



Tidings

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

ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Dear Friends,

A Blessed and Happy New Year to you!

As we enter the new year and the season of Epiphany, the season reminds us that all things change; we change! Unfortunately, the world continues to be gripped by this Pandemic. Just as we believe we are embracing a world looking toward less sickness and fear, we are hit with another wave of Covid 19. Here is where faith makes a difference. The angels point to a child being the Hope for the world. We are invited to change our perspective and share the power of God-with-us; Christ is making all things new, and we only have to have eyes to see, ears to hear, and companions in this journey of faith.

"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

The power of resilience comes with the ability to leave behind the baggage that no longer helps us journey with the Magi. We may leave behind the bandages that once helped us to protect our wounds but now trip us up, leading our soul to cry out for the freedom Christ promises us. As we bind up wounds and untie the strangling hold of what is no longer life-giving, may we remember that God forgives us and gives us mercy to forgive others so that together we may climb the great walls before us and clear the muddy ditches beneath us. When we look around, we see the grass growing green, the tree budding for leaves, and feel the promise of Spring. The liturgical year is a way of reminding us of all the different ways God comes to us in change and transformation, in forgiveness and healing, in new life and in death. The Spirit blows so that we know in our hearts what we need to know, that we might praise God for this great gift of Life.

Thank you to all of Saint Timothy's for the great generosity of the parish to the church and the community. Thank you from me and from Pastor Todd. Thank you for your words of encouragement to me and to one another, and for your gifts. Thank you especially to all the people who made our celebration of this Christmastide possible with flowers, song, service, technology—all kinds—at church and at home, altar guild and worship teams, vestry, pray-ers, counters, leaf-blowers, cookie makers, nativity picture sharers, and God's spirit at Saint Timothy's!

On January 17 we will begin hosting Winter Nights Shelter and we will support families who are unhoused for two weeks with Temple Beth Chaim. I ask for your prayers as well as your help, as we work toward the systemic change that will lead all people to a place of home and safety, giving thanks that we can offer a place of refuge until the hungry are fed and the unhoused are homed.

As we look forward to more travel, I offer you this meditation from the Spirit of Life Community in Weston, Massachusetts:

Pastor Susan+

MEDITATION 555: "Flight 2022--ready for take-off"

Happy New Year

Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022.

We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Positive attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and

discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS! Stay Blessed! And welcome in 2022.

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THE SEASONS AND LITURGICAL ART

Thank you to all who played a part in the Advent and Christmas Seasons (Christmas is still happening) at Saint Timothy's. The list is long and there are many silent players, but you all deserve recognition, even if you are not named. Please know that you have my thanks and the thanks of all those who felt the anticipation and the joy of Christmas in these very unusual and trying times.

Thank you to the Clergy and staff who produce everything needed to run the church and services. Thank you, Pastor Susan, for the wonderful job you did keeping us together and with your sermons of love.

Thank you to Cathy Morris, and Jacque Chiavini and to all the behind-the-scenes work that the Altar Guild does to make all the services go smoothly.

Thank you to Don Perry and the people who work on the live-streaming that connects us to those who cannot come to the church for many reasons.

Thank you to the choir and to Myles for the beautiful music that we love.

Thank you to Kathy Wills for the lovely contemporary artwork of the nativity on the cover of the Christmas Eve Service Bulletin. Not everyone could come in person to the services to see it so here it is.



Thank you to all those who helped with the installation and removal of the Advent banner and installation of the Christmas banners, Christmas wreaths, and the white banner behind the cross. I am so appreciative of all your helping hands.

The display of poinsettias and fabric panels took many stages and hours to put together. That hand painted gold swirls on sheer fabric were done by Kathy Wills and me for the 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration of the church in 2003!...talk about keeping stuff and repurposing it to give them a new life. They became side panels for the pillars, the altar skirt and the skirts for the pedestals and center platform for the poinsettias under the cross.



Speaking of poinsettias that were lovingly kept alive by Jacque and Leslie, did you know that there are 7 giant poinsettias and about 30 medium to small poinsettias in red, white, and "candy cane" red/white mix? It would not have been possible to have this giant flower display without the generosity of all those who donated funds towards the flowers in memory of loved ones, thanksgiving, and glory to God. Thank you to the following parishioners for making it possible.

