



Tidings

Summer 2022

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

RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Happy Summer everyone,

I hope you have great plans for summer. As we look through the next few months, here are few of highlights.

Pentecost

As you know, June 5th is Pentecost Sunday with an instructed Eucharist (10am service only). In that service, we will stop at seven points along the service to talk about why we do what we do. We will ask questions like "what's a collect?"; "why do we sing?"; "Why is the passing of the peace more than just saying hello?" and others. If you are online, you can also join the discussion by commenting on YouTube.

VBS will get going on June 20th and we ask for your prayers for the volunteers and campers.

Immersion Trips I have been in conversation with other leaders in the area. This year, we don't have to capacity or interest to pull off a high school/middle immersion trip with partner churches.

White Pony Express is until June 12. Our own Colin will be facilitating our White Pony Express drive for Ukraine.

Fall

FOTH

When the Fall begins approaching, look for Fruits of the Harvest updates.

FOTH dates are August 14 and 21

5pm worship

Also, I want to restart our once-a-month worship and pizza at 5pm in the church on the second Sunday of the month starting in September.

PRIDE MONTH

June First begins the celebration of Pride Month and it has become a tradition at St Timothy's Episcopal to add the rainbow flag to our flagpole during June.

This tradition began to signal our welcome to our Gay and Lesbian brothers and sisters. With the passage of time and with God's help today we welcome all of God's diverse human family with love and acceptance. The nomenclatures may have changed but the St Timothy's Love and Welcome remains the same.

Questions: contact Steve Mason 925-487-2994 or [email: stevemason200@gmail.com](mailto:stevemason200@gmail.com)

PENTECOST BYOL PICNIC JUNE 5TH

Join us for one service at 10:00 for Pentecost!

We will gather outside on the patio and in the Parish Hall for a **Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch** following the service. Call a friend, share a sandwich! If you like, bring cookies to share!

We are planning on celebrating the power of the Spirit in fellowship!



Kathy Wills 2022

MOTHER'S DAY SELFIES



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES 2022

Thomas H is graduating from California High School in San Ramon. He will be going to Diablo Valley College in the fall, majoring in meteorology. Thomas plays trombone and participated in marching band all of the years it was available. He was also in the Concert and Symphonic bands. He was awarded the “Semper Fidelis” Award for Musical Excellence by the Marine Corps. He has been in drama classes and is a member of “No Place for Hate” club and serves as an ambassador.



Thomas started his Boy Scout adventure as a Cub Scout and has achieved the rank of Star in Troop 874 in San Ramon. He held several positions of leadership, including twice as Chaplain’s Aide. Thomas loves baseball and played on the Canyon Creek Challenger team for 10 years.

At church, Thomas has served as an acolyte since 2014. He has served as an usher, lector, intercessor, Lenten Lectionary co-author, and many of St. Timothy’s outreach and service projects. You could find him on stage in several of our musicals. He was baptized at St. Timothy’s and confirmed at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. He will be in the area and plans to be active for the foreseeable future at St. Timothy’s.

Thomas V committed to Oregon State in Business.

My grandson, **Jackson William H** will graduate from Mercer Island High School, Mercer Island, Washington on June 9th. He and two friends have had a comedic radio show called the Rutabagas for all four years of his high school career on the school’s radio channel. It has won several awards, culminating in being voted the best high school radio show in the nation this year. He plans to continue his education at the college level next year.

Mathew K is graduating from San Ramon Valley High School and will be attending the Honors College at Oregon State University in the fall. While at SRVHS, Mathew was very active in the instrumental music program as the clarinet section leader for the marching band and clarinet first chair for the symphonic band. He also volunteered as an SRVHS Music Mentor tutoring elementary school students. Mathew is a member of the St. Timothy’s Scout Troop 36 and earned his Eagle rank in March of 2021. Mathew was awarded an Eagle Scout Scholarship, a PTSA Scholarship, an Instrumental Music Scholarship, and an Oregon State University merit scholarship. Mathew will be studying Biology and Computer Engineering when he starts school this fall and has already joined the OSU marching band, so lots more football games in our future!

Our daughter, **Madelyn G**, is graduating from Monte Vista high school. Next year she will be attending UC Davis majoring in Biomedical Engineering. She will not be at the service on June 5th as her class is returning from grad night at 5:00am that morning :) Thank you,

Laura G

Grandson Corey C is graduating high school. Thanks, Diane C.

Griffin M is graduating from High School in Austin, TX on 3 June & headed to the University of Ark. in the fall.



