



# Tidings

October 2021

The newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA

## RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Happy pumpkin spice month,

September was a wild month. The delta variant forced FOTH to go virtual again. I am incredibly grateful for all your prayerful and financial contributions to support our outreach ministry. Within the Tidings, Leslie will give you a more fulsome update.

**Stewardship** : We are fully into our October stewardship drive. Please pledge to our mission and ministry. If you have never pledged before, please help us out. You can start small. For example, if you have never intentionally given a portion of your income to church, start with 2%. It won't bite too much and makes a huge difference to us planning ministry for the future. Once you make commitment consider increasing by ½% each year. This is a way to join the *spiritual* practice of stewardship. I am grateful for all the work done behind the scenes to keep our digital worship going. During this month Emma, Tania, Adam, Mike will all share their stories at both services.

Youth Group Robbie continues to bless our youth. Please pray. Pray that God works in the lives of our families with you at home.

**St. "Frank"**: We will have a blessing of the animals is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm on campus in honor of St. Francis.

All Saints' Day we will celebrate All Saints' Day on November 7<sup>th</sup> at both services that includes a "necrology" reading. The necrology is the list of those who passed in our congregation in the previous year.

**Tech**: Help Please we have streamlined our digital worship and made it simple. And you can help. You don't need to be an astrophysicist to run the cameras and sound: we train you. The biggest requirement is just paying attention to the service and supporting lay and clergy worship leaders.

Thank you  
Todd

## ST. TIMOTHY'S STEWARDSHIP 2022

### 'Imagine it and, do it! Reimagining and reinvesting in the community in a new way'

The Program is focused on our extraordinary response to the COVID crisis-and the blessings we have received during the past 18 months. We have acted in faith, have grown, and continue to grow.

Tania D, Adam L, Emma G and Michael K, after working with Pastor Todd, look forward to sharing their vision for the coming year.

Pledge forms and return envelopes will be mailed to all congregation members on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

This year's Stewardship Program includes:

- \* Speakers on each Sunday morning in October sharing their perspectives on generosity and faith;
- \* Weekly 411 information on generosity and faith;
- \* A Covenant Sunday Ingathering on October 24<sup>th</sup>

The Stewardship Committee:

Tania D	Adam L
Emma G	Mike O
Michael K	Sally P



### FRUITS OF THE HARVEST 2021 *resilience, hope, gratitude & love*

24th Annual Fundraiser for all our Outreach Ministries

In the last 23 years, Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH) has raised over \$745,000, to give grants to more than 20 non-profit organizations doing great work to help our brothers and sisters in need. Please see the flyer included highlighting these ministries and the work they do.

Instead of giving at a live fundraiser, we ask you to consider making a gift of what you might have donated at the event, or any amount you feel called to give. Please send a check with "FOTH" on the memo line in the enclosed return envelope, or use your credit card securely at [SaintTimothysDanville.org](http://SaintTimothysDanville.org) at our FOTH 2021 website link.

*Thank you for supporting Outreach Ministries.*



## THANK YOU SAINT TIMOTHY'S!

Even though we had to revamp again and go virtual for our **FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)** fundraising event due to the Delta variant, we raised over \$47,510! We are filled with gratitude for your generosity and we thank every one of you for helping people in great need.

**VIDEO** - We're happy that many of you came to our two on-line events on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and watched our Outreach Ministries video which gave you an idea of what these 15 hard-working organizations are doing to help others during the pandemic. Thank you, Carolyn Bried, for putting this video together. It was time consuming and we couldn't have done it without you.

**THANK YOUs** - to Sally Shae Potts, the co-chair, for all her work with our tech support, printing and so much more, and to Rebekah for all her work in the church office with announcements and Tidings. Thank you to the big invitation stuffing group that was done in record time...we had fun. Thank you to Carleen Carns, our bookkeeper for keeping the numbers straight, and more. Sandy Varco, Tania Hanson De Young were great support help by running errands. Thank you to Pastors Todd and Susan for their great support of FOTH.

**RAFFLES & WINNERS** - Thank you to the wonderful donors of gift cards for our raffle. We appreciate Gina Hodgson, the Book Club, Patti Farris, and Sharyn Mitzo for their help. If you were a winner, you should have received the gift cards in the mail by now. The winners of the Reserved Parking Space are John Henry and Shelley Wells from the 8:00 service

**DONATIONS** – If you still wish to contribute, the FOTH website to use your credit card (accessed through our church website) will be live until October 10<sup>th</sup>. Or, you may send a check to the church with “FOTH” on the memo line. We will be sending out grants next month to all 15 of the beneficiaries.

