

Tidings

Winter Nights Shelter Unfilled Volunteer Needs

St Timothy's will host the Winter Nights Shelter February 1 - 15. The Shelter families are currently at St Stephens Church in Walnut Creek and we understand that there are 34 guests including 18 children! The need for this important service is great. Thank you to everyone who has already signed-up to help.

Sign-up boards are located in the Parish Hall and we still have unfilled volunteer opportunities:

Meal Team Leaders and Team Members

- Sat, 2/6 - Dinner
- Sun, 2/7 - Breakfast
- Wed, 2/10 - Dinner
- Sat, 2/13 - Breakfast & Dinner

Shelter Set-Up - Sun, 1/31, (11 am)

Unload Guest Belongings - Mon, 2/1 (approx 10 am)

Shelter Take Down - Mon, 2/15 (8 am)

Weekend Activities - 2/6 & 2/7 and 2/13 & 2/14 - A paid Shelter Staff will be on site at all times. We just need a St. Tim's person to be at the church as well. Weekend volunteers open/supervise the playground or youth center, play games with the kids, put out lunch fixings for the guests to make their own lunch (all supplies will be there.) The guests often choose to rest on the weekend and it's typically very quiet.

Homework Help – Lots of opportunities

Overnight Stay - Sun, 2/7 and Sun, 2/14 - Our most critical needs are the two Sundays with no coverage. But, we also have openings throughout the two week period where we have only one overnight sign-up. We prefer to have two volunteers each night. A paid Shelter Staff person will be on-site overnight. Overnight volunteers shut-down at night, put out the lunch and breakfast fixings (supplied) and close up when the guests leave in the morning. You can typically leave by 7 am.

An **Orientation Meeting** is scheduled for volunteers, particularly those leading meal teams, staying overnight or assisting with homework or on weekends. (Not necessary for food and supply donations, but everyone is welcome!) We will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, 1/25 at 7:00 pm to provide an overview of responsibilities, address facility issues and answer your questions.

Please sign-up or call Joann Oliver (925) 362-4805 or Spencer Fulweiler (925-855-1019) today to help with the opportunities listed above.

Thank You!!

THE BIBLE FROM 30,000 FEET

We know Bible stories, but do we know the Bible Story? What is the Bible anyway, and how do we read and interpret it? What are its major stories and themes? Who is who and what is where? How do we find our way around? Do you think you should know and are afraid to ask?

In the same way that an airplane offers a wide view of the world below, especially its overall shape and geography, and *The Bible from 30,000 Feet* offers a broad overview of the Bible. It is especially appropriate for the “Bible beginner” or someone seeking to learn more about the Bible and its story in general before studying its books in more detail.

We will make a sweep of the Bible by taking a look at its major stories and themes, and what it teaches us about God. Along the way, we will explore its major sections (Old and New Testaments, Torah, Prophets, Psalms, Gospels, Epistles, etc.), and will address the questions above and the questions you bring.

For more information contact Kathy Trapani at 837-4993 x13.

Sunday Mornings

10:10 – 10:50

January 17 – March 28

Grace House Conference Room

(No meeting on January 24, February 7, March 14, March 21)

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting is **NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, FROM 5 until 8:30 PM**. During the business portion of the meeting we will elect new vestry members and delegates to Diocesan Convention, and introduce *20/20 Vision*, a new phase of Long-Range Planning that will help us look to the future of our parish community. Afterwards, we will enjoy a festive meal and have an opportunity to visit with one another and celebrate our blessings at St. Timothy's. Those who have made reservations will feast on Dungeness crab, while those who do not eat shell fish or who did not make a reservation will dine on chicken and macaroni and cheese.

The times when we are able to gather all of our members in one setting are vital to our life as a community, and they are always great fun. Please don't miss this meeting.

January 22, 2010

KIDS CORE
(Christian OutReach to Everyone)

Kids CORE is an upper elementary youth group for 4th and 5th graders that meets monthly during the school year at St. Timothy's and does service projects at church and in the community. The kids learn through action about the value of reaching out to others in love. In 2009, Kids CORE met for movie nights, potlucks, service projects and fieldtrips including the following highlights:

Fieldtrip to Books for the Barrio – Website: <http://www.booksforthebarrios.com>

- Potluck dinner and movie night – Movie “The Pursuit of Happiness”
- Earth Day - Collected recyclable trash from the congregation and their neighborhoods

Art party to benefit Creek Kids Care - Website: www.creekkids.org

Kids for the Bay Storm Drain Ranger Program – Website: <http://www.kidsforthebay.org/programs/stormdrainrangers.htm>

Coffee Hour/Card Sales - Hosted coffee hour and sold cards made at their art party.

