



The WORD

January 2021

Dear Friends,

Let us give three cheers for a New Year! I am ready to turn the corner on all that the past year has brought to us and embrace a better 2021. I have a sense of hope that while we still have the winter to go through, life will soon begin returning to normal, although at a slow pace. Hope for a better future gives us the drive to make that future real. Hope reveals opportunities that without hope we do not see. For me, 2021 is the opportunity to restart or reboot our church. The reality of the past year and for this winter is that we have been cut off and isolated from each other. We have done an amazing job as a community to care for each other and continue many of our ministries to the people of Herndon and around the world. Some of those ministries were able to offer greater support in this time of pandemic than in past years. Even while cut off from each other, we changed the world for the better.

But this next year we need to focus more of our efforts than usual on rebuilding our community. We need to strengthen our relationships as a church family and be relentless when we can gather again with our in-person fellowship. To that end when the new Vestry meets in January, I will stress our need to focus on rebuilding relationships and sharing time and space with each other. This does not mean we are abandoning our other priorities or ministries. It just means we have to pay attention to fellowship and other community building activities for at least 2021 and probably 2022. An example of this might



be the Summer Picnics, which we established two summers ago. These are perfect opportunities to strengthen our community and restore our in-person fellowship. There will be new opportunities to create times of fellowship and in-person sharing as we reconnect and rebuild our body.

As one way to begin to make real the change in 2021, I want to offer three one-time events in the winter on Zoom with the dual purpose of learning and building community. Like the conversations we have had with the Rector and Wardens on Zoom this past year, but with a short presentation by me on the liturgical year, sacraments, and the future of the church in broad terms. The presentation will be followed by checking in with people and sharing how our lives are going. If you went to one of the

conversations that we had in 2020, you know to bring your own Chardonnay.

The dates for the three get togethers are Tuesday, January 12th, at 11 am, Tuesday, January 26th, at 7 pm, and Tuesday, February 2nd, at 2 pm. Zoom links will be sent out before each event. I hope you will join us for one or all of these events. Let us kick-off the New Year together with hope and great expectation!

New Year Blessings,



December Vestry Notes

This is my final report of “Vestry Notes” because my term on the Vestry as Senior Warden ends at the end of December. My intention was to inform the congregation as to the main issues discussed at monthly Vestry meetings. All church members are permitted to attend these meetings as observers. If you have an issue you want discussed, it must be placed on the agenda in advance.

In December, we discussed our views on various budget items before voting on the budget for 2021. We were required to make some difficult decisions because of a shortfall of pledged income, notwithstanding a \$64,000 easement payment from the town of Herndon for their purchase of our property on Van Buren Street and a grant of \$48,700 from the Federal Payroll Protection Plan.

We voted to retain our Music Director through April 30th of 2021 with an additional two months’ severance package. This will permit the current Music Director time to seek new employment and for St. Timothy’s to find a new musician willing to work for fewer hours minus benefits. The Vestry’s goal is to continue to fund a successful and vibrant music program. At the present time, we can no longer afford part-time employees on staff with benefits.

The Vestry agreed that the time has come to both improve and expand our digital ministry in the post-COVID world by hiring a part-time Communications Manager and to fill the position of Christian Education Director which has been vacant for some time. Both positions will be part time without benefits.

We voted for a 2021 budget with a deficit of \$30,000, hoping we will receive additional pledges.

We voted to change the Vestry by-laws to have the number of Vestry members reduced from 12 to 9.

~ submitted by Carmela Condro

A Winter Twilight

A silence slipping around like death,
Yet chased by a whisper, a sigh, a breath;
One group of trees, lean, naked and cold,
Inking their cress 'gainst a sky green-gold;
One path that knows where the corn flowers were;
Lonely, apart, unyielding, one fir;
And over it softly leaning down,
One star that I loved ere the fields went brown

~ poem by Angelina Weld Grimké



Highlights of an Extraordinary Year for LINK

The LINK president, Lisa Lombardozi, sent a summary to the LINK community of the exceptional way LINK has met the needs of our community since the pandemic began. Below are highlights from her summary, as well as a personal message from her to the many, many people who helped meet the need. St. Timothy's small but mighty contributions made a difference. From the regular food donations and neighborhood food drives to the new and longtime volunteers who helped deliver and pack food, all of you lived your faith by serving our neighbors. Thank you!

