



The WORD

August 2024

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

In the service for the Ordination of a Priest in our *Book of Common Prayer*, the portion of the service entitled "The Examination" begins with this paragraph:

My *brother*, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, **and to take your share in the councils of the Church.**¹

I have highlighted the final statement and will focus on what those words mean below. Notice, however, the second sentence which, in the context of a priest being ordained, reminds those present that "All baptized people are called...." to do the work of the Church. Previous versions of the Prayer Book had stressed that the laity (that's you!) was instead more of a passive and helpless body that needed to be acted upon by those who were ordained. The 1979 Prayer Book strove to reimagine the different orders of the church towards a renewed understanding of the "priesthood of all believers."

That having been said, it is my great joy and responsibility as priest to be involved in the "councils of the Church." Since 2020, I have served as a member of the Committee for Constitution and Canons for the Diocese of Virginia. This has entailed (at the 226th, 227th, 228th, and 229th Diocesan Conventions) considering proposed amendments to the governing documents of the Diocese.² The work of this Committee is important (although frankly a little dry!) and I look forward to serving again at future conventions.

Given my background at Shrine Mont, our Diocesan Camps and Conference Center in the Shenandoah Valley, I have also been asked to serve on a number of committees related to that institution. For example, just as I started at St. Timothy's in the Spring of 2022, I served on an *ad Hoc* Committee leading Shrine Mont out of COVID and during a leadership transition.



¹ Emphasis Added, pg. 531.

² You can find the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Virginia here: <https://episcopalvirginia.org/who-we-are/governance/constitution-and-canons/>

In addition, just this last month, I was asked to serve on the Search Committee for the next Director of Shrine Mont Camps. I was honored to be asked and agreed to serve, even as I recognize that it will be another draw on my limited time. I ask for your prayers as the Committee goes about its work, looking for the leader to guide that special "place apart" into its next century of ministry.

It is a great gift to be a member of the Diocese of Virginia and of the (inter)national Episcopal Church. Mario+ and myself take those parts of our ministry seriously as have many in our congregation who have served at the Diocesan level and beyond in the "councils of the Church." In fact, the national church just put out a call to serve on the interim bodies between the triennial General Conventions. It can be found here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/applications-open-for-episcopal-church-interim-bodies/>. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any desire to serve the Church at the Diocesan or National level.

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES+

STILLNESS

No movement in tree buds,
Yet life is stirring
As blossoms burst forth.

No movement in grass stalks
Yet life is burgeoning
With ants and beetles in earth below.

No movement in clouds
Yet life is passing
With shadows and streaks of birds.

No movement in water
Yet life is floating
With silent silver forms beneath.

No movement in crib
Yet life is forming
With each sweet baby breath.

No movement in air
Yet life is fleeting
With each soft kiss of breeze.

No movement to disturb
Yet life is a blessing
Of God's creation.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox

News from The Service Ministry

Last days for the Cornerstones Back-to-School Drive

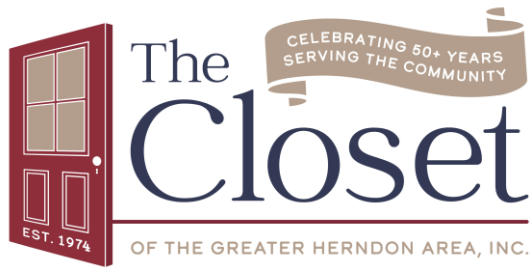
It is that time again! Children and faculty head back to the classroom in days, full of hopeful expectations for the school year! Due to financial constraints, not every child will be well equipped for that experience, so the Service Ministry continues its annual partnership with Cornerstones to provide backpacks to students in 16 area schools, now through August 7th. Here are the details:

- Backpacks must be new and without wheels or logos (other than the manufacturers' logo)
- Backpacks are needed for all ages, grades K – 12, **however the greatest need is for high school students (approx. 19" H by 10" W)**
- Please place your donation in the large bin in the Narthex by August 7th.
- You may shop from home by using Cornerstones [Amazon wish list](#). Items will ship free of charge directly to Cornerstones. If you chose this option, please email service@saint-timothys.org to let us know how many you purchase so we have an accurate tally.
- The Service Ministry goal is to collect 50 backpacks.

Questions? Write or speak to Carolyn Hamm, St. Timothy's representative on the Cornerstones Board of Directors, service@saint-timothys.org. *Thank you for putting your faith to work.*

Cornerstones works with 14 faith-based partners, as well as corporate partners, to promote stability, empowerment, and hope through support, advocacy, and community-building for individuals and families in need. Cornerstones is focused on several new projects, including a regional food rescue and distribution hub, building affordable housing, and expanding quality childcare and services. Interested in learning more about Cornerstones and what they do in our community? Check out this video: [Cornerstones Community Partner Video](#)





The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, Inc. Membership Board met on July 17. At that time, grant requests were discussed. The membership voted to give grants to the following organizations:

All Ages Read Together (\$5000)

Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters (BRAWS) (\$5000)

Brightpaths (\$4000)

By Faith Fund (\$2000)

Herndon-Reston FISH (\$10,000)

Insight Memory Care (\$5000)

Just Neighbors (\$5000)

She Believes in Me (\$5000)

Shelter House (\$5000)

Reston For A Lifetime (\$2000)

The Closet can make these grants thanks to our customers who Shop, our friends who Donate, and all the people who Volunteer. Thank you!

The Annual Toy Sale was held on Saturday, June 20. The income from the sale was approximately \$6000.

The Closet will "Turn Over" the season the weekend of August 3. Monday, August 5 the store will open with all new fall and winter merchandise.

The Everything Christmas Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9 at the Moose Lodge. Save the date!

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge

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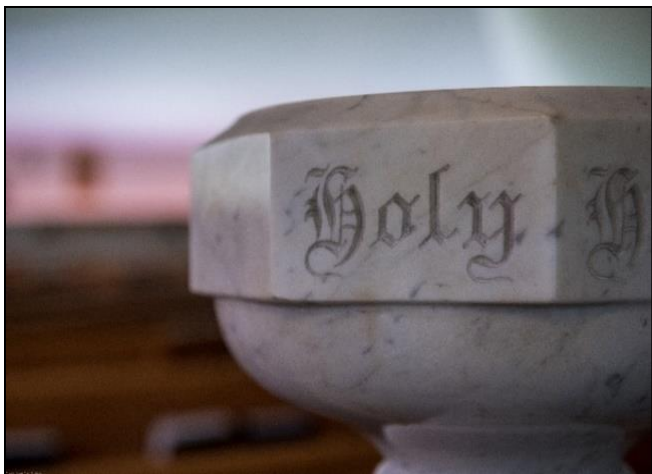
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Service Times

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.

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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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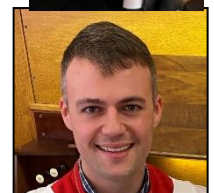
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