



Annual Meeting

I had a great time at Annual Meeting. You all had a ton of questions! Thank you for bringing your concerns and celebrations to St. Timothy's. I am privileged to serve with the new and continuing vestry and will miss working so closely with the vestry whose term ended. Thank you to Jim who helped us be a place of hospitality. Thank you to Wally for helping us communicate with clarity, while managing some significant challenges. Thank you to James for his passion for youth involvement. Thank you for Sally who always keeps the trains running on time and will continue as clerk in 2019. Thank you to

our incredibly clear treasurer Neal, who did an excellent job of making complex financial info accessible and will continue to be our treasurer in 2019. Thank you to Ed who saved us the big bucks as Jr. Warden! His property team helped us to avoid significant cost in re-doing our roof. He has always been a close personal adviser and sounding board for me. Thank you to Allison our Sr. Warden, who helped us clarify goals and served with grace during the especially trying time of losing her dad. She continues on vestry by serving as fellowship commissioner. She always brought such wisdom and clarity to my ministry. Thank you to our wonderful staff - both paid and volunteer. Thank you to Bev, who works tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you to Carleen, who keeps us running with little public recognition. Thank you to Susan, who is a Pastor in every sense of the word. Thank you to Darita, who brings such amazing worship into our community. Thank you to each ministry leader who makes the body of Christ whole.

We have put a PDF of the agenda and reports online. [2018 Annual Report](#)

Lent

Ash Wednesday and Lent are a little later this year, but be looking in your mail (snail mail) for the brochure called "Ashes to Easter 2019" in the next couple of weeks. It gives a great summary of the wonderful things we have going on in our community. Feel free to share it widely.

Sidenote - In addition to the snail mailer, the March Tidings will have the full overview of ashes-to-Easter.

Prayer for Lent

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, study, fasting and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. For some of us Lenten observance means taking something out of our lives — "giving something up". For others, it means adding a spiritual practice or discipline. For all of us, it is a time to reset and return to God. Throughout the forty days of Lent, return often to the well of grace that your church offers. With every step you take, may you offer that same grace to others. You are invited therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a Holy Lent at St. Timothy's.

Pastor Todd

SACRED LIVING AND DYING: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PLANNING A FULL LIFE

Saturday, February 9th 9:00 – 2:00 in Grace House

Please join us for a mini-retreat in which we will cover issues concerning giving and planning for many of life's ultimate issues (death and taxes) and our responses (loving and caring). Presenters will include Amanda Kiernan Martin (Diocesan Planned Giving Director), Pastor Todd and others.

Offered by the Endowment Committee and Formation Committee. Topics include: WILLS, TRUSTS AND GIFTS, NEW TAX LAWS, ELDER ABUSE, LONG TERM CARE and FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided so PLEASE RSVP to Lisa Perry Lisa@PMCAPP.com or 925-785-8015.

SCOUT SUNDAY

**Scout Sunday
February 10
Scouts serving during
10 am Service**

WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER 2019



**Winter Nights Shelter
Our Guests are Coming Soon
February 11 - 25**

On February 11, we will welcome the Winter Nights Shelter families to St. Timothy's. Over the next few weeks, members of St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim will come together to provide a welcoming home for our Shelter guests. What a wonderful expression of God's love!

Volunteer signups are going well – many thanks to those who have signed up to help and to the whole congregation for making our campus available for this loving ministry.

There are still opportunities to help. Our greatest needs are helping with the children, weekend and overnight help. We could really use some teens to help with the children. The overnight volunteer is the hardest spot to fill but it's not as difficult as it sounds! Shelter staff are responsible for the guests and the overnight volunteer is there to lock up at night, put out the breakfast and lunch supplies and close up in the morning.

To learn more or sign-up online, go to: [Winter Nights Shelter](#)
Contact: Joann Oliver, joannmarieoliver@gmail.com or 925-362-4805

SHARE THE WARMTH UPDATE



YOU SHARED THE WARMTH

Thank you **Saint Timothy's** for all your donations of warm items and 3 big bags of toiletries for **Loaves & Fishes and Trinity Center**. They were delivered this week and will be so appreciated by those who receive them. We collected 151 pairs of socks, 13 pairs of gloves, 20 knitted scarves, 10 knitted hats, 3 warm jackets, and 3 knitted hats for dogs...what a good idea for the fur friends! Your generosity is great.

