

# TIDINGS



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

## Easter Season

The liturgical cycle gives us fifty days for Easter. It's hard not to think Easter is over after April 5th. We're good at a single morning with flowers, alleluias, and full pews. But fifty days is something else. It's less like a celebration and more of a pilgrimage. Resurrection takes time to sink in. Jesus kept showing up *after* the resurrection.

The stories after Easter are not triumphant in the way we might script them. The disciples are still behind locked doors. Thomas is skeptical. Peter goes back to fishing. Jesus sidles beside broken hearted disciples on the road to Emmaus. Even last Easter Sunday, Mary mistakes Jesus for the gardener. Again, the risen Christ is present but not always recognized.

These pedestrian miracles feel closer to ordinary life. Easter doesn't erase fear or confusion. It meets people inside it. The risen Jesus shows up in rooms where people are unsure what comes next. He doesn't rush them. He stays, he speaks, he eats with them. He lets recognition unfold slowly.

By the time we move toward Pentecost Sunday, these same disciples who were hesitant and hidden are no longer contained by fear. They are sent. Not because they figured everything out, but because they have been found by a Christ who refuses to stay distant.

We don't jump from empty tomb to bold proclamation overnight. We walk it. We 'pilgrimage' it. Somewhere along the way, often when we're not paying attention, Christ is made known to us in the breaking of bread, in ordinary grace.

So, the work of Easter is not to force certainty. It's to stay in the story long enough to be changed by it. And if we do, Pentecost won't feel like a sudden event or surprise birthday party. It will feel like the natural, next step.

## Holy Week and Easter in review

I really enjoyed this year's holy week. One thing of note: Most of our liturgical forms stayed the same except for Easter vigil. We 'flipped' the service and had the fire at the end. After worship we did not douse the fire but shared s'mores. 2026 was the first year that we seem to really hang out after the service instead of disappearing into the night. This is a practice worth keeping. (See inside for Palm Sunday petting zoo fun!)



It was a delight to see all our Easter worshipers and kids activities. I want to thank Leslie and team liturgical art, Judy and team vestry for food and fellowship, Kimberly and team Easter Hunt, Cindy and team Altar Guild, Jacque and team server teams, John and Kari and team Tech, Myles and team music and all the many hands that went into making holy week and Easter such a delight. As well as your intrepid other clergy, Susan.

Also thank your many Easter Dedications.



**Jardin De Papillons Montessori School** has entered into an agreement with Saint Timothy's where they will start at preschool in the former Noah's Ark. I am thrilled and look forward to a long relationship with them. They won't start right away as there is updating need including air conditioning and some construction to be complaint with the latest fire code. *(Photo: Rev. Todd signing the license agreement!)*

**Thank you! Technology Gift + Worship Space** I am extremely grateful to the Colemans, Yerkes, and Chiavinis who donated to upgrade our cameras. I think you will notice at home a difference in quality starting very soon. Related to these cameras, I have been fiddling with the worship space to make it optimal for these improved cameras, which includes lighting. We have the gift of natural light in the sanctuary, and it is also often very challenging for cameras when light shines directly into their irises from every direction. So, I have blocked out the light coming in from the two exit doors by the sacristy and the back Eastern wall of the church. This gives a much wider range of high-quality images from the cameras instead of turning the very dark because of extreme backlighting on wide shots.

Also, we have lit the loft behind Jesus more to give it a sense of fullness instead of just being a dark ceiling. We have lots of light at Saint Timothy's and some of it's not in the right place! Finally, I have been trying different camera placements for the best livestream experience.

**Looking ahead.** When we get to Pentecost Sunday (May 24), we're going to keep two services instead of one. We'll still have activities after the 10 o'clock service. Over time I've noticed that attendance goes down dramatically, and the goal was to put everybody into one worshipping community, but that doesn't seem to be the case, so we'll have an 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock on Pentecost Sunday.



