



The WORD

July 2024

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

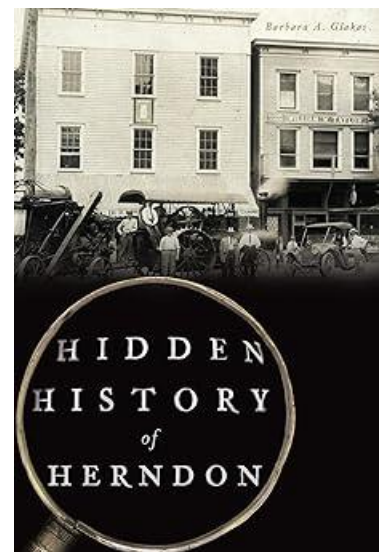
The Summer is blessedly in full swing at St. Timothy's. For example, our Adult Choir is in "pick-up" mode, our Formation offerings finished up for the program year in June, and our Preschool Camps have completed.

Work continues with important planning for the upcoming year along with ever present building maintenance. But the campus is generally a little quieter as people take much needed vacation and rest.

I would like to continue that theme in my WORD article this month by sharing a little bit about how I seek and achieve rest in our busy world. Like many of you, I love to read and the Summer tends to allow for a bit more time to relax and enjoy a good book. I chart, somewhat compulsively, what I have read through the popular social cataloging website "Goodreads" which allows individuals to maintain a database of books and reviews. (You can find me at <https://www.goodreads.com/user/show/15462021-charles-cowherd> and become my "Friend.") My "Reading Challenge" for 2024 is an adventurous 45 books which, as of this writing, I am only a 1/3 of the way through! I look forward to beach reads, church reads, and, of course, history reads during this Summer.

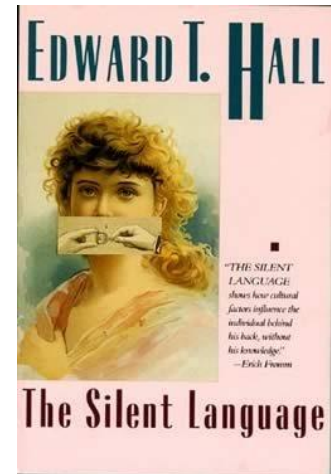
I want to highlight a few books that I have read recently and/or plan to read. What they all have in common is that they were all given to me by kind parishioners at St. Timothy's.

1) In the "low-hanging fruit" category, Rick Wilson shared with me a copy of *The Hidden History of Herndon* by our resident historian, Barbara Glakas. It uses rare photographs and firsthand accounts to tell little-known stories of the people, places, and events that have shaped the history of the Town of Herndon. St. Timothy's, unsurprisingly, features prominently in the account. Whenever you see myself and the Junior Warden huddled in conversation and deep in discussion, know that we

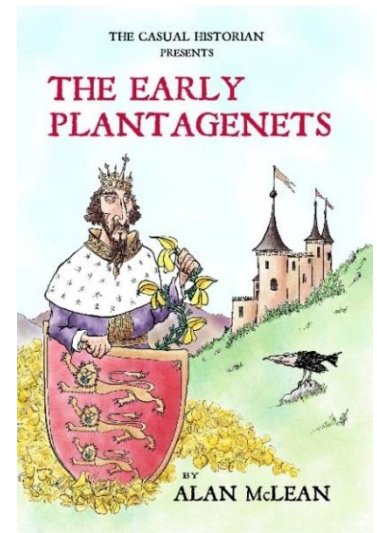


are discussing the intricacies of this topic, rather than church politics!

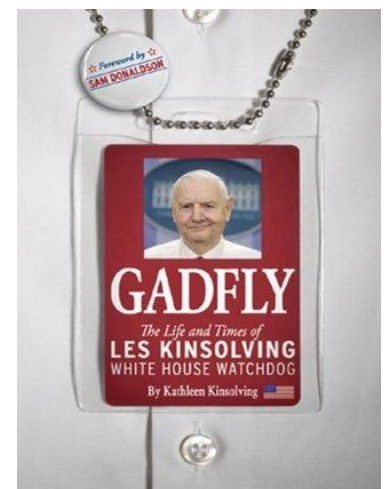
2) Next, Olga Marinenko gifted me a copy of Edward T. Hall's classic *The Silent Language*. This book is an anthropological analysis of the many vitally important ways in which people "talk" to one another without the use of words. Olga's extensive background in foreign countries was the obvious motivation for her sharing this book with me. Thus, having herself spent many years, either through her work with the USGS or her personal travel, interacting with those who spoke different languages and were from different cultures, this is an important read! Upon Father Mario's arrival, Olga also shared it with him.