What kids in Kids CORE think:

“I really enjoy being a part of this wonderful organization. We did so much for the environment a while ago. We painted and cleaned up 7 storm drains in the St Timothy's neighborhood. I learned that a lot of us don't know that storm drains connect to oceans. And we raised \$624 for Creek Kids by painting pictures and making them into beautiful cards and book marks.

I have had so much fun and I am looking forward to what is to come!” – Claire Keeshen

“Kids CORE at St. Timothy's ROCKS! I think Kids CORE is an awesome group because over the past year we have really learned how to work together by helping out with Books for the Barrios, the Storm Drain Ranger program and Monument Crisis Center.

We all got together and had a really big art party where everyone made art. I thought it was very impressive because about 20 kids showed up and we were all focused on making art to sell and raise money for Creek Kids Care. In all, we raised \$624 with art cards and bookmarks.

Last week we had a meeting about what we should do this spring and we had lots of good ideas. I know that whatever we choose, we'll have fun together while we help people in need.”

- Emily Grace Skillman

All 4th and 5th grades (and your friends) are always welcome at Kids CORE. If you are interested in joining Kids CORE or would like more information about this program, please contact either Carolyn Bried at: cbried@comact.net or Lori Robinson at: lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org.

Our Friend, Barbara Wanderer, is Safe and Sound

Most of you will remember the beautiful Haitian masks, metal works, lavender sachets, and paintings at our recent Advent Crafts Fair. Please help pray that all of those wonderful artists were spared harm in the Port-Au-Prince centered earthquake. Many of you were able to meet and talk with Barbara Wanderer, the woman who works with them and brought their wonderful creations to us. There was no word of her for 3 days after the quake but she was finally seen Friday 1/15/10 on TV. She is truly an awesome woman and we are glad she is still in our lives.

ST TIMOTHY'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

The evaluations of the Women's Retreat conducted by Victoria MacDonald in November at Bishop's Ranch have been collated and typed up for your reading pleasure. They documented a very successful retreat and the three pages of evaluation notes includes all of the wonderful comments and thoughts contributed by all the women who attended. The committee read them over and thanks each of you for your input. Plans are in the works for another event.

If you are interested in reading all the evaluations, e-mail me - Christine Daugherty at cweissD@att.net and request them and I will send them out ASAP.
Hope to see everyone there next year. Chris

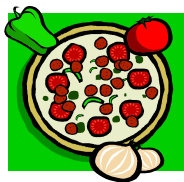
Christine Weiss Daugherty
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The Mitten Tree Trimmings Have Found Some Cold Hands

Thanks to everyone who 'decorated' the mitten tree with gloves, scarves, hats, socks, and blankets. Everything was donated to the Monument Crisis Center and they were thrilled to match cold hands with our donations. I know the ladder was not really much of a tree but it was wonderful to see how creative everyone was with your decorating ideas. THANK YOU.

It is never too early to think about next year's tree so if you are a knitter, just make a few things throughout the year and keep them for the first week in Advent. If you don't knit but catch a sale on anything that would warm a body up, buy it and keep it for the tree. For those new to the idea, we call it the mitten tree but will happily accept mittens, hats, scarves, socks, shawls and even small blankets. Load the tree up and know it all finds someone who needs it.

thanks for your support. Carol Moore



SENIOR MINISTRY'S "PIZZA and a MOVIE LUNCHEON"

Date: Wednesday February 10, 2010

Time: 11:30 a.m.

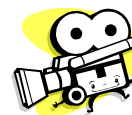
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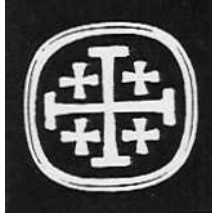
You'll hear more from us later on our surprise movie.

For reservations call

Terry Humphrey (925) 837-7488
Joan Evens (925) 831-9560

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





What I Learned from My Aunt

On the Tenth Day of Christmas my wife's and my dear Aunt Joy died, a very fulfilled nonagenarian whom we already miss very much. I learned important lessons from her living as well as in her dying.

