

**St. Timothy's Church
Annual Report
2020**



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GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Pre COVID-19

- Worship Service - Saturdays @ 5:00 pm at Church at Cane Bay campus
- Joint Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church campus

During COVID-19 (March - August)

- Pre-recorded Worship Services online via YouTube posted every Saturday
- Bible Study via Zoom Meetings on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

After Church Reopens (September)

- Worship Service - Saturdays @ 5:00 pm at Church at Cane Bay campus
- Bible Study via Zoom Meetings on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

CLERGY, VESTRY, & STAFF

Clergy

- The Reverend Lucas Deman - Rector, March - present | Associate Rector, January - March
- The Reverend Gary Beson II - Rector, January - March
- The Reverend David Hudspeth - Associate Rector
- The Reverend Nelson Weaver - Deacon
- Laurie Rice - Lay Chaplain

Vestry

- Darlene Kidd - Senior Warden
- Anna Beson - Junior Warden
- Dan Hunt
- Tami Neff (April - December)
- Rita Conley-Pitts
- Fred Smyth (through April)
- Steve Wingard

Vestry Staff

- Sharon Prevost - Secretary
- Joyce Funk - Treasurer

Church Staff

- Chris Wingard - Parish Administrator
- Tim Hamilton - Praise & Worship Leader
- Tami Neff - IT/Communications

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

- No Baptisms in 2020 due to COVID-19

CONFIRMATIONS

- Jonah Hudspeth

ORDINATIONS

- The Reverend Nelson Weaver - Vocational Diaconate



2020 MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5

St. Timothy's was blessed with adding the following new members in 2020:

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

- John, Jennifer, & Eva Agema
- James Milton & Audrey Finch
- Teresa Small

BIRTHS

- Gabriel Rehbaum
- Anna Jenkins

MINUTES FROM LAST ANNUAL MEETING

Date of Annual Meeting: January 25, 2020

Presented by Rector, The Rev. Gary Beson, II

In Attendance: Vestry Members, Darlene Kidd (Senior Warden), Nick Rehbaum (Junior Warden), Monica Gaul, Steve Wingard, Rita Conley-Pitts, Fred Smyth.

Church members: 54

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. Senior Warden opened in prayer.

Chris Wingard appointed as the meeting secretary. Chris Wingard made motion to approve last year's minutes, Wynne Boone seconded. All in Favor.

Rev. Beson spoke about last year's giving.

Outgoing Vestry members: Nick Rehbaum and Monica Gaul.

New Vestry members affirmed and announced: Anna Beson & Dan Hunt.

The Rev. Luke Deman prayed over new vestry members.

Delegate candidates announced and a vote was taken.

Financial report presented by Chris Wingard.

In 2019, our membership grew to 95 members. Income for 2019 \$232,735.00. Expenses for 2019 \$240,501.00. Left us in the red by \$7,766.00. Member giving increased by almost \$57k from 2018 and Designated funds were \$27,258.00 which is \$20k over 2018. A list was presented of donations that were made from the Designated funds.

2020 budget: \$267k income and \$285k expenses with an \$18k faith budget.

Reports by Rev. Gary Beson: – (1) why people want to come to St. Timothys and (2) building of small groups.

Report by Rev. Luke Deman on Bible Study and Children's Ministry.

Report by Tim Hamilton on Music Ministry.

Report by Senior Warden, Darlene Kidd.

Report by Junior Warden, Nick Rehbaum – God's vision for our church.

Delegate Votes: Frank Freeman and Kathrine Bentley (primary); Grimball Frampton and Janet Brasfield (alternates).

Closing prayer by Rev. Beson.

Respectfully submitted,

Motion to close meeting made by Nelson
Weaver; Dan Hunt seconded. All in favor.

Chris Wingard
Parish Administrator

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2020 EXPENSES SUMMARY

	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	APPROVED 2021 BUDGET
INCOME			
10/4004 Non-Member Support	\$50,000.00	\$23,310.97	\$20,000.00
10/4012 Plate Donations	\$190,000.00	\$196,028.01	\$200,000.00
10/4030 Other Contributions	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
*\$30,716.43 Carryover from 2020	\$25,000.00		\$24,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$267,000.00	\$219,338.98	\$246,000.00
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Salaries	\$102,420.00	\$101,484.83	\$103,575.00
Fringes	\$104,200.00	\$57,173.75	\$44,000.00
Overhead	\$19,375.00	\$16,140.85	\$17,925.00
Advancement	\$625.00	\$312.50	\$0
TOTAL ADMIN. EXPENSES	\$226,620.00	\$175,111.93	\$165,500.00

