



# Tidings

**October 2022**

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

We hope you are sharing our excitement at St. Timothy's as we move toward **Covenant Sunday on October 23rd**. We invite you to join with us as we share our love for the Lord, the Church and all God's Children. Our time, talent, and treasure are the most precious resources we have to share with others to further the Lord's work. This year's theme is:

## **Reset, Renewal, and Innovation**

*The Stewardship Committee has worked with Pastor Todd and would like to share their vision for the upcoming year, these include:*

*we hung-on through 2020 | we survived in 2021 | we healed in 2022 | we will thrive in 2023*

*We are excited to see what we can do together in 2023. Areas where we will continue to grow include:*

- Education opportunities for families with children
- Multigenerational music ministry with our new handbells and chimes!
- Ongoing and growing commitment to families- their growth, development and participation.
- Daytime, midweek get-to-togethers focused on our empty nesters and retired people

We are fortunate this year to hear from four of our members: Ade Adekunle, Alex MacDougall, Zoe Gil and Rayne Devlin. They will share what they love about St. Timothy's, what brings them back and their visions for the future. As always, we will celebrate Covenant Sunday at the culmination of the Program. Each week you will 90 seconds with Meghan and Todd where will highlight some core needs and practices of stewardship. Each week, we will cover our goals and some things you may have been unaware of

- **Our financial goal is \$800,000 in giving in order to support our 2023 budget.**
- **Our pledge number goal is 160 (of any size)**
- **The diocese does not supplement our budget, in fact, we have an assessment that helps underwrite the diocesan budget.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of God's blessings, your ongoing generosity, and the faith you continue to demonstrate to the Lord and St. Timothy's mission.

2022 Stewardship Committee:

Meghan Goldman	Zoe Gil
Rayne Devlin	Ade Adekunle
Mike Oliver	Sally Potts

## HAPPENINGS ON CAMPUS!

What a fun September we had! It was wonderful to be back in person to celebrate life together! Thank you to all those who helped to make this happen! Enjoy the pictures from our Party of the Patio, Blessing of the Animals and our special Young People's Time with Roz A.







In the basket..  
Yertle the Turtle  
(age ~ 60 yrs)



Roz A talks with us about Patricia's story.  
Roz writes to encourage our young, knowing that God loves us all and wants us to share our gifts.

## FINDING OUR WAY WITH CHRIST



*Praise God with timbrel and dance; praise God with strings and pipe. Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud-clangings cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise God. Alleluia Psalm 150:4-6*

The light is changing, even as I turn my face to toward the rising sun. I notice the darkness arriving earlier than I expected; the time of golden light quickly passes. The spinning earth leaves me dizzy with expectations and wondering about where God is speaking. Fall—the time when the day shortens, the night lengthens, and we are thinking about beginnings and endings. As faithful people, paying attention to the changing seasons can remind us to turn again to the One who leads more deeply into Love, more passionately into caring for the people around us, more honestly into seeing the places where we stumble and turn away from goodness.

*I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19*

A crow called to me in the morning as I came outside and stood looking up. I called “good morning” perhaps too loudly, and every day the crow greeted me, and I answered. I felt glad to be alive! I noticed the butterfly and the bee drinking the dew and the youth zipping by on a bike.

When night came, I had to admit not everything was so easy. When I heard the notes of a new saxophone player late at night—and heard another try, and then again, all I could think about was that I would not let my child practice so late at night. I felt righteous and annoyed, angered almost as much my annoyance toward the barking dog that never seems to stop. Suddenly all that annoyance rushed into a space questioning me as to how I can pick and choose what is wonderful in God’s sight. God hears and sees differently than I do.

God lingers in Love and holds this place that bears the scars of the Pandemic and holds the grief and the joy of all creation. Church is changing but not changing, and we are called to be faithful in this time. And just in case we grow weary, we can look around and listen, pay attention to the mini-gratitudes and the mini-annoyances of our lives. God is holding all and Christ is in all. When we reply every Sunday “Speak Lord, your servant is listening” are we to be surprised that God is speaking? In everything?

