

RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Livestream update

We had our first truly live Sunday worship on Sept 27th. I am extremely proud the creativity and hundreds of hours that Don, Michael, Rand and Ryan have spent realizing this huge goal. Paradoxically, livestreaming won't look as smooth as the services we have been having for months. Why? Because we don't have the leisure to edit the video and audio to a fine point. We will be spending until Christmas and beyond fine tuning how all this looks. Expect every week to get just a little bit better and smoother than the last. A big thank you goes to Jacque, Cathy and all the servers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for great worship.

What you will see in livestream is more realistic experience of campus worship. You will be right in the middle of the action. One thing I continue to be school-boy-excited about is the clergy's ability to name your prayers in real time as the service is happening – so cool.

Stewardship

Stewardship month is here. Led by Mike O., your stewardship team has a wonderful program of videos and stewardship talks. We will continue building on our legacy of community, generosity, and hope. "We'll be back" will be our catch phrase throughout. We have some great footage of the Sept 20 car parade that we will be sharing during the stewardship season.

St. Francis Day and Blessing of the Animals

We are going to have a blessing of the Animals on Oct 4 at 1pm. It will be socially distanced, outside and have limited attendance, unless more restrictive guidelines are promulgated, and we have to cancel.

Reopening

We are still largely business as usual. No inside worship. Limited access to campus. We have moved from 'purple' to 'red' and the reopening team is busily working deploying the latest action plan.

CHILDREN, PRAYER AND BIBLE STORIES



Have you set up a small home altar? Perhaps you made one for the Lenten season. Creation is the theme we celebrate now. Add a plant, a tomato, or a flower to a simple cloth or a napkin on a small table or area you can set aside. Try setting up your home altar with things you or children like and are reminders of God's love. You can include a picture, a special Lego cross or creation, a drawing, and perhaps an electric candle. You can also create a family ritual, lighting a candle and saying the Lord's Prayer, or grace, or together singing a favorite song. Do have a small cross or can you make one from paper or sticks?

We will plan more Children's Worship on Zoom and look forward to gathering together!

SAINT FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday October 4th 1:00-1:30

Bring your beloved pets for a ride – dogs, cats, rabbits, lizards and turtles, or draw a picture of them (including your fish or bird) and we will have a blessing of your pet practicing social distancing outside. Please use cages and leashes as is appropriate! Invite your friends! All are welcome!

Saint Francis

We bless our pets because we are reminded by Saint Francis that God loves all of creation and Saint Francis could talk to the birds the animals, tiny critters and large wolves. First however, Francis had compassion on God's people. May we seek to be instruments of peace.

Below is a prayer attributed to Saint Francis.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



MCC FOOD DRIVE

Sunday's October 4th Food Drive time will open early, 1:00pm, to accommodate anyone who would also like to drop off food! Would you like to bring pet food too?

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES ON ALL DONATIONS - NO GLASS

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Cereal
- Tuna
- Canned Meals (beef ravioli, canned chicken, hearty stews)
- Peanut Butter

Canned and Boxed Pantry Items, such as:

- Fruit & Vegetables
- Side dishes
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta
- Rice, Beans, Oatmeal
- Baby Food
- Soups (canned and dry)
- Dog Food
- Paper and Plastic bags with handles needed to distribute items

PUMPKIN CARVING! (and a Little Candy!)



We are planning an outside pumpkin carving event! Family will be together and we will be socially distanced for individuals who would also like to gather. Everyone will wear masks. Bring your own pumpkin and tools if you have them! More info to come per Diocese information!

CHALK ARTISTS

Thank you to all our artists who decorated our campus for the car parade on September 20th



ST. TIMOTHY'S STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2020

Continued generosity—moving forward to reunite

St. Timothy's Stewardship Program 2020

Keep an eye out for our 2020 Program Kick-off letter!!

Your Stewardship Committee has been hard at work and prayer while planning this year's Program. The initial program letter will arrive within a week.

