



The WORD

June 2026

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

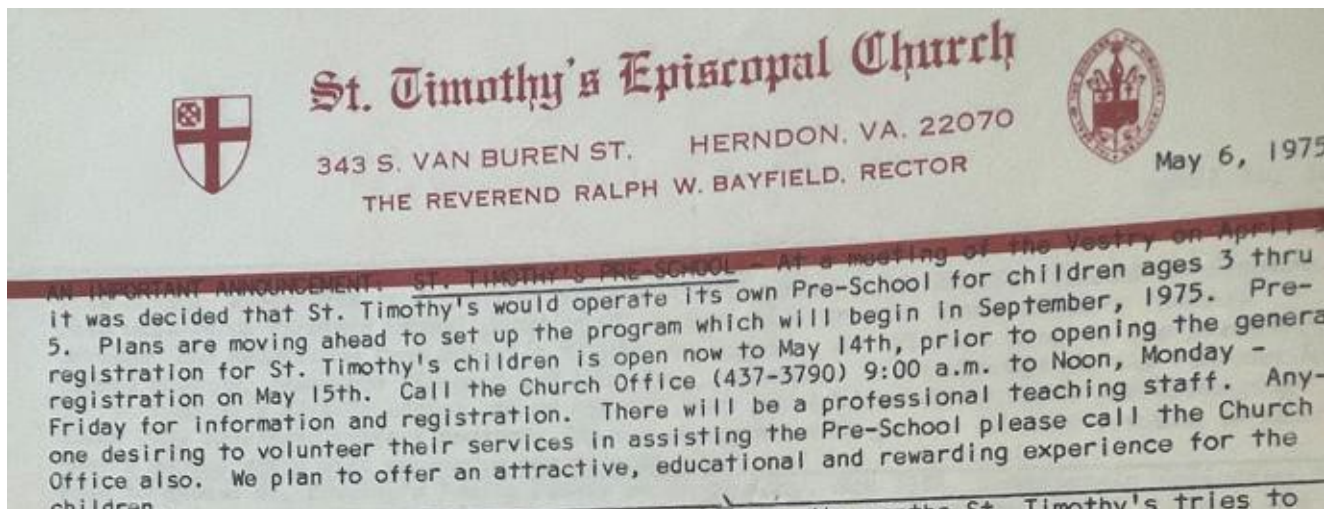
One of the many things that I love about Allyson Showalter, our outgoing Pre-School Director (and faithful St. Tim's Parishioner!) is her sense of humor. An example of this is one time I was sharing with her how, in my clergy meetings in the Region, the subject of "the Pre-School" is often discussed around the room. At some point, the discussion of money occurs—specifically in terms of how much the Church receives from the Pre-School on a monthly or yearly basis.



Invariably, the Clergy express that they wish that amount was, in fact, larger. I shared that story with Allyson who responded, without missing a beat, that her Pre-School director colleagues have the same sort of meetings and similar discussions, only that they come to the opposite conclusion!

All jokes aside, I give continual thanks for the 50+ year ministry of St. Timothy's Church that is St. Timothy's Pre-School. I am grateful for the relationship that "upstairs" and "downstairs" have with one another in our common goal to build up God's kingdom and to educate our community's children. That type of relationship, in *other* churches, can often indeed become frayed. At another church that I have served at, it was said that a former rector once declared that "the only thing that the church and Pre-School share are a doorknob." Would that disconnect never occur at our campus on 432 Van Buren St.!

In this semi quincentennial year, it's been helpful to return to the historical documents that are the legacy of St. Tim's. Here is one from May 1975 that announces the opening of the new St. Timothy's Pre-School (more such documents follow my article):



Prior to this, there had been a YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) School that used the building for a number of years. Now, here is another opportunity to pause and to return to the clergy conversation above and to point out an important distinction in the Pre-School/ Church world. Some churches (not ours, after 1975) rent out their Pre-School space for a separate entity to provide a Pre-School. Other churches (like ours, since 1975) have their own Pre-School that operates as a ministry of the church in the church building. Thus, while the other form of Pre-School governance features a separate LLC paying rent to the Church, our form of Pre-School governance features a donation that the Pre-School, like any other ministry might, shares with the Church. The exact number is agreed upon by the Pre-School Board and the Rector. The Pre-School Bylaws (which include a separate Board and finances) set out those governance details:

ARTICLE III. FUNDING

Section 1. Funding of the Pre-School shall be from revenues received from parents of children enrolled and from fund raisers. A Pre-School account separate from the church account shall be maintained by the Director and his/her designee. Reimbursement for use of St. Timothy's Church buildings, grounds, wear and tear, insurance, janitorial services, utilities etc. shall be paid by the Pre-School to the church. An equitable amount for these services will be agreed upon annually by the Board and the rector.

