

Letter from the Rector: St. Timothy's is Growing!

by Brad Rundlett

You've probably noticed some new faces on Sunday morning, especially if you attend the 9:30 am or 11:00 am service. Since 2008, we've experienced a 30% increase in attendance. Our budget has remained strong, even with a

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capital campaign in process. In 2011 we added a mission to Haiti without putting a dent in our operating budget. Our Church family is growing. And it feels good to say this.

The growth is wonderful. We have new friends, new partners in worship and ministry. But this growth may also disturb our sense of comfort ("Who are all these people?" This doesn't feel like my Church anymore.") and it creates more work (good work!) for our small staff. We have more programs and ministries, and more calendar collisions. We get more phone calls and emails; we have more meetings, more Sunday announcements, more pastoral concerns, more

appointments, and more paperwork. Growth creates tension.

There are "losses" and "gains" in growing communities. On the loss side we may feel strange where we once felt quite comfortable. We have to work on new friendships. We have to accommodate new ideas, we may have to let go of some of the relationships we had.

But, on the gain side there are more people to share in the ministries of the Church, we get new friends, we get a fresh perspective and maybe even some changes that we like. We get the assurance that the mission of St. Timothy's will endure even after we're gone.

It is tempting to look only on the negative side of growth; we need to also look at the positive side. St. Timothy's is a warm and welcoming community, serving our neighbors near and far. By the grace of God more people are coming to St. Timothy's, drawn by the warmth and welcome, and the opportunity to serve. God welcomes all of us into this house of God. +

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The Mission to Haiti: Miragoane, Part 2

by Scott Zetlan

Pere Wisnel Dejardin graduated in May, 2011 and left St. Timothy's decidedly comfortable parish for Saint Marc's Episcopal Church in Jeanette, Haiti—about an hour and a half from the nearest major city, Miragoâne. When we finally arrives, the parish and guest house at St. Marc's were a welcome sight after traveling the pockmarked terrain. "Pockmarked" is something of an understatement. Our rented SUV, down to only 7 passengers after dropping off our two cooks and one live grouse in Port-au-

Prince hours earlier, lumbered along at barely two miles per hour—and we were *still* bumping the undercarriage of the vehicle on what was left of the road surface.

Wisnel met us in the seaside city of Miragoâne and rode on the back of a motorcycle ahead of us (the most common method of travel in Haiti, if you have a few coins to hire one with a driver). Saint Marc's gives the word "rural" an entirely new meaning; the hour and a half drive from the city

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Needed: *Food*, Pledges for 30 Hour Famine to End Hunger

by Craig Dubishar

The 30 Hour Famine is sponsored each year by World Vision as part of its mission to end hunger. St. Timothy's Youth Group raises funds by participating in the Famine; all it takes is \$30 to feed a needy child for a month.

From 6 p.m. on Friday, February 24th through 7 p.m., Saturday, February 25th the youth will fast. Each day, people face overwhelming inconveniences, challenges, and injustice. World Vision is helping people exploring the plight of the poor leading up to the 30 Hour Famine event. World Vision is now posting fasting challenges on its FB and Twitter sites. We invite you to follow along at www.30hourfamine.org and get a better sense of what millions face each day.

Youth interested in raising funds to support World Vision's mission should see Rev. Leslie (lesliec@saint-timothy.org) or Mr. Dubishar (wcdubi@cox.net) for a fund-raising packet (or to ask any question about this event). Just imagine the impact we can have!

Why do we need food for a famine event? The Youth Group is looking for members of the congregation who would be willing to help them "break the fast" after the event. Saturday, February 25, we will sit down for a meal in St. Timothy's Henry Hall. That's where you come in! Please go to www.perfectpotluck.com to volunteer to bring an entree, side dish, or dessert! Search with the last name "Timothy" and the password "8780". Believe me, everyone will be wonderfully grateful

for your generosity!! For more details on the 30 Hour Famine see Rev. Leslie or Mr. Dubishar. This really is a rewarding and fun time as we explore ways that we can assist the hungry in this world. +



2011: The Yellow team prepares for another competition during the ever-popular 30 Hour Famine Tribe game.

