

September 2011



Chimes

Faith — Wholeness — Joy
St. Timothy's Church

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Olivia and I have been honored to serve our Lord in this congregation for the past 5+ years. Your graciousness towards us is unmatched in our ministry. I will be turning 65 this October 12th, and after much back-and-forth over several months, I have decided to submit the paperwork necessary to seek retirement from The Episcopal Church effective January 1, 2012.

I have informed the Vestry, and Bishop Sutton of this decision. (During my conversation with the Bishop, he assured me that he would place a priest of the church's choosing at St. Timothy's!)

As is always the case in every church, the days ahead will be full of challenges and blessings. Trust Jesus for the challenges and bless Him for the blessings. He is a good God, and He is molding us to be His holy people.

I'll have more to say at a later time but I hope you have some sense of how blessed we've been to be a part of this community. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask either me or Olivia.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Terry & Olivia Sweeney+

Focus on Our Family: Bob Wolf

Bob is a project manager in Systems Engineering with the Maryland Transit Administration and has worked there for 21 years. He and his wife, Linda, were both born on Long Island, NY where he married his wife of 44 years. They have two children, Dori and Robert. Dori's family, which consists of husband, Dennis, and grandchildren Andrew and, Luke, live in Florida. Brother Robert's family, which consist of wife, Andree, and their grandchildren Elysee, Aurielle, and Zav, live in New Jersey.

Mr. Wolf received his engineering education at Cornell University but speaks fondly of the Stony Brook School for Boys, a private Christian boarding school. Being raised in the Roman Catholic faith, it wasn't until going to Stony Brook that he first read and studied the KJV Bible which was part of the core curriculum during his tenure there. He testifies that he responded in 1956 by standing with his classmates to the call by evangelist Park Tucker who led the school's fall evangelism week. After checking out the school's current website, I found that their motto is "Character Before Career". Students learn in a strong academic environment set in the context of a community dedicated to a thoughtful faith in Christ and a life of moral integrity. (WOW!- No wonder that school holds a special place in his heart.)

Because of his career, in 1970 Bob, Linda, and Dori moved to Glen Burnie, Maryland, where he worked in Manufacturing Maintenance. Over the course of their marriage, and years of living here in MD, their family have worshipped in the Presbyterian and Methodist denominations but were led to St. Timothy's through their friendship with neighbor, Ralph Morehead. Bob and Linda met Ralph in August, 2010, at the Charlestown Retirement Community.

Since early 2009, Bob has been in a manual wheelchair. This restriction is the consequence of the weakening of the muscles of both legs during the years that he failed to budget the many weeks of leave from work necessary for being rehabilitated at the first Total Knee Replacement, TKR L, operation which he required. I asked if he has felt any discrimination due to his being wheelchair bound. He replied that his immobility has effected his relationships with family members by limiting his activities to facilities which are handicap accessible and by placing a burden upon Linda. However, he is very thankful for the great generosity of helping him get around provided by their dear friend Ralph Morehead.

I suspected that Bob was an avid reader. He says that he reads mostly periodicals and non-fiction books. However this year he received as a birthday present the best seller, 'The Help' which he found to be a 'page turner'. Linda has seen the recently released movie with their friend Verna. Bob intends to do so as well with friends.

I asked if he had any favorite heroes or heroines. He answered that he has many over the season's in his life. These people, many with their writings, both philosophical and biographical, have fulfilled his current needs for leadership examples/guidance or inner healing in Bob's life. These heroes include such giants as C.S. Lewis [Surprised by Joy], John Stott [Basic Christianity], Catherine Marshall [A Man Called Peter], Andrew Murray, John Bunyan [Pilgrim's Progress], Abraham Lincoln [Gettysburg Address], Corrie ten Boom [Hiding Place], Eric Little [Like a Mighty Wind], and St. Augustine.

When I asked him what he would like to hear God [the Alpha & Omega, a.k.a. Jesus] say when he gets to heaven, Bob answered, " Basically, I pray that I would have so overcome [my little faith] that I will have been faithful unto my death so that He will give me the crown of life [Rev 2:10]" .

I think he'll get that reaction!



August 7, 2011 - A Grace Filled Day

It began at St. Timothy's Church in Catonsville where I was an assistant from 1972-1975. When I arrived at 9:50 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. service there were about 25 people there. Sitting in the 3rd pew from the back was a 30 something lady, and her 8-9 year old daughter. God sent me to that pew.

I asked her if she had been here before and her answer was, "No, I've never been to an Episcopal Church before". So, I proceeded to lead them through the service, page by page, with all of our ups and downs (she prefers to kneel). She was obviously moved by Fr. Terry's down to earth, scripture based sermon.

During the passing of the Peace, many parishioners came to greet them. During the Offertory, as time for Communion approached, I explained how to receive and how to indicate if only a Blessing was desired. When our turn came, I led them up to the altar rail and all went well. After the service ended, they were welcomed by other members, and invited to the coffee hour.

On the way out, she saw the altar guild workers clearing the altar, and was invited up to get a better look at the mosaic work. The next stop on the way was a large marble angel/baptistry, and I explained to her unbaptized daughter how baptism makes you a Christian, and then you find a church home for your continuing education.

Arriving for refreshments, I left them as Fr. Gus Peters was getting to know them better over coffee and bagels. I moved on to my 1-5 p.m. shift as a Pathfinder at BWI Airport where God had his next blessing in store for me.