# CONNECTED TO ALL THINGS

I like bees. My mom's best friend as a child had a father who raised bees, so I am guessing that I grew up noticing them. Different kinds of bees, some for honey, some big, some small and all fun to watch, pollinating as they collect nectar and pollen for the hive. Knowing we are dependent on our bees for pollinating so many plants and fruit and nut trees fills me with awe, which helps to explain my feelings the day a man who rescued bee hives came to my home to care for what I thought was a new swarm.



The hive, the beekeeper told me, was a huge hive, in the shrub, close to the street and he didn't even have a container large enough to hold it. It probably had 80,000 bees in it. Did I have a large box or something? It was providence that I had not put out a box with the recycling, and he fitted it with screens and duct tape and asked me to step way back, (although I didn't believe those bees would have bothered me). The hive, cut branches and all was tucked into the box, and he quietly waited for other bees to enter the hive. He put the sealed box into the truck and reassured me that they were alright. After spraying everything down with water, the beekeeper warned me, some bees might try to come back and die, but likely they would join another hive. (Not a single bee died on the grass or sidewalk that I saw). It was getting late and he said he would bring them to the apiary the next day. I asked, 'what will you do tonight with bees that are in the box in the truck?' He smiled and said, 'I will sing to them'. As he drove away, my eyes filled with tears, I felt gratitude that these bees, my bees, would have a good home and be sent to a good place, and be connected to something I ate or served to my family.

I remembered watching a swarm of bees by the labyrinth at Saint Timothy's; I knew they had rested the night on a tree, but I wondered where they finally landed. I don't know; I only know we are all in God's care and this week, when we think of Earth Day, I wonder if we can think of big and little ways we are all connected to God's creation. Ecojustice is about the little things we can do to care for the earth, believing that all our little things, and working together to make it happen, makes a difference.



Julian of Norwich, an anchorite in the early 1400's, whose prayer and visions remind us of the power of God's Love, would speak to people who came to visit her and wrote about her understanding of God and her visions.

Be a Gardener.  
Dig a ditch. Toil and sweat.  
And turn the earth upside down.  
And seek the deepness.  
And water plants in time.  
Continue this labor.

And make sweet floods to run,  
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.  
Take this food and drink,  
and carry it to God as your true worship.  
—Julian of Norwich

He showed me a little thing the size of a hazelnut, in the palm of my hand, and it was as round as a ball. I looked at it with my mind's eye and I thought, What can this be?'

And the answer came, 'It is all that is made'. I marveled that it could last, for I thought it might have crumbled to nothing, it was so small.

And the answer came into my mind, 'It lasts and ever shall because God loves it'. And all things have being through the love of God. *Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Love*

Blessings from Earth and Sky and Sea for us all,  
*Susan+*

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Got a Graduate?

class of

2026

Please let us know if you have a high school or college student graduating this year! We would like to recognize our grads on Sunday, May 31 at the 10am service. Email the student's name and where they are graduating from ([parish@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:parish@sainttimothysdanville.org)). Thank you!

# PARTY ON THE PATIO!



*Hot Dogs, Music & Games*

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**6 - 7:30 pm**

Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share.  
Bring your own beverage.

**RSVP** by May 26:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/PartyonthePatioMay2026>

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**EASTER SEASON** — In Children's Liturgy, we continue to tell stories of Jesus as he taught, healed, and told many parables. At home, families might try baking bread together during this Easter season—even sourdough bread—to recollect that Jesus was recognized when he shared a meal with his friends and broke bread with them. How does it feel when you take a loaf and break it open to share? Maybe you already bake bread; is it something that children can share with a neighbor, relative or friend? In Eucharistic Prayer C in the Book of Common Prayer, we say, "Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread." Jesus loved to eat with friends and new friends, welcoming all.

**PENTECOST** — Pentecost is sometimes explained to children as the Birthday of the Church—when the Church began and the Good News of God's Love was sent out into to world by the followers of Jesus.

Is it time for a cake and little party? Bake a cake together, add candles and sing Happy Birthday. Do you have baptism candles? Light them. Children can say a prayer of thanks for something and blow out the candle. Good News and fun together. No dove sightings? How about a kite soaring with our gratitude for God's Love with a generous dose of laughter?

## FOYER GROUPS



### **2026 Foyer group sign-ups are beginning!**

Renew solid friendships and meet new parishioners by signing up for a Foyer Group.

