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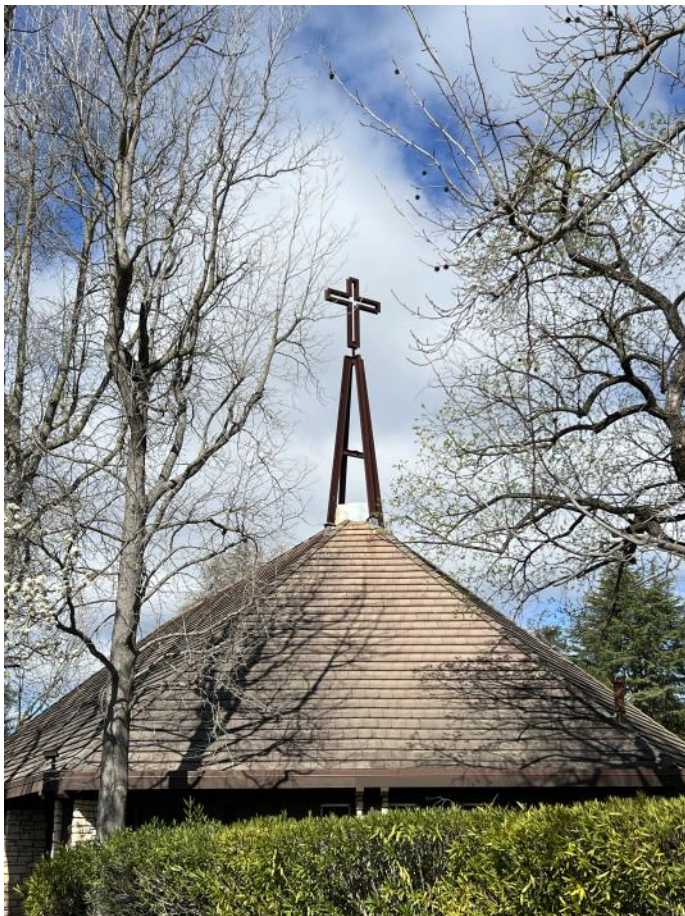
Holy Week and Easter 2023

Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA

I'm so delighted to be celebrating Holy Week and Easter with you all. We have been through the long journey of Lent, and now we begin to celebrate Jesus's last supper with his friends, his journey to the cross, and his ongoing resurrection.

We have worked hard to plan beautiful services during this sacred time. Below, you will see the schedule of services. I invite you to come to all of them!

Todd



HOLY WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

7pm - Communion, hand washing & stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7th

12pm & 7pm - Good Friday Liturgy
1pm - Stations of the Cross in meditation garden, weather permitting

Holy Saturday, April 8th

9am - Holy Saturday service, no communion (about 15 minutes)

Easter Vigil, also on April 8th

7pm - New light with incense outside. Don't forget your bells (about 75 minutes)

Easter Sunday, April 9th

8am - *On-site* Communion with Easter music
10am - *on-site and YouTube* Communion with Easter music
11:15am - Easter Egg Hunt and Adventure!

TOWARD EASTER AND THE RISEN LIFE

Toward Easter and the Risen Life

Last Sunday children and adults painted egg ornaments in bright colors of pink, blue, purple, green, and yellow in preparation for Easter. (We will color butterflies later). Some of us may decorate eggs this week with markers or dye eggs, or remember a bowl of colored eggs on the kitchen table on Easter morning. Easter eggs or Paschal eggs--(like our Paschal candle or Easter candle) are a symbol of resurrection and new life. Cracking open the egg is also a symbols of the empty tomb—"He is not here—He is Risen," declares the Angel. Many Ukrainian children likely will not etch patterns in red-waxed eggs this year—but it is a centuries ancient tradition in the Orthodox church, some traditions of red eggs dating back to early Christianity.

I do not believe we are ever ready for Holy Week. Our Easter preparations with decorations and flowers, juxtaposes an intentional movement through Holy Week and into Maundy Thursday, (the Last Supper), Good Friday, and Easter. The triumphant journey into Jerusalem of the King of Love riding on a donkey, crashes into betrayal and loss, disappointed expectations and then, crucifixion and death. How can we ever be ready? Healer, teacher, storyteller, and friend leads us to moments of utter aloneness, cries in prayer, loss of power, sorrow and pain. We are moving toward Golgotha, where our Beloved died.

This year we are invited again to walk the way of being human with Jesus, even into confronting death itself. Since early Christianity people have been walking the Way—the journey in Jerusalem or the Stations of the Cross to remember that the Holy One is human and Divine—God with us... We are not walking alone: others walked before us and Christians all over the world are walking and praying too. We walk because we believe we will encounter again the Risen One on Easter morning. Something happened and we desire to reminded of that new life in Christ that was a gift at our Baptism.

