



# Tidings

## Welcome Back! - September 2022 Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA

Happy Fall y'all,

I am so excited to start a new season with you. We have good things in store for Welcome Back Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and beyond. Immediately following my article, we have tried to give you broad strokes of what is happening through Christmas Day. It is my hope that this information will help you will find a place for fellowship, learning, service, and worship. If you feel called to create something that we have not described or imagined, I would be thrilled to support and cheerlead your efforts.

We have a wide breadth of activities to support your faith. In September, we have an outreach speaker (Sept 4<sup>th</sup>) and our Welcome Home Sunday worship (10am only with food after, Sept 11). We also are trying two old-things-new-again. We will have a senior focused weekday luncheon as well as Friday night "Party on the Patio" with BYO Food and Drink with music (September 23<sup>rd</sup>). With another vibe, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> will have a family movie night.

**On Fellowship and Formation**, things you already love like *Life Story* continue, while book club and Zoom Bible study start very soon.

**Stewardship Chair** I am delighted to announce that Meghan G has agreed to lead stewardship. We are thrilled to embark on this year's campaign.

**"Second Sundays" at 4pm** On the Second Sunday of the Month in October, November and December (Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11) another old thing will become new again. Before the pandemic, we had an evening service that spoke to many. If you're traveling on the weekend or life is full of youth sports, come to our 4pm service on those days. It very casual with no robes, no particular dress, and "fine" dining on paper plates.

Myles and I will be specifically recruiting middle and higher schoolers to sing at this service. There will be a **3pm youth choir rehearsal** Oct 9, Nov 12, and Dec 11. There will be no weekday practice for this group.

### Things we are still working out

**Survey** Later this month we will be sending you a brief survey meant elicit your feedback about how we can serve you and your family. This will include questions about formation, fellowship, worship and service.

**Endowment workshop** This would occur in the Fall or maybe even Spring

**Children's Formation** We have set some Children's Formation dates to occurs concurrently with 10am worship, but we have not completely locked everything into the Fall schedule.

**Parish Retreat (at some future point)** We would like to get away on Saturday morning and just relax together. There is still much to figure, but strong contenders are Mt. Cross and Loma Mar YMCA. It will be a chance for everyone, zipliners as well as wine and cheese lunchers, to enjoy each other. This will be part of the survey.

**Rector Teaching** I really enjoy teaching Adult Formation classes, but I want to know what is meaningful for you. This will also be part of an upcoming survey.

**Outreach** See the Calendar for Rise Against Hunger and Christmas Food Boxes.

**Bells** You know by now that Community Presbyterian Church donated their whole five octave bell set to us. This has opened wonderful, new possibilities for worship. We are still figuring the logistics of a bell choir including rehearsal time and performance dates. As things develop, we will update you with the latest.

### Finally, Thank yous

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for a successful 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary FOTH. Leslie F and the army of people who helped did great work for the community. Let's look forward to many more years of reaching outside of our church walls.

Speaking of church walls, you may be aware how hard Scott M has been working on our BBQ pit. Maybe you've never noticed our BBQ pit. Many weeks ago, Scott was going to refresh the pit with new pavers. Little did he know that he would discover a major structural failure in our irrigation system.

# SEPTEMBER

## Sunday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am**

Sunday Speaker:

Options Recovery Executive Director, Justin Phillips

## Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

**10am (only)**

Welcome Home Sunday

*food and drinks after worship*

Special Young People's Time: A Reading with Roz A

## Wednesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Survey

Parish emailed with questions about best ways to energize the community

## Friday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 5-7pm

Party on the Patio

BYO Food & Drink with music

# OCTOBER

## Stewardship Month

**Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Saint Francis Day and Sunday Worship

**8am and 10am** Stewardship Speaker, Ade A  
**1:30pm** Drive by pet blessing in front parking lot  
We will bless your cuddly and / or dangerous pet in your car  
**2pm** Blessing of the Animals service on the Patio

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

**8am & 10am** Stewardship Speaker, Alex M  
Baptism @ 10am service  
**4pm** "Second Sunday" Worship with pizza after worship

