



Tidings

Outreach Highlights and More - July 2022

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

THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST



Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church
2022 Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH) Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries

Twenty-five years of making a difference!

**Sunday, August 14th – Zoom at noon – raffle prizes
and/or**

Sunday, August 21st – Party on the Patio Celebration Brunch at 11:15 am

Delicious Food FOTH Trivia Wall of Wine No-Host Bar Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Join us at one or both events to celebrate the many years of support for Outreach ministries and projects. We will come back together in a much lower key way to have fun after two years of the pandemic changing how we do everything. A new Outreach video will be featured and we'll be talking about the difference you have made in so many people's lives. Let's gather to celebrate our 25th anniversary and to support Outreach Ministries, a cause which is so dear to us.

KICKOFF Sunday, July 10th - Fruits of the Harvest for 2022 invitations should have arrived by then and the FOTH website should be active on that date, so be on the lookout. The FOTH website link will be in weekly email announcements and through our church website at www.StTimothysDanville.org. Our website will give you the ability to donate online to Outreach and to obtain reservations for the brunch on Sunday, August 21st, or you may return the RSVP card which will be in your invitation.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? – Because supporting the work that is done by all the Outreach Ministries is what we are called to do. This fundraiser allows us to give grants to 15 organizations who do an incredible job of bettering people's lives. We also actively volunteer for God's Hand's projects (short term projects where busy people can donate or become involved) such as collecting backpacks/school supplies, food, clothing, sheltering homeless in the parish hall, doing meal packing, and many other projects. This is how we give back to those in need. In the 25 years that we have been having the Fruits of the Harvest, we have netted over \$794,000 to give grants to these organizations.

HOW DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

1. The people who are helped can lead a better life with dignity and self-sufficiency and it helps break the cycle of poverty.
2. The non-profit organizations are given funds that go towards the programs that impact the lives of those in need.
3. The community gets behind the organization and supports them. Example: Trinity Center (day shelter for homeless) and Saint Paul's Commons (very low-income housing) in Walnut Creek were given grants by the city to develop and build the day shelter and apartments which provided much needed housing and services for these individuals. The city created a two person police task force to work with the homeless population concerning mental illness and behavior.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH FOTH? - This is a great way to become involved, especially for newcomers. Although this will not be as big as past events we had, it will still be a fun and festive celebration. On July 10th, we will be providing a Signup Genius link on our FOTH website and in the weekly announcements with ideas on how you can help, or you can donate gift cards or wine. Contact Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net, if you have questions.

You can also check out the big red and silver rolling FOTH bulletin board which will be outside the entrance of the church on Kickoff Sunday after the services. Signup sheets will be there and you can get information, or more invitations.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving." Mother Teresa

You do make a difference!

HOPE SOLUTIONS BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Runs to July 29th, 2022

HOPE SOLUTIONS 12th Annual Backpack and School Supplies Drive

Our drive to supply Backpacks filled with school supplies for Hope Solutions (formerly CCIH) will again be ON-LINE through the Sidney Paige Foundation.

ON-LINE: <https://donate.sydney Paige.org/hope2022>. Here you may pick which filled backpack/backpacks to donate, or you can have them choose for you, and you can pay online with a tiny processing credit card fee.

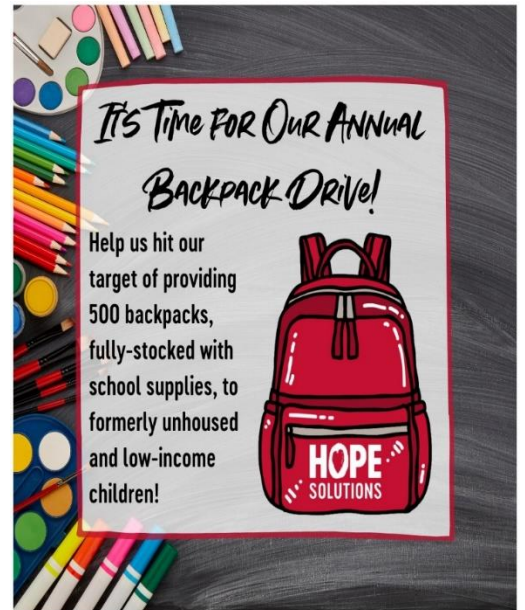
FILL IT AND DELIVER IT. A second option is to fill a backpack yourself and take it to Hope Solutions in Pleasant Hill. If you wish to do that, please use this link for further information. We will not be collecting the filled backpacks at the church.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dafaa2da5f94-hope6>

DONATE BY CHECK: If you prefer to donate with a check, please make it out to “**Hope Solutions**” (not St. Timothy’s) with “**Backpack Drive**” on the memo line and hand the check to Leslie Firth on Sundays or put it in the Backpack Drive mailbox in the Grace House church office (open T & Th 10-1) You may also put it in an envelope and drop it in the locked mailbox outside of Grace House (two story building.)

