



The WORD

April 2022

To the good people of St. Timothy's, Herndon

I give thanks to God as I accept the call to serve as your Priest-in-Charge! After much prayer and conversation, after much laughter and hope, after many emails and phone calls, and after what I know has been faithful discernment from all involved, God has blessed me and my family - my wife, Michelle and our son, Mark - with a call to come join you at St. Timothy's!



Already the people of St. Tim's (most notably your vestry and two sets of fearless wardens) have demonstrated Christ's hospitality and kindness towards me and my family, and I know that is only a small portion of the welcoming and love that this parish has to offer. I cannot wait to begin my ministry at St. Tim's on April 1, 2022 (no typo!) with my first Sunday being April 3, 2022. During this time, I invite you to join me in offering a prayer for both St. Timothy's and for the church community that I have just departed.

I am excited to lead St. Tim's into this next chapter of its rich history, to walk beside you as we try to answer that age-old question: "What does God have in store for us at this time?" The last few years have been a difficult time for the Church (capital "C"), as well as our country and our society. St. Timothy's has seen its own particular challenges during that time. Our faith tells us that those challenges do not have the last word. Instead, we all stand in the threshold of new creation, of new life, and of new possibilities.

A little bit about myself: I have just finished a stint as the Associate Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke, VA. I have had a wonderful four-year time here and have been blessed to make many wonderful friends and partners in ministry. It has been a joyful and bittersweet goodbye and, again, I ask your prayers for all of us during this time.

I came to seminary after a rewarding decade-long career as a high school history teacher in Virginia and Louisiana (where I met my wife!). I grew up at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Culpeper, VA while also having life-changing faith experiences at Shrine Mont, the Diocese's Camp and Conference Center.

My favorite piece of Scripture is the "Body Passage" in 1st Corinthians (12.12-27) where Paul provides a remarkable portrait of how we can work together to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. I look forward to seeing how that portrait gets painted at St. Timothy's in Herndon, Virginia! In all, I love getting to know people, hearing their spiritual stories, and finding out how God is interacting in their lives.

My wife, Michelle, is a Mental Health Therapist who works for Fairfax County. She currently runs the Fairfax County Mental Health Docket, a court program designed to work with individuals with severe mental illnesses who have come into contact with the criminal justice system. In lieu of the more traditional "punishments" that one might think of when thinking about the criminal justice system, the focus is instead

on treatment and intensive court supervision. Originally from North Carolina, she is also a cradle-
Episcopalian with wide experience in church life.

Our son, Mark, is four years old and loves trucks, trains, superheroes and doing Wordle with me every morning.

I invite you to introduce yourself to them when you see them!

Again, I am beyond excited to start my time with you. I look forward to the future that God has imagined for us, trusting in God's love that binds us all.

Yours in Christ,
CHARLES+



Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's. Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, gave her monthly report on St. Timothy's financial condition. She noted that February was a very good month. St. Timothy's took in 127 percent of its budgeted income (pledges and identified offerings) for the month. For 2022, we budgeted to take in \$34,350 per month and in February we took in \$43,911. On the expense side, the church is doing well, having spent 70 percent of what it expected to spend through February. The electricity bills are higher since the church has reopened with the decline in the pandemic (\$2,961 in February). However, Kathy reminded everyone that while the current news is positive, St. Timothy's is operating under serious financial difficulties and a deficit budget for 2022, so there is a continuing need to promote various recovery efforts.

As previously announced to the congregation, the Wardens reported that Rev. Charles R. Cowherd had accepted the call to be Priest-in-Charge at St. Timothy's in February. His first Sunday will be April 3. The Wardens announced several undertakings in preparation for his arrival. Tom Bosworth has volunteered to paint the priest's office. A new office desk has been donated by a parishioner. Alecia Moroz, Parish Administrator, is preparing an orientation notebook for Charles containing various informational materials. We are excited that Charles and his family will be coming to St. Timothy's and look forward to welcoming him with the whole congregation on April 3.

The Vestry unanimously approved the designation of a housing allowance for Charles in the amount of \$58,000, as part of his compensation package, in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.

The Vestry discussed a few budget accounting issues, including income and expenditures from the Capital Campaign funds. The Vestry will review the budget in April pursuant to a resolution in 2021 establishing budget reviews by the Vestry on a quarterly basis. At this time, we expect to edit any erroneous entries.

Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, stated that the 2020 Audit Report was completed and submitted by Pat McGibbon, Finance Committee Chair. The Audit Report found no major deficiencies, fewer accounting errors because of improved processes for expenditures, and benefits from changes in church bank accounts. The individual Vestry members will review the report prior to the April 2022 Vestry meeting. Members noted that the Finance Committee is seeking new members.

Betsy Bosworth, Co-Senior Warden, reported on the recent meeting of the North Fairfax Region of the Diocese. Betsy reported that four churches in the Region, including St. Timothy's, will be welcoming new priests at around the same time. The search process for a new Bishop is moving toward the special electing convention in June 2022.

