

The Word

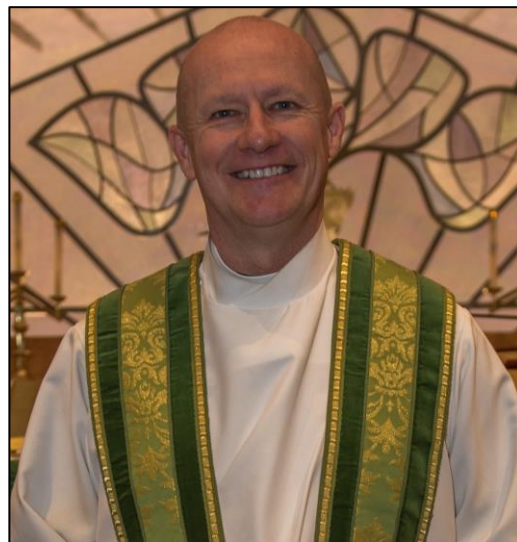
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

May 2018

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate **Pentecost** on Sunday, May 20. I am asking everyone to wear **red** to symbolize the presence of the **Holy Spirit**. I am also inviting everyone who knows a foreign language to join me in the center of the church at the reading of the Gospel to read the lesson in a non-English language you can read. If you want a translation of the lesson to read, an easy way to do it is to visit Google Translate. Google translate can do an entire document in about one second. If you already have your own translation of John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15, please feel free to use that one instead.

This is a new tradition I would like to introduce at St. Timothy's so please allow me to describe how it has worked in some of my previous churches. At the reading of the Gospel I will process to the center of the people just like normal and as I move down the aisle, others step out of their pews and join me near the Gospel book. In the past it has been a bit of managed chaos as 15-20 people usually fill the aisle around the Gospel. As I begin to read the Gospel so does everyone else, but in the language, they have chosen. Most read it from a sheet of paper, there are some who read it from their Bibles. We read it together and at the same time. This creates a cacophony of voices rising and falling, just like on the first **Pentecost** in Jerusalem. The part I find most moving is at the end of the reading. Some languages finish before others do. At the end the sounds trail off and there is one last language that finishes. The movement from cacophony to silence sends a chill down my spine. I can feel the **Spirit** in a way that is fresh and real. It is also educationally fruitful in that it re-enacts the first **Pentecost** and at least gives us a sense of what the first **Pentecost** must have sounded like.



Pentecost is the third most important feast in the church year after Easter and Christmas. It also marks the end of the Easter Season and is one of the occasions when we baptize. This year we will have several baptisms on **Pentecost**. It will be a day of celebration not only for those being baptized, but for the whole community.

I will put a sign-up sheet out in the Narthex with name and the language you intend to read. I am doing this because I would like to get a sense of the various languages that will be represented that day. Please join us on **Pentecost Sunday** for this new tradition, for baptisms, and for the celebration of the giving of the **Holy Spirit**.

Fr. Rich



Special Congregational Meeting

Dear Members of the Congregation:

The Vestry is calling a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 3, 2018, immediately following the 10 AM service in Henry Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to share information with the congregation about the financial situation of the church. No business will be transacted at this meeting. This is an informational meeting only. There will be a short presentation by the Treasurer, the Rector and the Stewardship Team. Questions will be entertained, and light food will be had. Please attend this important meeting so that you can be brought up to date on our situation and understand where we as a congregation are headed.

Joy of Living Senior Ministry



We enjoyed camaraderie and fellowship while hiking through Runnymede Park on May 8th. Fr Rich told us he found himself between a rock and a hard place!

Our Mission:

The Joy of Living Senior Ministry seeks to enhance the lives of the seniors (aged 55+) of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and the surrounding area by encouraging them to grow in the Lord and live fuller, more meaningful lives through education, information and fellowship.

When:

Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 11am in the Narthex.

Mark your Calendars:

We will spend our time sharing ideas about how the Joy of Living Ministry can help us navigate the golden years and learning more about each other.