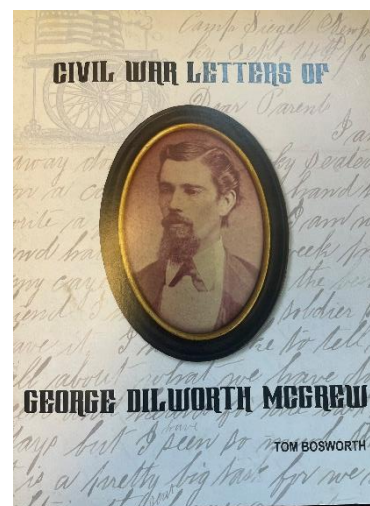
3) One Sunday morning before our 10 AM service, the redoubtable Jill Cox approached me in the Narthex and handed me *The Early Plantagenets* with the commentary: "The Tudors get all the publicity in America!" The book is indeed a history of the earlier English royal dynasty (Richard the Lionhearted, Eleanor of Aquitaine, etc.) It has a rollicking and irreverent tone that suits the subject material very well. Written by Alan McLean (who, naturally, is Jill's grand-nephew and godson), the figures in the book are anything but dry and dusty portraits from the past.



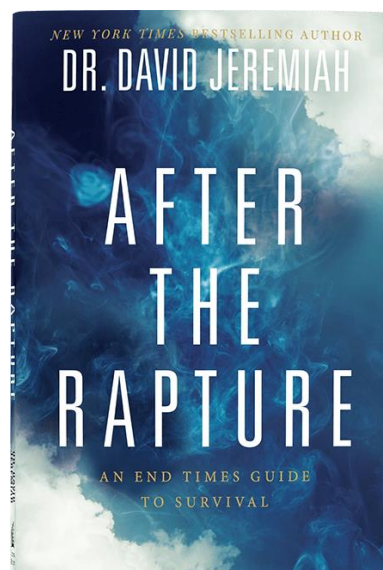
4) Kathleen Kinsolving went a step further by sharing a book that was special to her, so special that she wrote it! Kathleen's father was the (late) Reverend Lester Kinsolving (1927-2018), an Episcopal priest and legendary member of the Washington Press Corps. Appropriately entitled *Gadfly: The Life and Times of Les Kinsolving, White House Watchdog*, Kathleen traces the personal and public history of her father. It's a fascinating biography of someone who had a large impact on both the church and political realms.



5) Alas, there are then a number of books that I have been gifted that I have *not* had the chance to read. Continuing on the family trend, Tom Bosworth gave me a book that is collection of the letters of his great great grandfather from the American Civil War. Tom knows that I am a big Civil War buff, but I was impressed that Tom was able to collect the letters of his ancestor, George Dilworth McGrew, an artillerist in the 9th Ohio Independent Battery, for publication. (Do you see the resemblance in the picture to the right?)



6) I cannot wait to dive into Tom's book as well as a religiously themed book that Cindy Holland introduced me to. Entitled *After the Rapture*, it's a book by New York Times bestselling author Dr. David Jeremiah about the end of times. (For whatever reason, I also receive a lot of Bibles as gifts. It's a good book, in fact it's *the* "Good Book" but....)



All are welcome to borrow any of these books, or any of the others that are on my shelves.

More importantly, what are YOU reading this summer 2024? What has caught your eye or do you think others would enjoy reading?

I hope and pray for rest and relaxation this summer, and in particular for the gift of reading during these months.

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES+

P.S. When not reading, be sure to come to the Evensong here at the church on July 14th.

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News from the Service Ministry

Our Summer Food Drive and the annual backpack drive for Cornerstones will start in mid-July. Stay tuned for specifics in the weekly eNews.

The heat wave is particularly hard on those who work outside and for those who are homeless and live outside. If you can, consider donating bottled water to the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. If you have questions or are interested in other ways to help, write to service@saint-timothys.org.

Closing out the Lenten Outreach Program for 2024

St. Timothy's congregation responded to the request for musical instruments for Park View High and Sterling Middle Schools with incredible enthusiasm. Donations continued to come in even after the project was officially completed. Most recently we were able to provide an additional three new acoustic guitars to Park View High School Students. While this program is over and the Service Ministry is no longer accepting donations, we hope that you will remember this need in our community and consider reaching out to a local school should you have an instrument to donate in the future. A special thanks to SM members Garritt Peck, for coordinating with the schools, and Ted Mankin, for the inspirational idea and for shepherding the cause.