Lenten Program Examines Abrahamic Faiths

by Carmella Condro

You don't have to give up something for Lent—DO SOMETHING POSITIVE! Join our Lenten program titled "Compassion at the Core—A New Look at Christianity, Judaism, and Islam" and led by Fr. Brad for 5 Sunday evenings February 26th - March 25th at 7 pm. The Very Rev. Urban Tigner Holmes, III, Dean of the School of Theology at Fr. Brad's seminary, said, "The greatest danger to Christianity is fundamentalism." "Reading the Bible, the Tanakh, and the Quran only as literal documents leaves the reader with a very limited and even dangerous understanding of God, Yahweh, and Allah."

Chaplain Farhanahz Ellis will speak on Islam on March 18th. The Rev. Terrence Reynolds, a Lutheran minister who is the head of Theology at Georgetown, will speak on March 25th, the final evening of our program. Questions: Carmela Condro ccondro@verizon.net +



The Rev. Terrence Reynolds

Stewardship of God's House: Turn Off, Clean Up, Lock Up

by Brad Rundlett

We are blessed with a large, comfortable building. And it is used by a lot of people. There are more people here during the week than we see at all three of our Sunday services combined! We need to be good stewards of this facility so it will continue to serve us and others well. Please, put things back where they belong after you use them. If you are the last one out of a room (even if you think someone will be coming later) turn off the light. Turn bathroom, kitchen, classroom, narthex, and Sanctuary lights off when that area is no longer in use. Recycle Sunday programs and announcements. If you spill coffee, if the food you're warming in the microwave splatters, if you see paper towels on the floor, please clean up. Put books back in the pew racks in an orderly way, and keep the pew envelopes and pew cards neat. After 11:00 services, empty used coffee grounds and rinse coffee pots. If you see something broken, tell one of the clergy. If you are the last person to leave the Church, please lock the entry/exit doors when you leave. This is God's house, and ours, so please help keep St. Timothy's clean and neat. +

STARt Here to Volunteer!

by Jane Perry

Volunteer Coordination & Support Ministry (VoCoSuM)

Are you interested in getting more involved at St. Timothy's, but not sure how or where to start? Have you heard that St. Tim's has lots of different ministry areas, but you're uncertain what they are? Would you like to help out with smaller task needs of one or more ministries?

February 5th is our Ministry Fair Sunday at St. Tim's, "Ministry Takes the Cake". You will have an opportunity to check out displays of the wide array of ministries, visit with members who serve in these varied ministries, and offer your help with their smaller task needs via a STAR (Smaller Tasks are Rewarding) form.

In addition, information about our ministries, as well as an online copy of the STAR form, is now also available on the St. Tim's website at <http://www.saint-timothys.org/index.php?page=getting-involved>.

Here you will find a listing of our ministries and groups, along with a brief description of each (more detailed information is found in individual ministry web pages). And while you're there, click on the "Start Here to Volunteer" link to learn more about the STAR initiative—a great way to get involved through helping out with ministry smaller task needs for helping hands. You'll find the latest STAR form, as well as a fun list of "101 Opportunities" for suggestions where you can use your gifts of time and talent to share community with others.

If you would like to become more involved in the St. Timothy's community, but are still not sure how to offer your help, or where your gifts and talents can best be used, we may be able to assist! Simply contact the STAR coordinator, Katie Mazza, at katiemazza@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping—many hands make light work! +

Have You Entered the St. Timothy's Pipe Organ Race?

The Gifts to Glorify the Lord Campaign to raise money to purchase a new pipe organ, make building improvements and provide a reserve fund kicked off last May. We hit the gas pedal and were off and running. We now have zoomed from 0 to 70%

of the organ cost pledged in just 8 months. 41% of the reserve fund has been pledged. We know that others will want to join their fellow parishioners to make this project speed to the finish line. Information and Commitment Forms are available in the Nar-

thex. Campaign representatives will be at the Ministry Fair on February 5th to answer questions, or you can call or email Chairman Randy Karn at (703)402-0227 or randykarn@cox.net. Your dollars could grease our wheels and bring us to the checkered flag! +

Caution: Rooftop Solar is Contagious; Plus, Best Buy Helps Homeowners Reduce Energy Consumption

by Craig Dubishar

Steward of Creation Ministry

The December 2011 issue of Forbes magazine reported that a study by New York University and Yale professors suggests that rooftop solar is contagious. In "Peer Effects in the Diffusion of Solar Photovoltaic Panels," Bryan Bollinger and Kenneth Gillingham analyzed residential solar installations in California from January 2001 to August 2011. "We found that there is a positive, statistically significant, causal effect of previous nearby installations on a household's decision to adopt solar panels," said Bollinger. "A one percent increase in the zip code installed base leads to approximately a one percent increase in the zip code adoption rate."