COFFEE, TEA AND CONVERSATION

Coffee, Tea, and Conversation, February 12 at 2:00



Join us at 2:00 for fellowship, coffee or tea and a cookie or two on February 12th in Grace House. Come alone or bring a friend and we will gather for some stories and a little laughter. All are invited, young or mature, including men! We had a great turn-out last month and welcome drop-ins, even if it is only for a few minutes. Come catch-up with Saint Timothy friends, or meet new friends and share with us your favorite cookies or goodies. Questions? Patty Alexanderson, mrs.sun@comcast.net

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in being in a small group during Lent, want to be read a book with friends that invites us to reflect on our spiritual lives, or want space and time to draw or write with friends? We would like to invite people or families to gather together during Lent and we would like to help that to happen.

Interested or excited? Contact Pastor Todd rector@sainttimothysdanville.org or Pastor Susan sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org



MEN'S GROUP PRESENTS THE CRAYON INITIATIVE

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Men's Group
PRESENTS

THE CRAYON INITIATIVE

Bryan Ware, Chairman and Founder
TUESDAY MARCH 5, 6:30 PM



The mission of The Crayon Initiative is to recycle used and unwanted crayons to preserve our environment and enrich the lives of hospitalized children through art and imagination. Founded by Bryan Ware and his wife Marissa in 2014, this charity collects donated crayons from restaurants, schools, and homes across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing waste.

The recycled crayons are distributed to art programs at children's hospitals across the United States, brightening the lives of young patients during their stay. With the aid of thousands of volunteers, The Crayon Initiative has taken great strides to help keep the earth clean, while spreading joy to kids in need by providing them with an endless supply of free art materials.

In private life, Bryan Ware is the creator of WareWorks, a consulting firm specializing in packaging and product design as well as manufacturing processes. His clients have included Google, Franzia, Uncle Ben's, and Scott's Miracle-Gro.

This event is open to all St. Timothy's parishioners and your friends. Appetizers and refreshments will be served, and we request a donation of \$15 for the first person in your party and \$5 each for your guests. Social time will begin at 6:30 PM, and Bryan will begin his presentation around 7:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Dick Firth at rwfirth@gmail.com.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

WHAT: **St Timothy's Parents' Night Out**

WHERE: Church

WHEN: 3-4 times per year, starting March 2nd, 5 – 9PM

WHO: 3 months through 5th grade children

WHY:

- 1) **EVANGELISM:** To show the community not only our church/school building, but more importantly, our gracious, welcoming, awesome body of Christ
- 2) **OUTREACH:** To reach out and provide a supportive, fun service to families in the community, at low cost
- 3) **AFFORDABILITY:** By using church **volunteers** as staff, PNO will be very low cost. Charge per child: \$10 + \$5 for each additional child (max: \$25/family)
- 4) **FAMILY:** Building the church – school family up by giving opportunity to interact



WHO ELSE: YOU! The more volunteers we can train, the more we can share the load! To pull off one amazing night of PNO, we need at least 12 of YOU. Volunteers must be 16 or older. Please consider giving us some of your time and energy. Volunteers would arrive at 4:30 and be done by 9:30pm.

With a full volunteer load, we will be able to offer 5 different age breakouts – 1) pre-walkers, 2) walkers up to age 3, 3) potty trained 3's through Pre-K/4 4) K – 2nd and 5) 3rd – 5th. (Depending on numbers of kids and volunteers, Kinder – 5th can be combined, but ideally would be separate.) Also, with a full load of 12 or more volunteers, we will be able to accept over 60 children! What an amazing gift to the young families in this community!

REQUIRED TRAINING:

- 1) Must have attended St. Timothy's for at least 6 months
- 2) Diocesan Misconduct Training, including background check – Online (takes about 30 minutes on your computer)
- 3) PNO Training Session – Scheduled after church on Sunday, February 10th (11:10am)
- 4) Volunteers will fill out a volunteer "application" in which we can assess your age preferences and date availability.

HOW IT WILL WORK:

Once we know how many volunteers we have secured, we will then be able to calculate the number of spots we have for children. Two weeks prior to the date, we will send out an email with online registration access. Online registration will stay open until the Friday before the event OR as age groups are filled. We plan to reach out to our Noah's Ark community as well as our 2 nearby elementary schools, Vista Grande and Green Valley.

