

TIDINGS



April 2025

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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are experiencing a holy and meaningful end to Lent. As we approach Easter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past month.

Easter Dedications
It's not too late!
See page 4

Scout Sunday

I treasure Troop 36 joining us on Scout Sunday 2025. Some were nervous, some cool as cucumbers, and all were engaged in the work of community.

Pancake Supper

We began the Lenten season with our Pancake Supper, where so many of you gathered in fellowship over delicious pancakes with our scout troop hosting the church. It was a particularly memorable evening—our scouts were their usual lively selves, and the Indelicato family brought their A-game with extra-fluffy pancakes made from their special recipe. A first for me this Shrove Tuesday? Karaoke! Even weeks later, the thought of it still makes me smile.

Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service set the tone for our journey toward Easter, reminding us of the importance of reflection and renewal. The choir, especially at the 7 PM service, was strong and deeply grounded, helping us enter the season in a spirit of reverence.

Lenten Study Series

Our weekly Lenten Study Series has been a time of deep discussion and personal growth. We've explored prayer through music, science, literature, food, and art. I'm especially grateful to Rob, Myles, Shelley, Judy, and Michael for their leadership and insight.

Youth Group Activities

Our youth have been active this month, balancing service projects with time for connection and fun. Recently, we visited St. Anna's in Antioch to make Easter baskets for a crisis nursery. Looking ahead, we have a *Cathedral pilgrimage* the Sunday after Easter and our final Deanery Youth event on May 18th at Lafayette Reservoir.



Buildings & Stewardship

I remain deeply grateful for your generosity in meeting our stewardship challenge, allowing us to maintain a balanced operational budget. However, we do have significant facility expenses ahead. If you are able, please consider giving a little more to support these ongoing needs.



Upcoming Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday – April 13th at 8 AM & 10 AM

Join us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday – April 17th at 7 PM

A moving service reflecting on the Last Supper, with foot & hand washing, concluding with the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday – April 18th at 12 PM & 7 PM

A solemn service marking the crucifixion.

Easter Vigil – April 19th at 7 PM

A rich and meaningful liturgy featuring vigil readings, fire, bells, incense, and communion—the profound beginning of Easter.

Easter Sunday – April 20th at 8 AM & 10 AM

Celebrate the resurrection! After the 10 AM service, join us for Easter activities & Egg Hunt.

Just after Easter

Sunday, April 27 at 10 AM

Join us for the baptism of baby Enzo!

As we journey through the final days of Lent, let us continue to hold one another in prayer and look forward to the joy and renewal that Easter brings.

Blessings,
Todd

CHILDCARE

We're excited to welcome a new childcare worker! Addison, a student at Monte Vista, will be joining us starting Palm Sunday. Please help me give her a warm welcome.

GRATITUDE FOR TIME WITH THE HOLY



“Come away with me to a deserted place” (Mark 6:31)

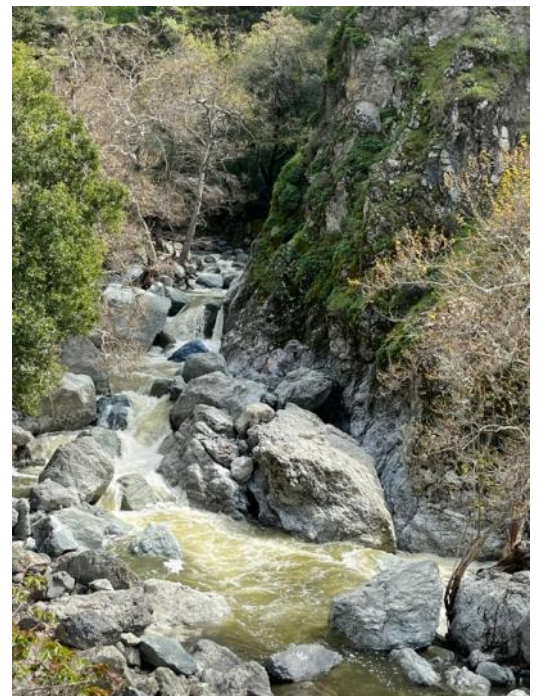
I have been away. I’ve not sat alone in the church at Saint Timothy’s looking at the altar or gazing toward the rafters in a grand gesture of petition. I wanted to ease my car into an empty space and let the parish know I still prayed for us, and for the world, but I knew you knew that. The tugging desire to call or visit, I tried to resist, turning to God—knowing that the Spirit intervenes, in surprising ways. I read books that were stacked beside a chair, went on hikes and walks,

made a retreat, and listened in the silence. If too much news got in the way, I tore myself away—and reveled in the places where there was no internet connection. This time was a gift to practice some solitude and prayer.