Foyer groups are a gathering of about 8 parishioners meeting together informally for a meal or a simple social gathering. Participants meet typically four times for a pot-luck lunch, dinner, dessert, or even afternoon tea. They gather at each

other's homes, outside, in the courtyard at church, or at a location of the group's choice. They rotate who brings what with the host family providing the entrée.

**It's a social activity that helps us to get to know each other in new ways.**

Hope you will think about signing up to participate. Look for Sally, Sue or Renie outside of church May 17, 2026 through June 7, 2026, for in person sign ups or questions.

The foyer groups will be randomly formed at the end of June and kicked off when your group decides - as early as July or later, if desired.

**Sign up [HERE!](#)** (or look for a SignUp Genius link on St. Timothy's homepage)

CONTACTS: Sally Jess, Susan Oki and Renie Pope

# LAST MONTH IN PHOTOS

Little Red's Barnyard Friends came to St. Timothy's for Palm Sunday. Humans of all ages enjoyed spending time with bunnies, mini goats and chickens. We have already schedule them to return on Palm Sunday next year!



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**



**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**EASTER VIGIL SMORES**



**ALTAR GUILD**



**EASTER SUNDAY**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

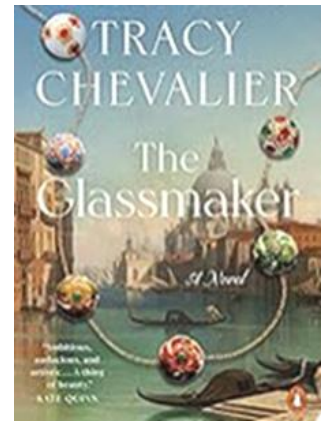


Our newest addition to the St. Timothy's family!



## BOOK GROUP - MAY

Tracy Chevalier, author of *The Glassmaker* uses a different strategy than many current novelists to extend her story through time. Many current novelists, divide their books between one or more times using different characters – frequently related to one another. Ms. Chevalier keeps her main characters the same but changes the time of the events in the novel between several centuries following the main protagonist, Orsola Rosso from her girlhood in the 15th century to the current day – post Covid. In the course of the novel, we learn about the city of Venice, Italy – its rise to wealth and prominence and its change to a tourist destination. We also learn about the art and politics of glassblowing through the centuries. Orsola finds an outlet for her creative energies and desire to work with blown glass in the art of making glass beads. Bead creation was considered unimportant in the 15th century but later the beads become prized and valuable items for adornment and collecting.



Please join the members of the St Timothy's Book Group in discussing this book at our meeting on Sunday, May 17 after the 10:00 am service in the Overby Library in Grace House. We always have goodies to fuel our discussions and come away from the meeting with new insights into the book and each other.

Questions – contact Sally P at [Sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:Sallyspotts@gmail.com)

## LADIES' TEA - JUNE 20



SAVE THE DATE

*Ladies' Tea*

JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

NEW EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TEA

Our speaker will be Lara Oderinde, CEO of Jewels of Africa Foundation, dedicated to education as a means to ending generational poverty.

For more information or to register: Roz Adekunle [AdeRozy@gmail.com](mailto:AdeRozy@gmail.com) or  
Lisa Guevara Perry [Lisa@PMCAPP.com](mailto:Lisa@PMCAPP.com)

# AMERICAN CHRONIC PAIN ASSOCIATION

**Meets at St. Timothy's**  
2nd & 4th Mondays, 10:30am - 12:30pm

If you have pain that has lasted more than 3 months and you wonder how you could make your situation better, The American Chronic Pain Association (ACPA) can help you. The ACPA is a peer-facilitated support group providing education, hope, motivation and support for individuals living with pain. Join us for group meetings in person (in the St. Timothy's Library) or on zoom, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 10:30-12:30. For more information contact Sue Wilburn RN at [chronicpain.eastbay@gmail.com](mailto:chronicpain.eastbay@gmail.com). Or speak to Nancy Pennington-Rembold.