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

**8am & 10am** Stewardship Speaker, Zoe G  
**5:30-7:30pm** 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  
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)* **Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**8am & 10am** 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, Date TBD**  
We gather at a local church to 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  
4pm**

Advent 3, often called Mary or Gaudete Sunday.  
"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

## BEGINNINGS... AGAIN....

“Come and See” at Saint Timothy’s

Dear friends,

Can you think of a moment that surprised you this week? Perhaps you noticed a cool early morning breeze that stirred the leaves or a blast of hot air shimmering on the pavement. Did you see a patch of cracked dry earth or a honeybee looking for water?

Did a group of kids on bikes surprise you with their ease of talking, riding together, and crossing the street? Did you hear a part of song that touched your soul or talk to a friend who heard your anxiety and grief about the people and things you have lost or found changed? How is the Spirit moving in your life right now?



As we move forward into Fall, we find the rhythms of our lives change—sometimes a lot, sometimes only a little bit. We imagine we are moving past the Pandemic, but in truth, it is part of our story now, as individuals and as a community of faith. We are hoping that Saint Timothy’s community can create a space for you to enter more deeply into your relationship with God—and our relationship with God together--as we discern as people of faith how the Spirit is calling us to see Christ in one another and in the world. A clue is to listen to the moments that surprise us, delight us, fill us with sorrow or even stir us with anger. Jesus came to bring a way of living that fills us with joy. “So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! (2 Cor 5:17). Jesus’ desire for us to abide in him was so we may dwell in the Love of God in all things, “so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11) What this means is not just in a particular hymn or one moment in time, but in our everyday life of waking and sleeping, walking, and raising up our eyes to see.

Me? The great Live Oaks with their deep roots remind me we must think about our water and our clean water. Faithfully serving means finding just and compassionate ways to address the needs of creation. Greed and inattention cannot be the way for our flooded and parched earth—imagination and inspiration—meaning filled with the Spirit--are ways to explore. Listening and attentiveness to our anxieties and fears—Scripture is filled with words of “Do not be afraid”--to move us from inaction into action. This Fall, try something new because your heart tugs with unfamiliarity and you have already been given the gifts to share with others. It is path full of stumbling places and distractions, but God is here, with us.

Share your stories; laugh and cry; pray and know that you are heard in the light of the day and in the dark of the night. “Come and See” on campus and off, renew your spirit in all that you do, and tell the story of what God is doing in your life.

*Pastor Susan+*



# COME BACK TO CAMPUS!

At St. Timothy's, we have plenty of space both inside and outside for you to come back and get together instead of zoom! Want space for a meeting, prayer, coffee with friends, picnic or just a place to hang out? Let us know! Indoor, outdoor, small, large... we've got it and would love to see you back on campus!



**PARISH HALL**



**STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM  
GRACE HOUSE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**



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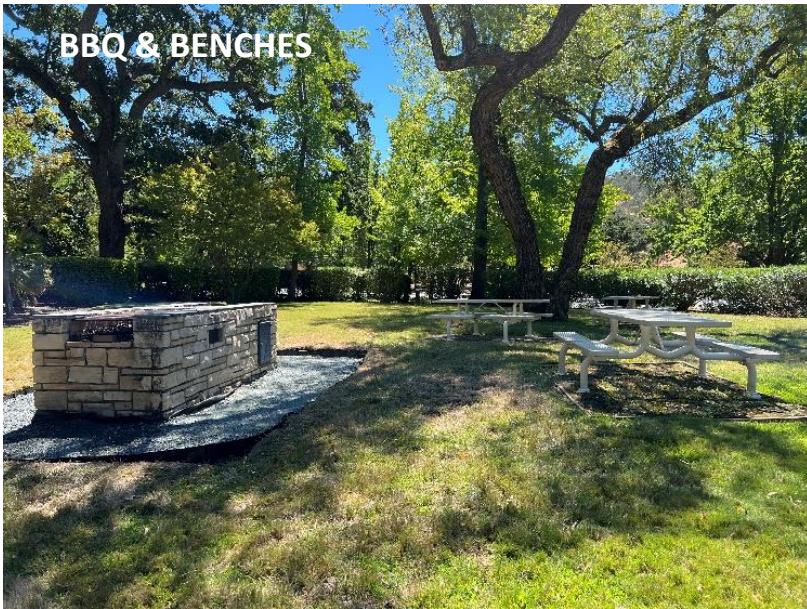
**LABYRINTH**

Contact the office for more information  
and to check the calendar!