	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	APPROVED 2021 BUDGET
EXPENSES			
Discipleship			
Music Ministry	\$1,200.00	\$1,038.79	\$600.00
Worship	\$460.00	\$339.69	\$300.00
Ministries	\$4,000.00	\$1,088.92	\$3,360.00
Misc. Discipleship	\$2,600.00	\$2,101.01	\$3,150.00
TOTAL DISC. EXPENSES	\$8,260.00	\$4,568.41	\$7,410.00
Diocesan Pledge	\$19,000.00	\$18,090.00	\$20,000.00
Outreach/Inreach	\$8,160.00	\$6,510.49	\$8,700.00
TOTAL OUT OF PARISH	\$27,160.00	\$25,600.49	\$28,700.00
Building & Grounds	\$23,000.00	\$16,425.00	\$23,600.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$285,040.00	\$221,705.83	\$225,210.00
TOTAL INCOME-EXPENSES	-\$18,040.00	-\$2,366.85	\$20,790.00



2021 APPROVED BUDGET

Vestry Approved: December 13, 2020.

Approved 12/2020	Yearly Budget
Income	
10/4010 Non-Member Contributions	\$20,000.00
10/4011 Carry over from 2018	\$24,000.00
Other Contributions	\$2,000.00
10/4012 Contributions/Plate	\$200,000.00
Total Estimated Income	\$246,000.00
Expenses	
*20/5128 Music Ministry & Supply Musicians	\$1,200.00
20/5309 Newcomers Ministry	\$360.00
*20/5414 Children's Ministry	\$3,000.00
20/5417 Evangelistic Events (Outreach)	\$300.00
20/5301 Food Distribution	\$4,800.00
20/5100 Salary Rector + Tuition	45,000.00
20/5101 Payroll Taxes	\$3,100.00
20/5102 Housing Rector	33,000.00
20/5103 Retirement Rector	\$12,500.00
20/1099 SSI Rector	\$4,500.00
20/5105 Clergy Miscellaneous (Includes Travel Expenses)	\$1,000.00
20/5418 Rector's Spouse MWR	\$250.00
20/5118 Salary Music Leader	\$8,125.00
20/5119 Salary Parish Administrator	\$18,550.00
20/5123 Wages Supply Clergy	\$400.00
20/5127 Wages Nursery Saturday/Sunday	\$7,100.00
20/4128 Wages Associate Clergy	\$7,200.00

Expenses (Continued)	Yearly Budget
20/5304 Discretionary Fund Clergy	\$500.00
20/5012 Bank Charges	\$1,200.00
20/5013 Insurance Workmen's Comp.	\$1,000.00
20/5015 Insurance/Liability	\$3,700.00
20/5018 Legal & Professional Fees	\$3,000.00
20/5019 IT Professional Services (Neff Spectrum)	\$9,000.00
20/5200 Other General and Admin Expenses	\$500.00
20/5202 Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
20/5205 Rent or Lease	\$23,000.00
20/5206 Advertising/Promotional	\$200.00
20/5207 Postage	\$450.00
20/5208 Repair & Maintenance & Janitorial Service	\$600.00
20/5209 Stationary & Printing	\$75.00
20/5211 Computer Equip./Software Inc. Maint. Fee	\$2,000.00
20/5214 Phone/Internet	\$1,500.00
20/5218 Dues & subscriptions	\$2,200.00
20/5303 Gift to Diocese	\$20,000.00
20/5305 Missions-Foreign/Outreach	\$1,500.00
20/5302 Missions-Domestic/Inreach	\$500.00
20/5401 Altar/Worship Supplies	\$300.00
20/5404 Event Hospitality	\$1,000.00
20/5406 Diocesan Conventions	\$300.00
20/5416 Vestry Retreat	\$200.00
20/5312 Benevolence	\$1,100.00
Total Expenses	\$225,210.00
IN THE BLACK	\$ 20,790.00

2020 MISSION GIVING & FUND STATUS

FUND	BALANCE BROUGHT FWD.	AMOUNT RECEIVED	AMOUNT DISPERSED	REMAINING BALANCE
BENEVOLENCE FUND				
Childcare	\$275.00	\$2,930.00	\$3,950.00	-\$745.00
Christmas Cards for Food Distribution	-\$0.90	\$1,096.00	\$1095.00	\$0.10
Vannessa's Closet	\$327.59	\$1,464.97	\$1,000.00	\$464.97
Bishop Lawrence Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$537.00	\$537.00	\$0.00
Food Distribution	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Tuition Assistance	\$745.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,245.00	\$0.00
MISSIONS - FOREIGN				
Kenya School/Church	-\$167.76	\$100.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,567.76
MISSIONS - DOMESTIC				
Community Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.40	-\$1,038.40

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3

RECTOR'S REPORT

How do you sum up a year like 2020? On one hand, we said goodbye to our beloved founding Rector and his wife. We entered lockdown. Programs were halted, groups dissolved, and ministries lay dormant. Baptisms were put off. Services were canceled. Fellowship was canceled. People got sick. We were filled with anxiety and dread, both for ourselves and for our country. Shortages. Protests. Riots. Our plans were stymied, and we were forced to adapt and make changes that we could never have imagined this time last year.

