



The WORD

July 2022

Dear Parish Family,

The WORD is rightfully the most polished of our church communication “Channels.” Whereas the weekly E-News is more of a “rough draft” and the verbal announcements sometimes have errors, this newsletter attempts to be from a more studied perspective than those.

I wanted, however, to include the somewhat frenzied email that I wrote to the Vestry and a number of other folks after the June 18th concert. I share it in its unedited form to hopefully capture the breathless mood that I was in after that event.

CHARLES+

P.S. Someone once said that clergy spend ½ their time saying “thank you” and the other ½ saying “I am sorry.” I bring that up because lists of thank you’s inevitably miss people. For that, I am sorry! 😊

All,

I wanted to get this message out just an hour after the Concert ended, before the services tomorrow, and, sadly, in the midst of the violence plaguing our country and world.

Tonight was such a joyous occasion, such a beautiful expression of music, and such a moment of community and coming together for St. Timothy’s and those beyond our walls/ membership.

Todd: I am not sure how you put all this together. Juggling your Sunday morning responsibilities, your full-time job, 3 high school students, professional musicians.... That was a virtuoso performance. The stirring encore that your colleague called for at the end said it all: Bravo! Thank YOU from the bottom of this parish’s heart for what you do.

Danny and Karen and the Pastoral Care team: You shepherded this thing from the beginning, you planted the seed, you watered and nurtured it. You promoted it, you cared about, you demonstrated all the skills that you do that usually happen BEHIND the scenes, but tonight it was on full display.

Hector and Les (and Mark!): thanks for ushering and handing out bulletins! There were 86 folks in attendance and our sanctuary so felt full of life. There were folks from out of town, folks in wheelchairs, folks from two and a half years old to much more than that. I talked to one couple who “googled ‘worship



concert' on the internet and this was the first that popped up." (!) All felt welcome and taken care of. Nancy Miller and Melissa Druitt and Jean Lammers and so many more: thank you for talking this up, for inviting your neighbors, for putting up flyers. It was all worth it and it paid such huge dividends. One way to measure that is the almost triple digit attendance, another is the SIZABLE free-will donation that I somehow fit into an envelope and plunked into the safe. Another measurement was simply the feeling that our sanctuary was providing this spot for beauty and wonder and sharing of our gifts to God and man. That's hard to quantify, but it was so palpable tonight.

John and Tom in the backroom: you guys never get enough credit, your efforts will make this concert translatable to so many more.

Likewise Donna: thanks for taking pictures, send to me whenever you get a chance. I want to be able to share those far and wide. Please know how valuable those are for us to enjoy who there and to relive, and for others to see the amazing things going on at St. Timothy's

And just one more kudos to Todd for the ministry that you have built while here: I got to meet parents of students of yours, neighbors of yours, a fiancé of yours, and colleagues of yours. We are SO blessed to have you in our midst, and to see the wonders that you create. Thank you thank you thank you.

Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on June 21, at 7:00 p.m. at church. Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, and Rose Berberich, Registrar, were present. Kent Miller, Chair of the Stewardship Ministry, attended to give a presentation. Charles ran the meeting.

Kathy Lombard reported that for the fourth straight month, St. Timothy's actual income from pledged and identified offerings exceeded the budgeted monthly amount. In May, St. Timothy's received \$47,180, having budgeted to receive \$34,350. Charles and the vestry were extremely thankful for this generous financial support thus far this year.

Charles reported on the election of the new Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Virginia, Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson. Rev. Canon Stevenson is currently the Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Within the Episcopal Church. It was noted that the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Baltimore on July 8-11. Closer to home, Charles and Carolyn Hamm reported that the improvements to the voucher procedure for church and ministry expenses have been implemented. Charles and the vestry noted the resounding success of the Organ Recital held at St. Timothy's on June 18. The performance and leadership of our church organist, Todd Grivetti, at this event was specially recognized. Charles noted the recent selection of parishioner Allyson Showalter as the new Director of St. Timothy's Preschool, and that the search for a new Parish Administrator will begin soon.

Plans for the upcoming Block Party on July 23 were discussed.

Maria LaWalt, Junior Warden, reported on the meeting on covenantal giving to the Diocese held by Diocesan representatives with local churches at The Falls Church Episcopal, Falls Church, in June.

