



The WORD

November 2021

Dear Friends,

In an effort to keep the entire congregation as up-to-date as possible on the work of the Vestry and the future of St. Timothy's, the following notes from the most recent Vestry meeting are being included here for your review. Should you have any questions about the meeting or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the Vestry.

Oct. 19th, 2021 Vestry Meeting

Vestry Attendees: Keith Sinclair, Maria LaWalt, Julie Thompson Gomez, Tatiana Martinez, Ralph Tildon, Tom Davis, Dave Dopsovic, Catherine Lamb, John Druitt

Additional Non-Vestry Attendees: Kathy Lombard, Rose Berberich, Deke Smith, Danny Wechtenhiser, Alecia Moroz

The vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month with additional working sessions as needed to address the work ahead. We will likely move back to Zoom for our next scheduled meeting as it has been challenging to find adequate space. Maria LaWalt opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance. The focus of this meeting was planning for the next several years.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Lombard shared that we are still slightly ahead of our expected rate of giving at this point in the year, running at 109%. We are on track to end the year within projection and without having to draw on reserve funds. We continue to refine the 2022 Vision budget based on input but we still anticipate a gap in operating funds. Results of the Stewardship Campaign should soon indicate the relative health of our pledge base.

St. Tim's Care Team: Danny Wechtenhiser shared several updates:

- Name is changing from Pastoral Care to the Care Team. This change clarifies the kind of volunteer care our St. Tim's family can provide and is consistent with the current email address for care requests.



- The Care Team has expanded to support 20 members, up from four just a few months ago. The team anticipates the need to provide additional support.
- LEMS and other volunteers who interact with the community are required to take training and provide certification. The team is taking stock of what training is required for the St. Tim's Care Team and who on the team needs to refresh certifications.
- If you have spare note cards, paper, or forever stamps, the Care Team would appreciate your support in providing those materials. Please reach out to Danny (mrvnkn9@verizon.net).

Special Presentation - Deke Smith: Vestries need to plan for the next 5 – 25 years, not just meet a single year's horizon. Deke reviewed several tools St. Tim's vestry could use for more consistent long-term planning. One of those tools is a Reserve Fund Study, which examines the life of the assets around us and helps plan for maintenance and upgrades as well as anticipating emerging or future needs.

Interim Rector: Two weeks ago Catherine Lamb and John Druitt met with Rev. Sarah Brockenbrough, the Diocese of Virginia representative, to discuss how soon we might see potential candidates for Interim Rector. There is a potential candidate in the hopper but no names yet. We hope to hear more in the next few days.

Latino Priest: We are grateful to Padre Pedro for all his love and support of St. Timothy's! We hope to have him with us for a few more weeks until he is called to his more permanent position. In the mean-time we are evaluating whether the Interim Priest candidate will have sufficient Spanish language skills, and whether we can identify a longer-term Latino Supply Priest if needed to fill that gap.

Discernment Committee. Under counsel from the Diocese and from previous wardens, St. Tim's will begin its formal Discernment Process once our Interim Rector is in place to best support that process. However, the vestry is establishing a small committee to evaluate where St. Tim's needs to be in the next five years. Deliverables from this group should cover a list of objectives for the church.

Ministry Review: Our ministries review is complete – it's exciting to see how we share God's love in our community in so many ways! The vestry will discuss the outcome of the review to see where we can renew or augment our commitments while balancing them against the emerging needs of our community.

Outreach: Tatiana Martinez briefed the Vestry on the Community Garden and will follow up with a presentation to our congregations. The team has named the project to create the garden "Rooted in Herndon" and they identified the perfect location between the outdoor chapel and bike path. We will create 10 lots, each 5' x 7'. The cost to build each lot is \$300. There is an opportunity to sponsor a lot for \$300, which will result in a small memorial plaque with your inscription added to the wooden box frames built for the plot. Note this sponsorship does not lead to purchasing space in the garden – we will be offering that to the community once the garden is complete.