From her living:

- I learned to live life to the max. A retired school teacher, Joy lived on saltines and cottage cheese to be able to afford the opera which was her passion.
 - I learned not to fold when your legs are shot out from under you by the death of a beloved and loving spouse. Widowed, Joy traveled the world for twenty years to see opera and made new opera-loving friends wherever she went.
- I learned that an olive will do very well with excellent gin to make a martini; no vermouth is necessary.

In her dying:

- I learned courage in not shrinking from a decision to undergo a medical procedure that might make me better enough to return to the opera but is just as likely to release me to join my long-departed spouse in heaven, and to fear not death but rather lingering.
 - I learned that having an executed Advance Medical Directive will avoid unwanted attempts at resuscitation.
 - I learned that if I do not make funeral pre-arrangements myself, then my loved ones will have to scramble to do so at the awkward time of my death.
 - I learned by her example to follow *The Book of Common Prayer* (p.445) rubric to make a will, "arranging for the disposal of temporal goods, not neglecting, if able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable purposes." Joy remembered her church.
- I learned to keep a will up to date, making necessary adjustments dictated by changes in my financial and personal circumstances-- hopefully making amendments in a more timely manner than between heart-attacks, as Aunt Joy did.

Keeping my desk and attic cleaned out would undoubtedly also be a mercy to my survivors-- but this is probably more than I can do. I feel that I'll do well enough to practice the items above.

How about you? What mercy will you show your survivors? Please call me if I may assist you.

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The Feast of the Epiphany Celebration Highlights

On January 5, we celebrated the arrival of the Magi and the Light of Christ in the world with Holy Eucharist, potluck supper, stars, and cupcakes with hidden tokens. As in the past, we learned what each token holder had done to fulfill his or her challenge during the year.

Carolyn Bried shared her story about receiving the quarter token in her cupcake last year. Her challenge was to invest the money and donate it to a worthy cause. Because Carolyn was interested in helping women who were victims of domestic violence, she organized a women's event to help other women – Ladies Casino Night!

With help from her husband Steve, several friends, and the clergy the idea became a night of fun for all who attended or supported the event. Volunteers stepped forward to teach the ladies how to gamble, offering courses in Black Jack, Poker, 21, and Texas Hold 'Em.

The women who attended paid their quarters, learned the finer points of gambling, and had a great time. Twenty-one and Texas Hold 'Em were the two favorite games that night, and not only was everyone playing a big winner, so was STAND, the local organization against domestic violence Carolyn chose to receive the money spent that night.

That's quite a return on investment these days – in just six months one quarter became a donation of \$1,262 because of Carolyn's creativity!

If you weren't able to attend the first Ladies Casino Night, it was such a success they will be doing it again on **May 7, 2010**

WE <3 THOSE WHO HEAL

I would like to discuss "Ministry", the second scariest word for Episcopalians. Of course, the first being "evangelization". Over the course of the last three years I have come to learn that Education for Ministries has not been understood by most of the congregation. Mostly as it pertains to "Ministry". We tend to assume that "ministry" is done by "Ministers", that is, the ordained clergy. While that is true, ministry is much more than that. In a very real sense, we all do "it", some better than others, some more often than others. Since we all do "it", what is "it"?

The Book of Common Prayer tells us that the "Ministry" of the laity is to represent Christ and His Church; to bear witness to him, each according to his/her gifts; to carry on His work of reconciliation; and to "take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church". Thus "Ministry" is about WITNESS and SERVICE.

An example of witness and service is the Healing Team at St. Timothy's. While the members of this team are not healers, they participate in asking for God's healing of others, as a witness to experiences of healing in their own lives. They offer their services as intercessors of God's healing presence in the Healing Chapel at the back of the Church during Eucharist.

During this period before Valentine's Day, EFM would like to recognize and honor those whose SERVICE is through their gifts of HEALING. We already recognize and honor those who "Serve and Protect". We would like to add a new section "WE <3 THOSE WHO HEAL". So please let me know about those in our Church Family, and those other family and friends, you would like to be remembered in a special prayer on Sunday February 14th. If you have a photo you would like to share for the EFM bulletin board in the entrance to the Hall, you can e-mail it to me at Lisa-Perry@SaintTimothysDanville.org or you can leave it in the EFM message box in the Parish Office. You can e-mail or phone (925-837-4740) me with the names of those you would like remembered in our special Valentines Day prayer.

“WHAT STAR IS THIS” EPIPHANY LITURGICAL ART

Even though this piece was created last year, it was this song which we sang at the 9 o'clock service on January 3rd, that inspired me to write a description of what was behind the creation of the liturgical art that is currently hanging in the church.