What does this really mean? Well, one conclusion is that when it comes to being better stewards of God's Creation, a

little peer pressure is a good thing! Hey, who is that over in the corner of our fellowship hall recycling their plastic cup? It might just be one more steward of creation in our midst!

Big businesses are getting in on the act, too. In November 2011, Best Buy launched its Home Energy retail concept through its online learning center and physical departments within three U.S. Best Buy stores—Chicago, Illinois, Houston, Texas, and San Carlos, California. The program provides technology products, solutions and services that help consumers understand, control and reduce their energy consumption and costs! What a great idea! I bet Best Buy didn't even know it was a Steward of Creation! (Hint: We all are!)

Learn more at www.caringforgodscreation.net +

Congregation Q&A

Q. I used to get email from the church, but now I don't. How do I get on the email list, and what will I receive?

A. St. Timothy's recently changed the system we use to manage very large email distribution lists which go to the entire congregation. We used to have to maintain this list by hand, manually adding or deleting people when they requested it. The new system allows everyone to subscribe or unsubscribe whenever they wish. To get onto the email list, simply visit the website at www.saint-timothys.org and click the "Get email updates" link at the top of the home page. Once you are on the email list, you should receive two types of email: 1. weekly eNews, which is sent out every Friday and contains announcements, upcoming events, and the readings for the coming Sunday, and 2. monthly editions of The Word, our newsletter.

Submit your questions to the Question Box hanging on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.

GoodSearch

Every Internet Search You Do Could Earn Us Money!

St. Timothy's is a member of GoodSearch, a search site that receives 1.5 million unique visitors and 25 million page views each month. Every single search you perform using GoodSearch earns St. Timothy's one cent. That may not seem like much, but think of the number of times per day you perform an Internet Search (5? 10? 20?). Multiply that number by workdays in a year (260) and you get between 1300 and 5200 searches (\$13 and \$52). If just 100 people at St. Tim's did this, we would raise \$1300 - \$5200 in a year! To use GoodSearch, you can start from the GoodSearch page (bookmark it or make it your start page!) at www.goodsearch.com; search for St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Herndon, VA) and sign up to start earning. Or, go to the St. Tim's website (www.saint-timothys.org) and search from there, using the form at the very bottom of the page.

St. Tim's Sends 5 Delegates to 217th Annual Council

by Diane Miller, Council Delegate

The 217th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia was held January 26 - 28 in Reston, with the theme, "Serving Christ: Spirit, Mind and Body". Representing St. Timothy's were clergy delegates the Rev. Brad Rundlett and the Rev. Leslie Chadwick, and lay delegates Jennifer Boysko, Cheryl Brock, and Diane Miller. When nearly 1,000 clergy delegates, lay delegates, diocesan staff, Council volunteers, and special guests gather, the enormity of our Diocese becomes apparent! As Bishop Johnston noted in his passionate Pastoral Address, there are many benefits to being a large diocese—we are truly blessed with plentiful resources, talent and treasure to joyfully respond to God's call to us.



Our five mission priorities: Christian Formation, Strengthening our Churches, Mission and Outreach, Ministry, and Human Dignity and Justice, were woven throughout Council proceedings. The various commissions, committees, organizations and programs reported on the work performed in Jesus' name by the 82,000 baptized members and 182 parishes of the Diocese to support God's Kingdom throughout the world. Although we passed a balanced budget, some tough decisions were made as the financial requests from the various programs exceeded the funds available. We had the honor of recognizing candidates for priesthood and vocational deaconate; receiving a new multi-cultural parish, St. Patrick's Falls Church, into the Diocese; and hearing about "Day-spring", a broad integrated effort being launched and led by Bishop Johnston to plan for the gracious re-welcome of the disputed properties to the Diocese. Finally, we also honored the service of the Right Reverend David C. Jones, our Bishop Suffragan, following the 217th Annual Council Holy Eucharist and Service of Leave Taking.