Carolyn Hamm reported that work on a new contract with cleaning services is ongoing. Carolyn also reported on the progress of plans for new flooring in Henry Hall under the expert guidance of Deke Smith. The vestry considered and selected by vote the type of flooring to be installed.

Kent Miller gave a presentation on plans for the stewardship campaign for 2022 that was very informative and well-received by the vestry.

The church insurance policy may need updating and vestry member and lawyer, David Dopsovic, graciously agreed to review it and make recommendations as needed.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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

Mark Your Calendars!



The graphic features a dark blue background with a white logo for St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in the top left corner. The logo includes a cross and the text 'ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH' and 'EST. HERNDON 1868'. The main title 'UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below the title, five event entries are listed, each with a date in a red circle and a description in a white box with a blue border. The events are: July 23 Block Party, August 20 Family/Community Day, Sept. 11 Welcome Home Sunday, Sept. 16-18 Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend, and Oct. 2 Blessing of the Animals. A small white box in the bottom left corner of the graphic provides the website 'www.saint-timothys.org'.

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EST. HERNDON 1868

UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

JULY 23
BLOCK PARTY
Join us for an afternoon of music and fun beginning at 4:30 pm. Bring a blanket, a cooler, and a frisbee as we enjoy the band (Herndon's own *Big Al's Garage*), local food trucks and our outdoor grounds!

AUGUST 20
FAMILY/ COMMUNITY DAY
Annual event hosted by our Spanish-speaking congregation starts at 4:30pm with a picnic/ games before a Bilingual Eucharist at 7 pm. **(Bring backpacks, laptops etc. to be blessed at all 3 services that weekend!)**

SEPT. 11
WELCOME HOME SUNDAY
Celebrate with your parish family as we begin the program year with the return of our Adult Choir, faith formation offerings and Ministry Fair (after the 10 am service). New parish directories will also be available as we welcome everyone home from the summer!

SEPT. 16-18
SHRINE MONT RETREAT WEEKEND
Join us at the Diocese of Virginia's Conference Center, located in the Shenandoah Valley, for a restful, fun, and spiritually nourishing retreat weekend. Signup to reserve your spot today!

OCT. 2
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Bring your pets- furry, scaled and otherwise- to our chapel grounds as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Blessings will be given to all creatures great and small at 4:30 pm!

More info at
www.saint-timothys.org

FOOD TRUCKS !!

SATURDAY JULY 23, 2022 4:40-7:00PM

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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HERNDON, VA 20170

**BLOCK
PARTY!!**

Live Music!
Moon Bounce!
Kid Activities!
Bring your camp
chairs and
blankets!



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Shakespeare Opera Theatre – Othello

We are excited to personally invite the congregation of St. Timothy's to Shakespeare Opera Theatre's Othello, a retelling of the dramatic tragedy with the addition of music from Verdi's opera. We perform at St. David's Episcopal Church in Ashburn, Virginia, and at Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains, Virginia. Charming restaurants and shops are located near both venues, and our patrons find that they can enjoy a day of activities to suit all tastes. We think you'll find our performances exceptional.



Othello
July 2022

9 July @4 PM & 8 PM
10 July @5 PM
St. David's Episcopal Church
43600 Russell Branch
Parkway
Ashburn, VA

16 July @4PM & 8PM
17 July @5PM
Grace Episcopal Church
6507 Main Street
The Plains, VA
Shakespeareoperatheatre.com



Othello
Iago's ambition, Cassio's naivete, Desdemona's carelessness and Othello's jealousy set the course for one of Shakespeare's most tragic plays. Combined with Verdi's powerful operatic treatment, this masterpiece reaches soaring new heights.

For ticket information, please visit:
ShakespeareOperaTheatre.com

"A concept that's clever, and performers who give their all"

-The Washington Post

"I was ready to catapult out of my seat for a standing ovation...!"

-Shakespeareans

For questions and group sales, email Kaitlyn Flebbe, Box Office Manager at:

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Respectfully Submitted by Dr. Lori Lind, Managing Director, Shakespeare Opera Theatre

St. Timothy's Preschool News

On behalf of the St. Timothy's Preschool Board, I am happy to announce that we have called Allyson Showalter to serve as our next Director for St. Timothy's Preschool!

