



The WORD

September 2021

Dear Friends,

The time has come for me to say goodbye. As part of my farewell, I want to thank you for being such a blessing in my life. My four years at Saint Timothy's have helped me grow as a priest, rector, and person. The friendships I have made here I will treasure when I depart and remember them fondly. While there is grief because they will not continue in the same manner, there is also comfort in knowing that I leave you in good hands and that your future is bright.

I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity while I was here and bless you as you continue to do the work of the Lord. My prayer is that you will remain that beacon of light in Herndon and make a difference in the lives of not only your members but those who are not members. Saint Timothy's touches the lives of so many every day, that without your presence the people of Herndon would suffer immensely.

Whether it is the Closet, Cornerstones, Boy Scout Troop 159, Haiti, or any of the other many ministries that you support, Saint Timothy's is vitally needed in this ever-changing world. The Gospel is desperately needed by a world that is fast secularizing and forgetting about the most vulnerable and those in need. I know that you will continue to follow Jesus as his disciples and work to make the world a better place.

Many blessings and may you prosper and change the world into what it should be,

Fr. Rick+

Join the Choir!

Do you have a joy for singing? Do you love church music? Join the choir! We will resume choir rehearsal on Thursday, September 9. Our rehearsals will be weekly from 7:00-8:30 pm. We sing for the 10:00 am service every Sunday beginning with a rehearsal at 9:15, which allows time to get our robes on. You do not need to read music. You only need to have the desire to make a joyful noise. We will help you with all the little details! Singers age 12 and up are more than welcome to join.



If you play an instrument or have any suggestions for the music ministry, please reach out to me at todd@saint-timothys.org or talk to me after the postlude on Sunday. I have enjoyed meeting many of you already and hearing about your talents and willingness to share!

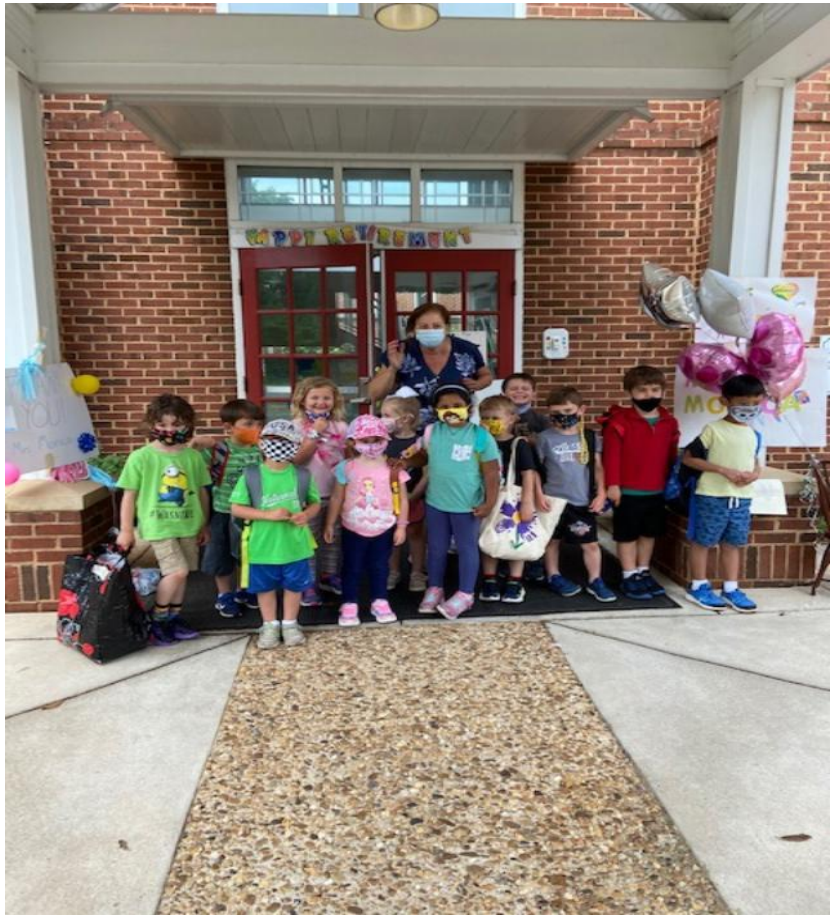
Submitted by Todd Grivetti, Organist/Choirmaster

St. Timothy's Pre-School Updates -- Farewell and Thank You, Monica Despina

St. Timothy's Pre-School Director, Monica Despina, recently retired at the end of the school year. The Pre-School Staff and Board held a lovely luncheon in Henry Hall on May 15, honoring Monica and thanking her for her incredible legacy of 26 years at St. Timothy's Pre-School. All three of Monica's sons attended the pre-school and she later became a teacher and then the school's Director. We are blessed with many long-time, loving and committed staff including Nora St. Arnold, our former Assistant Director and recently hired Director, who took over for Monica this summer. On May 25, the students and families of the Pre-School celebrated Miss Monica with bouquets of flowers, decorated cars, creative drawings and lots of love and hugs for her retirement. Thank you for your leadership and service to our school, Monica!

