



The WORD

October 2024

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

I serve as the 20th Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, and I am oh-so proud of the 156 year history of this church in our community. However, when I introduce myself to new acquaintances and say what I do, people usually respond with: "St. Timothy's..... that's the one with the Preschool, right?" And I reply proudly: "Yes!!!"

This year is a special one as St. Timothy's Preschool is turning 50 years old! We are excited to celebrate all throughout this school year as we mark this historic moment in our life together.

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday May 17, 2025**, when we will gather at St. Timothy's for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and all things Preschool! Alumni and their parents, current students and their families, parishioners of the church and members of the community—all are invited for the occasion.

The planning for the event is already underway. Allyson Showalter, Director of St. Timothy's Preschool, and I are excited to announce the following as the leadership for the effort:

Helen Guest, Honorary Co-Chair
The Rev'd. Dr. Ralph Bayfield, Honorary Co-Chair

Betsy Bosworth, Co-Chair
Emily Chappell, Co-Chair

Be on the lookout all through this coming school year as we give thanks for the individuals who have been instrumental in the life of the preschool over the last half-century as well as opportunities for you to give financially to ensure another five decades of learning and friendship and community at St. Timothy's Preschool.

As both the chairperson of the St. Timothy's Preschool Board and as a proud alumni parent of a preschool graduate, I could not be more excited for the future of the school. Please join us in marking this special occasion.

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES +



P.S. I could not resist sharing the following documents from our archives concerning the Preschool's genesis.

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY, ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HERNDON, VIRGINIA, APRIL 21, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bayfield with a prayer at 8:05 p.m. Present were Mr. Bayfield, Messrs. Sproles, Bailey, Story, Bouton, Pope, Saunders, Major, Clem, Hills, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Shanks and Mrs. Crocker. Mr. Hutchison was absent. Also present were guests, Mrs. Marian O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Munch from the Y.W.C.A. Pre-School; Mr. DiVenere and Mrs. Davis.

The concept of St. Timothy's starting its own pre-school was discussed at some length, with consideration of cost, technical problems, legal implications and other areas. Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Munch were very helpful to this discussion due to their experiences with the present YWCA Pre-School. It was agreed that the entire proposal should be referred to a special committee to be formed. This committee will report as soon as possible to a special Vestry meeting.

It was moved and passed to charge \$100.00 a month for the YWCA's use of classrooms for a Kindercamp program this summer and to charge them not less than \$400.00 per month for classroom rental for the next school year if we decide not to form our own pre-school.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted with appreciation and the minutes of last month's meeting accepted as distributed.

The need for a parish meeting was discussed. It was agreed that such a meeting should be held on Sunday, May 11, 1975 after this is announced to the congregation.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING, ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, HERNDON, VIRGINIA, APRIL 30, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mr. Bayfield. Present were Mr. Bayfield, Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Shanks, Mrs. Thompson, Messrs. Hill, Story, Clem, Saunders, Hutchison, Pope, Major and guest, Mrs. Saunders.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss whether to renew our lease with the Y.W.C.A. Pre-School program or to start our own Pre-School. The budget of the YWCA and a proposed budget for St. Timothy's Pre-School were brought up and discussed along with a comparison of salaries and other expense items, as well as tuitions of other pre-schools. A long discussion followed concerning all aspects of pre-school operations. It was moved and seconded that St. Timothy's not renew the YWCA's contract for space here next fall and that St. Timothy's establish its own pre-school to begin in September 1975. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that \$100.00 be appropriated for three new fire extinguishers. The motion passed.

The Vestry agreed that we have no objection to the Church's neighbor putting up an attractive fence between our properties.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monroe A. Major, Register

Preschool Corner

This September begins St. Timothy's Pre-School's 50th year. Over that time, we have, in the words of our 1975 Bylaws, been "promoting the mental, physical, and spiritual growth of our children." This year we started with 82 students, ranging from 2½ years old to 5 years old, who come to play and learn with us. Downstairs is a noisy, busy, fun place when school is in session!

The Pre-School is doing something new this year: we are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from October 23-27. (We LOVE books!) Scholastic is going to send us display cases filled with books, mostly aimed at the pre-school age group with some K-2 included, which we will set up in Henry Hall. While this is primarily for our preschool families, we want to invite church participation as well. The plan is to have the Book Fair open for shopping during school hours on Wednesday through Friday, during our Back-to-School Night (Wednesday), during church services on Saturday and Sunday, and during the set-up for Trunk or Treat on Sunday afternoon. Look for times as well as volunteer opportunities to be announced in the E-news and Sunday bulletins.

