions to return next year. As always, we encourage other teens and adults to join us on this journey that is memorable and filled with satisfaction and joy of helping others.

—Grant Johnson

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Men of St. Timothy's Get Ready For Welcome Home Sunday

The MOST group built six new picnic tables for parishioners to use when outdoor events are planned. These tables and benches will see their first use on Sept. 10 for Welcome Back Sunday.



Explore the Heart of Christian Faith

"The journey has provided such a profound spiritual awakening for me." "[DOCC is] a blessed gift of truth and love for which I am deeply grateful." Many of us have been exposed to bits and pieces of the Christian faith all our lives but have never really known what it's all about. What difference can Christian faith really make in our lives? How can we know the depth and power it has to offer? Is there something fresh and new underneath those ancient words and beliefs?

This fall, Dean Samuel Lloyd and Canon William Barnwell invite you to explore the heart of Christian faith at Disciples of Christ in Community (or DOCC). This 14-week course provides an encounter with the central teachings of the Christian faith and the experience of Christian community. DOCC will meet on Tuesday evenings from October 10, 2006, through January 23, 2007, from 7 to 9 pm and one Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 am to 4 pm*. Each evening, Dean Lloyd will speak on the fundamental teaching of the Christian faith. Then you will have the opportunity to discuss these teachings in small groups. An optional supper will be served at 6 pm. Join us on this spiritual adventure in a community of fellow-travelers. To register: contact Sheri Jackson at sjackson@cathedral.org or (202) 537-6222. Please sign up early. Potential participants who know that they will have to miss more than two or three sessions should wait to take the course another year. For more info: email wbarnwell@cathedral.org or call (202) 537-5522. The course will not meet on either December 26 or January 2.

Annual Walk for the Embry Rucker Community Shelter

Come walk with us! Reston Interfaith is gearing up now for the annual Fannie Mae Foundation Help the Homeless walkathon that directly benefits the residents and programs of Reston Interfaith's Embry Rucker Community Shelter and other supportive housing programs for 65 working families in our community. Plan to walk locally on **October 22nd** in Reston or join other advocates at the National Walk in Washington, DC on November 18th.

We especially need volunteers now who will agree to coordinate teams from among your family, friends, faith community, businesses, school or neighborhoods. Just \$15-\$25 and a good pair of walking shoes or wheels is all you need. Please contact Meredith Young for registration information or to become a Walk Coordinator; she can be reached at 571-323-9566 or via email at meredith.young@restoninterfaith.org. Remember, you can change a life, one step at a time!!

We hope you have received the Stewardship Survey in the mail. Please share your thoughts on the focus of our church through your responses. Written responses can be dropped in the collection box in the Narthex, or submitted online at <http://www.saint-timothys.org/survey.asp>

MY OATH TO YOU...

When you are sad.....I will dry your tears.

When you are scared....I will comfort your fears.

When you are worried.....I will give you hope.

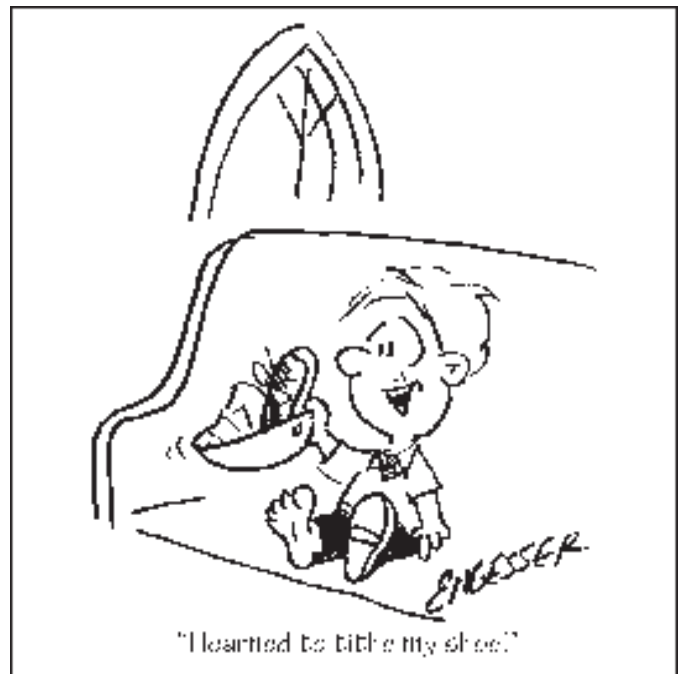
When you are confused.....I will help you cope.

