

TIDINGS



February 2025

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

Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and every year we commit to reflection, repentance, and renewal. Many people feel paradoxically refreshed by embracing the fragility of life and depth of our need for grace.

When I have the privilege to place ashes on your forehead with "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," it is an act of assurance. These words remind me of a favorite Romans passage:

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ancient practice grounds us in humility and calls us to a renewed focus on what truly matters.

Lent practice

Lent is not just a season of giving something up; it is a season of making space. By fasting from distractions, we create room for God. By letting go of what weighs us down, we prepare to embrace the hope of resurrection.

How might you go deeper into God:

Through prayer, seek God with an open heart.

Through service, reflect Christ's love to those in need.

Through fasting, discern what keeps you from living fully in God's light.



Lent is a journey—a time to walk with Christ through the wilderness, to confront what needs healing in ourselves and in our world, and to trust in the transforming power of God's love. I hope this holy season can open our hearts, shape, renew, and draw us closer to the life God calls us to.

OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Just Before Lent

Scout Sunday, February 23

We will celebrate Scouts, and they will serve in worship.

Shrove Tuesday, March 4, 5pm – 6:30pm

Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 12pm and 7pm

Communion and Imposition of Ashes - *12pm livestream*

Stations of the Cross, every Friday at noon (except Good Friday at 1pm)

Meet on the Labyrinth

First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 8am and 10am with Great Litany

11:15am Adult Formation – Rob K, spirit in stars

In the Sanctuary, livestream

Second Sunday in Lent, March 16, 8am and 10am

11:15am Adult Formation – Myles E, hymn sing with musical history

In the Sanctuary, livestream

Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 8am and 10am

10am with baptism

11:15am Adult Formation- Book Club Biography with Shelley W life and history of Dorothy Day (you don't have to read the book to come)

In the Sanctuary, livestream

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30, 8am and 10am

11:15am Adult Formation – Judy K spirit in food and community

Might be in the Sanctuary...or? Come and see.

Last Sunday in Lent, April 6, 8am and 10am

11:15am Adult Formation – Michael P, Art Teacher, spirit in art

In the Sanctuary, livestream

Palm Sunday, April 13, 8am and 10am

10am livestream

Palm Procession, Luke's Passion Gospel and Communion

Start outside, weather permitting

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm

Foot and Handwashing with Stripping of the Altar

livestream

Good Friday, April 18

12pm (livestream) and 7pm (choir)

Passion of John, Prayers around the Cross

Good Friday Stations, April 18, 1pm

Meet on the Labyrinth

Easter Vigil, April 19, 7pm

New Fire, Bring your Bells, Communion

Start outside weather permitting, livestream



Easter Sunday, April 20, 8am and 10am

Festive music and communion,

Family activity after 10am worship, 10am livestream

REQUEST for “Crafty” help

Would you be willing to make a flower cross for Easter Sunday?

I would really like to add a tradition to our Easter Sunday worship – **flowering of the cross**. People can bring flowers from home or take from a bucket that we provide. The flowers and cross would be just outside of the Narthex at both services on Easter Sunday morning.

This picture is from my last church in Houston.



ABOVE OUR HEADS AND BENEATH OUR FEET

One late afternoon I looked at the sky and realized it wasn't dark. The wonder of the earth tilting toward the sun, bringing a change of seasons happens incrementally with or without our attention. The realization of light crashed upon all my senses. Until that moment I hadn't realized in my heart that the darkness of winter, the wonder of the Incarnation and the Light of Epiphany were flowing with time.

Seasons help me to pay attention and to be in the “now.” The drops of water on the camellia brings me delight and wonder that strengthens me in the alternating moments of light and darkness, rhythms of our lives in love with God's people and world. The thick moss on the oaks reminds me that as the sun shines brighter the moss will lose its moisture and dry out until the rains come again. Color vibrates in the warming sun. The power of growth in nature humbles me as I watch a tiny bloom push its way tight against concrete.



