



Tidings

Summer 2021

The newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville, CA

RECTOR'S ARTICLE

If you're like me, the last year has felt like suspended animation. I have yoayed between hope for an old normal and despair that the pandemic restrictions would never end. At times, I felt pride in doing my part and at other times felt ridiculous. As we move into summer, much of the contingency and flux should be behind us. As of publication time, we have re-established two services, 8am and 10am, on campus. (see "in summary" below for exact details.)

Worship

Once we get the "all clear" from the state and diocese, distancing, masking, and sign-up tracking will disappear. So, on June 20th, we will likely look normal-ish, but normal might have to wait a week or two. When masks do become optional, I ask you to respect the wishes of anyone who desires to wear their mask for as long as they wish. *Please don't ask if they are vaccinated or why they still have a mask.*

Hosted Groups

We have reached out to hosted groups to give them details about coming back to our buildings. Groups like Life Story, Troop 36, AA, and TOPS will be meeting without restriction soon.

Food

I don't know how we will manage food yet. I am optimistic that when we have a going-away-party for Darita on August 1st, we will be able to have food. If things change, I will let you know.

MCC Food Drives

(June 13th, July 11th, August 8th) Our food drives are now on the second Sunday of each month.

- 11am-1pm parishioner donation. You may bring your food to church when you come.
- 12pm-1pm community donations

VBS

• God, Praise for your Creation!

June 22nd-24th Tuesday through Thursday 9am-12:30pm (bring lunch from home)

We will be outside and enjoy a snack. We will sing, make crafts, play and serve others. The latest county COVID protocols will be observed. Children who have completed TK or Kindergarten to children who have completed 5th grade are welcome to register. Sign up now! Go to homepage for all forms.

VBS Friday Bonus: Movie Night!

June 25th we will have social time and movie night in the church. We have great technology in the church. All families are welcome to join us for a free movie and snacks on the patio. More details to follow.

On August 1st we will say goodbye to Darita on his last Sunday with us. I know you will join me in gratitude for his ministry. He will also be hosting a Choral Audacity concert on Saturday, August 7th.

FOTH

It comes back in the Fall. Save these dates: September 19th and 25th

In Summary

- Starting June 6th: nursery is available at the 10am service.
- June 6th and 13th worship: 8am (parish hall) and 10am (in sanctuary) YouTube continues
- June 13th: MCC Food Drive moves to once a month
- June 20th and beyond: 8am and 10am worship will both be in the sanctuary. Food...maybe.
- June 22nd-24th: VBS
- June 25th: Community movie night.
- Aug 1st: Darita's last Sunday
- Aug 7th: Choral Audacity concert
- September 19th and 25th: FOTH.

Glad to see you and can't wait to see you.
Todd

VBS AT ST. TIMOTHY'S – JUNE 22-24



VBS 2021

God, Praise for your Creation! VBS 2021

June 22-June 24, Tuesday through Thursday 9-12:30

Saint Timothy's mini-Vacation Bible School will be full of fun, songs, crafts, outdoor activities, time to be together and serve others! Get ready for some action! (as we move out of this year of the Pandemic!)

We will be outside and enjoy a snack; we will have activities, crafts, outdoor worship, a moment of quiet! and moments of cheering; we will have lunch together (lunches will be brought from home). All Diocesan and county protocols will be observed.

Sign up now! Children who completed TK or Kindergarten to children who have completed 5th grade. \$50 per child. Scholarships available.

Counselors? We are also inviting high school teens to be counselors and middle school youth to be Jr. counselors for our VBS. And we love our adult volunteers!

Questions? sgeissleroneil@Sainttimothysdanville.org

[Registration Form](#)

[Counselor Registration Form](#)

[Volunteer Form](#)

ANNUAL BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



COMING IN JULY:

Our **Annual Backpack and School Supplies Drive** for the children in the after-school programs at Hope Solutions will be coming in July. It will be all virtual as it was last year. Be on the lookout for more information soon in our weekly Constant Contact.

