



# The WORD

January 2025

**Dear St. Timothy's Family,**

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ and Happy New Year in the Year of our Lord 2025!

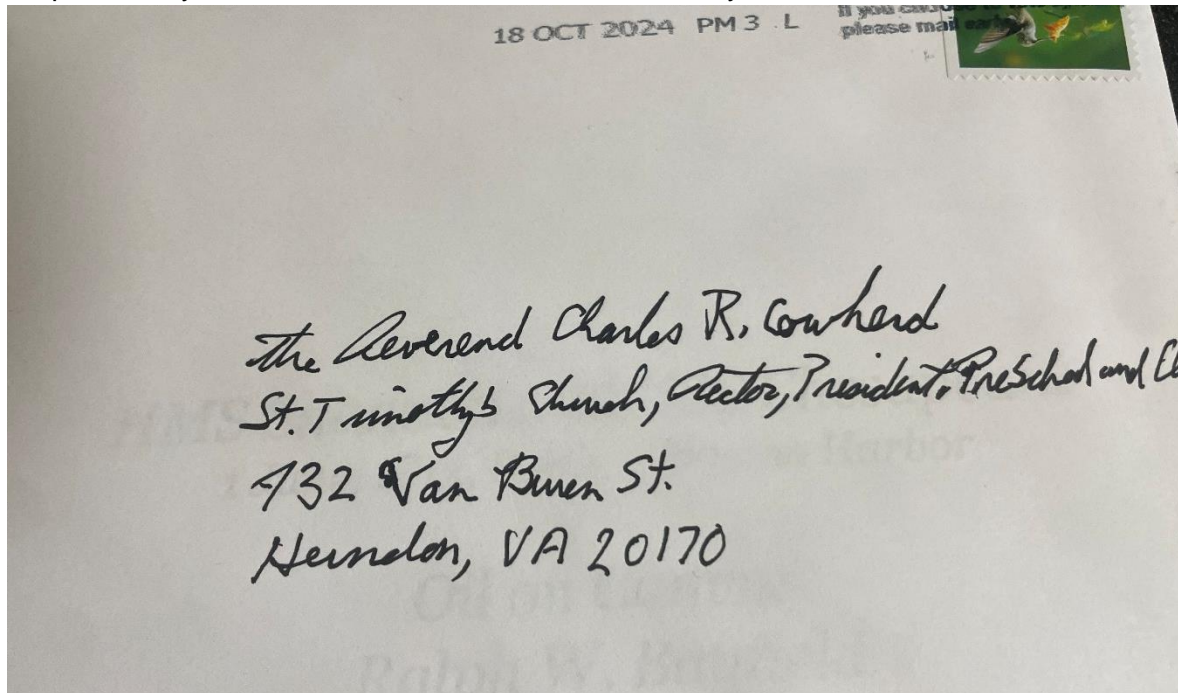
This calendar year will feature two special moments as we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Timothy's Preschool and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shrine Mont, our Diocesan Camps and Conference Center. The latter holds such a special place in my heart, and in the hearts of so many of you, so I cannot wait to celebrate its centennial throughout 2025. Details to follow but mark your calendars for August 6<sup>th</sup> celebrating 100 years since the Consecration of the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1925. For more information go here: <https://www.shrinemont.com/our-100th-anniversary/>



St. Timothy's Preschool also holds a special place in my heart. To paraphrase that old commercial (*Hair Club for Men?*): "I am not only the Chairperson of the Board for St. Timothy's, I am also a proud parent of an alumnus." I believe fervently in the quality of education that takes place there.

50 years ago, my predecessor and friend, the Reverend Doctor Ralph Bayfield, along with the Vestry and congregation of St. Timothy's Church, founded St. Timothy's Preschool. Instruction began in the Fall of 1975, and so this year we are celebrating its half-century. **That effort will culminate with a Birthday Bash Celebration on Saturday May 17, 2025, from 3-6 pm.** 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.

Ralph recently wrote me a letter, addressed to me thusly:



In only the way that Ralph can, he elevated me to “President” of the institution. I could not be more honored! Ralph has frequently talked about the inscription on his niche in the Columbarium and hoping that there is space to mention his founding of the Preschool. That’s how proud he is of it, and I share in that pride as “President” of our Preschool

In December, our seminarian, Ellie Singer, and I conducted a Nativity Lesson for our Preschool, sharing the story of Jesus’ birth to 80-some children. It’s one of my favorite ministry moments of the year and it highlights the symbiosis of church and school.

