



# The WORD

July/August 2019

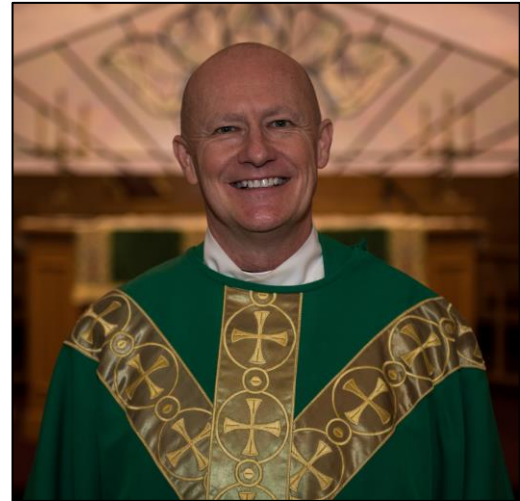
Dear Friends,

Recently the Vestry approved a new mission statement for Saint Timothy's. This mission statement is new to Saint Timothy's, but not to the larger church. We adopted the mission statement from the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer, page 855. Therefore, our new mission statement, which is now on the front of our weekly bulletins reads: **Saint Timothy's mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.** It is one sentence and easy to remember. It is simple, clear and what Jesus told us to do in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).

I am proud that our Vestry adopted a mission statement that makes sense for who we are as a community and is not long and cumbersome. It is one sentence and easy to remember. I want to help the congregation learn this mission statement. When you pray, begin with our mission statement. You might begin like this: "Loving God, use me as your hands to restore all people to unity with yourself and each other in Christ." It is an easy prayer and will help each of us learn our mission.

I look forward to living into this new mission statement and using it to focus our attention on our ministries and missions. I would like to ask the various committees, ministries, and teams to add a discussion of this new mission statement to their next meeting agenda. It will be well worth the time to take a few minutes to reflect on how what you are doing as a ministry of this church is restoring people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

This does not replace your current mission statements, which each group already has. On the



contrary, I think you will find that it supports your current mission statements and connects one to another. As a church and community, this church wide mission statement connects us in a shared understanding about our purpose and what we ought to be doing.

I want to point out that this is a specifically Christian mission. While there are plenty of non-sectarian groups out there doing good work, and I am glad they are, our motivation is specifically grounded in Jesus Christ. We do the things we do because we are followers of Jesus, and that is what he told us to do. We don't do our mission because we have a need for volunteer hours or to show we are concerned about the community. We have a mission because of *whose* we are. In our baptism we are given a mission, and that mission is what we have adopted.

So, go forth and do your mission.

*Fr. Rick +*

## News from The Closet

Have you ever wondered who The Closet helps through their grants? The poster that lists the 2018 grant recipients is on their web site and you can see there are many organizations with a wide variety of missions. But who are the *people* that are helped?

Sometimes The Closet staff find out in thank you letters they receive. For example, Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTPR) wrote that “Henry, age 5, has sensory processing disorder. He struggles with processing and managing sensory information from his environment, and often feels overwhelmed in social situations. But riding has given him newfound self-confidence – confidence that’s helped him thrive in other areas of his life.” Henry’s parents go on to say that since his first ride at NVTRP, Henry has become much more outgoing and has been able to make new friends at school. “Riding has been a source of true joy in his life.”

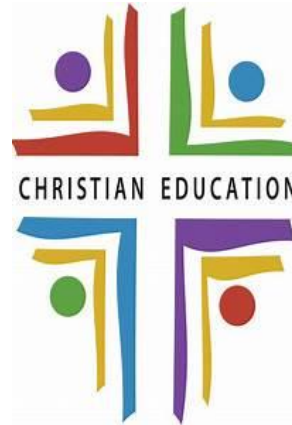
In another note, Cally, who took the seated Feldenkrais class at the Herndon Senior Center (HSC) thanks to The Closet’s donation to the HSC, wrote, “This class is a Godsend for me and has greatly reduced my neck pain and improved my sleep. Many thanks!!!”

So, when you shop, donate and most importantly volunteer, remember there is a story behind every donation and purchase at The Closet. If you would like to join other volunteers in helping people like Henry and Cally, please contact Holly Hartge at [mhhvirginia@verizon.net](mailto:mhhvirginia@verizon.net).

The assigned dates during July for St. Timothy’s are July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>. While each congregation has assigned dates, volunteers from any congregation are always welcome any time the store is open, especially during the summer when staff and volunteers often take vacations. Thank you for your support.

