

# The WORD

September 2025

**Dear St. Timothy's Family,**

I write to you on this Labor Day 2025, with the last two Sundays having featured lessons about Jesus and the Sabbath, and so I thought that I might start with the *Collect for Labor Day* (found on page 261 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.)

*Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



As I hear that prayer, I think about the “work” that we do here at St. Timothy’s. I think about how the staff are employed to do that “work”, and how I hope that it is not too laborious.

You, the members of St. Timothy’s, also do the work of the Church, as volunteers. According to the [2024 Annual Report](#), St. Timothy’s lists **eighteen** separate ministries as active in our parish. For a congregation of **425 or so members** with an Average Weekend Attendance of around **140**, I am not sure if that’s a lot or a little! All churches run off the energy and passion of these ministries. That is, we have one full-time clergy, one part-time Supply Priest, one Parish Administrator, one part-time Bookkeeper, and one part-time Organist/Choir Master. But our staff could do very little without active groups of lay people who care deeply about this church and God’s mission in the world.

At our Annual Parish Meeting back in January, I listed, as one of my priorities for this calendar year, the need to take a look at our ministries, and see what’s working, what’s not working, what’s missing, and what God is calling us to do into the future.

I am so thankful for the folks this year who have stepped up into new leadership roles or have agreed to serve as members of a committee/ministry. Perhaps the most visible change has been **Brooke Nunnally** taking over the duties as Chair of the **Hospitality Ministry**. I don’t need to tell you how much work that is, or how important the role of hospitality is in a congregation. Brooke, who had already been leading our Coffee Hour Ministry, is now aided by **Wanda Rixon**, who agreed to take on the Funeral portion of Hospitality. Hospitality is crucial: for fellowship, for evangelism and newcomers, for pastoral care (such as

at funerals), and in the way that it interacts with other ministries. Thank you to Brooke, to Wanda, to Emily Litz (who serves as Vestry Liaison), and to Carolyn Hamm for running hospitality so ably for so many years.

Other changes have occurred more behind the scenes, but they remain important for the operation of our church. The Endowment Committee is governed by bylaws (approved by the Vestry) which calls for six members (3 elected by the Vestry, and 3 by the Parish. Two of the Vestry appointments were vacant and thus I asked **Bill Bate** and **Betsy Beard** if they were willing to serve (I only made it to the Letter “B” in the church directory before finding great candidates!) They both agreed, were approved by the Vestry, and have begun serving their 3-year terms on the Endowment Committee. They replaced Jan Lyons, who is moving this calendar year, and the late Hugh Masters.

Our church also has “seats” on various community organizations in our area. The afore-mentioned Carolyn Hamm, for example, serves on the Board of Directors for [Cornerstones](#). Holly Hartge, meanwhile, serves as the Secretary for the Executive Committee of [The Closet of Greater Herndon](#) and has been on the Management Council for a decade and a half. This year, given that every congregation that is a supporting member of The Closet is actually entitled to three members on the board, I named **Maria LaWalt** and **Betsy Bosworth** to seats on the Management Council of The Closet. Thanks to all who represent St. Timothy’s in our community!

Some committees have set terms, some are more of an *ad hoc*, and some (for better or worse) can feel like life-time appointments! Our seminarian’s Lay Support Team (formerly what was known as the “Lay Committee”) is a good example of a ministry opportunity with a finite length of time (as long as the seminarian is with us) and a finite scope (the particular seminarian). It thus is a good committee to serve on! Our Lay Support Team has carried over from last year with one addition: **Stephanie Wolo** has agreed to serve in “support” of our new seminarian. Please know how much Marie Esther (and myself) appreciates your service in the [Contextual Ministry](#) portion of her formation at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Finally, our Finance Committee has gained one member this year; the Vestry and I appointed the aforementioned **Maria Lawalt** to its serve in that important ministry.

I realize that I am about to reach the end of two pages AND I have used the word” aforementioned” on two occasions. The latter means that we might indeed have a handful of folks who are spread too thin! **It also means that I will have to use next month’s WORD Article to highlight some gaps in our ministries and emphasize inviting all of you to consider joining in the holy laboring that is doing the work of St. Timothy’s Church.**

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES+

## **An Update from the Service Ministry**

The **summer months** have been a busy time for the Service Ministry, and thanks to St. Timothy's parishioners, all our initiatives have been a huge success!