Contact: Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net

FOOD DRIVE



2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

11 am – 1 pm

ST TIMOTHY'S FRONT
PARKING LOT

St Timothy's will continue to host Food Drives for Monument Crisis Center (MCC) **once a month** this summer. The banner out in front of the church and our publicity on Facebook and Next Door will say the hours are **12 – 1 pm**. The hours for the **parish** are **11 – 1 pm**.

This should enable our faithful volunteers to do something else in the afternoon on Sunday and make it easy for parish members to bring their donations to church on Sunday morning when they come to church. The food barrels will remain on the front porch of Grace House for the summer. Life is returning to “*normal*” but for many of our neighbors, the return of jobs is going slowly. The need of help remains!

Add some of the following to your weekly shopping and help MCC feed our hungry neighbors.

rice	canned beans
canned meats	canned fruit
soup	canned vegetables
pasta	cereal
pet food	baby formula
diapers	toiletries

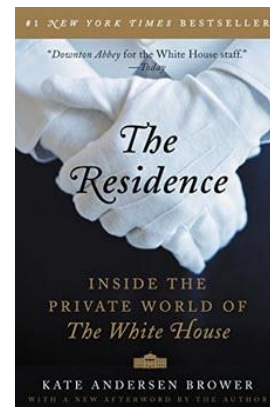
No glass, bread, sweets or expired food, please.

ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK CLUB

June and this Summer

At our last meeting, we decided to not read any books as a group the **summer** but to get together via Zoom on July 15th and August 19th to check in with each other. Sometime after we can resume meeting in church, we look forward to getting together for a brown bag lunch.

On **Thursday, June 17 at 2:00 pm**, we will meet to discuss The Residence. America's First Families are unknowable in many ways. No one has insight into their true character like the people who serve their meals and make their beds every day. Full of stories and details by turns dramatic, humorous, and heartwarming, *The Residence* reveals daily life in the White House as it is really lived through the voices of the maids, butlers, cooks, florists, doormen, engineers, and others who tend to the needs of the President and First Family. These dedicated professionals maintain the six-floor mansion's 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, 28 fireplaces, three elevators, and eight staircases, and prepare everything from hors d'oeuvres for intimate gatherings to meals served at elaborate state dinners. Over the course of the day, they gather in the lower level's basement kitchen to share stories, trade secrets, forge lifelong friendships, and sometimes even fall in love. Kate Andersen Brower tells their story. She reveals the intimacy between the First Family and the people who serve them, as well as tension that has shaken the staff over the decades. From the housekeeper and engineer who fell in love while serving President Reagan to Jackie Kennedy's private moment of grief with a beloved staffer after her husband's assassination to the tumultuous days surrounding President Nixon's resignation and President Clinton's impeachment battle, *The Residence* is full of surprising and moving details that illuminate day-to-day life at the White House.



“LIVES WELL LIVED” ONLINE DOCUMENTARY AND ZOOM Q & A

“Lives Well Lived” online documentary movie screening and Zoom Q & A with filmmaker, Sky Bergman **Sunday, June 27 at 3:00 PM**. Registration information to come. See the trailer at: <https://www.lives-well-lived.com/>
Questions or curiosity: contact Lisa Kanazawa Lmkana@yahoo.com.

FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

SAVE THE DATE!
24th Annual Fruits of the Harvestt
Fundraiser for all Outreach Ministries

Sunday, September 19th - Zoom Coffee Hour
Saturday, September 25th - Event at Saint Timothy’s

The ministries below are two of fifteen ministries and events that your generous donations support through grants from this fundraiser.

LOAVES AND FISHES PARTNERS WITH TRINITY CENTER BY OPENING UP A NEW DINING ROOM

What a great example of how two ministries that we support are working together to feed and help people in need. Last spring in the height of the pandemic, [Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa \(LFCC\)](#) quietly opened its fifth dining room inside the [Trinity Center](#) on the ground floor of St. Paul’s Commons. It was a momentous occasion for the hunger-relief nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to anyone experiencing food insecurity in Walnut Creek. Saint Timothy’s has a large core of dedicated LFCC and Trinity Center volunteers who have been on hiatus during this pandemic and look forward to coming back to work serving meals and helping in many capacities.

