



The WORD

November 2024

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

I was at a community gathering recently where, after I introduced myself to someone, that person quickly shared that her children had attended and graduated from St. Timothy's Preschool some years ago. She also related that when her family was going through tough times, that the Preschool and Church helped them out via both financial and spiritual support.

I hear stories like this often. I share them not to self-congratulate but simply to tell a truth about who we are in the community. (I also share because I feel somewhat awkward being the recipient of thanks for something I was not here for!) That truth is: **St. Timothy's welcomes neighbor and stranger alike with open arms, sharing God's love in so many ways.**



I want to continue talking about Preschool this month, as we gear up for our 50th Anniversary Celebration of learning and education and formation at St. Timothy's Preschool. I would like to share some thoughts about our Preschool, realizing that this might be review for some, new information for others, but hoping that it will be helpful for all.

1) St. Timothy's Preschool is a **ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**. That is, just as we have a Music Ministry and a Service Ministry and a Christian Education Ministry, our Preschool works to serve the mission of St. Timothy's Church. The Preschool is under the direction of a Preschool Board, chaired by me. I appoint a Preschool Director (currently Allyson Showalter). The Board has ultimate responsibility for the well-being of the school. Please know that this Board, composed of parishioners with deep connections to the Preschool, takes that charge seriously. The members of the Board are: Lydia Gough, Helen Guest, Carolyn Hamm, Jackson Hauslein, Bob Kimmel, Jill Norcross, and Matt Schumann (Vestry Liaison).

2) A portion of St. Timothy's Preschool bylaws¹ reads as follows:

does not provide sectarian, religious instruction or worship as part of its program. It operates on the premise that the church's mission can best be expressed by a "living out the values" of Christianity rather than "teaching them" in a formalized sense or setting.

¹ The full Bylaws can be found after this article.

It is well that our Director reads from this portion of the Bylaws often in public settings—at teacher trainings, Parents Meetings, etc. to help clarify the mission and relationship. In other words, the Preschool is a **ministry of the church, for the community**. Demographically, our Preschool is a remarkable reflection of the demographics of the surrounding community, particularly in terms of religious and ethnic background.

3) Although the relationship between “upstairs” and “downstairs” is constantly evolving and changing, **the relationship between Church and Preschool is characterized by mutual interdependence, strong communication and support**. I have said many times, paraphrasing 1st Corinthians 12.16, that when “the Preschool does well, the Church does well, and vice versa.” We share in programming, building maintenance, pastoral care and so much more.

As an example of the *opposite* of this, at one church I worked a former Rector was once to have remarked: “The only thing that we and the Preschool share is a door knob.” Nothing could be further from the truth at 432 Van Buren St! The Church and Preschool Staff are in constant communication, working through scheduling and matters mundane and crucial to our shared ministry.

During this month and in our 50th Celebration Year, I give thanks for that shared ministry. As always, if you have any questions about the Preschool, please feel free to contact myself, Allyson, or one of our Board Members. Or wait until future issues of the WORD, where we will continue to celebrate the first fifty years of our marvelous Preschool.

Yours in Christ,

Charles R. Cowherd

P.S. A reminder to mark your calendars for **Saturday May 17, 2025, from 3-6 pm** 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 and I are excited to work with the following leadership in the effort:

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

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

ST. TIMOTHY'S PRE-SCHOOL
BYLAWS

as amended
August 1995

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVE

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be St. Timothy's Pre-School. It is a nonprofit organization sponsored by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church under the direction of the Pre-School Board reporting to the rector, wardens, and vestry.
- Section 2. The Pre-School is a social outreach program of the church and is a part of the church's ministry to the local community. It is an integral part of the church's ministry and those associated with the Pre-School, whether as staff, parents, or friends, are to be considered a part of the large church family to the extent they wish to be so involved. The church's commitment to the Pre-School and its program is based on the understanding that all children deserve a quality, affordable program built on accepted early childhood practices and implemented by a professional, caring staff.