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A special thanks to our scouts who help us out and for the Eagle Scout projects that have recently built new benches in our courtyard!

***THANK YOU SCOUTS!***

A special thanks to Scott M and the property committee who worked on the BBQ and solved a mysterious water challenge!

***THANK YOU!***



# THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

## *25 Years of Making a Difference!*

Our Fruits of the Harvest for Outreach Celebration Brunch on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 was a great time of coming back together socially for this event since the pandemic limited our activities. For many of us it was such a good feeling of warmth and nostalgia. We hope the many newcomers who were there enjoyed it and got to see what Outreach at Saint Timothy's means. This Thank You article mentions all of you by name because **YOU** are so appreciated for all the help and work you did to make this event happen. A generic overall "thank you" will not do for me. (*Forgive me if I left anyone out.*)

**DONATIONS: THANK YOU for your monetary donations to the fundraiser.** Your very generous donations are put in one large amount and will go toward grants to the 15 ministries and projects that we support with money as well as hands on projects. We have netted in the ballpark of \$33-\$34,000 for grants for Outreach Ministries. This could not happen without you and it's what we mean by *25 Years of Making a Difference!*

*You make the difference.*

### **GIFT CARDS FOR ZOOM RAFFLE**

The Zoom event wouldn't be as much fun if there wasn't a raffle after the video. Many thanks to all the generous people who donated gift cards for the winners. Thank you to Gina H, The Book Club, Patti F, Holly and Ron T, the Vestry, Ken and Karen A, Cindy M, Laura and Steve M, Mike and Lisa K, Mike and Joann O, DeAnna Bloom of Sola Salon, and anonymous donations. Thank you to Sara Bossatti for her basket of delicious preserves that was won by the Andersons. The coveted Reserved Parking Space for one year was won by Steve and Susan Oki. Enjoy!



### **WALL OF WINE and BAR DONATIONS**

Many thanks to the donors of the 25 bottles of lovely wines for the **W.O.W.** which was managed by Lauren and Steve M. Thanks to Sally S P, Alison H, Carleen C, Dick F, Sylvia H, Cathy H, Steve and Lauren M, Walter and Cathy W, Cathy M, Nancy R, and Elizabeth K. This brought in \$625 for FOTH! Also, thank you to all who



donated wine for the bar. Sally S P, Kris M, Gina H, Dick F, Cathy H, and Walter W. That was appreciated!

**BAR**

Thank you Alex M, for agreeing to be in charge of the bar for FOTH for the first and hopefully not the last time. The planning, shopping, setup, serving and takedown was fantastic and you were great. The Mimosas were the perfect touch for brunch. Thanks to the bartender helpers, especially Karen A who took the certification to be an official

bartender RBS (Responsible Beverage Server) required by the State of California. Our two bars or set-ups, alcohol and non-alcoholic, are required by the Diocesan Alcohol Policy at any events where alcohol is served. Thank you to Michael M, Peter H, Ann F, and Katie M for helping at the bars and with take-down. (Would anyone like to buy 7 bottles of leftover nice Scharffenberger champagne at our cost? \$17.39 ea. w/tax) Contact [foth@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:foth@sainttimothysdanville.org).)

**FOOD**

Tania H-Y has been doing the food for FOTH for so many years. She has the energy of 5 people and in spite of a meniscus tear surgery about 6 weeks ago, she worked tirelessly to organize and oversee the food, caterer, and the servers. Thank you Tania, for your awesome abilities. You are amazing.

