

The Word

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

May 2017

From the Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner

Dear Friends in Christ,

On May 21, Saint Timothy's will be hosting a "Know Your Rights" workshop, from 4-6 p.m. This workshop is offered by Catholic Charities with an eye towards helping all immigrants, regardless of citizenship status. It explains the rights that are universal in the United States and helps participants understand what to do if they are detained for any reason. The workshop is presented primarily in Spanish but is open to anyone in the parish and, indeed, anyone in the community.

I am pleased for a number of reasons that we can host this workshop. Most obviously, it will serve those in our midst who have concerns about their rights. But it will also provide an opportunity for those of us who would stand in solidarity with immigrants to come and learn about how they might do so. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." He was telling a parable at the time—but he wasn't using a metaphor. One of our most fundamental Christian obligations is to welcome and care for the stranger.

Of course, that understanding springs from the reality that, in truth, we are all strangers. The state of our humanity is that we, through sin, have become estranged from God—that we have made ourselves foreign to the kingdom, and that we are only welcomed back again through the grace of Jesus Christ. That grace is so abundant that it takes slaves and makes them children; it takes the prodigal out of cleaning the pigsty and puts clean robes on him; it takes the condemned and ransoms them into new life.



Whether you can attend the workshop or not, the question is before us all: how will we treat one another, not as citizens of this country, but as redeemed citizens of the Kingdom? We who have been adopted together—not by virtue of anything we have done but because of the love of God—what do we do in response?

This parish engages with the community and with the world in many ways—our Service Ministry, our work with LINK and Cornerstones and the Closet, our missions to Haiti and the Lakota. This engagement is only the outward expression of the interior truth. We are all here by God's grace, and we are trying to love one another as God loved us.

I hope you will use this Easter season to consider where you need to welcome Christ in and how you might do so.

Blessings,
Anne+

Rector Search Committee (RSC) Update

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that you be present with us and guide us all as we strive to discern your will for [candidate's name] and for St. Timothy's. . .

These are the words we pray as we begin each candidate interview, that God will guide us to His will and lead us to the new rector He has chosen for St. Timothy's. God has been faithful in leading us through the first round of interviews, which are complete. The search committee is currently conducting second round interviews with the most promising candidates.

The journey to this place has been one of growth and spiritual enlightenment for all of us. We're fortunate that each member of our team has strengths and gifts that complement the talents of others on the committee. As a group, we have succeeded in accomplishing tasks that often were daunting. As we get closer to the end of our work, we are blessed to have confidence and trust in one another. This faith in each other has made the current phase of our work, candidate interviews, move quickly. It has also helped prepare us for the upcoming on-site visits of the final candidates, which we expect to begin in the near future. As a reminder, once the RSC recommends a candidate there will be a waiting period while the diocese reviews our choice and, the vestry approves the candidate and negotiates salary and benefits. The work of the RSC and the vestry is complete when the candidate accepts the position with the approval of the Bishop.

While we have learned to count on our fellow committee members, none of our work could have succeeded without the continued support of the congregation. Your prayers and encouragement have been the steadfast support we have relied on throughout the interim period. Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue to work on behalf of the parish. The RSC is excited about the candidates we are considering and, look forward to knowing them better to discern the ideal match for St. Timothy's. We ask that you pray for our timely success and inspiration in discerning God's will for our church family. As always, we welcome your

questions and comments to any of us directly or, by email to RSC@saint-timothys.org.

Lord Jesus, thank you for keeping us united in your grace, hope and love as we minister to each other during our time of transition. Grant us faith to appreciate one another and shepherd us toward your will in selecting a new Rector.

-Shon Beury

Search Process Progress

- Vestry chooses a search committee
- Search Committee is commissioned
- Committee selects Chair, Vestry approves
- Self study with congregation input
- Draft church Portfolio
- Portfolio approved by Vestry and Bishop
- Candidate names received
- Office of Transition Ministry vets candidates
- Finalist candidate selected
- Vestry votes on finalist
- Call extended to finalist
- Vestry negotiates letter of agreement
- Candidate, Senior Warden and Bishop sign the letter of Agreement



St. Timothy's Lakota Mission



From May 20-27, St. Timothy's Lakota Team will travel to South Dakota to spend time with the Lakota people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. We've been making annual journeys to the reservation since 2003 when, in accordance with our mission statement, we with God's love, extend our hand to serve the needs of the Lakota, to build friendships, and to foster cultural exchange. With God's help, we will: volunteer our time and talents: perform work projects agreed upon with the Lakota Community: and make an annual trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation. We spend time each day working in the community repair homes, playing with the local children and then engaging with the people, learning about their lives on the reservation and striving to breakdown negative stereotypes.