On the other hand, God was with us. It was a privilege to navigate this with such a beautiful and Godly community. The staff quickly adapted to online offerings. Our worship team stepped up and adapted to online worship. We not only had our first online worship service, but our first digital retreat. We came together for Bible study, nights of prayer, food distribution, and more. Our members supported us financially in ways that we could have only dreamed about last year. In the midst of this, the Good News continued to be declared. We celebrated an ordination. We celebrated a confirmation and multiple reaffirmations. We've come so far as a Church, and it's happened so quickly.



Of course, we could not have done this on our own. The Lord has sustained, protected, and blessed us, even in the midst of some of the most challenging times our country has faced. And, as we look ahead into the great unknown, we can be certain that he will never leave us or forsake us. In this new year, we hope to reignite and rebuild some of the dormant ministries. We hope to refresh and renew relationships placed on hold for a season. But most importantly, we will not abandon our calling to be part of God's ETERNAL plan of rescue and redemption for His creation. Our proclamation has not and will not be silenced!

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15

It's really interesting that a great portion of our scriptures are comprised of letters. Circumstance and calling separated Paul from many Churches he helped plant. Just like us, he was forced to distance, despite being united in the Spirit of Christ. One thing that stands out in his many Epistles is that he's always looking to the Churches to see if they're growing in faith, hope, and love. Even in the midst of persecution, even in the midst of conflict, even in the midst of unrest, he has an expectation that a deep and meaningful encounter with the risen Christ would move these flocks to grow in faith, hope, and love.

There are many methods that Christians have used throughout the ages to grow in faith, hope, and love. As we stand on the precipice of a new year, I hope that we will explore many of these together. I do not know what the next year holds for the people of St. Timothy's, but I know that God never changes. I know that his mercies renew every day. And I know that he will never leave or forsake us. I am excited to journey with all of you as we grow in faith, hope, and love while participating in God's plan of rescue and redemption.

The Reverend Luke Deman
Rector

ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT



I can't believe it's only been a year since Luke became our Rector, and what a year it has been. Shortly after his installation, he and the Vestry asked me to serve as your part-time Associate Pastor. I've been able to support with virtual Bible studies, monthly sermons, acting as Celebrant when needed, and taking over prayer ministry leadership. This ministry is my focus in 2021 as COVID-19 precautions have added new layers.

As always, intercessory prayer continues to be a vital resource for those needing prayer support. We resumed healing prayer during Communion this winter, though we are very cautious to maintain social distance and wear masks. Thank you to those who can serve in this capacity. For those who are interested in joining either team, we hope to have an information and planning meeting in early 2021 and to resume prayer training classes in the Spring. Please send up prayers that the pandemic will abate and we can resume this ministry to its fullness soon. God will guide us as to when it is his time for this. Thanks be to God he is in control!

The Reverend David Hudspeth
Associate Rector

DEACON'S REPORT

In 2019, St. Timothy's was blessed by the ordination of its first Transitional Deacon and this year, by God's grace, I was ordained as St. Timothy's first Vocational or Permanent Deacon. So, what's the difference between Transitional and Permanent? And, just importantly, what is a deacon and what does one do?

All clergy within the Anglican Communion, The Anglican Church in North America, and our own Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, are one of the three historic ordained orders of the church: Bishops, Priests and Deacons. All Anglican clergy are first ordained as deacons and all complete a multi-year process during which the Church validates an individual calling and formally prepares a candidate for ordination.

A Transitional Deacon is a temporary stage for someone following a calling toward ordination as a priest while a Vocational or Permanent Deacon is someone who has been serving in ministry outside the church (a vocation) and will continue (hence permanent) in their chosen ministry after ordination. I am therefore a Permanent Deacon and my ministry is service as Chaplain for Whitesville Rural Fire and Rescue. As an Ordained Chaplain, I am a link between my "congregation" of 80

firemen and their families and my faith community of St. Timothy's.

Through my ordination as a Deacon, the Church provided me with important credentialing allowing me to serve the Church as "Christ's presence in the world". By appointment of the Bishop, I serve and assist St. Timothy's Priests in public worship reading the Gospel, bidding people to prayer and aiding in the administration of Holy Communion. I answer to the Bishop serving as his eyes and ears in the world to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world – especially those in the world who fall outside the "four walls of the church" and are often on the margins of society.

The Order of Deacons is described as "the most glorious and Christ-like of all ministries". It is the order that informs all orders of the work we are all sent to do. As St. Ignatius of Antioch said, "...let the deacons be entrusted with the ministry of Jesus Christ."

