

The Word

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

November 2017

A Message from our Rector

Dear Friends,

Because of Thanksgiving Day and the approaching holiday season, November is a month of Thankfulness. I want to share with you how thankful I am to be here and especially for all the wonderful people I have already met. Good works are being done through our church and I love being part of them. These good works are concrete acts of God's love and they are the fruit of our faithfulness. Thank you to everyone who helps make this happen.

This year we will have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. It will be a service of giving thanks with the Great Thanksgiving. If you are like me, you love the holiday of Thanksgiving because it is not as commercialized as many of the others and because you get to spend it with family and friends. It is also nurturing in the sense that it literally feeds us. This year I would like us to add a spiritual practice to our Thanksgiving Eve service. I would like every family to bring a plate or dish of some kind that will be used at their Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing. I will offer a blessing during the service over these items and then you can take them back home with you for the next day.

This way when we sit down to eat on Thanksgiving Day, all the St. Timothy's families will be connected by the same blessing on this special plate, dish, or other item. This does not take the place of your regular blessing with the family, but adds to it. It deepens our connection to our church family and gives a good story to tell at the dinner table. If you want to bring the plate or dish with food on it, that is okay but you don't have to. This is a way for us to bring blessings from the wider



community into our homes. You may also bring some other item associated with your celebration such as a picture or decoration for the blessing if a dish will not work.

Let us deepen our thankfulness for all of God's gifts and in so doing deepen the fullness and wholeness of our lives. Come be Thankful on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to be blessed for the fullness that is already in us.

Father Rich+



Vestry Report

October 2017

September Giving: \$55,998

Budgeted Giving: \$47,223

YTD Expenses vs. Income: (\$1,434)

At the October vestry meeting on Tuesday the 10th Fr. Rich opened the meeting with a brief discussion of attendance, trends in the church, and the number of regular members necessary to maintain full-time clergy. The Vestry discussed that a church is “either growing or going”, and the importance of growth for a healthy community both in terms of keeping ministries fresh and providing “authenticity” – multiple ways to experience God. The Vestry also discussed the importance of communicating to those outside of our church in order to grow, as well as creating “doorways” – different ways to enter the St. Timothy’s community.

Treasurer Duane Hartge reviewed the Ministry Budget Request form, which is due from each ministry by the end of October so that the Vestry can create the 2018 budget. The form will be distributed to the ministry chairs this week as well as reviewed at the Ministry Summit, along with the budgeting process, on Sunday.

The Vestry reviewed and discussed the Fundraising Policy and Bylaws as related to designated gifts. Because the Vestry is canonically responsible for the temporal matters of the church, all fundraisers for a specific purpose (i.e. NOT the general fund) must be approved in advance by the Vestry according to our bylaws. Announcements regarding fundraising may not be run until the Wardens have indicated Vestry approval.

The Vestry voted to hold the annual meeting on January 14, 2018, with the Vestry retreat in Middleburg during one of the two following weekends.

Because our two delegates and one alternate are all unable to attend Diocesan Convention in November, the Vestry voted to elect Sandy Wright and Susy Nixon to represent St. Timothy’s at Convention next month.

The Vestry approved the Treasurer’s report, noting that of the projected \$47,000 deficit for 2017, we have now (with the generous \$10,000 match of one of our parish families) received \$27,000 in extra donations to the general fund, closing the gap to only \$20,000.

The Vestry discussed the annual report, and its potential as a promotional piece as well as an informational record. St. Timothy’s is required to produce an annual report, and all ministries will receive a template for submitting information to it. Elizabeth Witter volunteered to work with Duane and Kevin to produce the report.

The Vestry approved Fr. Rich’s proposal that St. Timothy’s apply to be designated as a Jubilee Ministry site by the Episcopal Church. Such a designation opens St. Tim’s eligibility for a small amount of grant money, and lends legitimacy to applications for larger grants in the future.

Fr. Rich sought the Vestry’s input on a proposal to use the large amount of surplus Rector’s Discretionary Funds currently in the account for investment into and development of our ministries to Spanish speakers. The Vestry agreed that the surplus would make a huge difference in this community and was a tremendous opportunity for us to grow the Saturday evening attendance, as well as good stewardship of resources that are currently not being used. Fr. Rich will use \$12,000 in 2018 and \$10,000 in 2019 for this purpose, which will still leave sufficient funds in the RDF to minister to those who need personal assistance or to other uses at the Rector’s discretion.

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

Genevieve Zetlan, Sr. Warden

Save the Date!

Fr. Rich's Installation Service will take place on Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m. a Bishop will join us for a Celebration of New Ministry service for the Installation of Fr. Rich. Please save this date on your calendar and plan to join us for this important milestone in the life of Saint Timothy's. More details will be shared in mid- November in our bulletins and eNews.

Thoughts Before Advent

Dear Friends,

I have been considering what book I shall use for my study sessions for Advent and came across an old volume that was first published in 1995. I remember enjoying it with a group from my parish church, St. Mary the Virgin, in Ilford a borough in the East End of London.

