

RECTOR'S ARTICLE

Happy New Year all,

I am really looking forward to a new year with you. I know the vaccine will take time to roll out, but I am almost giddy thinking about seeing you in person. Here is the regathering vision (it might change) but is my best hope right now:

Regathering best case scenario - our first on-campus worship might be in April 2021. This date is not accidental or random. Our first on campus Sunday (best-case) will occur when we are in the covid "yellow tier" for at least two weeks in Contra Costa County. This date can be postponed multiple times if any "tier" goes longer than expected, or a host of other things. The latest extension of stay-at-home orders begs us to be flexible.

Lent

Save the Date for Zoom Formation Wednesdays. More details to follow.

Singing

When we first gather in person, we won't sing together. As meaningful as choral worship is, singing is a strong vector for spreading covid. During the first phases of in-person worship, the music will remain pre-recorded. Darita is committed to bringing St. Timothy's 'A' game in worship. Was not Radiant Splendor excellent? If you missed it go here: <https://youtu.be/WSmMiHM9cic>

Outside groups

90 days after our first in person worship service, we will tentatively be able to welcome outside groups like TOPS, AA, and Scouts *inside* our buildings.

Regular church news – sort of

- We will celebrate Epiphany Sunday on Jan 10th, 2021 at 10am on YouTube.
- We gather online, via zoom at 11am on Jan 31st, 2021 for annual meeting. (The link to join will be on the website.)

*We have a plan for how to vote on zoom. We will be sharing our annual report with financials ahead of the meeting as well as during the meeting **

Let's welcome the newborn king, stay on our Epiphany journey, and pray for our world to get put back together again. In the meantime, pray without ceasing and rejoice always because mama told us there'd be days like this.

Todd

* If it is essential for you to have paper copy mailed to you let us know ASAP, we will build a *limited* paper mailer list that we will mail a week early. If you can print at home or review on a computer/iPad that will save the church a little bit of time and money in mail and printing.

CHILDREN, PRAYER AND BIBLE STORIES

Thank you to all our children and families that participated in our Zoom Christmas pageant! We had a great time and we were very glad to be “together” Christmas Eve!

We look forward to Epiphany and God’s light going out into the world!

Valentine’s Day Dedication of our Little Ones

Welcome to our babies and children! Church has not been able to meet for Baptisms and we would like to offer families an opportunity to name their children before God in a more formal way—only via zoom!

On Sunday, Valentine’s Day, at 3:00pm we would like to Zoom with you. This special church service will be an opportunity for families to know that we are supporting them and their child in their life in Christ. Dedication is a traditional and ancient way of naming our children even before baptism.

You may join us live or send us a pre-recorded dedication video for us to share on Valentine’s Day just in case things get frazzled—and join us on Zoom also! (we can use the share screen feature!)

Dress up your baby and prepare to take photos—or come as you are and celebrate! Did your baby become a toddler? All are welcome! We have special certificates and will plan on a service of Baptism when we can meet together in church.

Come celebrate your special love!

Let us know if you are interested and we will send you more information. parish@sainttimothysdanville.org

ST. TIMOTHY’S ANNUAL REPORT

ST TIMOTHY’S 2020 ANNUAL REPORT – How you can get it!

The St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021 after the 10:00 service. The current prediction is that this year’s meeting will be virtual using Zoom or YouTube or something similar. Normally at the annual meeting parish members receive the annual report. This year, we plan to distribute that report as a PDF file and mail a paper copy to parish members who request it. The plan is to finalize the report on Monday, January 25 and post the PDF file to the St. Timothy’s website on Tuesday, January 26th. Once the report is posted, parish members will get an email with a link to the file on the website so they can read it there or download it. The last annual report was 3.8 oz which will cost about \$1.45 to mail.