This year's Program is focused on our extraordinary response to the COVID crisis—and the blessings we have received during the past six months. It is also based on the act in faith that we are 'moving forward to reunite.'

Our Stewardship effort this year is focused on these themes:

- Continued generosity—moving forward to reunite;
- Providing a secure future for the church to continue to serve others;
- Providing innovative and continued support for our members;
- Encouraging the many callings and many voices with which we serve others.

'Continued generosity—moving forward to reunite'

During the month of October a four members of the congregation will provide their personal perspectives on their lives at St. Timothy's and their experience with financial and time commitments to the church. Please join with them and the stewardship committee in prayerfully considering your own commitments to St. Timothy's and the bright future we all want to share. Pledge forms and return envelopes will be mailed to all congregation members on October 1.

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 25th

Help us look toward reuniting – Record and share your own "We'll be back" video greeting:

Participants at the Welcome Home Sunday Car Caravan each recorded a "We'll be back" greeting. For those of you who couldn't attend, just follow the link below to view an example greeting. Then, record your version and share it with Carolyn Bried. She will include it in our program on Sunday mornings.

[Click here for example "We'll be back" video greeting](#)

Mike Oliver for the Stewardship Committee

Nancy Arroyoavilla

Carolyn Bried

Dana Hayter

Matt Heinze

Rob Koteskey

John Pfarr

Sandy Varco



SAMPLE OF NEW CHAIRS FOR THE PARISH HALL

Come in and try it out! You can see two pictures of this chair in the emailed church announcements on 9/24/20.

Please bear in mind that no one chair will please everyone. Our parishioners come in all sizes, heights, shapes, ages, with physical conditions, and no one chair will accommodate every need or comfort. We want a chair that will have a modicum of comfort for most people for an average of the one to two hours that they will be sat in for our concerts, FOTH, and other gatherings.

It was chosen because we needed a very sturdy, good looking, stackable chair that would hold up to the hard use that we will give them. This chair is durably constructed with a perforated poly back and poly seat. It is easy to clean and easy to maintain. It has been Greenguard Gold certified to support better indoor air quality. We purposely did not go with another upholstered chair because the fabric gets very dirty.

One of the biggest complaints with the old chairs was that the back of the chair leaned too far back. We have brought an old chair so you can compare the angle of the back with this new one.

We will have this chair available for you to look at and sit in at the entry of Grace House during business hours. We know that it will be difficult with the campus being mostly closed, so please call the office ahead of time to make sure that Grace House is open.

There will be a clipboard by the chair so that you can make comments until Monday, October 19th. For any further information, please contact Sandy Varco, varcotravel@gmail.com, or Leslie Firth. leslifirth@comcast.net.

SPECS

Dimensions: 20.5"W x 21.25"D x 31.5"H

Seat Dimensions: 18"Wx18"Dx17.5"H

Back Dimensions: 18.5"Wx14"H

Weight: 15 lbs.

Weight capacity - 400 pounds



FREE FLU SHOT CLINICS



Getting vaccinated is more important than ever this flu season.

Vaccination will help keep hospitals from being overwhelmed by flu patients while they also care for those with COVID-19.

- No appointment needed
- Vaccinations available to everyone age 6 months and older
- All are welcome, regardless of insurance or immigration status
- No ID required
- No social security number needed
- Flu shots are not included in a public charge assessment
- Please wear face coverings

Monday, October 5, 2020

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Old River Elementary School
31 Learning Lane, Brentwood

Thursday, October 8, 2020

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Shields Reid Community Center
1410 Kelsey St., Richmond

Monday, October 12, 2020

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Park Middle School
1 Spartan Way, Antioch, CA 94509
Drive-through

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Monument Crisis Center
1990 Market St., Concord

Sunday, October 18, 2020

12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tibetan Association of Northern California
5200 Dalai Lama Avenue, Richmond

Saturday, October 24, 2020

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Loma Vista Adult Center
1266 San Carlos Ave. Concord
Drive-through

For more information, call (925) 313-6767
or visit cchealth.org/flu



ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

A Reminder: St. Timothy's is once again a polling location!

