



The WORD

January 2022

Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

In our on-going efforts to keep everyone as up-to-date as possible, below are highlights from the December vestry meeting.

As a reminder, the vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month with additional working sessions held, as needed, to address any work ahead. Our most recent meeting was used to establish the 2022 Budget. Anyone interested in seeing the full meeting minutes, or having questions about the work of the vestry, should reach out to any vestry member. Our contact information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Please note that the annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23. We hope to see everyone there!

2022 Budget: We received nearly \$400K in pledges for next year, a strong base to continue our church presence. It still leaves us with an operational gap, which if we were to fund everything immediately, we would incur a \$68K deficit over anticipated pledge revenue. This decision was not simple, easy, nor sustainable, and so it comes with several conditions. Next year's Vestry will revisit the budget each quarter to see whether controls can be tightened or loosened as we gain new membership. We budgeted very conservatively to be able to afford a priest's salary as soon as the right candidate emerges. We had to budget a nearly full year of clergy salary to be conservative and be ready to hire an Interim Rector or Priest-in-Charge as soon as possible. We funded staff salaries to be able to carry forward our Parish Administrator.

The vestry voted to discontinue paper envelopes for weekly donations. We believe we can trim costs here and elsewhere to best support the main functions of the church.

We have the amount of the potential deficit covered with money already sitting in our church bank account, with enough left over to cover the same amount again (~\$65K) next year. To continue funding our ministries on a tight budget, the Vestry decided to cover the operational costs of certain ministries next year with some of



the available savings of the respective ministries. St. Tim's will not be using emergency reserve funds, which are preserved for even more dire circumstances.

We did not factor in much in the way of fund-raising, engaging in digital fund-raising or anticipated growth in new families and loose plate offerings – these areas of revenue have the ability to eradicate the anticipated deficit before the end of 2022. We also are not factoring in any revenue from the community garden. We can share the full budget as needed and it will become part of the Annual Report.

Christian Education: Tameshia Henry has resigned from the position of Christian Education Director. We wish her all the best. While we will miss her, this departure fits well with St. Tim's need to rebuild our children's ranks before reinvesting in this position towards the second half of 2022.

Interim Rector: Revs. Mally and Katherine will leave us after the second week of January. Catherine Lamb and John Druitt continue to meet with Rev. Sarah Brockenbrough, the Diocese of Virginia representative, to discuss potential candidates for Interim Rector. One emerging potential is for St. Tim's to retain a Priest-In-Charge, essentially a Rector appointed by the Bishop to the position for an agreed-on period of time. We continue to look for and interview candidates. One candidate is in the pipeline now and is scheduled for an informal discussion with the entire Vestry next week.

Annual Report: It is time to report out on all the ministry work St. Tim's has done this year – it's exciting to see how we shared God's love in our community! If you are a Ministry or Mission lead, or a vestry liaison, please work with Alecia and other members of the group to complete the reporting information by the early January deadline.

New Vestry Candidates: A reminder to submit your interest and one paragraph bio to the vestry if you are interested in serving next year. Both Junior and Senior Warden positions need to be filled with experienced senior vestry team members. We have been excited to receive several submissions already!

St. Isidore Update: Notice the increased lighting in the Sanctuary? That's St. Isidore's Guild moving out on the upgrades needed in the Sanctuary to better support our live streaming experience. Wiring and microphones have been installed, HD camera coming next! Great thanks to Andy Hamm for spearheading this effort.

Upcoming Event: January 23rd 2022, St. Timothy's Annual Meeting

Submitted by St. Timothy's Vestry



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.

Hope ~

As we seek rebirth, healing and growth of our St. Tim's church and family as well as in our own lives may we keep our eyes on God and hold each other up, building up stronger and healthier, breathing hope with each step.

"Hope is like a road in the country; there was never a road, but when many people walk on it, the road comes into existence."— Lin Yutang

Submitted by the St. Tim's Care Team



Galilee

The waves of the lake in Galilee
Lapped the shores in such constancy
That Christ was aware of the eternity
Of God's Kingdom and the serenity
Of the shore. And the vast desert
Beyond drew Him to go apart
To pray to His father for guidance and love
And sustain Him with Breath from above.

On the shores of this lake he taught about
Seeds that withered or thrived, but did not shout
Or rave like prophets of old, nor like others who sold
False hopes, wrong methods or even told
That only the rich, the righteous, the followers of law
Would be granted a place in Heaven or more.
He told about sheep, a gateway and a shepherd
Which gave such hope to the crowds who had gathered.

He spoke of the love of their God, whose lilies
Never spun cloth yet shone in such glories
Of color and form, and sparrows who flew
Without fear of fall or hunger and surely they knew
That God watched over each piece of creation
With such great love and affection
That all who followed and worshipped with love
Would allow each to feel peace like the dove.

On the lake, He rested, despite such a storm
That His friends, alarmed at the force and the form
Of the waves and the wind and the peril that threatened
Their safety. He woke at their cries, stood and gestured.
He said, "Be calm" to the forces of nature
Which further convinced them of His Power and stature
In the Divine Kingdom as the winds died,
The waves calmed and there was no need to hide.

In a second storm, He walked on the water,
Called to Peter, "Trust me, come on, don't falter",
"I come, Lord" said Peter, but his faith was not strong
And Jesus reached out to His friend who not long
From this time would deny Him three times
And feel so ashamed that he left for new climes
To hide with the others for fear that the Romans
Would seek out His followers to make new demands.

That they give up their trust and belief

In someone who was hanged on a tree like a thief,
Yet faithfully prayed and comforted others.
Then three days later they heard from brothers
And sisters that He was not dead, but alive
In this world and so they would contrive
To go as instructed to wait at the lake
In Galilee, where they were sure He would make
All things well and give tasks and instructions
To feed His flock and move all obstructions,
Not only in Galilee, but throughout all creation.
To seek the path of full redemption.
“Love thy God” and “Love thy neighbor” would be all
That mankind would need to recall
In order to live the life that he offered.
No other reward would need to be proffered.

So it is for us many centuries later.
Though we are far from that body of water.
We constantly prepare as He instructed
To receive Body and Blood consecrated
And proceed to the life that we hope to attain
When Christ comes again to permanently reign
Over His Kingdom on earth, never more riven
By sin, hate and war from our Father in Heaven.

Submitted by Jill Cox



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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.

The Word is published monthly and emailed to members and friends the first week of the month. It also appears on the website. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify the church office (office@saint-timothys.org). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

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Deuteronomy 6:5-9

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”