As your Deacon, I end with this prayer:

Lord, help me to serve you in such a way that my life brings Your light into a dark world. Amen.

The Reverend Nelson Weaver
Deacon

LAY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

I was commissioned as a Lay Chaplain nine years ago at St. Paul's in Summerville, SC.

When I looked at last year's report, I realized that some of my involvement has changed drastically since the pandemic.

I am still attending staff meetings but had to quickly learn about the virtual world and that ZOOM does not just mean fast cars on an oval track. I still visit the homebound but honor the safety precautions. I also lead the Reader/Lay Eucharistic Minister/Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministries.

It is a blessing to be a part of the Pastoral Care Ministry headed up by Rev. David Hudspeth and to assist in making sure prayer requests get to the prayer team in a timely manner. We have an awesome prayer team, which has been in place for many years and now has 16 very dedicated prayer warriors. We have been blessed to feel God's presence time and time again in response to our prayers.

Our Altar Guild, led by Margaret Weaver, is also awesome. We are in a shared worship space, so it is quite a task to setup and teardown the altar each week. This is especially challenging during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Baptisms, Confirmations, etc., which require special



configurations. COVID-19 has added new challenges, but the Altar Guild has not missed a beat. They have found creative ways to be sure we are all kept safe during our Communion services.

Rita Conley-Pitts and Anne Smyth handle our Card Ministry, and Anne Smyth oversees our Grief Booklet Ministry. They send cards to members for many different occasions: get well, birth of a child, surgery, encouragement, sympathy, and sometimes just to stay in touch with those who are homebound. The Grief Booklets are sent to those who have lost a loved one.

My time as a Lay Chaplain has truly been a blessing. I am especially grateful for the people that make up our Church family at St. Timothy's. While we are no longer a "church plant" we are still learning as we grow and having fun working in God's soil.

Laurie Rice
Lay Chaplain



PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

The quarantine we experienced earlier this year allowed me to spend quality time with my family on our farm. During this time, I was also able to reach out to friends and family who responded with video recorded scripture readings, prayers, and recording tracks for our on-line service. I learned how to mix video and audio files with prompting and encouragement from our rector. Each week seemed to bring new levels of technological success to the process. My wife, Lori, felt inspired through this time to learn sign language and perform the Lord's Prayer for our video service. My daughter, Yasmin, was able to join me during the recording sessions. My younger brother, who is one of the most talented musicians I have ever worked with, also responded during this time. He and his daughter were able to help us out on recording tracks all the way from Oregon.

The opportunity to provide the music for St Timothy's Church has been a blessing for me despite the perils of the year 2020. My passion for putting music together each week and reaching out to people to join with us has continued to cast a ray of sunshine onto my life. I pray for this passion and opportunity to continue for in 2021 as St. Timothy's Church grows.

I am so thankful for the contributions of our praise and worship team throughout the past year. Having Jen Deman join the team with all the other responsibilities pulling on her has been an answer to prayer. Oeland Camp commutes from Columbia each week to join us on electric guitar and it blesses all of us every time he shows up. Having Oeland's daughter, Chloe, join us over the past year has brought our team to a new level. I pray that the next step of

her life in Virginia will touch as many people as she has touched in our church. Jim's mastery of the violin has inspired and amazed all of us. Beth and Ed Barnes are gifts from God to our church. Their willingness to serve is great and appreciated by all. The skills and captivating smile of our young viola player, Yasmin, bring joy to all who see her.

I am always amazed at how God provides. I worry, fret, and always pray over what will happen each week for the music and technology. Each week we are provided for in a way that brings me peace. Many thanks to all who have made this past year be a special time for St Timothy's Church.

Tim Hamilton
Praise & Worship Team Leader

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Thank you to our Rector who has walked amazingly with us through this year starting out as a new Rector and then in March came the pandemic that has surely made him a stronger leader (want to know what it's like to get stronger? Get thrown into the fire!) He has stood up to the task.

What a challenging year this has been with the COVID-19 Virus – pandemic and what that has meant (masks, sanitizing, social and physical distancing, etc.) for all of us walking with the Lord and not getting caught up in all the conflicting news and what to do or not do. I have been so honored and blessed working with the leadership our Rector Luke Deman, Vestry, and Staff as we prayed and worked together making sure we cared for our members in the safest way we possibly could.

These have been difficult decisions regarding our worship and study times to ensure the safety yet making sure God's

Word was getting out to our body. Praise the Lord for those who have worked diligently to make it possible via ZOOM and virtually and digitally, editing and sound systems; especially our Rector, Tim Hamilton, Ed Barnes, and Tami Neff. Special thank you to our musicians and singers for their selfless giving each week.