Leslie Firth



Donations toward Christmas Poinsettias have been given by

<p>In memory of Michelle Jeanine Batesole, Carol Ann Klein, Susan Peck O'Reilly, Conrad Taylor, Sue Anderson <i>Gordon and Margaret Batesole</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for the Christmas Season <i>Helen Coleman</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Howard and Anna K. Shea <i>Sally Shea Potts</i></p> <p>Given for the Glory of God <i>Eloise McTigue</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of my parents, brother, and all extended family <i>Cynthia Mathis</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Bob Fletcher and Jenny Fletcher <i>Ann & Allison Fletcher and Eliot Quataert</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Ron Evens <i>Joan Evens</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Gary Hunt <i>The Hunt Family</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for the Christmas Season <i>Linda Maddalon</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for the Christmas Season <i>Trudy McMahan</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of my parents, brother, and all extended family <i>Cynthia Mathis</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for the Christmas Season <i>Ron and Virginia Iverson</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Bill Jess <i>John and Sally Jess</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, lay leaders and volunteers at St. Timothy's <i>Sharyn Mitzo and Patricia Pearson</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Allan Hodgson <i>The Hodgson Family</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of James Hegarty <i>Sylvia Hegarty</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of George R. Grant <i>Eric Grant</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for our St. Timothy's Community <i>The Chiavini Family</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Art and Alice Wickboldt <i>Walter and Cathy Wickboldt</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Bob Morris <i>Cathy Morris</i></p> <p>In Thanksgiving for the Christmas Season <i>Ron and Virginia Iverson</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of David Owlett, Christine Owlett, Fred & Ev Koteskey, and Patricia Bignell <i>The Koteskey Family</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Anne Hogan <i>Anonymous</i></p> <p>In Loving Memory of Joseph C. Reugg <i>The family of Joseph Reugg</i></p>
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WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER

January 17 – 31, 2022



We Need Help to House the Shelter Families

Winter Nights Shelter is Back! Following Covid protocols, and with the approval of the County Health Department, Winter Nights is once again providing a rotating shelter for families. With the help of our long-time partners, Beth Chaim, we will open the St Timothy's Parish Hall to become a Winter Nights Shelter serving approximately 30 guests (families with children). Volunteer duties will be covered by St. Timothy's the first week and Beth Chaim the second week.

Many Unmet Needs: Thank you to the many people who have already donated to the shelter or volunteered to help onsite. The families will be arriving in a couple of weeks and we still have many unmet needs:

- Supply Donations – Check the website for needed supplies.
- Meal Teams – Onsite meal preparation or restaurant purchased/delivered meal the week of January 17 – 23.
- Homework/Children's Helpers – Help the children with their homework, read or play a game or craft project. We would love to have some teen volunteers.
- Overnight – We need overnight volunteers for both weeks. Shelter staff is onsite at all times and responsible for the families. Overnight volunteers help with the facilities and put out breakfast supplies in the morning. Overnight volunteers can sleep in Grace House this year.
- And more....

To learn more about the various volunteer opportunities and to sign up online go to:

St. Timothy's website under the [Serve Others Menu](#)

Signups will also be available on Sundays

All Staff, Guests and Onsite Volunteers must provide proof of Covid vaccination

Masks are required except during meals

Questions: Joann Oliver at 808-8810 or joannmarieoliver@gmail.com

LENTEN LECTIONARY WRITERS NEEDED

Calling all writers! And non-writers! And those would-be authors, and children, and basically everybody at St. Timothy's. It is time to sign up to write a page in the 2022 Lenten Lectionary.

What is the Lenten Lectionary? It is a series of short meditations written by parishioners for parishioners to help us find meaning in our Lenten Journey. And this year, you could give us the gift of yourself—your thoughts, inspirations, joys, worries, or fears—that have helped you to grow into the person God wants you to be. No one is too old or too young to contribute.

Because so many of you are not yet worshipping in person, I am worried about having enough volunteers. Please make this the year you decide to write for us. You will be surprised by the way your meditation will help others find God during Lent.

