



The WORD

April 2026

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

As the month starts, we are getting into the “meat” of the Holy Week schedule. Please do plan on attending as many of these worship opportunities as possible (the schedule is listed later in this edition of the WORD.)

These services tend to be ‘clergy-’ & ‘church-centric’ in that they happen inside our sanctuary and require (usually) ordained ministers. I would like to use this month’s WORD, however, to talk about the more expansive definition of “ministry” as it is understood in The Episcopal Church.



In the back of our Book of Common Prayer, the Catechism¹ provides this question and answer on the subject:

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

This is the ancient Church’s classic 4-fold order of ministry... and notice who is the first listed among those orders! The next ‘Q & A’ reads:

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

I think often of our 400+ person congregation at St. Timothy’s and how **all** of you are engaged in such ministry in your respective contexts. I give thanks for how God has called each and every one of you into your vocation and how you are serving the church and the world in so many, myriad ways.

To give a few examples (and at the risk of “playing favorites”):

→ My wife (indeed my favorite!) working tirelessly in the field of mental health for Fairfax County, running the Mental Health Docket—a program that aims “to divert eligible defendants with diagnosed mental health disorders into judicially supervised, community-based treatment, designed and implemented by a team of court staff, including Probation Officers, and mental health professionals”²

→ My friend, and now parishioner, Brooke Nunnally who is the new Director of St. George’s Camp at

¹ Pg. 855

² [Mental Health Docket | General District Court](#)

Shrine Mont this summer.³ Because of those duties, Brooke and her family have been visiting *other churches* on Sunday mornings this Spring to drum up interest in attending. We miss her in the pew but recognize the sacrifices she is making on behalf of young people across the Diocese!

→ Julie Gray Roller, in her retirement, volunteers by working Blood drives around the region for the American Red Cross. You can see Julie at *our* bimonthly blood drives in Henry Hall (**including today Wednesday April 1, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm⁴**) as well as at countless other blood drives in the area.

I am certain that I could go through our Directory and come up with 397 *more* examples of folks serving God and the church “according to the gifts given to them” in all sorts of endeavors.

I did want to highlight one more individual in particular. After 25 years as the CEO of Cornerstones, Kerrie Wilson is set to retire this year. During her tenure, Kerrie has “guided Cornerstones with deep commitment to social justice, equity, and collaboration... Cornerstones expanded its reach and impact—advancing affordable housing, supportive services, and community partnerships that empower individuals and families toward long-term stability. Kerrie’s legacy of leadership, compassion, and community building will continue to shape Cornerstones for years to come.”⁵

Such ministry has taken Kerrie away from “us” at St. Timothy’s (although, again, my point here is that it’s all “us.”) On many weekends, she has to speak at other churches or is drawn away for some reason. And yet she has continued to serve as co-chair of our Altar Guild and help the church out in other ways (including being married to our immediate past Senior Warden!) Very often, Kerrie and I will cross paths in the parking lot as she has finished up at the church and is then headed out to do something Cornerstones-related! God Bless you Kerrie 😊

Kerrie would rather “ride off into the sunset” of retirement but she is not going to be so lucky! On **Thursday April 9th, 2026**, Cornerstones will be honoring her at the organization’s 55th Anniversary and “Cornerstones of our Community” Gala at the Hyatt Regency in Reston from 6-9 pm. We have had an announcement about that event in our ENEWS and it is reprinted below. One can still donate to the fundraiser—in thanksgiving for Kerrie’s leadership and towards the programs at Cornerstones and all the good work that they do in our community.

Finally, St. Timothy’s will be honoring Kerrie here at church on **Sunday April 19th, 2026** after the 10 am service with a special Coffee Hour. I cannot wait to be able to fête Kerrie and to show our appreciation for the incredible ministry that she has been involved in for these last 25 years

Please do plan on joining us on that occasion as we celebrate Kerrie and honor *all* the shared ministry that our church members do in this community.

Yours in Christ,
CHARLES+

³ [Meet the Team | Shrine Mont Camps](#)

⁴ <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TheHenryFamilyBloodDrive> Still spots open!

⁵ [Cornerstones of Our Community 2026 | ClickBid Event Fundraising](#)

*Kerrie Wilson to be honored
by Cornerstones*

Retiring CEO Kerrie Wilson will be the 2026 honoree at Cornerstones of our Community, a fundraising event to be held April 9th at 6:00 PM at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Reston. Anyone who knows Kerrie will know that she has dedicated her life's work to her community, within the walls of St. Tim's as an Altar Guild co-chair, and for 25 years as the CEO of Cornerstones. If you are interested in attending this fundraiser and to be seated with a group from St. Timothy's, or if you wish to make a donation as a sponsorship opportunity for St. Timothy's for this event, please contact *Carolyn Hamm at (carolynhamm@verizon.net).

