



The WORD

December 2022

Dear Parish Family,

“St. Timothy’s is Back” has been our Campaign Theme throughout the 2023 Stewardship Season. I am delighted to report, thanks to the generosity of so many in this congregation, that the campaign has been a sterling success with a 10% increase in both pledge units and amount pledged for next year. I am so thankful for all the effort that went into this campaign: those who spoke at our Sunday services, those who helped with the campaign itself (especially Kent Miller), and, of course, to all those who committed a part of their selves to St. Timothy’s for the coming year!



Another way that we can proclaim that “St. Timothy’s is Back” is the near-completion of the Town of Herndon’s “Van Buren Street Improvements” along the west portion of our campus. Since I began at St. Timothy’s, Van Buren Street has been the site of construction, repair and general unpleasantness. I am excited to report that, while lighting and painting projects remain, the functional portions of the job are complete!

This is welcome news for: all of our Preschool parents who have to negotiate traffic jams, all of our neighbors who can now use the sidewalks, and especially welcome news to St. Timothy’s Church—we now have the “front door” to our beautiful campus reopened and reinvigorated. A well-paved road, bicycle lanes, newly planted trees (lilacs, dogwoods, and silver maples), as well as (unseen) drainage pipes now “greet” all those who pass by our church on foot or by car.

I am so excited for the opportunities that this affords our church. We indeed have beautiful grounds, over eight acres of rolling land that offers stunning exhibits of Spring flowers, Fall foliage, and (I’m told) snowy delights. Our campus is a great example of walkable space that folks can take their dogs on walks or make phone calls while enjoying the glories of God’s creation. In an area that continues to grow and build upwards with office buildings and apartment complexes, my hope is that St. Timothy’s can continue to be a place of holiness, peace, and beauty.

The next conversation that our congregation and Vestry need to have is around improving our signage along Van Buren St. The aging “historic” sign is unfortunately not particularly visible from the road! We need

attractive, welcoming signage that indeed shouts from the rooftop that “St. Timothy’s is Back!” Ideally, this signage will invite more people into our church campus and community so that they can see what God is up to in this particular part of God’s kingdom.

Many thanks to all those who worked on this project over the years. Past vestries and church leaders deserve many thanks while a special note of gratitude to our Trustees (Tom McLenigan, Keith Sinclair, and Deke Smith) and to Andy Hamm for shepherding this project through at crucial moments.

During this season of Advent, I invite you to our campus to witness firsthand all the improvements that have taken place!

God Bless,
CHARLES+

Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The Vestry met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Charles Cowherd, Priest-in-Charge, presided and gave the opening prayer. Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, and Rose Berberich, Registrar, also participated.

Kathy gave the Treasurer’s Report for October. It was a great month in terms of giving to St. Timothy’s. General fund giving in October was 116 percent of the amount budgeted per month (\$35,000). The church spent \$33,752 in October, including the monthly mortgage payment of \$10,079. The church’s year-to-date expenses of \$389,231 are under the amount budgeted as of this time of the year by \$22,642.

The vestry decided to change its meeting date from the third Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday, effective January 2023, to coordinate vestry meetings with month-end bookkeeping processes and Finance Committee activities.

Charles reported on the 2022 Stewardship Campaign, “St. Timothy’s is Back!” As of the meeting date, there were 94 pledges and just over \$400,000 in pledges for 2023. Charles and Kent Miller, stewardship chair, have contributed significant time and effort to the campaign.

Maria LaWalt, Junior Warden, reported on her efforts to apply for a grant from Region V of the Diocese to help fund St. Timothy’s Latino Ministry.

Charles and vestry discussed various topics, including the representation of St. Timothy’s at the Diocesan Convention in November; the consecration in December of the new Bishop, Rev. Canon Stevenson; the successful Ministry Fundraiser and sale of the 2023 St. Timothy’s Calendar; St. Timothy’s Community Garden; St. Isidore’s Guild; the various services and events for Advent and the Christmas season; and upgrading of the fire pit and the Upper Room space by the Boy Scouts.