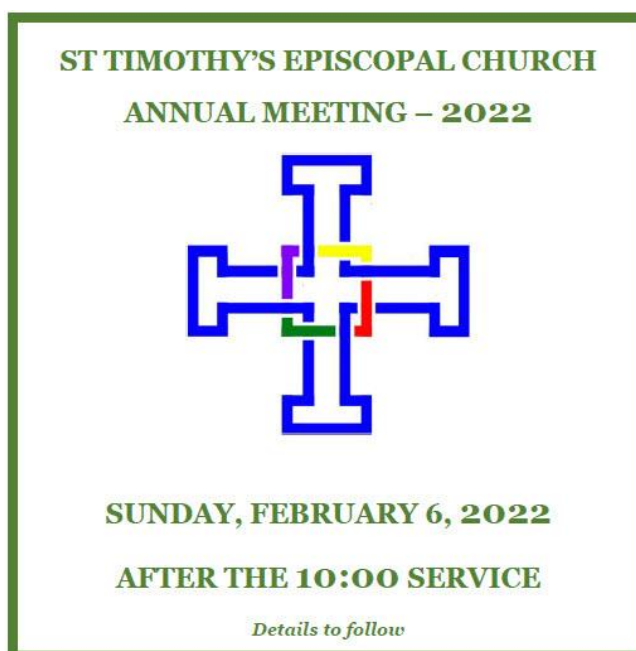
Ash Wednesday is March 2 this year. Please plan to turn in your Lenten meditation by February 8. That will allow me a few weeks to edit and a week for publication.

To volunteer, please contact Helen Coleman today!

925-831-1728

colemanhelen@pacbell.net

ANNUAL MEETING



CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

Do you or someone you know need prayers? St. Timothy's has a group of people who will pray for you and with you. We are a confidential group, so we won't approach you on a Sunday morning to ask how you or your loved one is doing--we just pray. Please send your prayer requests to prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org We will pray for a week (or longer if requested) for you.

Any questions, please contact Helen C (925-831-1728) or Patti F (925-979-9043)

LIFE STORY GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 9:30 am, GRACE HOUSE LIBRARY



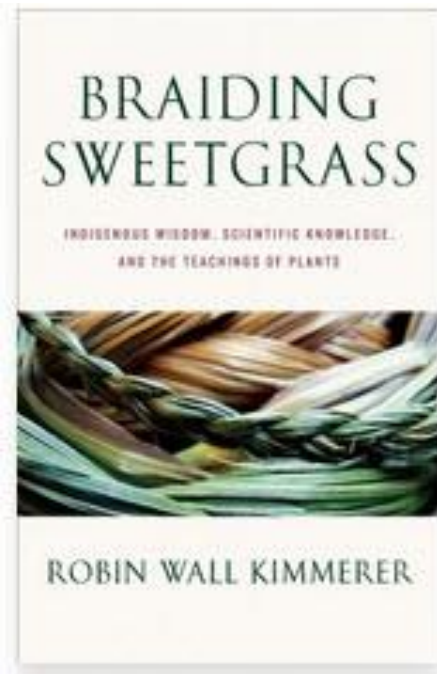
Have you written life stories or wanted to write them and need a little incentive to get your story on paper? During this time, we have even more to share!

Life Story group is meeting January 13th onwards on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the library. Join us!

New writers are welcome!!

Contact Father Maurice, Friartuck72@comcast.net for more information.

ST TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP – JANUARY



Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

With deep compassion and graceful prose, botanist and professor of plant ecology Kimmerer encourages readers to consider the ways that our lives and language weave through the natural world. A mesmerizing storyteller, she shares legends from her Potawatomi ancestors to illustrate the culture of gratitude in which we all should live. In such a culture, everyone knows that gifts will follow the circle of reciprocity and flow back to you again... The grass in the ring is trodden down in a path from gratitude to reciprocity. We dance in a circle, not in a line. Kimmerer recalls the ways that pecans became a symbol of abundance for her ancestors: Feeding guests around the big table recalls the trees' welcome to our ancestors when they were lonesome and tired and so far from home. She reminds readers that we are showered every day with gifts, but they are not meant for us to keep... Our work and our joy are to pass along the gift and to trust that what we put into the universe will always come back. (Oct.) – Publishers Weekly

We will meet using Zoom on Thursday, January 20 at 2:00 pm. Contact Sally Shea Potts for an invitation.

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