



The WORD

May 2025

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

Easter has come, but has not gone... it's still with us, especially in the next 6 weeks of Eastertide.

That having been said, this week after Easter has been full of rejoicing out of a sense of completion, all culminating with a truly memorable Easter Sunday, with a "standing room only" crowd and chairs in the Narthex at our 10 AM service.

Thank you to all who attended, who sang, who adorned, who helped prepare... the list could go on and on. I want to say a special word of thanks, however, to those who CLEANED. Thank you to the Smith girls who washed dishes after the Maundy Thursday supper, thank you to Carolyn Hamm for taking the trash out after a recent funeral, thank you to Todd Grivetti who helped carry the cross ("other duties as assigned"?) back up to the attic after Good Friday, thank you to Brooke Nunnally for locking up after Easter Sunday, and thank you to the Altar Guild who corralled all of the flowers and all of the furnishings and kept our worship space beautiful and holy throughout.



In fact, the success of the Maundy Thursday Supper led to a lot of questions about another famous CLEANING in our Church life: Footwashing. People tend to have really strong feeling about Footwashing, both yea and nay! Perhaps in 2026, we will revive this service at St. Timothy's again and explore all the rich meaning of "cleaning" in that sacramental act of servitude and fellowship.

I wanted to remind you about two events coming up on our parish calendar, with opportunities indeed to clean for both! On June 7th, the Bishop will be here for Pentecost Eve and our biennial Episcopal visit. **This service will take place on Saturday, at 7 pm, and will be the principal service for St. Timothy's that weekend. There will be an 8 AM service on Sunday June 8th, but no 10 AM service.** Please come on Saturday night to be with the Bishop and support all those being confirmed, received or reaffirmed. Be on the lookout for opportunities to CLEAN beforehand 😊.

Coming up even sooner is our **St. Timothy's Pre-School Birthday Bash on Saturday, May 17th from 3-6 pm**. This will be a wonderful time to celebrate 50 years of education "downstairs" at St. Tim's. There are many way to participate, most of them very fun... but there is also an opportunity to CLEAN up afterwards: click [here](#) if you are so inclined!

Allyson Showalter and a hard-working committee have been preparing diligently to put the pieces in place for this event. A parallel effort has been made to solicit donations to the Pre-school as a part of the celebration. Parishioners have been eager to donate while local businesses have given gift certificates and other donations in-kind. I am thankful for the support shown to our Pre-school. Know that those donations will allow the event to be successful, as well as support scholarships to the Pre-school.

I personally have made a number of phone calls, emails, etc. in this campaign. I started by compiling a list of all the vendors that St. Timothy's Church uses. Do you know that we have accounts at 25+ companies, local and national? We have business "relationships" with everyone from corporate monoliths to 'mom-and-pops' that are right here in Herndon. Your pledges and donations go (indirectly) to those companies, week after week, year after year.

I would like to recognize one such company that is supporting the Pre-school 50th Anniversary with a generous monetary donation. Guaranteed CLEANING Services, Inc. (<https://www.guaranteedcsi.com/>) is the business that cleans our Church and Pre-school, day after day, week after week. They deal with the messes that we make at Coffee Hour, they vacuum the ill-advised glitter up from the carpet, they haul the trash out to our dumpster. They do so with care and attention and, dare I say, love.

There is some Gospel-truth involved that the folks that clean up after us, that serve us in a way that is dignified and effective and humble, are willing to go out of their way and donate money for the 50th Anniversary of our Pre-school. I have not put my finger on what exactly that might be but perhaps might pontificate on it in an upcoming sermon.

Until then, I will leave you with Jesus' words from John's Gospel (13:12-15):

Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES+

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

The Generations Ministry was joined by dozens of our church members to share supper before Service on Maundy Thursday.

We served four kinds of soup: Vegetable, Bean, Potato Leek and Corn Chowder together with bread, cheese and olives.

The ambiance of the evening was greatly enhanced with “real” tablecloths loaned to us by Carolyn Hamm, porcelain soup bowls, candlelight, wine and wonderful fellowship.

