



The WORD

January 2026

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

With the New Year upon us, I thought it would be a good opportunity to talk about an important, although maybe overlooked, aspect our common life at St. Timothy's.

Our bulletins list our Parish "Trustees" every week; currently they read in this way:

Tom McLenigan

Trustees
†Keith Sinclair

Deke Smith



The position of Trustee is separate from Staff or Vestry but an important level of our church governance. At the end of this article, you can read the legalese that details the requirements that we bear as a religious institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia. You can also read the Court Order from 2008 in which Keith Sinclair was named as a replacement Trustee for Anne Crocker.

Keith's death in November of last year has, of course, left a large hole at St. Tim's. His work scheduling ushers and LEMs has been filled by Rose Berberich and Danny Wechtenhiser and we have added a vergers to the team for Sunday worship. Keith will never be "replaced" on another hand, and the small cross next to his name in the bulletin has been a small way, for me at least, to mourn his passing and recognize our common grief.

The Vestry, however, is tasked with a legal responsibility to name a 3rd Trustee. That process is well underway, and we hope to have an announcement for the congregation in the near future.

But what **IS** a trustee, and what do they do? As the name suggests, they hold the property of St. Timothy's "in trust" on behalf of the Diocese of Virginia. (Property disputes between parishes and Dioceses can be also, as you probably know, a topic of great interest and much litigation. But that would be a whole other series of WORD articles to write!) In short, whenever there is an issue around the property of our church, the Trustees act in that legal responsibility. Again, there is one more document at the end of this article which details Keith's faithful "trusteeship" of a portion of our property back in 2020.

I am thankful for the work of our Trustees—for Keith's faithful witness, and for Tom and Deke's ongoing service. They stand as guardians of our resources here and are always willing to help in any matter. My prayers, continued hopes, and thanksgiving for our next trustee.

God Bless,
Charles +

P.S. If this article has not already confirmed why you or I chose not to go to law school, here is another link

to further discourage you: [The Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia](#) (Canons 11-16; specifically, Canon 12 Section 6, and Canon 15 Sections 1 & 7). 😊

Code of Virginia
Title 57. Religious and Charitable Matters; Cemeteries
Chapter 2. Church Property; Benevolent Associations and Objects

§ 57-8. Appointment of trustees to effect the purposes of conveyances, etc.; validation of certain appointments

The circuit court of the county or the circuit court of the city, or the judge thereof in vacation, wherein there is any parcel of such land or the greater part thereof may, on the application of the proper authorities of an unincorporated church or religious body or branch or division thereof, from time to time appoint trustees, either where there were, or are, none or in place of former trustees, and on such application and without notice to the trustee or trustees change those so appointed whenever it may seem to the court or judge proper to effect and promote the purpose and object of the conveyance, devise, or dedication, and the legal title to such land shall for that purpose and object be vested in the trustees for the time being and their successors.

All such changes and appointments heretofore [before March 31, 1966] made are hereby validated, ratified, approved and confirmed.

Code 1919, § 39; 1962, c. 516; 1966, c. 216; 2005, c. 772.

The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this section may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.

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April 1, 2020

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL & FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: Van Buren Street Improvement Project
State Project Number: EN15-235-122, P101, M501
UPC: 107658
Parcel: 013 Tax Map ID #: 0162-02-0153

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

As you know, a certificate of take was filed on the above-referenced property owned by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church ("Church"). As of the date of this letter, this matter has been transferred to me to act as legal counsel for the Town of Herndon. I will be assisting the Town in getting this matter closed. My contact information is listed below:

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

RE: ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL)
CHURCH,) Case No. CL 07-8142
Petitioner)
_____)

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER came on upon the motion of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church that **Anne W. Crocker** be replaced as Trustee of the Church and that **Jefferson Keith Sinclair, Jr. of Herndon, Virginia** be appointed in her place and stead.

IT APPEARING to the Court that the First Amended Petition should be granted for the reasons set forth therein and in the accompanying Affidavit of Duncan Hutcheon, it is therefore

ORDERED that **Jefferson Keith Sinclair, Jr.** is hereby appointed together with all the duties and powers and subject to all the responsibilities conferred on trustees by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the place and stead of **Anne W. Crocker** heretofore appointed.

ENTERED this 25 day of January, 2008.

