



The WORD

February 2025

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

Last month, I had the great pleasure of visiting the National Gallery in Washington D.C. and the exhibit entitled: "Spirit & Strength: Modern Art from Haiti." On display through March 9, 2025 in the East Building, (Mezzanine — Gallery 214), the exhibit features celebrated Haitian artists of the 20th century along with artists building upon their legacy today.¹

Within the exhibit, there are religious depictions, Haitian music, and an interactive section for children. For someone like myself who has never been to Haiti, it's one of the closest ways that I will come in the near future to experiencing the country and culture up close.

Another way, of course, is our upcoming Haiti Agape to be held here at St. Timothy's on the first three weekends of February. Our fundraising campaign for our school in Chapoteau, St. Mathieu's, is happening a bit out of the normal schedule but I hope that you will join with me and my family in making a generous contribution to our school partners in Haiti.

We have a wonderful lineup of events planned for the Agape 2025. On February 2nd, the Reverend Canon Serena Beeks will join us via a video message to answer: **Why is the Episcopal Church in Haiti?** Over the past 20 years, Serena+, the U.S. Coordinator for Haiti Episcopal School Partnerships, has traveled to Haiti, sometimes several times a year, whenever political conditions allowed, to further the connections between our church and Haiti's schools.

On February 9th, our own Aceline Hyppolite, parishioner at St. Tim's and native of Haiti, will give a "pulpit pitch" on **Why is education so important in Haiti?** Aceline and her family live in Reston and came to St. Timothy's last year in part because of our relationship to Haiti. Her eldest child attends our Pre-school while the youngest was baptized here in May 2024.

Finally, on February 16th, Péré Gracia will provide a video message from the school in Haiti, reminding us



¹ [Spirit & Strength: Modern Art from Haiti](#)

of the depth of the connection that we have with St. Mathieu's and the acute need that the school and country face.

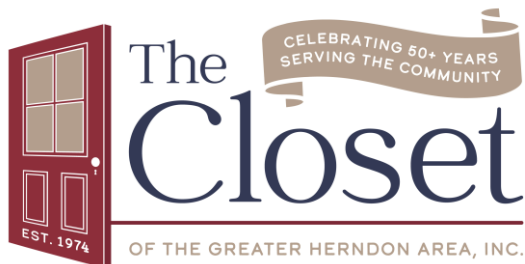


So many of you have given so generously over the years to our friends in Haiti. Know that we are counting on your support as we continue our decade plus support of this school. If you have any questions, please ask myself or a member of the Haiti Team (Paige Williamson or Carolyn Hamm) at teamhaiti@saint-timothys.org

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God bless,

CHARLES+



The Closet Board met on January 15, 2025 to vote for grant distribution to the following organizations: Pathway Homes, Herndon-Reston Rotary Club for Imagination Library, Stroke Comeback Center, Herndon-Reston FISH, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Fellowship Square, Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia, Mobile Hope and Computer Core. Benevolence checks were sent to the 19 active congregations that support The Closet.

Visit The Closet – the retail layout has been changed to make shopping easier for our customers.

The Closet loves volunteers! Do you have a couple of hours to do some good for our community? Volunteer at The Closet. Volunteer jobs are available on the retail floor as well as in the work area. Some volunteer jobs can be done sitting down. Please consider this worthwhile opportunity. Have questions about volunteering at The Closet? Send an email to Holly Hartge (mhhvirginia@verizon.net.) Volunteers are welcome Monday-Saturday from 8:30-4:30.

² Hector Hyppolite, *Houses by the Bay*, c. 1944-1945, oil wash on cardboard under glass, ([Spirit & Strength: Modern Art from Haiti](#))

While it is only February, note that there is a date change for the annual Everything Christmas Sale – this year it will be October 3-4 and again at Moose Lodge. More details as we get closer to the date.

Thank you for shopping-donating- volunteering at The Closet, 845 Station Street, Herndon.
<https://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org>

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge



Mark your calendars - St. Timothy's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!!

When: Tuesday, March 4th 6 – 7:30 pm

Where: Henry Hall

Menu: Pancakes, ham, applesauce, coffee, apple juice etc...

Come indulge in pancakes, ham, applesauce, coffee, and apple juice. It's a time to share laughter, stories, and good company as we build connections within our church family.

We encourage everyone to bring their friends and family to enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship. Your presence will undoubtedly enhance the warmth and sense of community that makes St. Timothy's so special.

Let's come together to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, enjoy delicious food, and strengthen the bonds that make our church family so vibrant. We look forward to seeing you there!