## SUMMER CAMPS - REGISTRATION OPEN!

### BISHOP'S RANCH

Find lots of Bishop's Ranch Summer Camp information:

<https://www.bishopsranch.org/experiences/summer-camp>

- June 21-26: BREAD Explorers (entering grade 10—just graduated)
- June 28-July 3: Generations Camp (All ages)
- July 6-10: READ Camp Week 1 (grades 4-6)
- July 13-17: READ Camp Week 2 (grades 4-6)
- July 19-24: BREAD Adventurers (entering grades 7-9) & Discoverers (entering grades 4-6)



For more information, contact Summer Camp Director Liam Goff at [liam@bishopsranch.org](mailto:liam@bishopsranch.org).

### ST. DOROTHY'S

Find lots of St. Dorothy's Summer Camp information:

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

- May 22-25 : Memorial Day Family Camp (All Ages)
- June 4-7: Camp Comeback (Ages 21+ )
- June 21-26: Russian River Adventure I (Ages 8-12)
- June 28-July 3: Teen Adventure Week 1: Angel Island (Ages 13-15)
- July 9-11: Ankle Biter Camp (Ages 5-8 with parent)
- July 13-18: Teen Adventure Week 2: Point Reyes (Ages 13-15)
- July 27-August 1: Russian River Adventure 2 (Ages 8-12)
- July 29-August 1: Mini Camp (Ages 5-8 with parent)
- July 27-August 1: Counselor-In-Training (Ages 15+)
- August 7-10: Camp Wonder (Neurodivergent children ages 5-25 with parent)
- August 14-16: Queer Family Camp (All ages)

# VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on April 15, 2026 in Grace House.

We approved the following items – Dick Firth was added to the Finance Committee. We approved the minutes from the Annual Meeting, a special meeting for Preschool contract approval, the Parochial report from February, Financial reports from March and April, the Rector’s reports for March and April and the Facilities Commission report.

## St. Timothy’s Danville Treasurer’s Report

April 15, 2026

### **Financial Summary for the 3 Months ending March 31, 2026**

ST. TIMOTHY'S ACTUAL TO BUDGET AS OF MARCH 31, 2026	Mar Actual	Mar Budget	Difference	Mar YTD	Mar YTD Budget	Difference
TOTAL INCOME	\$91,383	\$74,153	\$17,230	\$340,663	\$222,459	\$118,203
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$69,104	\$74,754	(\$5,650)	\$233,337	\$224,263	\$9,071
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$22,279	(\$601)	\$22,881	\$107,325	(\$1,804)	\$109,132

We authorized Eric P. and Rev. Todd to sign the License Agreement between St. Timothy’s and Jardin De Papillons Montessori School.

Scott M. presented several facility / property updates at the Ackerman House and on St. Timothy’s that are needed. The Vestry requested that the Facilities Committee should have initial discussions with contractors to determine the extent of the updates needed with unofficial quotes.

Rev. Todd and Scott presented the new Property Use form for outside groups to use the Church Facilities. Vestry approved the form and gave the Rector the authority to waive fees at their discretion.

A question has been raised about the various memorial markers around the Church. Who approves them? Is there a set donation amount and who OK’s where they are placed? Rev. Todd will be establishing a committee regarding Memorial Markers and the policy regarding them. As well as identifying what markers are currently in place.

The final item discussed is that there is a person who is seeking Ordination. Rev. Todd has convened a discernment team to work with the individual to determine if the candidate is ready for ordination.

Respectfully submitted by John Hager

# CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

## Confidential Prayer

Are you or someone you know needing prayers? Our confidential prayer team would be honored to pray for you. Just send your request to [prayers@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:prayers@sainttimothysdanville.org) and we will forward your request to our pray-ers.

Questions? Contact Helen C (925-831-1728) or Patti F (925-979-9043)

## Pastoral Care

Please let your clergy know if you are in the hospital and would like a visit or prayers--or ask a friend or family member to call the church. You can even tell us –“I don’t want a visit—only a call and healing prayers.” Remember, you can also request a hospital chaplain.

Healing prayers for all of us—Jesus commissions us to pray for healing for ourselves, for one another and for our world.

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