Maria LaWalt, Junior Warden, and the Vestry discussed communications matters, including guidance for the weekly E-News and The Word and the need for updating and revising St. Timothy's website. Such matters are under discussion in coordination with the Communications Ministry and Alecia Moroz. The Wardens also proposed a temporary suspension on permitting outside groups from holding social events on church premises. We are concerned that large events using the church for several hours at a time will stress our facilities, as well as volunteer resources needed to be on premises during said events. We need to consider the risks and establish appropriate protocols and standards.

Paige Williamson announced that Danny Wechtenhiser and others are planning to produce a St. Timothy's calendar for 2023. More information on this project will be forthcoming to the congregation.

Tatiana Martinez reported on the Latino Ministry, noting that Pastor Franklin Morales has been well-received in his leadership of the Spanish language services on Saturday evenings, which currently have some 40 parishioners in attendance.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.

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



Seated (Left to Right): Betsy Bosworth, Kristie Rudolph, Tom Davis, Ralph Tildon, Rose Berberich (Registrar), Tatiana Martinez, Kathy Lombard (Treasurer).

Standing (Left to Right): Paige Williamson, David Dopsovic, Carolyn Hamm, Maria LaWalt

Not shown: Hugh Masters, Alternate

VisionWalk 2022

Hello Spring!! It is that time of year again, and VisionWalk2022!! For many years I have had a team for the Foundation Fighting Blindness VisionWalk. Funds raised help fund research that will someday provide cures for retinal diseases. After 2 years of virtual walks, we are proud to announce this year's walk will be in Washington, DC. We will walk around the reflecting pool near the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Please consider joining me on Saturday, April 30 starting at 10am. If you cannot join me, please join my team virtually by going to <https://give.fightingblindness.org/SwimLikeMichelle> or <https://givefightingblindness.org/MichelleDuquette>

Thank you for all your love, encouragement and support. There is a CURE IN SIGHT!

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Duquette

Meet The St. Tim's Care Team, continued....

Last month, I had the pleasure of introducing you to Ralph & Florita Tildon. The Tildon's are a true blessing to the Care Team's mission in providing spiritual comfort to those who feel lonely or forgotten and are in need of God's love. I hope you enjoyed meeting the Tildon's and learning a bit of their journey.

I'd like to now introduce you to another member of our Team. She also is a blessing to our Team. With her compassion and commitment, we are grateful that her journey brought her to the Care Team.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Wilkes and The Care Team

Please meet Gayle Rippe

I have been a member of St Timothy's for 15 years. A wonderful parishioner introduced me to the Stephen Minister Program so it was a natural progression to be on the care team. I am also a LEM. It has been an act of God's Love to be involved especially during these rather trying times. I am committed to care and support, and pray for and with my St Timothy's Church family.

With Faith and Hope.

He **Cares** for us.

Gayle Rippe

What's going on with the St Isidore Guild?

Early in the pandemic we managed to cobble together online streaming services: some originating from Fr Rich's office, his home, a lonely Sanctuary, and from the outdoor chapel. Now we do it during in-person worship, but with cables and equipment amongst us. And each week our little group manages to get out the Word despite equipment and internet hiccups.

It has been about a year since the "Gift for St Timothy's" drive was wrapping up, although we continue to receive donations. The drive raised over \$40,000 for us to improve communications to the congregation, our in-person worship (lighting and audio), our streaming ability and quality of presentation.

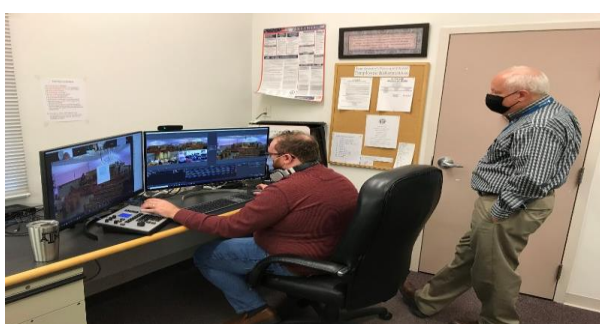
At the start we upgraded our FIOS internet service speed, replaced aging computers, installed WiFi in the Sanctuary, tapped directly into our existing PA system and purchased a HD camera. Our goal has been to be able to control everything from the church office - using remote controlled cameras and audio equipment. This relieves the number of people needed to stream the service (ideally to one), removes the cables and equipment, and provides a more polished presentation

Over the past few months, we have installed over 2500 feet of cable, microphones, lighting, audio monitors, audio mixers, power amplifiers, wireless microphones, cameras, remote controllers, and video production software. We completely replaced the IT network for speed and security. Guest Wi-Fi is now available throughout St Timothy's. (Yes, we should have started months earlier!)

We are not finished. We have the funds to put a monitor in the Narthex for displaying events and announcements, to add a camera for Henry Hall events, and add outdoor WiFi for events and to allow streaming from the outdoor chapel without cables. We had to design and build ceiling mounts for the cameras, but they are to be replaced by custom 3D-printed mounts that are considerably more discrete.

We welcome all volunteers – and would especially like to bring some youth into the ministry.