Final Order
Case Number CL-07-8142

I ASK FOR THIS:

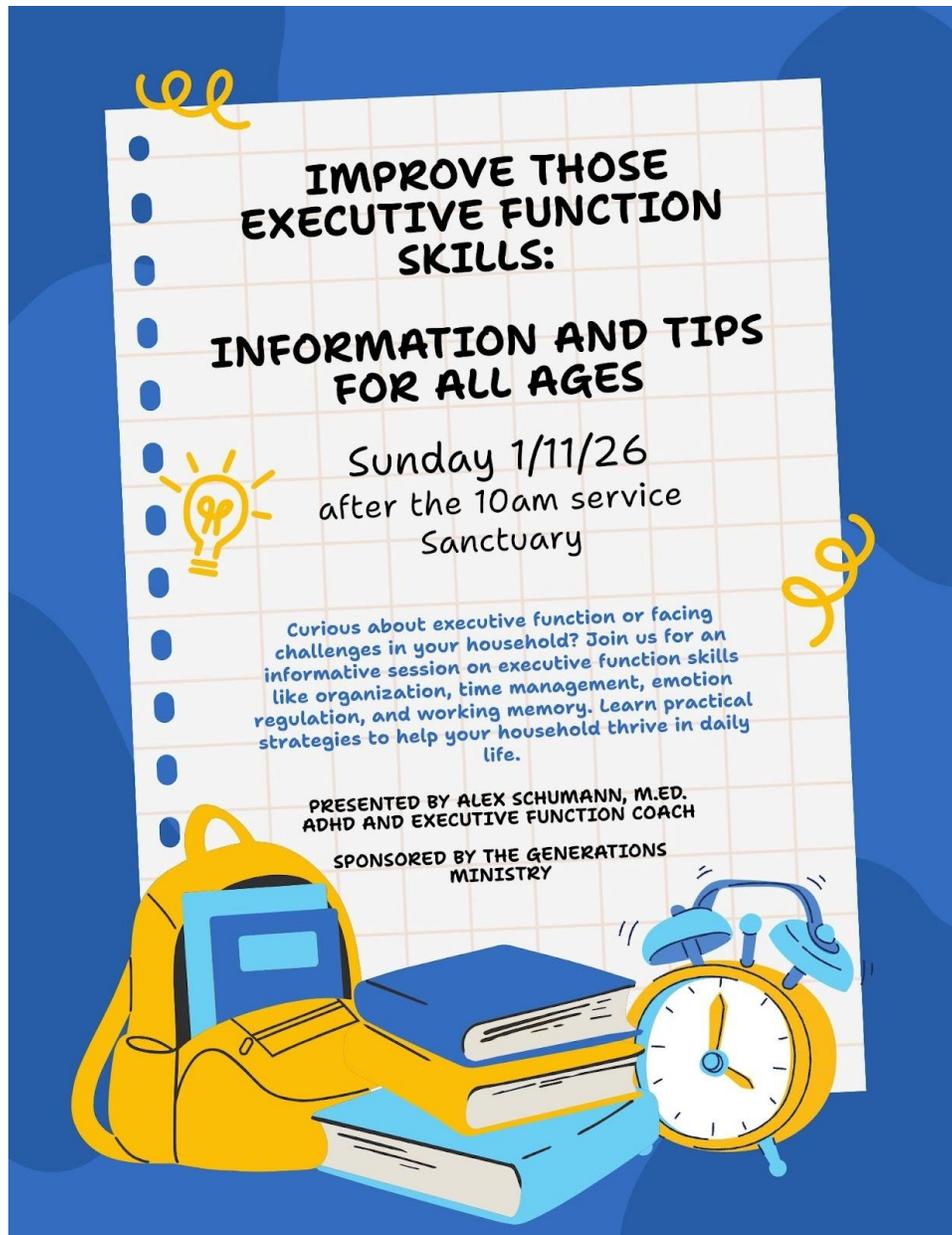


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Generations Ministry

The Generations Ministry invites you to join another informative "talk" - this time about executive function skills. Not quite sure what all the buzz is about "executive functioning" - come find out on January 11th! The information and strategies may help you with daily tasks that revolve around time, organization, and planning, or help you support others in your life like children or grandchildren. While we often associate executive functioning with ADHD, which will also be addressed, executive function skills are life skills that we *all* use to manage tasks - come find out more and leave with some strategies to make your life easier!

Respectfully submitted by Alex Schumann



**IMPROVE THOSE
EXECUTIVE FUNCTION
SKILLS:**

**INFORMATION AND TIPS
FOR ALL AGES**

Sunday 1/11/26
after the 10am service
Sanctuary

Curious about executive function or facing challenges in your household? Join us for an informative session on executive function skills like organization, time management, emotion regulation, and working memory. Learn practical strategies to help your household thrive in daily life.

