



The WORD

April 2025

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

As our Lenten journey continues, we look in hope as the month of April arrives. We see the weather getting warmer and the flowers blooming: St. Timothy's campus is starting to become aglow with the arrival of Spring. Of course, what we look forward to most is Easter Sunday, April 20th, and the reality that is Christ's Resurrection. We will have services at 8 and 10 am, with music (at both!) as well as an Easter Egg Hunt on the glorious grounds of our church.

I am also looking forward to St. Timothy's Pre-School's **50th Birthday Bash on May 17th, 2025!** Preparations and planning are in full swing as we celebrate five decades of our wonderful Pre-School. The Schedule and details are provided herein by Allyson Showalter, the Pre-School's Director. Please check her article out and figure out the different ways that you can become a part of the celebration.



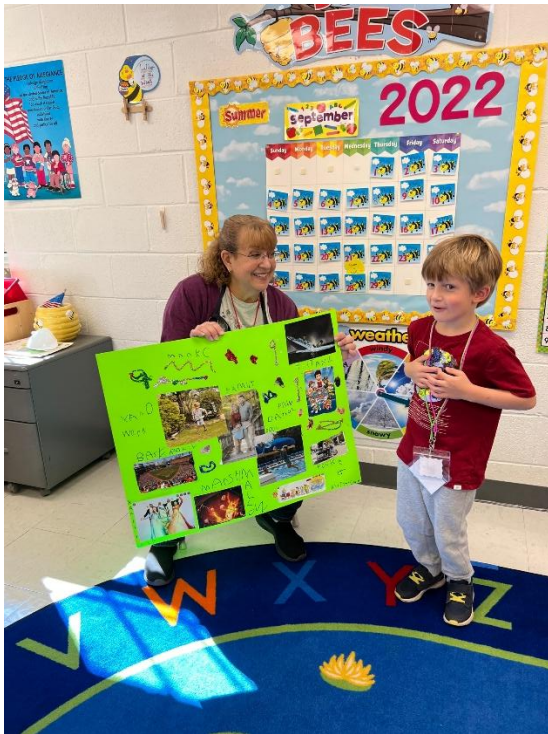
I am excited to announce that, in addition to our Honorary Co-Chairs (the Rev'd. Dr. Ralph Bayfield and longtime school director Helen Guest), we will have two other speakers/special guests at the event. Mary Munch, who was the very first director of St. Timothy's Pre-School in 1975, will be with us to say a few words. The Honorable Keven LeBlanc, Mayor of the Town of Herndon, has also accepted my invitation to speak about the importance of St. Timothy's Preschool to our community. I am grateful to them both, and for Helen and Ralph+, for their presence.

One of the ways that you can get involved is by sharing your memories about St. Timothy's Pre-School and what it has meant to you and your family. I shared this memory on Facebook but will repeat here:

When I was being interviewed to potentially become be the Church's Priest-in-Charge, my family came to tour the church and the school. At some point, the 'formal' part was over and we (my family and the interview folks) were out on the Pre-School Playground where my son could play, and the adults could chat a little more. I realized I had forgotten something, so I went back into the church to grab it. When I came back out, my wife was speaking with Kristie Rudolph and Allyson Showalter and she was crying. I started to walk back a little bit quicker... only to learn that Allyson had been telling her that, if I ended up taking the job, St. Timothy's Pre-School would have a place for our son, and that he would be in good hands with the teachers here, and that that part of the transition would be okay.

She was right! St. Timothy's Pre-School was a caring environment for our son, where he learned to love school, and learned how to learn. He still gives big hugs to his former teachers and loves to come back and, at the age of 7, instruct the current students on what they have to expect in Elementary School.

That's my relationship with St. Timothy's Pre-School. Although I also hold the lofty title of chairperson of the St. Timothy's Pre-School Board, the reason I believe wholeheartedly in the education and the loving atmosphere at the school, is because I have seen it firsthand.



That's my small sliver of knowledge, only 3 years' worth, of our half-century history. Please do join in yourself by attending the Birthday Bash, by becoming a Sponsor for the event (more information on succeeding pages), or by enrolling your child/ grandchild for the Fall. Then you can become a part of the next 50 years of St. Timothy's Pre-School.

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES+



St Timothy's Pre-School Birthday Bash

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

All donations and sponsorship contributions are tax deductible.



\$1,000

As a Bronze sponsor, your business will be recognized as a key supporter of the celebration.

- Business name on select event signage and website
- Social media recognition before and after the event
- Name mention in event press release
- Invitation to attend and table at the event



\$2,500

Help us wrap this celebration in excitement! As a Silver sponsor, your business gets even more visibility before and during the event.

- Medium-sized logo on event signage, website, and marketing materials
- Two dedicated social media posts highlighting your business
- Opportunity to include branded giveaways in event goodie bags
- Prime booth/table placement at the event
- Verbal recognition during event announcements



\$5,000

The ultimate party host! As a Gold sponsor, your business will be front and center as we celebrate 50 years of preschool magic!

- Largest logo placement on all event signage, website, and printed materials
- Featured sponsor mention in all event press releases
- Four dedicated social media shout-outs with business highlights
- Opportunity to speak or be recognized during the event
- Premium booth/table placement at the event with signage
- Complimentary event goodie bag placement for branded materials

DON'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

Let's get creative! We have tons of opportunities for you to be involved. Email sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com to get the ball rolling on how we can feature your business.

St. Timothy's Pre-School Birthday Bash: Celebrating 50 Years of Learning, Growth, and Joy!

Have you heard that our Pre-School is organizing a **50th Birthday Bash** on May 17, 2025?