We are also reprising our Trunk-or-Treat event. Back for its 4th year, Trunk or Treat is moving to Sunday afternoon this year. Once again, we have the Fabulous Retronauts providing music to entertain as participants decorate their cars, and youngsters will parade in their costumes then go trick-or-treating car to car. Prizes are awarded in various categories such as Best Decorated Trunk, Funniest Costume, and Best Group (matching costumes). Last year's prizes were awarded in 12 different categories. Everyone is invited to participate! You don't have to have children to come, listen to great music, give out candy, and enjoy young people having fun in their costumes. Look for a flyer elsewhere in The Word for information about how to register for Trunk-or-Treat.



Proceeds from Trunk-or-Treat and all the preschool fundraiser this year are going towards two projects: 1) throwing the preschool a huge 50th Birthday Bash on May 17 – including games, music, and food vendors and 2) updating the preschool playground. In the short term, the beloved pirate ship on the playground needs replacing because the plastic has cracked in places. But if you look closely at the other pieces out there such as the climbing caterpillar and the big climbing/sliding apparatus, you will see that the plastic is fading from over two decades of sunlight and use, and it won't be long before that equipment starts to crack, too. We have vendors proposing options for future replacements/enhancements. We appreciate any and all donations to help rejuvenate our playground to make it ready for the next 50 years!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW SEMINARIAN!!

Ellen Singer is a Postulant for Holy Orders from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. She is a second-year Masters in Divinity student at Virginia Theological Seminary, where she lives with her husband Dan and their two cats, Janet and Dana. Before seminary, Ellen worked in communications at diocesan and churchwide levels. She received a B.A. in Theology and Economics from Georgetown University and served as a case manager for asylum seekers and refugees through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She has also served as an editor at Earth & Altar Magazine and as a member of the Presiding Bishop's Delegation to the UN Climate Conference, COP26. Ellen belongs to the Order of the Daughters of the King and is a fan of Eurovision, crossword puzzles, and fashion history.



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Songs of Inspiration & Hope

Piano concert by Todd Grivetti

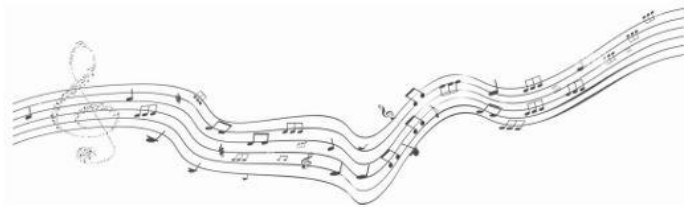
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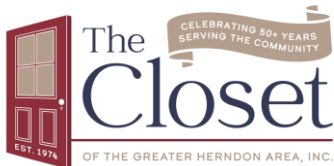
7:30 p.m.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
432 Van Buren St, Herndon, VA 20170



Come enjoy a contemplative evening of hymn favorites and offer prayers for the Saints and the upcoming election.





The Closet: Growing Up with the Community

Since its incorporation 50 years ago this month, The Closet has grown from a small, three-days-a-week, all-volunteer thrift shop operating out of a couple of unused church classrooms to a thriving operation with 18 full- and part-time employees occupying our own building and welcoming the public to shop six days a week. What has never changed is The Closet's commitment to serving the needy and vulnerable members of our community.

Over five decades, The Closet has distributed more than \$2.5 million to the community in the form of grants to local nonprofits and more than \$779,000 in the form of scholarships to local high school students. We have given away more than \$1.3 million in clothing and household items to clients referred by social service agencies. Our truck ministry to the Shenandoah Valley has provided tens of thousands of dollars' worth of clothing and other items to communities that lack the resources of Northern Virginia.

And, perhaps most importantly, our thrift shop has always been here in the community, offering low prices and quality merchandise to all comers – those in need or on a tight budget, bargain hunters, collectors, resellers, regardless of color, creed or religion. And, with your support, we will continue doing so for decades to come.