Thank you to Mae W, Carleen C, Shelley W, and John Henry W for their help in the kitchen. We also thank our hired helpers from Trinity Center (one of our ministries that we support) who worked for 5 hours with all things for the success of the event. We have hired them at least 6 times for FOTH and it feels good to help them while they help us.



**SIGHTS AND SOUNDS**

Thank you to Kari D for saving the day by being our critically needed tech guru. She made it all work and we are so grateful for your help showing the video and having the music. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to Todd, for setting up all the audio/visual equipment in the parish hall.

**VIDEO**

Carolyn B did a great job creating the Outreach video again. Our Outreach ministries gave short talks explained what they were doing and congratulated us on 25 years of making a difference. Pictures from our





events followed and many were brought to laughter and tears seeing all their friends who participated through the years. Thank you Carolyn, for putting this highlight of our event together.

### **BANK**

Thanks to John G and our bankers for smoothly running the check-in, selling tickets, and the balancing phase of the event with Ken A, Sally S P, and Cathy H, and hanks to John and Thomas H for all their help. Carleen and Heather C helped with the drink tickets. Many thanks to Carleen for being our Outreach steering committee bookkeeper.

### **CREATING CENTERPIECES ON FRIDAY 8.19**

It was challenging but these people made it fun to create these floral centerpieces: Alison H, Kathy W, Chris M, Cindy M, Lauren M, Carleen and Heather C.



### **SET-UP ON SATURDAY 8.20**

There was a great deal of chair hauling, table moving, putting the pop-up tents together, blowing up balloons, putting the bank together, working with the sound with and getting it all together. Thank you, Betty M, Karen and Landen A, Alison H, Lauren and Steve M, Patti F, Kimberly B, Susan G, Kathy and Charlie W, Gabel, Matt, Colin and Josh H, and Dick F for getting pizzas and running errands.

### **SET-UP on SUNDAY MORNING 8.21**

Thank you for showing up at 8 am to dress the tables and decorate and put out all the chairs and do everything: Marcha D, Wendy B, Ade A, Nancy L, Kimberly B, Lauren, Carter, and Andrew B, and Sally S P.

### **TAKE-DOWN AFTER EVENT ON**

**SUNDAY 8.21** – So many people helped with the hard work of putting everything away. Thank you to Jackie and Ole C, Sue and Darrell K, Walter and Cathy W, Karen, Ken and Landen A, Cathy and Charlie W, Alison H, Sally S P, Kimberly B and all the rest whose names I may have left off. We appreciate all you angels.





## **GREAT SUPPORTERS**

Thank you to Pastors Todd and Susan for all their support for the event and for me. Also, thank you, Kimberly B, for all the office support, the construction of the background for the red FOTH bulletin board, and all the signage creation. It was such critically needed help.

A big hug and appreciation for all the help that Bev M gives me. She

knows where everything is and makes sure we get what we need for the event. As the Facilities person at Saint Timothy's, she, and Neal M give a great deal of their time and work to maintain Saint Timothy's. Many thanks to you!

Thank you, especially to Sally, who is one of the hardest workers and supporters and is a great help in all aspects of this event. The same goes for Tania, Carleen, and the rest of the Outreach Steering Committee and all liaisons for your great support and help.

And thanks and love to you all who came to the event. It was a glorious day!

Leslie Firth

## **CAN YOU HELP AROUND CAMPUS?**

Can you help

- Repair directional sign on Grace House ramp
- Affix sign holder to front door of preschool
- Fix broken easel in preschool
- Paint bike path arrows in playground
- Comb web exterior of parish hall
- Comb web exterior of preschool
- Move 2 tables in parish hall



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## ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

### Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church



Directory - July 2021

It's been over a year since the update of our parish directory. It's time to do it again. If there have been any changes to your family membership, address, phone numbers or email, please send the information to Sally S P at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com).

You can see and download a copy of the directory on our website - <https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/directory.html> – but you will need to contact the office if you don't know the password for the file. There is also a copy in the office. Office Hours are 10 -1 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Labor Day. Sally will have updated pages at Welcome Home on September 11.