We stay at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center, a joint Lutheran/Methodist center whose 'mission is to foster better understanding between Indian and non-Indian peoples and to make contributions to the life of the people living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.' 'The ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center (PRRC) can be divided into two broad areas. The first is responding to a knock at the door from the people in the community. And the other is providing hospitality and cross cultural immersion between visiting teams and the people living in the community.'

Below is an excerpt from the Retreat Center's latest newsletter that tells more about their mission and needs:

Quilts:

The beautiful quilts that are made by many people over the year find good homes in Pine Ridge! Because of generous donations from many Quilters groups and individuals we were able to assist 695 people with the gift of a warm quilt or blanket. The demand this time of year is high and we are currently out of inventory. If you are part of a quilters group and you have some quilts ready to keep someone warm, we would be so pleased to

receive them.

Diapers & Baby Wipes:

Anyone with a child or grandchild knows that babies need diapers! The cost of diapers puts a huge strain on families' resources. We provide diapers and baby wipes to low-income families to improve the lives of babies and toddlers. You can go to Amazon's baby registry and search for "Pine Ridge Retreat Center" or follow this link to place an order for direct shipment. https://www.amazon.com/gp/baby-reg/pineridge-retreatcenter-june-2017-pineridge?lid=1GBAY53KNML88&ref=br_search_page_result_1

Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps:

We currently have a team of five people working as part of the Job Corps. People from the community working on behalf of their neighbors! When visiting teams come to the Center they will work alongside the Lutheran/Lakota crew providing a bridge between the visitors and the people living in the community. Participating in the Job Corps gives individuals an opportunity to earn an income and gain important work experience.

If you have quilts to ship, or if you are able to make a contribution to the Energy Assistance Matching Program, please send your quilts and payments to:

Pine Ridge Retreat Center, PO Box 862, Pine Ridge, SD 57770.

If you would like to support the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps, please send your donation to: South Dakota Synod-ELCA, Attn: Lois Borchardt, 2001 S. Summit Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57197

-Tina Pinkard

Hypothermia Shelter Thanks

Thank you for the following St. Timothy's ministries and members for preparing and serving dinner to the North County Hypothermia Shelter clients on Saturdays in March.

Each Saturday these members would prepare the meal and serve it to 30-40 adults sleeping in this overflow shelter open December – March. We are grateful for their service to our most vulnerable neighbors staying in this winter overflow shelter, operated by Cornerstones.

A special thank you goes to the following:

- Service Ministry members
- Spanish Service members
- JoAnn Carlisle
- Bob Kimmel
- Christine Tunstall
- Kathy Froemming
- Judy Conroy
- Paula Gershen
- The Dodd Family
- The LaWalt Family
- Jill Norcross
- Kathy Dubishar

Mark your calendars for next year when we will prepare and serve the meal on Sundays in March 2018 – 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25.

Thank you for the gift of sight!

Thank you to all who donated used eyeglasses, we delivered 47 pairs to the Recycling Eyeglass Center in Arlington, VA. They were very grateful for the useable eyeglasses. They get recycled and sent to many disadvantaged areas nationally as well as globally. Someone's trash is another's treasure. Thanks for giving the gift of better sight.

-The Service Ministry

Thank you Volunteers at The Closet

The Closet of Greater Herndon depends on volunteers to work behind the scenes pricing, hanging clothing, and refreshing the shop. Other volunteers help with jewelry, bagging, and 'walking the floor.' St. Timothy's provides volunteers twice a month for 2 to 4 hours. Thank you to these volunteers who put in many hours this year: Dottie Lawson, Elaine Horsfield and Pat Rhodes. Welcome to our new volunteers: Allyson Showalter, Catherine Nkomba and Nathan Nkomba.