Everything is always changing: sky, wind, grit beneath our feet, foods we taste, sounds from treefrogs, voices of children, and the laughter of adults and teens. We use the word transformation to understand we need a new perspective to help us enter a deeper relationship with our loving God--the people we love, the strangers we encounter in moments of surprise, and the people we do not know. I use the word “deeper”, knowing I desire to bring my true self to prayer and action. Words like “true self”, “more honest”, “authentic” or “sinner” direct us to Lent, the journey of re-remembering the life-giving power of the Risen Christ in places we thought we were unable to navigate in community, family, or the world. “God with us” is for the time of “now”; it includes hurts and falsehoods, woundedness and sorrows, dying and death; it includes the anxieties of news and friends and the tugging desire to “do something.” We begin with God's own call to us into God's compassionate heart of Christ to bring not only us, but others into new life and relationship.

The journey of Lent leads us into Easter; it calls us to reflect, reexamine, forgive and live in the power of Christ. What kind of disciplines will help you to refocus your time and priorities

this year? Will it be breath walking, reading meditations and scripture, different foods, use of time in connecting to others, or the discipline of listening? Loving more means Loving *with* God and welcoming with an open heart We learn love by being loved. How are we personally and communally being called to love today in this time and in this space? How will *you* practice Lent this year? We ask the same questions together every Sunday--and they are the outlines of the journey with Jesus to the cross, death and new life. Participation in God's Love which has already made us participants in the new creation, leads the lost home to be fed at God's table.



“The way of love will show us the right thing to do, every single time. It is moral and spiritual grounding—and a place of rest—amid the chaos that is often part of life. It’s how we stay decent in indecent times. Loving is not always easy, but like with muscles, we get stronger both with repetition and as the burden gets heavier. And it works.” Michael Curry (*Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*).

The Lenten journey is not a journey we make alone. God leads us into places we may be afraid to walk, but others are walking and praying with us and for us, here at Saint Timothy's and around the world. *Jesus, help us to follow you this Lent, bring healing, keep awake, and serve your people.*

Susant

CHILDRENS' MINISTRY

Kids' Activity Bags

As part of our transition into Lent, we're excited to introduce our new Kids' Activity Bags—designed to help children engage and participate in worship while sitting with their family. These age-appropriate bags include fun and meaningful activities like coloring pages, quiet crafts, and other items that connect with what we're doing in church.

Pick one up on your way in, and let your kids explore ways to pray, create, and listen alongside you. Families worship together in beautiful ways, and these bags are here to make it a little easier for little hands to stay busy while their hearts stay present.

Let us know what your kids think—we'd love to hear!

Children Liturgy and Activities

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Hall on February 23 and March 2 as we transition to quiet activity bags. Lent brings a change in the Liturgy and children can participate with family while in the pews experiencing the prayers, including our confession, the music, and a different feel of our worship together. The Children's corner continues to welcome our little ones, but we are hoping our older children and early readers can experience the practicing of worship of their parents during Lent. Children and youth will have Lenten home formation activities in [The Bread of Life](#). Thank you to our volunteers.

Didn't receive a packet or e-mail? Contact parish@sainttimothysdanville.org

SCOUT SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 23

Calling all Scouts!

Cub Scouts, Brownies, Webelos, Girl Scouts, BSA Scouts, and Adult Scouters and Leaders.
Please join us on Sunday, Feb 23rd at the 10 AM service to celebrate Scout Sunday.

We want to celebrate all our hard-working scouts. We will have jobs for readers, greeters, and ushers available. Don't worry - you will have someone to help you, so you'll know what to do and when to do it. Even if you don't want a job on Sunday, please come in uniform so St. Timothy's can celebrate you!

The scouts will also be hosting the coffee hour after the service (let Mrs. Koteskey know if you can bring some treats for the coffee hour).

Please come in uniform and email Mrs. Koteskey at (Debbie.koteskey@gmail.com) if you would like one of the jobs at the service or have any questions.