“The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light, and leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.” This star we see way up high is an explosion of light guiding the way to the significance of the birth of Jesus and what He symbolizes for us.

This actual star has been used for several years but each year I add something new to create more brilliance. I learned long ago that mere silver glitter dies at such a distance, and it takes small mirrors to catch more light to dazzle your eye.

The hangings above the altar are an abstract interpretation of the beams of light from the star which are signaling an event of great magnitude and joy. This couldn't have worked in a small piece. This had to be BIG.

In drawing the first sketches on graph paper, Kathy Wills and I kept refining until the swooshes worked. The composition of the curved bands and positioning of the gold, silver and white had to show great movement with balance and harmony of line. The sizes and lengths of each banner were also important. The negative spaces between the banners became a critical part of the whole work. This made the design more difficult to execute as we had to make sure curves met in the right place even though parts of them were missing in empty space.

We needed a very large space to work on this piece and the Parish Hall is cold in the winter. The Youth Center was the next logical place. A large crew, Carlene Carns, Sandy Varco, Barbara Monsler, Pat Lucht, and others, helped us trace the design from a light projector onto paper against the wall. We made a huge paper template and cut out all the different color pieces which were marked with an intricate numbering system. Once they were all cut out, each piece had a glue backing fused on with an iron. Then each background banner was cut from the sheer fabric, and the process of pinning and ironing on each color in position started taking place. The banners then were brought to my art studio/dining room for more ironing, gluing, and refining.



We discovered, to our chagrin, that each fabric reacted differently to the heat... some shrank and some expanded, especially the sheer background fabric. This caused the design to move so that when we laid the pieces on the floor, the curves no longer connected where they were supposed to. We solved the problem by adding new bands of gold foil paper (left over from the gold covering of the Easter cross which you have seen over the years) and silver glittery fabric to create new convergence points. “When you get lemons, make lemonade” is always my motto. I also use “flying by the seat of my pants” a lot. Other things were added to give more texture, such as the small band of netting with tiny gold stars (this spool was given to me by Mary Louise Gotthold “in case I could use it someday”).

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The night before it was to be installed, one whole side was hanging from my second floor banister so I could finally get a feeling for what it would look like hanging up. It needed something to create more interest on the silver/gray band, so I grabbed some mirrored garland and started cutting the mirrors off and gluing them in place. They proceeded to drip down or fall off because the glue wouldn't dry fast enough so I put little straight pins under them. I was obsessed by this time and didn't realize how many times I was going up and down the ladder until the next day when my knees ballooned up. Long story short, I had a torn meniscus and had surgery in March. I don't think there is another one this big left in me. ★ ★

The Wills family and the Firths installed the piece on the 24th, and I still get a thrill every time I see it. We feel very appreciated and love hearing your comments on what the liturgical art means to you. We hope it adds to your worship at Saint Timothy's.

Leslie Firth

Diablo Lodge Schedule – 2010
January through July

January 31	Stephen Ministry	Sian Suter – (925) 736 – 8202 Joan Evens – (925) 831 – 9560
February 28	Youth Group Confirmation	Sharyn Mitzo (925) 820 – 3378 pearzo@pacbell.net Scott Pearsons (925) 837 – 3965 sppchurch@mac.com
March 28	Acolytes	Neal Matsunaga (925) 838 – 1617 nkmats@aol.com
April 25	Altar Guild	Patty Alexanderson (925) 287 - 8281 Mrs.Sun@comcast.net
May 30	Seniors Ministry	Joan Evens – (925) 831 - 9560
June 27	Greeter and Lay Callers	Virginia Woy - (925) 828 – 2854 tedwoy@comcast.net
July 25	Outreach and Peace & Justice	Wes Gibson (925) 828 - 6267 wesleyfgibson@hotmail.com Reverend Jonathan (925) 877 – 0043

Questions??? Contact Jacque Chiavini (925) 820 – 0779 or olejc@comcast.net.

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – DECEMBER 12, 2009
WITH JANUARY 2010 UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS OF MINISTRY REPORTS:

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION - Caroline Kris,
Family Ministries**

Emmaus is singing at 3:30 service on Christmas Eve.

The Advent service project on December 6 was bagging rice and beans for Monument Crisis Ctr.

Kids' Core sold note cards after the December 6 service.

Book Cart – Gross Sales for October and November were \$242.35

Book Club – Next meeting will be on January 15, 2010 we will discuss "Cane River".