Our granddaughter, Griffin G, will be graduating (as Valedictorian) from Palmer High School in Monument, CO on Friday, May 20, 2022.

She will be entering the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs where her brother Garrett will be a senior. My daughter Nicole and her husband Jeff are mighty proud parents as are we as grandparents.

Thank you in advance for recognition of all graduates. Happy hugs -- love, m

Adam L will graduate from California High School on June 3, 2022. Adam made the best of his high school experience, indeed! He was able to participate in Football and Track and Field all 4 years. Adam also did 2 years in Marching Band at California High School as well as one year as a wrestler. While his parents are especially proud of his sports accomplishments, we are MOST proud of our scholar athlete.

Adam finished his senior year with a 4.0. We wish him well in his new chapter at The University of Oklahoma as a Mechanical Engineer. Adam's also completed his Eagle Scout rank on April 13, 2022. However, most of St. Timothy's folks know Adam as the little boy who loved being in the front few pews of the Church clapping and enjoying the music. He also had the privilege of "playing in the band" on many occasions...as well as being in many of the plays. Eventually having the honor to become an acolyte at St. Timothy's May God Bless Adam in his next chapter...

Thank you all ..it takes a village!

His MOST proudest parents,

Tom and Debbie



CONGRATULATIONS ADAM!
YOUTH DELEGATE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

Adam L. was chosen as one of 2 Youth delegates from District VIII (green), also known as Province of the Pacific, including the Diocese of Taiwan. He is one of only 18 youths that are delegates to the National Convention which meets in July in Baltimore. The 80th Convention will be smaller this year because of their response to Covid 19 rates (more info to come). Adam has already begun to meet with other youth representatives, and we are very glad that he is representing not only Saint Timothy's, but our District and the National Church as a youth. Thank you, Adam!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20— June 24

08:30 am — 12:00 pm

It is not too late, send today!

Location: 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd
San Ramon, CA 94583

(We are collaborating with St. Joan of Arc)

Fees

\$75 per Preschooler or Camper (has completed Kinder - 5th grade)

\$10 per Teen Leader, if registered by May 20th.

A late fee of \$20 per family will be added after May 20th.

Register online [HERE](#), then make sure to submit [Medical Release Form](#) and payment to complete your registration.

You may either mail in the form and check to
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

1550 Diablo Rd
Danville, CA 94526

OR come by the office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to pay in person via cash or check. You can also use Venmo @StTimothys-Church.

Ways to serve

Go to [St Timothy's VBS page](#) for forms and registration info.

We need:

- Junior Crew Leaders (rising 7th to 9th graders)
- Senior Crew Leaders (10th grade and up)
- Kitchen Helpers
- Parent Volunteers
- and of course, campers to come!

Crew Training

Sunday, May 22, 1-3 pm

Thursday, June 16, 6-8 pm

both at 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583

more info about Crew requirements is on [St Timothy's VBS page](#)

REPURPOSE WITH A PURPOSE

The old book cart is now the new name tag cart.

Since the Book Club Store was retired, we have been trying to figure out what to do with the handsome book cart that was built many years ago by the late Jack Green.

It is beautifully crafted with secret compartments and pull out panels with shelves for books. It is heavy and solid and will not be blown over by the wind like the last one. We converted it to hold name tags by adding aluminum J bar channels with a gold rubbed finish.

It holds about 286 name tags which should be clipped onto the J bars or the wooden panels. You may also keep your name card in your car, (as I do) but the important thing is to wear your name tag so newcomers will get to know you or if you just can't remember that person's name.

The name tags are roughly in alphabetical order, so just find where your name tag goes. Tags will change location when a new card gets added and that's how it works.

If you would like to help keep it in alphabetical order after church, be my guest. It's actually therapeutic.

You may request a name tag to be made for you by writing your name on the small clipboard on the cart.

Leslie Firth and the Property Commission



HOPE SOLUTIONS 12TH ANNUAL BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Coming soon!



This will take place in June to mid-July. Our drive for Hope Solutions (formerly CCIH) will again be ON-LINE only with a website (under construction) and link where you may choose whichever filled backpack you would like to donate, and pay online. If you would rather write a check, please make it to Hope Solutions with Backpack Drive on the memo line and hand the check to Leslie Firth on Sundays. As soon as the website is completed, it will be publicized in our announcements and next Tidings.

We will be helping 400 youth in their after-school programs in three sites. Help give them the tools they need to succeed. Hope Solution's after-school programs help these children rise to their school grade levels after being homeless. They now have the stability of a permanent home with supportive services for them and their parents.

POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN

Mobilizes in LA on Monday, May 16, at 4:30 pm

At 6:45 am, Bob dropped me (Peg) and my friend Sharon off at the McArthur Bart Station, to board a bus, leaving for LA to join the Poor Peoples Campaign mobilizing tour, in Los Angeles.

This is, as you all know, only my second march. My first, also part of the Poor Peoples Campaign, was at Barbara Lee's office in Oakland, as part of acknowledging her introduction of the Third Reconstruction legislation.

I joined other long term protestors for justice, and we headed to LA, arriving about 1:30 pm.

We were fortunate to be there early enough to join the volunteers making certain the event went smoothly.

With my "crimplenes", I chose the T shirt table, where I was able to sell and donate California Poor Peoples Campaign T shirts, along with distribution free pin on patches, made by the Bay Area folks, with slogans like, "Fight Poverty, Not the Poor," "When you Lift from the Bottom, Everybody Rises."

A large group of amazingly diverse folks marched around the park, in front of the City Hall, where the stage for the event to follow was placed.

I was close enough to the stage to hear all of the speakers, including, of course, Dr. Rev. William Barber III and Dr. Rev. Liz Theoharis, the cofounders of the Poor Peoples Campaign.

I heard many "impacted" people, from the states of Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California, as they talked about the ways in which current US policies are impacting their lives. The saddest, I think, was the wife of an immigrant man, who was simply told at the hospital, "We have no money to pay for your husband's care, so you can take him home to die."

The Washington DC mobilization is on June 18th....I plan to be there. However, given my short bus trip to LA, which returned me to the McArthur Bart at 3:30 am, I don't know about a trip, 48 hours of straight bus ride, two days of events, and 48 hours of bus ride home.

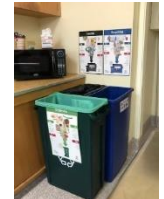
I do encourage you to watch these events on the Poor Peoples Campaign live stream site. You will be moved to tears by the courage of people, which we call, in our faith, "the least of these."

CREATION CARE CORNER ON OUR CAMPUS

We're happy to announce that the Parish Hall and kitchen now have clearly marked sets of receptacles for all our garbage. They are color coded and have posters above each showing what goes where:

- **Green Cans** - organic materials that will break down into compost for farms and landscaping.
- **Black or Gray Cans** - items headed to the landfill.
- **Blue Cans** - recyclables.

As a community of faith, and as part of an effort of the larger church, we are called to care for the Earth and have concerns about the effects of climate change.



Additionally, California now requires us to separate food waste from garbage. On January 1, 2022, California rolled out the first step of its statewide composting mandate, passed in 2016, as part of SB 1383. By the end of 2024, the law is expected to take effect everywhere in California. Those caught violating the rule will be fined.

According to Cal Recycle, organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane which is a climate pollutant that is 84 times stronger than carbon dioxide. Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills.

Let's do our part. After a coffee hour or reception, please put leftover food scraps or compostable items in the green lined compost cans.

We know it can be confusing to sort out sometimes. Here are a few tips to make it easier:

- Chinet paper plates are not biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. Paper products must clearly be marked on the package as "compostable" in order to go into the green organics bin.

We will be using compostable plates and compostable hot drinking cups whenever possible.

Republic Services, our waste removal company in Danville, as well as ACI in San Ramon allow us to recycle plastics marked 1 through 7. Other towns have different rules depending on their ability to process the plastics. Factoids: plastic drinking bottles take 450 years to break down. Plastic lined paper products go into the landfill. Remember, "Shiny things are flashy...too bad they're trashy."

CREATION CARE FOR OUR GROUNDS

Saint Timothy's is now mowing the wild part of the property rather than disking it. Disking turns the soil and releases carbon which when exposed to oxygen in the atmosphere, it becomes carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that is a contributing factor in the planet's warming and extreme weather events. Every little bit helps. In the future, major farms will be encouraged to incorporate this practice in their farming methods. It is healthier for the soil and makes more soil.

In addition, mowing removes a lot of the grasses that fuel a fire, and this can act to slow the danger. Our intent, with the help of John Henry W. is to plant more native grasses and wildflowers as we tend to our sacred ground.

THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

SAVE THE DATE

**for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of
THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)
and it's coming soon.**

Raising funds for Outreach Ministries!!!