There has been a large increase in demand this coming school year for backpacks. We will be helping 500 youth in the Hope Solutions Homework Club programs at four sites with low income housing: Garden Park Apartments in Pleasant Hill, Lakeside Apartments in Concord, Los Medanos Village in Pittsburg, and Bella Monte Apartments in Bay Point. Hope Solutions heals the effects of poverty and homelessness by providing permanent housing solutions and vital support services to highly vulnerable families and individuals. The Homework Clubs are part of these support services. Please help prepare the children with school supplies so they can be successful in raising their grade levels and help them to break the cycle of poverty.

Questions? Contact Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net, 925.683.7868



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Saturday May 14, 2021, a small group of volunteers from St. Tim’s assisted in the initial development at the Habitat for Humanity Esperanza Place in Walnut Creek. It was a truly rewarding experience to begin to see the fruits of the efforts by the volunteers.

Starting in July, Habitat for Humanity will be hosting Faith Build days at Esperanza Place on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This will allow different faith communities (like St. Tim’s) the chance to each bring some of their congregants out to work on the project and build together. Emails will be forthcoming.

If you are interested, please contact David Kutrosky, the Habitat for Humanity liaison for St. Tim’s. David can be reached via email at kutroskyd@gmail.com.



A NEW PRIDE FLAG FLIES AT ST. TIMOTHY'S



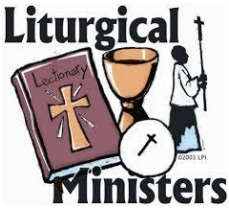
Recently Lauren and I attended a PFAG annual celebration of the progress made toward full acceptance of the LGBT community within the local community of the San Ramon Valley. I noticed that the flag on display was the new Progress Pride Flag. I admit to being a little bit, “What’s wrong with the Rainbow Flag I have been familiar with and understand?”

Then I remembered that my lesbian granddaughter had chosen the Progress Pride flag for her wall. She “came out “a couple of years ago and remains a high school student. My experience is that she is pretty representative of those who during their maturation process realize that they are special. I have also found that youth are usually on the leading edge of the acceptance of change. Finally I believe one of the reasons St Timothy’s flies the Rainbow Flag in June is to let those who might care or are church shopping know that we are an open and affirming congregation. Changing to the Progress Pride Flag says, “Yes, we are open and affirming and we are aware.” The intention behind this change is not to replace or erase what the Pride flag was, but rather to recognize the value of all parts of our modern queer community, which the Progress flag does a better job of.

And considering the current Black Lives Matter movement and specifically the focus on issues faced by queer trans people of color (QTPOC) with our community – this shift towards the use of the more inclusive Pride Progress symbol is one we should all fully support and encourage. Hopefully, in doing so, we can start or continue a conversation not only about trans and POC representation within our community—but about bisexual, pansexual, and asexual people. And the progress that is still to come for the fabulous expanse of gender identities, romantic and sexual orientation.

Steve Mason

SERVE ON THE ST. TIMOTHY'S LITURGY TEAM!



If you would like to serve as an usher, reader of the scriptures or acolyte please contact Jacque C at jchiavini@gmail.com or (925) 200-7733. All ages are encouraged to serve.

GOD'S HANDS PROJECT – WHITE PONY EXPRESS MEDICAL KITS AND FOOD COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

During May-June, St Timothy's partnered with the White Pony Express Foundation in collecting supplies to support Ukraine in the Russian-Ukraine war. So, we put out a barrel in front of the church and asked people to donate medical supplies, clothes, and protein bars.

Overall, we collected:

- 29 boxes of protein bars
- 30 packages of bandages
- 10 miscellaneous medical items
- \$400 monetary donations including corporate matching

Then, on June 18th, eight of our church members delivered and packed the goods into boxes at the White Pony Express Pleasant Hill warehouse. Eventually, the White Pony Express will consolidate the donations in pallets and fly them out to Poland, where the boxes would be driven to Lviv, and then shipped via rail to Kyiv for the refugees. Thank you to everybody who helped!

<https://www.whiteponyexpress.org/supportukraine>



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 2022

The vestry met on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 pm in the Overby Conference Room in Grace House

MOTIONS:

- The minutes of the May Vestry Meeting and the reports from the Treasurer, Rector and several of the vestry commissions were approved as submitted.

OTHER ACTIONS:

- Gabel Chong-Horsley reviewed the planned Outreach Activities for the rest of 2022 & early 2023
 - **Backpack Drive for Hope Solutions** – June/July
 - **Fruits of the Harvest - FOTH – 25th year** – Sundays, August 14 (Zoom) and 21 (on-campus)
 - **Rise Against Hunger** – meal packing at St. Timothy's – Saturday, October 28
 - **Christmas Food Boxes for Monument Crisis Center** – November
 - **Share the Warmth** clothing drive for Trinity Center and Loaves & Fishes – December/January
 - **Winter Nights Shelter** – January 23 – February 6, 2023
- **Rectory** maintenance issues were discussed – fencing and pool leak repair

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. **NOTE: Currently there is no vestry meeting planned for July 2022.**

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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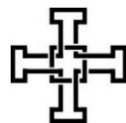
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