It was such a hard decision to close the services at the church in April, we knew that our hearts would remain open to the Lord and each other. However, we knew it was safest for our body at that time and we knew we are more than just a building we are a people who love the Lord and His Word and each other. In September, we began resuming at Cane Bay for worship and streaming for those who could not attend or were not ready to physically be around people. It has been a blessing worshipping together again yet difficult trying to keep the distancing from each other even though our instincts want to run over and

hug everybody. Our biggest blessing will be when we all can return to worship together in one place.

What an amazing family we have here at St. Timothy's so; willing to reach out and serve wherever and whenever needed: Our Altar Guild, Intercessory Prayer Team, Daughters of the Holy Cross, Prayer Chain team, Staff, Worship Team, Vestry and Clergy.

Our God is so loving and awesome toward us at St. Timothy's.

*Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow
love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.*

*Peace Prayer of
St. Francis of Assisi*

It has been a blessing and honor serving on your Vestry the past three years, not only as a vestry member, but as your Junior and Senior Warden. I look forward to worshipping with you and experiencing with you where the Lord will take us. My heart and prayers will continue to lift you up and serve you wherever the Lord leads.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and make His Face shine upon you, and give you His PEACE.

Darlene Kidd
Senior Warden



JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

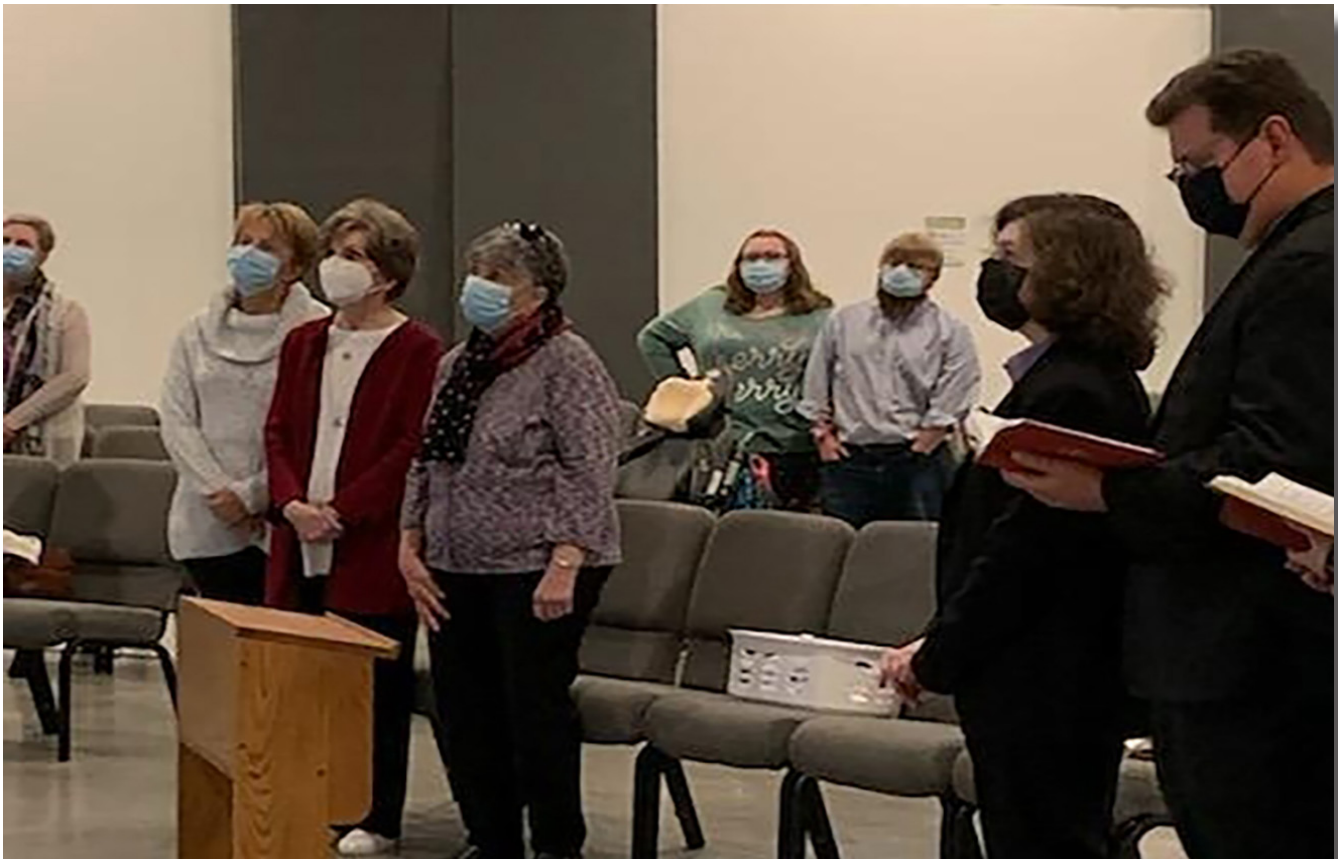
With 2020 as my first year as junior warden, it has been an unusual beginning to say the least.