Upcoming November Events:

- Yard Sale and Bazaar Nov 6th & 7th!

St. Tim's Alcohol Policy Updated: based on guidance from the Bishop, once food and drink are permitted inside the building again, the vestry has voted to allow groups outside of St. Tim's membership to provide alcohol at events under the appropriate release of authority documents. This will allow guests who wish to rent the hall to purchase and serve alcohol with the appropriate licensing and insurance.

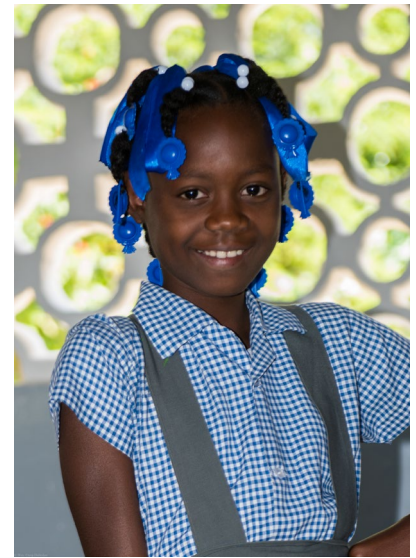
Respectfully submitted by the members of St. Timothy's Vestry

Support St. Mathieu's School in Chapoteau, Haiti

URGENT – GET YOUR CHRISTMAS GREENS ORDER IN BEFORE NOVEMBER 11TH

It's that time of year when you can help support the St. Timothy's Haiti School and at the same time get some fantastic Christmas wreaths, table decorations, and holiday greens. Every purchase directly supports St. Mathieu's school in Chapoteau, Haiti. As you know, Haiti continues to struggle under political unrest, natural disasters, and roving gangs. The good news is that the teachers are fully engaged at St. Mathieu's school in Chapoteau and the students continue to grow in their education. That truly is good news. Once again, this year all purchases are "direct" to you or your designated gift recipient. Super convenient!

Log onto: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/Chapoteau> to make your selection and purchases today! All orders must be received by November 11th to ensure delivery the week after Thanksgiving . . . just in time for the season of Advent! Thank you for your support.



Submitted by Wm. Craig Dubishar

Holiday Bazaar and Yard Sale

The Yard Sale will be held rain or shine on Saturday, November 6, from 9 to 1.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7 from 9 to 1.

Bake sale donations need to be in plastic wrap or plastic sandwich bags. Bring them to the church all day Friday, November 5th or the morning of the Bazaar.

Please bring filled baskets for the raffle to the church office as soon as they are completed.

Santa will only visit with children on Saturday, November 6th, for photos and shopping for parents' gifts.

Holiday Bazaar

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6 & 7

9 am to 1 pm

Henry Hall

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
432 Van Buren St. Herndon, VA 20170

YARD SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9 am to 1 pm to be held outdoors weather permitting



Bazaar Participating Vendors Include:

Come see vendors and local crafters inside Henry Hall.

Shop for kitchen items, cosmetics, nail art, clothing, sewing crafts, photography, ornaments, and much more.

We will be holding 2 raffles!

A vendor donation raffle and a basket raffle.

Stop by and check out our yummy Bake Sale!

The Christmas Item Table will include generous donations from our wonderful families.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Children of all ages can stop by Santa's workshop and shop for Mom and Dad for \$5.

No peaking Mom and Dad! It will be a great surprise Christmas morning.



PICTURES WITH SANTA

Santa will be available for photos and to give you Christmas wishes.

\$5 for photos

Stuff A Truck Food Drive a Success

Our church family has once again outdone themselves! Despite the many changes in the past two years you didn't miss a beat with your generosity in donating food to replenish the LINK pantry. The congregation may be smaller and some of us prefer to worship online but we still collected nearly as much food as we did two years ago!! You can see in the accompanying photos that we filled an entire SUV (about 850 lbs. of food) and filled another more than half full. That's extraordinary and much better than we hoped.