The current donation amount is set at \$2,000/ month. The Pre-School also often donates additional money to the Church from time to time for large scale projects (for example both the Acoustic Tiling and the floor for Henry Hall.)

How is that dollar amount arrived upon? How does the School and Church arrive upon an equitable sharing of our campus? The answer is: a lot of hard work by our Vestry and Pre-School Board, a legacy of cooperation that spans decades, and, yes, a lot of humor. Again, other churches do not necessarily enjoy such a symbiotic relationship with their preschools (be they either type of governance.) I am thankful to have inherited a dynamic that is life-giving, Spirit-filled, and mission-oriented. I pray that St. Timothy's Church and Pre-School will continue that trusting relationship for another 50 years.

This moment is a historic one in that timespan. Allyson Showalter, after decades of service to the Pre-School... including these last four years as its Director, has, by the time of the publication of this article in the WORD, retired from her duties. A new Director (with a confusingly similar name!), Allison McMullin, has taken the reigns of **our** Pre-School. Allison is only the 6th Director in the Pre-School's History, and the 1st not to be hired from the ranks of the Pre-School itself. She comes with astounding credentials, years of experience, and a wealth of new ideas to lead the school. I am so excited for the future of the Pre-School, to continue to develop and strengthen the existing relationship, and to continue to fulfill our shared mission. I invite you to join with me in praying for this transition, for the camps that are to occur this summer as a part of the Pre-School, and for another wonderful year coming up in the Fall of 2026.

God Bless,

CHARLES+

HISTORICAL SNIPPETS from the PRE-SCHOOL'S FOUNDING

May 28th, 1975

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Mary Munch will be the Director of St. Timothy's Pre-School when it opens this Fall. Mary lives in Reston with her husband, Andrew who is a C.P.A. and one child, Diane, aged 5. She has a B.S. in Education from Illinois State University and has done some graduate work in reading methods. She holds a teaching certificate and taught for six years in the public school system. Mary attends St. Timothy's and has had experience teaching in the YWCA program located at St. Timothy's Church. Registrations for St. Timothy's Pre-School are still being taken at the Church Office.

June 17th, 1975

The following is a list of items needed to equip our new Pre-School which will open here in September. We hope to get much of our equipment through donations before deciding what supplies we need to purchase. Items may be brought to the Church any day from 9 a.m. to 12 and placed in the large boxes in the Nursery. Large items will be picked up if you will call the Church Office. **NEEDED:** Wooden puzzles (complete), wooden bookcases, children's books, Encyclopedias or other reference books, 5 wall clocks, 4 record players (that work), large magnets, i.e., horseshoe, bar, etc., magnifying glasses, locks and keys, i.e., padlocks, musical instruments, 5 or 6 plastic dishpans, a few eggbeaters and measuring cups, 4 or 5 large rubber balls, plastic sand toys. If any individual or group of people would like to contribute toward the purchase of a large piece of indoor or outdoor equipment, such as a slide or jungle gym, please contact the Rector or the Pre-School Director, Mary Munch (860-3893). Many thanks for whatever you can give.

August 19th, 1975

There will be a coffee hour after the 10:00 service on Friday, September 5th with an Open House for parents and children. St. Timothy's new Pre-School opens on Friday, September 5th with an Open House for parents and children. We have 62 students enrolled (on staggered schedules) and look forward to a very successful year. Many thanks to all who have helped with the painting of the classrooms, tables, etc. We plan one more "painting party" on Tuesday, August 26 at 8 p.m. Please try to come help finish the job.

September 4th, 1975

Baden here at St. Timothy's on September 4th at 8 p.m. You are invited to attend both the meeting and the program. St. Timothy's Pre-School opens tomorrow with an Open House for parents and children. We have 74 students enrolled and are now accepting names on a waiting list. If anyone would like intercessory prayers for a person in need or for a thanksgiving, this may be given to the Rector. Prayer cards for this

1976

We are gratifying to realize that our Church building is in such demand and use not only on Sunday mornings, but during the week. Our Junior Warden, Anne Crocker, has compiled a detailed list of its uses, times, numbers, needs, etc. which we will condense for you below. Approximately 825 people use St. Timothy's Church building in an average week. Average Sunday attendance upstairs is 325. The Undercroft, or downstairs, is used by an average of 550 people per week. This is indeed responsible stewardship of the building and we are proud that St. Timothy's is so community and service minded.