On March 16, we moved from a building into a virtual format. While attempting to move back into in person services in the building on June 20th, on July 2nd it was once again decided to be in the best interest of the congregation to return to virtual services. As of September 12th, however, we have been back in the church building for services as well as continuing with online service.

The final culmination was when live streaming the services rejoined both parts of the congregation, in-person and at-home.

We have come through so much adversity this year to return to a single body of worship, even when distanced by space. Our resilience has been tested, but we are still going strong. I look forward to the day we are all able to be together in person again.

Anna Beson
Junior Warden



FOREIGN MISSIONS

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH MARERA, KISUMU, KENYA SCHOOL

St. Timothy's continued its relationship with St. James Anglican Church Marera in Kisumu, Kenya. This partnership was born out of the friendship between our former rector, The Reverend Gary Beson, and his friend from Seminary, The Reverend Fred Ochieng-Onyango, Rector of St. James.

This year, we continued our support of St. James' effort to build a classroom for each grade until all grades are supported.

We were looking forward to a visit from Fred+ and his wife, Sophy, in December; however, the visit was yet another COVID-19 casualty. We pray for next year!

Tami Neff



SOCIETY OF ANGLICAN MISSIONARIES AND SENDERS (SAMS)

Roger and Joanne Griffin provide seminary-level studies and opportunities for Christian leadership formation in the Global South. They primarily serve in Mexico, but also throughout Latin America. This is a collection of excerpts from their year-end newsletter:

To kick the year off, we flew back to the states for a family medical emergency. And, returned home just in time for the COVID-19 lock-down.

We began a Mexico-wide, online Vespers meeting that continues to be well attended. And, we had a five-week Basic Anglicanism course that was attended by almost 50.

Four new Mexican churches were received by the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest. And much, much more.

By God's grace and your generosity, we live and serve in Mexico. We love Mexico and her people and are so thankful that you do too.

Roger and Joanne Griffin
SAMS Mexico

LOCAL MISSIONS & OUTREACH

FOOD DISTRIBUTION



The joint Food Distribution between St. Timothy's and St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal (RE) Churches was very different this year. We continued to hold our monthly food distribution during the pandemic, however, our procedures were changed due to safety concerns. Our volunteers took every precaution possible. All wore masks and hand sanitizer was available and used by all. We requested that all our clients remain in their vehicles and bags of groceries were brought out and placed in their vehicles by volunteers. Although this made it very difficult to communicate with our clients it was necessary and appreciated by our clients as well as our volunteers. We averaged approximately 40 families each month, providing them with

several bags of groceries, fresh produce, eggs and frozen meats.

At our November distribution, all clients received a voucher from a local grocery store to help with purchasing a turkey and other Thanksgiving needs. In December, each client received a Walmart gift card to help them with their holiday needs.

We have had the amazing support of volunteers from both churches and recently have been blessed with students from a local High School coming to help prepare the bags for our clients.

Chris Wingard
Parish Administrator &
Food Distribution Coordinator

DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

In November of 2019, eight women began a three-month discernment and study period to become Daughters of the Holy Cross. Daughters take a four-fold vow to pray, study, evangelize and serve. In January 2020, these women were installed as the Elizabeth Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) at St. Timothy's was born. During 2020, the Daughters assisted with special events hospitality, contributed to the Blessing Boxes, contributed to Angels Without Faces, prayed for the teachers of North Charleston Elementary School, prayed for all those on our monthly prayer list, and donated to the Angel Tree fund. New officers have been elected for the next two years. A tea was planned for December to reach out to women in our church that might be interested in the DHC. Unfortunately, the tea had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. The Daughters look forward to having our tea in 2021 and to continue to fulfill our four-fold vow.

Kay Travinski
President, Elizabeth Chapter, DHC



VANNESSA'S LOCKER

Our main priority for our ministry, Vanessa's Locker, is to help the teachers and staff of North Charleston Elementary feel loved, appreciated and supported by the outside community especially during this challenging year. In the past, our community provided 60 backpacks filled with all the supplies a transfer student would need to start classes mid-semester. Often, these children arrive with little in the way of personal possessions; they are often moved from a troubled situation or they simply do not have the funds to pay for the required school supplies in order to get started or to catch-up. The total value of each filled backpack is \$75.00. In addition, members of St. Timothy's bought a number of uniform khaki pants, regulation polo shirts, underwear, socks, and sneakers.

In June, we provided \$1,000.00 to help several families avoid eviction until they could get their finances in order. In October, we helped students prepare for a Fall festival by providing pumpkins and haystacks which provided atmosphere for a fund-raiser.