AND, a few reminders regarding our voting process - from the Office of the California Secretary of State
NOTE at the bottom the websites available for you to check your registration, make a plan to vote, and track your ballot. Questions? Contact kari.doolittle@gmail.com

All registered California voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid, first class postage return envelope for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

You have multiple safe, secure, and reliable options for returning your ballot



Mail – No stamp is required to return your ballot through the US Postal Service. **Make sure your ballot is postmarked by November 3, 2020.**



Drop box – Many counties will offer secure drop boxes to return your ballot. **Make sure your ballot is deposited by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020**
Danville WILL have drop boxes available at two locations to be announced next month.



In-person – You can return your ballot to a polling place, vote center, or your county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020. Many counties will have early voting locations available before Election Day. Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.

We're taking proactive steps to safeguard the vote-by-mail process



County elections offices will carefully process all valid vote-by-mail ballots they receive. Your signature on the return envelope will be compared to the one provided when registering to protect your vote. For many voters, this will be the signature on your CA driver's license or state ID.



The state has allowed more time for vote-by-mail ballots cast by Election Day to arrive at county elections offices. County elections offices will process all ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and arrive within 17 days of Election Day.



Our US Postal Service partners are prioritizing delivery of vote-by-mail ballots. All ballots feature the Official Election Mail Logo to help postal workers and carriers identify ballots and ensure all ballots are processed in a timely manner.

You can also take action to ensure a smooth voting experience



Double check the address on your registration. To make sure you get your ballot, you can confirm your address at: VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov



Sign up for ballot tracking alerts. You can sign up to receive updates on your vote-by-mail ballot via text (SMS), email, or voice call through the state's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool at: WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov



Make your plan to vote. Decide how you will return your ballot. No matter which method you choose, you can find tools to cast your ballot at: vote.ca.gov

WHAT'S IN YOUR EMERGENCY GO BAG?

Your GO BAG with Covid in mind

Adapted from the joint agencies of NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team), Listos (California Emergency Preparedness Campaign), Cal Fire, American Red Cross, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

PACK IN an easy to carry duffel or backpack; you may need to walk to safety. An ice chest on wheels will also help with heavier items (water/food)

KEEP YOUR BAG by your door; move to the car if given advance notice

- Face masks/coverings (at least 3 per person)
- Sanitation supplies: hand sanitizer (60% alcohol), soap, disinfecting wipes
- Map marked with two evacuation routes
- Medications, medical devices (including adapters and/or supplemental battery)
- Medications LIST including all prescriptions/doses, include important medical information such as allergies
- Extra set of keys (house and car)
- Eyeglasses/contact lenses and supplies
- A change of clothes, socks, shoes; include warm clothing for cooler weather
- Cash in small bills
- First-aid kit
- Flashlight
- Portable radio/batteries
- Charging cables for cell phone
- External battery with cables
- Copies of your ID, passports, birth certificates, home ownership, other important documents
- Personal computer information backed up on discs/external hard drive/flash drive
- Laptops with charging cables
- Emergency blanket and/or sleeping bags
- Paper goods (plates, paper towels, flatware, cups)
- Water: one gallon per person/per day (3-day supply min)
- Food: non-perishable, easy to prepare items (3-day supply min); can opener

Pet Items (if applicable)

- Carrier
- Vaccination/medical records; current photo; contact info for veterinarian
- Food/Water (min 3-day supply); treats!
- Medications/instructions
- Waste disposal bags
- Newspaper/paper towels
- Leash/collar/harness
- Pet blanket
- Toys

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ITEMS – KEEPING TIMING IN MIND

Another option to gathering your GO ITEMS: Especially useful if you are in a high fire risk area