We can't wait to celebrate all our Scouts!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

***Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
on Tuesday evening,
March 4th!***

Take a break from cooking dinner (and doing dishes!) and join us for a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Tuesday evening (March 4th) from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

A close-up photograph of a stack of golden-brown pancakes, with the text overlaid on the image.

JOIN US FOR
**SHROVE
TUESDAY**
MARCH 4
5 - 6:30 PM

OUR SCOUT TROOP FROM ST TIMOTHY'S WILL BE PREPARING AND SERVING SOME DELICIOUS PANCAKES FOR ALL TO ENJOY, SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN US TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE PARISH HALL.

THE EVENT IS FREE FOR EVERYONE TO ATTEND, AT-WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Families will receive packets for home practice and study or receive a packet via e-mail. For a few minutes each week there is a reading, a suggested activity, and an opportunity to pray together. We talk about it, but aside from grace before meals (which is great!), how often do we do we pray together as a family?

The theme is Bread of Life.

“Jesus fed people—not just their bodies but their souls— with good news, redemption, and stories of God’s kin(g)dom.” *Illustrated Ministry* The daily Lenten calendar may be colored as a countdown to Easter. Everyone may take part with the simple suggested practices.



If you have grandchildren who visit and you would like to do this together, let us know and you may pick up a packet or we will e-mail it to you.

Children are encouraged to memorize a prayer from your family tradition or this simple prayer.

Loving God, hear my prayer.

Keep me in your loving care.

Be my guide in all I do,

And bless all those who love me too.

God bless...Mom, and Dad and brother and sister and grandparents, and pets and...

(they will add as they find appropriate!) Amen

LENTEN LECTIONARIES ARE COMING SOON!

The Lenten Lectionaries are almost ready! You may pick up a copy at church on Sunday, March 2, or on Ash Wednesday (March 5). If you would prefer to read your copy electronically, you may download it from [St. Timothy's Website](#).

Lenten Lectionary



2025

St. Timothy's Church
1500 Dunwoody Road
Dunwoody, GA 30329

Thanks to all our authors who help to make this Lectionary possible. Please call or send an email to those whose writings helped you to further your Lenten Journey. They really appreciate knowing that someone enjoyed or learned from their contribution.

Helen Coleman

HOME ALTAR FOR LENT

Lent is a good time to set up a small space to remember the season the liturgical season that focuses on our response to Jesus. A simple space—a table, shelf or chair can be a place to place a favorite prayer, picture, cross, or Saint Timothy’s Lenten Meditations, and a reminder that we have been given the gift of life. Do you have a favorite Bible or a children’s Bible that you can set on a simple purple cloth? Set an electric candle to go on at a certain time or place a candle in your space light with the knowledge that God always meets us where we are.

Home altars help focusing our attention on prayer, simplicity (fasting) and generosity. Always the intent is to direct our hearts and minds toward God—which directs our hearts and minds to Love in all our relationships.

Find a favorite rock, succulent or even flower to create your “special place” to take a moment to pray and reflect. A practice which forms us can help make us more attentive and less anxious in our daily living because we are intentionally turning toward God’s Love for us and the world.

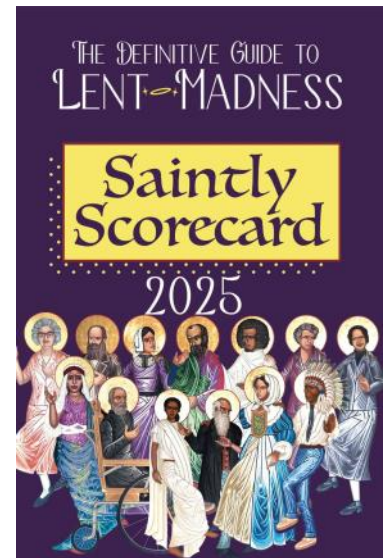


LENT MADNESS

Are you a little competitive and like games? This year for Lent, learn about influential people of faith and vote every day for your favorite saint. Sundays are a day of rest and the competition continues throughout Lent as winners enter a new bracket. Who will win the Golden Halo this year?