Co-Senior Warden Betsy Bosworth reported on the donation of old folding chairs to Habitat for Humanity. Co-Senior Warden Carolyn Hamm gave an appreciative overview of the numerous activities of St. Timothy's Service Ministry and its continuing involvement with many charitable organizations in the Herndon-Reston area.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

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

Thank You!

THANK YOU to all who participated in the 2023 St. Timothy's Stewardship Campaign! Many of us were so inspired by the Adult Forum discussions led by Fr. Charles and hearing the Ministry Moments from participants in our many parish organizations and ministries. When you submit a pledge, know your financial commitment to support God's work at St. Timothy's will make a huge difference not only for the programs within our parish, but in outreach to our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Herndon community, our North Fairfax Region, and our missions to the Lakota Reservation at Pine Ridge, SD, and St. Mathieu's school in Haiti. Your financial commitment will enable the Vestry to develop a balanced 2023 budget. Although our annual Stewardship Campaign was highlighted in October, it's not too late to make a financial commitment! Pledge cards are available in the narthex, on our website and from the office. Our goal has always been 100% participation by our parish family. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to God's call to our shared mission ***St. Timothy's is back!***

Respectfully Submitted by Kent Miller, Stewardship Chair

Preschool Corner – A Busy October and November!

The downstairs has been a hive of activity during the day since St. Timothy's Pre-School classes started in September. We have returned to regular, pre-pandemic operations, and the students are thriving!

In October we had several special events in addition to our regular classes. We once again invited families to come to Back-to-School Night, during which our students showed their families around their classrooms and introduced them to our teaching staff. We also celebrated Diwali at school, giving our students an opportunity to learn about this Festival of Lights that is celebrated by Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs. For Halloween, we enjoyed a very fun Trunk-or-Treat on a beautiful Saturday afternoon with approximately 25 cars, uncounted children, and live music thanks to Big Al's Garage Band. We followed that with a school wide Halloween Parade and festival on Halloween morning, with families and older students participating thanks to the FCPS student holiday. A good time was had by all!

November brought us Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving to celebrate. Preschool parent Maj. Taylor Wilson, USAF, gave us an awesome Veteran's Day presentation, complete with pictures and videos of his work as a test pilot. Kate Masters, church member and parent of preschool alumni, came in two days in a row to give

all of our students a presentation on the Powhatan Native Americans who lived in this area 400 years ago. Our students enjoyed the fascinating exploration into the lifestyle of these people who lived in what is now Virginia in the time when the first Thanksgiving celebration was held (much further to our north). Finally, our students enjoyed our Thanksgiving feasts, and their parents enjoyed the songs performed for them by the students after the feasts. This year we strayed from our traditional pilgrim and Native American costumes and instead made “Thankful T-shirts” with classmates’ handprints on them. (Except for the Tiny Owl class – they stayed with their Turkey costume, which is incredibly cute!)

If you want to keep track of Preschool happenings, we invite you to follow our Facebook page. There you will find more details and more pictures.

Respectfully Submitted by Allyson Showalter







Upcoming Events

Calendar of Events

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - 12 PM, a weekly quiet contemplative service - 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21.

Angel Tree - Support a child in need by donating funds for the purchase of a gift card, thru 12/10.

Revels - December 16th at 6 PM, (church grounds), enjoy fellowship with songs and stories.

Advent Christmas Hymn Festival - December 18th at 10 AM, music by Michael Burkhardt, readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Christmas Eve Family Service - December 24th at 5 PM, No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant for kids, families and all ages.

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist - December 24th, at 7:30 PM, special choral, handbell, and instrumental music.

Christmas Day Eucharist - December 25th at 10 AM, spoken service.

Lessons & Carols - January 1st at 10 AM. All the Carols you missed in the holiday rush!

Looking Forward to Seeing You!



Childhood Memories

Dear friends,

One or two of you have asked me to tell a few more stories of my childhood and especially what it was like to grow up in war time. I want you to know that in the U.K., although we suffered from bombings, shortage of food, rationing of gas etc., we never had the same hardships that the people in so many European countries suffered, just like those happening in the Ukraine at the moment. It is quite an advantage to be on an island that for many centuries had defended its coastline and forts, castles, watchtowers and underground shelters dating from as early as the 11th century and these same defense strategies were brought back into use. Some places inland were used to house communication stations and even to store precious artwork and lovely stained glass windows from churches and cathedrals.