If you or someone you know is looking for a quality, loving preschool for their child, St. Timothy's Pre-School is enrolling for the fall. We offer classes for ages 2 ½ through Pre-K and we also offer extended day programs. Please call Nora St. Arnold at 703-437-4767 for more information.





Submitted by Jill Norcross

Community Engagement

“Imagine our world when love is the way.”

- Most Rev. Michael Curry

In keeping with our devotion to reaching out through our doors to invite others into St Timothy’s, the Community Engagement Team is developing plans and opportunities to brighten our beacon of hope for the Greater Herndon Area.

We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings to brainstorm ideas and collaborate on projects – Join us! We’d love your ideas and assistance.

In August, we started planning for the 9/11 Candlelight Remembrance Vigil.

Please join us in prayer and song to pay homage to everyone who lost their lives or their loved ones and those who were injured during the attack.

Saturday, 9/11/21 at 8:30 pm - St Tim’s parking lot (please follow CDC Guidelines in social distancing and wearing masks).

We also continued planning for the St Timothy’s Community Garden Project.

We’ve been working with the Preschool and the Town of Herndon to find the perfect spot for the garden.

Please let us know if you are willing to work on the Electronics Recycling initiative to raise money to build the garden.

New! Enrichment Sessions – Watch this space for information on upcoming virtual enrichment sessions.

Please note: due to concerns in rising Delta Variant cases, we have decided to postpone plans for a Benefit Concert.

Please pray for all those suffering from the virus.

Submitted by Janice Dopsovic

Upcoming Fundraisers to Improve Henry Hall

St. Timothy’s Church and Pre-School plan to work together this year to raise funds to improve Henry Hall. The first fundraiser will take place in September. You will find a Midland Fundraising Catalogue in the Narthex. Take one and any order you request will be sent directly to you and a large percentage will go to the school and church. The catalogue is quite extensive so you will surely find something you like.

On Saturday, October 30th, there will be a “Trunk or Treat” event to give children an opportunity to go to parked cars in our parking lot to receive a Halloween treat in place of knocking on people’s doors. Each car will pay \$20 to participate. This means you do not have to open your door at night to Trick or Treaters.

On Saturday and Sunday, November 6th and 7th a Holiday Bazaar/Yard Sale will be held from 9 am to 1 pm. Besides crafters and vendors selling their products, we will again have a Basket Raffle, a vendors’ raffle, a bake



sale table, a knitters table and a Christmas donation table. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be sold this year in the kitchen. Yard sale tables will be outdoors to attract passing cars. Santa's Shop will be added this year to give children a chance to have their pictures taken with Santa and an opportunity to buy secret gifts for their parents.

From the congregation, we ask for your support by shopping at the bazaar and yard sale, making items for the bake sale, making donations of old Christmas decorations and donations for the yard sale. Start saving things you do not need any longer. We also need theme baskets filled for the Basket Raffle. The empty baskets will be made available to you. We will also need helping hands to set up and clean up. Teenagers are welcome to help them fulfill community service projects.

Submitted by Nora St. Arnold, Pre-School Director and Carmela Condro, Church representative

Pastoral Care Team

In the name of our loving Father, the Pastoral Care Team provides care, support and Holy Communion to those in need. We wanted to let you know that we are here and continuing our mission by sharing spiritual Holy Communion and prayer by phone and other safe means, as well as reminders of God's Blessings and love and support to our St. Tim's family.

If you or anyone that you know could use a touch of love and God's grace, your St. Tim's Pastoral Care Team is here to serve. We can be reached by email at careteam@saint-timotheys.org or by reaching out to one of The Pastoral Care Team members. (Gayle Rippe, Ralph & Florita Tildon, Edna Whittick, Melissa Druitt, Danny Wechtenhiser and Karen Wilkins)

Priorities

After much thought and prayer, I have felt the need to voice my thoughts upon changes at St. Tim's in the months ahead and while I have deep respect and offer prayers for success in future ventures, I feel moved to add, perhaps a word of caution, or a reminder to examine why we attend church and profess ourselves to be Christians. While social justice must be of great importance and purpose, I am concerned that we may forget our prime purpose as Christians and that is to bring people to the Love of God in prayer and worship. We should remember that blessed way in which Christ encapsulated the Ten Commandments for us – these commandments emphasized the prime purpose of being Children of God, with short social commands listed below the prime Commandment.