We ask that if you plan to attend, please put your name and the number of family members/friends planning on attending with you on the sign-up sheet in Henry Hall after Sunday services.

News From the Service Ministry

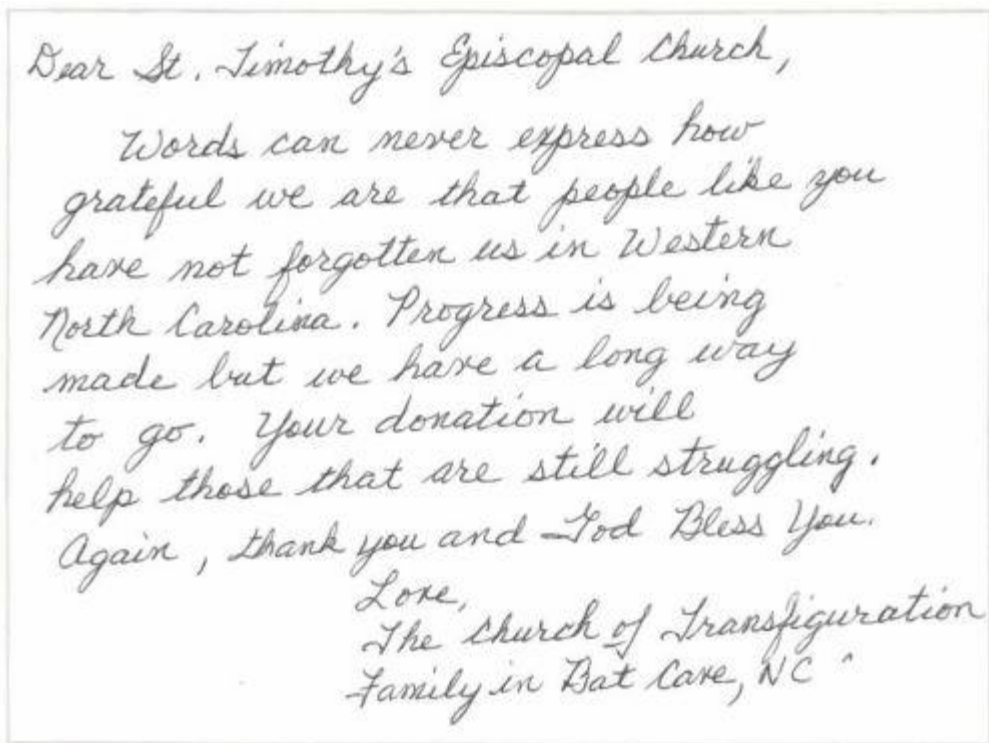
2025 started with a bang, with St. Tim's parishioners putting their faith to work supporting two initiatives:

- On January 20th we had our first ever Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service where we assembled 150 snack packs for children and adults at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. Thirty-five folks turned out on a very cold, snowy day to do this good work and to share pizza and fellowship. We hope to do it again.
- During the month of January, we conducted the first quarterly food drive for LINK, with excellent results!

Thank you for your support to both efforts. In February we turn our attention to raising money for St. Mathieu's School in Chapoteau, Haiti and in March we will be providing meals to the Hypothermia Shelter on the 2nd and 16th. Watch the eNews for the details. We will also be announcing our Lenten Outreach Program in early March. For further information write to service@saint-timothys.org.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm

Response from Transfiguration Parish in Bat Cave, NC



Dear St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
Words can never express how grateful we are that people like you have not forgotten us in Western North Carolina. Progress is being made but we have a long way to go. Your donation will help those that are still struggling. Again, thank you and God Bless You.
Love,
The Church of Transfiguration
Family in Bat Cave, NC

Blessings Bags

Last fall, the Community Engagement Team started looking at how we could help some of the unhoused people in our area.

St. Timothy's is no stranger to helping our neighbors in need. In fact, historically,

“The Closet, Herndon's highly successful used clothing exchange, had its beginnings at St. Timothy's in the 1970s. A young deacon initiated the first shelter for the homeless in Fairfax County in 1984. Volunteers set up cots and provided dinners in Henry Hall. Other churches joined in the effort, which continued until the Embry Rucker Shelter was built in nearby Reston.” The Word, November 2007. <https://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/word/11-2007.pdf>

St. Timothy's hypothermia shelter, along with the efforts of other area churches, would help give birth to Reston Interfaith which became Cornerstones and the Embry Rucker Shelter.



Hypothermia. It's a real issue always – and especially at this time of year.

Many of the unhoused in our area do not use the shelter, and many also prefer to maintain as much independence as they can. All year round, despite the weather, they spend a great deal of time outside.