We're already thinking about next year's FOTH, and if all goes well Covid-wise, we would like to have a scaled back on-campus event in our usual time frame which would be **May 15, 2022**, but we still need to be flexible. There are always conflicts, graduations, weddings, and some of us travel at this time. Let me know your thoughts.

**With much resilience, hope, gratitude and love,**

**Leslie Firth**



### Middle School and High School Youth

#### SRVUMC Campus

2nd Sunday of the month  
(10/10,11/14, 12/12)

5:00pm-6:30pm

Middle School - in person

4:00pm -5:30pm

High School -in person

#### St. Timothy's Campus

4th Sunday of the month  
(10/24,11/28)

5:00pm-6:30pm

Middle School - in person

4:00pm -5:30pm

High School - in person

#### Virtual Youth Group

Middle and High  
(Sunday nights @ 7pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83773952025#success>

#### Virtual Parent

Support Group

(Tuesday nights @8pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87179048113#success>

#### Virtual Bible Study

Middle and High  
(Wednesday nights @ 7pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83773952025#success>

SRVUMCs is 3.2 miles from St. Timothy's. Robbie is also planning service opportunities, retreats and other gatherings. He is in touch with parents and youth as these events are scheduled. We are encouraging parents to host other events and hope to have a parent coordinator helping us with that. We will carefully observe all current COVID protocols to keep everyone safe and ask that all parent volunteers show proof of vaccination when working with youth.

Link is on our website

<https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/youth-ministry.html>

## CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Are you interested in confirmation? There will be two separate classes one for youth and one for adults (the adult class will begin early next year).

We are planning our confirmation class to be in person; we will meet the needs of the people participating. Confirmation is planned for early Spring.

We are excited to begin our Youth program with Robbie Fredericksen who will meet with High School youth at 4:00 the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at Saint Timothy's and the 2nd Sunday of the month at SMVUMC San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church –we are 3 miles apart! We start the High School group Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church (SRVUMC) and the Middle School group begins meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at SRVUMC. Read more in Tidings or on the website.

Confirmation will be planned so it does not conflict with other youth activities.

Please reach out if you or your youth are interested in Confirmation. The pandemic put classes on hold; faith has continued to grow! Questions? [Sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:Sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org).

## OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES & COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

During the COVID pandemic, Options has remained committed to the people and communities we serve by providing high-quality substance use disorder outpatient, intensive outpatient, testing, and housing services. Dr. Davida Coady founded Options on the premise that people and their families who suffer from substance use disorders who need our help are never turned away or forgotten, that our doors are always open, and that people must get the help that they need, when they need it most. The pandemic does not separate us from these values. In response to the virus, Options continues to operate with the following safety precautions until it is safe to open to in-person treatment:

- implements telehealth services, providing video and audio conferencing at both individual and group levels by skilled counselors and clinicians
- remains open for new referrals and intake of new clients, including clients released from prisons and from other organizations forced to curtail or limit their own services
- implements preventative and precautionary measures, including health screening at intake and at all residences and clinical settings
- continues to provide treatment, drug testing, and recovery residence services throughout northern Alameda County.

Options residents are fully vaccinated and continue to observe COVID protocols, receiving telehealth services and direct support at the houses. New Options clients who screened as potentially virus infected were quarantined and referred for medical treatment when necessary. Through strict protocols and preventative efforts, the virus has been kept largely at bay.

Due to the success of Options in-prison services, Options has been contracted by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to expand its Offender Mentor Certification Program to seven prisons through the state of California. Furthermore, the California Board of State and Community Corrections has awarded Options funds to serve reentry clients as they return to society from prison. Options takes this opportunity to thank our many supporters, and to invite you to join with us in supporting and celebrating our clients' recovery through these activities:

**Options' Call for Arts:** Supported by the California Arts Council, Options provides a Reentry Through the Arts program which allows Options clients to participate in video and graphic arts training and production activities. All of the production projects are directly tied to the central theme of addiction recovery. Production projects incorporate graphic art, videos, photographs, recordings, and media production. By telling their own stories, the artists gain perspective and find new ways to express their unique paths to recovery. Over the next year, Options will promote clients' works of art in newsletters, an annual Options calendar, and live and silent auctions at Options events.



### **Options' Home Improvement**

**Furniture Drive:** Options currently houses over 100 clients living in nine Options-owned clean, sober, tobacco-free recovery residences. Due to confinement protocols and reduced rental income, the condition of the houses reached the high standard of being safe and clean. Options is in the process of remodeling the homes and is looking for donations. The houses need updating - new beds, tables, chairs, and couches - and many spaces need to be deep-cleaned and painted. Options' goal is to refresh

and refurbish all nine houses by September 2022. This project is a God's Hands project through Outreach at St. Timothy's, so any contribution anyone would like to make can be made at any time over the next year. The project ends in time for the Gala celebrating Options 25 years of service in September of 2022.