## SUPPORT ST. TIMOTHY'S – LOGOWARE GIVEAWAY

Prior to Covid, one of St Timothy's members managed the purchase and sale of a variety of items adorned with the St. Timothy's cross. Her inventory was left to Sally Potts when she retired to Arizona. Now, they are available to new homes among St. Timothy's members. Come review the available stock of new polo shirts and new long sleeve cotton shirts at Welcome Home Sunday, September 11 and take one or more home to wear on Sundays or during the week. If you want to make a donation to St. Timothy's – GREAT. Otherwise, they are free for the asking. There are no current plans to order more items at this time. This is a short time offer – while the inventory lasts. Sally has a variety of colors and sizes for men and women.



# CREATION CARE 101



**Creation Care Collective** presents the **Creation Care 101 Program** – a free program, toolkit, and community building resource, designed for the church. Together, we engage congregations in faith-based conversations for

practical applications of environmental healing and justice, in church and home contexts.

## **Mission:**

Bridge Creation Care to the Church's mission of equity, justice, and love, to restore relationships with God, neighbor, and all of creation.

## **Goals:**

**Map** theology & science of creation care

**Model** heart-led conversations about faith, justice & care of creation

**Mobilize** actionable steps supported by ongoing community, tools & resources

## **Experience:**

Throughout the program, we deepen into the spiritual, scientific, and social dimensions of creation care, and explore how reintegrating it as a core value in our faith helps us be more wholehearted agents of God's love, reconciliation, and social healing in the world.

## **What to Expect:**

Each session (90 minutes) will be focused on a particular topic featuring leading theologians, scientists, and community organizers, followed by inspiring stories, facilitated small group discussion, and tools for practical implementation.

## **Fall Program: 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 2 hours, live at both 7pm ET **and** 7pm PT

### **8 SESSION OVERVIEW:**

- Sept 8th Intro: Faith, Science & Creation Care
- 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



## SAINT FRANCIS DAY

### **Blessing of the Animals in Celebration of Saint Francis Sunday October 2nd at 2:00**

Bring your beloved pet to Saint Timothy's October 2 at 2:00 for a blessing! We will share in a pet friendly service in the courtyard remembering how Saint Francis recognized God in all Creation. Francis had a special relationship with animals and all of God's Creation. Stories tell of Saint Francis speaking even to the birds and the birds would gather to 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 pets who died who have died, remembering how much their Love continues in our lives and remembering their special place in our hearts for their companionship.



### **Drive through Blessing of your Pet**

At 1:30 October 2nd we will greet and bless your pet in your car if you and your pet cannot come to the courtyard. We want everyone to feel safe and we want to remember the pets who bless our lives.

### **Little children and their beloved stuffed animals**

(and adults too...)

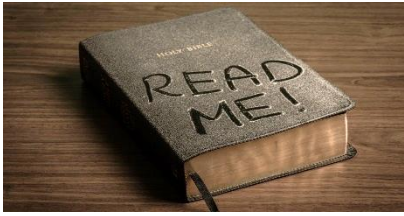
At Sunday worship October 2nd, during young people's time, we will bless the "stuffedies" that we love and hold. Children may bring their favorite stuffed animal to church and we will bless them. All things point to the Love of God, and we will celebrate with the critters we squish and love as they remind us about God's constant Love for us.

## CONFIRMATION



Are you interested in confirmation or know someone who is wondering about what confirmation in the Episcopal church means? We are starting up confirmation class for youth this fall. For more information contact Pastor Todd or Pastor Susan [rector@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:rector@sainttimothysdanville.org) or [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

## 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

You are invited to join the St. Timothy's Book Group on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am** service to eat lunch (BYOL) and discuss "*The Four Winds*" by Kristin Hannah. We will meet in the picnic area or the Overby Conference Room of Grace House depending on the weather and the wishes of the group. Come meet the group members and share your activities and travels during the summer.

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.



*The Four Winds* is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.



## CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER TEAM

Do you or someone you know need a prayer?