Allyson Showalter, Preschool Director, and Cathy Cuttrell, Assistant Director, work so hard to run our fantastic school. They are here before the school opens at 8 AM and after it closes at 4 pm. They, along with their talented staff, are committed and caring professionals who we are lucky to have. Please join me and the Preschool Board in saluting them the next time you see them.

The Preschool always needs your support. We will be asking for it in the future as the Playground equipment is passing its point of usability, the mulch therein needs “remulching,” etc. For now, please do keep the Preschool in your prayers throughout 2025, plan on attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration, and enjoy the below from our archives!

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES+

VESTRY AGENDA  
April 21, 1975

8:00 P.M. Opening Prayer

✓ Pre-School Consultants; Kindercamp

✓ Minutes - Mr. Major

✓ Treasurer's Report - Mr. Bouton

Notice of Life of Parish Discussion ~~////~~ 2 weeks - Committees mtg in interim

Committee Reports: Schedule Meetings

1. Stewardship: Talent Canvass, Cash Flow, Funding
2. Outreach: Region V, Herndon Recreational Representative
3. Administration: Electric bill, Seminarian, Buildings, Grounds, Maintenance, Copier
4. Worship: Music, Chants
5. Education: Church School Teachers, Curriculum, Adult Education, YPF, Report of Lenten Programs
6. New Building Committee Formation

7<sup>30</sup> Husky

New Business

Parish Seal bbbbbb

Announcements

Reston Chorale, April 27, 4 p.m.  
Whitsunday Picnic, Bruin Park, May 18, 12 Noon  
Godspeed and Bon Voyage to Senior Warden  
Next Vestry Meeting, May 19, 8 p.m. in Church

10:00 P.M. Adjournment



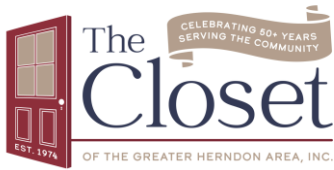
60-70 children

Advantages of St. V. takeover preschool

- better program
- shared equipment
- advancing
- parental involvement
- better office moral

Disadvantages

- hidden costs?
- staff???????



## **News from The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, Inc.**

The Closet – December 2024

The Closet closes out another successful year and looks forward to its 51<sup>st</sup> year of operation.

As you clean out your closets in the new year or downsize, keep The Closet in mind for donations. Donation hours are Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday-Saturday (no donations on Thursdays) from 8:00-noon. Donations are dropped off in the back of The Closet – staff is there to help you unload your items. Staff can also provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

The Closet will be closed January 2 and 3 (Thursday and Friday) to replenish stock and rearrange the store. Come by on Saturday, January 4 to see what is new!

The Closet has updated its website – check it out: <https://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org>. The website has information about donation items accepted and about volunteering. Students are welcome to volunteer – information about that is on the site too.

Thank you for supporting The Closet.

*Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge*



## News From the Service Ministry

### Looking Back on 2024, and Forward to 2025

The Service Ministry is grateful for the dedication and generosity of the good people of St. Timothy's. In 2024 you supported four food drives, donated used musical instruments for middle and high school students, fed warm meals to the unhoused, donated new backpacks to school children and responded with abundant generosity to the Gift Cards for Kids program this Christmas time. Truly, St. Tim's is the heart of our community. We thank you profusely for your tremendous support!

With the money allocated to the Service Ministry from the General Fund we purchased coats for the Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet, purchased nearly 1,000 diapers for LINK, donated \$250 to the Boys Home of Virginia and \$1,500 to the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (ECT) in Bat Cave, NC. ECT is one of the churches in the Diocese of Western North Carolina that was badly affected by Tropical Storm Helene in late September. Their building still stands but the area surrounding it, including roads into the area were devastated. They do not know when they will be able to worship together in their own building. We are inspired by the resilience of their Rector, Fr. John Roberts, and the parishioners, who are rallying together to worship and to help each other. While our offering is small compared to the need, we know that it is deeply appreciated, and we are all hopeful that we may be able to assist in other ways. If you are interested in learning more, visit their website <https://www.ectransfiguration.org>. Please keep them in your prayers.

2025 is now here and we look forward to bringing you many opportunities to ***put your faith to work*** including in January, an Agape to raise funds for St. Mathieu's school in Chapoteau, Haiti, volunteer opportunities on Martin Luther King Day (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>) and a LINK food drive. Stay tuned to eNews for further details.

*Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm*

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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](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form.

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 February 2025 issue:  
 Monday, January 27th**

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*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](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

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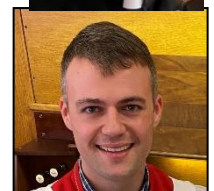
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