Blessings

Susan+

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP – SEASON OF CREATION



We are worshipping in the Godly Play room in Parish Hall! Meet in Parish Hall at the beginning of church. We will join worship in the Church at announcement time.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL – OCTOBER 9 & 16

October 9th we will resume Sunday School in the Sunday School classroom in the Parish Hall. We will share a Bible story and have an age-appropriate activity for our youth. The format will be different from our Children's Liturgy. Children will leave church at the beginning of the last hymn and go directly to the Parish Hall (snack from Coffee Hour may be brought to class!) Class will be during Coffee Hour. Children are welcome to be helpers in Children's Liturgy or they may stay in church and participate in worship. Older children are also welcome as helpers in Sunday School.

Are you an adult and have a Bible story you love and missed over the last couple of years? Come help us tell a story!

We will review this format after a couple of weeks.

Questions? Contact Pastor Susan, [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 4pm

We restarted a casual Sunday evening worship service once a month at 4pm. We are going to have a choir that looks a lot like summer choir (no weekday practice). Come at 3pm if you want to sing. It is very casual. The priests will not be wearing robes, and you are welcome to come in your walking, hiking, biking, or youth sporting gear. We will have pizza on the patio as long as light and weather allow.

November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> are the next two Second Sunday Worship events in church.

## RECTOR'S OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 16



Drop in to the Bryant's home between 5-7 pm this Sunday for dinner, drinks and fun! You don't need to bring anything. If you want, bring a wine or beer to share. If attending, please respond to this email to RSVP yes. We are figuring out amounts of food and drinks, so numbers help! (If you don't RSVP, please come anyway!) Email [kharvin@hotmail.com](mailto:kharvin@hotmail.com), if you need the address.

# RISE AGAINST HUNGER – MEAL PACKING EVENT



Saturday, October 29, 2022

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Volunteers of all Ages! (Children under 13 must have adult supervision.)

Invite Family and Friends to Join Us

***“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate***

The Meal Packaging event is a fun, hands-on way to help those suffering from hunger. Volunteers will package meals through an assembly-line process that combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and vitamins to create fortified, shelf-stable meals. The meals are distributed by the non-profit Rise Against Hunger to areas of food insecurity and disaster sites world-wide.

## Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief agency that has been working to end hunger since 1998. Their mission is to provide food and aid to people in need around the world and respond to disasters. One of the ways that RAH works to achieve its mission is by working with volunteers to stage meal packaging events.

## How Does a Packaging Event Work?

Rise Against Hunger brings all of the supplies and equipment, we recruit volunteer workers and donors. To host a packaging event in the St. Timothy's Parish Hall, we must raise a minimum of \$3,800 which will fund 10,000 meals. We encourage everyone to participate and donate what you can towards the cost of the meal supplies. ***Donation towards supplies is appreciated but not required to participate.***

Registration forms will be available on Sundays and online.

## To Register and Donate ONLINE:

- Go to: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StTimothys2022>
- Be sure to go to this address (not the main RAH website) for the St. Timothy's October 29, 2022 packaging event.

-OR-

## To Register and Donate at St. Timothy's:

- Complete the Registration form on the St. Timothy's website:

[Rise Against Hunger - ST. TIMOTHY'S | DANVILLE \(sainttimothysdanville.org\)](http://RiseAgainstHunger-ST.TIMOTHY'S|DANVILLE(sainttimothysdanville.org))

- Put “Rise Against Hunger” in the check memo line
- Leave at the church office or send to St. Timothy's, 1550 Diablo Rd, Danville, CA 94526, Attn: Rise Against Hunger

Contact: Joann O., [joannmarieoliver@gmail.com](mailto:joannmarieoliver@gmail.com)



## CREATION CARE 101



### Last chance to register!

Join us with communities from all across the United States restoring faith, justice and creation—welcoming participants from all parts of the Christian family. Have to miss a meeting? You will automatically be sent a recording if you are not able to attend a session! This is an excellent program and it inspires hope in what we as individuals and church can actually make a difference.

Questions? [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

### SEPT 2022 – APRIL 2023

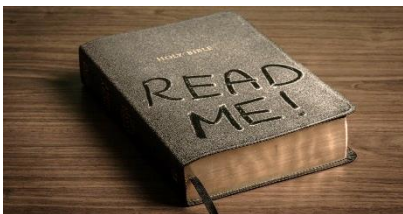
#### 8 Sessions, 8 Months, 1 Session per Month

- Live via Zoom, will be facilitated.
- 2nd Thursday evening of each month
- Sessions are 90 minutes, live at both 7pm ET **and** 7pm PT
- You just show up and invite your congregation!