PRESENTED BY ALEX SCHUMANN, M.ED.
ADHD AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION COACH

SPONSORED BY THE GENERATIONS
MINISTRY

From the Service Ministry

A Great Way to End the Year

The months of November and December were the busiest months in LINK's history. Here are some numbers:

- LINK continued to do what it does best by delivering 8-10 bags of food to over 400 families during the last two months of the year.
- LINK has always held one mobile food pantry per month. To meet the growing need for food in our community, starting this fall LINK now holds two mobile food pantry events each month. As a result, in the past two months over 800 families received a large quantity of non-perishable foods as well as fresh fruits and vegetables.
- In December, LINK held its Holiday Program. Over two days, 800 families received a box of food that weighed over 25 pounds. In addition, well over 1000 toys were handed out to children of those families.

Overall, over 2,000 families received assistance through LINK in the past two months. That is quite an effort! It is all due to the generous donations of St. Timothy's and other local churches, private citizens and the business community.

However, we can't rest on our laurels. Historically donations drop significantly at the beginning of the year, and we know the need to combat hunger still exists. St. Timothy's will hold its Winter LINK Food drive, and we are confident the congregation will come through as they also have in the past. **Look for information to come about the drive.** Thank you for all that you have done in the past and for all you will do in the coming year.

Coming Events for Service Ministry

Here's a great way to start out the New Year by helping your neighbors: join the Service Ministry for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service project. On Monday, January 19th, we will assemble in Henry Hall to make 200 snack packs for the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. Stay tuned for specific details in the weekly eNews. Many volunteers will be needed.

In February, St. Timothy's will prepare dinner for the Cornerstones' North County Hypothermia Shelter for 75 hungry folks who will be sheltering for the night. Volunteers are needed to plan and execute this important effort on February 21st and 28th. This is a great activity for a few friends working together. The Hypothermia shelter operates from December 1st through March 31st, providing a warm place to spend the night along with a nutritious meal. Please contact the service ministry at service@saint-timothys.org if you are interested in helping.

And finally, a final word of THANKS for your tremendous support to the Angel Tree Program. St. Timothy's parishioners donated \$6,0000 to the Service Ministry fund which was used to purchase gift cards for forty-four children, and ten adults residing at the Embry Rucker Shelter. In addition to the gift cards we were also able to present a very generous check to Cornerstones to support families who may not have enrolled in the program by the original deadline. Thank you for putting your faith to work in support of our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Bosworth and Carolyn Hamm

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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 find out if you are a registered member, contact the church office (office@saint-timothys.org) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form.

Editor of The Word

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Submission deadline for the February 2026 issue of The Word is Monday, January 26th

If we do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, send the information to office@saint-timothys.org.

The Word is published monthly and emailed to members and friends the first week of the month. It also appears on the website. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify the church office (office@saint-timothys.org). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

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Reflection for the Season of Epiphany/Manifestation

The Christ Mystery is the indwelling of the Divine Presence in everyone and everything since the beginning of time.

As the twentieth-century English mystic Caryl Houselander said, "Christ is everywhere; in Him every kind of life has a meaning and has an influence on every other kind of life."

If this seems to us today somehow exotic, it certainly wouldn't have to early Christians. The revelation of the Risen Christ as ubiquitous and eternal was clearly affirmed in the Scriptures (Colossians 1, Ephesians 1, John 1, Hebrews 1) and in the early church, when the euphoria of the Christian faith was still creative and expanding. In our time, however, this deep mode of seeing must be approached as something of a reclamation project. After the Western and Eastern Churches separated in the Great Schism of 1054, we in the West gradually lost this profound understanding of how God has been liberating and loving all that is. Instead, we gradually limited the Divine Presence to the single body of Jesus, *when perhaps it is as ubiquitous as light itself—and uncircumscribable by human boundaries.*

If my own experience is any indication, discovering Christ as *the transcendent within* of every "thing" in the universe can transform the way we perceive and the way we live in our everyday world. It can offer us the deep and universal meaning that Western civilization seems to lack and long for today. It has the potential to reground Christianity.

Religion's essential function is to radically connect us with everything (*re-ligio* = to re-ligament or reconnect). A cosmic notion of the Christ competes with and excludes no one, but includes everyone and everything (Acts 10:15, 34).

**Adapted from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation for 12/22/26*

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/christ-in-every-thing/>