If you would like to volunteer at The Closet, please contact us.

Marie Lally (marielally@yahoo.com) and Holly Hartge (mhhvirginia@verizon.net)
St. Timothy Closet Board Members



Shop Thursday Nights at The Closet

Do you like shopping at The Closet but not the crowds of the regular shopping days? The Closet is open for business every Thursday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. It is restocked after the 2:00 closing that day so shoppers will find new items in clothing, housewares, toys, and knick-knacks. The Closet is located at 845 Station Street, Herndon.

Please check out the new website www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org for up to date information on The Closet.

-Holly Hartge

Vestry Update- April 2017

March Giving: \$67,183

Budgeted Giving: \$54,244

YTD Expenses vs. Income: \$10,695

At the April 24 Vestry meeting, the Vestry heard a proposal to purchase handbell tables, foam pads, and pad covers with funds disbursed from the remainder of the GTGTL campaign. Because the Vestry voted last month to use some of those funds for the purchase of a humidifier, and there was not a firm understanding of how much money will remain in the fund once the contract with Farmer is complete, the motion was tabled until next month.

The Vestry passed amended bylaws which allow an alternate to serve out the remainder of a term, and run for re-election if their time served is less than 1 year. Amended bylaws also limit the term of service for the Treasurer. You can read the bylaws on our web site here.

Jean Shepherd reported that the new bookkeeper Fernanda is doing well and is in the office Mondays – Wednesdays from 11-4 pm. She reported that March giving was up, possibly due to parishioners fulfilling their entire pledge in March. She will be preparing figures for a potential budget review and amendment in June. Jean also announced her resignation effective July 1, due to a planned retirement relocation.

Bridge Interim Rector Anne Turner reported facilities use agreements will be signed with groups in September, to align with the school year cycle rather than the calendar year. Catholic Charities is waiting on grant information, but is interested in holding ESL classes at St. Timothy's. A Know Your Rights seminar will be held on May 21 from 4-6 pm at St. Timothy's with information for immigrants and other non-citizens, presented in Spanish but with English handouts and information. Seminarian Bill Baker is available to continue leading Spanish worship during the summer. During the summer the office will be closed on Fridays while Kevin takes some of his unused leave time every week.

The Vestry passed motions to accept designated giving from the Chili Cookoff for the benefit of the Lakota Ministry and from the Agape offering for the benefit of the Haiti School Fund.

-Genevieve Zetlan, Sr. Warden

“The Empty Cross”

In the joyous season of Easter we consider many events in the life of Christ on earth and particularly those that led to His sacrificial death on a crude tree near a city that did not understand Him, in a nation subdued by a powerful, despotic system and in a century that is described as “ancient” which to some may be “irrelevant”.

No doubt many people like me have a crucifix either to wear around one's neck or to hang upon the wall, but the real glory for me is the empty cross above the altar at St. Tim's. Each week I can focus upon this glorious emblem, knowing that God is not confined by anything invented by man. He is in everything we see and do if we look for Him. He is in our hearts and thoughts. He is in beauty and ugliness, tribulation and joy and every part of our lives.

As we open our eyes to gaze upon the wonder of the empty cross, we open our hearts and lives to His love and care. After every resurrection each Sunday we take that knowledge into the world, to our workplaces and neighborhoods, to our families and friends, and we know that God is beside us in all that we do. Above all we know that we are loved with a love that knows no bounds, limitations or demands except for love in return.

-Jill Cox

2017 Vestry with Liaison Assignments

Genevieve Zetlan (2018) – Senior Warden
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Answer Jesus' Call



Are you looking to connect with a ministry where you can join with others in volunteer service to make a difference at St. Tim's, in our local community, and in the world? Your first step is to take a look at the opportunities below and reach out via the contact info provided. Reach out today and discover how you can make a difference!

Acolyte Ministry- This Ministry provides training and support for young people to serve in our Worship Services as Acolytes (*Crucifers, Torch Bearers, and Servers*). If you are a parent of a young person who is interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Danny Wechtenhiser at mravnk9@verizon.net. Adults are also welcome to join the Acolyte team as Crucifers and Servers; if your child is an acolyte, this could be an opportunity to serve as a family. Please note- all will be provided with training and are guided, so no experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve and be present when scheduled.