The Pre-School does not provide sectarian, religious instruction or worship as part of its program. It operates on the premise that the church's mission can best be expressed by a "living out the values" of Christianity rather than "teaching them" in a formalized sense or setting. One of the Pre-School's primary objectives is to provide a loving and nurturing human environment for children to learn to respect and care for themselves and others without regard to gender, race, nationality, or religious or ethnic background. The church and the Pre-School agree that fostering these values in a church-sponsored environment demonstrates to the children, their parents, and the community that we do care about their respective needs. A program of learning is offered that will provide readiness for future school experiences.

The philosophy guiding the Pre-School's programs is based on helping each child build a positive self-image through his or her intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development.

ARTICLE II. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The St. Timothy's Pre-School shall be directed by a board of six to nine members which shall be known as the St. Timothy's Pre-School Board. Two of the members shall be a representative from the Education Committee and the Building & Grounds Committee. Other members will initially be appointed by the rector, who will appoint replacements to the Board as needed. The rector shall be considered the presiding officer.

Section 2. The Board shall meet at least two times a year and on call of the rector, the wardens, or by any three Board members.

The two regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Mid January -- to receive financial report from June through November so that decisions may be made prior to opening registration for the following fall term. This meeting shall be considered the first meeting of the year to enable Board member changes to reflect new Vestry elections.
2. Mid Summer (or within six weeks of school opening) -- to receive the financial report from December of the previous year through May of the current year and to hear reports on registration, staff changes, building conditions, etc. at start of school year.

Section 3. St. Timothy's Pre-School shall have a Director who shall be hired by the Board and approved by the rector. The Director shall be responsible for hiring teachers and assistant teachers who shall be approved by the rector. The number of teachers and assistant teachers shall be determined by the school enrollment. They shall have the necessary professional training, experience, and other general qualifications required for a first-class school. The Director shall be responsible for the operation and running of the Pre-School. This shall also include the recruitment of students; publicity; purchasing of necessary materials, furnishings and supplies; the maintenance of a sound financial program; the keeping of records; sending out of contracts to parents of children; and the collection of fees. He/she may call on the Board for assistance in these matters. He/she shall report twice a year to the Board on the status of the school.

ARTICLE III. FUNDING

Section 1. Funding of the Pre-School shall be from revenues received from parents of children enrolled and from fund raisers. A Pre-School account separate from the church account shall be maintained by the Director and his/her designee. Reimbursement for use of St. Timothy's Church buildings, grounds, wear and tear, insurance, janitorial services, utilities etc. shall be paid by the Pre-School to the church. An equitable amount for these services will be agreed upon annually by the Board and the rector.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any child shall be eligible for enrollment who meets the health, age, and emotional requirements established in the bylaws of this Constitution. No child shall be refused on the basis of race, religion, or sex. In accepting applications for enrollment in a pre-enrollment period (the last two weeks of January or as the Board shall see fit), preference will be given in this order:

- 1) children of currently enrolled families
- 2) children of families previously enrolled
- 3) children of communicants of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, as defined in the following sections of Title I, Canon 17:

Section 1 (2)

All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof.

Section 2 (a)

All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church.

Section 2 (b)

For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered adult communicants.

Section 3

All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

At the conclusion of the pre-enrollment period, registration will be open to the public. Classes will be filled on a random selection basis.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended on recommendation of the Pre-School Board and with the approval of the rector.

Spanish version:

**La paz no es producto del terror ni del miedo.
La paz no es el silencio de los cementerios.
La paz no es producto de una violencia y de una represión que calla.
La paz es la aportación generosa, tranquila, de todos para el bien de todos.
La paz es dinamismo.
La paz es generosidad, es derecho y es deber.**

English version:

**Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism.
Peace is generosity.
It is right and it is duty.**

(San Oscar Romero)

Have you witnessed or experienced moments of peace? Can we identify the signs of true peace? I could say, "I will go to the Bible and learn about peace." And then you find that Jesus tells us he did not come to "bring peace to the earth." You keep reading and find that he has "not come to bring peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10:34). I would not blame you if you said, "Hang on, wait a minute; I thought Jesus was supposed to be the Prince of Peace. I am not feeling a lot of peace here."

A journalist once asked San Oscar Romero about the divisions among the bishops in El Salvador. In his reply, he cited the verse above and said that Jesus 'was talking about divisions in the family.' That's because "true unity is not romanticism. It's not appearances. The kind of unity that Christ calls for is unity in truth. And that truth is hard sometimes. It means giving up things we like. True unity means that kind of sacrifice. So it's not hard to understand that within the church there might still be division."