A light lunch will be served.

Sign Up:

Sign up through the "Sign-up Genius" link on the St. Timothy's website.

Questions/Comments:

Contact Janet Dopsovic at jgdops@gmail.com



Upcoming Joy of Living sessions will include:

Flexibility and Balance – May 15, 2018

Charlotte Roland from Gold's Gym will lead us in tips on how to maintain our flexibility, mobility, stability, strength, and endurance – all important components of maintaining our balance.

Medications & You – June 5, 2018

Learn how to keep track of meds, how to organize them and know which ones to take at certain times of day to provide the best benefit. Presented by My Dr's Pharmacy -- Herndon.

One Month to the Yard Sale

Do we have your name to reserve your table for St. Timothy's Yard Sale? You have this month to get your name in and to clean out your treasures. Those who are selling items, set-up time is 8 am on Saturday, June 2nd. We will have people to help you transfer your wares from your car to your table. The Yard Sale hours are 9 am to 12pm. Rain date is June 9th.

If you choose not to have a table and sell items, come and shop for treasures and contribute to the Bake Shop table.

Reserve a table: mindyrohrbaugh@hotmail.com
Questions: ccondro@verizon.net

Paraphrase

A few weeks ago Fr. Rich's sermon was introduced by reference to a Bible in which traditional Scripture was paraphrased into more modern language and that word "paraphrased" stuck in my mind as I read the Gospel reading for each day and found myself "paraphrasing" the content into words I understood.

Of course, the risk of this exercise is that one could try to make the words fit more comfortably to suit one's likes and dislikes or way of life. So I tried to check on the old translation from Latin and Greek and guess what? I found the translators had out of necessity "paraphrased" words that could not be directly translated or described in the society in which the translator lived!

Dictionary definitions of the word "paraphrase" are consistent. I consulted six dictionaries and Roget's Thesaurus. In the Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, I found the transitive verb: "to make a paraphrase of," and the intransitive verb: "to make a paraphrase," neither of which was terribly helpful! Other volumes provided a little more detail, one being, "a restatement of text or passage in another form or other words often to clarify a meaning," as well as, "the making of paraphrases often used as a teaching device." Roget's Thesaurus offers "to restate, recapitulate, reword, rephrase". The Scott, Foreman "Advanced Dictionary" defines it as to "state the meaning of the passage in other words,"

and an "expression of the meaning of a passage in other words."

Having looked at these definitions I realized that not only were the Gospel writers great "paraphrasers," as were those who wrote letters to various communities in the early Church, but so were the early translators who, just as we do, had so much trouble finding the exact meaning of a word. But the greater revelation obvious through all the centuries is that Christ Himself was the greatest "paraphraser" of all in His explanations of God's purpose and desires for the human race in terms that all people could understand. I think that is why I have great difficulty in reciting the words "The Word of God" after a particularly violent piece of Scripture from the Hebrew Bible, and my doubts as to accurate translation of other passages cause me to mentally "paraphrase" to try to get to the real message of other verses.

Fortunately there are two statements given to us by Christ and which have survived for over two millennia and which constantly ring true and are common in general with most major religions: "Love and worship God with all your heart and soul, and treat your fellow human beings as you would wish to be treated". So I end with that great "paraphrase"!

Jill Cox



Membership Records Update for Adult Children of Members

Any families in the system that have children turning 21 this year, please note the following information about our records update. Adult children (turning 21 or older) are being designated as their own record and will be labeled as a friend and family member of the church. If the adult child is an active member, please have them supply their current address, phone number, and email address to St. Timothy's or if easier, email the information to nikki.omalley@gmail.com. If the adult child does not contact us, they will not receive regular mailings or birthday greetings, so please encourage them to do so if they still attend. Thank you!

Dementia Friendly America



Dementia Friendly America is a national public-private partnership whose mission in part is ... *to more effectively support and serve those across America who are living with dementia and all the people who care for them.*

The Town of Herndon was the first community in Virginia to become Dementia Friendly!