Loaves and Fishes: Through donations, grants, and fundraisers, along with the efforts of thousands of volunteers, they now operate five dining rooms in the county—Martinez, Antioch, Oakley, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek—offering anyone hungry a hot noontime meal five days a week and distributing over 302 tons of groceries each year. Since 1983, when LFCC first opened its Pittsburg dining room, volunteers have served more than five million meals to the working poor and homeless in Contra Costa County.

Trinity Center: Serving between 50-60 people each day, TC offers people living on the streets basic safety net services—food, clothing, showers, laundry facilities, mail delivery, telephone service, and a safe place to rest. In addition to their day program, Trinity offers case management, substance abuse counseling, a youth program, and an emergency overnight shelter during the winter.

A [Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce](#) ribbon-cutting ceremony in March marked the official opening of the LFCC dining room to the public at Trinity Center. “The event marks a special moment as Trinity Center,



Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa, and our community supporters celebrate and expand our partnership of hospitality in Walnut Creek,” said Leslie Gleason, Executive Director of Trinity Center. “Nothing is more foundational for our well-being than food and shelter. In these challenging and uncertain times, we jointly commit to bringing these essential resources to nourish lives and open doors to opportunity for all in our community.” Steve Mason, on the left, is the liaison for Trinity Center from Saint Timothy’s and also a Board Member for TC.

Update: Since February 2020, LFCC’s meal count is up by 84 percent. Before the pandemic, LFCC was serving more than up from 600 meals a day, to roughly 1500 meals a day. "In Walnut Creek we hope to capture not just the homeless population, but also low-income individuals and families impacted by the pandemic and living on the edge paycheck to paycheck. We're also a good resource for caregivers who can come and pick up meals for seniors at home," said Lafayette.

The Walnut Creek dining room is open Monday-Friday 12:00-1:15 pm, except for a few holidays throughout the year. 1888 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek, trinitycenterwc.org.

FLOWER DONATIONS

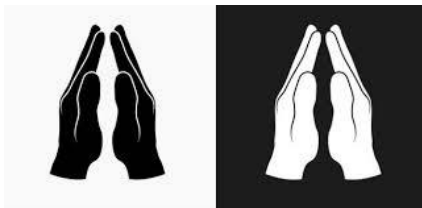


Altar Guild is responsible for ordering weekly flower arrangements from a local florist. We are always looking for members who wish to honor a special occasion or in memory of loved one(s). The minimum donation for flowers is \$50 and the money is credited to the members annual contribution. The flower requester can specify color and type of flowers for the occasion. Requests need to be done a minimum of two weeks before the occasion for ordering.

Upon reopening services in indoors, you can sign up for flowers on the signup chart in the Narthex on the right-hand side. Envelopes are available there for the contribution which can be placed in the weekly alms collection or mailed to the office. Current & future requests for contributions may also be made by emailing Cathy Morris [@lil.captain315@gmail.com](mailto:lil.captain315@gmail.com) or (925)300-3555.

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER TEAM

Are you in need of prayer? Or someone you care deeply about? For confidential prayers, send a note to prayers@sainttimothysdanville.org and the St. Timothy's prayer team will pray with you. We are an anonymous group; we don't mention your concerns to each other or to you. We just pray.



THANK YOU!

During the 14 months of lock down, Altar Guild has gone on regardless. I want to personally thank Holly Tsung from my Altar Guild Team who selflessly came into assist me with the changing of the church seasons, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. I could never have done it by myself. Holly is not only an asset to Altar Guild but St. Timothy’s. Thank you Holly. – Cathy Morris

ACOUSTIC PANELS IN PARISH HALL

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

When you go into the parish hall, you will definitely notice our new acoustic panels that surround us on three sides. The Property Commission considered one of the requests for parish hall improvements from many of you and from our anonymous donor. There was a need to help with the overwhelming loudness during large group gatherings.

These acoustic panels were designed by Leslie Firth, not only to mitigate the sound problem, but to also be a decorative design element, to bring some color throughout the room, and to not look utilitarian. The idea for the design of the panels came from the colors and vertical rectangular shapes of the stained glass windows on the stage area. The result is a very subtle sound dampening meant to make it more comfortable for us to hear, while making our parish hall a more beautiful space.

