



The WORD

June 2023

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

Church denominations often tend to take their names from their organizational structures. Presbyterians, Congregationalists, as well as we “Episcopalians,” are all examples of this. The Greek word is *ἐπίσκοπος* and, if you have been taking the Confirmation classes, you recognize this as one of the keys to understanding our denomination. We trace our connection to the Apostolic succession through the long line of bishops, all the way back to St. Peter, first Bishop of Rome. And we recognize the Diocese, under the authority of a bishop, as the principal level of community for our shared identity.

Speaking of confirmation, St. Timothy's eagerly awaits our biennial episcopal visit, on **Sunday June 25th, 2023 at 10 am**. The Right Reverend Bishop Dabney Smith (pictured to the right), Visiting Bishop of Virginia, will be with us to preach and celebrate that Sunday, as well as confirm, receive and reaffirm a number of St. Tim's parishioners. I am excited to host Bishop Smith (bio below) and I hope that you will put the visitation on your calendar. Not only will it be a special day for our candidates as they receive their respective sacramental rite, but we will have special music and a reception in Henry Hall.

In anticipation of this, we are hosting a campus-wide cleanup the day prior. On **Saturday June 24th, from 8 am to 12 pm**, all are invited to come to the church to tidy up before the big day. The Altar Guild will be focused on the sanctuary, while other ministries will take the lead cleaning up the Narthex, Henry Hall, and the grounds outside. Please do plan to come, lunch will be provided!

Of course, a bishop visitation is not our only connection to Diocesan life and our episcopal structure. St. Timothy's is a member of the North Fairfax Region (formerly Region V)—the collection of fellow Episcopal parishes in



the area (see map below). I attend monthly meetings (called a “Clericus”) of clergy from those churches while our delegates and myself attend Region meetings of lay and clergy representatives. Our delegates are Keith Sinclair and Sandy Wright. Either can give you more information on the comings and goings of the North Fairfax Region.

The Diocese itself has its headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, where the Diocesan staff and bishops tend to reside. The Mayo House at 110 West Franklin Street is the physical location of the office and is sometimes used as a metonymous descriptor of “the Diocese” as a whole.

This all can get somewhat confusing, to be sure, and so a helpful resource to keep it all straight is on the St. Timothy’s website. If you go to the homepage (www.saint-timothys.org) and then hover over “Welcome” and then click “The Episcopal Church and Diocese of Virginia,” you can find a wealth of information. (Or just go to <https://www.saint-timothys.org/newcomers/the-episcopal-church/>.) Included on that page is a presentation by Diane Miller (another great resource for this topic) that helpfully explains all the different levels of governance (including the national and international!)

Please join with me in living into the ‘Episcopal’ in Episcopalian later this month.

God Bless,
CHARLES+

[Bishop Smith | The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia \(thediocese.net\)](http://www.thediocese.net)



Preschool Corner

It happens so fast! The school year has ended, the Class of 2023 has graduated, and the students are on their way to kindergarten. Happily, many of our graduates are returning for summer camp. The Pre-School will have three camps this summer: Music 4 Everyone (May 30-June 9), Dinosaurs (June 12-24), and Fairy Tales (July 24-August 4). Then a few brief weeks off and classes will start again on September 5th with seven classes full of preschoolers.

We are fully enrolled for the fall and are looking to add more part-time teaching assistants and substitute teachers to our roster, especially people who are available to work in the afternoon. If you or anyone you know are interested in knowing more about working at St. Timothy's Pre-School, please contact Allyson Showalter at sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com or 703-437-4767.

Respectfully Submitted by Allyson Showalter, Pre-School Director





Summer Gallery Quire

Would you like to join our summer “pick up” choir beginning Sunday, June 11? This is an informal, casual ensemble that rehearses on Sunday morning prior to worship. It's a great way to sample choral singing and see if you like it! Click [HERE](#) to find copies of the summer anthems and rehearsal tracks. I hope this will be helpful to you in your planning and preparation. We'll look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 11 at 9:15 AM in the music room to practice! No choir robes will be worn.

Respectfully Submitted by Todd Grivetti, St. Timothy's Organist/Choirmaster

VisionWalk 2023

My name is Michelle Duquette, secretary of St. Timothy's Service Ministry. I was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a degenerative retinal disease, which eventually took my sight.

Every year I walk on behalf of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, and the millions of people affected with eye diseases. This is the 18th annual DC Metro VisionWalk. Since its inception in 2005, our VisionWalk chapter has raised over \$3 million to fund sight-saving research. As promising treatments move into critical human studies, the need for research funding is greater than ever. This year's VisionWalk will take place on Sunday June 11th, at Yards Park in Washington, DC. Please consider joining me on June 11 and supporting those affected by retinal diseases. Visit my page at <https://give.fightingblindness.org/MichelleDuquette>. There is a CURE IN SIGHT!