- When we are leaving a concert and come across a person using a cane, we make sure to give them plenty of room to navigate.
- When the elevator doors open and we see someone exiting who is using a walker, we hold the door open for them.
- When we meet someone in a wheelchair, we don't stand over them to talk, we squat down to their eye level.

We've all been publicly trained to be kind, compassionate and helpful to someone we understand to have a disability.

But because dementia is an invisible disability, we don't always recognize the fact that they need us to help them by being kind and compassionate.

In September, St Timothy's will host a free session to learn how to recognize the signs of dementia and valuable tips on how to communicate with those living with dementia.

Look for the Sign-Up Genius link on our website – coming soon.

Creating a Sustainable Church: Ensuring St. Timothy's will be around for another 150 years

Part IV- The Reserve Fund

The \$14,300 in weekly operating expenditures discussed in March comes from the General Fund. The more we contribute to the General Fund, the more good works we can accomplish. Equally important is establishing a Capital Asset Reserve Fund to pay for costly items that will eventually need replacement or repair such as heating and air conditioning systems, parking lots, roofs, plumbing and major appliances to mention a few. The many programs that St. Tim's provides require a well maintained physical facility. To be clear, regular maintenance costs are generally paid from the General Fund. Typically, the pattern is that while most churches are very prudent about managing general funds for annual operations, churches are notorious for taking their facilities for granted and handling capital items on an as-needed basis. The danger with this approach is that failure to maintain an adequate Reserve Fund for major capital expenses will eventually impact general fund budget line items or involve borrowing from financial institutions, both of which will jeopardize St. Tim's ministry. As good stewards, the Vestry commissioned an engineering study several years ago to determine how much must be saved and over what period of time to pay for projected capital repairs and replacements. Unfortunately, St. Tim's has not adequately funded the Reserve Fund and consequently has let slip some pressing capital repairs. Simply put, St. Timothy's must begin both the process of repair and replacement while at the same time begin setting aside a manageable amount from its annual budget for the inevitable rainy day.



Altar Flower Donations

Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that the Altar Guild would like to invite members of the parish to bring in flowers from their yards from now until frost for the Altar. The flowers need to be in the cooler in the kitchen by Friday afternoon so that they can be arranged on Saturday by the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild will continue to accept donations of \$50.00 or more for each Sunday the flowers are in Memoriam of someone. However, it will help tremendously if we can have some flowers from our own lovely gardens.

Please contact Mary McLenigan (mpmhokie@verizon.net) or Carol Sinclair (csinclair83@msn.com) one week prior if you wish to donate flowers. A week’s notice is necessary to ensure recognition for the contribution is put in the bulletin. Flowers will be arranged by the Altar Guild so more than one person’s flowers may be in an arrangement. Also, specific flower requests made in Memoriam will have priority. We will do our best to use the flowers we receive, but aesthetics will decide how they are to be arranged.

Please note that blue/purple flowers will not be accepted due to the fact that this color does not show up at a distance and appear as “holes” in the arrangement.

Flower Blessings,

Father Rich

Planned Giving Forum

Sunday May 20, 11:30 am to 12:30pm

Julie Simonton will be our guest presenter. Her role in the Diocese of Virginia is to provide hands-on guidance and resources to congregations in all areas of congregational life, focusing especially on development, including robust stewardship, creative hospitality and spiritual health.

Creative planned giving can offer you the opportunity to make gifts you never thought possible with assets you’d not thought of using. Join Julie Simonton, director of congregational development and stewardship at the Diocese of Virginia, for a forum about impacting more lives for Christ. Come explore how your generosity can enrich the ministry potential of Saint Timothy’s Episcopal Church and also your own joy of giving!

Please sign up in the Narthex



Youth Pilgrimage June 25th/26th

We will be driving down to Jamestown, and visiting some of the earliest Episcopal Churches in the US. We shall also be visiting a Labyrinth. We will stay the night in the vicinity and then on Tuesday (26th) We will be going to Bush Gardens.