I look forward to working with you to make St. Timothy's a light among many, illuminating the road to true peace and the path of 'generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all' in our communities. After all, it is our right and duty.

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Songs of Inspiration & Hope

Piano concert by Todd Grivetti

Friday, November 1, 2024

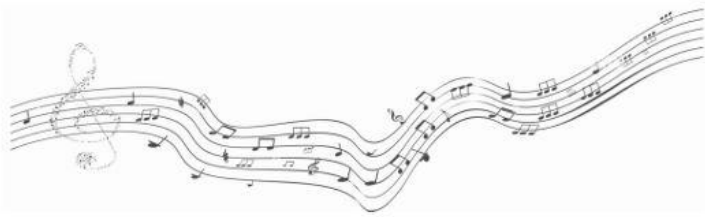
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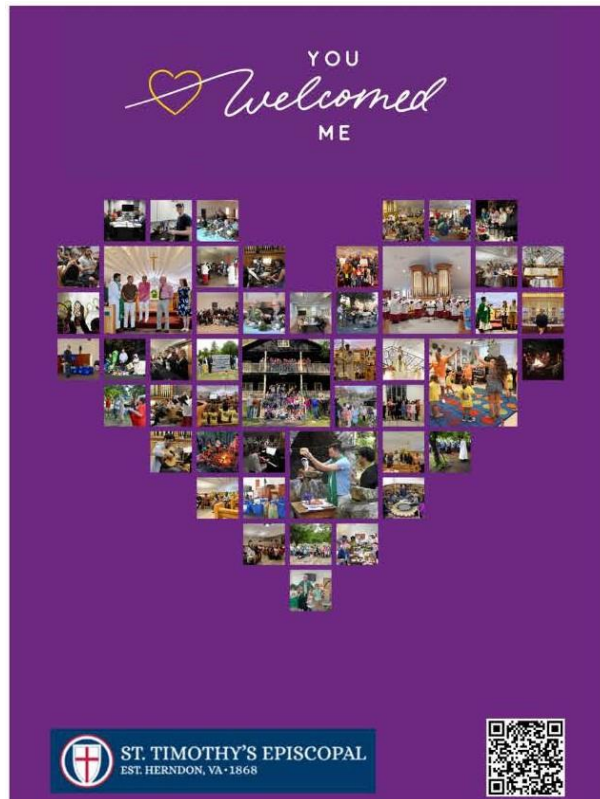
Come enjoy a contemplative evening of hymn favorites and offer prayers for the Saints and the upcoming election.



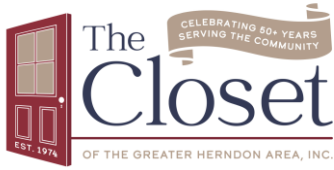
FROM TODD: I'm determined to exude JOY in 2024 and what better way than to be able to share this special evening with you. Are you anxious about the upcoming election? Have you lost someone that meant a lot to you in your life? Do you need some calm and peace in this hectic life of ours? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES," then I believe this is where you need to be on November 1 at 7:30 pm. Join me as I play some of my favorite arrangements of famous hymns, in the hopes of inspiring you and bringing you hope, joy, and peace. I hope to see you! Please share!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Season is upon us! All throughout October, we have celebrated the shared gifts of time, talent, and treasure in our St. Timothy's family. **A letter went out on 10/1 from the church asking you to fill out a pledge card for 2025. Thanks to all those who returned their pledge cards already.** Please consider your pledge prayerfully and in the knowledge that all our gifts come from a gracious and all-loving God.



Our theme this year is "**You Welcomed Me**" and our Stewardship Moments have featured various ministries and how they have welcomed others into our community. The formal part of Stewardship Campaign closed with a collection of pledges and special Coffee Hour celebration on **Sunday, November 3rd but know that pledges still will be accepted!**



The Closet Board met October 16 and voted to make grants to the following local non-profits organizations: Arts Herndon, Fairfax Diapers, Food for Neighbors, Haven of Northern Virginia, Helping Hungry Kids, Herndon-Reston FISH, Herndon Village Network, KidPower Virginia, Langley Residential, Northern Virginia Diaper Bank, Vecinos Unidos and Wreaths Across American (Herndon Womens' Club for Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon).