#### 8 SESSION OVERVIEW:

- Sept 8th [Intro: Faith, Science & Creation Care](#) (Watch Recording)
- Oct 13th Eating: Theology of Food
- Nov 10th Hosting: Honorable Gatherings
- Dec 8th Purchasing: Living Simply & Justly
- Jan 12th Regenerating: Soil, Compost, Waste
- Feb 9th Reframing: Water & Energy
- Mar 9th Planting: Gardens & Spaces
- Apr 13th Planning: Pulling it Together

## BIBLE STUDY



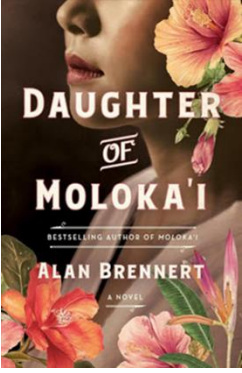
Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 on Zoom for Bible study! We look at the Scripture together and reflect how scripture informs our everyday life as Christians. Questions? Helen C. or Pastor Susan

[sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

Interested in Bible Study in person on Saint Timothy's campus? Let us know! 925-837-4993 X113 or [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

We would love to gather together again if there is interest in studying together in person.

## ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP



In 2004, Alan Brennert published *Moloka'i* – a novel about a Hawaiian girl in the 1890's who is diagnosed with leprosy and sent to Kalaupapa, the leper colony on the island of Moloka'i. The book that the Book Group will read and discuss on October 16 is his follow-up to that book – **Daughter of Moloka'i**.

This companion tale tells the story of Ruth, the daughter that Rachel Kalama - quarantined for most of her life at the isolated leprosy settlement of Kalaupapa - was forced to give up at birth. The book follows young Ruth from her arrival at the Kapi'olani Home for Girls in Honolulu, to her adoption by a Japanese couple who raise her on a strawberry and grape farm in California, her marriage and unjust internment at Manzanar Relocation Camp during World War II and her reunion with her birth mother.

Join us on **October 16** in the Overby Library for a lively discussion of the book and (sometimes) related issues. For more information, send email to Sally S P, [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com).

## ST. TIMOTHY'S SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

We are St. Timothy Social Justice Ministry, and we are all about bringing awareness to the community of the social, economic, environment and justice in equality within the community. We hope to educate and effect our community on the issues surrounding us. We are looking for opportunities to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

We want to focus on these issues; one for every month and bring our findings and ideas to the larger community monthly.

1. Mental Health
2. Crime education
3. Drug Abuse
4. Racism
5. Environmental issues
6. Homelessness
7. Hunger
8. Bullying
9. Elder/Child Abuse
10. Sexual Abuse
11. Social Media
12. Poverty

We need all your support by asking that you think about attending any of our meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month) and adding your voice to the discuss. The Social Justice Ministry will not solve any of these systematic issues, however, we hope that with education each of us can make a difference in one of these areas.

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)



Saint Timothy's will be offering the Education for Ministry (EfM) program for 2022-2023. The focus this year will be on Living Faithfully in a Multicultural World. The power behind EfM is a bit misleading, it isn't about "education" or "ministry" in the formal sense, although both are important. The focus is on living one's faith and the transformation that occurs when one does so in a safe and loving community. The educational focus of the first year is the OT (Old Testament – Original Testament) - how it shapes and informs our lives and our faith and how it was shaped and informed by the lives of our faith ancestors. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Lisa P 925-785-8015 [Lisa@PMCAPP.com](mailto:Lisa@PMCAPP.com)

## GREETERS TEAM

Looking for fun loving members to join our Greeters group. You are all familiar with the cheerful, friendly greeters who greet all members and visitors @every church service. Greeters responsibilities are simple: Welcoming visitors, asking them to sign the guest book in the Narthex & offering them a lovely greeters bags One meeting a month with clergy to discuss visitors from the previous month & assignment of followup with visitors by either email or phone. For further information please contact Cathy Morris, @email: [lil.captain315@gmail.com](mailto:lil.captain315@gmail.com) or (925) 300-3555. Or just see me @church.

## ALTAR GUILD

Seeking new Altar Guild members. Have you ever wondered who sets the table for our church services including our beautiful flower arrangements? It all begins in our Sacistry. The door which leads from the church into what I fondly call "the LORD's kitchen." There are 4 Altar Guild teams each headed up by a captain. The only work requirement for each team is to commit to one Saturday & Sunday a month. You would be working with congenial, helpful & friendly current members. Willing & happy to train. For information regarding Altar Guild, please contact Cathy Morris lil.captain [315@gmail.com](mailto:315@gmail.com) or 925-300-3555.

