

THE SAINT TIM'S TIMES



A Gaggle of Guitars

by Leslie Veach (and family)

2025 is the year of the guitar at the Veach/Templeton house! Last fall, Henry (age 13) took a collection of books and electronics he had outgrown to a used bookstore, hoping to score a little cash. He ended up getting enough store credit to purchase a used electric guitar that they had on display! After getting the guitar checked out at a local music shop, Lee and Leslie agreed to sign Henry up for a few private guitar lessons. After several weeks of chauffeuring Henry to his lessons, Lee mentioned he'd always wanted to learn to play the bass guitar. So, Leslie and Henry decided to surprise Lee with a bass guitar for Christmas. Leslie found a used 5-string, Sterling by Music Man bass at a local shop, and purchased an amp. Not wanting to be left out of the musical fun, Leslie decided to dust off her 2 guitars: a classical guitar she bought in Mexico on a mission trip in college and an acoustic guitar she has rarely played since Henry was born. Lee, Leslie, and Henry have all been practicing most days, and Henry is continuing with his weekly lessons. The family dog seems to have gotten used to the strange new noises in the house, and, so far, the neighbors have not complained.

Our St. Tim's Story: the Franks

by Judy and Ray Franks

Judy and I began regular attendance at St. Timothy's in 2009. Initially we just attended Sunday services, allowing time to settle into life back in eastern North Carolina, after 23 years living in Kentucky. I grew up in Tarboro, graduated from ECU, and started my 40-year career in Scouting in Kinston. Judy grew up in Johnston and Carteret counties, graduated from UNCW, and we met her Senior year in college. I was the professional advisor for Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed, Scouting-based service fraternity she was in. We married two years later in St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilmington. Soon we accepted a Scouting opportunity to move to Louisville, KY, where our daughter was born. Ten years later another Scouting opportunity headquartered in Huntington, WV moved us to eastern Kentucky where we lived another thirteen years before coming back "home" to North Carolina.

Although eastern NC was "home" with a lot of family living in the area, it took us a while to settle into a new church home in Greenville. We didn't have young children to easily meet other parents. I was always busy with my Scouting career, and Judy was always busy dealing with everything else. We attended 10:15 services at St. Timothy's, but we didn't know anybody, so we went straight home afterwards. My first real involvement at St. Timothy's was with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. I will forever be grateful to Tom Harwell for shepherding me to join this group, and then single-handedly naming me as the director! It was also through the Brotherhood that Judy first learned just how much St. Timothy's folks care about one another...

Needless to say, St. Timothy's has become our home. We're part of the family! Folks have helped us in sickness and in health, always letting us know how much we are loved and needed. Judy has been involved with ECW, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Admin Committee, Yard Sales, and Lobster Fairs. We've learned all about lobsters, although I'm allergic to seafood. Silent Auction is one of Judy's favorite activities, because of all the wonderful relationships that have come from recycling "treasures"!





And no matter if I'm called Ray or Frank, I've been honored to be a member at St. Timothy's. The Brotherhood is still making things happen. I've served on Vestry, having the privilege of being Junior Warden during John Porter-Acee's first year. I've also served as Senior Warden. Lay Reading and Charter Organization Rep for our Scouting units are also important to me. Buildings and Grounds, as member or chair, has been a good transition to give leadership after all those Scout Camps I've helped maintain.

Outside of church, Judy is always helping others and being the best JuJu to our three-year-old grandson Gray. Every year she plans the family Christmas party and annual beach trip. Judy is employed by Practicon Dental Supply as the Administrator for the head of Product Development.

Even though I'm retired, I still work part-time as a physical training assistant for Clinical Skills at Brody School of Medicine for ECU. I still find time for other interests. I am active as a core group leader for Community Bible Study, serve on the executive board and executive committee for Council on Aging and the BSA national committee for camp assessments. And, being PaPa is the best gig in town!

"St. Tim's Stories" is an ongoing series for articles in our newsletter. We are glad to have heard from the Vincents and the Franks to tell their history. Who's next!? Contact Martha if you're interested formation@st-tim.org.