If you would like to help us make this new ministry a smashing success, please let Kimberly Bryant know (kharvin@hotmail.com), step one. Step two: attend the short training session after church on Sunday, February 10th at 11:10am in Parish Hall. Meeting will be over by noon.

We need you and we know that the evening promises to be a very rewarding one for our volunteers, the children and their parents. Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DANVILLE, CA

2019 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 27, 2019

The **2018 Annual Report** was distributed to all attendees prior to the meeting. The report is available on the St. Timothy's web site on the Resources page – <https://sainttimothysdanville.org/resources/>. Copies of the report are also available in the church office.

Pastor Todd Bryant called the meeting to order in the church following the 10:00 Sunday service.

Sally Shea Potts was elected secretary and Sally Jess was elected parliamentarian for the meeting.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved.

Elected to **Vestry**: Linda Clark, Steve Hedden, Trudy MacMillan and Mike Olden.

Elected **delegates** to Convention and Deanery meetings: Jim Coleman, Cecelia Oluwole, Betty Davis, Mary Louise Gotthold, Mike Oliver, Frances Stephenson and Jerry Vallery. St. Timothy's is also entitled to 7 alternates. Parish members who are interested in being an alternate should contact Pastor Todd.

Treasurer, Neal Matsunaga discussed the results of the **2018 budget** and the **2019 budget** approved by the vestry at their January meeting.

- The 2018 budget had a net income which was allocated to the Endowment, the Pledge Reserve and the Maintenance Reserve.

- The 2019 operating budget currently anticipates an income shortfall – most of which should be covered by the Pledge Reserve from the 2018 budget.
- The church maintenance study by an outside contractor anticipates significant expenditures in the next 5 years to maintain the St. Timothy's building and grounds – approximately \$100,000 per year. The current Maintenance Reserve will NOT be enough to cover those expenditures.

Pastor Todd discussed the following topics highlighted in his section in the 2018 Annual Report

- Growth of St. Timothy's spirituality and numerically
- How to further embed St. Timothy's in the life of the larger San Ramon Valley community
- Facility maintenance and a future capital campaign

The following are some of the topics raised following the Rector's report:

- What **hours** do the other staff work? Pastor Susan – 30 hr./week, Darita and the office administrator, Emily each work 20 hr./week, Liz, the bookkeeper works 10 hr./week
- Anticipated **maintenance** expenditure shortfall - \$100,000 per year for the next 5 years.
- Pastor Todd sees **2019 as a year of discernment** for the parish as to where God wants us to go and how we can live into our vocation. He informed us that 15 years ago San Ramon and Danville were about the same size; San Ramon is now on track to be 2.5 times the size of Danville.
- In the past a **chart of the pledges** has been shared with the parish. Some thought that that was discouraging, and others found it helpful.
- A **Parents Night Out** on March 2nd is in the planning stages. This is an effort to acquaint families of children at Noah's Ark and the local elementary schools with St. Timothy's.
- **FORMATION** programs in 2019 will be designed to run for one or a couple sessions see if this format encourages more attendees (per Lisa Perry).
- How can we build more relationships with the families of **Noah's Ark** attendees? Pastor Todd described the clergy interactions and encouraged others to work on getting to know them.
- How can we learn about what interests' teenagers and other young people and what would interest them in coming to St. Timothy's?
- **Youth Mission Trips** are powerful for teenagers. Finding activities that look good on a college resume might also help spark participation.
- Have we reached out to **those who have** left St. Timothy's to find out why? Pastor Todd has attempted to talk to all the families listed on the Friends pages. Among the feedback was that they could not stand the 5-year search process after Father Steven left and disliked the parish politics.
- Some have left because they did not feel cared for. Several people reacted with descriptions of pastoral care resources at St. Timothy's including the clergy, Stephen's Ministers and the Prayer Chain and Pastoral Care groups.
- **Leadership:** Finding leaders for Senior Ministries and Stephen's Ministries has been a problem.

- Plans for **youth activities in 2019**? Pizza nights with the youth at St. Paul's in Walnut Creek and possible trip to Mexico with Mark Spaulding of Holy Cross in Castro Valley, who goes regularly.
- Suggestion of one or more **surveys** to find out what people want. Perhaps one aimed at seniors.
- Pastor Todd: Most of the newcomer families are 60+ women

Senior Warden, Allison Fletcher discussed the highlights of her year as Senior Warden:

- Resolution of the 2 vs 3 services on Sunday issue,
- An increase in fund-raising for the church and Outreach,
- A very successful FOTH fundraiser.