Play it on your phone and learn about history, the power of sacrifice and the faith of prophets, mystics and theologians who have gone before us.

<https://www.lentmadness.org/2025/02/>



NEWS FROM THE PLEDGE SECRETARY

Wonderful News

The Colemans have pledged \$50,000 in matching funds, dollar for dollar, for every pledge increase received between now and February 28th. This will help soften the 2025 budget shortfall of almost \$82,000, which could seriously deplete our reserves.

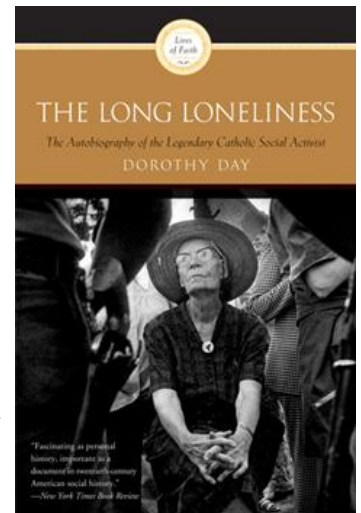
Please consider increasing your pledge. Send an email stating your increase amount to PledgeS@SaintTimothysDanville.org. Thank you.

BOOK GROUP - MARCH 23

Looking for Something Different to do during Lent?

In our life together, Lent is a time set aside for slowing down, for prayer, for personal reflection. One way to think about this time is that it gives us an opportunity to look at life from a different perspective. For having gone through it, some part of life will be different than it was before. That's what Lent is about.

During Lent, the St Timothy's book group will be looking at the life of Dorothy Day. On the path towards canonization in the Catholic Church (sainthood), Day worked on the behalf of the marginalized and the poor. We will be reading her autobiography – "The Long Loneliness."



Goodreads summarizes the book as follows: The Long Loneliness is “the compelling autobiography of a remarkable Catholic woman, sainted by many, who championed the rights of the poor in America’s inner cities. When Dorothy Day died in 1980, the New York Times eulogized her as “a nonviolent social radical of luminous personality . . . founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and leader for more than fifty years in numerous battles of social justice.” Here, in her own words, this remarkable woman tells of her early life as a young journalist in the crucible of Greenwich Village political and literary thought in the 1920s, and of her momentous conversion to Catholicism that meant the end of a Bohemian lifestyle and common-law marriage.

The book chronicles Dorothy Day’s lifelong association with Peter Maurin and the genesis of the Catholic Worker Movement. Unstinting in her commitment to peace, nonviolence, racial justice, and the cause of the poor and the outcast, she became an inspiration to such activists as Thomas Merton, Michael Harrington, Daniel Berrigan, Cesar Chavez, and countless others.“

Join the Book Group on **Sunday, March 23rd** in the Overby Library of Grace House after the Lenten Series in the church following the 10 am service with your bag lunch to discuss the book. Drinks and dessert/fruit will be provided.

Book Group Coordinator – Sally P (sallyspotts@gmail.com)

SHARE THE WARMTH DRIVE

Saint Timothy's, you came through for our friends at Loaves and Fishes five dining rooms. Loaves and Fishes feeds the hungry and nourishes lives at five dining rooms, a food truck, and several satellite organizations that altogether feed more than 2,800 meals a day.

125 prs. of Bomba socks were donated by Options Recovery Services in return for our donating many small toiletries and gift items from our Toiletries drive for their gift bags at Christmas. We had a total of 280 pairs of socks with your donations. There were knit caps, scarves, hats, gloves, miscellaneous sweaters, pants, two blankets, a dozen rain ponchos, and 15 wonderful jackets and coats to help keep people warm.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who so generously donated these items. Also, a big shout out to Kimberly B., Teresa K., Teresa R., and others who helped sort all these items. I really appreciated all the help.