Here are some of the words of thanks from a teacher and students, slightly edited:

From Dr. Miroslav Lončar, the school guitar teacher:

- *I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your parishioners' recent donation of new guitars for the students at Park View High School. The guitars were given to the neediest and most deserving students whose lives will be enriched by having those instruments.*

From students:

- *I cannot afford to buy my own, but I love guitar and would love to be able to play to my heart's content, instead of being restricted to the one-hour class. If I had my own guitar, I would love to be able to play after a stressful day of school. It would make my heart and soul happy.*
- *I want to be able to learn how to play acoustic guitar because I've always had an interest but never had a good guitar to practice on. I have an that old guitar that used to be my dad's before he handed it down to me. I would like to surprise my dad by being able to play.*
- *I want to be able to practice more at home, and don't want to ask for a loaned guitar each time.*
- *I'm unable to afford a guitar myself but I've been playing the guitar for all 3 years of my high school life (I missed freshman year because of Covid). I started playing string instruments in 4th grade and I love the way you can make art with sound and share it with others. I love playing in our school concerts but don't have an instrument to practice with at home. I love to play for my family so they can hear what I am learning at school. If I have my own guitar I will take great care of it, play it a lot and not let it sit around and collect dust.*



Summer Hymn Sing Returns July 21!

What's your favorite hymn? Write down your requests and be ready to call them out - we are having a hymn sing. On Sunday, July 21, in place of the sermon, you get to sing your favorite hymns! Try to stump the organist with a request from our blue hymnal (1982) or the green supplement (Wonder, Love, and Praise). Have your choices ready - any season, any theme, any time! If you have a hymn you're dying to sing that's not in our Episcopal repertoire, please email Todd at music@saint-timothys.org and he'll try to make your wish come true.

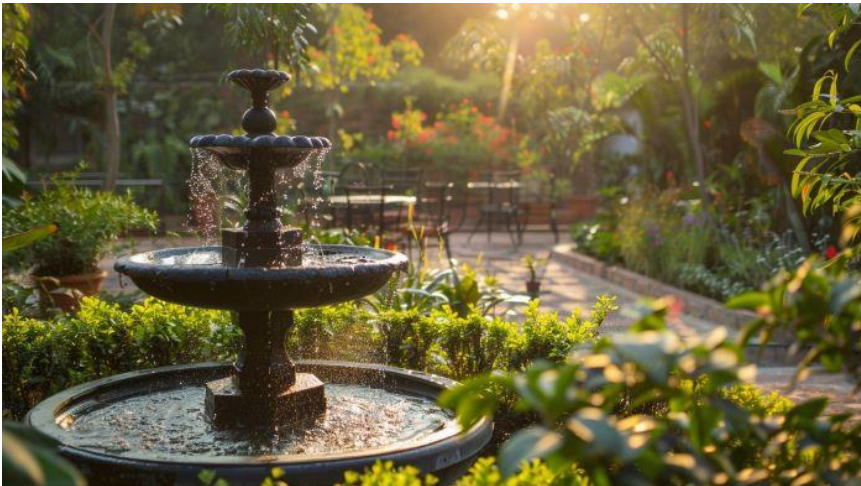


THOUGHTS ON JULY 4TH.

Here I sit in silent solitude,
While gentle breezes stroke my skin,
Hot from the sun's insistent rays
Gentle birds sweetly sing and alight in trees,
Seeking insects and some small seeds to eat.
No sound of human intrusion,
No raucous machine disturbs
This sleepy holiday to be celebrated
With fireworks, picnics and marching bands.
Not here, but in towns and cities far
Beyond the sphere of my existence.

Yet far away revolutions take place,
Some bloody, insane and unprovoked,
In the name of democracy, they arise;
But whose democracy? West or East?
Tyrannical, despotic, corrupt or eagerly embraced.
In hopes of more employment, fulfillment,
Less crime, more material, more time
To nurture children, cure disease.
Un-slave women, respect men and wisdom;
Tolerance, justice and freedom.
To do God's will throughout His creation.
Mend the earth, protect the creatures
Entrusted to our care and to share
With all the gifts we have been granted.
So all shall live in peace.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox



The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe Elected 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church on June 26 for a nine-year term beginning Nov. 1.

Rowe, 49, has been bishop since 2007 of Northwestern Pennsylvania and bishop provisional for Western New York since 2019. He was bishop provisional for Bethlehem from 2014 to 2018. He holds degrees from Grove City College, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Gannon University. He was ordained in 2000. He is the parliamentarian of the House of Bishops.

Rowe is married to Carly, a Christian educator, and they have one daughter.

Rowe was chosen from among five nominees on the first ballot. Following his election by the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies confirmed the election. Read more at: <https://livingchurch.org/news/news-episcopal-church/sean-w-rowe-elected-as-28th-presiding-bishop/>



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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 the church office (office@saint-timothys.org) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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