At the time this report is being written, Vanessa's Locker just paid for the moving fees to have a piano that our member, Wynne Boone, flagged for donation as the SOS Club to which Wynne is a member.

The SOS Club, was replacing the gently-used piano which was gratefully received by the Music Dept of North Charleston Elementary.

If anyone would like to contribute, please do so by addressing your check to "St. Timothy's Anglican Church" noting "Vannessa's Locker" on the subject line of your check. You may also donate online while noting the contribution is for "Special Gift: North Charleston Elementary" You might also enjoy sharing your time and talents with a student who needs a little extra help with his reading or math skills. All efforts will be appreciated. Please contact wbs@st-timothys.org for further information. Ms. Tyra Johnson, Parent Advocate, is our NCE contact.

Rita Conley-Pitts
Vannessa's Locker Coordinator

CHILD CARE WORKERS DURING PANDEMIC

When everything shut down last Spring, there was one group at St. Timothy's that was impacted in ways that many weren't. Many of our child-care workers were dependent on child-care work - both at churches and at schools. Additionally, we had child-care workers that were trying to put themselves through college. When the shut-downs began, many of these workers were completely stripped of income.

As we were shutting down, we wondered what it might look like if our Church was able to come together to support these women during this time? We decided to try to keep paying them for the hours they would have worked although we weren't meeting at the time. I wasn't sure if we'd be able to sustain it, and so I made a special appeal to the Church asking for sponsors. The response was overwhelming. We had originally hoped to fund a month of this support, but we were able to fund them for much longer through the generosity of the people of St. Timothy's.

I want to thank everybody that contributed to this fund. Your generosity showed where your heart was. The people who work with our kids are dedicated to crafting an experience with the Gospel for the ones that are closest to Christ's heart. They are in many ways some of the most important people working in ministry. We wouldn't have a children's ministry without them, and your support was a sign in the midst of turmoil. It was a beacon of hope - that no matter what we are going through or are up against we are united in the Spirit of Christ!

The Reverend Luke Deman
Rector and Children's Ministries Leader

... but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Proverbs 21:26b

ANGEL TREE

Christmas 2020 was the 6th year that St. Timothy's and St. Paul's RE together provided gifts for our Angel Tree. The children who received these gifts were the children or grandchildren of our Food Distribution clients. We are blessed to report we donated gifts for 40 children in our community.



The gifts provided ranged from bicycles, dolls, learning toys, winter clothes and so much more. The caregivers of these children of God were so grateful. We are blessed that Jesus has led our hearts to provide these children a brighter Christmas.

Chris Wingard
Angel Tree Coordinator

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & EDUCATION

Children's ministry has been one of the biggest puzzles of the last year. In many ways, gatherings of children served as the canary in the coal mine. The schools were the first things to experience wide closures.

I still remember where I was standing when they said the schools were closing. It was in part that decision that led us to the difficult decision to suspend our in-person worship services.

And, if children's gatherings were the first to go, they have been slow to return. Many that helped volunteer with the

children find themselves in vulnerable categories, and have had to take a step back from service. Additionally, many parents are anxious that their children might have a hand in spreading sickness.

During the summer, we added a family worship service - a simplified offering that parents could watch with their children. They were fun to make and we had some success. However, we realized we were asking families to add sitting in front of another screen on top of the screen time for distance learning and the screen time of being locked in with nowhere to go!

What we have done is worked to place resources in the hands of parents, so they can have the tools they need to teach their children the faith. With stories and crafts, we are encouraging parents to set the example of a family that learns and worships together. We've even provided liturgies that have been prepared specifically for families. Personally, it has been incredible to watch my son blossom and make connections in scripture. And it has been even more incredible to see how our three year old soaks up this information, too. As a part of our evening prayers we say the Lord's Prayer, and she screams it out at the top of her lungs. It's truly a sight to behold!

We are beginning to rebuild and restaff our children's programs. Families are an

important part of St. Timothy's, and God is calling us to minister to families during these times. Please be in prayer as we work to move to safely bring families and children back into the life of worship at St. Timothy's.

The Reverend Luke Deman
Rector and Children's Ministries Leader

JOINT / VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

We started 2020 in the book of Exodus on our Wednesday night Joint Bible Study with St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church. We were studying how God delivered His people from captivity in Egypt when it became obvious in early March we were about to become captives to a Pandemic. As we all began the lockdown, God provided . . . in the form of the Zoom meeting platform.

St. Timothy's acquired a Zoom account and away Luke+ and David+ went . . . restyling Bible Study for virtual meetings. Not only did we get to study together, but we also got to check in while on lockdown and afterward. Zoom allowed those using their video camera to see each other and have as close to an experience as in-person Bible Study as possible while also allowing those of us (okay, mostly me) who are allergic to video cameras to still participate in both study and time with Church family.