Lisa's highlights and personal message:

April and May saw a record number of clients asking for help that we'd never seen before - 1500+ families/individuals!!!

We went from 5 days a week with 4 families a day to 7 days a week with up to 32 families a day!

We went from one delivery packer a day to up to 4 and had to stagger packing times to minimize contact.



photos provided by Shon Beury

Just as supplies began to dwindle, we got word that the LDS church would like to bring a semi-tractor trailer from Salt Lake City to LINK! \$75,000 worth of food was added back to our backstock at no cost to LINK.

Neighborhoods organized regular food drives based on updated pantry inventory.

Businesses reached out with financial donations.

Local restaurants donated food to keep their employees working.

As our 'at risk' volunteers were unable to help, new people stepped up.

Our translation needs became desperate. A plea for help was answered by more than 30 individuals.

The monthly Mobile Food Pantry and Simple Gesture programs resumed after a break during the lockdown.

When the Mobile Food Pantry resumed, hundreds of cars lined up on the 2nd Tuesday at Christ the Redeemer (CTR). LINK distributed food from the Capital Area Food Bank and surplus food from CTR. Simple Gesture donations increased each time to record numbers.

Area churches donated tons of food and money. Multiple board members took on new roles managing and transporting donations.



After careful planning and preparation, the Holiday Food Program was reconfigured to meet pandemic social distancing requirements. Three outdoor food distributions were held during November and December. No coats were distributed, only toys.

The Holiday Program served 1176+ families/individuals. This is a record number of unduplicated numbers. In a normal year, we would have served 800 families/individuals twice. We doubled the amount we gave for grocery gift cards and distributed \$66,890 in Giant grocery gift cards. We distributed 55,272 pounds of food and distributed 3000+ toys to the 3000 children registered.



LINK received new refrigerators and freezers, courtesy of a COVID grant from Fairfax County for \$25,000. We were able to replace our 20-year-old units and add a new refrigerator and freezer.

There are literally hundreds of people who have stepped up that never did before. The delivery volunteers have been truly AMAZING!! If you haven't seen the pantry on a 30+ day, there are bags literally packed everywhere – floors, tables, and shelves! Our packing volunteers have really gone above and beyond! The standouts here are – Barb Chisholm, Susan Embt, Cecille Macalalad, Carrie Muenks, *Christine Cozza*, and Angie Wantz.

May this season of Jesus' birth bless each of you and please know that I am very appreciative of you all!

Lisa

~ submitted by Shon Beury

Let's Bake!

Here is a cooking challenge for January. This "puzzle" recipe was offered during a Ministry Fair some years ago. The cake made from this recipe is evidently was quite tasty. I have made it and my family has enjoyed the results.

Here is the cooking "puzzle": the catch is that you must identify the ingredients. Perhaps families with children might like to do this. Have the ingredients got you stumped? Stay tuned. The answers will appear in the February edition of *The Word*.

Old Scripture Cake

3/4 cup Genesis 18:8
 1 1/2 cup Jeremiah 6:20
 5 Isaiah 10:14 (separated)
 3 cups sifted Leviticus 24:5
 3 teaspoons 2 Kings 2:20
 3 teaspoons Amos 4:5
 1 teaspoon Exodus 30:23
 1/4 teaspoon each 2 Chronicles 9:9
 1/2 cup Judges 4:19
 3/4 chopped Genesis 43:11
 3/4 cup finely cut Jeremiah 24:5
 3/4 cup 2 Samuel 16:1
 Whole Genesis 43:11

- Cream Genesis 18 with Jeremiah 6. Beat yolks of Isaiah 10, one at a time. Sift together Leviticus 24, 2 Kings 2, Amos 4, Exodus 30, and 2 Chronicles 9.
- Blend into creamed mixture alternately with Judges 4. Beat whites of Isaiah 10 till stiff; fold in chopped Genesis 43, Jeremiah 24, and 2 Samuel 16. Turn into 10-inch tube pan that has been greased and dusted with Leviticus 24.
- Bake at 325° F until it is golden brown or Gabriel blows his trumpet, whichever happens first. (Bake for an hour and ten minutes. Remove from oven.)
- After 15 minutes, remove cake from the pan. Cool completely, then drizzle over it some Burnt Jerusalem Syrup.