Everything Christmas

Date Change!! The annual Everything Christmas sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 15-16 at Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, Herndon.

Friday – 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday – 9:00-noon

Volunteers are needed November 11-15 to sort, price and display holiday merchandise from 10:00- 4:00 daily

Student volunteers are needed on Sunday, November 10 from 2:00-4:00 to help unload the bins at Moose Lodge and carry them inside. Students will receive volunteer hours for their school.

This is the SignUp Genius, please consider helping The Closet with the Everything Christmas sale this year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABA62BA6F4C61-theclosets#/>

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Timothy is scheduled to volunteer on November 2 and November 25. If you have a few hours please consider volunteering at The Closet (845 Station Street, Herndon).

Thank you for shopping, volunteering and donating at The Closet. For information about volunteering, here is a link to The Closet: <https://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/volunteer>

Thank you for shopping, donating and volunteering at The Closet.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge

From the Service Ministry

It's Angel Tree Season!

Once again St. Timothy's will partner with Cornerstones "Gifts for Kids Program" to make the holidays special for children in need in our community. Families will receive gift cards in lieu of physical presents to ensure the safety of donors, recipients, and volunteers. Parents will receive the gift cards in early December so that they may shop for their children. St. Timothy's has committed to supporting 32 children and four senior citizens. Each client in the program has been vetted by Cornerstones.

We ask for financial donations to the Service Ministry Fund. We will purchase the requested gift cards from various vendors and deliver them directly to Cornerstones. Your donation will appear on your giving statement. Ways to give include:

- by credit card from the church website [St. Timothy's Credit Card Giving](#), selecting the Service Fund.
- by check made out to St. Timothy's with Service Fund on the memo line, placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

Contributions are appreciated by November 30th. The need is great, so please, consider putting your faith to work by supporting both young and old neighbors through the Angel Tree project. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hamm at service@saint-timothys.org.

October Food Drive for LINK

The Service Ministry collected two SUVs full of non-perishable food and personal items during the October Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped fill the pantry shelves. If you have donations that haven't yet made it to the church, feel free to stop by with your donations anytime the church is open, leaving them in the basket outside the church office. Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm



St. Tim's Christmas Village Market

We're moving the Christmas Village Market – Mark your calendars!

*SUNDAY December 8th from 9-10 am
and after the 10:00 service.*

1. **Saint Nicholas** will be in Henry Hall to snap pictures with you, your children & grandchildren.
2. A **ride-on train for toddlers** and a **1950s Lionel Train** display will be available for everyone's enjoyment.
3. Get your face painted at **Henna Happenings** by artist Evelyn Smith.
4. Annemarie Smith will serve her homemade **Reindeer Bites** for you to nibble while you shop.
5. Find something warm to buy for your loved ones at the **Cozy Corner** (aka the Shawl Ministry).
6. The much-awaited **Saint Timothy's 2025 Calendars** will be on sale.
7. Create your own **Advent Wreath** (guided by Emily Litz).
8. Purchase one-of-a-kind crafts from the **Just a Simple Peddler Shop** (Anne & Gerry Vandenberg, Proprietors).
9. Find unique gifts at **Ye Olde Re-gift Store**, courtesy of the Generations Ministry for that special someone.
10. Much more to come – add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Janet Dopsovic jgdops@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER

Originally the ninth month in the Roman calendar, this month has become one which we remember several events like Veterans Day (called Remembrance Day in the UK). I always watch (with tears), the impressive, prayerful service held before the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London after which hundreds of ex-servicemen and women respectfully march past there leaders laying wreathes of poppies made by the ex-soldiers who are helped by the British Legion which provides homes, financial help and hospital/residential care for veterans who serve/served over many years. Not many from WWI now, I'm afraid. I make sure that three silk poppies made by veterans are set in a magnificent display in front of Westminster Abbey. They recognize the deaths of two uncles, who gave their lives in WWII - one on the torpedoed aircraft carrier "HMS Victorious," which was escorting the Norwegian Royal family to safety in the U.K., and the other shot down during a raid upon Munich and the third a friend's father, who suffered greatly in the Merchant Navy on several convoys to get aid to Russia. There are usually lovely pictures online of this display and the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph is broadcast in full online.

