



The WORD

March 2022

Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The Vestry wants to keep St. Timothy's parishioners informed about its activities. Towards that end, it plans to submit reports to the congregation about its monthly meetings. The Vestry meets every month on the third Tuesday.

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on Feb. 15 at 5:30 pm in Henry Hall. Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, and Rose Berberich, Registrar, also attended the meeting. The meeting was co-chaired by Carolyn Hamm and Betsy Bosworth, Senior Wardens. The first matter on the agenda was the designation of vestry liaisons to ministries. The following vestry liaison assignments were made:

- Latino Ministry - Tatiana Martinez
- Community Engagement Ministry - Tatiana Martinez
- Service Ministry - Tom Davis
- Stewardship/Finance Ministry - David Dopsovic
- Buildings and Grounds Ministry - David Dopsovic
- Christian Education/Formation Ministry - Kristie Rudolph
- Communications Ministry - Paige Williamson
- Fellowship Ministry - Carolyn Hamm/Betsy Bosworth
- Pastoral Care Ministry - Ralph Tildon
- Worship Ministry - Maria LaWalt



The Senior and Junior Wardens updated the Vestry on progress made toward making an offer to a candidate for Priest-in-Charge and seeking the Bishop's approval of the employment agreement. The Wardens, with the help of the Vestry, have been working on this since their selection as Wardens a month ago. The Vestry has met with two promising candidates. The Wardens and Vestry are close to finalizing negotiations with the candidate and the Bishop before making an announcement to the church on the selection of a Priest-in-Charge.

Kathy Lombard gave the monthly Treasurer's Report. She noted that total general fund giving for January was \$31,800, which was 93 percent of the annual giving projected in the approved 2022 budget. Kathy noted that St. Timothy's giving in January is usually lower than other months but that 93 percent is higher for January than in several previous years. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Wardens reported that supply priests have been engaged to lead Sunday services through the third week in March. Vestry members expressed gratitude to our own Pastor Franklin Morales for leading the service on Sunday, Feb. 13, which was done remotely on short notice due to inclement weather.

Tatiana Martinez updated the Vestry on the community garden project on the church's property. The garden plots have been established and the next phase, building a fence, is planned for March. There was a discussion of the need to coordinate St. Timothy's interactions with the Town of Herndon on this and other projects relating to the church's property.

Several other administrative matters were also discussed.

The meeting concluded at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Bosworth and Carolyn Hamm, Co-Senior Wardens

Care Team

Spring is almost here and soon we will be re-introducing ourselves to all our Lord's beautiful creations as nature awakens from her winter snooze. In comparison, as St. Timothy's begins to re-build, this might be a good time to re-introduce some of our Lord's carpenters in the mission.

I know that you've heard about The Care Team. We consist of eight members of the St. Timothy's family and became fully active in October 2021. As a group, it is our mission to provide spiritual comfort to those who feel lonely or forgotten, and are in need of God's love. The Spirit has guided us to care for others in the name of the Lord.

We are always looking for new ways to reach out to our church family and surrounding communities. For the next few months, we will be introducing you to each member of the St. Tim's Care Team to share a little bit about ourselves as individuals and the path that brought us to this calling to serve on the St. Tim's care Team.

We truly hope you will enjoy learning about our paths to this mission; we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are thankful for all of you.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wilkins on behalf of the Care Team

Please meet Ralph & Florita Tildon.....Care Team Members

Caring for others as God cares for us is at the core of St. Tim’s Care team efforts. Our family experienced that caring one afternoon in 1997 when my mother was dying in a nursing home in Reston. All of her life, my Mom had loved music, especially hymns, and I had gotten her into a wheelchair to push her to the dining room where I could use the piano there to play for her. Suddenly, a stranger in ministry clothing appeared at my Mom’s door and asked if he could help me get her to the dining room. He held the door open while I pushed her out of her room; he got us in and out of the elevator and, in the dining room, he helped me seat her right beside the piano.

When I began to play a hymn, he began to sing the melody. As he and I sang several songs together for my Mom, she nodded silently, and a look of serenity and peace came over her. After we got her back into her room and left the nursing home, I learned that he was the rector of St. Tim’s, Brad Rundlett.

That act of caring touched my heart. If that’s what they do at St. Tim’s, I reasoned, then that’s what I’d like to do. Since then, we have been privileged to help share God’s caring with the St. Tim’s family.