## IT'S A BREEZE!

During October, Saint Timothy's is transitioning to new software to manage our database of members and giving. This database will be the source of future directories, mailing labels and giving statements. All persons participating in Online Giving are encouraged to become a User in Breeze and set up their Online Giving at the Breeze website. Later in the month, parish members will be invited to become Users as well. As a User, you will be able to view and update your

contact information, look up contact information of other members and have access to view your pledging and giving. Watch for your invitation. Access to our old database software will cease at the end of October.

## VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### September 2022

The vestry met on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in the Overby Conference Room in Grace House

#### MOTIONS:

- The vestry reviewed discussed and approved the revised **Parish By-Laws** submitted by the By-Laws study committee – Neal Matsunaga, Alan Hirashiki and Liz Manning.

The revised by-laws are attached to the minutes of the September meeting and will be available on the parish website after they are approved by the standing committee.

The revised By-Laws have been reviewed by the Chancellor of the Diocese of California and will now go the Standing Committee of the Diocese for their review.

- The follow items submitted prior to the vestry meeting were approved as submitted – 1) Minutes of the August 2022 vestry meeting, Treasurer's report through 31 August 2022 (there are no detailed reports, this month), reports from: Rector, Administration, Communications, Fellowship, Outreach and Worship and Liturgy.

Pastor Todd discussed the results to date of the **Parish Survey**.

Pastor Todd informed the vestry that the **Parish Administrator**, who had been out on disability leave has decided to not return to St. Timothy's. Kimberly Bryant will be filling in as Parish Administrator through the end of 2023.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Grace House Overby 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

# OCTOBER

## Stewardship Month continues

### Sunday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** Stewardship Speaker, Alex M  
Baptism @ 10am service  
**11am** Children's Sunday school begins  
**4pm** "Second Sunday" Worship with pizza after worship

### Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** Stewardship Speaker, Zoe G  
**5-7pm** Rector's Open House

### Sunday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

**10am (only)** Stewardship Ingathering, one service, lunch after worship.  
Stewardship Speaker, Rayne D  
*Bring your pledges to place on the Altar during the service*

### Oct 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**9am -12pm** Rise Against Hunger, all ages  
Outreach Event in Parish Hall  
*Costumes Welcome*

### Sunday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** *Costumes Welcome in church, please no gore.*

# NOVEMBER

## The whole month of November

**Christmas Food Boxes** We support Monument Crisis Center's Holiday Food Box drive

**11:30am - 1:30pm** **Wednesday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
All Souls' Day, speaker and fellowship with Mexican Food Lunch in Grace House

**5-6:30pm** **Friday, Nov 4<sup>d</sup>**  
Movie Night Popcorn and lemonade

*(Daylight savings time change)* **8am & 10am** **Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**  
All Saints' Day - a great day for baptism!  
Necrology read at both services

**8am & 10am** **Sunday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**4pm** Worship  
"Second Sunday" Worship with pizza after church

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service**  
**Nov 23rd, 7pm** at Beth Chaim  
worship with different faith communities and offering goes to a local charity.

## ADVENT BEGINS

**8am & 10am** **Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am - 10:30am** Advent Begins (Beginning of the Church year)  
Children's Formation during Advent in Parish Hall

# DECEMBER

## Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** St Nicholas pays us a visit at 10am  
Grandparents' Sunday with St. Nicholas cookies!  
We'll bless your grandkids in church

### 11:30am - 12:30pm

Selfies with St. Nicholas  
Family Pictures too!  
Christmas cookies and snacks

## Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** Advent 3, often called Mary or Gaudete Sunday.  
**4pm** "Second Sunday" Eucharist

pizza after worship

*we will sing very familiar carols at 4pm worship  
and teach the children the classics*

## Christmas Eve, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

### 3pm

Eucharistic celebration  
especially welcoming of little wigglers and carolers.

### 5pm

Eucharist with candles and music for all,  
we will sing Silent Night by the bell tower outside.

### 7pm

Choral Eucharist with candles,  
we will sing Silent Night by the bell tower outside.

7pm -*Concurrent Livestream  
of the Choral Eucharist*

## Christmas Day, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

### 10am

Christmas Day Eucharist with Christmas music

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