When was the moment I felt the invitation to come away to a deserted place where I knew the power of Jesus’s words of invitation to pray? I cannot say, I only know that the offering of time has deepened my relationship with the Holy One and deepened my conviction that we need to tell our stories of faith to each other. Listening together to hear how we are being called in this time and place; Christ *has* redeemed and *is* redeeming, the time is urgent. When I was ordained, it was important for me to remember that we have “this treasure in earthen vessels” (2 Cor 7:4), and I believe even more deeply that God pours God’s own self into us and into our world through the power of Christ. A mystery? Yes, and a wonder of Love. God with us.

The invitation for a Sabbatical conjures up images of study, travel and prayer. I did not go far, but I studied, went on retreat and took more time to pray—renewing my commitment to continue to set aside discreet times to pray, be silent and reflect. The hummingbird in a neighbor’s garden and tears of a friend remind me that God is truly in our midst in a broken and chaotic world; God not only Loves, but Loves us.

Thank you to the parish and to Pastor Todd for this time. I pray I may be more present as a priest, a child of God, and a wonderer in all things.



Grace and Peace to us as we turn toward the power of the Risen Lord in the world that cries out to us.

Susan+

EASTER DEDICATIONS



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

At Easter, St. Timothy's sanctuary comes alive with beautiful sounds and colors. We welcome contributions towards flowers and brass. You may do so to honor, remember or give thanks for people, places, events... These dedications will be acknowledged in the Easter Day bulletins. ***The deadline for submitting your contribution and dedication will be Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday).*** All donations are greatly appreciated and help make the sanctuary look and sound beautiful for Easter! Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office: parish@sainttimothysdanville.org.

Sign up [HERE!](#)

BOOK GROUP - APRIL 13

LOVELY ONE

You are invited to join the St Timothy's Book Group in reading and discussing the autobiography of Ketanji Brown Jackson – currently one of the justices on the U. S. Supreme Court. She traces her family's ascent from segregation to her confirmation on the highest court – all within one generation. Ketanji's name is "Ketanji Onyika" which means Lovely One in Swahili. Her name was suggested by her aunt, a Peace Corps volunteer. Ketanji talks about her upbringing, the stories of her ancestors that inspired her, her efforts in the theatre, improv and oratory and her rise in the legal profession.



“Justice Jackson learned from her educator parents to take pride in her heritage since birth. She describes her resolve as a young girl to honor this legacy and realize her dreams: from hearing stories of her grandparents and parents breaking barriers in the segregated South, to honing her voice in high school as an oratory champion and student body president, to graduating magna cum laude from Harvard, where she performed in musical theater and improv and participated in pivotal student organizations

Justice Jackson pulls back the curtain, marrying the public record of her life with what is less known. She reveals what it takes to advance in the legal profession when most people in power don't look like you, and to reconcile a demanding career with the joys and sacrifices of marriage and motherhood. Through trials and triumphs, Justice Jackson's journey will resonate with dreamers everywhere, especially those who nourish outsized ambitions and refuse to be turned aside.”

The book group will meet to discuss the book on Palm Sunday, April 13 after the 10:00am service. Please join us. Coordinator: Sally P – sallyspotts@gmail.com.

EASTER
EGG
HUNT



SUNDAY, APRIL 20
11:15 AM

WIN EXCITING PRIZES!

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

As we look toward the end of the school year, Pastor Todd will be reaching out to families about a few upcoming events:

FOR YOUTH

Cathedral Pilgrimage

Sunday, April 27

I'll be driving our youth to the West Oakland BART station, where we'll head to the Cathedral to join other youth groups for a Sunday afternoon gathering.