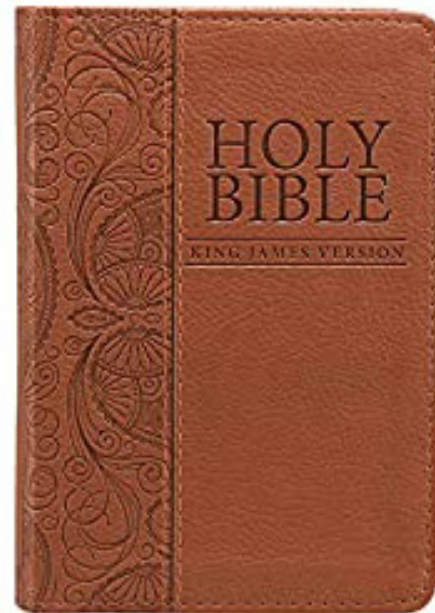
Some of the books we studied after we put Exodus on hold were Ecclesiastes (perfect for a time of lament), 1 Peter, and 2 Peter, as well as studying spending a few Wednesdays with Luke and David giving us an overview of the books of the Old Testament and how they are laid out: the Torah (or Law), Histories, Wisdom, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets.

St. Paul's RE elected to hold Bible Studies by telephone as more of their members were comfortable with a conference call format. Several from St. Timothy's elected to join them or participated with them when St. Timothy's Bible Study took a break during Advent. We prayerfully look forward to the time when we can join them again!

Tami Neff
Bible Study Participant

ZOOM BOOK STUDIES

Early in 2019, several ladies of St. Timothy's began holding a Zoom book study in an effort to continue sharing as a Community despite our being unable to meet in person. While this new method of meeting presented its own technical challenges, and perhaps, in spite of these challenges, the book study has been rather successful. In 2020, while holding Zoom meetings twice monthly on Thursday mornings, we read "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs, and are now (as of this writing) at the end of "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer.



By February, we will have completed all eight chapters of "The Armor ..." , each chapter having started with a YouTube video teaching and concluding with a series of questions to ponder.

In addition to reading, we share and discuss how to live out the Gospel message in the 21st Century. Discussing the messages delivered through fact or fiction by authors who are Christ-centered help us remember Whose we are, even when life throws us into a tailspin. Together, we strengthen our resolve to refuse the world to shape our outlook. Together we encourage each other to extend a helping hand to family, friends, and even strangers. And together, we refuse to allow COVID-19 to shape our lives as we enter 2021. Thus, we pray that God blesses our bi-weekly Zoom meetings and our discussions based on Scripture and how it impacts our daily lives.

If interested in joining our next book study (10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Thursdays, February 11 and 25) or for further information on the Zoom Book Club, please send an email to wbs@st-timothys.org with your name, telephone number, and the best time to reach you. For those who know they want to jump in just as we are starting the new book, "Twelve Extraordinary Women," send me a message and then, go immediately to Grace to You" (gty.org) to buy a copy.

Rita Conley-Pitts
Zoom Book Club Leader

CURSILLO

DeColores Dear Friends,

DeColores is Spanish for 'all the colors' and the title of a song that we sing on Cursillo weekends and at gatherings following the weekend. It proclaims the realization that we are being loved by God in a way that is unparalleled and unconditional, creates in our inner self, a feeling which is like an incredible rainbow. After this experience, life is not the same; we have a new vision of the world, we act differently and we discover, in the Christian community, the many faces of Christ.

In 2020, our Diocese could not sponsor any weekends nor did St. Timothy's have regular gatherings (Ultreyas) because of the COVID-19 epidemic.

For 2021, our Rector Luke+ prayerfully suggested the idea that our Cursillo Community begin to foster 'group reunions' of two to three people meeting regularly, if not in person, by Zoom. We will follow all Diocesan guidelines about resuming full group meetings for the greater community. Our primary goal is still:

*Make a friend, be a friend,
Bring that friend to your friend Jesus.*

Significant to our movement and related to the TEC lawsuit is that we can no longer use the Episcopal Cursillo written materials. Our diocese has joined A4D: Anglican 4th Day (the 4th day is the rest of your life/journey in Christ) and we have access to the group reunion cards and other formation materials from them.

The Diocese has scheduled two Cursillo weekends for 2021 @ Camp St. Christopher:

#189	July 15-18, 2021
#190	October 14-17, 2021

For more information on Cursillo, please contact me (or anyone you see wearing that garish multicolored fabric or cross chains or seems overly 'into' roosters). The SC Anglican 4th Day maintains a web site: SCCursillo.com and is on Facebook.

In the Blessed name of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Janet Brasfield
Cursillo Coordinator



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