Thank you so much for shopping and bringing your donations. The demand for weekly food assistance is starting to rise again, after slowing this summer, and this food drive helps with that demand. This time of year LINK starts preparing for holiday food distributions and it can be challenging to meet the need for weekly food deliveries and reserve food for the families registered for the Holiday Program. Thank you for making a difference in our neighbor's lives.

Also, a huge thanks to our longtime supporters at Airbus for holding a separate office food drive and delivering the food to the pantry. Another big help with replenishing the pantry and preparing for the holidays.

If you weren't able to donate during the food drive, donations are always welcome in the container labeled LINK in Henry Hall. Please drop off non-perishable food donations anytime when the church is open.

If you want to learn more about LINK please visit the website www.linkagainsthunger.org. If you or someone you know in Herndon, Sterling or Ashburn needs food assistance please contact local county services to request help. Fairfax County contact is 703-222-0880. In Loudon County the contact is 703-669-4636. Once your request is approved you will be connected to LINK for food assistance. Only your name and address are needed. You do not need to share any other personal information.

Thank you St. Timothy's family for supporting the Service Ministry and LINK and *putting your faith to work to serve our neighbors.*



Airbus Office



Submitted by Shon Beury

Care Team

In need of God's loving support?

When should you reach out to The Care Team?

- When you or someone you know is ill or unable to attend church
- When you or someone you know is in need of God's touch and support
- When you or someone you know needs fellowship and prayer

Please email careteam@Saint-Timothys.org

We are waiting with open arms to share God's love, grace and support.

THE CARE TEAM PROVIDES:

- Home Communion
- Fellowship and prayer
- Reminders of God's grace and love

Note: During this concerning time, in respect for everyone's health, all support will be provided over the phone and through the mail.

Submitted by Karen Wilkens

Christmas Flowers and Decorating

The Christmas Flower Offering (December 12th Deadline)

If you would like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanks for family and friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (located on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Please write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office by December 12.

Help Decorate For Christmas On December 22nd Or 23rd!

The Altar Guild will begin decorating on December 22, 9-5PM by prepping the poinsettias. We will decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas services on December 23rd, from 2 to 6PM. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to help. Don't have time, but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more information contact Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950.

Submitted by Mary McLenigan

Parable Of The Pencil

In his book *Like the Flowing River*, Paulo Coelho writes this short story. Paulo Coelho is a Brazilian author whose most successful book is *The Alchemist* which I hope you will read one day soon. He has also been a director, theater actor, songwriter and composer of several "rock" songs with another Brazilian composer and singer, Raul Seuxal.

Here is the story:

The Pencil master took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are five things you need to know" he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget and you will become the best pencil you can be."

1. You will be able to do many things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you will need it to become a better pencil.
3. You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.
4. The most important part of you will always be inside.
5. On every surface you are used, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replace the pencil with you. If you remember these lessons and never forget them, you will be able to do many great things, but only if you remember these lessons and never forget them. You will become the best person you can be.

1. You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held by God's hand and allow other human beings to access you, for the many gifts you possess.
2. You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you will need it to become a stronger and better person.

3. You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make, so do not be afraid of making mistakes.
4. The most important part of you will always be on the inside. What you think and feel is more important than how you look.
5. On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties. Leave your legacy when you leave this world. You are special. Only you can fulfill the purpose for which you were born.

Perhaps you can share this with other friends in school, church or in your family. We all have special gifts that we can use to make our part of the world, however small, better for everyone. Just being kind, caring and helping anyone we meet can make such a difference and something as small as a smile or a wave, can mean so much to others.

Submitted by Jill Cox

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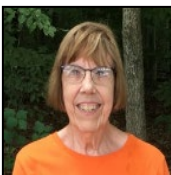
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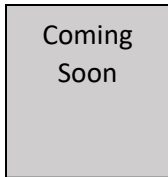
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Service Times

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.

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From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*