This year we walk to remember the truth in ourselves, where we are this year, this moment in time: alone, grieving, in pain, joyful, or full of gratitude. We are all these emotions; heart and mind and body are caught up in the everyday demands of living faithfully. We walk for Peace, we walk for Healing and we walk in compassion with those who have no one to walk with them. Take some time to pray and to reflect during Holy Week in church or at home in prayer, knowing that Christ will meet us wherever we are in the journey. Christians all over the world will walk and wonder too, asking their hearts to speak truth to their spirit and asking God to bring Peace, healing and abundant joy to us as we walk.

Blessings for us all this Holy Week.
May we too respond to the shout "Christ is Risen" in the midst of our lives of hope on Easter morning.

Pastor Susan+



PIZZA CLUB



Our 3rd - 12th grade students joined other local Episcopal churches in Pleasant Hill for the monthly Pizza Club. We assembled hygiene kits for Monument Crisis Center. And of course...we ate pizza!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Fellowship Luncheon

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| APRIL 19, 2023 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | PARISH HALL ST. TIMOTHY'S \$10 |
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RSVP: parish@sainttimothysdanville.org or 925-837-4993

EASTER FUN!



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HAPPY EASTER

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 10AM ON APRIL 9TH

EGG HUNT & ADVENTURE

AT 11:15 AM

**GREAT PRIZES! LOTS OF FUN!
SEPARATE HUNT FOR AGES 0-3 YEARS**



INTERFAITH EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

I-SRV and the Town of Danville invite You



**InterFaith
EarthFest**
See Hope - Seed Change

**April 23rd 1:00 - 4:00 PM
at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville**

First Annual Earth Day Festival

Local Interfaith, civic, school, and community partners gather to energize *living responsibly with our sacred planet!* Enjoy Stories of Hope, art, music, learning, eco-kids activities, Labyrinth Walks, Earthy celebrations and food.

See Hope – Seed Change with Friends!

A collaborative celebration sponsored by I-SRV: Baha'i, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Sufi, LDS, Hindu, Taoist, and Christian friends, honoring our Indigenous relations

Community Partners: Save Mount Diablo, Sustainable Contra Costa, SRVU School District, CIPL, CCC Sanitary District, Cool the Earth, White Pony Express, The Crayon Initiative, East Bay Regional Parks, and more.
The list keeps growing!

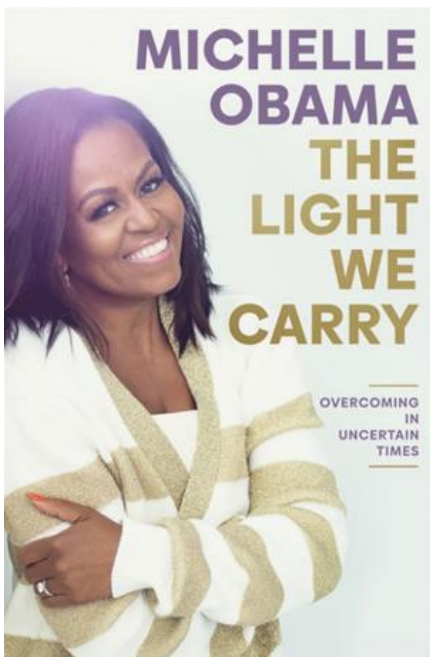
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting Faith Build days at Esperanza Place on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The dates for the next monthly events are : Saturday April 22, 2023 and Saturday May 20, 2023. If you are interested, please contact David K the Habitat for Humanity liaison for St. Tim's. David can be reached via email at kutroskyd@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP

On Sunday, April 16, the book group will meet after the 10:00 service to discuss “**The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times**” by Michelle Obama. There may be no tidy solutions or pithy answers to life's big challenges, but Michelle Obama believes that we can all locate and lean on a set of tools to help us better navigate change and remain steady. In **The Light We Carry**, she opens a frank and honest dialogue with readers, considering the questions many of us wrestle with:

- How do we build enduring and honest relationships?
- How can we discover strength and community inside our differences?
- What tools do we use to address feelings of self-doubt or helplessness?
- What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much?



Michelle offers readers a series of fresh stories and insightful reflections on change, challenge, and power, including her belief that when we light up for others, we can illuminate the richness and potential of the world around us, discovering deeper truths and new pathways for progress. Drawing from her experiences as a mother, daughter, spouse, friend, and First Lady, she shares the habits and principles she has developed to successfully adapt to change and overcome various obstacles. She details her most valuable practices, like "starting kind," "going high," and assembling a "kitchen table" of trusted friends and mentors. With trademark humor, candor, and compassion, she also explores issues connected to race, gender, and visibility, encouraging readers to work through fear, find strength in community, and live with boldness.

Summary from Goodreads.