Many will know Allyson from her previous role as Assistant Director/ Teacher at the Preschool. Others know her as a long-time parishioner, vestry person, and lay leader at the church. All recognize her as a gifted educator, a capable leader, and the guiding hand that the Preschool needs at this time.

During the interview process, Allyson impressed the Hiring Committee with her judgement, her experience, and her obvious love for the children that make our Preschool so special. Filling the formidable shoes of Nora St. Arnold will be difficult, but the Preschool Board and I are confident that Allyson will build on the school's strong foundation into the future. As the Chairperson of the Board and as a soon-to-be Preschool Parent, I am delighted to make this announcement! Please join me in welcoming Allyson into this position.

I invite you to read Allyson's letter below as she begins this new chapter as Director of St. Timothy's Preschool.

Blessings,
Charles+

Dear Church Family,

I am excited and delighted to be selected as the next director of St. Timothy's Pre-School! I have a long history with the preschool, first as a parent then as a staff member. Over more than a decade with the school I have held the positions of assistant teacher, head teacher, and assistant director, and I have been enriched by the guidance of three different and fantastic directors. Our school has a unique program that has given us a great reputation for preparing students for kindergarten and beyond. I look forward to preserving and cultivating that which makes St. Timothy's unique and special, while adapting to changing state requirements for preschool programs and to changing family needs for both early childhood education and for day care. I'm honored to be given the opportunity to lead this outstanding school.

Allyson



Holy Trinity Parish

Holy Trinity Parish is a member parish of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA), an inclusive, independent Catholic church. Holy Trinity Parish has been worshipping at St. Timothy's Episcopal since 2018. They have worshipped in the Sanctuary and in Henry Hall at various times, currently they worship in the Toddler Room at 9AM on Sunday Mornings. More info can be found at: [Holy Trinity Parish \(holytrinityhtp.org\)](http://holytrinityhtp.org)

Please do say "hello" to our brothers and sisters in Christ if you see them on Sunday mornings "passing through" to their worship location!



The Reverends Charles Cowherd and David Monroe

Recap of Spring Organ + Instruments Concert

On a beautiful Saturday here in June, the air was thick with excitement and anticipation inside St. Timothy's Sanctuary. Nearly 100 men and women, adults and children, had gathered for the church's Spring Organ + Instruments concert. Conceived by the Pastoral Care team as a community gathering of music and led by organist/choirmaster, Todd Grivetti, the event had been eagerly looked forward to, particularly by those who had not been able to experience live music during the Pandemic.

The audience was composed of a number of groups: first, a core contingent of St. Timothy's parishioners—many of whom were back to hear the festival piece that had been played a few months back on Easter Sunday. Second, a group connected to Todd's place of employment at Horizon Elementary as parents and students had come to see their music teacher work his magic at his "weekend gig." Likewise, many church members were present from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Herndon where Todd played before St. Timothy's. Several visitors were affiliated with the Piedmont Singers (a group that parishioners Anne Vandenberg, Rose Berberich, Kay Redditt as well as Todd sing in) and had traveled from Western locales to see the show. Finally, a number of first-time visitors to St. Timothy's were present who (in the words of one) "*Googled* Worship Music and wanted to take our two and half year old to hear her first concert."

The concert began with a welcome from the Reverend Charles R. Cowherd and an introduction by the choirmaster. Then the program proceeded apace. Todd kicked things off with a piece on the organ by Richard Ellsasser. Todd then gave way to his student, Owen Barnert. Owen is well-known to our congregation from playing on Sundays while the staff get to hear him often during the week dutifully practicing. Some have nicknamed him the "Sorcerer's Apprentice" for the way in which Todd had molded his playing and devotion to his craft!

Next, St. Timothy's was blessed to hear the musical contributions of two professionals—Helen Cluff, viola, and Christopher Sexton, violinist. Both have played at St. Timothy's before and the crowd was delighted with the organ concerto from Handel.

After the professionals had their time in the spotlight, St. Timothy's parishioners, Ellen Grace Burke (rising high school senior) and Alexis Roque (rising college freshmen) entered the fray and demonstrated their well-known proficiency and dynamic playing.