*Carolyn represents St. Timothy's on Cornerstones Board of Directors

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 256
Offered March 9, 2026

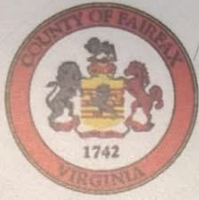
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3 *Commending Kerrie Wilson.*
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Patrons—Boysko and Salim; Delegates: Sullivan, Keys-Gamarra and Shin

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6 WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson, chief executive officer of Cornerstones, a nonprofit organization in Reston
7 dedicated to promoting self-sufficiency by offering individuals and families in need food, shelter, affordable
8 housing, quality childcare, and other human services, retires in 2026; and
9 WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson began her career at the American Cancer Society, where her focus was on
10 cancer prevention in medically underserved neighborhoods, and she rose to become national vice president
11 for government relations with the organization; and
12 WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson joined Cornerstones, formerly known as Reston Interfaith, in 2001; over her
13 25 years of leadership, Cornerstones, with support from its companion limited liability corporation,
14 Cornerstones Housing Corporation, has grown into one of the preeminent nonprofit organizations in Northern
15 Virginia, offering affordable housing and human services to neighbors in need by serving almost 26,000
16 households annually; and
17 WHEREAS, under Kerrie Wilson's leadership, Cornerstones has expanded through innovative
18 partnerships, impactful programs, and effective advocacy to amplify the voices of those most in need,
19 including through the development of the FREE from Hunger Center in Sterling, a 10,000-square foot food
20 warehouse that facilitates food collection, rescue, and distribution operations in Fairfax and Loudoun
21 counties; and
22 WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson has been instrumental in rallying faith congregations, low-income residents,
23 elected officials, and community leaders across Fairfax and Loudoun counties to invest their voices and
24 support for collective advocacy in action, particularly by addressing emerging needs around affordable
25 housing and food security and by providing resources to enable children and families to thrive; and
26 WHEREAS, beyond her role with Cornerstones, Kerrie Wilson has supported the community as co-chair
27 of Fairfax County's Affordable Housing Advisory Council and through her involvement with the Dulles
28 Regional Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Fairfax, the Virginia Nonprofit Leadership Council, the Reston
29 Hospital Center Board of Trustees, the Meyer Foundation, and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce;
30 and
31 WHEREAS, among many awards in recognition of her extraordinary efforts, Kerrie Wilson received the
32 Virginia Legacy Award from the Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis in 2016 and the Non-Profit
33 Leadership Award from Leadership Fairfax in 2018; and
34 WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to the individuals, families, and communities she serves,
35 Kerrie Wilson has made a profound and lasting impact on countless lives; now, therefore, be it
36 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
37 commend Kerrie Wilson, chief executive officer of Cornerstones, on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it
38 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
39 Kerrie Wilson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the
40 Commonwealth and best wishes for a joyful and fulfilling retirement.

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COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Resolution

WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson has provided nearly twenty-five years of visionary and dedicated service as Chief Executive Officer of Cornerstones, a Reston-based nonprofit serving Fairfax County and the greater region; and

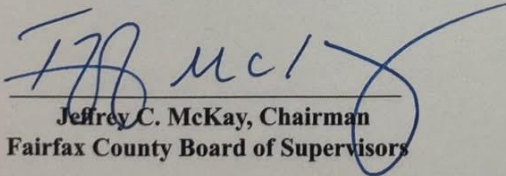
WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson assumed leadership of the organization in 2001, guiding its growth from Reston Interfaith into Cornerstones, a prominent regional organization serving approximately 26,000 individuals annually; and

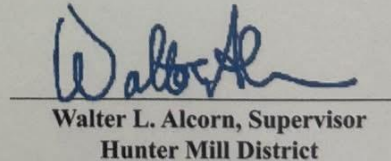
WHEREAS, under her leadership, Cornerstones expanded critical services, including affordable housing, food and financial assistance, childcare, youth services and emergency shelter operations, while owning and managing more than 100 affordable housing units in western Fairfax County; and

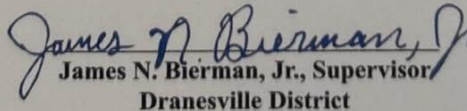
WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson championed innovation and inclusivity, oversaw the organization's 2013 rebranding, and led significant expansions, such as the Free from Hunger Center in Sterling, and continued investment in community-centered solutions during and after the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, her steadfast commitment to advocacy, equity and systemic change has strengthened families, elevated community awareness, and advanced the shared goal of ending hunger and housing insecurity; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby honor Kerrie Wilson for her outstanding leadership and valuable contributions to the health and well-being of Fairfax County residents, and extends its deepest gratitude and best wishes as she enters her next chapter.


Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors


Walter L. Alcorn, Supervisor
Hunter Mill District


James N. Bierman, Jr., Supervisor
Dranesville District

February 3, 2026

Date



From the Service Ministry

The Spring Link Food Drive will begin on April 12th. We will be handing out bags that day. Please return the food the following two Sundays (April 19th and April 26th). For those of you who did not get a bag on April 12th we will be handing out bags the following two Sundays.

Between quarterly food drives you can drop off food at any time at the LINK food basket located in the hallway heading toward Henry Hall. In March, a lot of food was dropped off at the basket. Thank you so much for those who have generously donated outside our quarterly food drives.