The Smith girls rolled up their sleeves to help make the supper a success: Abigail handed out menus; Evelyn and AnnMarie washed dishes and glasses by hand with accuracy and no complaints.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Generations Ministry members who planned and executed this wonderful gathering of fellowship: Jeanne Bennett, Julie Gray-Roller, Emilia Mbonu, Gayle, Rippe, Wanda Rixon, Alex Schumann, Johanna Smith, and Elaine White. (Sandy Wright and Midori Yanagihara were out of town, but present in our hearts).

We hope more of you will join us next year.

Peace,
Janet Dopsovic



St. Timothy's Pre-School Birthday Bash: It's Party Time!!

After months of planning, St. Timothy's Pre-School's 50th Birthday celebration is upon us! We hope you are planning to come on May 17. (Details below)

As the party approaches, we've been indulging in a little introspection; what, exactly, are we celebrating? For 50 years, St. Timothy's Pre-School has served families in our area in the following ways:

- Offering an educational experience for children ages 3 to 5 (and at some times 2.5 to 6) in a loving, nurturing, welcoming, and inclusive environment.
- Teaching through play-based instruction, with the understanding that young children learn best through experiential learning.
- Prioritizing social skills, reading readiness, science, art, math concepts, nature, and music arts in our classroom activities.
- Striving to meet the individual needs and potential of each child.
- Providing an environment where children can learn to respect and care for themselves and others without regard to gender, race, nationality, or religious or ethnic background.
- Expressing the Church's mission by "living out the values" of Christianity rather than "teaching" them in a formalized sense or setting.
- Developing creativity, self-confidence, and independence within each child.

We are proud of the experience and knowledge that we give to our students. They "graduate" with a good foundation for success in Kindergarten, elementary school, and beyond.

We are looking forward to seeing current students, alumni, both current and alumni families, current and former teachers, and anyone with an interest in or a connection to St. Timothy's Pre-School at our Birthday Bash!

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. Also, the food trucks charge for their wares.

Haiti School Fund Update

THANK YOU TO ST. TIMOTHY'S FOR PUTTING YOUR FAITH TO WORK FOR OUR CHILDREN AT ST. MATHIEU'S SCHOOL IN CHAPOTEAU, HAITI

In mid-March we had a significant shortfall to our goal of raising \$27,500 for the Haiti School Fund. Teacher's salaries are about \$25,000 per year plus a 10% Partnership Program Fee (this money is used to fund the administration needed to ensure that proper accounting is maintained, and that the money reaches its intended recipients). The amount raised for this Agape is intended to carry us from 3/1/25 – 3/01/26. A [letter](#) to the congregation was sent on 3/27 explaining the situation. And, our very generous church family donated, not just the shortfall, but a cushion that will take us forward in 2026. As of this writing we have received \$29,540 year-to-date, and dispersed \$14,500 with another \$10,500 to be sent July 1st. This will fulfill our commitment for the calendar year.

Following the most recent disbursement on March 25th we received the following message from Pr. Kesner Gracia, head of the Partnership Program and the Priest-in-Charge for Chapoteau:

April 16, 2025

On behalf of the entire Chapoteau community, I would like to express our deepest gratitude. We have received the funds sent for the teachers' salaries - a precious and timely help in these difficult times. Your gesture takes on an even greater dimension, knowing that each of our teachers is now hosting one or more refugees in his or her own family.

My special thanks to you for your moral, spiritual and friendly support, which comforts and strengthens us. We are counting more than ever on your prayers. May God bless you abundantly and renew your strength.

*With gratitude,
Pere Kesner*

As the tragic situation in Haiti continues, we are pleased to know that our school is still open, and that the salaries paid to our teachers also aids those beyond their own families. We ask for your prayers for all Haitians.

Questions regarding this ministry may be addressed to Haitiministry@saint-timothys.org.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm

News from the Service Ministry

Lenten Outreach

The Service Ministry has concluded the Lenten Outreach project for 2025. It was a tremendous success. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed sports equipment for the drive. The following is a list of items collected.

