



# The WORD

January 2023

## *Dear Parish Family,*

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

50 years ago, former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew (baptized an Episcopalian!) coined the phrase "Nattering Nabobs of Negativity." He meant it to describe the tendency of the press to offer relentless criticism towards an institution or individual.

I think about that wonderfully alliterative phrase every time a new study is published about church decline. Those reports are always such an overwhelmingly negative portrait that the whole religious exercise seems to be put into question.

Meanwhile, the Episcopal Church seems to almost specialize in that sort of data collection and distribution. If nothing else, we as a denomination tend to have accurate figures on what is happening in the pews and in the church coffers.

With all that mind, around the time that Agnew uttered his phrase, my predecessor and friend, the Reverend Ralph Bayfield, issued the following goals for St. Timothy's in the upcoming year:

### GOALS FOR PARISH 1976

PREAMBLE: With such a diversity of people of all ages from many areas, backgrounds, and heritages, a multi-faceted ministry by laity and clergy is needed to 1) develop a closer relationship to God through Jesus Christ, 2) enable people to meet the challenges and demands of life with the Christian faith and 3) to enrich and free people to lead fuller and more meaningful lives.

It included the following statistical goal for church growth:

This can be better accomplished by:

1. Growth of the Gospel - A greater sharing of the good news of Christ as expressed in the warm, friendly feeling of St. Timothy's Church with a greater number of people in our community, Diocese and abroad. Locally attract more people to attend St. Timothy's Church on a regular basis. A goal of 100 additional members to fill our Church to capacity by the end of 1976.



Ralph also called for more than \$150,000 (in today's dollars) in additional giving. (Oh, to be in Parish Ministry in the 20<sup>th</sup> century!) I was struck by the amount... as 100 new members seems astounding even by 1976 standards. But I also noted the overall positive tone; the report was consistently optimistic, forward-thinking, and relentlessly focused on God's mission.

Of course, it is not 1976, nor will it be so again. The mission field is constantly changing and evolving. That having been said, during this month of January, your vestry and I are excited about announcing the statistical results of the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. "St. Timothy's is (indeed) back!" We also look forward to our Annual Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> as we elect new vestry and officers for the upcoming year, hear from all of our ministry leaders and their reports, and pass a budget that will guide and shape us living out God's mission here in Herndon.

In the meantime, know that our numbers are generally up. Members have been generous with their gifts to the church and people are finding their way into this community of faith. It makes me excited and serves as a counter-narrative to all the "nattering nabobs of negativity."

Church growth can be its own false god, but statistics and numbers do tell an important part of the story about making disciples. Again, I look forward to sharing those numbers with you in the weeks ahead as we write the next chapter in St. Timothy's story!

God Bless,  
CHARLES+

## ***Report from the Vestry***

Dear Friends,

The Vestry met on Tuesday December 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the church. Charles Cowherd, Priest-in-Charge, presided and gave the opening prayer. Kathy Lombard, Treasurer, also participated.

Kathy gave the Treasurer's report for November. Income for the church was at 96% of the budgeted amount for the month. Good news is that St. Timothy's is projected to have a substantial overage for the year.

Carolyn Hamm proposed year end financial adjustments which included reimbursements to Fr. Franklin for his mileage and staff bonuses.

Charles presented the 2023 Vision Budget for review. Adjustments were discussed and agreed on including a COLA increase for all staff at St. Timothy's. David Dopsovic will pursue a 15 month, 4% CD at Main Street Bank when our current CD expires in January.

St. Timothy's will be voting in 3 new people to the vestry in January. Everyone on the vestry was encouraged to talk to people about running for vestry.

Charles reported that the budget for 2023 will be based on income of \$492K. This includes pledges and a number of people who give regularly but do not pledge. The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 22. Beginning in January, the Vestry will move its meetings to the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Maria reported that the Northern Fairfax Region provided \$3000 to support the Latino Ministry. We should be receiving the check by the end of December.

The meeting concluded at 9:20 pm.

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

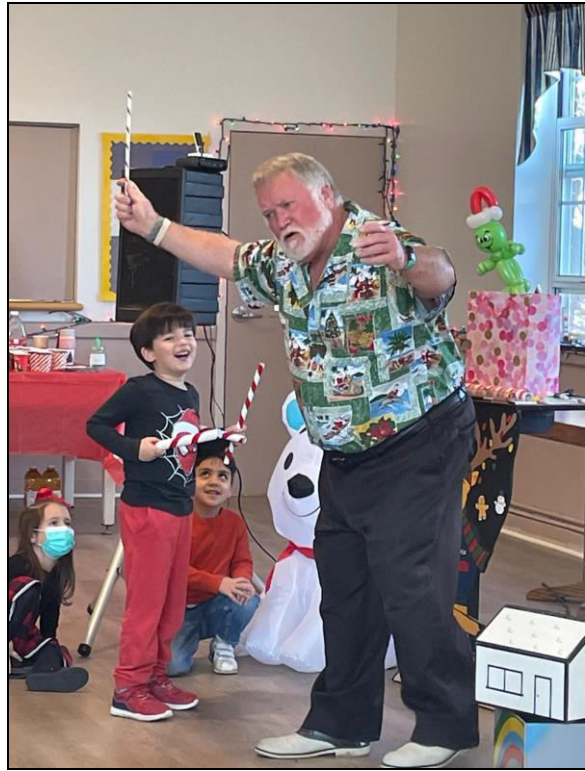
### ***Preschool Corner – Registration for 2023-2024 begins in January***