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Duquette

Eye Glasses Collection

Don't throw away those old eye glasses!! The eye glasses collection is ongoing throughout the year. Parishioners can put their old, used glasses, including those for reading, sunglasses and prescription, in the yellow Lions Club box located in Henry Hall. No broken glasses please. These collected glasses get washed, read and tested, then delivered internationally and domestically for those in need. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Duquette

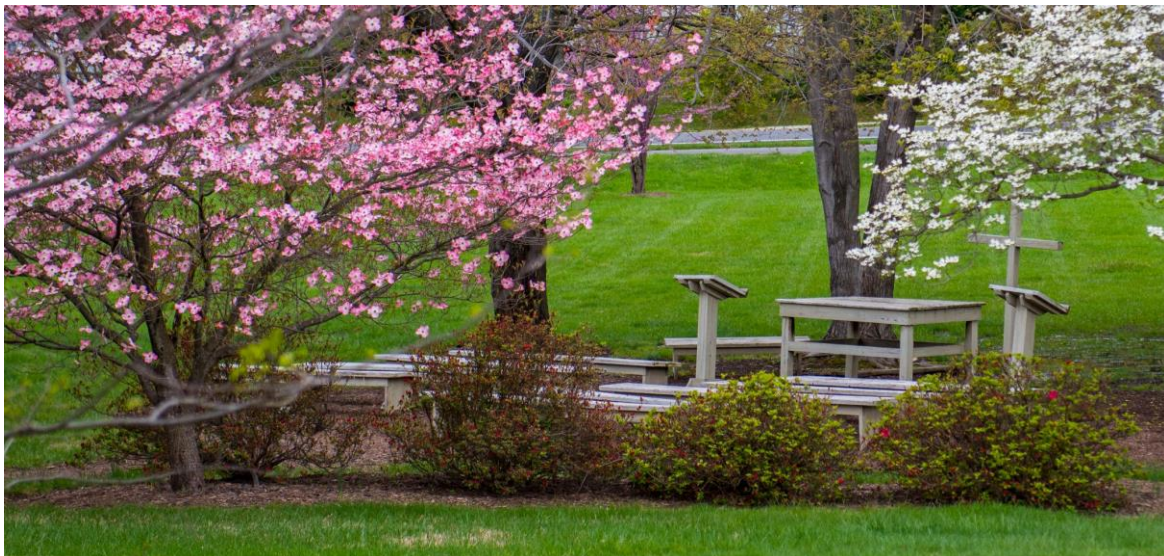
THYME AND TIME

Miniscule mauve blossoms on sweet - smelling thyme
Stops the passage of weed in this garden of mine.
Carpets the earth, the bricks, forms the border,
Retains the aura of wise sense and good order.

Time bears the blemishes of sin, error and shame,
Cuts through the years with many a name.
Of people, hurt, wronged, neglected and harmed,
By whose forgiveness, my heart would be calmed.

Thyme of fragrance - Time of sought grace,
Thyme so grounded - Time unbounded;
Thyme thick grown - Time wind-blown,
Thyme ephemeral - Time eternal.

Respectfully Submitted by Jill Cox



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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.

The Word is published monthly and emailed to members and friends the first week of the month. It also appears on the website. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify the church office (office@saint-timothys.org). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

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Life is a team sport, excerpts from a sermon

We often talk about how we are deeply divided as a people. We sometimes seem to occupy completely different realities than our neighbors. A 2017 New York Times article about how we assume, politically, that we are so divided because of filter bubbles and what we call “confirmation bias”: we gravitate towards opinions that are already the same as ours.

We are different, and we are divided. We all generally agree that we don’t like the state of things. But if anything’s going to change, in the church or outside of it, as much as we may hate it, we need each other. We need someone who believes differently and has a completely different experience than we do.

Life is a team sport.

Of course, it’s not easy to do life together. The Holy Spirit is wind and flame: it can be comforting, like a campfire or a gentle breeze — or it can be too hot, even destructive, and highly uncomfortable. The same is true of church. But “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.”

We are here together. You, sitting there, you are part of us, the church, gifted with the Holy Spirit and your own gifts. You have experiences that no one else here has. You can do things no one else can do. And it won’t always be easy, but we’re here, and we’re together. The Holy Spirit has descended upon us all again, making us unique, and making us one.

It’s good to be on the same team. Amen.

The Rev. Anna Tew is a Lutheran pastor based in South Hadley, Massachusetts. She graduated from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 2011 and has served in a variety of settings since then, including both parish ministry and hospital chaplaincy.