Burnt Jerusalem Syrup

1-1/2 cups Jeremiah 6:20

1/2 cup Genesis 24:45

1/4 cup Genesis 18:8

- Melt Jeremiah 6 in a heavy skillet over low heat, cooking it until it is a deep gold; then add Genesis 24. Cook until smooth and remove from heat.
- Add Genesis 18 and stir until it melts, then cool.
- After drizzling this on the Scripture Cake, decorate it with whole Genesis 43:11.



~ submitted by Jill Cox



Keep Your Lights Up for Healthcare Heroes **COVID Fatigue is Real**

It's hard to believe that we have been waging the war on COVID-19 for over 9 months. We are all tired and ready for this to be over – COVID fatigue is real. We also know that our healthcare teams – the heroes of this war - are tired, but they continue to put others first and care for the sickest patients in our hospitals, doctors' offices, ambulances, and all across our communities.

We Need Your Help

Holiday lights provide an emotional boost to everyone who sees them. In this challenging year, these lights have become for many a sign of normalcy and hope. That's why this January, we are asking everyone to keep their holiday lights up to thank these healthcare heroes for all they are doing to help our community fight this pandemic. Whether these lights decorate the outside of your business, your community, or your home, Keep Your Lights Up for Healthcare Heroes.

Keep Your Lights Up For Healthcare Heroes from January 1-31

Help us recognize those working in healthcare. As these heroes drive to and from their shift, these lights will express your support – and it will remind all of us that Hope Has Arrived, even in this darkest month of the year.

(shared by a parishioner)

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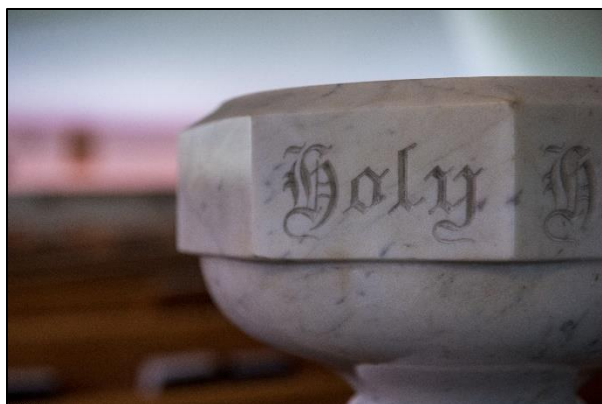
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Service Times

Saturday: 7 pm Outdoor Chapel (Spanish)
Sunday: 9 am Zoom Service (English)
(Livestream on YouTube/
Facebook/Website)

Please Note: reservations are required for in-person services due to limited group sizes required because of COVID-19. Please contact the church office by phone or email to make a reservation.

Welcome New Members

(no new members this month)

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.

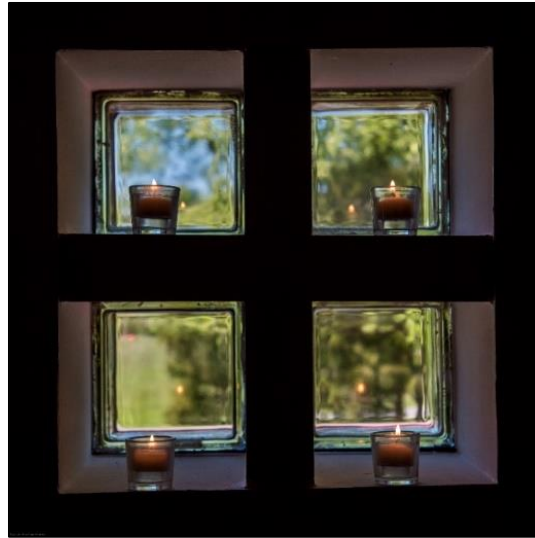
If we do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to office@saint-timothys.org.

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Mindy Rohrbaugh (blessed2boma@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

~ Isaiah 60:1-6
Epiphany, January 6th