

RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Reopening Update from the Rector

Starting November 29th, we will be open for limited (25% of building capacity), in-person, socially distanced, and on-campus worship. The YouTube worship you have grown to love **will** continue. We don't want anyone who is vulnerable to feel pressure to come on campus. Whether you are at 1550 Diablo, in your home, or in Singapore on Sunday morning, we are in this together.

Schedule

8am Parish Hall | 10am Sanctuary



The YouTube service will stream concurrently at 10am and both the 8am and 10am service will be like what we have been doing for the last few months.

“Safer” worship note - I want to emphasize two things at the same time.

1. We will be following all appropriate sanitation practices to keep you safe.
2. We cannot guarantee zero risk.

Worship details - The week before Sunday worship, we will have a sign-up genius available for you to reserve a spot. There is a series of medical conditions that by signing up, you will affirm that you do not have things like coughs and sniffles, as well as not testing COVID positive in the last 14 days.

You don't want to deal with sign up genius? That is fine. Please call or email the office by 2pm the Thursday before the Sunday in question to assure that your spot is reserved.

The day of worship - I am profoundly aware of how isolated some of you feel from your church home. I am eager to be with you, worship with you, and celebrate our life together. I offer a description below of how Sunday will feel on campus.

- Our usher or greeter will be scanning your temperature with a touchless thermometer.
- You can sit (all masked) with your family in a social bubble. **People not in your household will need to maintain 6ft social distancing.** We will arrange the space to make that easy.
- There will be no distribution of communion at any service.
- We will not pass the plate, but a touchless offering plate is available.
- *This is new from the diocese* - you **can** say corporate prayers like the Lord's Prayer since we will be masked for the duration of the service.
- There will be a small group of masked choral singers at the 10am service, but not at the 8am service.
- There will be no paper bulletins, the entire bulletin will be projected.
- For now, we will not have the nursery open.
- We will not be having coffee or sharing food, but we can chat and say hello to each other!

I am so excited to see you on-campus and on YouTube.

Todd

CHILDREN, PRAYER AND BIBLE STORIES

Gratitude in Chalk

Decorate our sidewalks with thanksgiving! Beginning Wednesday afternoon November 18th you, our artists, are invited to give thanks in chalk. We will begin with the word Gratitude and the rest is up to you! Children and adults are welcome.

We will have chalk available outside of Grace House or you may bring your own chalk. We hope to have some of our intentions of hope and thanks in color before November 22 when we will gather for worship in the Church! Have some time during Thanksgiving week? Add to our story of thanks, for our family and friends, this amazing place of Saint Timothy's, for God's bounty, for God's saving grace.

Parenting in the Time of the Pandemic: from the Diocese of California

Saturday, November 7, 2020, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

FREE WORKSHOP Parenting in the Time of the Pandemic: Finding Solutions to Everyday Stresses and Enjoying the Good Each Day Brings

Saturday, November 7, 2:00 pm, by Zoom videoconference

Dr. Jane Brooks will describe what research tells us about effective ways to handle stress in times of crisis and the behaviors that help people grow from challenges. Discussion will focus on how to reduce the stresses relative to COVID-19 and practical exercises everyone can do with relaxation techniques and easy ways to savor the good in every day.

Please come and invite your friends! This one-time workshop is free of charge and open to everyone. Click the link below to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvce-qrjgiG9SP9WIUpdcnGUJgF9VittWb>

Virtual Bible Study

Join us for virtual bible study! Bring your bible or an online version and we will meet together and reflect on what God is doing in our lives through Scripture. We will meet Wednesday November 4th and 18th at 10:30am Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83864312345?pwd=SWQzKzRJcVVzVHplZONZeJNVeEgxUT09>

A Table for Thanksgiving

Whose coming to your table this thanksgiving?

With the likelihood of smaller gatherings for Thanksgiving we invite you to Facetime or Zoom a prayer early in the day or after dinner with different family members and friends who have collaborated to write a Thanksgiving Day prayer.

This might take a little planning! With the theme of gratitude and a desire to remember all God's people—it can be long or short! It could even be printed before the table is set.

Can friends/family all share the same recipe for one dish? What faithful ways can you think of to connect? Old family pictures? Yes. A card? Yes. A song? Yes. A prayer? Yes. More gratitude for the gifts we are being given? Always.