This was a huge undertaking for us that took many months to come together. The colored, fabric-wrapped panels were assembled in one all-day session by Neal Matsunaga, Bev Matsunaga, Jim Enes, Sally Shea Potts, Sandy Varco, Leslie Firth, and Tom Linari. It took another whole day session to do the very hard work of putting up all of these panels using ladders, drills, screws, templates and patience. Our two teams of Scott MacDougall/Ed Liggins, and Neal Matsunaga/Jim Enes did an awesome job of mounting the panels and were assisted by Bev Matsunaga, Sally Shea Potts, and Leslie Firth. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who helped the Property Commission with this project.





THANK YOU TO OUR SCOUTS WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THE GARDEN



NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

Do you hear the voice of children? Noah's Ark Preschool Summer Program is in session. An outdoor play kitchen, swings and places to climb! A mystery garden planted earlier—and are those pumpkin plants starting to grow?



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

St Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Highlights – May 2021

The vestry met in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 pm.

MOTIONS:

- **FOTH 2021 DATES** – The Vestry approved the proposed dates for Fruits of the Harvest 2021 – Sunday, September 19 for a Zoom Coffee Hour and Saturday, September 25 for an on-site event. FOTH 2021 will not be as elaborate as past events.
- **Minutes and Reports** – The minutes of the April Vestry meeting and the reports by the Treasurer, Rector and several Commission liaisons were approved as presented

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED

- **Music Director – Darita Seth** has submitted his resignation effective the end of July. He will be moving to southern California to continue his work on his master's degree. He plans a celebration concert on the patio in early August
- **Parish Administrator Search** – Steve Oki, Commissioner for Administration informed the vestry that the search committee is continuing their effort to find a new Parish Administrator. There have not been a lot of good candidates interested in the job. Currently Kimberly Bryant is substituting as the Parish Administrator. She will be going on vacation at the end of June for the month of July.
- **VBS** – Pastor Susan is planning for a 3-day VBS program in late June.
- **PPP Loan** – The Small Business Administration and Heritage Bank have approved the church's application for the forgiveness of the PPP loan that the church and the preschool received.
- **Noah's Ark Draft Budget** – was shared with the vestry by the treasurer, Neal Matsunaga. It currently has a small deficit, but he is hopeful that there were be increased enrollment during the summer. The director is planning several new programs.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. 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

May 19, 2021

Financial Highlights

- Heritage Bank confirmed that our application for forgiveness of our covid-19 related PPP loan was approved and that the loan had been cancelled and does not need to be repaid.
- Financial results through April are positive overall despite underruns in loose plate offerings, facilities cost sharing and flower donations due to the underruns being offset by higher than budgeted pledge and contributing income to date
- The 2021 budget assumed 153 pledges for \$643,317 that had been received by the end of 2020 and forecast receiving an additional 6 pledges for an additional \$15,000. Through March the church has received an additional 5 pledges for \$11,360, 2 of which were part of the forecast of 6 additional pledges and 3 that were new pledges.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing "pledges paid in full" in the current year, are:

Budget	Actual	Difference	
Pledge Income	\$219,439	\$241,005	\$21,566
Other Income	\$ 14,418	\$ 20,966	\$ 6,548
Expenses	\$251,267	\$220,422	\$30,845
Net Income	\$(17,410)	\$ 41,549	

Pledge Income difference due to:

Receipt of a number of large pledge payments in the month of April

Other Income difference due to:

Loose Plate \$(3,023), Facilities Cost Sharing \$(5,110), Flower Donations \$(325) under budget under budget offset by Contributing Income \$14,797 above budget.

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

Personnel expenses \$4,905 under budget due mainly to \$3,307 for administrative assistant/office manager and \$1,018 for childcare assistant positions being vacant,
Musicians \$300 under budget and Staff Allowances \$762 under budget
Altar Guild expenses \$537 under budget
Music expenses \$1,022 under budget
Christian Formation expenses \$455 under budget
Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$625 under budget
Fellowship expenses \$867 under budget
Administrative expenses \$2,184 under budget
Facilities expenses \$12,814 under budget
Finance expenses \$5,280 under budget
Contingency expenses \$1,356 under budget

Neal Matsunaga

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