About halfway through my time of telling people where to find the bathroom, food court, and their security check point, I saw a man wearing a cap that said "TUSKEGEE AIRMEN" ON IT. I LEFT MY DESK, WENT UP TO HIM AND ASKED "Are you one of them"? His answer was "Yes". I took off my cap, shook his hand and said, "Thank you". He replied, "You are welcome". He continued on his way and I returned to my post.

He is one of the very few survivors out of 996 pilots who served in World War II. I have shaken the hand of President Ford on Easter morning, and of President Carter 11 months later after a service. The handshake from that hero, this afternoon, has had the greater effect upon me. He has been through more than I can only imagine and read about in history books, assuming that those Airmen are even mentioned. I am still feeling a sense of awe as I write this six hours later.


The *Grace*
of *God* be
with *you!*

I have been graced by God today.
May you be also.

Fr. Charles Shaffer+



**Operation
Christmas
Child**

The annual kick off for Operation Christmas Child is Sunday, September 18, 2011. Once again, St. Timothy's Church will be collecting shoe boxes filled with goodies for children around the world to receive for Christmas.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, the church will make the purchase and pack the box for you. The deadline for collection is Sunday, November 20, 2011.

If you would like more information, contact Dorothy Griggs at St. Timothy's or log onto the church website at www.sttimscatonsville.org or the ministry of samaritanaspurse.org



St. Timothy's Skate Club

ST. TIMOTHY'S SKATEPARK

If you happen to stop by the church on a Monday afternoon around 4:00 p.m., you would have the opportunity to meet the young men that are a part of the Skate Club at St. Timothy's.

Since, May 2011, an average of 7 boys ranging in age from 8 –18 years old, meet with the Rector each week for about an hour. Fr. Terry leads them in a discussion around a specific topic, using the Bible as their reference. Light refreshments are served and on special days, pizza is ordered as the group focuses on more than just skateboarding.

The Skate Club promotes respect for self and others, study of the Christian faith, accountability, and community service. Those that attend the weekly meetings are eligible to skate at the park during the hours of operation for the rest of the week.

Plans are being made to open a “drop in center” for the group to have a supervised safe environment to play video and board games, and just hang out when skateboarding at the park isn't feasible.

The boys will take part in “A Night at the Park” where they will spend the night here at the church for a lock in. During that time they will skate, play games, watch movies, eat snacks, and have instruction with Fr. Terry. As always, girls are welcomed to join the club and parents are invited, and encouraged to attend, especially to help as chaperones. After the night is over, the event will end with a pancake breakfast..



If you are interested in helping out in any capacity with the Skate Club, please contact Fr. Terry. Look for updates in future issues of 'The Chimes.



Fr. Terry meeting with the young men of the Skate Club.

POETRY CORNER



YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party...even if it lasts until 8PM.
I'm very good at opening childproof caps...with a hammer.
I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.
I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.
I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.
I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.
I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.
Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life!

Author Unknown - Submitted by Bob Landauer



Work Projects Continue

Tim Bellis painting inside the church while Bud Hampton is painting the administrative hallway near the church offices.

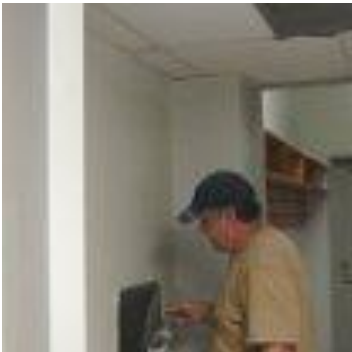


Until the work in the church is completed, we will be having Sunday worship services in Bellis Hall.

The recent hurricane, and excess rain, caused many needed repairs around St. Timothy's.. Tile and carpet will be replaced in areas of the building, roofs will be repaired, boilers are being assessed after being submerged under water.

Walls will be sealed to prevent future damage. Brick and stone work will be done on the church, plastering will be done throughout the building, along with water related damage to the Rectory that needs attention.

Please be patient as we continue to work on our church home.



09-08 Betty Hutton
 09-13 Wil Mollette
 09-14 Jameson Caulk
 09-16 Karleighana Harvey
 09-21 Dorothy Lewis
 09-23 Mike Dinkelman
 09-23 Jack O'Brien IV
 09-27 Christin Saulsbury



09-14 Jenn & Lew Harvey
 09-16 Barbara & Will Prochazka



NEW SERMON SERIES

We often hear about the things God “can do”. The power & majesty of God is without limit. We have a “can do” God! But did you know or have you given consideration to the things God can’t do? The things He “can’t do” are just as amazing as the things He can do. Beginning Sept. 18th, there will be a 5 week sermon series on “The 5 Things God Can’t Do”. I hope this series will enrich your understanding of God and bring you closer to Him.

Fr. Terry Sweeney+

God Can't Be Unholy
God Can't Lie
God Can't Remember Forgiven Sins
God Can't Abandon You
God Can't Get Tired

Isaiah 6:3	September 18
Hebrews 6:13-20	September 25
Isaiah 43:25	October 2
Psalms 22:1-17	October 9
Isaiah 40:28	October 16



Adult Education

Join us for Adult Education Class, immediately following our worship service on Sundays.

We will be studying the “small books” of the New Testament - Philemon, Titus and 1-3 John.



Mrs. Catherine Bellis extends a big thank you to all who made her 100th birthday very special through your cards, wishes, and presence at the celebration. Love and Blessings to all!

St. Timothy's Church of Baltimore County

“You have made known to me the path of life;
You fill me with joy in your presence,
With eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

-Psalm 16:11

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