Library – Recently donated books have been labeled and put on the shelves.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION - Scott MacDougall

Our youth groups continue to keep their normal schedules. After the holidays the planning group will meet to discuss the spring and summer program.

COMMUNICATIONS – Sally Shea Potts

Vestry Minutes Highlights for November were submitted for publication in Tidings and posted.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH – Steve Mason

Community Involvement - Danville Farmer's Market attended approximately every other week. No sign ups for January yet

Information Sharing - A new ministry, "Questions" is expected to begin in January 2010. It is targeted at young adults and others who may have questions regarding traditional Christianity. The intent of Questions is to reach individuals who see them selves as spiritual, but not religious.

OUTREACH – Wes Gibson

Checks for the FOTH-2009 proceeds of \$28,000 for: Shelter Inc, Sentinels of Freedom and The Gretta Foundation have been requested

The Outreach Committee voted to allocate the \$25,000 in the 2009 budget designated for Funded Outreach to:

Loaves & Fishes Contra Costa County	\$4,000
Market Place Missions – Sonshine Hacienda	\$1,000
Monument Crisis Center, Concord	\$5,000
Contra Costa Interfaith Housing	\$3,000
Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA)	\$3,000
Discovery Counseling Center	\$2,500
Options Recovery Services	\$3,000
CARH	\$2,500
Marsh Creek Detention Facility Toy Making Project	\$1,000

The "Designated Outreach" was allocated as follows:

Church Divinity School of the Pacific	\$ 750
Episcopal Charities	\$ 750
Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County	\$1000
Bishop's Ranch	\$ 750
School of Deacons - Berkeley	\$ 750

PARISH COMMUNITY CARE – Susan Paulus

Caretakers of Creation – Greer Ryall attended the composting class at Lindsey Wildlife Museum. She has not yet decided whether to remain chair next year

Senior Ministry – The next planning meeting will be on 1/25/2010 @ 10 am. The person on Vestry who will work with Parish Community Care is cordially invited!

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Stephen Ministry – The new Stephen Ministers are about to complete their in-depth training on specific issues. Although there was a waiting list several months ago, there are now several Stephen Ministers available for care receivers.

PARISH LIFE – Jane Butterfield & Mary Harrison

Epiphany – January 5, 2010 – Decorations are being planned

STEWARDSHIP – Jacque Chiavini & John Jess

The Wardens are reporting at each Sunday service on our progress on 2010 stewardship. Although the pledges continue to come in, the anticipated shortfall is still between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Update as of 1/15/2010 – The current pledge total is \$74,000 behind the total for 2009.

WORSHIP AND LITURGY – Mike Miles

Mike is working on filling out the Christmas Rota from the available groups.

PROJECTS

Bell Tower Update – Dick Firth

The Financial contract is under discussion with the construction contractor – Verdon. Information is needed from the contractor before the application permit can be submitted To the Town of Danville. More than 60 families have pledged toward the project. The current anticipated cost is \$60,000

20/20 Vision Planning Group – Dick Firth

An initial part of the 20/20 Vision project is 1 or 1 interviews with parish members to gather information on where the parish sees our priorities and where they believe we should be focusing our efforts. Currently the core group is recruiting interviewers. Training is planned for Saturday, January 23 with interviews to be carried out in the 6 – 8 weeks after the annual meeting. Volunteers will compile the gathered information after the interviews.

Update as of 1/15/2010 – Training has been rescheduled for February 20. The information gathering process is revised to include: an anonymous on-line questionnaire, small group sessions, and one on ones with couples/families according to personal preference.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Laura Lee Skillman

Through November the net income was \$26,1800 of which the majority is the November Diocesan Assessment that had not yet been paid but will be.

2010 BUDGET

The members of the vestry were polled regarding their priorities for the 2010 budget and an assessment was compiled regarding where we stand as a group.

Laura Lee Skillman distributed a preliminary 2010 expense budget based on 2009 expected results with revised information. It was reviewed and discussed at length.

The vestry will meet again on Saturday 9 January 2010 to review the status of pledges for 2010 and vote on a final budget proposal for 2010.

Update as of 1/15/2010 – After a discussion of the 2009 budget results, the 2010 estimates and the current pledges, the vestry adopted the Scenario 1 budget presented at the 12 December meeting which will require supplementing income in 2010 from the Pledge Reserves.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2010 clergy housing allowance resolutions were passed as submitted by Steven and Kathy and proposed by Jim Pope.

Prepared by Sally Shea Potts

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