We hope you are planning to join us as we commemorate 50 wonderful years of educating and inspiring children in a welcoming and inclusive environment. This is a milestone worth celebrating, and we want you to be a part of it!!

We are planning an event for all ages: there will be photo displays, a commemorative craft for all age groups, and a ceremony with songs and speeches, and a birthday cake. There will also be inflatables for all age groups, face painting, a petting zoo, a "balloon sculptor" (think balloon animals), a scavenger hunt, and two food trucks (Roaming Coyote and Moo Thru).

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 17

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

3:00 – Inflatables, displays, and food trucks open; children participating in the performance gather to practice

3:30 – Ceremony in the sanctuary followed by cake on the lawn by the bell

4:00 – face painting, balloon sculpting, and petting zoo open

Location: St. Timothy's Pre-School, 432 Van Buren St, Herndon, VA

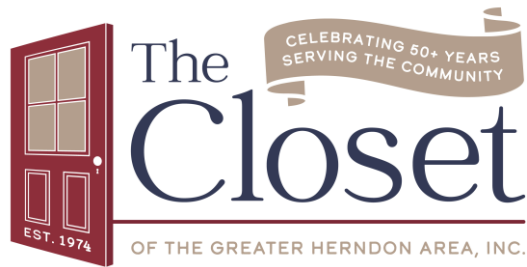
Cost: The event is free of charge. However, we do ask for a suggested donation of \$5/person \$20/family to help offset the cost. If we are fortunate enough to have donations that exceed the cost of the event, the extra will be put toward upgrading our 25-year-old playground equipment and toward our scholarship fund.

We are grateful to all the members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church who have donated money to sponsor the event and who have volunteered their time to help make this event happen! Many of you have signed up to help on the day of the event, and we will be contacting you with specific details in the next few weeks. If you haven't volunteered and would like to help, please email or call the preschool and we will put you on the list.

We would also like to thank our corporate sponsor Moo Thru, who are donating a portion of their sales at the Birthday Bash back to the Pre-School.

We can't wait to celebrate this incredible milestone with you. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Respectfully submitted by Allyson Showalter



News from The Closet

Spring is on the racks and shelves at The Closet. Easter items too. You will find summer games in the toy section. Check it out at 845 Station Street, Herndon, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday – plus the store is open Monday night and Thursday night until 8:00 for shopping only. Donation hours are Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to noon, and Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon.

The Closet continues to seek volunteers – if interested, please contact Holly Hartge (mhhvirignia@verizon.net.) Youth in grades 7-12 are encouraged to volunteer to get those community service hours.

St. Tim's is a long-time member of The Closet's Board. Pat Rhoads has resigned from The Closet Board since she has moved out of the area. Not only was Pat on the Board, for three years, but she also served as the manager of The Closet.

With Pat's resignation, there is room on the Board for another member of St. Tim's to step forward and join. If you are interested, please contact Holly Hartge.

Thank you for shopping, donating and volunteering at The Closet.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge

News From the Service Ministry

Agape for St. Mathieu's School in Chapoteau

Our fundraiser fell short of our hoped-for goal, yet we were able to raise nearly \$20,000! Status of funding for the school was presented at the March Vestry meeting, and the Vestry has agreed to assist with the short fall for the calendar year. A letter to the congregation will be sent in late March so watch your email for further details.

Hypothermia Meals

St. Timothy's successfully provided two meals for Cornerstones' Hypothermia Shelter during the month of March. We provided dinners with an entrée, salad and dessert for 80 individuals on each occasion. The need is great as this is double the meals we have provided in the past. Thank you to everyone who worked on this effort. We couldn't have done it without the generosity of your time and effort. The Service Ministry has signed up for two meals next year. When the time comes, we will post details. As always, we know that we can count on the support of St. Timothy's.



Lenten Outreach

We are in the midst of this year's Lenten outreach. As you know the project this year is to collect sports equipment for youth. We have heard from many of you and the enthusiasm is outstanding. Details about the specifics can be found in the E-News. You will hear testimonials about the importance of sport activities during the announcements. Bring your sports related items to the Narthex at the 8am and 10am services on April 6th and April 13th. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the youth athletes in our community.

LINK Food Drive

Because of the busy church calendar in April, the Spring LINK food drive has been moved to May. We will be announcing the food drive on May 4th and collecting food on May 11th and May 18th. Stay tuned for more information and details on what foods are in high demand. Many of you continue to bring in food and leave it at the LINK food basket. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Follow-up on Last Year's Lenten Outreach

Last year's Lenten Outreach was collecting musical instruments for students at local schools. The picture below was taken at a recent concert at Parkview High School. Many of the students in the picture are playing with guitars donated by St. Timothy's. It is wonderful to see the culmination of last year's Lenten Outreach.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Bosworth and Carolynn Hamm



APRIL

Soft showers soften the earth for seed,
Turned earth and hoed lines show the need
To set a garden which, with God's help,
Will nurture us; and as He bade
Give to others who are in need;
Share, make every day a good deed
To brothers and sisters everywhere
So all can live without worry or care.

April, month of joy and life renewed,
Often with blue skies, but also showers,
With rainbow colors, trees in bud, flowers.
Birdsong conquering all winter's gloom.
April, filled with gentle showers,
Birds singing in sheltered bowers;
The old maxim "God's in His garden,
All's right in the world", as we seek pardon
And resolve to repent, as we tend
The seeds of new growth and bend
To care for God's gift of a garden.
Sometimes filled with Easter joys,
That conquer all our timid ploys
To live as commanded in Galilee.
And yet we are not nearly free
Of all that tempts us to stray again
As we accept the gift of April rain.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox

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Service Times

Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday:	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
		Also available via Zoom
		(Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)

Please check the website for up-to-date
information about opportunities to worship

Welcome New Members

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to
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