

A Look Back: 5 Years Ago This Month

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It wasn't very long ago that we Northern Virginians were up to our mid-sections in snow. It was beautiful. And it was a serious impediment to normal activity: schools closed, businesses shut down, and churches cancelled services. I recall looking out of the window of my home; watching my driveway, the road, sidewalk, bushes, and mailbox, disappear under growing mountains of frozen flakes. I thought I'd be shoveling snow forever!

When spring finally came – in all its soul stirring glory – I realized I had forgotten how beautiful this season is. I forgot how resplendent the daffodils and cherry blossoms are, how beautiful the birds sound, how intoxicatingly fragrant the hyacinths are, how magnificent creation is awakening from winter's icy doldrums.

In the frigid grip of winter, I forgot the life-giving wonder of Spring. Forgetfulness is an undeniable feature of our nature. Time stands still when we are in pain, and we think the suffering will never end; we forget what it's like to be pain-free. Likewise when we are celebrating, having a wonderful time, we forget the work we have to do, the challenges we will later have to face. In the midst of one thing or another, our focus narrows. While one thing dominates our perspective, other things are forgotten.

It happens with faith too. In the midst of our overloaded schedules, the demands of life, we lose our connection to God; we forget the promises of God. It is inevitable. And that's why coming together every week to hear readings from the Bible, sing hymns, and pray, is so important.

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At the Vestry meeting on April 27, the Vestry approved a clergy proposal to adopt a "summer schedule" of two services on Sunday mornings, at 8 and 10 am, beginning on June 7 and running through September 6. Welcome Home Sunday is scheduled for September 13, and the standard three-service schedule will resume on that date.

The 8 am service will remain the Rite I Eucharist service, with the ability to add some additional musical offerings. The 10 am service will be the Rite II Eucharist, with a summer choir

and with one reading and prayers said in Spanish when a Spanish-speaking reader is available.

The summer schedule proposal is not unique to St. Timothy's—St. Francis, St. Anne's, and Holy Cross, and St. Thomas, all churches within our Region, offer services at 8 and 10 am during the summer. Summer church attendance wanes as people take vacations, with the past 3-year average at St. Timothy's being 40 people at 8 am, 80 people at 9 am, and 59 people at 11 am. +

June 7 - September 6: 8 and 10 am

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For me, “remember” is one of the most important and powerful words in our worship. We are reminded in our Holy Eucharist that Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said “Do this for the remembrance of me.” He did likewise with the cup of wine. And this is more than an invitation to mental recollection. The Hebrew word, zakar, and the Greek word, anamnesis, have meaning far beyond active memory. The Lord’s Supper is not just a symbolic re-enactment of the Last Supper; it is a re-membering, a re-gathering, a coming together of Jesus Christ and the people of God. Jesus said, “When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” [Mat. 18:20]. As we actively recall the things that Jesus

said and did, he becomes present. In our worship we recall the truths and promises of our faith, and we are reunited with each other, with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Of course, our Savior is with us whether we are aware of him or not (thanks be to God); It is important to realize, however, that we do forget God’s promises of grace and redemption, and we lose our sense of His Presence – our connection with the source of life, the One who is life.

Thus, we come to Church to “re-member.” In our worship together we renew our bonds with each other; with our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier. 

Local Herndon Mission: All About The Closet

by Holly Hartage

The Closet of Great Herndon is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit resale shop located at 845 Station Street in historic downtown Herndon, Va. It was started in 1974 by local church-women—including the women from St. Timothy’s—who saw the need and potential benefits of operating a centrally located, faith community-supported resale shop in lieu of individual church clothes closets.

From its inception, The Closet’s mission has been to provide high quality clothing and household goods at affordable prices. This remains the primary mission. Any profits realized by The Closet retail sales operation are reinvested directly in the community via financial donations/grants to local nonprofits and college scholarships to area high school students. Since 1974 the Closet’s community grants and college scholarships have exceeded \$2.5 million dollars. Additionally, the voucher program provided more than \$65,000 in free clothing and shoes to social service referrals in 2014, and a Truck Ministry delivered 57 loads of clothing and household items to communities in the Shenandoah Valley where they were distributed free of charge.

At the end of 2014, The Closet had a staff of 13 full- and part-time employees plus three drivers. Hundreds of volunteers contribute to The Closet’s success each year, as do the thousands of community members who donate goods.

For the sixth year in a row, sales have exceeded \$500,000. The 2014 sales total was \$575,833.22, a 1 percent increase from the previous year, and the highest total in its history!

Scholarships totaled \$15,000 and went to students with financial need at five area high schools – Herndon, South Lakes, Park View, Oakton and Mountain View Alternative.

From 2014 sales revenue, The Closet reinvested \$49,850 in the community, which is \$7,300 more than in the previous year. Grants were awarded to Herndon-Reston FISH, Just Neighbors, Kids R First, Helping Hungry Kids, the Fellowship Square Foundation emergency fund, Vecinos Unidos, and the Northern Virginia Literacy Council.