**Sunday, August 14th - *Zoom at Noon at home &
Sunday, August 21st – *Party on the Patio Brunch
Event after the last service****

Celebration under construction. Stay tuned for more news.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Are you in need of a good listener? Going through illness, divorce, job loss, or issues with family? Stephen Ministers are a group of trained lay volunteers who will meet with you weekly when you need someone to talk over issues with. We don't solve your problems, but we provide a safe haven for you to share, knowing that what you say remains confidential. For a Stephen Minister, referral, please contact Pastor Susan at sgeissleroneil@SaintTimothysDanville.org

ARE YOU AN AMAZON ONLINE SHOPPER?



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Protestant Episcopal Church in the Dioceses of Calif St TIMOTHYS" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Protestant Episcopal Church in the Dioceses of Calif St TIMOTHYS" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

LIFE STORY GROUP

Have you written life stories or wanted to write them and need a little incentive to get your story on paper? During this time, we have even more to share!

Life story group is meeting in the Grace House Library on Thursdays at 9:30 am until June 27.

We will take a summer break and then have a summer group.

New writers are welcome!!

Contact Father Maurice, Friartuck72@comcast.net

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

We would love to talk to you about Baptism! As our churches continue to celebrate in-person and we can invite family to be with us for special events, we are reaching out to people who may have had to put off baptisms in their family or extended family. We want to celebrate your joy with you! Contact Pastor Susan at sgeissleroneil@sainttimothys.org for more information.

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER TEAM

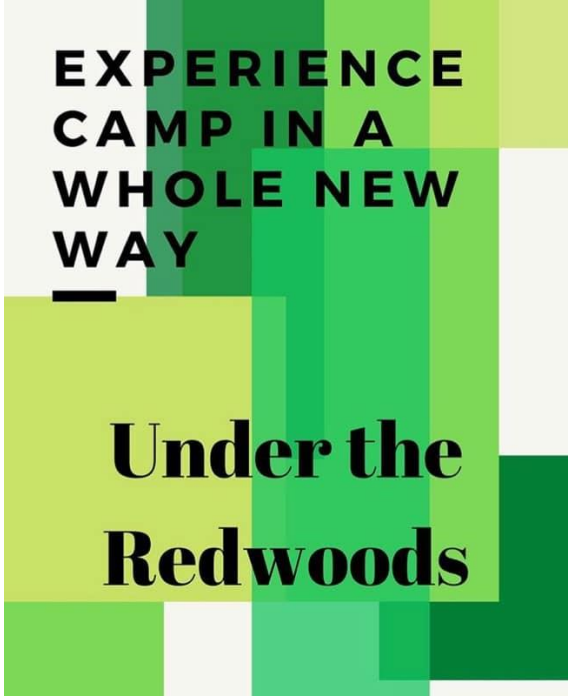
Do you, or someone you know, need extra prayers right now?

Send your requests to prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org We will forward your request to a group of dedicated pray-ers who will take your concerns to God daily. The group is confidential--we won't talk to you about your concerns; we'll just pray.

For more information, contact: Patti F farrisintheland@yahoo.com or

Helen C colemanhelen@pacbell.net

2022 CAMP DATES FOR SAINT DOROTHY'S REST



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| Staff Orientation | June 19-25 |
| Teen Adventure Week | June 26-July 1 |
| Russian River Adventures I | July 3-8 |
| Counselor in Training | July 3-8 |
| Russian River Adventures II | July 10-15 |
| Russian River Adventures III | July 17-22 |
| Have questions? Email: office@stdorothysrest.org | |
| Phone: (707)874-3319 | |

Teen Adventure Week (ages 13-15) (6 days)

Adventure Week is truly a unique camp experience that focuses on developing leadership skills, spirituality, worship, and community. Campers participate in service projects as well as overnight camping trips. Outreach activities have included working at local soup kitchens, providing meals to the homeless and hungry in the area, and helping local churches with various projects. Backing trips have included overnighing on the Sonoma Coast, Point Reyes, and Angel Island.

Russian River Adventures (ages 8-12) (6 days)

Fill your week with arts & crafts, theater, archery, swimming, hiking, and fun-filled chapel times. The week culminates with the Woods-to-Waves 10-mile hike to the Pacific Ocean! [RATES: Full – \$1000, Partially Sponsored – \$800]

Counselor-In-Training Program (ages 15-18) (6 days)

Ever wonder what it is like to be a camp counselor at St. Dorothy’s? Our Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program provides participants with the opportunity to learn about the day-to-day running of camp, leadership styles, working with youth and peers. At the completion of the CIT program, participants may apply to return as a CIT for Russian River Adventures III/Creative Arts Camp. Attending the CIT program is strongly encouraged if you are interested in serving as a summer camp counselor in future summers, but it is not required.