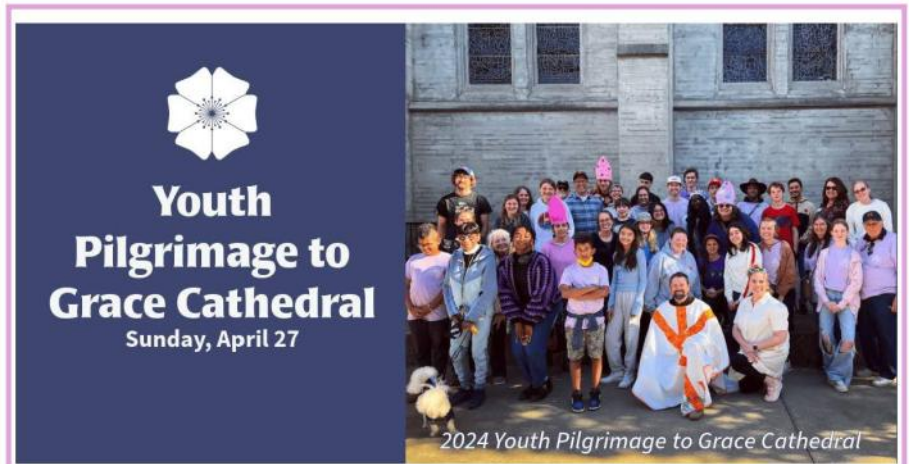
End-of-Year Gathering at Lafayette Reservoir

Saturday, May 18

Join us for our final Deanery youth gathering before summer—a relaxed picnic at Lafayette Reservoir! I'll bring turkey pinwheels and sparkling water from Costco. If your youth would like to take out a paddle boat for an hour, please bring \$15. A blanket for sitting on the grass is also a good idea!

Logistics:

- Leaving from St. Timothy's: Meet at 12:30 PM at St. Tim's if your youth needs a ride. We'll leave shortly after.
- Meeting us there: Drop off at 1:00 PM, pick up at 3:00 PM at the Lafayette Reservoir.



Youth Pilgrimage to Grace Cathedral

Sunday, April 27

For millennia, people have taken journeys to holy places seeking spiritual transformation and a hope of returning home a different person. Sometimes, it involves weeks of walking. But if you don't have the PTO for that, we've got an easier option.

On April 27, high school and middle school aged youth and their adults are invited to walk, bus, train, and ferry to Grace Cathedral. We will gather at the Ferry Building between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. before walking up California Street as a group. We will have food, prayer, activities, and fun once we arrive. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., and we encourage you to join the Cathedral service at 6:00 p.m.



FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

End-of-Year Pool Party for Families with Children

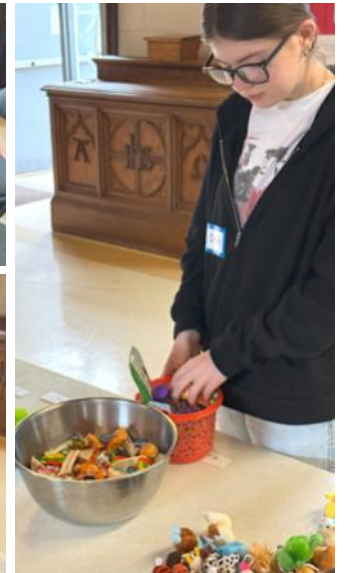
We're planning an end-of-year pool party at the rectory! Joe Grant and I are finalizing the date and details and will reach out once things are set. We know there's no perfect time for everyone, but we're hoping to find a date that works for as many as possible.

MARCH YOUTH GROUP

In March, Deanery Youth met at St. Anna's, Antioch. Youth played games, ate pizza and make Easter baskets for Bay Area Crisis Nursery (BACN). Each year BACN provides children with the joy of having a special Easter basket made just for them! Their goal is to provide an Easter Basket to each child who has stayed at the Nursery, and their siblings up to age 12.

If you want to donate too, you can help by donating fully stocked Easter baskets! Call BACN at 925.685.6633 for more information.