If you would like to receive a paper copy in the mail, please send email to parish@sainttimothysdanville.org or call the office at 925-837-4993 and leave a voice mail message.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible study on Wednesday at 10:30 via zoom. We are sharing the stories of The Epiphany from Matthew and will start a unit for the season of Epiphany—4 weeks and a then a new unit for the Lenten season. Join us as you can! Want more information? Sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org

LIFE STORY

Have you written life stories or wanted to write them and need a little incentive to get your story on paper? Join us for our zoom life story group on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Contact Father Maurice for more information. During this time, we have even more to share! Friartuck72@comcast.net

WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER HOSTED BY SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER

Thank you

The Winter Nights Shelter finished their stay at San Damiano and moved to Church of the Resurrection in Pleasant Hill for the month of January. Thank you, St Timothy's for providing your loving support to these families during a time of crisis.

We had generous donations towards food and supplies, gift cards for Christmas gifts and knit hats from the knitting group. Several families donated games, books and wonderful craft projects. Your donations provided delicious restaurant prepared dinners for the families with the additional benefit of providing much needed support for our local restaurants.

The San Damiano Retreat Center provided a safe and peaceful respite for the families and with your help the Christmas holidays were a joyful family affair. What an amazing expression of God's love.

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MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER FOOD DRIVE

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Timothy's Episcopal Church will resume hosting food drives for the clients of Monument Crisis Center.

WHEN: 2ND and 4th Sundays of the month starting on January 10th

WHERE: Front parking of the church at 1550 Diablo Road, Danville

WHAT TO BRING:

Tuna	Peanut Butter
Canned vegetables, fruit	Canned beans
Canned meals (chili, ravioli)	Pasta
Rice, beans, oatmeal	Cereal
Soups (canned or dry)	Baby Food
Pet food	Diapers
Paper or plastic bags with handles	

PLEASE: No glass or sweet items

OR: Write a check to Monument Crisis Center and we will deliver it.

LENTEN WRITERS NEEDED!

Drive into the parking lot, pop your trunk & we will do the rest. We are following good Covid protocols. Lenten Writers Needed!

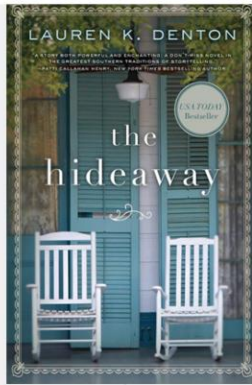
Once again, we are getting ready for a meaningful Lent with our Meditations Booklet written by St. Timothy's parishioners. Everyone is invited to write one of our daily meditations. No one is too young or too old, or too inexperienced or too We are looking for volunteers who will read the daily lectionary (provided) and write a few paragraphs about what it means to you.

If you are a new author, I will give you samples of past years, so you can get a feel for our final product.

Ash Wednesday is February 17, which means the deadline this year is January 22. (There is a lot of work getting the booklet into its final form.) Sign up early so you have more time to procrastinate!!!

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ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP



Thursday, January 7 – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Catch up on what we did, saw and read over Christmas

Thursday, January 21 – 2:00 pm – Zoom

Meet to discuss "The Hideaway" by Lauren Denton

Call or email Sally Shea Potts to be added to the Book Group list and get a Zoom invitation <mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com>

In the South, family is always more complicated than it seems.

After her last remaining family member dies, Sara Jenkins goes home to The Hideaway, her grandmother Mags's ramshackle B&B in Sweet Bay.

She intends to quickly tie up loose ends then return to her busy life and thriving antique shop in New Orleans. Instead, she learns Mags has willed The Hideaway to her and charged her with renovating it—no small task considering her grandmother's best friends, a motley crew of senior citizens, still live there.

Rather than hurrying back to New Orleans, Sara stays in Sweet Bay and begins the biggest house-rehabbing project of her career. Amid drywall dust, old memories, and a charming contractor, she discovers that slipping

back into life at The Hideaway is easier than she expected. Then she discovers a box Mags left in the attic with clues to a life Sara never imagined for her grandmother. With help from Mags's friends, Sara begins to piece together the mysterious life of bravery, passion, and choices that changed her grandmother's destiny in both marvelous and devastating ways. When an opportunistic land developer threatens to seize The Hideaway, Sara is forced to make a choice—stay in Sweet Bay and fight for the house and the people she's grown to love or leave again and return to her successful but solitary life in New Orleans.

