



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The WORD

Our 136th Year

for October 2004

Herndon, Virginia



Stewardship Is A Privilege

—Fr. Brad

As we observe daylight waning, leaves turning, and the temperature falling – the changing of seasons – our thoughts shift as well to God's providence. Celebrated quite deliberately on Thanksgiving Day, we are mindful of God's generosity day in and day out, throughout the year, our whole life long. God gives us life, people to care for us, a home, food, education, freedom, wonders and gifts, challenges and opportunities, the support of the saints and the Holy Spirit, forgiveness for our failures, grace, our Savior Jesus Christ, the promise of eternal life – blessings too numerous to count. And we are grateful! As we recall our Sovereign's continual providence our hearts and minds swell with thankfulness. We are blessed!

I can't think of anything more important than recognizing God's generosity, and making a pledge to share this generosity with others.

And we want to express our thanks to God, which we do with prayers of thanksgiving, hymns of praise, acts of care for other people, and a pledge of God's bounty to the Church. In thanksgiving for all we have been given, we return a percentage of our time, talent, and treasure to promote, share, extend the love of God in this community and the world.

Each fall – in light of all we have been given - we are asked to consider what we can give to the work of God through the Church. Your pledge, your return gifts, insure meeting spaces for people who suffer with addictions, instruction and support for parents through the county's Nurturing Parent program, a wonderful pre-school, Sunday School classes and children's chapel, a place for Boy Scouts to assemble, pastoral care for members and non-members, clergy to counsel and assist anyone seeking help, worship, adult Christian education, outreach near and far, guidance for our youth, ministry planning sessions and resources, practical education for seminarians, and much more. The love of God reaches people through our offerings.

I can't think of anything more important than recognizing God's generosity, and making a pledge to share this generosity with others. For our own spiritual well-being, we need to pause and consider all that God has given us, and return a fair share in thanksgiving.

What Do I Do With My Hands?

—Rev. Kedron

Look both ways and hold hands when you cross the street. Idle hands are the devil's playground. A hand up, not a hand out. Do you know these sayings? It seems that what we do, or don't do, with our hands makes a statement about us. What are your favorite activities? What helps you relax? What brings peace into your life? I bet the answer to these questions is also the answer to this one: **What do you do with your hands?**

A few Sunday's ago (the Sunday where we heard about the dishonest manager who got praised for being crafty—remember that confusing story!), the reading from first Timothy contained this line: "I desire, then that in every place, people should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument." Do you think of your hands as holy? I bet the first time you held your son or daughter your hands felt holy. What about the first time you grew something in the garden or when you wrote your name for the first time—both times of holy hands. What about taking the bread at the Eucharist—a time when your hands and mine are holy.

As we enter the fall, we enter the stewardship season. St. Timothy's has begun asking you, **What do you do with your hands?** How do you give back to God? Do you use your hands to plant flowers in front of the church or by the outside chapel? Do you use your hands to make dinner for the Nurturing Parent program? Do you help the tiny hands among us learn the story of Jesus in Sunday school? Are you

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Accessibility Assistance

Anyone needing accommodations for a disability in order to attend or participate in any St. Timothy's activity should call Chrissa Mankin of the Accessibility Ministry at 703-476-7251. Calls should be made seven days prior to the activity so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Attention All Instrumentalists

If you play an instrument and are interested in offering your talent during a church service please contact Peter Waggoner at the church music office on extension 16.

Bishop Visits November 7

We will welcome The Rt. Rev. Theodore Eastman to St. Timothy's at our 11:00 am service on Sunday, November 7th, All Saints' Day. Bishop Eastman will confirm, receive, and hear reaffirmations of faith from all who wish to do so. There will be a reception in our parish hall following the service.

Clergy Retreat Dates

Fr. Brad and Rev. Kedron will be at the Bishop's Fall Clergy Retreat October 11-13.

You Can Get Your Flu Shot Here

Flu shots and pneumococcal vaccine will be available in our parish hall following each service on Sunday, October 17th, for those who sign-up in advance. Call the office for details or to sign up.