More information: <https://bayareacrisisnursery.org/other-ways-to-give/easter-baskets/>



FOTH - SAVE THE DATE!

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES

Save the date for the
28th Fruits of the Harvest
(FOTH)
fundraiser for
Outreach ministries.

September 6, 2025

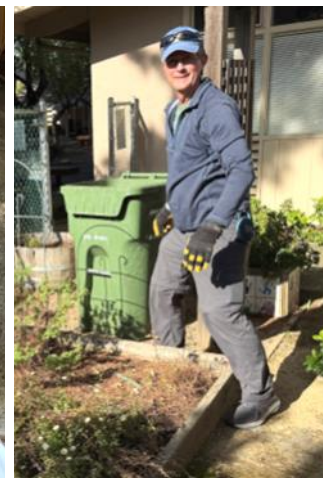
Is it our hearts? Is it our hands?

It's Outreach!

(Not all superheroes wear capes.)

POP!

WORKDAY & FORMATION



Benjamin Clive, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit

PANCAKE SUPPER - THANK YOU SCOUTS!



EARTHFEST: MAY 4th

I-SRV EarthFest Sunday, May 4th

1:00pm - 4:30pm

New Venue @ St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

EarthFest Family Fun is a Free Event on St. Timothy's Campus. We will have Food Trucks, Live Music, Booths, Activities, Speakers, Rituals, Poetry and more.

Spread the word! Post the flyer below to social media, at your house of worship, and wherever people gather.

Volunteer FOR BOTH SATURDAY AND / OR SUNDAY

Sign up with Sign up Genius + Overview of roles

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**I-SRV THIRD ANNUAL
InterFaith
EarthFest**
See Hope - Seed Change

Sunday, May 4th
1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
1550 Diablo Rd, Danville

Free Admission

Fun for the Whole Family
Food Trucks • Live Music • Booths
Activities • Speakers • Rituals • And More

- Spotlight Our Eco-Success Stories
- Draw Hope from One Another
- Inspire Local Commitment to Action

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This community event is a collaborative celebration of Baha'i, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Sufi, Hindu, Taoist, and Christian friends, with acknowledgement to our Indigenous relations

SRV USD
intentional COLLABORATORS
effective COMMUNICATORS
creative CONTRIBUTORS
adaptable LEARNERS
critical THINKERS

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 19, 2025

The Vestry met on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30pm via Zoom.

MOTIONS:

- The Vestry unanimously approved the Approve minutes from February 2nd Annual Meeting and February 8th Vestry Meeting, the reports and documents submitted by the treasurer, and several submitted rector and commission reports submitted prior to the meeting.
- The Vestry unanimously approved the endowment resolution, using funds to replace HVAC systems and repair to elevator and plumbing issues in Grace House.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday April 16th, 2025, at 6:30 in the Conference Room in Grace House.

The minutes of the Vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Manning

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 19, 2025

Financial Summary for January & February 2025

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$306,441	\$131,850
Total Expenses	<u>\$143,863</u>	<u>\$148,914</u>
Net Operating Income	\$162,578	(\$17,064)

Comments

- St. Timothy's is in good financial condition after the first two months of 2025.
- In large part this is due to the generosity of Jim and Helen Coleman, who in the Annual Meeting offered a 1:1 match of up to \$50,000 for any family who increased their pledge in February.
- The result of this challenge is that 46 families added \$48,456 to their pledges for 2025. Thank you to those who have increased their pledge!
- Of this, we have received \$15,950 thus far, plus the Coleman's \$50,000 challenge gift. Thank you to Jim and Helen!

LITURGICAL ART INSTALLATION

Liturgical Art installation helpers needed!



On Saturday, April 19th, at 11:00, we will need about 5 people need to take down the Lenten Crown of Thorns banner and put up the joyful Easter Crown of New Life banner over the altar. The big ladder will be needed. Please let Leslie F. know if you can give a helping hand.

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On Sunday, June 1st, at 11:15, we will need to prepare for Pentecost Sunday and we'll need about 4 helpers to take down the Crown of New Life banner, (no new banner going up) and help with putting the red shroud on the cross. The big ladder will be needed.

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