HISTORY FROM ST. TIMOTHY'S

Gift of the Lawrence Germain family - 1995; this is Sally Germain Goldner's memory of an earlier Christmas at Saint Timothy's!



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

St Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Highlights – December 2020

The vestry met on Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 pm via Zoom

MOTIONS:

- **Budget:** The vestry approved the draft 2021 budget submitted by the treasurer and reviewed by the Finance Committee. The balance is balanced but only because of the excess income due to the PPP loan and a draw on the pledge reserve, reductions in several program areas and a reduction in the bookkeeper hours. The 2021 budget may be modified in January 2021 based on changes to anticipated pledge and other income.
- **Excess 2020 Income allocation:** The vestry approved the proposal to add the excess income from 2020 to the 2021 income and the maintenance reserve.
- **Funds for the sanctuary TV's:** The vestry approved reimbursing the Memorial Funds used to purchase the large new TV's from the funds for the Live Stream.
- **Clergy 2021 Housing Resolutions:** The vestry approved the clergy 2021 Housing allowance needed for the IRS.
- **Audit of the church books:** The vestry approved the proposal by the treasurer and the diocesan auditor to audit the 2019 and 2020 church books and skip auditing the 2018 books.
- The vestry approved the proposal to **remove the vestry clerk and treasurer as voting members** of the vestry. If either is an elected member of the vestry, they do vote and are counted toward a quorum.
- The **minutes** of the November Vestry meeting, the treasurer's report and the submitted rector and commission **reports** were approved a proposed.

OTHER NEWS:

- **2021 vestry:** Four people have agreed to stand for the 2021 vestry. There are 2 more available slots.
- **Vestry calling:** The clergy will be calling parish members to wish them happy holidays and the vestry will make parish calls during the Christmas season.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Contact Sally Shea Potts for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

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

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 16, 2020

Financial Highlights

- Financial results through November are positive overall due to inclusion of PPP loan funds in the Other Income part of the operating budget. There is an underrun in Pledge Income due mainly to pledges that are behind in payments and an underrun in Expenses reflecting a decrease in expenses due to shelter in place protocols.
- Pledge income in our approved budget for 2020 is based on 159 pledges. Our budget included a projected revenue shortfall of about \$58,400 (\$13,400 more pledge dollars assumed and a projected deficit of \$45,034.
- 4 pledges for \$12,600 have not made any payments yet in 2020.
- 67 pledges are paid in full for \$278,213.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing “pledges paid in full” in the current year, are:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$603,736	\$570,794	\$(32,942)
Other Income	\$ 64,177	\$133,647	\$ 69,470
Expenses	\$709,691	\$681,195	\$ 28,496
Net Income	\$(41,778)	\$ 23,246	

Income

The Pledge Income underrun reflects about \$19,342 for pledges that have not made any payments yet through the first 11 months of 2020 and about \$11,550 included in pledge income budget on the assumption that we would receive additional pledges during the year.

Other Income difference due to:

Loose Plate \$(7,780) and Facilities Cost Sharing \$(10,948) under budget offset by Contributing Income about \$15,286 above budget and inclusion of \$73,329 of PPP loan funds as operating income.

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

Personnel expenses \$23,199 under budget

Altar Guild expenses \$3,094 under budget

Christian Formation expenses \$1,113 under budget

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$3,169 under budget

Fellowship expenses \$3,310 under budget

Administrative expenses \$9,841 under budget

Facilities expenses \$(7,937) over budget

Finance expenses \$(11,895) over budget due to timing of insurance and property tax payments.

Contingency expenses \$3,464 under budget

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