The following **vestry members going off** vestry were recognized for their contributions: Ed Liggins (Junior Warden), Jim Coleman, Wally DeYoung and James Vila.

Dick Firth was named **Senior Warden** by Pastor Todd and gave the closing prayer.

PICTURE DIRECTORY UPDATE

ST TIMOTHY'S PICTURE DIRECTORY – UPDATE

I just received the 2nd proof of our picture directory with the changes I made in the first proof. I will review and return the proof to them today and we should have our directories by the middle of February (fingers crossed)! I am creating a supplement for the directory that includes: staff, new members, (since mid-November), Friends, vestry and program contact lists. If you have input for any of these, please send me email immediately. I have ordered extra directories for vestry, greeters and newcomers and additional directories that will be available for purchase.

Thank you for your patience. Sally Shea Potts (sallyspotts@gmail.com)



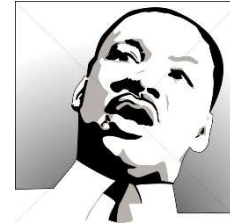
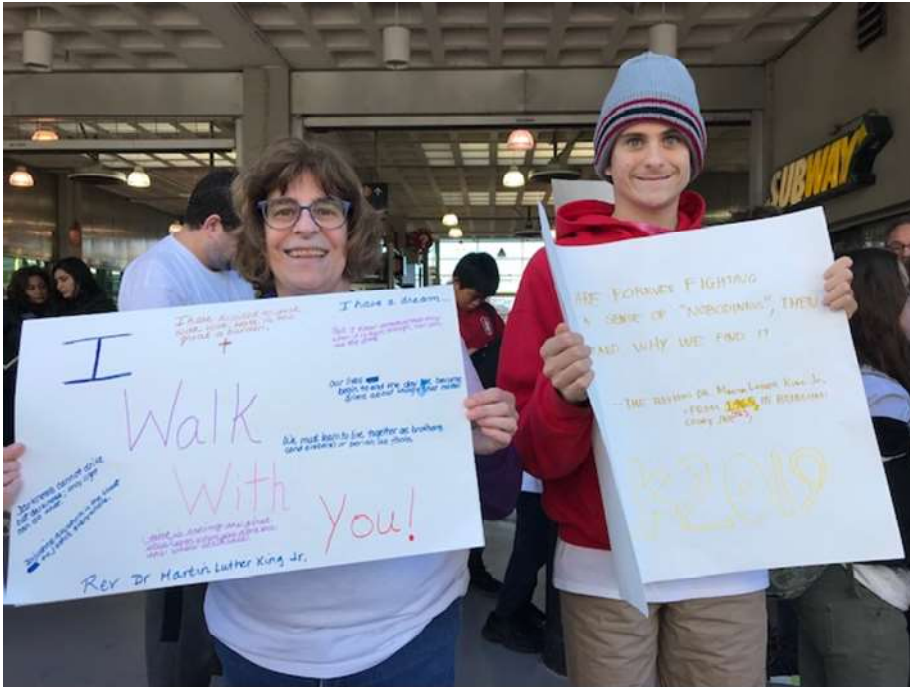
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Danville, CA
<https://sainttimothysdanville.org>
2018

KNEELERS RETURN FOR LENT

Beginning Ash Wednesday and for the five weeks of Lent we are going to put the kneelers in place. We hope this offers a tangible way to shift gears as we remember Jesus' desert journey. They will be removed before Palm Sunday and we will continue with our regular worship space arrangement after that. You are in no way required or expected to kneel and may receive standing whenever you choose. You will have very clear instructions for how to receive in a way that is efficient and smooth in the bulletin. Especially during the first week, the ushers will be helping us get accustomed to this transition.



MLK DAY AT GRACE CATHEDRAL



Two St. Timothy parishioners, Cathy and Thomas Hager joined 55 youth and

several adult leaders at Grace Cathedral last month for an MLK overnight. On January 21, they also joined in the parade. They were so proud and humbled to represent St. Timothy's at this important event. Cathy was also a Chalice Bearer for the service.