**During National Recovery Month**, which is September of every year, traditionally the Executive Director of Options gives the sermons at both services in a Sunday in September. Tom Gorhan, retired Executive Director gave the sermons the last two years, and last year Dianna Beamon, the Director of Human Resources and the Criminal Justice clients' programming at Options also gave the sermons in September. This year, on September 5<sup>th</sup>, Justin Phillips, the new Executive Director of Options, gave both sermons on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Other September events this year honoring National Recovery month, included:

**September 10th Client Graduation Celebration:** During the pandemic, Options implemented a Zoom-based graduation ceremony, broadcasted live on Facebook and on Options' website ([www.optionsrecovery.org](http://www.optionsrecovery.org)). St. Timothy's Church is the official sponsor of the September event and is recognized in the proceedings. Options graduates tell their moving stories of transformation as they have pursued their sobriety and remained free of drugs and alcohol for a full year! **To access Options Graduations, which are held in September, December, March and June every year, at 4:30 pm, just join via Options Recovery Services web site or Options Recovery Services Facebook account.**



**The December graduation is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. In 2022 the graduations for March and June are March 4<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.**

- Sermons at both services on Sunday, September 5, 2021.
- Seeing a short clip about Options Recovery Services in the film highlighting all Outreach Ministries at St. Timothy's on September 19 and 26, at noon, on Zoom for the Fruits of the Harvest fundraising for all Outreach ministries. To see the full film clip about the Options Recovery

Services year-long project to refurbish the recovery residences you can go to YouTube and type in Options Recovery Services Home Improvement. It is a 3:05 minute video letting you know ways to be involved in the project, including, perhaps, work days to paint and clean up the yards of the resident homes in Berkeley and Oakland. To donate and participate in this project you can contact Porter Sexton, Development Director at Options, at 510 6669552 or by email: [psexton@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:psexton@optionsrecovery.org)

**St. Timothy's was the first church to support Options Recovery Services, nearly from the beginning of its formation by Dr. Coady, in 1997. As a result of St. Timothy's support there are now many churches who support Options, including:**

1. Northbrae Community Church
2. St. Clement's Episcopal Church
3. St. Mark's Episcopal Church
4. St. Patrick's Catholic Church
5. St. Raymond's Episcopal Church

**Options' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, September 2022:** Start planning now to attend Options' Gala Event in September 2022, celebrating 25 years of bring hope to clients and their families, breaking the cycle of addiction that causes crime, homelessness and broken families. We are looking for volunteers to be on the gala event planning committee. If you are interested, please reach out to Susan Bookman ([sbookman@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:sbookman@optionsrecovery.org)) or Porter Sexton ([psexton@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:psexton@optionsrecovery.org)).

Submitted by Patti Farris and Peg Miller, long time Options Recovery Services liaisons

## FOOD DRIVE FOR MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER



**Sunday, October 10**

**11am – 1 pm**

**FRONT PARKING LOT**

We will hold our next monthly food drive for Monument Crisis Center on **Sunday, October 10 from 11am – 1 pm** (11 am for parish members; 12 pm for the public).

Not only will we be collecting food for people, but we want to help the clients of Monument Crisis Center feed their pets. Please add some dry or wet dog or cat food to your shopping cart and bring it to church.

### **In honor of St. Francis, we will bless animals on the patio**

Food list:

rice	canned beans
canned meats	canned fruit
soup	canned vegetables
pasta	cereal
baby formula	diapers
toiletries	
<b>dog food (wet or dry)</b>	<b>cat food (wet or dry)</b>

No glass, bread, sweets or expired food, please.

Sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49acab238-sttimothys>

THANK YOU to our volunteers and supporters.

MCC Food Drive Committee – Carolyn Bried, Tania Hansen DeYoung, Sally Shea Potts



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IN CELEBRATION OF SAINT FRANCIS



**I'm standing on your head!**

**Me too! Me too!**

**I'm standing on your head**

Bring your beloved pet to Saint Timothy's October 10<sup>th</sup> for a blessing at 12pm! We will share in a short service in the courtyard remembering how Saint Francis recognized God in all Creation. Francis had a special relationship with animals and it was told that he could speak even to the birds and they would listen to him preach about the Love of God.

We invite you to bring your pet, appropriately leashed, crated or contained—or bring a picture of pet.

We will also pray for beloved pets who died during the pandemic, remembering how much their Love continues in our lives and remember their special place in our hearts for their companionship.

Do you remember Saint Francis in your Garden? Send us a picture and we will share it!