In Genesis 12: 1-9, Yahweh instructs Abraham to leave his country, his family, and his father's house for a strange land in which Abraham will become the leader of a great nation. The story about Abraham gives insight into the destiny and nature of the whole human race as it strives to become a people of God. The people of God are from the beginning, a dynamic people, journeying with hope in the knowledge that although they often feel alienated, they are never abandoned. Love proves itself by constant renewal and God is forever challenging his people into fresh blessings.

Gerald Manly Hopkins (1844-1889) a poet who was born in Stratford only a few miles from my home in Ilford, England, wrote with great insight,

*I greet Him when I meet Him and bless
when I understand."*

-Jill Cox



Jubilee Ministries

Jubilee Ministries, created by an act of General Convention in 1983, encourage a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society. Today, over 700 ministries across the Episcopal Church have achieved Jubilee status, as recognized by the Executive Council.

On Tuesday, October 10, the Vestry voted to apply as a Jubilee Ministry Center for our work in the Hispanic Community. We are in the midst of the application process and will hear back sometime in 2018, on whether or not St. Timothy's will be designated a Jubilee Ministry Center.

100 Ways to Conserve Water

Now that the heat of summer is waning and cooler days are ahead, we may not be thinking of drought and water conservation. But, caring for God's Creation is a full-time, 24/7 responsibility. Here are some (no, this list will not be all one hundred suggestions!) ideas of the easy things we can do to preserve this precious resource.

1. Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Better still, xeriscape and use native species that do not require extra water to survive.
2. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
3. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
4. Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.
5. For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
6. Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
7. Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
8. Take a "Navy" shower! Water on, spin around. Water off. Soap and shampoo up. Water on. Rinse off. Congratulations, you just saved 50 to 100 gallons of water per shower! Wow!
9. Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water houseplants.
10. Okay, if you just cannot bear to take a Navy shower, try shortening your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
11. When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as

the tub fills up. Better yet, avoid baths when practical as taking a bath may actually use more water than a shower.

Being mindful of your choices is the first step toward being even better stewards of His Creation.

(A Message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)



Membership Records Update for Adult Children of Members

Any families in the system that have children turning 21 this year, please note the following information about our records update. Adult children (turning 21 or older) are being designated as their own record and will be labeled as a friend and family member of the church. If the adult child is an active member, please have them supply their current address, phone number, and email address to St. Timothy's or if easier to nikki.omalley@gmail.com. If the Adult Child does not contact us, they will not receive regular mailings or birthday greetings so please encourage them to do so if they still attend. Thank you!

Sixth Annual Holiday Bazaar - November 12, 2017

Do you have a craft or hobby business? We will be holding the holiday bazaar again this year and would love to have you participate. This event has become popular within the local crafting community as we fill a pre-holiday niche with our Sunday event. As usual the Bazaar will include a diverse group of crafters, vendors, the ever popular Raffle, Bake Sale and special activity. This year's proceeds will benefit the Bell Table & Reserve funds. To receive a registration form, please email co-chairs Sean & Marty Brady at sttims.bazaar@gmail.com.



LINK News

Thank you to all the donors who helped make our October Stuff-a-Truck a terrific success! Your kind generosity helped the Service Ministry meet our goal of collecting over 1,000 pounds of food for LINK. The donations will have a big impact on LINK clients during this holiday season.

LINK anticipates a significant increase in families requesting food assistance for the holiday distributions in November and December. Some of

the local outreach groups who have traditionally provided food during the holidays have changed their programs and are serving fewer people. Currently, LINK expects to serve about 900 families during each of this year's distributions. November 1-16 clean, we are collecting gently used coats, and you may drop items in the labeled container in Henry Hall. Coats for adults and children are needed. On Saturday, Nov. 18 LINK clients can receive a coat for each family member as well as enough groceries for their family for a week. Your donations of coats and non-perishable food are welcome.

If you want to volunteer for the LINK Holiday Program please visit the website, www.linkagainsthunger.org and click on the Signup Genius button at the bottom of the page. Volunteers are needed to sort, transport and distribute food and coats. Families are welcome and students are eligible for community service credit. Your time and talent are welcome, a little or a lot! Please see the LINK website for more details or, contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com. Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our community.



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Service Times:

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite 1

Sundays 10:00 am Rite II service with Holy Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade

SPARK+, 3-5th grade

Christian Ed

Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service

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Welcome New Members

Please be aware that there are MANY active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years that are not registered members. Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's.

Non-registered congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions, giving us a stronger vote in Diocese 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

Submission Deadline for the next issue:

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Submit to Ian Smith at

ids227@gmail.com





“If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer. It starts with a new spirit of prayer, using all the traditions, ancient and modern. When it comes, it will be linked to what has gone before, but it will look different – because it is a new renewal for new times. God’s created community is perfectly designed for its time and place. It almost always comes from below. It comes from Christians seeking Christ.”

Justin Welby
The 105th Archbishop of Canterbury