Save the date for the

**22ND ANNUAL FRUITS OF THE HARVEST
FUNDRAISER FOR ALL OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**MAY 18TH, 2019 4 TO 8 PM
NEW ORLEANS JAZZ**

***"LAISSEZ LES BON TEMP ROULER"*
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL**



The Fruits of the Harvest Committee is now planning the 2019 Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH). Over the last 21 years, you have raised nearly \$650,000 to give grants to the 14 ministries that we support and for other Outreach events that take place. You can see letters of gratitude from many of these recipients of the Fall 2018 grants which are posted on the red God's Hands bulletin board in the parish hall.

This is a parish wide event that brings all of us together. It's a big party, and every year we have a different theme. We have a catered dinner on the patio or parish hall, servers, music, a silent auction and raffles, Wall of Wine, a Fund-A-Need, and some fun surprises. We even get into the spirit of the evening by wearing costumes (optional) and having a great time.

Invitations will go out in late March. Look for the big FOTH rolling bulletin board starting March 24th, with volunteer signup sheets for many jobs, and donation signup sheets. This event is a huge undertaking and we need many helpers. There are invitation stuffing parties, and work parties which will be announced. This is a great way for newcomers to jump in, get involved, and meet people. We are always looking for tech help.

Starting late March, there will be a newsy FOTH website where you may buy tickets on-line if you wish, and look for updates in the weekly 411 and Sunday Bulletins. Stayed tuned for more news in the March Tidings. Contact Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net, 925.683.7868, or Tania Hansen De Young, 925.876.0433, taniahd@comcast.net. We appreciate all of your support, even if you cannot attend.

Got jazz, bring beads and put on a mask.

Good cause and fun, what more could you ask?

BELOVED COMMUNITY TRAINING

Beloved Community Training Day + Vestry Training

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Grace Cathedral](#), San Francisco

Put on your best cardigan and your Keds and join us for a day of exploring ways that churches can meet neighbors and be neighbors themselves. Churches can ask the question “Who is my neighbor?” and then explore new ways of thinking about the neighbors around us, both far and near.

There are a variety of workshops for both lay leaders and clergy to attend. There is a track for vestry members – but this isn't just for vestry members. This is day is great for those involved in outreach ministries, formation, communications volunteers, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, and anyone needing training in Whole and Healthy Church – our new safe church training. And there will be an extended presentation by CPG for anyone part of the Church Pension Group.

Our large group sessions will be a time of worship as well as drama presented by Kurt and Cathey Purucker of the [Covenant Players](#) to make us laugh, think and look at our church life from a different viewpoint.

Please note: the [Chinese New Year Parade](#) begins at 5:15 p.m. and streets will begin to close at 3 p.m. Please be patient with yourself, with others stuck in traffic, and try to take public transportation if you can.

Cost: \$20 a person (to cover lunch). Partial Scholarships are available.

Questions? Contact Amy Cook, Working Group Head for Faith Formation, amyc@diocal.org

[REGISTER HERE](#)

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 2019

The vestry met in Grace House on Wednesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm.

The vestry met in the Church Sacristy on Sunday, January 27 following the Annual Meeting.

MOTIONS from Wednesday, January 16:

- The submitted Commission and Treasurer's reports were approved as submitted.
- The minutes of the December meeting were approved as amended to include more details regarding the modification to the proposed budget.
- The modified 2019 budget submitted by the Treasurer was approved. Changes from the budget discussed at the December 2018 meeting were discussed and approved as proposed. The net income from 2018 was allocated to the new Pledge Reserve account, the Endowment Fund and the Maintenance Reserve.
- The donations from the Reed and Sylvia Miller and the Dorthey Dent estates were allocated to the Endowment Fund in accordance to the wishes of these parishioners.
- The proposed date for FOTH (Fruits of the Harvest) 2019 was approved – Saturday, May 18, 2019. FOTH is the major Outreach fund-raiser of the year.

MOTIONS from Sunday, January 27:

- **Tom Linari** was elected Junior Warden.
- Neal Matsunaga and Sally Shea Potts were re-elected as treasurer and Vestry clerk, respectively.
- The authorized signers for the church bank and brokerage accounts were modified to add Dick Firth and Tom Linari and remove Allison Fletcher and Ed Liggins.