Please see this link to read a recent *Fairfax Now* article on The Closet:

https://www.ffxnow.com/2024/09/17/nonprofit-thrift-shop-celebrates-50-years-of-helping-herndon-families/?utm_source=FFXnow

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge

From the Service Ministry

The last quarter of the year is a very busy one for the Service Ministry. Events for October – December include:

- Our final 2024 LINK food drive October 13 – 27th. Our reusable blue grocery bags will be distributed October 13th for you to fill and return October 20th and 27th. We will provide a list of needed items with each bag.
- The Angel Tree Gifts for Kids Program will kick off November 15th and conclude December 6th. We will ask for your financial contributions to the Service Ministry Fund and we will then purchase the needed gift cards and deliver them to Cornerstones. Last year we raised over \$3,000! Recipients include children up to age 18 who have registered for the program, adult residents of the Embry Rucker Shelter, and senior neighbors who receive year-round support from Cornerstones.
- If you have a gently used winter coat (child or adult sizes), it can be donated to Fairfax County's Winter Coat Closet from October 15th through November 8th. Donations may be delivered directly to Cornerstones main office at 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, VA. You may contact Carolyn Hamm for further information.

Keep an eye on the weekly eNews for details on these projects. For other ways to put your faith to work, write to service@saint-timothys.org

Respectfully submitted by Tom Bosworth andCarolynn Hamm

St. Timothy's and Cornerstones Partnership

Did you know that St. Timothy's is a "Sponsoring Religious Organization" and holds a seat on the Cornerstones' Board of Directors? This allows St. Timothy's the opportunity to engage with our neighbors in our community in a much broader sense than we can on our own. Through our financial donations (the Vestry included \$2,000 from our 2024 annual budget in support) and our "gifts in kind" this is some of the work Cornerstones does in our community:

- Operates the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, aiding 615 individuals with services, and supported housing for 45.
- Through the Hypothermia Prevention program, hosts an average of 59 individuals per night, offering a warm place to sleep and a hot meal from December 1st – March 31st.
- Through the FREE from Hunger Center and the Cornerstones Pantry Program, distributed 165,000 lbs of food and essentials to families and individuals.
- Provides affordable childcare through the Laurel Learning Center.
- Donated over 1,600 backpacks to over 300 students heading back to school.
- Collected and distributed over 1,000 winter coats and provided Gift Cards for Kids to more than 1,436 children and 124 senior citizens.
- Provided over \$4 million in rental, food and other assistance to community members in need.
- Provided over 9,000 volunteer hours to community initiatives addressing systemic issues through the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center and other community connected sites.

If you're interested in learning more about ways that St. Timothy's and Cornerstones work together, write to service@saint-timothys.org or contact Carolyn Hamm, St. Timothy's representative to the Cornerstones Board.

Respectfully submitted byCarolynn Hamm

From the Haiti Ministry

St. Timothy's first helped children attending school in Chapoteau, Haiti for the 2010/2011 school year. Since then, we haven't missed a year, and we are the sole support to this wonderful Episcopal school. We fundraise for this (we call it an Agape) once a year, often in August. This year we have decided to postpone our campaign until January to allow us to better focus on the school and its story. Stay tuned for more on this effort and of course, your contribution to the Haiti School Fund is welcome at any time! If you have questions or are interested in helping, please write to HaitiMinistry@saint-timothys.org.

Respectfully submitted byCarolynn Hamm

GROWING HOPE IN DEMOCRACY
A TREE PLANTING EVENT

Ceremonial Tree Planting • Music & Readings • Notes of Hope

Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m. Haley M. Smith Park.
324 Van Buren St, Herndon, VA 20170
democracytreeva.com

NEW!

St. Tim's Christmas Market Village

Instead of holding a Christmas Bazaar this year, the Vestry wants to create a St. Tim's Christmas Market Village. We're asking ministries and individuals to consider opening "Christmas Shops" in Henry Hall to sell holiday items.

No commercial vendors will be invited, and we will not consider this event to be a Ministry Fair.

Possibilities for "shops" abound, and some ideas are:

- Bake Sale
- Gift baskets table (could be raffle table)
- Gently used Christmas decorations and ornaments
- "Regifts" table (items which have been received and never used)
- Gift wrapping table
- St Timothy's 2025 Calendar
- Hand decorated Christmas candles (not Yankee Candles)
- Advent Wreaths
- Handmade Ornaments
- Handmade Christmas Cards
- Mason jars filled with crafts
- Roasted Chestnuts
- Hot Cocoa
- Shawl Ministry items for sale

We will have pictures with Santa and fun and games for children.

Vestry liaisons will be speaking with ministries about possible opportunities to participate in the event.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex soon. Please watch for more information the upcoming weekly ads.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7, 2024** for the St. Tim's Christmas Market Village!

Respectfully submitted by Janet Dopsovic

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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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**Submission deadline for the
 November 2024 issue:
 Friday, October 25th**

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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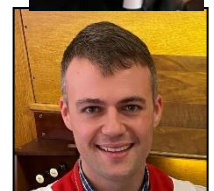
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