GROUP	NO. OF PEOPLE	HOURS PER WEEK
Sunday School (Sun. a.m.)	150	2
Nursery (Sun. a.m.)	25	2
Pre-School (Mon.-Fri. a.m.)	80	25
Choir (Wed. p.m., Sat., Sun., a.m.)	20	10
US (High School) (Sun. a.m.)	25	1
Craft Group (Tues. a.m.)	15	4
Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Alateen	60	6 (Mon. & Sat. p.m.)
Explorer Scouts (Thurs. p.m.)	50	2
TOPS (2) (Tues. & Wed. p.m.)	50	6
Vestry, Boards, Committees, Study Groups	5 - 20	2 - 4
Childbirth Classes (Tues. p.m.)	36	2
Needlepoint Class (Thurs. a.m.)	12	2
Yoga Class (Thurs. a.m.)	12	2

Welcome to our newcomers at last Sunday's services. They were Mr. Jeffrey S. Adler of Reston



The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, Inc.

Thank you for shopping and donating to The Closet. Your donations and purchases make it possible for The Closet Board (including St. Tim's members Betsy Bosworth, Holly Hartge and Maria LaWalt) to award grants to the following non-profit organizations in our community:

All Ages Read Together

Arm & Arm

Computer Core

Just Neighbors

She Believes in Me

Volunteer Fairfax

The Board also approved adding an additional \$14,500 to the scholarship fund. The fund met its goal of \$60,000 providing \$10,000 to the following six high schools: Herndon High School, Dominion High School, South Lakes High School, Mountain View Alternative High School and Parkview High School.

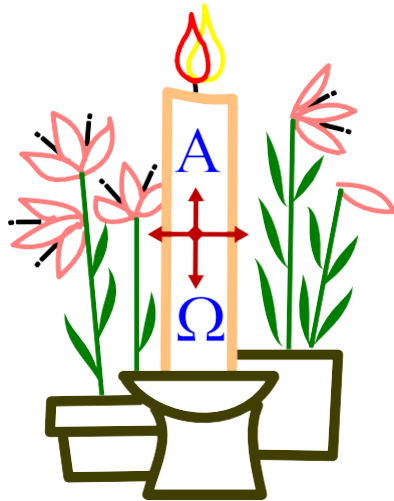
The Closet is hiring – if you know of a high school or college student looking for a job, please suggested they consider The Closet (no night work and closed on Sundays.)

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News from the Social Justice Ministry

The Christian work of social justice flows from our Baptismal Covenant, which among other things call us to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” Social justice at its essence is the application of scriptural values to the world in which we find ourselves living. From the writings of the prophets to the words of Jesus, the scriptures present an unbroken call to care for the marginalized and to act on their behalf. As the Anglican bishop N.T. Wright put it: “The God who justifies expects all people to do justice.’

Christian social justice, by its very nature, is often enacted in the political sphere, when that term is properly understood. As St. Thomas Aquinas said in the *Summa Theologiae*, “Man is naturally a social and political animal, needing many things for life which he cannot provide for himself...[and] the good of the many is more divine and more enduring than the good of one.”

By virtue of our baptismal vows, Christians are called to engage in providing for the common good on the basis of God’s justice, which is biblically expressed as concern for the marginalized. As Jesus said of this own ministry: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed”* (Luke 4:18). And Jesus reminds us, *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40). One of the ways that Christians follow Jesus is by performing what are typically referred to as the corporal works of mercy, e.g., feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, welcoming the stranger. Another aspect of Christian ministry is advocacy on behalf of these marginalized individuals so that more just social policies that meet their needs can be enacted.

While other civic groups or individual persons may seek to serve these same populations in various ways, the Christian approach will always be scripturally grounded and rooted in prayer. These foundations help to ensure that we are trying to do the will of God rather than our own.

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

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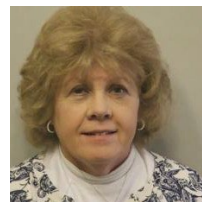
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Service Times

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

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