To recap:

- The July food drive replenished the shelves at the LINK pantry including much needed fresh produce.
- The Backpack and School Supplies drive for Cornerstones outfitted 33 second grade students with backpacks, filled with everything needed for a successful school year. We also were able to purchase 34 large backpacks for High School Students.
- We closed out the Sports Equipment drive, this year's Lenten Outreach Program, with a \$550 financial donation to the Herndon Optimist Club. This money will be used to cover fall sports registration fees for families that might otherwise not be able to participate.
- Vacation Bible School campers worked with the Service Ministry to fill bedtime snack packs for kids at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. Truly an accomplishment to be proud of!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you are all adjusting to the month of September with its back-to-school schedule, shorter days and cooler temperatures. Things to look forward to in October, November and December will include a LINK food drive and Gifts Cards for Kids in support of Cornerstones. Stay tuned for updates on these, and more, in the weekly eNews.

**Thank you for your continued support and for always "putting your faith to work."**

*Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm*

## **IN OLD AGE**

Was the sixteen-year-old ever as eager for knowledge and experience as the eighty-nine year old?

Missed opportunities through circumstance, obstinacy, lack of forethought, mold a life.

How to crowd all these years into the few remaining ones and how to share it all with the young?

Experience may not have increased wisdom, but awareness is enhanced and appreciated. Art, music, the written word all explored, but with tolerance now and openness

To new ideas, ancient histories, foreign cultures and meditation if not prayer.

Regret for methods and procedures which do not encourage the young to be excited

About the world, the environment, the search for spiritual fulfillment, rather than wealth.

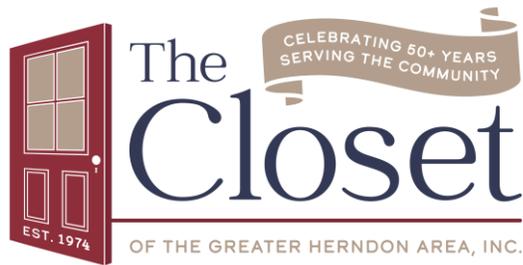
Turn the clock back to sixteen? Not without the experience and knowledge of choice;

But no regrets, just the wish for peace and kindness, love and affection,

And books, paint, scenery, history, beauty, the love of a child, the smell of a newborn baby,

Before the leaves fall for the final time and cover the ground with wondrous color.

*Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox*



**The Closet – September has two BIG events:**

### **Fashion Show**

Our **Annual Fashion Show** is just around the corner!

 **Saturday, September 6, 2025**

 **4 PM – 7 PM**

 **The Closet of Greater Herndon**

Join us **Saturday, September 6th** for **The Closet's Annual Fashion Show (2025 will be in-store)** and an exclusive shopping experience like never before.

 **Tickets are on sale now for \$10 inside the store!**

### **September 19-20 – Everything Christmas**

Holiday Shopping is starting early this year with the Everything Christmas sale on September 19-20.

Location: Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, Herndon

Time: Friday, September 19 – 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20 – 9:00-noon

Volunteers needed September 15-18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to sort and price

*Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge*

## Preschool Corner

With the coming of September comes the return of students to St. Timothy's Pre-School. The downstairs has been relatively quiet for July and August – with the exception of VBS week – but that changes on September 2. As of this writing, the teachers are busy putting the finishing touches on the classrooms in advance of the Orientation/Meet the Teacher events scheduled for the last week of August. Then we start our 51<sup>st</sup> year of caring for and educating young children.

This fall the Pre-School has several events in which we invite and encourage church member participation:

- Midland Fundraising catalog sales: now through September 22
- Scholastic Book Fair: October 13-19
- Trunk or Treat: October 25

We start our year with the Midland Fundraising catalog sale, featuring the “Holiday wishes” catalog. The catalog has a little bit of everything: wrapping paper, candy, kitchen gadgets, cookies, and more. Up to 50% of the purchase price comes back to the Pre-School as a fundraiser. You can grab a catalog in Henry Hall or outside of the Pre-School entrance. If you want to place an order, please contact either the parent of a Pre-School student or the school office at [sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com](mailto:sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com) or 703-437-4767.

More details about the Scholastic Book Fair and Trunk or Treat will be forthcoming in the October WORD. If you have any interest in helping organize either (or both) of these events, please contact the Pre-School office. We would love to make these collaborative events with the church!

*Respectfully submitted by Allyson Showalter, Director*

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<b>Service Times</b>	
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 find out if you are a registered member, contact the church office ([office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form.

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## Prayer for the Season of Pentecost

### **Spirit of God**

Spirit of God, be for us joy, healing gift of love, creating a new heart. Longing to be spirit alive: very life of God, be rooted within us.

Voice which calls us beyond scattered dreams, barren days to receive and give of God's love.

May you kindle our hope in the morning of life; may you bring us peace with day's end.

'Though exalted our hopes no less real shall they be; in compassion faithfulness thrives.

Spirit of God, be for us joy, healing gift of love, creating a new heart, healing gift of love creating a new heart.

*- The Monks of Weston Priory*

