



The WORD

May 2022

To the good people of St. Timothy's,

Many remember the famous 'barn-raising' scene from the 1985 film *Witness*, where an entire Amish community comes together to raise a barn with nothing but ropes and strong backs. This all happens as the interloper character, played by Harrison Ford (a carpenter before he was an actor in real life!), looks on.

After almost a month here at St. Timothy's, I know full well what that character was feeling. With a mixture of astonishment and admiration, I watch as this community comes together to perform tasks small and large. I marveled as we celebrated the life of a beloved parishioner who has died, as we walked through the highs and lows of Holy Week together, and as we do so much more 'barn-raising' here in Herndon on behalf of God's kingdom. I give thanks to God and to so many for those efforts.



Prior to arriving at St. Timothy's, I knew that we had a beautiful campus, a marvelous preschool, a gifted music program, and so much more. I was told, also, that St. Timothy's was a warm and welcoming community. Here's the thing... all churches say that about themselves! But, in this short time as your Priest-in-Charge, I have seen so many examples of that hospitality and caring that prove that statement to be true. So, again, thank you for making my transition such an easy one, and I look forward to our future together.

On another note, I write this on Monday April 25th, the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. That's a special day in our household but it also reminds me of the "homework" that I gave on my first sermon at St. Timothy's. As a refresher, I asked if folks would think of the twelve sails in our sanctuary as representing an individual that they looked up to in their faith lives. The sail could then be one of the original disciples, or another famous figure from church history (like the author of the 1st Gospel), or someone from your own personal faith journey.

The indomitable Jill Cox turned her homework assignment in the earliest so I will share (with her permission) a portion of what she wrote:

I have trouble with including Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve and even knowing his "substitute" (Matthias) I still think my substitution would be the Virgin Mary. Indeed I have thought of this before, the first one on the left should remind us of the Virgin Mary, who was obedient from the very first message from God and constantly "pondered these things in her heart" during Christ's life and beyond. I still consider Judas and his disappointment and realize that he was very much like the majority of us, wanting to have

God march in and fix everything to our liking and ambition....

What a remarkable offering! It will take me a while to chew on it but I feel like I know Jill so much better because of her sharing. Please do likewise.

In the Fall, I hope to share with you a particular someone whom I wish for us all to consider when looking at those sails. Until then and on this day especially, know that Saint Mark, in whose Gospel Jesus is constantly in a boat sailing to and fro, is manning one of those sails.

Yours in Christ,
CHARLES+



The Reverend Ralph Bayfield extends a warm welcome to Charles

Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. We were very pleased to welcome The Reverend Charles Cowherd, our new Priest-in-Charge, to his first vestry meeting.

The Vestry approved Sandy Wright and Keith Sinclair for one-year terms to represent St. Timothy's as Region I lay delegates. They will participate in the election of the new Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia at the Special Convention to be held on June 4, 2022. Thank you Sandy and Keith for your service in these important positions.

Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, gave her monthly report. St. Timothy's received \$57,621 in pledged and identified offerings in March which exceeded the amount of \$34,350 of budgeted income per month in the 2022 budget. St. Timothy's was required to adopt a deficit budget for 2022 to maintain church operations, so this generous giving is a blessing.

Kathy also led the vestry in its quarterly review of the 2022 budget, line item by line item. This quarterly review process was adopted by the Vestry in December 2021 to monitor and adjust budgeted income and expenditures as needed, particularly in light of current financial conditions in the church. It was noted that trash pickup expenses have increased due to a rate hike at the beginning of the year. Photocopying expenditures have increased with the printing of more service bulletins as a result of increased attendance at services. The Vestry agreed to accounting changes for funds drawn from the Capital Campaign and other dedicated funds. It was noted that parishioners attending the Spanish-speaking services on Saturday nights are generously giving between \$120 and \$190 each week to the General Fund. Modifications to increase financial support to the organist and music ministry were approved. Various other budgetary items were discussed and modifications made. Kathy's thorough description and analysis of the church's finances was much appreciated by the Vestry.