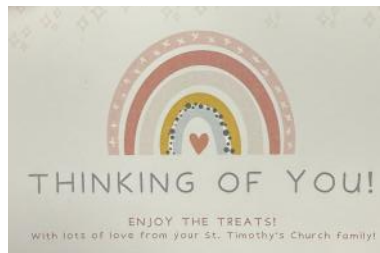
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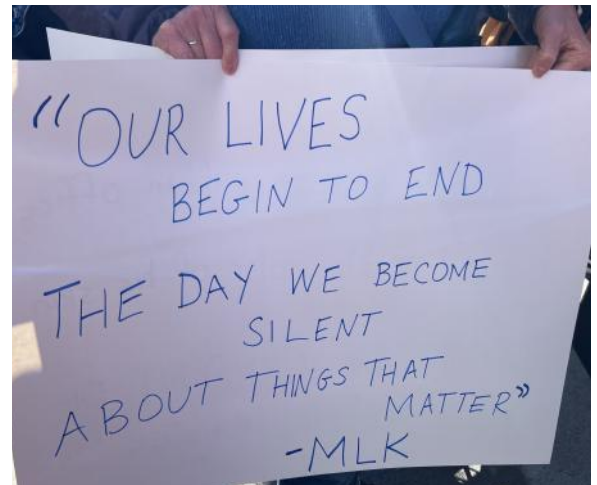
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Thank you to everyone who helped share St. Timothy's love with our college students!

We had 20 kids and grandkids of St. Timothy's parishioners. Students near and far: CA, OR, OK, OH, AL, CO, IN, NY!



MLK MARCH



It was delightful to march in San Francisco with several of our youth alongside Church of the Resurrection youth. Several St. Timothy's members came as well as a bevy of Episcopalians from across the diocese, like 60 of us total. We really enjoyed the march, the fellowship, the message, the singing, and the solidarity.

Next year too!

WINTER NIGHTS FAMILY SHELTER RECAP



Thank You Note to St. Timothy's from one of the shelter families...

“Happiness is found in gratitude, in a kept promise, in a good conversation over great hot food, in an achieved goal, in a warm cozy night, in all the simple things that makes life magnificent.



Thank you All,
The B. Family”





Winter Nights Shelter Update: St. Timothy's Guests Receive New Glasses

While the shelter families were staying at St. Timothy's, parishioner Debbie K. coordinated a visit from a local optometrist. Dr. K performed comprehensive eye exams onsite and provided free glasses for those that needed them, including bifocals or progressive lenses ...all free of charge. Every client that requested services was seen and the glasses they received all came with a 2-year warranty. Scout volunteers from St Timothy's Troop 36 provided assistance for these exams.

The clients were SO happy to have this service. One client had her glasses broken 5 years ago and hasn't had the resources to replace them since. She was excited to pick out new frames (and they looked great on her!) but more importantly she will see clearly for the first time in 5 years.

Dr K and 2 Troop 36 scouts documenting the correct prescriptions were packaged with the frames the clients selected so everything was ready to send to the lab that would make the glasses.



Dr. K performing a comprehensive eye exam for a WWN client (client not pictured to protect privacy)

Dr. K explaining to the WWN clients how the eye works and the importance of proper care.

The work is complete and the scouts now just have to clean up and put everything away.



EARTHFEST: MAY 4th



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

Learn More: InterfaithSRV.org

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



DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA SUMMER CAMPS

The Diocese of California sponsors camps for our youth at Bishop's Ranch and Saint Dorothy's Rest. Both camps also offer a mini-camp for families with activities! (Did you know there are even camps for adults who used to love camp?)