**October 10<sup>th</sup> is also our Food Drive Sunday for Monument Crisis Center. We invite you to bring pet food too!** (non-perishable). You may not realize the gratitude of others who are thankful that we thought of *to eternal life. Amen.*

– Prayer of St. Francis

## CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER

Do you want confidential prayer support for yourself or a loved one? St. Timothy's Prayer Chain offers just that! We pray for you for a week (or longer if needed). We don't talk about it with you, or with anyone; we just pray! Please send your requests to: [prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org)

## JOIN THE LIVESTREAM TEAM AT ST. TIMOTHY'S!!



It's fun, easy, and very important to the St. Timothy's community as we continue to share worship together! Training provided and guided each Sunday with backup as you learn... we need you!!

*RSVP not needed but helpful: contact Kari Doolittle: [kari.doolittle@gmail.com/925.984.1657](mailto:kari.doolittle@gmail.com/925.984.1657)*

We look forward to expanding our team!

## GARY HUNT GIVING PROJECT EVERY SUNDAY!!



Do you have a bounty of fruits and veggies?? Monument Crisis Center is in need of fresh items for their clients – you can help! Bring your bounty to St. Timothy's kitchen on Sundays, place in the refrigerator, and items will be delivered on Monday to MCC. We've

donated over 100 lbs of apples (their current favorite sturdy fruit), about 25 lbs of pear varieties, and 50 lbs of peaches; along with zucchini, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

**If you plan to grow a winter garden, consider planting an extra of something to share!!**

Winter squash, peas, brussel sprouts, broccoli, cabbage, even onions!! Thank you for supporting the Gary Hunt Giving Project and the Sharing is Caring initiative. For more information or to arrange a non-Sunday donation, *contact Kari Doolittle:*

*[kari.doolittle@gmail.com/925.984.1657](mailto:kari.doolittle@gmail.com/925.984.1657)*



# TREASURER'S REPORT

September 15, 2021

## Financial Highlights

- Financial results through August are positive overall despite underruns in loose plate offerings and facilities cost sharing due to the underruns being offset by higher than budgeted pledge and contributing income to date. Decrease in net income compared to July month (\$52,436) due mainly to amortization of pledges paid in full in 2021 not including all such pledges in amortization calculation.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing "pledges paid in full" in the current year, are:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$438,878	\$451,366	\$ 12,488
Other Income	\$ 28,836	\$ 25,796	\$( 3,040)
Expenses	\$502,534	\$455,527	\$ 47,007
Net Income	\$( 34,820)	\$ 21,635	\$ 56,455

Pledge Income difference due mainly to:

Pledges better than budgeted in previous months.

Other Income difference due mainly to:

Loose Plate \$(4,906) and Facilities Cost Sharing \$(10,266) under budget offset by Contributing Income \$11,382 and Special Gifts \$1,150 above budget.

Expenses – Operating expense difference is the sum of a number of under budget items, with the main ones being:

Personnel expenses \$13,326 under budget due mainly to \$6,072 for administrative assistant/office manager and \$1,819 for childcare assistant for being vacant part of the year.

Altar Guild expenses \$1,156 under budget

Music expenses \$1,476 under budget

Christian Formation expenses \$1,012 under budget

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$1,325 under budget

Fellowship expenses \$1,704 under budget

Administrative expenses \$6,534 under budget

Facilities expenses \$13,835 under budget

Finance expenses \$4,037 under budget

Contingency expenses \$2,027 under budget

Neal Matsunaga

# ST TIMOTHY'S VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

The vestry met via Zoom on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30 pm

## MOTIONS:

- The vestry voted to approve spending the funds required to replace the downstairs HVAC system in the Ackerman property and the needed transfer of \$1600 from other funds to cover the cost that cannot be covered by money in the Ackerman maintenance account. The unit will probably not be replaced until it fails – per recommendations by the service person.
- The vestry voted to approve the agenda, the minutes of the August meeting and the several reports submitted prior to the meeting by the treasurer, rector, and several of the vestry commissions.

## TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- 2022 **Budget** planning
- Music director search has restarted after the initial search was unsuccessful in hiring a new director.
- Youth ministry – Robbie Frederiksen has started meeting with the high school and junior high youth from St. Timothy's and the Alamo United Methodist Church. All the meetings are on Sunday – alternating between the two locations.
- Recruitment and training for the Live Stream technical crew is going well.
- Possible Contra Costa County (CCC) requirement to require proof of vaccination. The current CCC requirements **DO NOT** apply to church gatherings.
- Ade A is working with a committee from the Diocese of California in recruiting members for leadership committees.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 9, 2021.

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

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