



The WORD

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Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The St. Timothy's All-Parish Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23rd following the 10:00 service. We gathered in person and virtually to review all that happened in 2021, and to look ahead to what we might expect (and pray for) in 2022. Brief highlights of the meeting include:

- The meeting was called to order and presided over by John Druitt, our Senior Warden. Forty-six members were present in the sanctuary and twenty-nine attended virtually.
- Copies of the [2021 Annual Report](#) were distributed containing 16 reports from Ministries. Highlights of the year were presented by John in his Sr. Warden's Report, see page 5 of the Report.
- Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, presented the preliminary [2021 Treasurer's Report](#). The final report and the 2022 budget will be distributed in a future eNews.
- The Vestry and the Diocese have worked closely to identify two Priest-in-Charge candidates, both of whom the Bishop has approved for St. Tim's in this role. Interviews with these candidates have occurred.
- Retiring Vestry members were recognized and thanked: John Druitt, (Sr. Warden), Catherine Lamb (Jr. Warden), Keith Sinclair and Julie Thompson-Gomez. Special thanks to Rose Berberich, Vestry Registrar, and Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, for their continued support.
- Results of the election for new Vestry members were announced. Ballots were cast by attendees at the 7:00 pm Saturday, and the 8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday services, including those who participated virtually. The new Vestry members are Betsy Bosworth, Carolyn Hamm, Maria LaWalt and Kristie Rudolph. Hugh Masters is the alternate. Betsy and Carolyn will serve as co-Sr. Wardens and Maria as Jr. Warden. For many reasons 2021 may have been the most chaotic year in the history of St. Timothy's, yet the year ends on a positive note with much hope for the future. Hard work by the Vestry, under the leadership of John and Catherine, brings us to this place and we are very grateful for all they've accomplished.



Many thanks to our Parish Administrator, Alecia Moroz, for pulling the Annual Report together, and to the St. Isadore's Guild for streaming the meeting.

Hypothermia Shelter Dinners

During the winter months, Cornerstones partners with Fairfax County to operate a Hypothermia Prevention Center at the North County Human Services Building in Reston. Homeless clients have a place to find shelter for the night, receive a hot meal and avoid the possibility of weather-induced illness and potentially, loss of life. Volunteer groups provide a hot meal every night from December 1 through March 31, regardless of the weather. St. Timothy's has a long history of helping with meals for the shelter. This year we are scheduled to provide dinners on Sunday, February 27th and Saturday, March 26th. The meal should include a main course, appropriate sides, a dessert, beverages as well as paper goods, cups, and utensils. We drop the meals off around 6:00 p.m. and they are served by the shelter staff.

If you are interested in helping by providing any part of the meal for one of these dates, or have questions, please write to service@saint-timothys.org. Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve those in need in our community.

Submitted by: St. Timothy's Service Ministry

Renewal

I am renewed through my loving God.
My life is changed for the better through Christ.
He is my strength, my soul is renewed through Him.
He is my provider, my best friend, and my Savior.
When He draws me near, I am raised up by Him.
He protects me from harm, and walks with me through hardships.
He fills my heart with His love then uses me to bring it to others.
He is the light that lights my way, for His good work, every day.

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: St. Timothy's Care Team

Meet Our New Vestry Members

Betsy Bosworth



I have been a member of St. Timothy's since 1986. My son Chris was baptized here and both Chris and Lauren were confirmed at St. Timothy's. My first husband Kerry, passed away suddenly in 2000 and the St. Timothy's family took care of me. Thirteen years later I married Tom in the sanctuary and I could rejoice with my St. Tim's family.

I have been a member of the vestry and also Senior Warden. I want to offer this knowledge and experience to help St. Timothy's at this time. Our church has a wealth of history and so much to offer to both its congregants and also to the community at large.

I would very much like to be a part of rebuilding St. Timothy's into a strong, vital church which is known for our service, outreach pastoral care and Christian Education.

I have been a school counselor for over 20 years and I work well with all types of people and in group settings.

I have worked on many different ministries including Christian Education, Music and Stewardship. I understand how the church is run and am willing to work hard to increase our numbers, help our ministries grow, and find areas where St. Timothy's can be a force for good in our community.

Carolyn Hamm



While the past year has been a difficult one, I feel we are on the brink of new and exciting times. There are opportunities for us to grow, continue to nurture our own church family and serve the greater Herndon Community. I would like to be a part of that future.