Did a child make place cards last year? Maybe they could mail one for someone who cannot be with family. How are you already imagining to express your gratitude? Want to share your ideas? sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org

God Bless us, Every One!



ST. TIMOTHY'S STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2020

Greetings from your Stewardship team, as you know this year's program focused on these themes:

Continued generosity—Moving forward to Reunite:

The past four Sundays have featured congregation members who have varied experiences and tenures with St. Timothy's—ranging from months to decades. Some of our presenters children have been born and raised here, participated in Sunday school, youth trips and gone off to college—and others who are raising their children in the church today. Last Sunday we had our 'surprise' presenter provide a unique and informed view of St. Timothy's as a recent addition, living on the east coast, attending two churches remotely and pledging to both.

These presenters have shared their love for, commitment to, and significant life experiences they have encountered at and through St. Timothy's.

Now that the Stewardship Program has concluded its presentations, it's time for you—our parishioners to express their commitments to the church by returning your pledge packet to the church. A significant number of pledges have already been received—but we are far from complete.

Over the next several weeks the Committee will track the returned pledges and in approximately two weeks, reach out to those of you who may not have responded. We are excited about the transition we have made to remote worship and the many events occurring in a distanced manner and are looking forward to our reuniting in our worship space.

If for some reason you do not receive a pledge packet please give the church office a call at (925) 837-4993 to arrange a replacement.

Thank you all for your prayer and thoughtful consideration of your abilities and blessings during this October stewardship season.

Mike Oliver for the Stewardship Committee:

Nancy Arroyoavilla, Carolyn Bried, Helen Coleman, Dana Hayter, Matt Heinze, Gina Hodgson, the Kanazawa Family, Mike Oliver, John Pfarr, Sally Shea Potts, Sandy Varco



MCC THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Outreach Activities during the Holiday Season

(Bi-monthly Food Drive is on hiatus)

November – Thanksgiving Food Drive for Monument Crisis Center

December – Winter Nights Shelter at San Damiano – *more later*

Thanksgiving Food Drive for Monument Crisis Center

2020 has been a different year in so many ways and the holiday season promises to be different as well. For several logistical reasons, the Outreach Committee has decided to participate in the Monument Crisis Center (MCC) Thanksgiving Food Drive instead of Christmas Food Boxes.

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

Monument Crisis Center is asking their supporters to fill plastic grocery bags with 7 items that will furnish the food for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. They will purchase a turkey for each bag. St. Timothy's invites you to purchase one or more sets of the items listed below (cranberries = sauce, 2 cans of vegetables), put them in plastic grocery bag(s) and bring them to church on

Sundays, November 8th or November 15th between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

CAN I GIVE MONEY INSTEAD OF SHOPPING?

We have "*shopped the list*" and the items cost \$15 for a bag. We are recruiting people to shop for others. You may purchase a **Safeway gift card for \$15, \$30, \$45, \$90 or \$105**, bring it to church and our wonderful "shoppers" will shop for you. If you would like to do this, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aafa62ea20-sponsor> and tell us how many "Trimmings Bags" you will pay for. You can also call Sally and tell her.

If you prefer, you can also write **check to Monument Crisis Center** and send it to them at **Monument Crisis Center P.O. Box 23973, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**. That will help them buy the turkeys.

CAN I VOLUNTEER TO SHOP FOR OTHERS?

Of course! Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4AAFA62EA20-shopper1> to sign up to shop.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sally Shea Potts at sallyspotts@gmail.com or 925-785-9823.



WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER HOSTED BY SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER

Winter Nights has revamped their program to safely provide shelter for families during Covid. For the month of December, Winter Nights will be hosted at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. The five Danville/Alamo congregations that typically host the shelter will provide support services such as food and supplies with no interaction between volunteers and the families. Watch the bulletin and December Tidings for information about how you can help.

Contact Joann Oliver: 925-808-8810
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OUTREACH GRANTS 2020

Thank you St Timothy's parishioners and the vestry for supporting the Outreach effort this 'different' year. Once again we have been able to generously respond to our Outreach community because of your amazing support. Our 'Outreach ministries' focus on shelter, homeless services, hunger prevention, mental health, addiction recovery and global health. It is usual for this community to give of both our time and our financial support. Without our "hands" as volunteers, plus the extra need due to economic hardship and the restrictions imposed by Covid, this has been a very challenging year for many of our ministries. Our parish member liaisons have kept us informed, as the year progressed, of the additional demand for services caused by the crisis.