15-minute warning

- Wallet, purse, keys, glasses
- Masks, sanitizer, wipes, gloves
- Cell phones, chargers, cables
- Emergency cash/credit card
- Pets, carriers, leash, meds
- Clothes, shoes, hats for season
- Eye glasses/contacts w/supplies
- Medications w/dosing; med list
- Flashlight/batteries, headlamp
- Safety deposit box keys
- Checkbook (if applicable)
- Computers, power supplies
- Important papers: Passport, ID, licenses, vehicle titles, birth certs, deeds
- _____
- _____

30-minute warning - All of the above PLUS the following:

- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows
- Personal hygiene items
- Address book/phone list
- Valuables
- Other Meds/Supplements
- First Aid kit, medical supplies
- Pet food/dishes/litter
- Children's items, toys, books
- Battery/crank radio, extra batteries
- Toilet paper, soap
- Clothing for 3days
- Water (1gal/day per person-3 day supply)
- Food (3 day supply)
- _____
- _____

1-hour warning - All of the above PLUS the following:

- Take or Safeguard guns & ammo
- Ice cooler w/food
- Genealogy/records, files
- Paper goods (plates, cups, utensils)
- School items (homework, pens/pencils, paper, calculator, books)
- Insurance, financial, medical data; wills, trusts, power of attorney
- Personal property list: photos or video, appraisal, documentation
- _____
- _____

2-hour warning - All of the above PLUS the following:

- Albums, photos, home videos
- Family photos on display/walls
- Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques
- Packed luggage
- Further valuables, cameras, heirloom pieces, art, collections
- Secondary vehicle
- Camping equipment (tent, stove, pads)
- Journal, diary, letters
- Take a video of your household items for easy reference and insurance claims

ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP

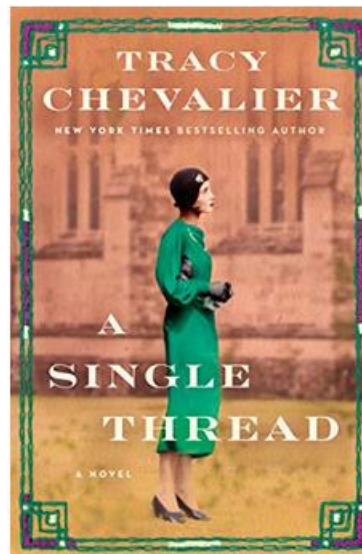


Join the St. Timothy's Book Group on Thursday, October 15th to discuss "A Single Thread" by Tracy Chevalier, author of "The Girl with a Pearl Earring" and listen to the stories from the ladies of St. Timothy's who made the kneelers we use here, the cushions in Grace Cathedral and other projects in the Grace Cathedral sewing room. We will talk about the kneelers and cushions first so you can only stay for that part of the meeting.

Interested? Send email to Sally Shea Potts (sallyspotts@gmail.com) to receive an invitation to the meeting.

Amazon description of "A Single Thread": 1932. After the Great War took both her beloved brother and her fiancé, Violet Speedwell has become a "surplus woman," one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the war killed so many young men. Yet Violet cannot reconcile herself to a life spent caring for her grieving, embittered mother. After countless meals of boiled eggs and dry toast, she saves enough to move out of her mother's place and into the town of Winchester, home to one of England's grandest cathedrals. There, Violet is drawn into a society of broderers--women who embroider kneelers for the Cathedral, carrying on a centuries-long tradition of bringing comfort to worshippers.

Violet finds support and community in the group, fulfillment in the work they create, and even a growing friendship with the vivacious Gilda. But when forces threaten her new independence and another war appears on the horizon, Violet must fight to put down roots in a place where women aren't expected to grow. Told in Chevalier's glorious prose, A Single Thread is a timeless story of friendship, love, and a woman crafting her own life.



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

St Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Highlights – September 2020

The vestry met via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm.