The Anglican tradition has a rich history for its appreciation and cultivation of the arts. Be it architecture, the visual arts, or in music, Anglicans celebrate the beauty of our God-given gifts and seek to share them with the community as a demonstration of God's love for us. This quality was well on display with these two young women who we are rightfully proud to have nurtured within our community.

After the beauty and somber quality of the well-known Lenten hymn "Ah, Dearest Jesus", we were ready for the lively demonstration of the Ash Grove, a 19th century Folk Hymn. Here Todd gave explanations for "pulling out all the stops," what a tracker organ was, and in a personal favorite, Todd described the history of St. Timothy's fabulous organ—its origin in New England with a Unitarian Church, its transfer to St. Timothy's saving it from certain demise, the organ's brief residency in Henry Hall (**Editor's Note: does anyone have a picture of the organ while it was in Henry Hall?**) before being moved to the current sanctuary. One final move in 2016 featured its harrowing "restoration" (nay "rebuilding") after a generous Capital Campaign by the church.

The concert ended with a remarkable moment as Wendy Oesterling, director of the aforementioned Piedmont Singers, “took the mic” and demanded an encore asking Todd to “pull out all the stops” and hear a hymn with the organ blaring as loud as it could. The Priest-in-Charge, briefly concerned that we were having a Taylor Swift-Kanye West moment, applauded the gesture. Rarely do these staid events feature an encore but that’s exactly what happened as Wendy requested hymn 390 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.”

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuTvBzL2WOc>

More info on organ: <https://www.saint-timothys.org/worship-music/gifts-to-glorify-the-lord-gtgtf/> and <https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/68347>

Program: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QoQjuauy1U2bR0Rw76F1u5bzFszbIg07/view?usp=sharing>



Election of the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson

More than 450 lay and clerical delegates gathered June 4 at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va. for a special convention to elect the 14th Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Virginia. The delegates elected the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson on the second ballot. ([ballot details](#))

Following the completed election, Canon Stevenson joined the Convention remotely via Zoom to address the delegates. "You have honored me greatly. I am overwhelmed with deep joy over the journey that you have invited me to be a part of with you over the coming years," said Canon Stevenson. "There's so much Gospel hunger, Gospel drive in Virginia. It's simply awe inspiring.... My prayer today is that God will grant us joy-filled day after joy-filled day as we start this new journey with each other and with God."

The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson is the Canon to the Presiding Bishop for *Ministry Within The Episcopal Church*. He is the principal liaison between Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the House of Bishops, the various dioceses, and many of the governing bodies of The Episcopal Church.

Before being called to this role in September 2018, Canon Stevenson was the Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, leading a dedicated team in executing a national program of refugee resettlement. Previously, he served as Domestic Poverty Missioner for The Episcopal Church.

Canon Stevenson served as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Louisiana from August 2005 until September 2013. Following hurricane Katrina, Canon Stevenson worked closely with local, regional, national, and international leaders and groups to put into place the processes for effective relief and other ministry. He was the Rector in two parishes: the Church of the Annunciation in New Orleans, and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland, Florida. His time at both churches focused on developing ministries with youth and revitalizing ministries of stewardship, Christian education, and community outreach.

Canon Stevenson and his wife of twenty-seven years, Joy, reside in Louisville, Kentucky, with their Border Collie, Franklin.

According to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, the majority of Bishops and Standing Committees of the 109 Episcopal dioceses must consent to this election. Pending the consent of the bishops and dioceses, Canon Stevenson will be ordained and consecrated a bishop in the Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 3, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, located at 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA 23223.

Canon Stevenson will become the fourteenth Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Virginia. He succeeds the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, who retired in 2018. The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan, has served as the Ecclesiastical Authority since Johnston's retirement. Bishop Goff will retire at the end of this year.

About the Diocese of Virginia:

The Diocese of Virginia is a community of more than 68,000 baptized members and 425 clergy in 38 counties and several cities of central, northern and northwestern Virginia, serving the world through 179 congregations, six schools, two diocesan centers and six diocesan homes, and home to the largest Anglican seminary in the world. For more information visit www.thediocese.net.

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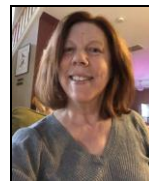
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**Submission deadline for the August issue:
 Wednesday, July 27, 2022**

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

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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John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.