John Druitt, Chair of the Communications Ministry, gave a report to the Vestry on the ministry's status in several areas, including the church's website and Facebook page and major advancements in the audio-visual technology used to livestream and record the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service for parishioners who cannot attend in-person. These upgrades were made possible by donations of parishioners to a special fund-raising campaign. John noted the church's indebtedness to Andrew Hamm for leading the efforts to make these great improvements in St. Timothy's audio-visual capacities a reality.

Charles updated the Vestry on plans to attend the group meeting of churches in our region with representatives of the Executive Board of the Diocese on June 18, 2022, to discuss, in a collaborative spirit, each congregation's financial status and preparedness for the Plan for Covenantal Giving adopted by the Diocese. The Plan establishes an expectation that, beginning with the 2025 fiscal year, each congregation will pledge annually at least 10 percent of church income to the Diocese. For 2023 and 2024, the giving goals are 8 percent and 9 percent respectively.

The wardens and vestry members were reminded to complete the online training in the prevention of sexual abuse and misconduct by June 1, 2022, as required by the Diocese.

Carolyn Hamm, Co-Senior Warden, brought the Vestry's attention to issues concerning the process for completing vouchers for church expenditures and discussed plans to address the issues.

Tatiana Martinez updated the Vestry on the status of the new community garden named “Rooted in Herndon” on church grounds. Current plans are to have a blessing of the garden on Saturday, May 7.

The meeting concluded at 9:10 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.

Meet the St. Tim’s Care Team, continued....

In the last two installments of this article, I’ve brought you the stories of the Tildon’s and Gayle Rippe. They are just three of the eight faithful stewards of God’s grace that have been called to serve on the St. Tim’s Care Team. Please read on to meet Melissa Druitt, one of God’s blessings that has been called to our team.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Wilkens

Please meet Melissa Druitt.....

Whenever St. Tim’s would host a ministry fair, I was always interested in our different ministries. That said, the very capable nature of our family of volunteers somehow never left me feeling a need! I now

know this was not true - there was often a need for more volunteers. However, I didn't perceive a role that I was called to fill.

Then one Sunday, in the weeks leading up to a ministry fair, Pastoral Care Team was high-lighted during announcements. While I don't remember precisely what was said, I felt the call in my heart as clearly as if a member had spoken to me directly.

My own earlier encounter with Pastoral Care at St. Timothy's was this. I remember once in relatively recent years, when a member of my family was in ICU... and looking up to see Rev. Leslie there with a black box (that I discovered contained communion) ... Across all the isolation of uncertainty, fear, stress, and heartache - I felt like a lifeline had been thrown out to us to CATCH. And we felt cared about - by God and by this church. I will always remember and be grateful for that! And for her!

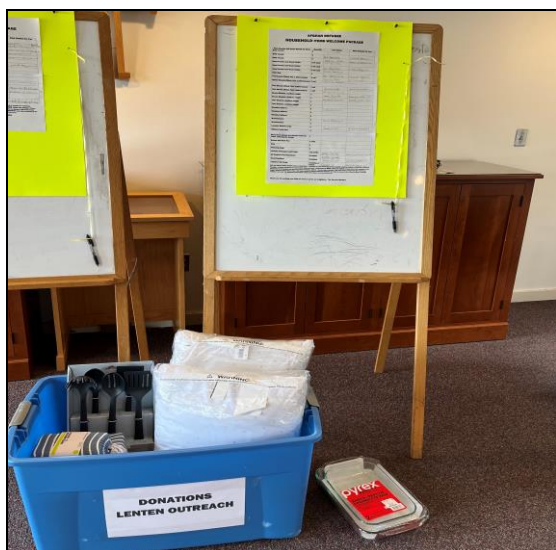
Bringing God's peace and anointing presence of prayer, and the Lord's Table, to those who cannot physically gather together "in communion" with us at church is something I felt and still feel called to do. Our Lord assures us that wherever two or more are gathered in His name, there He will be also. I am honored to go forth into our St. Tim's church community to bring God's message and "communion" - whether the bread and the cup, or the prayer of spiritual Holy Communion, and the gathering together in Jesus' name. I remember how it helped my family, and me.