Bishop's Ranch's Bread Camp

<https://www.bishopsranch.org/>

- BREAD Discoverers: Entering grades 4-6
- BREAD Adventurers: Entering grades 7-9
- BREAD Explorers: Entering grades 10-just graduated

BREAD Camp is a great place to discover community, spirituality and learn more about yourself. Campers spend mornings exploring spirituality through activities, conversation, and small group discussions. Afternoons are filled with fun elective activities

including swimming, arts and crafts and hiking. Evenings are filled with games, campfires, campfire and a few surprises!

Generations Camp: For families of all shapes and sizes

All are welcome at this camp for families of all shapes and sizes. Experience a formative week of games, social activities, crafts, worship, and more. Make memories and connections that will last a lifetime.

Bishop's Ranch Camp Dates

BREAD Explorers: June 22-27

Generations Camp: June 29-July 4

BREAD Adventurers & Discovers: July 20-25

Saint Dorothy's Rest

<https://www.stdorothysrest.org/camp>



St. Dorothy's Rest

- Teen Adventure Week: Ages 13-15
- Russian River Adventures: Ages 8-12
- Ankle Biters & MINI Camp (combined session): Ages 5-8 and parent
- Counselor-In-Training Program: Ages 15+
- Camp Comeback: Ages 25+

Teen Adventure Week is truly a unique camp experience that focuses on developing leadership skills, spirituality, worship and community. Campers participate in service projects as well as overnight camping trips. We take camp outside our walls to serve the surrounding community in outreach work. Outreach activities have included working at local soup kitchens, providing meals to the homeless and hungry in the area, and helping local churches with various projects. Back packing trips have included overnighting on the Sonoma Coast, Point Reyes, and Angel Island.

Dates: June 29-July 4 and July 6-11

Russian River Adventures Fill your week with canoeing on the Russian River, arts & crafts, theater, archery, swimming, hiking and fun-filled chapel times. The week culminates with the Woods-to-Waves 10.5-mile hike to the Pacific Ocean!

Dates: July 13-18 and July 27-August 1

Ankle Biters & MINI Camp Enjoy the camp experience with your younger camper. Together, you will enjoy the beauty and peace of "getting away". This weekend will include hiking, cartooning, chapel time, swimming, arts & crafts and campfires. Built into the weekend are times to participate in activities with your camper, as well as some much needed parent quiet times for rest and reflection.

Date: July 18-20

Camp Comeback Camp isn't just for kids! St. Dorothy's Alumni, friends, and "camp curious" adults ages 25+ are invited to join us for 4 days and 3 nights of camp in the stunning redwoods of Sonoma County, CA. Ignite your inner child with an optional array of classic camp activities like campfire, archery, arts & crafts, kayaking, day hikes, and more, alongside Camp Comeback specials like an optional wine tasting!

Hospital Camps Saint Dorothy's Rest also offers a summer camp experience for children and families experiencing **medical challenges**. Do you know a child who would benefit from being away from the medical environment surrounded by the woods and others who understand their hopes and limitations? Children with transplants or cancer are able to experience camp at no cost to their families. St. Dorothy's provides a fun camp experience that offers a change of perspective and the joy of being with peers.

<https://www.stdorothysrest.org/hospital-camp>

Looking for more dates or a different experience?

Check out **Mount Cross Lutheran Camp**, Ben Lomond, CA, near Santa Cruz, which also offers several camps, including one that goes to the ocean to learn surfing with the pros. Mount Cross ran our VBS here at Saint Timothy's for a couple of years!

<https://www.mtcross.org/summer-camp>

Need a place for a retreat for adults?

St. Columba's Episcopal Church has a **Retreat House** in Inverness, CA for special retreats or private retreats near the Point Reyes National Seashore. It is a place of quiet and beauty near Point Reyes.

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/retreat-house>



Here in Danville, retreats are offered for adults at **San Damiano Retreat and Conference Center** <https://sandamiano.org/retreats-home/>. It is beautiful and nearby with the feeling of being far away from our regular routines. They offer excellent weekday and weekend retreats and also offer spiritual direction.