Respectfully Submitted by Andy Hamm



Annual Lenten Outreach

The Service Ministry is promoting relief for Afghan Refugees as our Lenten Outreach Program this year. You may have seen the donation sign-up sheet in the Narthex the past few Sundays or read about the program in the enews. Service is collecting donations to provide two Welcome Packages. A Kitchenware Package and a Household Goods Package of new supplies. The Welcome Packages will be delivered to a local social service agency who is assisting families as they settle into their new homes.

Thank you to the many families who have already reserved donations on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. The Kitchenware package is complete but there are still many slots open on the Household items sign-up. There are plenty of items, in all price ranges, and gift cards are also welcome.

The Service Ministry chose to focus on Afghan Refugees this year for several reasons. These refugees have arrived in the U.S. during the past several months and are being assisted in finding new homes, jobs, schools and settling into a new community. They not only left their homes but also lost their livelihoods and often left behind family members. They face language barriers, cultural barriers, and sometimes unfortunate encounters. Our hope is that a welcome package will ease some of these challenges and help them know they are *welcome* in their new country. Also many Americans are grateful for the assistance and support Afghans offered our soldiers while in Afghanistan.

In addition to donating household items there are other ways to assist the refugee families. Volunteers are needed to help with job training and placement, connecting people with ESL classes both in person and online, picking up and delivering gently used furniture and electronics and helping set up homes once a family can move into their new home. Several area social service agencies are helping families with all of the above. Lutheran Social Services NCA, lssnca.org, provides housing assistance and job training and is collecting new household goods. Service Ministry collaborated with them to develop the Welcome Packages. Immigration and Refugee Center, irocenter.org, helps families move into new homes, provides clothing, furniture and supplies and connects people with job opportunities, ESL classes, etc. NoVA RAFT, novaraft.org, is a volunteer-based organization that was created specifically to help Afghan refugees in their new country. Perhaps you have a skill or the gift of time that these organizations might use. Their websites can better educate you and provide information on how to donate or volunteer.

While the refugees are in need of many supplies St. Timothy's isn't able to collect furniture or electronics. Some of the listed organizations accept, and welcome, gently used items.

In the Narthex there is a sign-up to reserve the items you wish to donate, there are plenty of choices both great and small, but all are needed. Please donate only new items. Since these families are making a new beginning, it is ideal for them to begin with brand new supplies. Leave your donation in or near the labeled container in the Narthex not later than noon on Palm Sunday. Members of the Service Ministry will sort and deliver the donations to Lutheran Social Services after Easter.

If you prefer to donate a gift card please provide \$25 gift cards from Target, Walmart, Giant, Uber or Visa. Gift cards labeled for Service Ministry may be placed in the offertory plate or in the Service Ministry mailbox in the hall.

Need more information or want to assist in sorting donations? Please contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com or any member of the Service Ministry.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Shon Beury and the Service Ministry



Lenten Outreach Donations

Bread and Fishes

Dear friends,

I don't really know how old this song is as some people consider it an old Irish folk tune but is generally attributed to Alan Bell, a folk song singer and writer who recorded it in 1969. "Bread and Fishes" became a favorite "hymn" in some Sunday Schools, school assemblies and Church Schools.

It is based on the legend that Joseph of Aramathea traveled through England accompanied by Mary and the boy Jesus, after Joseph, the carpenter, died. There is another legend that Joseph brought the Holy Grail with him on a second trip and that it is buried somewhere on the road at Glastonbury, but has yet to be found, although the Knights of the Round Table under King Arthur made several efforts over many years to find it. In contrast, Glastonbury hosts a huge Music Festival (very modern!) every year.

Anyway, here are the words of the song:

"As I was walking one morning in Spring,

I met some travelers in an old country lane,
One was an old man, one was a maid,
The third was a young boy who smiled as he sang:

CHORUS:

*With the wind in the willows,
The birds in the sky,
There's a bright sun to warm us
wherever we lie.
We have bread and fishes and a jug of red wine
To share on our journey with all humankind.*

So I sat down beside them with flowers all around.
We ate from a mantle spread out on the ground.
They told me of prophets and peoples and kings
And all of the one God who knows everything.

REPEAT CHORUS

So I asked them to tell me their names and their place,
That I might remember their kindness and grace.
"My name is Joseph, this is Mary my wife,
And this is my young son, who is our delight".

REPEAT CHORUS

We're traveling to Glaston o'er England's green lanes
To hear of folks troubles, to hear of their praise.
We travel the wide world over land and the sea,
To tell all the people how they can be free".

REPEAT CHORUS

So sadly I left them on that old country lane
For I knew that I'd never see them again.
One was an old man, the second a maid,
The third was a young man who smiled as he said:

CHORUS:

*With the wind in the willows, the birds in the sky,
There's a bright sun to warm us wherever we lie.
We have bread and fishes and a jug of red wine
To share on our journey with all humankind.*

You never know what I will find in a dusty notebook!

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox

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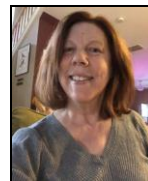
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Service Times		
Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)		
Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities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

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.