- submitted by Holly Hartge

## Christian Education Corner



### Christian Education is seeking AAA adults

AAA adults are adults who are Authentic, Available and Affirming. Did you have an adult that helped shape your faith? Be like them. Do you wish you had an adult mentor growing up? Be who you wish you had. Email

[Alyssas@saint-timothys.org](mailto:Alyssas@saint-timothys.org) to see where

you may fit into the lives of our children/youth here at St. Timothy’s.

### Interested in Confirmation?

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church invites youth who are rising 8th graders or older to participate in our Confirmation program. The link to an online interest survey can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/wdVwdHvc9r1HqBtRA>



### Blessing of Backpacks and Work Bags

Backpacks and work bags will be blessed on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at all worship services. All children, youth and adults who wish to have a school or work bag blessed for the start of a new school year can bring them to worship on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have an ice cream social and bounce house following worship.

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**Sunday School Registration**

We are planning now for fall and the resumption of our regular Sunday School program. The following programs will be offered:

**Godly Play** – Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Room B-1)

**I Wonder** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Room A-5)

**Echo** – 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (Room A-6)

After Church – Faith Formation/Fellowship

**Club 456** – Grades 4-6 (once a month after church)

**Youth Group** – Grades 6-12

Sunday Morning Christian Education will start at 10:00 am. Children and youth will report directly to their classroom and rejoin their parents in sanctuary at the Peace. So that we can plan for supplies please fill out the registration form online by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/YimxMrTPtfwN72Vb9>

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa at [AlyssaS@saint-timothys.org](mailto:AlyssaS@saint-timothys.org)

- submitted by Alyssa Stoffer

***St. Timothy's Viewpoint Book Club***

Members of the Viewpoint Book Club have made a donation to the Haiti Mission for the joy of reading together, for the wonderful fellowship when meeting to discuss the books, for the tolerance of opinions and appreciation of insight, and particularly for the friendship enjoyed during the six years of its existence. The donation is also made in honor of and with a deep appreciation for their leader, Jill Cox. The book group hopes that the children of St. Mathieu's School will come to know the joy of sharing literature and ideas along with tolerance of differing opinions and preferences.

St. Timothy's Viewpoint Book Club meets monthly and provides opportunities for discussions on a variety of interesting books. All are welcome. For more information or to be added to the email notifications please contact Jill Cox at 703-327-5021 or [jillcoxva@verizon.net](mailto:jillcoxva@verizon.net).

- submitted by Susy Nixon







**150 YEARS**  
*150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event*  
*A Celebration of Marriages at*  
*St. Timothy's*



*Vintage wedding gowns on display*



*Photos by Paige Williamson*

*Some of the "Wedding Belles", pictured left to right: Sandy Wright, Helen Guest, Carmela Condro, Janet Dopsovic, Mindy Rohrbaugh, Elaine Horsfield and Shon Beury.*

## *The “Wedding Bells” Event*

On Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, "The Wedding Bells" event, sponsored by the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, was a great success. The people who had been married by a minister at St. Timothy's were recognized in the congregation. Those who wanted to renew their wedding vows had an opportunity to do so during the 10:00 am service. The reception in Henry Hall was elegant and fun. Wedding dresses, wedding albums and pictures were on display. Music was played and some even learned the chicken dance. Most of the congregation joined the reception enjoying punch and a variety of cupcakes. Thank you to 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for a very successful wedding reception. There were other people not on the committee who helped make the day a success: our photographer, Paige Williamson, D.J., Becca, Brenda Donnelly, Janet Dopsovic, Sarah Hobson and Dean Rohrbaugh. Mark your calendars for the next 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event which will be an ice cream social in August.

## *Shawl Ministry*

Are you looking to unwind, to relax, to get away from the stresses of daily life? The St. Timothy's Shawl Ministry is calling you (in the spirit of Saint Francis, the patron saint of needleworkers) to join us in a relaxing atmosphere with the camaraderie of crocheters and knitters. The Shawl Ministry invites you to use your talent in a joyful way. We are a group of beginners, intermediate and advanced knitters and crocheters who are willing to teach anyone this beautiful needlework craft. We want you to experience the joy and caring of our fellowship while you experience the gift of helping others.

Members of Shawl Ministry make items for loved ones and for church members. We give baby blankets for births and for christenings. We give shawls and lap robes for the sick and for those in grief. We give to injured soldiers, to local hospitals, and to nursing homes. We give hats, chemotherapy caps, scarves, gloves and sweaters to adults and children in need.