Please send an email to [prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org) Your prayer will be distributed to a group of dedicated pray-ers who will hold you or your loved one up in prayer. Generally we pray for you for a week, unless you tell us otherwise. We are glad to pray with dedication as long as you need--just let us know in your request. And remember, all requests are confidential--we won't ask you how you or your loved one is doing, we just pray. Of course, we love to get updates as issues are resolved.

## LOOKING FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WRITERS

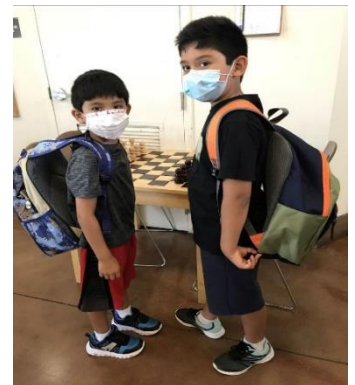


We have 3 dedicated writers, but could always use more. Our prayers are read at the end of the month, so the commitment is small - once every 3 months or less if there are more of us! Please let the clergy or Cathy H know if you are interested.

## HOPE SOLUTIONS BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Hope Solutions was able to collect 538 backpacks in July for four locations of their Homework Club program. Thank you Saint Timothy's for your donations on-line and with checks. We estimate that we donated in the ball-park of \$2,000. This will help these young people start school with the tools that they need to succeed.



## KITCHEN STARTER KITS



**Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition**

Bridging needs and services in Contra Costa County

Do

you have basic kitchen supplies that you might give to a person or family transitioning from homelessness? The Kitchen Kit Project is an ongoing program of the Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition. Looking for cooking supplies, dishes and utensils. These items are provided to those transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing, based on family size. No alcohol related items please. Contact Tania H-D at [taniahd@comcast.net](mailto:taniahd@comcast.net)



### KITCHEN STARTER KITS

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SAVE THE DATE!



### Rise Against Hunger - Meal Packaging Event

Back by popular demand! 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, flavoring and vitamins. Expect a fast paced and rewarding morning!

**Saturday, October 29** (*Do you have a costume? Wear it!*)

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Volunteers of all Ages! (Children under 13 must come with an adult.)

Sign ups start in October

Since we first hosted a meal packaging event in 2014, St. Timothy's has packaged almost 100,000 meals.

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



# OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES



## Treatment and Housing Programs Continue through COVID

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 via telehealth during the worst of the pandemic, and has continued to operate with safety precautions as we have recently begun to restore in-person treatment. Options clients and staff are fully vaccinated and continue to observe COVID protocols. New clients who screen as

potentially virus infected are quarantined and referred for medical treatment when necessary. Through strict protocols and preventative efforts, the virus has been kept largely at bay, while program quality has been maintained.

## Berkeley Community Response Team

The City of Berkeley and Options Recovery Services collaborated to implement a program of SUD Navigators handpicked for their ability to serve diverse at-risk populations while showing compassion and empathy, which is due to their lived experience as well as their clinical expertise. The team is highly skilled in outreach and engagement, crisis response and intervention and referral within multiple networks, and each team member was selected based on their unique skillsets. The team is dispatched to targeted areas of concern that are identified by the city as well as partnering agencies, and consist of medical, clinical, and licensed clinicians to assure the best possible treatment referrals and service for those in crisis. During each encounter the individual is offered the direct line to contact the team for a quick response or in the event of any urgent needs. Follow-ups are also done on a weekly basis. Beginning in January, 2022, the team has engaged with more than 130 homeless individuals, providing referrals, warm handoffs, and transportation when needed. Referrals are made to Options own services and to services provided by partner agencies.

## Gorham Center Dedication

On June 2nd, the beautifully restored former Casa Vincentia Convent was dedicated as the Thomas P. Gorham Center in honor of Thomas Gorham, Options' retired Executive Director and founder of Options' in-prison programs. In 2019 Options purchased the former Casa Vincentia Convent at 3210 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Oakland and undertook extensive retrofitting and remodeling. With the advent of the COVID pandemic



in early 2020, the facility's individualized bedrooms and controlled bathing and eating areas were pressed into service for Options clients that had been exposed to the disease, or who had symptoms related to the disease. The facility became a safe haven to those clients quarantined due to COVID. As the pandemic continued into the summer, Options partnered with Alameda County Behavioral Health and Horizon Services to make the facility available to clients of the Cronin House residential care program. As the pandemic subsided, that use was no longer required, and the facility was upgraded with a sprinkler system and other safety features. Options is now developing a program to provide safe and sober reentry services for up to twenty-five former inmates at the facility.