And when you are lost....And can't see the light, I shall be your beacon.....Shining ever so bright.

This is my oath.....I pledge till the end.

Why you may ask?.....Because you're my friend.

Signed: GOD



The following is the text of Resolution A037 from the General convention this Summer

Resolution A037

Title: Evangelism

Topic: Evangelism

Committee: Evangelism

House of Initial Action: Deputies

Proposer: Domestic Mission and Evangelism

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention reaffirm our commitment to improve the health of our congregations and our church by faithfully living out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and by working toward the goals of 20/20 ; and be it further

Resolved, That each and every bishop deepen his/her commitment, intention, prayer, and action, individually and by working together through the House of Bishops, to cast a vision of mission for the church, and to lead us there; and be it further

Resolved, That every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church speak with passion about what God is doing in our lives in order to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, and be it further

Resolved, That following the example of radical hospitality entrusted to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, every lay person, bishop, priest, and deacon of our church invite others to join us in praise and service; and be it further

Resolved, That General Convention direct the Church Center staff to engage diverse populations including among others, youth and young adults, ethnic and racial populations, persons of various sexual orientation, persons with disabilities, various socio-economic classes, new immigrants, and communities in Province IX, the Diocese of Haiti, the Virgin Islands and the Convocation of American Churches in Europe to identify and develop practical resources and training for personal and congregational evangelism; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be published in congregational and diocesan media to affirm our commitment to evangelism.

EXPLANATION

All are called to witness to our faith. The Catechism states, "The ministry of a lay person is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church" (BCP 855). Some, however, are called to the particular ministry of evangelist (Ephesians 4:11). Those who are gifted with presenting the Gospel in a compelling way need to be identified, trained, sent and encouraged.

mesh: a new, inclusive, faith discussion community

Episcopalians in their 20s and 30s scattered around Northern Virginia are invited to discuss matters of faith in a new monthly gathering called mesh. The word "mesh" means to mix, entangle, share, harmonize --- we hope to do all those things in conversation with peers from in and outside the church, across faith traditions, with different views, insights, beliefs and practices. Join us for the first "mesh" discussion on September 7. We will be discussing Christopher Moore's novel *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* a funny and inspiring imaginative look at the life of Jesus. On October 5, we will discuss Shane Claiborne's provocative spiritual autobiography *Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical*. Mesh is being organized by Episcopalians --- lay and ordained --- with the inten-

tion of generating meaningful, ecumenical conversation on a variety of topics --- books, films, music, culture, and current events. To learn more about mesh visit the mesh blog at <http://meshcommunity.blogspot.com/> . To get directions or ask questions email meshcoordinators@yahoogroups.com .





The **WORD**
for September 2006

St. Timothy's Word is published monthly and mailed to members and friends during the last week of each month. It also appears in full color on the website under "See All Events" beginning the day it is ready for mailing.

The deadline for submission of material for the October issue is Thursday, September 19 at 9am.

Questions or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments! You may send the material as an attachment to an e-mail message to: **Cclattenburg@saint-timothys.org**. The message subject line must mention *Word*. Photos will be used only if key people in the photo are identified. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

See our website for the up-to-the-minute monthly calendar. It's always current and covers several months.

Weekly Bulletins appear on the website no later than Friday for the coming Sunday.

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Editor's Comments: We've had no rain for weeks but as this is being written we are to be hit with 10 inches in the next few days. School starts the day after Labor Day and our traffic gridlock will become worse. To avoid the stress, buy an audio book or find some nice pleasant music on your radio and leave earlier. It's good to get back into regular church season with Sunday School, choirs and all those wonderful events in Henry Hall. Remember, invite a neighbor to Welcome Back Sunday.

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