St. Dorothy's Rest also offers a unique summer camp experience to youth ages 5-15 as well as offering camp programs for critically ill youth from bay area hospitals, including a camp for youth and their siblings with cancer and a special camp for children who have had transplants.

SUMMER CAMP 2022 BISHOP'S RANCH

BREAD Camp is a great place to discover community, spirituality and learn more about yourself. Campers spend mornings exploring spirituality through activities, conversation, and small group discussions. Afternoons are filled with lots of fun including swimming, arts, and crafts, hiking, and other elective activities. Evenings are filled with fun games, campfires, compline, and a few surprises! Lots of music fills each day.

INTERGENERATIONAL Camp All are welcome to this new (yet familiar) camp for families of all shapes and sizes. We will gather for a week of games, social activities, crafts, worship, and more.

Camp Staff Training: June 19-25

Click [here](#) for the staff application

INTERGENERATIONAL Camp: June 26-July 1

A new (yet familiar) camp for families of all shapes and sizes

BREAD Explorers: July 3-8

For campers entering grade 10 through graduated grade 12

BREAD Adventurers: July 10-15

For campers entering grades 7 – 9

BREAD Discoverers: July 17-22

For campers entering grades 4 – 6

TOAST: July 22-24

For campers who identify as young adults (21+) and BREAD Alumni

Register for BREAD and Intergenerational Camp [HERE](#).

(Adults: If you haven't already, you'll need to first create an account in our new database, Camp wise, and then you'll register your camper.)



BOOK GROUP IS TAKING AN EARLY SUMMER BREAK



St. Timothy's book group is taking their summer break early this year. We plan to resume meeting in September on **Sunday, September 18** when we will meet to discuss "[The Four Winds](#)" by Kristin Hannah.

We will meet in October to discuss "[Her Honor - My Life on the Bench...What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It](#)" by LaDoris Hazzard Cordell. Contact Sally Shea Potts with questions.

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 2022

The vestry met on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 pm in the Overby Conference Room of Grace House

MOTIONS:

- The following parish members were approved to continue serving on the **Columbarium Board** - Jim Enes, Neal Matsunaga, Steve Oki and Sally Shea Potts.
- The vestry approved up to \$8000 for the **repair** of the water leak in the **rectory** pool and a part of the fence at the rectory.
- The minutes of the April vestry meeting, the **reports** submitted by the Treasurer, the Rector's report and the several submitted Commission reports including one on Noah's Ark were approved as submitted.

OTHER ACTIONS:

- Neal Matsunaga, reported on the history and operations of the **Columbarium** and the Columbarium Board.
- The **treasurer**, Dick Firth, reported on the success of the **2022 Pledge increase** campaign. As of April 30, 56 families have participated by increasing their pledge, making a pledge or making a one-time gift to the parish. As of the meeting, the expected pledge income in 2022 has increased by almost \$60,000. Dick and Pastor Todd will report further on the campaign separately.
- Pastor Todd has formed a committee to **review the parish by-laws** and suggest changes and additions. Members of the committee include Neal Matsunaga, Kris Manning and Allen Hirashiki.
- The **December vestry meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 18 instead of Wednesday.
- The **clergy will be on vacation** at the following times: Pastor Susan: June 8 thru June 14 & July 17; Pastor Todd: June 28 thru July 16

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 15, 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

PARISH FINANCES

- As of April 30, our pledges stand at \$646,320. We now have 150 pledges, compared to 141 in our 2022 budget.(we ended 2021 with 158 pledges).
- As of May 18, our pledge increase campaign has raised \$60,035 from 61 families/individuals.
- As a result of the above, our April and YTD financials have been positively impacted -- April net income is over \$51,000 and for the first four months of the year this net income figure is over \$98,000. This will help to buffer us as we head through the next eight months of 2022.

PLEDGE INCREASE CAMPAIGN STATUS

(As of May 18, 2022)

We have made great progress towards eliminating our projected deficit in 2022. At the beginning for the year the projected deficit stood at - \$127,000.

- We have raised over \$60,000 from 61 families and individuals. (Six new pledges, 25 pledge increases, and 30 one-time gifts).
- We have been able to decrease last year's property tax bill by \$10,500.
- Bev Matsunaga has decreased the size of the dumpster we use, saving another \$4,000 on an annual basis.

So, all in we have contribution increases and cost decreases that total about \$75,500, or about 60% of our need. This is great progress, and we thank everyone who is helping.

Rev. Todd

Dick Firth

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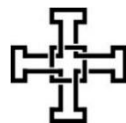
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