This year's Lenten Outreach project introduced "She Believes in Me" to the congregation. This organization's mission is to meet the physical and emotional needs of Northern Virginia's most vulnerable children and families. Over the past several weeks, presentations from members of "She Believes in Me" have highlighted the amazing work this organization is performing in the Herndon area. To help their efforts, St. Timothy's collected items for Easter Baskets and assembled over 50 baskets to go to children in our area. Thank you to everyone who took part in this effort to bring some joy and love to these children.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Bosworth

News from the Social Justice Ministry

Since its beginning, the Social Justice Ministry has striven for a model of contemplation in action, so that by prayerfully responding to the signs of the times we can be moved to act in accord with the Gospel and not merely be reactive to current events. The following piece from Richard Rohr is written from the same vantage point:

“Few would deny that there’s a palpable and growing fear and anger in our country. This fear is felt deeply by those who are most vulnerable. As a follower of both Jesus and Saint Francis of Assisi, my primary moral viewpoint is not centered on the wellbeing of those who are on top, but first in those who are at the bottom. For the vulnerable who have now been rendered more vulnerable, I lament and pray and promise to stand with you.

A time of national introspection must begin with self-introspection. Without our own inner searching, any of our quests for solutions and policy fixes will be based in shifting sands.

I suspect that we get the leaders who mirror what we have become as a nation. They are our shadow self for all to see. That is what the Hebrew prophets told Israel both before and during their painful and long exile (596–538 BCE).

Yet the Exile was the very time when the ancient Jewish people went deep and discovered their prophetic voices—Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others—speaking truth to power, calling for justice from their own political and religious leaders. Their experience laid the solid foundation for Jesus’s teaching and his solidarity with the poor and the outcast.

Maybe some of us have naively thought that we could or should place our loyalty in one political agenda or party. Remember, Yahweh told the people of Israel that they should never put their trust in “princes, horses, or chariots” (Psalms 20:7, 33:16–17), but only in the love of God. We must not imagine that political changes of themselves will ever bring about the goodness, charity, or transformation that the gospel offers the world.

We must not be afraid to allow conventional wisdom to fail and disappoint us. This is often the only path to wisdom. Imperial thinking focuses on judging who is worthy and who is unworthy, who is in and who is out. We who know about universal belonging and identity in God have a different form of power: Love (even of enemies) is our habitat, not the “powers and principalities,” the kingdoms of this world.

The present disorder is our time of exile and has solidified in us an urgent commitment to our work of action and contemplation. It seems needed more than ever before! Grounding social action in contemplative consciousness is not a luxury for a few, but surely a cultural necessity. Both the Christian religion and the American psyche need deep healing, and I do not say that lightly.

Only a contemplative mind can hold our fear, confusion, vulnerability, and anger and guide us toward love. Those who allow themselves to be challenged and changed will be the new cultural creative voices of the next period of history after this purifying exile.”¹ [Discovering Our Shadows in Exile — Center for Action and Contemplation](#)

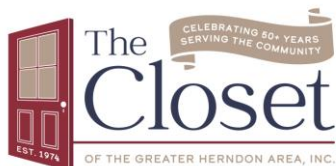
To help offer solidarity with the marginalized in our country, the Social Justice Ministry (SJM) is sponsoring an opportunity for interested parishioners to sign up for **Action Alerts from the Episcopal Public Policy Network**. These alerts will come in the form of emails that can be easily sent to your Senators and Members of Congress and address legislative issues that reflect the promises of our

Baptismal Covenant. Members of the SJM will speak at both services on Sunday, April 19 to further explain this opportunity and to help interested individuals to sign up for alerts.

Additionally, the SJM and Charles have extended an invitation to **Virginia State Senator Jennifer Boysko**, a member of St. Timothy's, to speak later this spring about how she attempts to integrate her values as an Episcopalian with her work in the General Assembly. Further information will be forthcoming once a date has been set.

For further information, please contact socialjustice@saint-timothys.org

Respectfully submitted by Ron Boggio



The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, Inc.

Spring is at The Closet! Still time to find an Easter outfit. The clothing racks are filled daily. Great selection of women's, men's (including suits) and children's clothing. You will also find gardening items and barbecue supplies. New toys, books, crafts, puzzles and knickknacks too.

Closet hours are:

- Monday 10:00-8:00
- Tuesday 10:00-5:00
- Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00
- Thursday 10:00-8:00
- Friday 10:00-5:00
- Saturday 10:00-5:00

There is a parking lot behind the store.

Donation hours are 8:00-noon Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday. No donations on Thursday. Drive to the back of the store where staff will help you unload your donation and give you a receipt.

The Closet welcomes volunteers and student volunteers (Grade 7 and higher.)

We hope to see you at The Closet!

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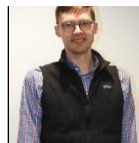
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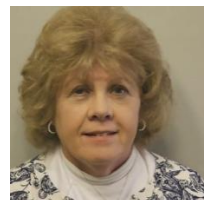
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Service Times

Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday:	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite I in Lent (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.

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 May 2026 issue of The Word
 is Friday, April 24th**

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.

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