OTHER ACTIONS from Wednesday, January 16:

- The vestry welcomed the 2019 vestry nominees to the meeting.
- The major items in the Rector's report in the 2018 Annual report were introduced and discussed:
 - Spiritual and numerical growth of St. Timothy's
 - Connection of St. Timothy's more closely into the life of the San Ramon Valley area.
 - Maintenance and upkeep of the St. Timothy's campus
 - Pastor Todd's participation in the Missional Leadership Cohort
- The question of where to safely store pictures from youth and children's activities was brought up and referred for further study.

The 2019 vestry will meet in retreat on the weekend of February 1 & 2. As of this date there is no "*regular*" vestry meeting planned during February.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Grace House conference room.

The minutes of the vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

VESTRY LIST UPDATE

St Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville, CA Vestry – 2019

(Commission responsibilities for 2019 have not been decided)

<u>Commission/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email/Phone</u>
Senior Warden	Dick Firth	rwfirth@gmail.com 925-352-8503
Junior Warden (Property)	Tom Linari	tlinari57@gmail.com 925-328-0721, Cell: 925-895-6791
	Nancy Arroyoavila	naa2005retire@gmail.com , Naa8@pge.com 760-271-0793
	Linda Clark	lclark1228@aol.com 925-947-0399, Cell: 415-810-3749
	Kari Doolittle	kari.doolittle@gmail.com 925-984-1657
	Allison Fletcher	allisonsfletcher@gmail.com 925-997-0721
	Cathy Hager	cathager@comcast.net 925-984-6713
	Steve Hedden	stephenhedden@yahoo.com 925-820-2811
	Alison Hill	AliRHill@comcast.net 925-683-9044
	Trudy Macmillan	alexlife@astound.net 925-899-1197
	Mike Olden	oldenmichael69@yahoo.com 650-504-3800
	Lisa Perry	lisa@pmcapp.com 925-785-8015
Treasurer	Neal Matsunaga	nkmats@aol.com 925-838-1617
Clerk	Sally Shea Potts	sallyspotts@gmail.com 925-691-9294

Update Date: 1/29/2019 #2

TREASURER'S REPORT- January 16, 2019

Treasurer's Report

January 16, 2019

Financial Highlights

- 2018 budget based on 164 pledges totaling \$650,300 with an additional 7 pledges received during the year
- 2018 Budget vs Actuals, through December

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Pledge Income	\$725,400	\$696,416	\$(28,984)
Other Income	\$ 43,270	\$64,317	\$21,047
Expenses	\$744,628	\$711,046	\$33,582

Income – Pledge Income difference due to:

2018 pledges \$2,356 over

Prior year pledges received this year \$3,230 over

Contributing income \$(34,570) under

Other Income difference due mainly to:

Plate offering \$(1,820) under

Special gifts \$25,507 over

Operating support \$(2,523) under

Expenses – Operating expenses difference is the sum of lots of overs and unders, with main ones being:

Personnel expenses \$11,407 under

Facility expenses \$(2,354) over

Christian Formation \$2,695 under

Fellowship expenses \$6,049 under

Finance expenses \$9,466 under

Contingency expenses \$3,312 under

Neal Matsunaga

CONTACT US

The Rev. Todd Bryant–Rector
(925) 837-4993 x.114;
Rector@SaintTimothysDanville.org

The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil–Associate Rector (925) 837-4993 x.113;
sgeissleroneil@SaintTimothysDanville.org

Darita Seth – Director of Music
(925) 837-4993 x.115;
DMSeth@SaintTimothysDanville.org

**Cynthia Chavez –
Noah's Ark Preschool Director**
(925) 362-8565;
NoahsArk@SaintTimothysDanville.org

Bev Matsunaga – Facilities (Volunteer)
(925) 837-4993 x.111; Facilities@SaintTimothysDanv

Liz Haughey – Bookkeeper
(925) 837-4993 x.116;
Bookkeeper@SaintTimothysDanville.org

Neal Matsunaga – Treasurer (Volunteer)
(925) 837-4993 x117;
Treasurer@SaintTimothysDanville.org

Emily Connell Office Administrator
(925) 837-4993 x110; parish@ SaintTimothysDanville

Carleen Carns – Pledge Secretary (Volunteer)
Pledges@SaintTimothysDanville.org

Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church
www.SaintTimothysDanville.org
1550 Diablo Road
Danville, CA 94526
925.837.4993
Email: parish@sainttimothysdanville.org