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lifting your hands up in prayer? Are you using holy hands to fill out a pledge card so that the hand of God through St. Tim's can be felt in this community and the world?

Take a minute and look at your hands. Think of all the trials and turmoil they've been through. Think of all the joy and celebration they've experienced. Think of your hands as holy because they are and ask, **What am I going to do with my hands?**

Kedron

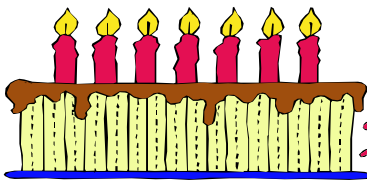
You Will Get to Church Early Oct 31



You will if you don't set your clocks back Saturday night, **October 30**, before retiring.

This is the time change that gives us that "extra" hour of sleep once a year. The return to "sun" time means the morning sun will awaken you sooner and the evening commute will be darker. But it will feel good to be "Standard" again.

Please change your clocks; we don't want to miss you!



Birthdays this Month

We Wish a Blessed Birthday to All These This Month

10/01 Marian Clarke Pam Lowe	10/09 Keith Walker Travis Hellman	10/14 Samantha Kodama	10/24 Tom Davis
10/02 Scott Smith James Marsh Hart Mankin Mary Mankin	Ross Mullet Meghan Randolph	10/15 Donna Cornwell	Charlotte O'Malley
10/03 Marcia Andere Bruce Downer	10/10 Margaret Coomber Betty Peacock Lorraine Torres	10/16 Lisa Rulli	10/25 Keith Sinclair, Jr. Eric Kroog Gregory Kroog
10/04 Saranne Segal Johnathan Bishop	Bryant Colie Douglas Colie Jessica Lynch	10/17 Olga Marinenko Michael Torres Danyeale Ogden Chris Aycock	10/26 Eloise Genebach Vincent Donnelly
10/05 Frank Martin Greg Klipfel Aaron Leeth Emma Mankin	Samuel Krauss	10/18 Charles O'Malley Paul Cozza	10/27 Axel Henry Barbara Harding
10/07 Donna McGrath Mark Lehner	10/11 Toni LaRe Lary Rouse	10/20 Elaine Horsfield Colleen Oppenheimer	10/28 Robert Henry
10/08 Evelyn Showalter	10/12 Fred Hubert Dean Rohrbach Nathan Ratliff	Bob Duchesneau Sally Ocean	10/29 Phoebe Kilgour Tyler Ogden Keenan Peck
	10/13 Evan Henry	10/22 Natalie Barrett Mary Jane Bishop	10/30 Robert Marsh Hannah Boysko
		10/23 Kathy Fruge'	10/31 Kenneth Vierra Genevieve Zetlan

Let's Pause to Reflect...

Stewardship may mean the every-member canvass and the fall pledge drive for next year's budget. Someone else might think of stewardship as setting aside a percentage of our income for the Sunday offering. Even more Important than our definition is our motivation. Do we give out of a guilty sense of obligation to the Church or to God, afraid that — if we don't — we're subject to judgment? Or do we allow ourselves to become so filled with the love of Jesus Christ that our hearts simply spill forth with joy and thanksgiving?

As we begin our 2005 stewardship campaign, let us consider that stewardship is nothing less than the end result of having a relationship with Christ. Good stewardship practices are clear, demonstrable indications of what kind of relationship we have with Jesus. Paul offers this explanation in his letter to the Colossians, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7). Paul understood where the strength for our stewardship must come from. When we allow the love of Jesus to permeate our beings, effective stewardship is able to take root. We are able to give from hearts so filled with thanksgiving that our giving becomes an extension of God's love to the world around us. Stewardship isn't meant to be a chore or drudgery. It's meant to be a joy-filled response to our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. So when you fill out your pledge card, consult him in prayer, ask for his guidance and thank him for the way he manifests himself in your life.

—Stewardship Ministry

St. Tim's International Mission Trip



We had a great turnout for the initial luncheon meeting for the St. Timothy's mission trip! Ms. Rebecca Hix preached at all three services and promoted a lot of interest in and increased understanding of what's involved in one of these trips. A lot of people really do benefit; those on the "building trip" and the recipients of the labors of the team.