MOTIONS:

- The vestry approved the proposed expenditures to improve the Parish Hall using funds donated by an anonymous donor.
- Vestry voted to acknowledge the September Notice of Accord from the Diocese of California.
- Minutes of the vestry meetings on August 19 and 25, the treasurer's report and files and the several submitted reports were approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Vestry members should continue to check in with "their" list of parish members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Alison Hill announced that FOTH 2020 raised \$53,880 for Outreach. After deducting expenses and seed money for 2021, this should leave \$50,000 plus the \$15,000 in the church budget for Outreach grants in 2020.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS SUCH A SUCCESS!

- Treasurer, Neal Matsunaga discussed the status of the parish budget.
- Tom Tillerman and Neal Matsunaga discussed the plans for the additional refurbishing of the Parish Hall. The esthetics subcommittee has chosen a floor finish and negotiations are underway for refurbishing the parish hall and kitchen floors. The subcommittee has been researching sturdy, comfortable, stackable chairs and has a sample chair available in Grace House. Additional plans include recarpeting the stage, sound baffles, fixing or replacing the doors and repairing the rolling tables.
- Pastor Todd discussed the plans for broadcasting the Sunday service live. This is scheduled to start on Sunday, September 27. THANK YOU TO THE LIVE STREAM COMMITTEE WHO HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD ON RECORDING AND BROADCASTING THE SUNDAY SERVICES AS WELL AS PLANNING FOR LIVE STREAM AND ORDERING AND INSTALLING THE WIRING AND EQUIPMENT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
- Pastor Todd and Dick Firth discussed plans for the Welcome Home car parade on Sunday, September 20.
- Pastor Todd discussed the Notice of Accord from the Diocese of California
- Kari Doolittle and Sally Shea Potts discussed the changes to the Internet Speed on campus to support Live Streaming the Sunday service (DONE!) and the planned upgrade of the Grace House phones which is still in the future due to a problem with the wiring in Grace House.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Please contact Sally Shea Potts at sallyspotts@gmail.com to receive an invitation to the meeting.

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

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 16, 2020

Financial Highlights

- Financial results through August are positive overall due to inclusion of PPP loan funds in the Other Income part of the operating budget. There is an underrun in Pledge Income due mainly to pledges that have not made any payments to date and an underrun in Expenses reflecting a decrease in expenses due to shelter in place protocols.
- Pledge income in our approved budget for 2020 is based on 159 pledges. As of the end of August, 3 additional pledges for \$1,980 have been received. Our budget included a revenue shortfall of about \$58,400 (\$13,400 more pledge dollars assumed and a projected deficit of \$45,034). The hope was that additional new pledges would be received during this year, as in 2019, to help close the deficit.
- 8 pledges for \$26,100 have not made any payments yet in 2020. Last month this number was 12 pledges for \$40,000.
- 36 pledges are paid in full for \$154,151. Last month it was 30 for \$135,751.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing "pledges paid in full" in the current year, are:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$439,081	\$413,142	\$(25,939)
Other Income	\$ 45,063	\$ 116,955	\$ 71,892
Expenses	\$516,139	\$487,288	\$ 28,851
Net Income	\$ (31,995)	\$ 42,809	

Income

The Pledge Income difference reflects about \$17,400 for pledges that have not made any payments yet through the first 8 months of 2020. Had this money been received our pledge income would have been about \$8,539 under budget through August.

Other Income difference due to:

Loose Plate \$(5,079) and Facilities Cost Sharing \$(3,463) under budget offset by Contributing Income about \$7,616 above budget and inclusion of \$73,329 of PPP loan funds as operating income.

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

Personnel expenses \$17,176 under budget

Altar Guild expenses \$2,100 under budget

Christian Formation expenses \$706 under budget

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$2,316 under budget

Fellowship expenses \$2,260 under budget

Administrative expenses \$5,625 under budget

Facilities expenses \$9,592 under budget

Finance expenses \$(14,137) over budget due to timing of insurance and property tax payments.

Contingency expenses \$2,452 under budget

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