Ralph and Florita

Lenten Outreach Starting in March

The Service Ministry is promoting a Lenten Outreach effort to support Afghan refugees who have relocated to the Washington, DC area. With guidance from local social service agencies, who are providing the key needs of housing and food, St. Timothy’s will prepare Welcome Home Care Packages for delivery to the families as they settle into their new homes. Please watch upcoming e-news announcements for details about what donations are needed and how you may help welcome the refugees. Information will also be distributed during the services in March and April. *Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our neighbors.*

Respectfully submitted by Shon Beury on behalf of the Service Ministry

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date
(and a call for **HELP!!**)

Vacation Bible School returns to St. Timothy’s this summer **July 11-15** with Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God’s Great Light!

But wait, how can we have a VBS when we don’t have a Christian Education Director? Summer VBS has long been popular with the families at St. Timothy’s Pre-School, and the Pre-School knows how to run summer camps, so we decided to partner with the church to offer VBS this summer, using the theme chosen by the Christian Education Ministry last fall. With over 90 families in the Pre-School this year



alone, we believe there will be plenty of children interested in participating in VBS.

We are looking for volunteers to help us make VBS a success this summer! We need advisors – those of you who have helped at VBS in the past, please share what you know about the process! We need help organizing: publicity, crafts, decorating, snacks, music – if we can divide the planning into many small pieces it will be much more manageable. We need worker bees to help gather materials, prepare the crafts, and set up and take down the VBS. We need volunteers to work with the children at VBS July 11-15. There is a “One Room VBS” option for Discovery on Adventure Island which can be done with as few as two leaders, but we’re hoping to be able to do a lot more. But for that we need HELP!

If you have any interest in helping with VBS in any capacity, or if you have advice, suggestions, or questions, please send an email to sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com or call 703-437-4767.

Respectfully submitted by Nora St. Arnold, Director, and Allyson Showalter, Assistant Director

Extraordinary Women

An appeal was made at a recent service at St. Tim’s for stories of “extraordinary” women in the church family as the month of March “celebrates the variety of achievements of women” throughout the centuries, probably focusing on more notable names in this country and others in the world.

Fame is fleeting and quickly part of history, perhaps brought to the forefront every now and then, but unless the achievement has a huge impact on a number of lives, the name of the “achiever” fades into the archives and is perhaps only uttered in response to a question in “Jeopardy” or a few words on a memorial or in a biographical dictionary.

Of course, we can make our own list containing names such as Marie Curie, Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Amelia Earhart, Kathryn Johnson, Grace Darling, Jane Austen, the Bronte sisters, Eleanor Roosevelt, Sojourner Truth, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosa Parks, Edith Cavell, Althea Gibson, Mother Teresa and so many others who have made it into the headlines for one reason or another.

But how about the unsung “heroines” in everyday life? Those who battle against poverty, danger, lack of education, forced labor, abuse, hunger and discrimination, yet achieve so much for their families and communities. We will probably be challenged to even be able to utter their names and we will mention them in our thoughts and prayers as “anonymous” people who are charting their own paths through this troubled world. “Achievement” and “Extraordinary” will not be attached to their names, but many will benefit from their efforts and those who do will remember their names forever.

I, for one, will remember Miss Lee and Mrs. Seagus, whose names will never be recognized, but who had a huge impact upon my life; I suspect that all of us have such memories and perhaps it is their story that should be told and remembered in this coming month.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox

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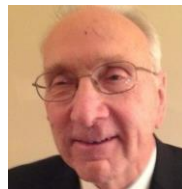
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**Submission deadline for the April issue:
 Friday, March 25, 2022**

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.

A Prayer for the Beginning of Lent

By Kimberly Knowle-Zeller, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

O Lord, here we are again.

The season of Lent.
That time of the year to dig deeper
To reach wider
To love stronger.

The season of Lent.
That time to embrace death
To walk towards the cross
To humble ourselves
To pray, fast, and give our lives in service.

The season of Lent.
A time to give up or to take on
A time to contemplate life and death
A time to face the realities of our broken world
A time to dance with the darkness.

The season of Lent.
In these days be with us.
Walk with us.
Inspire us.
Call us.
Motivate us.

In these days be with us.
To serve our neighbors.
To sing in community.
To wrestle with your Word.
To sit in the silence.

O Lord, here we are again.

I pray for your kingdom to come
For peace to rule the day
For wholeness to emerge
I seek this peace for the world and pray I'll find it in me.

I know the days will seem long and the nights even longer.
But you persisted for 40 days in the wilderness
And so, too, will I persist.
As you relentlessly love, may I relentlessly seek you.
For this season of Lent and forever more.

Come, Lord Jesus.
I am here.
Waiting.
Hoping.
Loving.
Seeking you.
Amen.