IMMIGRATION & SANCTUARY INFORMATION

Immigration and sanctuary events and resources

Upcoming events:

Reaffirming Sanctuary Interfaith Press Conference

RESCHEDULED to Wednesday, February 19

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, CA 94109

[RSVP](#)

How can congregations support our migrant neighbors

Tuesday, February 18

6:30 pm.

Zoom workshop

[Register](#)

Immigration policy updates and resources

Weekly on Tuesdays

10 am - 11 am

Zoom

[Register](#)



Weekly Office of Government Relations updates

Weekly on Thursdays

10 am - 10:30 am

Zoom

[Register](#)

Important resource pages to bookmark

[Essential Resources for Immigrant Families](#)

This web page by Episcopal Migration Ministries includes additional upcoming training events.

Find local resources in *Supporting threatened communities*, January's message from our Canon for Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice, the Rev. Canon Eric Metoyer.

National Immigrant Justice Center: Know Your Rights – If You Encounter ICE:

<https://immigrantjustice.org/know-your-rights/ice-encounter>

(Important information to know)

Episcopal Migration Ministries:

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/essential-resources-immigrant-families/>

Faith in Action Bay Area: <https://faithinactionba.org/>

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity: <https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/>

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, February 4, 2025

Pastor Todd called the meeting to order in the church at 11:24am on Sunday, February 2, 2025, after the 10:00 am service. The meeting was also broadcast on Live Stream.

1. Prayer – Pastor Todd Bryant

2. Approval of Minutes from the 2024 Parish Meeting – Pastor Todd Bryant

MOTION: It was moved by Patty Ferris, seconded by Helen Coleman, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

3. Vestry Election – Pastor Todd Bryant

(Biographies appear on pages 11 of the 2024 Annual Report)

Nominees:

Joe Grant, Scott MacDougall, Kathleen Murphy

Pastor Todd introduced the 3 new nominees

Pastor Todd asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

MOTION: Patty Farris moved, and Margaret Batesole seconded the election of the slate by acclamation. There were no objections, and the nominees were approved.

4. Deanery / Convention delegates election – Pastor Todd Bryant

Nominees:

Jim Coleman, Kari Doolittle, John Hager, Liz Knape, Mike Oliver, Lisa Perry

Affirm the slate as presented

Pastor Todd asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none.

MOTION: Cathy Hager moved, and Gina Hodgson seconded the motion to elect the slate of delegates. There were no objections, and the nominees were approved by acclamation.

5. Treasurer's Report – Dick Firth - Dick discussed the church budget for 2024 and the upcoming budget for 2025.

Financial Summary for 2024

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$733,766	\$734,201
Total Expenses	<u>\$825,963</u>	<u>\$863,378</u>
Net Operating Income	(\$92,196)	(\$129,177)

2025

- Because the outlook for 2025 (negative \$81,782) is roughly in line with our performance in 2024 and 2023, this will make three years in a row of large 5-digit losses, totaling over \$250,000.
- This is not sustainable absent major improvement in our income, or drastic decreases in our costs.
- **Dick asked the congregation to consider a 10% increase in existing member pledges.**
- **Questions/Discussion** resulting from treasurer's report:
 - Judy Kerns asked if the proposed preschool would offset the deficit. The treasurer replied that the proposed \$100,000 income from lease would give us a buffer and help us not to eat into our nest egg. However, we would still need pledges to sustain a comfortable operating budget.
 - Meg Lindley asked where the income from the lease would go. Rev Todd replied that it would be placed in the reserves for campus maintenance, adding that a reserve study showed that Saint Timothy's is projected to spend approximately \$100,00.00 per year for campus maintenance going forward.
 - Ed Liggins asked what will happen if we don't get the required income, what will be cut? Rev. Todd replied that currently small things are being cut to rein in spending. If by 2026, we do not get the required income, we will have to do some uncomfortable large cuts. Rob Koteskey emphasized the severity of these possible cuts.
 - Kathleen Murphy suggested applying for Nonprofit grants. Debbie Koteskey suggested corporate matching programs. Carleen Carns added that when giving you should check with your employer's HR department regarding corporate matching.
 - Jim & Helen Coleman offered to match dollar for dollar for any pledge increase up to a total of 50,000 made until February 28, 2025.
 - Patty Farris encouraged considering endowment planning.
 - Gina Hodgson inquired about our insurance coverage. Rev Todd replied that our \$37,000 per year policy covers everything except earthquake.