All proceedings of the 217th Annual Council, including Bishop Johnston's Pastoral Address, may be found on the Diocese of Virginia website at <http://www.thediocese.net/Governance/Council/2012>. Your parish delegates would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you for blessing us with the opportunity to represent and serve you. +

wound us up mountainsides, past the end of any semblance of road to a dirt track, then through a field, then along what might be termed a path.

After a loud and happy reunion, plus introductions to Wisnel's staff, Wisnel took us on a tour of the grounds. And it is the ground that strikes you first: the dirt driveway is a deep, rusty reddish orange, inlaid with strips of meticulously-kept green sod. Throughout the grounds there are fruiting trees, planted by the church: oranges, limes, and other citrus, and even coffee berries. The next property over includes a field where several young goats are grazing, and the young boys there are eager to show them off.



That night for dinner, Wisnel put more food on the very long table than most us could eat in a week, finishing our meal with fresh honeycombs full of honey. We were honored guests.

Wisnel is fortunate to have both a good sized school, a church, and a clinic, in addition to the guesthouse where we stayed. The buildings, like much of the better construction in Haiti, are concrete, built to withstand hurricanes. There are no electric lights; all interior light enters through windows, decorative reticulations in the concrete walls, or the holes and gaps in tin the roof. At some point during our tour of the church, Wisnel asked what we think, and I ventured that it looks "nice" — and, indeed, it is

neatly kept, freshly painted, and lovingly, if sparsely, decorated.

This is obviously the wrong answer.

Perhaps it is the royal welcome we've received everywhere we've been in Haiti, or the joy at being both off the road and with friends, but many of the problems that plague Saint Marc's daily were initially easy to overlook. Yes, the schoolrooms are dim, but it is a bright, sunny day outside. Yes, the church roof is full of holes, but the rainy season has just ended. True, there is no running water anywhere, but for now the cisterns are full, the parish is neat and tidy, and the vegetation is lush and green.

Pere Wisnel began pointing out the many issues, and later in the evening, the challenges of life there become more obvious: electricity from the generator for the guest house, which was off when we arrived, is on briefly for an evening meal, and runs out in under an hour, leaving us to finish dinner in pitch darkness. Water to the bathrooms was off (no flushing the toilets) to conserve the water that has collected in the rooftop cisterns. When those cisterns run dry, hopefully close to the end of the dry season rather than in the middle, the village will be without water.

More importantly, Wisnel talked long into the evening by flashlight of the difficulties the school faces. He is very much alone out here. At the best of times, there is hardly enough money to pay for schoolteachers and meals for the children. But this year, promised funds have not arrived. Teachers have been working without pay and the children are not being fed.

This is an essential truth of life in Haiti: nothing is reliable.

Time and effort can change this, as it has in Cange, where electricity, food, and healthcare are (mostly) available. But away from the cities, there is little to be trusted except our faith in each other and the relationships we have built, and our hope that we may bring about a better future, one small part of the countryside at a time.

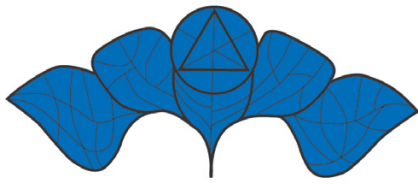


Brad and Wisnel prepare communion at Wisnel's church, St. Marc's

Last week, members of the Haiti mission team went to St. John's in McLean, and the team will travel to other churches. As Father Brad said, "I'll talk to anyone who will listen about Haiti." We hope to find more partners for Wisnel; to find more sponsors for the children of Chapateau; and to directly increase St. Timothy's funding to the village Wisnel called home as he grew up, and we now call "ours".



Children and adults at St. Marc's 6 am service before the start of school.



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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 for brevity or appropriateness.

Welcome, New Members!

"Welcome" to the following people who have become members since December. To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, please contact Nikki O'Malley at nikki.omalley@gmail.com or visit the website to fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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8:00 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite II
Godly Play, ages 3-9
Nursery Care

11:00 a.m.
Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday School
Godly Play, ages 3-9
Nursery Care

Wednesday
12:15 P.M.
Eucharist and
Healing Service