I'm blessed and thankful to be a part of this ministry.

Melissa Drutt

Lenten Outreach Wrap-up

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated to the Afghan Relief Outreach during Lent. As you can see in the photos, an abundance of items was collected including over \$500 in gift cards! St. Tim's was able to collect all the recommended donations as well as some extra items. Thank you for your always generous support of our community. To learn more about Service Ministry programs and opportunities, please send an email to service@saint-timothys.org. *Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our neighbors!*



Respectfully Submitted by Shon Beury

Pictures from Holy Week



Meet the Nominees for Next Diocesan Bishop

A series of “**Meet and Greet**” events with the **Bishop nominees** will be held throughout the Diocese between May 20 - May 24. The Committee wants as many parishioners as possible to meet the nominees!

Friday, May 20	All Saints Church 8787 River Road, Richmond, Va.	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21	St. Margaret's School 444 Water Lane, Tappahannock, Va.	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 21	St. John's Church* 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Va.	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 22	Christ Church* 140 W. Boscawen Street, Winchester, Va.	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	St. Paul's Memorial Church* 1701 University Avenue, Charlottesville, Va.	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24	Trinity Church* 825 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, Va.	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Events at these sites will be livestreamed.



Poetry Corner

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

I wrote this poem while on retreat some years ago. I have always been very touched by the account of the two disciples walking away from Jerusalem with a fellow traveler whom they did not recognize. They were so sad and bereft as they recalled the dreadful events in Jerusalem just a short time ago and they must have felt as if all that had been promised would never be fulfilled.

Emmaus – how far along the dusty road
Would two men walk with such a load
Of sadness, grief and sheer despair
That very few could truly share.
They walked for miles, just talking
To the stranger, who was walking
Away from Jerusalem and seemed unaware
Of all that had happened while they were there.
Yet he listened as they related
How their leader had been fated.
To lose his life in method cruel,
Administered by those who rule.
They told of miracles and of healing
And how their Rabbi was revealing
His father's love for all his flock,
How one dear friend was named the "Rock".
How they were all sent to spread the news
Of that new Kingdom and change the views
Of sanctimonious Pharisees, who quote law
Without compassion for the sick and poor.
The stranger began to quote the Scriptures
And explain to them the true measures
Of fulfillment that had come
In that one life that they and some
Had witnessed throughout three years.
And although they were now in tears,
Their loved one was alive, not dead
And a Comforter would be sent instead

To continue his work throughout the nations
And thousands would declare vocations
To praise and worship without ceasing
Believers numbers still increasing.
As darkness fell, they implored the stranger
To stay the night and avoid the danger
Of the stony, lonely road ahead,
And join them in food and rest in bed.
The table was set, the blessing said,
Then the stranger broke the bread.
Suddenly the two knew that their Lord
Had indeed risen and was abroad.
In this world, which in faith, still waits
For the Kingdom of Love and the saints
Have proclaimed the Good News in all ages
Through speech and action, and words on pages.
We have seen Him! He is here!
So the disciples could revere
The resurrected Christ, the Messiah,
And receive the Breath in wind and fire.
What sign to us will there be?
How shall we also hear and see
Our blessed Lord of grace and love,
Who reigns in glory in Heaven above.
Each time that the bread is broken
And wise words of Scripture are spoken,
He is at our side, close by,
No need to look beyond the sky.

Respectfully Submitted by Jill Cox



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Programs

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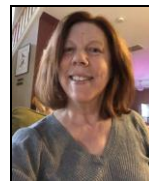
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Service Times		
Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday:	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)		
Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities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

Welcome New Members

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

If we do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, send the information to office@saint-timothys.org.

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Ascension Day Prayer

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.