6. Rector's Report – Pastor Todd

- **Preschool Building**
 - Rev Todd reports that we are exploring all options for the use of the building. Any organization we consider must fit our mission and support our ministry, resulting in a sustaining impact to our community and financial health.
- **YOUTH**
 - Collaborative deanery is going well. The group meets throughout the year. Average attendance is 10 youth.
- **VITAL + THRIVING**
 - MIT (Mission Innovation Team) – In which Saint Timothys builds community within the surrounding community. It is not specifically designed to increase our church attendance but increase a connection with our community.
- **SABATICALS**
 - Rev. Susan – Starting February 16th for two months
 - Rev Todd – Starting May 18th for 3 months
 - Tony Geisler asked if additional personnel would be hired to support the clergy during either of their sabbaticals. The reply was no.

7. Outgoing Vestry Recognition– Teresa Rajaratnam /Pastor Todd Bryant

Pastor Todd and Teresa Rajaratnam thanked the outgoing vestry members for their service.

Karen Anderson – Junior Warden

Liz Knape - Formation

Kris Manning - Clerk

8. Naming of Senior Warden for 2025 – Pastor Todd Bryant

Eric Parnell has agreed to serve as Senior Warden in 2025. The rector appoints the Senior Warden. Brings a lot of skills. A buffer for Todd.

Scott MacDougal has agreed to serve as Junior Warden in 2025

Dick Firth has agreed to serve as Treasurer.

Kris Manning has agreed to serve as Vestry Clerk as a nonvoting member of the vestry.

The Junior Warden, clerk, and treasurer are elected at the Vestry meeting that will follow the Annual Meeting.

9. Questions- Congregation

The questions centered around the following main topics:

Growth

- Tania De Young encouraged the congregation to share a post from any of our many activities on Facebook or Instagram.
- Rev Todd reiterated that the most powerful way to increase attendance is to personally invite friends or acquaintances. “If you love this place, share this place.”
- Barbara Monsler inquired about the growth this past year. Our online attendance has remained unchanged at an average of 80, and our “in person” average attendance has slightly increased from 209 to 213.
- Tony Geisler asked about the difference between the average attendance numbers as compared to the membership numbers. It was explained that the average numbers were the number of people that come to church on a weekly basis. The membership numbers are comprised of all those that have had any involvement in the church through attendance or stewardship.

Compliments

- Cathy Hagar expressed great appreciation to both Reverends Todd and Susan for their pastoral care.

10. Closing Prayer – Ken Anderson

11. Meeting Adjourned @ 12:30pm

12. Vestry Meeting Following Annual Meeting

The Junior Warden, clerk, and treasurer were elected at the Vestry meeting that followed the Annual Meeting.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The Parish Administrator and Sally P will be working on a new Parish Directory for February. If you are an Active member or a “Friend” of St. Timothy’s and we have an email address for someone in your family, you should have received an email from Sally P with a copy of the first draft of the directory.

**IF YOU DIDN’T GET AN EMAIL,
PLEASE CONTACT SALLY.**

The directory pages (draft 2) will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday. If you haven’t checked the PDF we sent, you can look at your entry on Sunday and make any corrections.

The printed directory is **ONLY** available to Active parish members. The PDF version on the website is password protected, and the password was recently changed. You can contact the church office or Sally to get the password. You have the option to NOT have your information included in the print and PDF directories. Please send updates to sallyspotts@gmail.com.

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