Some of the organizations we serve include: Fair Oaks Hospital, Harbor House, Alzheimer's - Insight

Memory, Special Olympics, Northern Virginia Family Services, Soldier Angels, Capital Care, and our very own St Timothy's Lakota Ministry and the Angel Tree. Each handcrafted item is prayed over and blessed with a special blessing by the needleworkers who made them.

Whether you like to knit or crochet in a group setting with us at the church or on your own at home, we welcome you to be a part of our stress-releasing and joyful Shawl Ministry. Let your talent bring comfort to others.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on the second Tuesday of each month, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Narthex.

We will not meet during the month of July but will resume in August.

*~submitted by Mindy Rohrbaugh*

## *A Perspective on Immigration*

In these turbulent times, it is hard to ignore the question of the general movement of people across the globe. There are thousands upon thousands of communities trying to escape religious persecution, economic disasters, natural disasters (and many man-made errors which impact the livelihoods of communities) as well as from misguided personal ambitions and political errors.

I was reminded of the phrase “History repeats itself” while reading a book about German immigration to the U.S. in the 1880s and the very similar treatment the 1.5 million people received prior to and after the U.S. entry to WWI, which was then repeated with the treatment of Japanese-American citizens interred in WWII. This was not peculiar to the U.S.A. because the United Kingdom was as guilty with the same attacks on German immigrants in London in 1914 and later in 1940 with forced internment on the Isle of Man for the duration WWII.

I am not taking any political stance on those aforementioned events or current policies but instead would direct my thoughts to several

scriptural passages we would do well to consider, especially those recorded in Matthew chapter 5 which are listed as the Beatitudes. Jesus instructs us to consider the plight of the poor in spirit, those who mourn or are considered low in social status or are suffering from hunger and deprivation. Later in Matthew's gospel, in chapter 25:34 -40, Jesus speaks of the way in which we must treat strangers and the unfortunate, for indeed by the actions He describes, we are treating our Lord and Master. In the letter to the Hebrews, the unknown writer exhorts us to keep on loving one another and not to forget to entertain strangers and recalls the Old Testament sentiment expressed in the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy which suggests that at any time you do a kindness you may be entertaining an angel. The words contained in Isaiah 28:11-13 also contain much to consider.

Perhaps by now, you are curious to know the book which started all this thought and may be surprised that it is a novel entitled "Under the Same Blue Sky" by Pamela Schoenwaldt. It is perhaps not the greatest novel ever written, but is very readable and includes "Q & As" with the author which led me to look at the policies of President Woodrow Wilson and two acts passed during his term in office,

namely the Espionage Act of 1917 and the Sedition Amendment of 1918.

I was also moved by the author's comment: "President Wilson has been proved right: war is never just "out there" on the battlefield. The tolerance that binds and enriches society is ripped away by war as we take its conflicts into our communities, our neighborhoods and our hearts".

*-submitted by Jill Cox*



<i><b>Upcoming Events</b></i>	
<i><b>Joy of Living for Seniors</b></i>	Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 11:00 am. There will be a hike through Runnymede Park in Herndon. (watch the Sunday bulletins for more details).
	Tuesday July 16, 2019 at 11:00 am. Two State Solution discussion, led by Fr. Rich and Rabbi Michael, from the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation. Kindly sign up on the sheet of paper on the table under the JOL bulletin board in Henry Hall. We need to be sure we have enough food for both congregations.



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*Pictured left to right: Fr. Rich Bardusch, Vidai Genovez (Andres), John Nixon, Adaku Nwachukwu, Carmela Condro, Elizabeth Witter, Allison Dodd, Andy Hamm, Brian Flusche (not pictured: John Druitt, Catherine Lamoureux, Gerritt Peck, Sandy Wright)*



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<b>Service Times</b>	
Saturdays: 7:00 pm	Santa Eucharista
Sundays: 8:00 am	Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 am	Children's Eucharist
10:00 am	Eucharist, Rite II
	Godly Play ages 3-2nd gr.
	SPARK+, 3rd-5th grade
	Christian Education
	Nursery Care
Wednesdays: 12:15 pm	Eucharist and Healing Service

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**Welcome New Members**

June  
 No 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](http://www.saint-timothys.org) or send the information to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Mindy Rohrbaugh ([mindyrohrbaugh@hotmail.com](mailto:mindyrohrbaugh@hotmail.com)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

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**Submit articles to:  
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Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.  
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name."  
Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.  
He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
There we rejoiced in him,  
who rules by his might forever;  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations –  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.  
Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

Psalm 66:1-9