We are asking for a contribution of \$50 per person. If this will prevent you from going, please see Fr Rich for a Scholarship.

Please email Sarah Hobson at sarahhobson@hotmail.com by May 27th

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Service Times:

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite 1

9:00 am Children's Eucharist

10:00 am Rite II service with Holy Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade

SPARK+, 3rd-5th grade

Christian Ed

Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service

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Welcome New Members

Please be aware that there are MANY active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years that 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 congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of 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, giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters.

If we don't have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to office@saint-timothys.org.

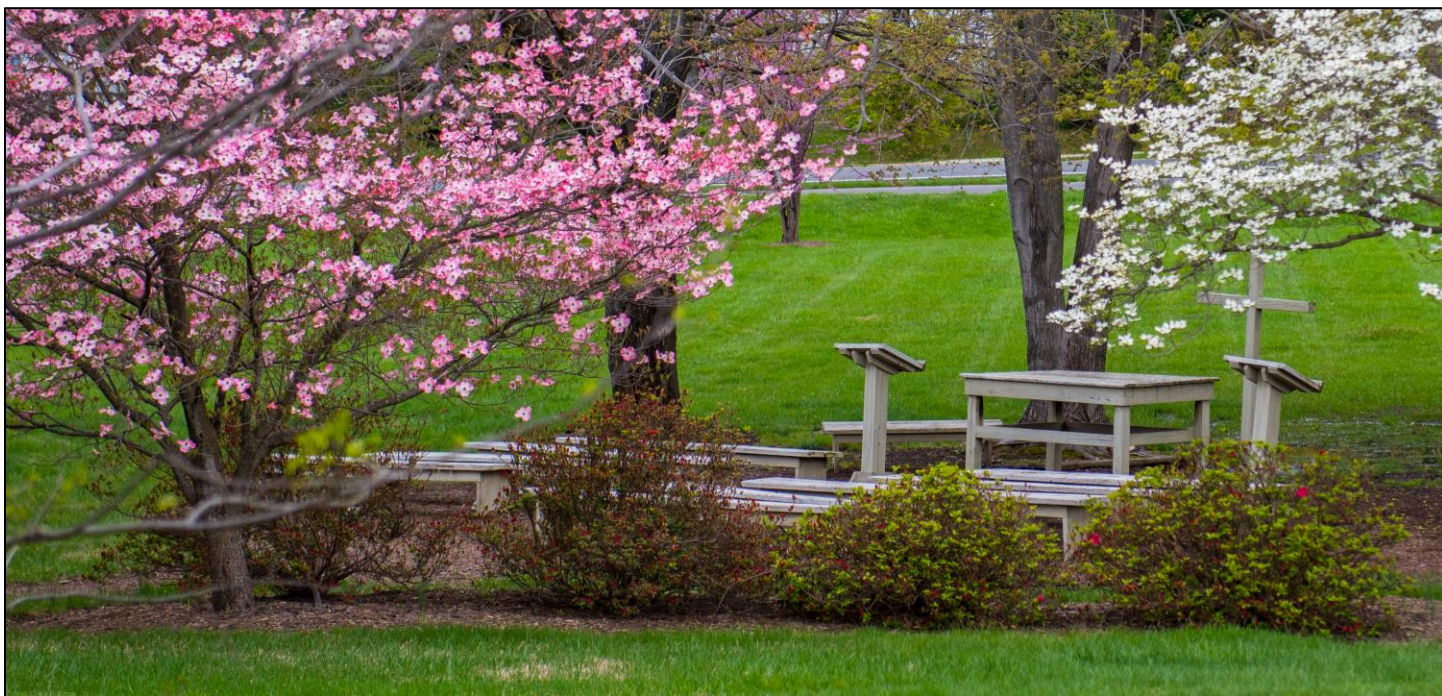
To transfer your membership to St. Tim's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

Submission Deadline for the next issue:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Submit to Ian Smith at

ids227@gmail.com



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2: 2-4 New International Version of the Holy Bible)