My brother and I were well-looked after by our grandparents, aunts and uncles and of course, our dear mother, who often went without things so that we could have extra food or clothes and even presents at Christmas and on our birthdays. Our father served in the Royal Air Force from 1939 until 1945. At first we followed him to his posting in South Wales and Chippenham in Wiltshire, but then he was sent to North Africa, followed by Sicily and Italy, so we went back to our home town of Southend-on-Sea in Essex, about 40 miles east of London. My brother was 6 months old and I was 6 when my father left. I had memories of him, but my brother did not so he was meeting a complete stranger in 1945.

We did not have a real Christmas tree for many years, but my mother made one with a short piece of a broom handle, to which she glued thick cardboard branches and made a star from cardboard painted a deep yellow, which she attached to the top of the tree. After some time, the star was replaced by an angel, who looked increasingly well fed and relaxed over the years. She now adorns the top of the tree at my daughter's house in Connecticut. She must be about 80 years old now – the angel not my daughter! We made tiny paper chains from old newspaper (which we were supposed to put out for collection each week!) and a few strands of tinsel, probably about ten or fifteen years old that had been kept by my grandmother for some reason. No lights or colored balls, but we thought the tree was lovely. It did not matter that it was small as at that time we did not get many presents and it has always been the tradition that Father Christmas (Santa Claus) came in the night to fill stockings hung by the fireside or at the end of the bed (that's where ours were!) Sometimes we took them into the bomb shelter, but my mother did not like this and we actually slept in the cupboard under the stairs instead and our stockings were hung on the door.

I may have told you the story of the air raid shelter before, so forgive me if I repeat it – I still laugh at the memory, even though I was only 3 years old at the time! My grandfather, with the advice of the A.R.P. (Air Raid Patrol) bought several sheets of galvanized iron, spent two days digging a huge hole at the back of the garden away from the house, lining the hole with the iron sheets, installing a very heavy door and stuffing all cracks with tar (I think), constructed a stout ladder for access and used all the soil to cover the roof, which eventually became a vegetable and flower plot! He called us out to admire his hard work and achievement and assured me that a doll I called “Baby Bunting” would have her own little space if we should have to shelter inside during an air raid. As we stood, the adults discussed the storage of food, blankets etc. and the important issue of how cups of tea would be made, there was suddenly a sort of “groan and wheeze” and before our very eyes the whole thing collapsed! After the shock, we all began to laugh and my Grandmother said “Well, I was not going to get in that thing no matter what Hitler sends us!” So

we reverted to the original idea of sheltering below the staircase which was much nearer the kettle and teacups!

At the risk of repeating myself, I would like to tell you about my first Christmas in school at the age of 5. Our teacher, Miss Waters, wrote some little verses about ornaments on a Christmas Tree and other things connected with the holiday and each of us had a little rhyme to recite to our mothers who provided the admiring audience! I very much admired a girl who was a little older than me (classes were often of mixed ages as many schools were also used to house fire departments or temporary lodgings for soldiers about to go abroad). Her name was Daphne Killenback and her father was also in the R.A.F. She was already 6 and could knit which I really thought was very clever! She was given the part of a lighted candle, while I was a colored ball, which I thought was not nearly as nice! She stood next to me with her lines coming first and which I quickly learned as well as my own. The afternoon of the “play” was presented to our Moms and Dads (if they were around) and I waited quite eagerly for my turn, but still wishing that I had been chosen to be the lighted candle like Daphne. She said her few lines perfectly, then to my mother’s horror, I started to say the same words. I suddenly realized my error and announced “Oh, no I’m not! I’m a colored ball” which caused most people to laugh, as did my mother after she got over her embarrassment! We all got to enjoy some “sticky buns” and lemonade before we went home!

I will tell you a few more stories next month, but I pray and hope that children all over the world who are experiencing danger, little food, absent parents, loud bangs and uncertainty will also one day, be able to tell their children and grandchildren of their experiences, especially some funny ones.

Keep safe and well. God bless.

Respectfully Submitted by Jill Cox

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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

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Luke 2:1-14

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