Basketballs	10
Baseball gloves	30
Baseball bats	19
Soccer balls	11
Footballs	9
Softballs	26
Lacrosse sticks.	3
Baseball helmets	4
Baseballs	114
Duffle bags	3
Soccer shoes	10
Soccer goalie gloves	4

In addition, the Service Ministry received generous donations of over \$500 to spend on sports equipment, which will add to the totals above. We are dispersing the collected items to local sports organizations and the items will soon be in the hands of young athletes.

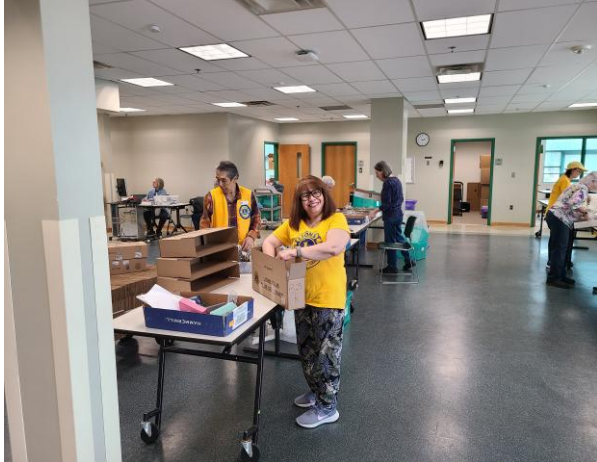
We have met our goal of giving athletic opportunities to those who might not be able to buy the equipment needed to provide an invaluable outlet for health and wellbeing. As always, St. Timothy's rises to meet the needs of people in our community.

LINK Spring Food Drive

The Spring LINK Food Drive is just around the corner. The drive will be held during the first three weeks of May. We will be starting on May 4th when we will be passing out the blue bags in the Narthex. During the next two weeks (May 11th and May 18th) we will be collecting the food in the Narthex. Look for more information in upcoming E-news items as well as announcements from the pulpit. St. Timothy's has always been so supportive of LINK and we look forward to another successful food drive.

Donation of Eyeglasses

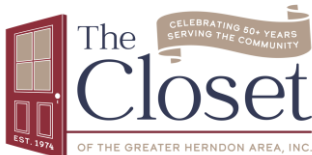
For a number of years, St. Timothy's has been collecting eyeglasses on behalf of the Lions Club. Thanks to your donation of glasses, Service Ministry members Bobbe and Michelle Duquette recently delivered 99 pairs of glasses to the Northern Virginia Recycling Center in Annandale. While there, they saw how the donated glasses are sorted, washed, read and packed for shipment to both domestic and international locations for people who can't afford glasses. Thank you so much for contributing to this worthy cause. If you have glasses to donate, please drop them off at the box in the hallway leading to Henry Hall. The following is a picture of their visit showing the activities at the recycling center.



A Big Thank You to Everyone Who Volunteers

We just concluded National Volunteer Month. National Volunteer Month is a wonderful reminder that even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact. It is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions of you who volunteer your time and energy. We would like to thank all of you who have volunteered both inside and outside of the St. Timothy's community. Please know that your efforts are recognized and make a difference in our community.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Boswell



At the quarterly Board meeting held on April 16, the Board voted to distribute grants to the following organizations: Arm & Arm, Cindy's Legacy, Computer Cor, Fairfax Diapers, Gwyneth's Gift, Herndon-Reston FISH, South Lakes PTSA Pantry, and UpsideDown Moments.

The Board also approved donating \$10,000 in scholarship money to the following high schools: Herndon High School, South Lakes High School, Mountain View Alternative High School, Dominion High School, Park View High School and Westfield High school. Students are selected by the career counselors to receive these funds from The Closet.

Congratulations to Tricia Mussante and Holly Hartge who were recognized by the Herndon Mayor's Office for volunteering 100+ hours of service to The Closet in 2024. Thirty-eight volunteers at The Closet were recognized for volunteering 100+ hours in 2024.

Thank you to Maria LaWalt who has been appointed to join The Closet Board representing St. Timothy Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge

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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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