In England in 1605, a group of Catholic protesters planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament to strike against the restrictions upon the Catholic church after the institution of the Church of England headed by Henry the Eighth became the "national" church". Mind you he retained the title of "Fidie Defensor" awarded by the Pope, which remains in the title of the King and is on British coins to this day!

Guy Fawkes was involved in smuggling containers of explosives into the cellars below the House of Commons and was captured there after betrayal by one of his own "party" He and others were found guilty of treason and burned at the stake on November 5th and have ironically been "celebrated" with bonfires on this date, on which an effigy made from old clothing, stuffed with leaves and dry grass cuttings, and straw hair, is burned while fireworks are set off and potatoes are cooked in the ashes of the bonfires

This year has brought the date November 5th into the forefront here, as it is Election Day! Every year in the U.K. it features as a rather ironic "festival" called Guy Fawkes Night! For many years, children, including my brother and cousins, after WWII, made a "guy" from cast off clothing, which we stuffed with newspaper and placed in a wheelbarrow, which we pushed to a nearby corner of the street to wait patiently (probably impatiently!) for passers-by to whom we appealed "Penny for the guy, sir/madam miss)" with which we intended to buy fireworks to be let off in our backyard as we stood around a bonfire, which my grandfather supervised as he burned all the garden rubbish collected during the Autumn. He used the ashes as fertilizer in some parts of our garden and the "allotment" he rented nearby and always claimed that our bountiful harvest of potatoes and tomatoes was due to the quality of the ashes!

While the "guy" burned on top of the bonfire, in the years after 1947 when munitions factories had changed from arms manufacture to more frivolous items, fireworks were left off, which is when I disappeared (as did many children of similar age) as the "bangs" and "swooshes" were too much of a reminder of dangerous times. I did quite like the "sparklers" which had no explosive factors, but produced showers of colored "raindrops" with which you could make patterns in the air.

We were a very fortunate family, in that my grandfather was an excellent farmer/gardener and produced enough potatoes to be cooked in the ashes of the bonfire, which was a treat for everyone. I don't think we had enough butter to add to this treat - we may have had margarine by 1947!

Poor old Guy Fawkes! How ironic that his cause and awful death should be "celebrated" each year, but thank God, in the main differences have been modified, perhaps even eradicated - at least that is what I hope and pray for and we must continue to work towards tolerance and understanding between those of different congregations and know that we essentially worship the same God, Creator of all the world, who

gives the gift of freewill and offers two great commandments, the second of which is: "Love thy neighbor as thyself" - something we seem to find hard to do in this troubled world.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox

Editor's note: Jill wanted her readers to know that, although she will be in the UK from Nov 8 through Dec 17, she has already submitted something for next month's Word. She looks forward to being back with us for Christmas.

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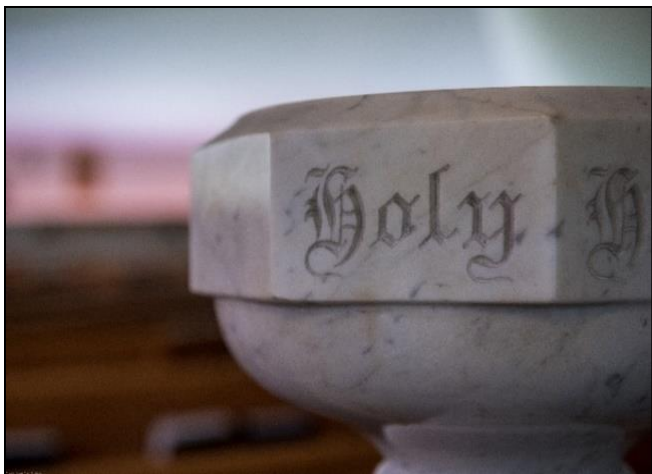
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Service Times

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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**Submission deadline for the
 December 2024 issue:
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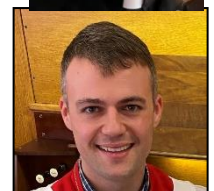
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