The funds for the grants allocated in table below come from Fruits of the Harvest (this year a virtual gathering), Amazon Smile, the parish operating budget and two additional donations.

The Outreach committee with approval from the vestry was able to donate in April \$10,000 [money in the church funds provided by a donor and designated to be used at some time of local crisis] to 6 of our local charities. In June an additional \$15,000 given to Outreach from a donor, plus \$1000 from the diocese for emergency relief was allocated to 7 of our charities. In October a record \$70,550 was allocated to our ministries [see below table] most of this raised by the generous giving to "FOTH reinvented."

[An additional \$3000 is given to The Divinity School, The School for Deacon's and the Interfaith Council by the church each year from the church funds]

If you would like more information or want to get involved, contact the listed liaison or Alison Hill - the vestry outreach commissioner. Additional information about our charities can be found on the St Timothy's website.

The St Timothy's Outreach Committee and Vestry would like to express an extra thanks to all those members who so kindly gave with such generosity of spirit this year.

Non-Profit Name – URL – Parish Liaison	Grante d Octobe r 2020@	Grante d earlier in 2020#
Discovery Counseling Center - https://www.discoveryctr.net – Nancy Lucas	\$3,500	\$1,450
Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance - http://thegaia.org – Diane Carpenter	\$5,500	
Habitat for Humanity - https://www.habitatbsv.org/ - David Kutrosky	\$2,000	
Hope Solutions (was CCIH) - http://ccinterfaithhousing.org – Leslie Firth	\$6,000	\$5,000
Loaves and Fishes - https://www.loavesfishescc.org/ - Leslie Firth	\$8,000	\$5,000
Monument Crisis Center - https://monumentcrisiscenter.org/ - Sally Shea Potts	\$8,000	\$4,250
Options Recovery Services - http://optionsrecoveryservices.org – Peg Miller & Patti Farris	\$5,000	\$ 800
PFLAG - https://pflag.org/chapter/pflag-tri-valley - Steve Mason	\$ 500	
Rise Against Hunger - https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/ - Joann Oliver	\$1,000	
Shelter, Inc. - https://shelterinc.org - Leslie Firth	\$5,400	\$5,000
The Comfort Cub - https://www.thecomfortcub.org/ - Nancy Lucas	\$2,500	
The Gretta Foundation - https://grettafoundation.org - Tania Hanson De Young	\$8,400	
The Respite Inn - http://therespiteinn.org - Carleen Carns	\$1,500	
Trinity Center - http://trinitycenterwc.org - Steve Mason	\$8,250	\$4,000
Episcopal Relief & Development - for relief for victims of the fires in Northern California - https://www.episcopalrelief.org	\$2,000	

* These Grantees are specified in the 2020 church budget.

@ Funds donated in October 2020 came from FOTH 2020, the church budget and AmazonSmile.

In April 2020, the Outreach Committee proposed, and the Vestry approved donating \$10,000 from the Outreach Emergency reserve to 6 of the above grantees.

In June 2020, the Outreach Committee proposed, and the Vestry approved donating \$16,000 received from an anonymous donor and the Diocese of California to 7 of the above grantees.

2020 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER CHOIRS

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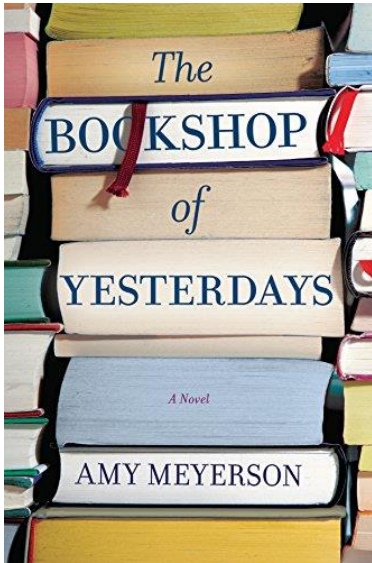
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VIRTUAL FESTIVAL CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 | 4PM

ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP



Meetings in November (via Zoom):

**Thursday, November 5 – 2:00 pm –
check in**

**Thursday, November 19 – 2:00 pm –
book**

**discussion - *The Bookshop of
Yesterdays***

Contact Sally Shea Potts (sallyspotts@gmail.com) to receive an invitation to our Zoom meetings

A woman inherits a beloved bookstore and sets forth on a journey of self-discovery in this poignant debut about family, forgiveness and a love of reading. Miranda Brooks grew up in the stacks of her eccentric Uncle Billy's bookstore, solving the inventive scavenger hunts he created just for her. But on Miranda's twelfth birthday, Billy has a mysterious falling-out with her mother and suddenly disappears from Miranda's life.