The next Habitat Mission Trip meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 24 at 1:00pm in Room B1.

We'll be deciding on the country we want to build in. Come join us and see what we're planning!

You can see photos of Kedron's recent labors in Fiji on page 5, or you can visit our web site and view them in living color.

Please call Rev. Kedron with any questions.

Michael Hinson & Family

Our new Seminarian introduces himself and his family in this open letter to the congregation:

Dear Friends,

My name is Michael Hinson and I started my studies at Virginia Theological Seminary in August. I look forward to getting to know you while I do my Field Education at St. Timothy's. First, I would like to say a few things about my family. My wife Jane and I have been married for eleven years, and we have two children. Lauren will be in the third grade this year and Sam will be in kindergarten. They both attend St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria. We really enjoy doing things together as a family. We like to visit family in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Illinois. We also enjoy walking, hiking, swimming, reading, and hanging out together.

While growing up, I lived in various parts of Georgia and northern Florida. I attended the University of Georgia, and earned a master's degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. After graduation, I took a job as a middle school teacher and chaplain at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria in 1990. I have worked there for fourteen years, and I teach eighth grade Religion. After seminary, I plan to return to teaching because I feel a call to school ministry.

I am grateful to have an opportunity to serve and learn among you this fall. My initial impression of St. Timothy's has been very positive. The atmosphere is warm, and it feels like a place of vibrant faith. I look forward to my time at St. Timothy's.

Peace,

Michael Hinson

THE MISSION OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

adopted 03/09/02

As people of God
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.



STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Watch for your yellow 2005 pledge cards to arrive in the mail soon. We really need to hear back from you promptly this year. The accuracy of our budgeting for next year depends on an indication from each parishioner family as to the amount of weekly or monthly giving intended. We understand that this is not an iron-clad commitment and you will not receive payment overdue notices from the business office. But it is vital that we get a reasonable indication from you before November. Remember that we are able to adjust your pledge at any point during the year.

The information you place on the card is confidential. The office staff records the amounts on the individual cards and forwards the aggregate totals of the number pledging and the total amount of the pledges to the Finance Ministry, whose task it is to formulate a budget to propose to the vestry in December. Projected expenses must be adjusted so as not to exceed projected income. Imagine doing this with your household budget and not knowing how much money you expect to deposit in your checking account each week or month. We can proceed on faith and with much prayer, but we believe the Lord expects each of us to do our best to help.

We have had to do some trimming this year that has resulted in fewer mission accomplishments than we had budgeted for, that would have been avoided had we had a more accurate projection of income. Please pray that you will be lead by God to respond to the letter by returning your pledge card promptly when you receive it.

We thank God for your participation in our community of worship here. May God continue to bless you and those around you as you share God's love and the story of the many blessings you continue to receive. We constantly pray that St. Timothy's is being used to the fullness that God intends here in this area, and the accounts we receive from many in the community are evidence that our prayers are being answered. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon, Virginia is growing in the grace of God!

As always, your comments to clergy, vestry members or members of our various ministries are welcome. While this particular plea only concerns the "treasure" aspect of rendering to God what is God's, we recognize the many gifts of much time and considerable talent our parishioners also share here. We are truly blessed of God!



These shots were taken during our annual September picnic and Ministry Celebration Sunday to usher in the new fall season at St. Timothy's.





The photo below is the one we promised you last month of Kedron up in the air on her Fiji mission trip this summer.



Volunteers Needed - Saturday October 16

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church was one of the original founders (1974) of The Closet in Herndon, Virginia. Today, volunteers from some 13 churches give their time and talents during a given month. St. Timothy's, through both the Service Ministry and Youth Group, has continued to support this ministry. Over the years the Jr. High has taken pride in providing its volunteers on the Saturdays St. Tim's has been assigned. We ask parents and those in Jr. High to continue to sign up. Parents typically help out and function as chaperones during these Saturday sessions.