We decided to create “Blessings Bags” to aid their wellbeing and their independence with items specifically researched and hoped to have the most potential benefit. We contacted people with experience with this community of folks to get ideas and to test the soundness of our own well-meaning ideas.

The final bags pairs of thick shoe covers, lip balm, fruit C, tooth care kit, tissue moistened cloth –all in a

purpose zip bag, inside a larger weather resistant

The bags were blessed during the January 12th We enclosed a message of hope and care, and a Timothy's. We hope you will pray alongside us for ultimately receive a Blessings Bag, and the need as a whole.

Wednesday, the bags were dropped off at which had agreed to distribute them.

This year, Community Engagement was able to Blessings Bags. In addition to our time, care, research, and more, we used our allocated ministry budget for this project. For the next cold weather season, we would like to make even more bags – hopefully with help from our loving St. Timothy's family.



contained 2 warm socks, hand warmers, bars, Emergen- and grooming packs, and pre-body wash- reusable multi-string bag.

10am service. prayer from St. those who will community in

Cornerstones

create 60



We hope and pray you and yours are safe, healthy, and warm.

Love in Christ,

Respectfully submitted by

St. Timothy's Community Engagement Team

Anne, Sandy S., Sandy W., Danny, Midori, and Melissa



Agape for St. Mathieu's School in Chapoteau, Haiti

Over the next three weeks you will hear about the relationship between St. Timothy's and a small Episcopal school, St. Mathieu's, in the rural village of Chapoteau, Haiti. That relationship started in 2010, when we sent 15 children to school, and continues today, where we provide the sole financial support to a school of 250 children, ten teachers and four administrators. Our funds pay the salaries of the teachers who work in conditions that we would consider primitive, and they do it with professionalism, dedication, and joy. The building is of cinder block construction, has no electricity, running water, or plumbing. The teacher's walk to school wearing shirts and ties and the children in uniforms, often carrying their shoes to keep them clean. It is a beautiful sight.

During our Agape (which means of the Episcopal Church in Haiti, the Haitian children, and how St. relationship with Chapoteau. The course, to raise money. It takes for the teacher's salaries. They long time. Typically, we fundraise however we did not hold a are nearly empty. We have through the first quarter of 2025, so



love) you will hear about the role importance of education to Timothy's developed its purpose of all of this is, of about \$28,000 per year to pay have not had a raise in a very for this Ministry once a year, fundraiser in 2024 so our coffers currently paid our commitment we are hoping for a healthy campaign result.



Donations may be made by check to St. Timothy's with Haiti School Fund on the memo line, or by credit card at this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKM0/campaign/C-14P2F>

Please wander into Henry Hall and see the display of photos and videos from years when we were able to send a mission team (the last in 2018) as well as recorded messages from the Pere Kesner Gracia, the Priest in Charge of the Region, and Mr. Jacob Venet, Director of the school. We will try to answer any questions that you have. And of course, we ask for your prayers for our children and all the people of Haiti.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm



Pre-School Birthday Bash

St. Timothy's Pre-School is planning a birthday party – for us! We are celebrating our 50th birthday!!

Fifty years of providing an educational experience for children ages three through five. Fifty years of meeting the individual needs and potential of each child in an inter-racial, non-denominational environment. And fifty years of striving to develop self-confidence, creativity, and independence within every child.

We will be celebrating this milestone with a "50th Birthday Bash" at the church on **May 17 from 3-6 pm**. We have a big event planned:

- A birthday ceremony opening with a performance by current students (maybe joined by recent graduates)
- Cake
- A display with 50 years' worth of class photographs
- A "through the years" slide show
- A place for alumni families to share their memories of the school
- Three inflatables: a bounce house for our youngest partiers, a double slide, and a 60 foot obstacle course.
- Face painting (2 face painters)
- A petting zoo
- Balloon creations
- A scavenger hunt to encourage participants to visit all activities
- A craft area for youngsters
- Food vendors
- Possibly a school merchandise table (in the works)
- Welcome stations to distribute maps of the activities and to collect donations

We will be asking participants for donations to help offset the costs of the festivities. The suggested donation is \$5/person or \$20/family.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! A party this big requires lots of helpers! We would love to have help collecting pictures and preparing materials. On May 17, we will need LOTS of helpers to make everything run smoothly.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS! We would love to feature your businesses or you individually as a sponsor of the event.

Please let us know if you're interested in helping by contacting the preschool office or [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out an interest form.

We look forward to celebrating our birthday with everyone, and we thank you in advance for helping to make this party a great one!

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Showalter

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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.

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