Contact Sally P at sallyspotts@gmail.com for additional information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

On Sunday March 19, after the 10:00 am service, the Social Justice Ministry held its third monthly forum in the Mental Health series. The topic was Depression. Previous topics were Holiday Stress (Dec) and Anxiety (Feb). About 30 people participated including three guest speakers from Discovery Counseling Center in Danville: Sumita Bhandari, Executive Director; Rachel Kincaid, Clinical Supervisor; and Kathy Chiverton, retired Executive Director. In addition to presentations and handouts on causes and how to manage depression, participants shared life experiences. The monthly forum will continue on other various Social Justice topics after the 10:00 am church service. The next topic in April will be on Suicide. It will be held Sunday, April 23 after the 10:00 am service. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you for lively discussions:

The purpose of the forum sessions are in alignment with the goals of the ministry to:

- Discuss what's going on around us as it relates to social justice
- Suggest opportunities for improving lives
- Educate and bring awareness to the community

| Topic | Date |
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| Suicide | April 2023 |
| Hunger | May 2023 |
| Poverty | June 2023 |
| Bullying | August 2023 |
| Crime | September 2023 |

CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH COALITION



Want to feel like Santa Claus?

Have a truck/trailer/van?

Have a buddy with any of the above?

When I joined the board of **Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition** (www.ccichope.org) I asked, "What do we need most?" **Drivers!**

Low commitment. Let our scheduler know on Sunday if/when you are available that week. **Once in a while?**

Fine. Sue then schedules deliveries of basic furnishings, kitchen items, and food to clients referred to us by county agencies.

You could be bringing a bed to a veteran that had been living on the streets until the county found them housing. Many clients are single mothers with children. Deliveries are made where the need is greatest, east and west county. Nope, we don't have the funds to pay for your gas. That's your donation too. Donated furnishings are stored in Walnut Creek at the corner of North Main St. & San Luis Rd. (next to General Plumbing Supply) which is where you would load up. Go out and do what God has given us to do!

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LITURGICAL ART

HELP US PREPARE FOR EASTER!



Lent and Holy Week are around the corner so we need to get ready for glorious Easter. Could you please help take down the Crown of Thorns banner and put up the Crown of New Life banner for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday? I need about four people to help with that project on Saturday, April 8th at 11 a.m. for about an hour. We'll need the big ladder. Please let Leslie F. know if you can lend us a hand.

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I am so humbled and grateful for all of you who have come to help put up and take down these installations. It couldn't be done without you and I thank you.

LIGHTING AS ART IN OUR SACRED SPACES

This is not a new thing. Lighting as art has been used for years to create beauty and to accent and enhance your surroundings. Grace Cathedral's current art exhibit is "Grace Light", a large scale, immersive light installation by artist George Zisiadis.



At St. Timothy's you may have noticed the new accent lighting that makes the cross and the liturgical art stand out. They have now become the focal point of the sanctuary.

For the twenty three years that I have worked on liturgical art here, I felt that it never was displayed well because the colors died for lack of good lighting. Even the big banner hanging from above the altar just had about two feet of light on the very top from the spotlights on the ceilings. The rest of the banner was in the dark at night. The big banner now has been softly lit to its best advantage.

Todd and others worked hard on trying different lights and positioning them to get the best effects. I know we have had to get used to seeing these fixtures where there were none, but the results, in my opinion, are lovely. This lighting was paid for by funds from the livestream initiative project and a donation. No reserves were used. The lighting is meant to enhance the visual and worship experience in person and online.

LIGHTING THE ART WORK

Lenten art this year is simple. A white banner hangs behind the cross. The fabric is absolutely plain but when you put two layers over each other, they create a random moiré pattern which is made more obvious by the colored lights. The dried branches relate to the Lenten time of austerity. I felt it needed something to keep them from being “blah”, so I draped the black netting around it that I had left over from making the banner overlay of the crown of thorns. The feeling I had in making it was that it looked like smoke, ominous, and it felt foreboding with the events to come on Good Friday. The base is covered in the same fabric as the banner background and the top of the pedestal is a white coral round top from an end table in my house that I grabbed on my way out the door. I use whatever I think will make it work.



These pictures are the “before” special lighting and “after” special lighting behind the banner so you can see how much more depth and drama the lighting has on the whole effect. Thank you, Todd, and all others who helped make this possible. Leslie F

WHOLE LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

St. Timothy's Endowment Committee
May 6, 2023

9:30-9:45 Coffee/Tea Bagels & Fruit

9:45-9:50 Welcome

9:50-10:20 Overview of how the St. Timothy's and the Diocese of California Endowments functions together

Speakers: **Davey Gerhard** - Diocese of CA Endowment and
Jim Pope - Chair of St. Timothy's Endorsement Committee

10:20-11:00 HiCap analysis, Funerals, Emergency mental health care, Finding Nursing Homes, Funeral Services. Veteran's Benefits

Speaker: **Lisa Perry**

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:00. Trust and Will Information and Benefits of Trusts and Wills

Speaker: **David Bromley**, Trust Attorney

12:00-12:30 Light Lunch

12:30-1:00 Activity: Labyrinth/Prayer Beads

1:00-2:00 End of Life Required Activities like: Planning a service, preparing family for loss, etc.

Speaker: **Todd Bryant**

2:00-2:10. Closing

RSVP to: Jim P at jpope24@comcast.net

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