Altar Guild Team- St. Timothy's Altar Guild plays an important role in the Worship Ministry. Their mission is to ensure that the Sanctuary is in order, beautiful, clean and prepared for worship on a weekly basis and for special services. The special fellowship of this team-based ministry is an easy way to support your church and only requires a few hours of your time on the week you are scheduled to serve (approximately every other month for a two-week rotation). Each team is led by an experienced Guild member and training is provided. Service opportunities can be flexible to meet your busy schedule or special interests (flowers, care of linens, Sunday only). Please consider helping the Altar Guild grow and meet our 2017 goal of doubling the number of teams who serve. For more information, please contact Carol Sinclair (csinclair83@msn.com) or Kerrie Wilson (kerriebun@verizon.net or 703-628-4876).

Building and Grounds Team- The Building and Grounds team is in need of volunteers for work around the church and for coordinating contractors for some upcoming tasks. Meeting attendance is not required, but helpful. We meet the 4th Saturday of the month. For more information on this vital ministry or to volunteer, please email Sean Brady, Building & Grounds Ministry Chair, at BandG@saint-timothys.org.

Hospitality Team- The newly formed Hospitality Ministry met last Sunday to strategize for the year ahead. We have new ideas for coffee hours including a special way to gather together on the months with a fifth Sunday. We are in need of a volunteer to chair Hospitality, which involves overseeing our modest budget and generally keeping the wheels in motion. We are always looking for people who are interested in helping in small ways. The immediate need is for people to help with the Sunday Coffee Hours (either 8 or 10 o'clock services) by sending a reminder to bring food on a particular Sunday, and ensuring that we have volunteers for set up and clean up. For more information, please contact Carolyn Hamm at carolynhamm@verizon.net.

Answer Jesus' Call *(continued)*

Pastoral Care Team (includes Home Communion Visitors)- The Pastoral Care Team is welcoming new team members to this ministry of care for members and friends of the Saint Timothy's family. We write cards and make phone calls to those in need of encouragement, we make Home Communion Visits to those who cannot attend church services, and we pray for the various needs of the church. We will train anyone who is interested in being a part of this important care network. Please email Gayle Rippe or Sarah Daly for more information. (gayle_657@hotmail.com / stilldaly@gmail.com).

Service Ministry- Would you like to engage the congregation in living their faith by serving others through local and global outreach? Consider joining the Service Ministry! We meet once a month and there are a variety of ways that you can make a difference in this ministry. If you are interested, contact Carolyn Hamm, Service Ministry Chair, at carolynhamm@verizon.net.

St. Tim's Vocal Choir!- The St. Timothy's vocal choir needs additional singers. We particularly need basses and at least one additional alto. However, all types of singers are welcome. The choir leads worship in the singing of hymns, service music, and anthems, most Sundays between September and June as well as providing special music for Christmas Eve and during Holy Week. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in the Music/Altar Guild room. We also have a brief warm up rehearsal at 9:20 on Sunday mornings. Please see Roger Long after worship today if you are interested, or contact him at Longr158@hotmail.com or 703-984-9236. And remember, as Martin Luther once said "He/She, who sings, prays twice!"



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Timothy's Vacation Bible School will be July 10 - 14 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for children ages 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade. 6th -12th grade students and adults are encouraged to volunteer for this fun week! Registration is now open, and you can sign up at a link on the St. Tim's home page. Contact Christine Hoyle at christineh@saint-timothys.org if you have any questions!



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Submission Deadline for the next issue:
Saturday, May 27, 2017
Submit to Ian Smith at
ids227@gmail.com



Piece by piece, the organ is brought in.

A note on membership...

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 or 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 diocesan matters).

If we don't have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to office@saint-timothys.org. To transfer your membership to St. Tim's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) 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 am Eucharist, Rite 1
Sundays 10:00 am Rite II service with Holy Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade
SPARK+, 3-5th grade
Christian Ed
Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service
Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista



St. Timothy's sends a warm *Welcome Back!* to an old friend — the J.D. Moore Pipe Organ.