We ask you to help on our up-coming date of Saturday October 16th. Teens and parents can volunteer for the full four hours (10 am to 2 pm) or any segment of time within that period. We try to staff 10am to Noon and Noon to 2 pm shifts. This is considered a Service Project in which all Junior High Teenagers are encouraged to participate. At the end of the year the teenager who has the most hours will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Best Buy. A random drawing decides a tie. Please make sure the Youth Group Closet Coordinator knows the hours that you work. A sign-up list is posted in Henry Hall on the Youth Group information board. Information packets, which include directions and a description of what the jobs are upon arrival, are available on the Youth Group table. Please consider getting involved now, as we really do need parishioners (teens and adults) to step forward and help the community at The Closet.

Look for the Yellow Envelopes! October Agape: Habitat

Our October Agape offering goes to support St. Timothy's first international mission trip with Habitat for Humanity. We are meeting now to decide on the country to which we will travel.

Habitat for Humanity has built more than 200,000 homes around the world housing more than a million people. Please consider giving generously to this mission. Envelopes are found in the narthex and can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the church office. If you'd like to be a part of this trip planned for next summer, please call Rev.

To the right is part of Kedron's summer village.

Check our web site for additional photos.



Pre-School Corner

The pre-school staff enthusiastically greeted new and returning students to kick off the new school year in September. Joining the dedicated staff this year is a new teacher, Miss Rachel. She teaches two classes of three-year-olds and already is receiving rave reviews! The school also welcomes back Miss Betsy. Loved by many students over the past several years as a substitute teacher, she returns this year to share her talents as an assistant teacher.

Several parents have formed a fundraising committee for planning and implementing a variety of activities throughout the year to raise money for supplies, books, and equipment for the school. Upcoming events will include restaurant nights out which will provide profit percentages from designated nights to the pre-school. Also, a Barnes and Noble book fair is planned for November 12, 13, and 14

Blessing of The Animals

Weather permitting we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, October 10th, at 4:00pm. We welcome all of God's creatures to this service of appreciation and blessing!



Sunday
Oct 10th
Blessing
of the
Animals

Outdoor Chapel 4:00pm

Newcomers Note

We will host a Newcomer's Dinner on Sunday, October 24th, at 6:00pm in Henry Hall. All newcomers who have not attended one of these dinners before are invited and welcome!

New Office Assistant

The Lord has blessed us with a part-time Office Assistant to replace the Administrative Assistant, Regina Mason, who left us for another position last month.

Vonda Sines begins the second week of November. Her training, work experience, and references qualify her as an excellent addition to the staff. Welcome her as she joins us in this vital element of our ministry here.

Our thanks to those parishioners who are assisting Bob *ad interim* and to those who assisted in the search.

Calling all Crafters and Small Businesses!

The Service Ministry is sponsoring the first **St. Timothy's Holiday Shop** on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Henry Hall. All funds raised will go directly to St. Timothy's Missions.

How can you get involved?

- Do you **have a small business** you would like to share? Whether you are a crafter, a "home party" consultant or a small business, you are invited to register for a table during the Holiday Shop. Applications for booths are currently available, and all booths will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Do you — or someone you know — work for a company that would be **willing to donate a prize for our raffle** (a local hotel, movie theater, spa, professional sports team, etc.)? In addition to the small business booths, we will be holding a raffle and looking for fun items to offer to our Holiday Shop visitors. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!
- Are you a member of a St. Timothy's ministry that would like to **provide a "value added" service** (for example: sell hot dogs and drinks, set up a gift wrap table, create a children's game area, etc.)? Or maybe your committee would like to make a themed gift basket to donate to the raffle. We are open to additional ideas that you might want to share to make this event a success!
- **Can you help** with publicity, raffle donations or other aspects of setting up the Holiday Shop? We will take all donations of time and talent!

For more information, please contact Cheryl Brock at 703-437-3968 or Marybeth Henry at 703-742-6694. And keep watching the *Word* for further announcements and information! See you all there!

Gleaning: A Fall Family Affair

Join us on Saturday, October 16, as we meet at 7:30am in the church parking lot and carpool to Winchester, where we will glean apples. After gleaning, we will have a picnic lunch in the area, and will return around 2pm. Bring a lunch (drinks are provided by St. Tim's Service Ministry and the Youth Group).