I previously served on the Vestry from 2012 – 2014 and was the Sr. Warden in 2014. I've been a member of St. Tim's for 25 years; during that time I've been a member of several ministries, including Hospitality, Service, and Christian Education. I am also a member of the Preschool Board. I'm retired from Lockheed Martin where I worked in a Contracts and Program Management capacity. I believe I have the leadership skills, experience, and church knowledge to be a productive member of the Vestry.

Maria LaWalt



I want to support St. Timothy's as we continue to live with and emerge from the Pandemic. As we determine what we need as a parish and who we need to lead and develop us, I want to be part of the growth and revival.

I consider all that I am and all that I have to be from God. I'm fiscally conservative and have worked in financial services for most of my professional career. I like to bring people together whether it be in a social gathering or to solve challenges.

Hugh Masters



My family has been part of St. Timothy's for 40 years, and during that time we have celebrated family events including christenings and weddings with our Church community. Both my wife, Patty, and I have served on the vestry in the past, and our son, Chris, and his wife, Kate, were part of the Christian Education Program for several years prior to their three-year tour in Germany.

I am interested in being part of the vestry so that I can help us to build the congregation and have a vibrant program for our grandchildren and continue to strengthen our Church community.

Kristie Rudolph



My family has been members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church since 2005. Since then, both of my boys have been baptized here, I have sung with the choir and participated in the handbell choir. I have always been proud to call myself a member of St. Timothy's, and I love the feeling of community and family the church brings its members. I have seen St. Timothy's go through many changes over the years, and I feel called to step up and serve the church during this very important period of transition and growth.

As a former high school English teacher and a current human resources professional, I have incredibly strong interpersonal and communication skills. I am comfortable with public speaking, and I'm more than happy to use my editing skills for written communications produced by the Vestry. Finally, as a resident of Herndon since 2005, I feel very connected to the local community and the role St. Timothy's does and could play in the area.



Some Personal Notes On Faith

Over the years during many courses of study, retreats and pilgrimages, the word “hope” seems to always be connected with “faith” and this has been addressed by Biblical writers and other authors alike.

For instance, in James v 12, we are told that prayer must be the prayer of faith and in Matthew 18 v 19 we are told that prayer must never be selfish. In the Book of Revelation there are many references to faith and I once wrote:

“Here is faith and confidence and the whole point of these passages is that faith and confidence are vindicated”.

In a later study of St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, particularly referring to ch.5 v.1 in which Paul says “Therefore, once we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand”, and I noted the following:

Paul’s intimate joy of his confidence in God. “Trusting faith has done what the labor to produce works of the law could never do; it has given man peace with God. The wonder of Christian life is that we press on surrounded by saints, oblivious of everything but the glory of the goal and forever in the company of Him who has already made the journey and reached the goal and forever who wants to welcome us when we reach the end”. This is probably the aim of FAITH!

Several people throughout the ages have thought and written about faith and I offer a few samples below to be considered as we enter a period in which our faith will be surely tested and many prayers will be uttered in support of a “search committee” and those who try to discern the best path for St. Timothy’s to follow in the year to come.

G.B. Shaw in his play *St. Joan* (1924) in Scene 2:

“A miracle, my friend, is an event which creates faith. That is the purpose and nature of miracles. Frauds deceive. An event which creates faith does not deceive; therefore it is not a fraud, but a miracle”.

F.D.R in an undelivered speech in April 1945 said:

“The only limit in our realization of tomorrow will be in our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith”.

Mohandas Gandhi (1869 – 1948) said in a speech:

“I wanted to avoid violence. Non violence is the first article of my faith. It is also the last article of my creed”.

As a final quotation, I would repeat the first two verses of the Letter to the Hebrews:

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what is visible”.

Let us all pray for faith in God’s purpose for us in the St. Tim’s family and encourage each and every member of that family to support the endeavors of all who seek to find a new Rector and who continue to serve the community in every possible way as well as continue to pray and praise the Lord in daily prayer and seek God’s comfort and guidance in attending services, especially Holy Communion on the Lord’s Sabbath.

In prayer and peace, Jill Cox

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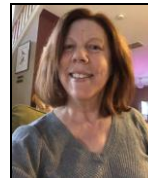
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Service Times		
Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)		
Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities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

What We Believe As Episcopalians

We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As constituent members of the [Anglican Communion](#) in the United States, we are descendants of and partners with the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church, and are part of the third largest group of Christians in the world.

We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection saved the world.

We have a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God's love for every human being; women and men serve as bishops, priests, and deacons in our church. Laypeople and clergy cooperate as leaders at all levels of our church. Leadership is a gift from God, and can be expressed by all people in our church, regardless of sexual identity or orientation.

We believe that God loves you – no exceptions.

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