### **Offender Mentor Certification Program**

Options has run its Offender Mentor Certification Program in state prisons for nearly a decade, providing a two-pronged program that helped inmates with substance use disorder treat their own addictions and at the same time learn to be peer mentors to other inmates with addictions. Options OMCP clients become certified as peer mentors and as addiction counselors and often are assigned to other prisons to run counseling groups for inmates dealing with their addictions. When released from prison, OMCP graduates may come to Options, or other programs, and work toward becoming professional addiction counselors. In 2021-22, Options implemented a new contract with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to expand the program from four to seven prisons statewide.

### **Alice Street Perinatal House Refurbished**

Options' Perinatal Program provides substance abuse services for pregnant and recently delivered women and their infants. Clean and sober housing greatly increases the chances of recovery. Participation in Options' Perinatal Program increases clients' chances of remaining drug and alcohol free by over 90%. In 2021, due to the individual space requirements for shelter-in-place, clients and their children could not all be housed within the space at the Alice Street residence. Alternative housing was established, and mothers and children dispersed. With financial support from the Hedco Foundation, the Joseph and Vera Long Foundation, and the William G. Irwin Foundation, Options used 2021-22 to renovate Alice Street property - restoring the foundations of the two buildings and upgrading the basements of each building to allow for both meeting space and housing of additional clients. Options has completed the renovation and mothers and their children are now back at Alice Street.



### **Options Partners Help Celebrate Christmas at the Recovery Housing**

Options and our partners at the Catholic Diocese of Oakland; Northbrae Community Church, Berkeley; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Berkeley; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley; St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Oakland; and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville are worked



together to support Options clients who live in our nine recovery residences. Northbrae Community Church started the tradition for Christmas 2018. They set out empty boxes under a Christmas tree at the church, and encouraged congregants to take a box home and fill it with gifts for residents in the Options houses. Options staff gathered the gifts, took them to the houses, and led a Christmas celebration of sobriety at each house. In 2021 the program grew to include all of our partners in providing support for the holidays and throughout the year. Local church and community partners and donors asked their congregations to donate furniture in good condition to improve the recovery residences that provide safe and drug-free housing to our clients. In addition, they generously sponsor Options quarterly graduation ceremonies where Options graduates tell their moving stories of transformation as they pursued their sobriety and remained free of drugs and alcohol for over a year! Options provides a twelve-step recovery program based on clients' faith and aspirations and celebrated in each client's spiritual traditions. Options' staff and clients are available to visit your congregations and tell their stories of recovery.

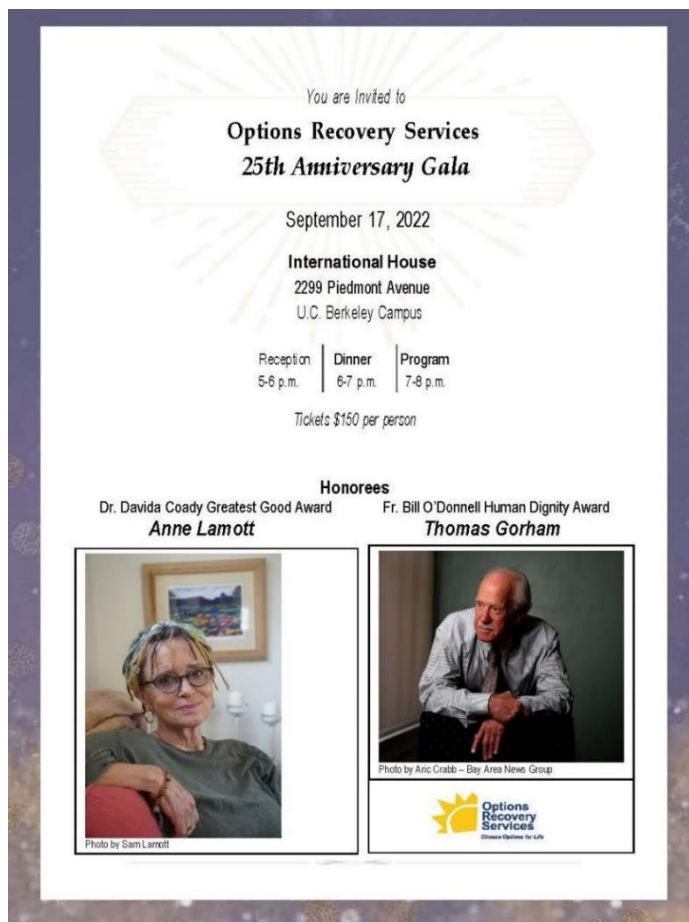
### **Options' Home Improvement Furniture Drive a Success**