December in St. Timothy's Pre-School is all about the holidays. While we talk about Hanukkah and sometimes mention Kwanza, Christmas is the big one and we celebrate it in a BIG way! We had our annual school wide Christmas parties with a magic show (yes, there was a rabbit, too!) and a visit with Santa. Then Charles shared the Christmas story with our students, and the children enjoyed bringing the guests to the birthday party that included kings, shepherds, angels, animals, Mary, Joseph, and the birthday boy: the baby Jesus. The festivities finished with parties in each of our homeroom classes, then it was time for Winter Break. (And much rejoicing from the teachers.)

Registration for the September 2023 - May 2024 school year begins in January. Registration forms will go home with our current students almost as soon as they return to school on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration is done in three phases:

- **January 9:** registration opens for current students and their families
- **January 20:** registration opens for alumni families and members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
- **January 30:** registration opens for new families

If you or any of your friends are interested in registering your child for the next school year, please contact me for more information; I would love to give a tour and talk about our program with anyone who is interested. For the current school year, our 2 ½ and 3 year old classes filled by March, and we have been maintaining a waiting list since then. We encourage families to register early!





*Respectfully Submitted by Allyson Showalter*

## *News from the Service Ministry*

**Angel Tree:** *A huge thank you* to everyone that contributed to the Angel Tree Gifts for Kids Program. With your very generous donations we were able to support the 25 children we originally committed to, and send a generous check for \$1,200 to support an even larger number. The coat, hat and mitten drive ended on December 31st. Items will be delivered to the Embry Rucker Shelter, the Laurel Learning Center and the Hunter Mill District Winter Coat Closet.

**Hypothermia Dinners:** St. Timothy's will be providing dinner for the North County Hypothermia Prevention Program (one of three hypothermia prevention sites in Fairfax County) on Sunday, February 26th, and Saturday March 18th. We deliver a hot meal that includes a main course, one or two sides, dessert, and beverages. The meals are delivered to the North County Human Resources Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston, at 6:00 pm on each of those days. If you are interested in helping by providing a portion of the meal on one of those dates, please write to [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org).

**Lenten Outreach Project:** Stay tuned for news of this years' Lenten Outreach Project. Each year the Service Ministry selects an organization to promote through education, donation of goods and opportunities for volunteerism. Last year we supported Afghan Refugees, in 2021 we wrote "Love Notes from St. Timothy's" to those impacted by Covid. We've also packed backpack meals for children at Clearview Elementary School and collected supplies for the Herndon Senior Center. If you are interested in helping with a future project or have a great idea to share, please let us know by writing to [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org).

If you're interested in how to help, or knowing more about what the Service Ministry does, please feel free to drop us a note or drop by for a meeting on the second Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Narthex. We're a friendly bunch!

*Thank you for putting your faith to work.*

*Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Hamm*

## *Annual Parish Meeting*

Friendly reminder: the Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark the date on your calendar! More information to follow in the weekly e-news.

*Christmas Services*







## ***IF MUSIC.....***

If music be the food of life,  
Play on, with brass and string and fife.  
While poet's words stir the soul and mind,  
The hearer can respond in kind.

Not with perfection in tone or pitch,  
But songs with hearts that are so rich,  
With sound, emotion, love and peace  
And hope, that harmonies increase,  
Where all is chaos and disruption  
And scars and wounds bear no relation  
To the innate need for calm and laughter  
Preceding the need for peace hereafter.

Throughout this world wherein birds sing,  
Cats purr, leaves stir and church bells ring.  
And babies soothed by lullaby  
Whispered by mothers, who fortify.  
Their strength and love in every day,  
By keeping strife and war away  
From their most beloved treasures.  
In taking all the hardest measures  
To shelter, to teach, to feed and love,  
With many pleas to the Lord above.

He who created color and sound  
And all good things to be found,  
Has given the gift of music soft  
And loud to praise Him as He reigns aloft.

Yes! "If music be the food of life"  
Indeed play on! 'Til no more strife  
Disturbs our peace and adoration  
Of God, and all creation  
Kneels before Him in total prayer.  
And naught but harmony and gentle air  
Fills the heavens and our hearts,  
As angels support us with truthful dart  
Of chords from golden harps and voices,  
And the whole of Heaven and Earth rejoices.

*Respectfully Submitted by Jill Cox*

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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](mailto:blessed2boma@gmail.com)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://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](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).

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## *Prayer for the New Year*

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

*- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta*