She doesn't hear from him again until sixteen years later when she receives unexpected news: Billy has died and left her Prospero Books, which is teetering on bankruptcy—and one final scavenger hunt. When Miranda returns home to Los Angeles and to Prospero Books—now as its owner—she finds clues that Billy has hidden for her inside novels on the store's shelves, in locked drawers of his apartment upstairs, in the name of the store itself. Miranda becomes determined to save Prospero Books and to solve Billy's last scavenger hunt. She soon finds herself drawn into a journey where she meets people from Billy's past, people whose stories reveal a history that Miranda's mother has kept hidden—and the terrible secret that tore her family apart.

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ST TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2020

The vestry met on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

MOTIONS:

- The Vestry voted unanimously to approve the proposed distribution of the Outreach funds for 2020 as recommended by the Outreach Committee. The total funds for this distribution are \$70,550. The funds include the proceeds of Fruits of the Harvest, the allocation from the parish budget and the funds generated by Amazon Smile. Details on the grants in 2020 can be found elsewhere in the November Tidings.
- The vestry voted unanimously to approve the procedures proposed by the Treasurer, Neal Matsunaga for the clergy discretionary fund. The fund is part of the budget and its status will become a part of the Treasurer's report each month. The Rector's Warden and the Treasurer will receive the detailed monthly reports regarding expenditures.
- The Vestry voted unanimously to approve the 5 resolutions from the Treasurer regarding the benefits for parish employees in 2021.
- The Vestry voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 2020 vestry meeting, the Treasurer's report, the Rector's Report and the reports from the Outreach and Property Commissions.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **BUDGET:** Vestry members will review the Source column in the Budget Worksheet file distributed by the Treasurer and supply input for the 2021 budget for the lines where they are named
- **VESTRY 2021:** The 5 people who will go off vestry in 2021 will constitute the Vestry Search Committee along with the Rector and the Associate Rector. The group will decide on possible candidates before contacting them.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Contact Sally Shea Potts to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 21, 2020

Financial Highlights

- Financial results through September are positive overall due to inclusion of PPP loan funds in the Other Income part of the operating budget. There is an underrun in Pledge Income due mainly to pledges that have not made any or are behind in payments and an underrun in Expenses reflecting a decrease in expenses due to shelter in place protocols.
- Pledge income in our approved budget for 2020 is based on 159 pledges. Our budget included a projected revenue shortfall of about \$58,400 (\$13,400 more pledge dollars assumed and a projected deficit of \$45,034.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing "pledges paid in full" in the current year, are:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$493,966	\$459,041	\$(34,925)
Other Income	\$ 51,443	\$118,765	\$ 67,322
Expenses	\$580,656	\$552,157	\$ 28,499
Net Income	\$(35,247)	\$ 25,649	

Income

The Pledge Income difference reflects about \$15,825 for pledges that have not made any payments yet through the first 9 months of 2020 and about \$31,299 for pledges that are behind in payments. Had this money been received our pledge income would have been about \$12,199 over budget.

Other Income difference due to:

Loose Plate \$(5,980) and Facilities Cost Sharing \$(5,999) under budget offset by Contributing Income about \$9,840 above budget and inclusion of \$73,329 of PPP loan funds as operating income.

Expenses – Operating expense difference is the sum of a number of over and under budget items, with the main ones being:

Personnel expenses \$18,821 under budget

Altar Guild expenses \$2,649 under budget

Christian Formation expenses \$813 under budget

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$2,616 under budget

Fellowship expenses \$2,610 under budget

Administrative expenses \$7,524 under budget

Facilities expenses \$671 under budget

Finance expenses \$(10,585) over budget due to timing of insurance and property tax payments.

Contingency expenses \$2,815 under budget

- Livestream capital fund drive through 9/30
 - 60 donors have made commitments
 - Totaling \$61,005
 - Have received \$54,220

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