The Closet accepts donations Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There are volunteers behind the building to assist with unloading items. The Closet takes clothes for men, women and children (including shoes), books, household items (plates, dishes, candles, curtains, bedding, DVDs and CDs, and small appliances (toasters, radios –not large appliances like stoves). Donate today!

There is an ongoing need for volunteers to staff The Closet along side the paid staff. Volunteers price and display items, replenish racks, walk the floor, and assist with check out (volunteers do not work the cash registers). Please consider volunteering at The Closet for two or four hours a month. The Closet is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00-2:00 and in June, July and August it is also open Thursday nights.

Marie Lally (marielally@yahoo.com) and Holly Hartage (mhhvirginia@verizon.net) represent The Closet at St. Timothy’s. Please contact one of them to volunteer. 

Shadows

by Jill Cox

The hot sun is throwing shadows at my feet. Some simple, some complex, some fleeting as a bird flies above from roof to tree. The speedy outline of a jet plane, not long after departure from the airport, crosses the sun to disturb the air with noise and the bright light with shadow.

The simple straight lines of the balustrade around the deck seem to define paths by which to traverse the course of life. Here and there they are interrupted by the intricate trellis work of the table and chairs and perhaps that indicates the many times we stray from the “straight and narrow” as our own actions and those of the world lead us aside to resolve conflicts and problems, both self-inflicted and otherwise. Some circles seem almost isolated with only a tenuous, thin strand of shadow still connected to the main black mass. How thankful we should be that the strand was never broken in our lives when so many never see the shadows or the links to security and love.

As the earth revolves, the shadows decrease in size, but are also redefined and are more intense. The human shadow at noon is reduced to minimum size beneath our feet, perhaps a lesson in humility is intended by a greater Power. Much of the time, we stray into thinking we are the center of the orbit of life, but this reduction of self reminds us of the minuscule part we play and how insignificant we are in the grand scheme of creation.

Even in writing my pencil casts a shadow. It cannot propel itself, so the larger, undefined shadow of a hand looms behind it. There are blocks of light and shadow that the writing crosses just as in life, there are dark times and light, brilliant times. The blocks of light are defined in squares and larger rectangles by the partly open window blinds. The shadow are thin, disjointed blocks of grey, which, again, reflect the journey through life so graciously given to us.

How wonderful it would be to be able to paint these shadows. Like photographers, one would only be able to capture the one instant of an ever-moving, ever-changing phenomena. The camera could portray this arrangement of light and shadow in a rapid series of shots, but the painter would have to spend a lifetime of repeated visits and careful positioning to do the same and then would probably fail to captivate the continuum, just as in life, it is rarely possible to return to a situation and change the outcome or erase the source of that disappointment, disagreement or regret. +

Vestry Update

March Giving: \$75,018

Monthly Budget: \$58,250

YTD Budget Deficit: \$9,597

New monthly giving need (Apr-Dec): \$59,316

At the March 23 Vestry meeting the Vestry accepted an undesignated gift of \$1,000 from the widow of a parishioner and voted to deposit it into the General Fund. The Vestry voted to request that the Treasurer provide all designated fund reports as part of monthly financial reports. The Vestry approved the Appreciative Inquiry statements, and voted to proceed with a proposal from Open Arms to hold a Food Truck event in October.

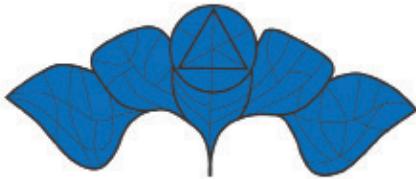
Please discuss any questions with a member of the vestry. The next vestry meeting has been moved to June 1 at 7:30 pm., so as to not fall on Memorial Day. +

Hypothermia Shelter Thank You

by Jill Norcross

A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who prepared and served dinners at the Hypothermia shelter on Sundays in March. This amazing team provided dinner and set-ups for 40 adults and served the meal on March 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the North County Hypothermia Shelter, operated by Cornerstones.

Our neighbors in need were so appreciative of their compassion, generosity and good cooking! We would like to thank *Judy Conroy, Sheri Bobko, Lydia Gough, Jill Norcross, Shon Beury, Carolyn Hamm, Gerritt and Karen Peck, Larry Grantham, Bobbe Duquette, Michelle Duquette, Holly Hartge, Amy Hein, Rob Bumbary, Kerrie Wilson, Chris Wilson, Bonnie Bunting, Pam Gjormand, Kathy Dubishar, Kate Quarles, and Leslie Chadwick*, along with others who answered the call, only to find the volunteer spots were already filled! We are so grateful for your commitment to our community. The Service Ministry ... putting our faith to work. +



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Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put "The Word" in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited.

Welcome, New Registered Member

Charles Augustine Bate

We have many active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years who are not registered members! Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's.

Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship except serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions (thus giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters).

To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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Service Times

Sundays

8:00 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite II
Nursery Care
Godly Play, ages 3-8
SPARK+, 3-6th grades
Christian Ed, 6-8th grade
Christian Ed, 9-12th grade

11:00 am
Rite II Bi-lingual service
English-Espanol
Holy Communion
Godly Play, ages 3-8

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.
Eucharist and Healing Service

Saturday

7:00 P.M.
Oracion y Alabanza