Options currently houses over 120 clients living in nine Options-owned clean, sober, tobacco-free recovery residences. During 2021-22, Options worked with its partners to solicit donations of new and slightly used furniture to refresh and refurbish all nine houses. This project has been a God's Hands project through Outreach at St. Timothy's, and has resulted in dozens of new couches, dressers, and appliances for the houses. Contributions are still very much appreciated.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

Options will celebrate by our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a "Night of Miracles" Gala on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue on the UC Berkeley campus. Our "Telling the Story: 25 years of Recovery" themed Gala promises to be a star-studded event with music, food and entertainment. We expect about 200 guests to attend to honor our past and look forward to the next 25 years of recovery. Everyone at St. Timothy's is invited to participate in the Gala by purchasing tickets for themselves, their friends, and/or for Options' clients who might otherwise not have the resources to attend.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

August 17, 2022

## Financial Summary, YTD January through July

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$500,383	\$386,921
Total Expenses	<u>\$422,298</u>	<u>\$460,935</u>
Net Operating Income	\$78,086	(\$74,015)

- As of July 31, our expected income for the year remains at \$679,115. This figure includes pledges, pledge increases, and one-time gifts.
- July financials show the following:
  - Pledge income was almost \$2,000 above plan. Combined with all other income (which was almost \$2,000 under plan), our total income was on plan.
  - The July monthly budget was (\$10,574), but due to expenses being almost \$5,000 under plan, the net operating income was better than budget, at (\$5,670).
- Campus maintenance work incurred almost \$10,000 of cost (\$7,000 above budget), primarily elevator, HVAC, and plumbing work.
- Despite these expenses, for the seven-month period ending July 31 the Parish is in decent financial shape.



# VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 2022

The vestry met on Wednesday, August 17th, at 6:30 pm in the Overby Conference Room in Grace House

## MOTIONS:

- The minutes of the June vestry meeting, the treasurer's report and accompanying files, the Rector's Report and the several submitted commission reports were approved as submitted

## OTHER NEWS:

- The Administration Commission updated the vestry on their research into alternative vendors and plan to change the vendor who hosts the **church database**. They believe that the new vendor has a product that is more user friendly and will be used by more members. The current data will be migrated to the new vendor this fall.
- The **parish by-laws** committee has submitted their recommendations to the several people at the Diocese for their review. The hope is to have a discussion on the revised By-Laws at the September vestry meeting.
- The treasurer reported that the **church finances** continue to be good.
- Bishop Marc has announced the schedule for his retirement. The Convention/Deanery delegates elected at the 2023 Annual Meeting will **select the next Bishop of California**.
- Several **property maintenance projects** are in process or will be started soon including repair of the BBQ pit between the church and Grace House and repair of the rectory pool. The Property Commission is working with possible vendors to replace the roof of the parish hall.
- CPC has donated a set of **hand bells** to St. Timothy's.
- There will be a **4 pm service** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month starting in October.
- The clergy and the vestry are working on ideas to **reconnect parish families** to the church – particularly those with children and youth.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**, in the Overby Conference Room of Grace House.

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

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