Pick up a registration form in the narthex; all are welcome. Please contact Cheryl Brock at 703-437-3968 for more information. Gleaning is a Biblical concept, which provides for people of all ages to pick fruits and vegetables that are left on the ground following the farmers having harvested their fields. These fruits and vegetables are then shared with local food banks and soup kitchens to feed the hungry (including our own Reston Interfaith).



Caring for God's Creation Not Biblical?

—Craig Dubishar

I had a conversation this summer with another Christian that went something like this:

"Oh, so you are the Steward of Creation for your church? What does that mean?" "Hmm, doesn't that conflict with the Bible's teachings that man has dominion over all Creation and the right to use its resources as he wishes."

To say the least, I was very dismayed at the lack of understanding of the overall picture in caring for God's creation. I was even more dismayed that this same individual had not focused on or "seen" the many, and beautiful, passages that highlight our responsibility as Stewards to care for God's Creation. Perhaps they should visit the Environmental Stewardship Commission's site at <http://www.env-steward.com/worship/hymns.htm>. The Diocese of Minnesota has put together a wonderful list of music and hymns that celebrate God's Creation and the natural world around us.

Our liturgy is rich with references to God's Creation. Here is a wonderful Collect from a New Zealand Prayer Book: "God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

What's the point? It is our Christian responsibility to protect and care for Creation and to allow future generations of Stewards to marvel at the wonders of Creation.

Open Letter From Music Director

—Peter Waggoner

I want to invite you and your family to take advantage of an opportunity to become involved in the music ministry at St. Timothy's. Over the past few weeks we have begun a number of new ventures in an effort to grow and expand our music program.

I would like to take this opportunity to again make you aware of the various ensembles looking for new members to share in ministry together. At the lower left, you will find the rehearsal schedule which includes a detailed description of each group, corresponding age limits, and rehearsal times.

Please understand musical experience is not a prerequisite. To the contrary, church choirs are often made up of volunteer, amateur musicians who share a common interest in learning more about music through their experiences together.



Also, time commitment poses a complication for many. It is not possible, understandably, for every member to be present at every rehearsal during a season. The impracticality of it is unavoidable. However, we must keep in mind that a good, well-developed musical sound is only attained by constant, repetitious rehearsing together. Our ministry is vital to the community and therefore requires a certain amount of commitment to be carried out effectively.

Please plan to attend one of the rehearsals to see how this could be the way you've been looking for to participate in our community here at St. Timothy's.

We have many great musical pieces, new events, and exciting activities planned for the coming year, but we need your participation to be able to follow through with them. The resources are in place and we are ready to begin, we just need your support and involvement.

Currently we are at a critical point that will determine the quality of music we will be able to produce for special services on All Saint's Day, for the season of Advent, and for Christmas Eve, which are all only one and two months away. It is my hope to have everyone actively involved in the next few weeks, as we will begin rehearsing the music planned for the coming months.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments. It is my goal to make the program efficient, effective, and accessible to all who wish to be involved.

In closing, I appreciate your support and look forward with much anticipation and excitement to the coming months as we continue to "make a joyful noise" together!



Cherub	Ages 5-7	Tuesdays 4:30-5:15pm
St. Augustine*	Ages 8-14	Tuesdays 5:30-6:15pm
Hand Bells	Ages 14+	Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm
St Cecilia	All ages	Sundays 8:30-9:15am
St. Ambrose	Ages 14+	Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm

*St. Augustine Youth Choir is not currently meeting but registration forms are being accepted. Please sign up..



The WORD

for October 2004

St. Timothy's Word is published monthly and mailed to members and friends during the last week of each month. It also appears on the website under "See All Events" beginning the day it is ready for mailing. The deadline for submission of material for the November issue is **Friday, October 22 at 7am.**

Questions or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments! Please put articles, typed or legibly written, in the "Newsletter" slot in the church hallway mailbox preferably accompanied by a disk. You may also send material as an attachment to an e-mail message to: office@saint-timothys.org. 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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8:00 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(nursery care available)

11:00 am Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(nursery care available)

10:00 - Children's Chapel

10:45am Sunday - Sunday School

12:15pm Wednesday - Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

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