So I urge everyone to think on the two commandments that Jesus gave all of us and particularly recognize the order whenever we are planning events, etc., worthy though they may be.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments".

Matthew 22: 32- 40.

Offered in prayer and peace by Jill Cox



Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities and commemorates how those communities have influenced and contributed to the United States.

Several Latin American countries gained their independence in the month of September, and most of their flags contain the colors blue and white.

Let us commemorate and celebrate our Latino Ministry by wearing blue and white during our Services on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Mes de la Herencia Hispana

El mes de la herencia Hispana es una celebración anual de la historia y la cultura de las comunidades Latinas e Hispanas de Estado Unidos. Y conmemora como estas comunidades han influenciado y contribuido a la sociedad estado-unidense.

Varios países latinoamericanos obtuvieron su independencia en el mes de Septiembre, y la mayoría de sus banderas contienen los colores azul y blanco.

Conmemoremos y Celebremos a nuestro ministerio Latino vistiéndonos de azul y blanco durante nuestros servicios de el Sábado 11 y el Domingo 12 de Septiembre del 2021.



LINK Happenings in September

The annual LINK Stuff-a-Truck food drive is back! After a hiatus last year while the church was closed, the Service Ministry will once again hold the food drive on Sunday, September 26 following both services. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to the collection point near the preschool entrance. Volunteers will help unload your donations, no need to leave your vehicle! The food drive will take place from 8:30 am – noon. Want to donate but not able to stop by on the 26th? Please leave your donations in the LINK bin in Henry Hall anytime.

In other news, please welcome Tom Bosworth as the incoming rep to the LINK board. Tom has been serving as a delivery volunteer for over a year and will transition completely to the role of LINK board rep over the next few months.

St. Tim's will be coordinating deliveries of a week's supply of groceries to clients the last two weeks of September. New and experienced volunteers are always welcome and needed to assist with deliveries. If you would like to coordinate with an experienced volunteer to become familiar with the process, arrangements can be made. Please use the SignUp Genius link to volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ea9a7292-20218>

Finally, many, many thanks for your continued and generous support of LINK during the past year and a half. Our neighbors need for food during the COVID 19 crisis has tripled and quadrupled. To meet the need, donors and volunteers stepped up in extraordinary ways and LINK was able to serve our neighbors far more than ever imagined. Thank you for the neighborhood food drives, the regular donation drops to LINK bins at Herndon United Methodist and thank you to the amazing volunteers who got food packed and delivered to clients.

Want to learn more about LINK? Contact Tom Bosworth, tombosworth1338@gmail.com or Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com. Also, check out the LINK website www.linkagainsthunger.org

Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our community.

Submitted by Shon Beury

Poem for the new school year

This is a poem that seems very appropriate for the start of a new school year and I wish you a peaceful, healthy and successful one with new friends and teachers and I also hope you have a lot of fun learning new things and playing new games, just be careful and do your very best in everything.

“SOMEBODY SAID IT COULDN’T BE DONE”

By Edgar A. Guest (1888 – 1954)

Somebody said that it couldn’t be done,
But, with a chuckle he replied,
“That maybe it couldn’t, but should he be one
Who couldn’t say so till he tried.

So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried, he hid it,
He started to sing, as he tried the thing
That couldn’t be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed “Oh you’ll never do that,
At least, no one has ever done it,
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew, he’d begun it.

With a heft of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiver,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn’t be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophecy failure.
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle down with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it.
Just start to sing as tackle the thing
That could not be done and you’ll do it.

Submitted by Jill Cox

September 11th Candlelight Vigil

Please join us in Remembrance



Saturday, September 11, 2021

8:30 pm

St. Timothy's Episcopal

432 Van Buren Street

Herndon, Virginia

Parking Lot

Please follow distancing & CDC guidelines

All Are Welcome

2021 Vestry



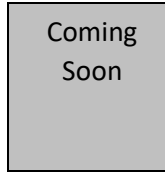
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**Submission deadline for the October issue:
 Saturday, September 25, 2021**

Service Times		
Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)		
Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities to worship		

Welcome New Members
(no new members this month)

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

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.

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.