TIDINGS

July 2026 - FOTH, Outreach & More
Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA

29th Annual Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH)
Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries

We're deep into planning our annual fundraiser. This is our biggest party of the year to raise funds for our Outreach Ministry partners and support for outreach events and projects. It involves the whole parish to make it all happen and it includes a silent auction, raffles, Mystery Boxes, a catered dinner, Wall of Wine, a special speaker, a Fund-A-Need, and fun. To get into the spirit of the theme, which is different each year, we encourage you to wear something with the theme, if you wish. Wear red and black; or since our menu is Cuban Caribbean, wear a guayabera or something floral and tropical.

KICK OFF IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd

There are 6 weeks before the event. Check out the red rolling FOTH bulletin board outside the entrance of the church on Sundays after services or in the Parish Hall. There you can get information, more invitations, and pick up a donor form and solicitation letters. Then go to the FOTH website after August 2nd to see where you can help. All these links will be in the weekly Announcements, online, and on the church website when we kick off. Come talk to us at the bulletin board or look for future announcements if you need ideas for donations. Offering an event, a dinner or an experience, sports or entertainment tickets, gift cards and more are always welcome.

SPECIAL FOTH VIDEO

On Sunday, September 6, one week before the event, during our two services we will be featuring our short FOTH video that Carolyn Bried is creating from our beneficiary's Instagrams which reflect our theme this year. They show our love by our actions of helping others.

HELP US STUFF INVITATIONS ON SUNDAY, JULY 26!

We'll work in Grace House Conference Room at 11:15 am. Quickly get a beverage and snack at coffee hour in the Parish Hall and come join us in Grace House. This is a fun project which goes fast if we have many helping hands. It's a great job for older youth and adults.

THE FOTH WEBSITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

It should go live around August 2nd, and will contain the following:

- All details about the event
- Signup Genius so helpers can sign up (volunteer job descriptions will be included) and donors can sign up to make gift card & wine for the Wall of Wine or Bar donations
- When to bring in donated items
- How to buy event tickets and make monetary donations with a credit card online and receive a receipt. (Or you can use your RSVP card to send in a check.)
- Our list of beneficiaries that will receive grants to do their work
- History of the Fruits of the Harvest, the themes, the beneficiaries, and results

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We cannot make this happen without your help. Please sign up on the FOTH website on Signup Genius to become involved. It's a great way for newcomers and all to get to know each other.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/FOTH2026

WHY DO WE DO THIS?

Our theme this year says it all. We show our love by our actions. We support the work done by all our Outreach Ministry partners. We are all in this together, and as we hear every Sunday at the end of the service: "Send us out to do the work we are called to do."

What we gather at FOTH from your generosity allows us to give grants to 15 organizations and to support events and GOD'S HANDS projects. We are God's Hands and these are projects where busy people can donate or become involved for short periods of time to do work on collecting backpacks/school supplies, food, clothing, sheltering homeless in the Parish Hall, doing meal packing, and many other projects. This is how we give to those in need. These projects are announced in monthly Tidings newsletters and in weekly emailed announcements. They are also posted on the rolling bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you are new and aren't getting our emails, please let the parish office know. Long time members and newcomers…it's the only way to know what's happening at St. Timothy's!

Over the past 28 years of the Fruits of the Harvest event, we have netted over $1,019,153, and have given out much more with the addition of a church budget allotment and rollover funds. Last year we gave $90,100 in grants to the beneficiaries. These organizations do the work to help people lead a better life with dignity and self-sufficiency, and it helps break the cycle of poverty.

Our ministries have reported that demand for their services have continued to increase greatly during these times of higher food prices. With new cuts in effect, all the outreach ministries have been affected, especially those working to feed and house people. They all need our help and support.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
Desmond Tutu

Questions? Contact foth@sainttimothysdanville.org
Leslie Firth, Event Co-Chair, Sally Shea Potts, Event Co-Chair,
Kimberly Bryant, Auction Co-Chair, Alison Hill, Auction Co-Chair

FUN IN THE KITCHEN!

Volunteers are needed for **food prep** for **FOTH** on Friday September 11th and Saturday morning September 12th. No culinary expertise needed. If you can rinse and chop, you are in! Come for as little or as long as you would like. Look in Signup Genius on the FOTH website, or contact Tania Hanson-De Young at taniahd@comcast.net.

TBD – Volunteers needed to help make empanada appetizers (Cuban meat turnovers) in the church kitchen at a date to be determined. Our experienced chef extraordinaire, Judy Kerns, will be organizing it. Details to come.

DONATIONS FOR THE AUCTION, RAFFLE & MYSTERY BOXES!

Your FOTH donations chairs (Kimberly Bryant and Alison Hill) have been thinking of creative new ideas for the silent auction. To that end, we are asking everyone to please start thinking about how YOU can contribute to the silent auction

Would you donate a **GIFT CARD**(s) to your favorite restaurants, shops, activities, etc.? We would LOVE lots of gift cards in a variety of amounts! Need ideas?

> *ACE Hardware, Danville Chocolates, Rakestraw Books, South Austin Lane, Sweet Street, Esin, Revel, Bridges, Piatti, Forbes Mill Steakhouse, Peasant & the Pear, Incontro, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Cielito, Whim House, Chipotle, Crumbs, Crushed Wine Bar + Kitchen, Kaia's Hawaiian, Danville Brewing, Domenico's, Trader Joes, Hazy BBQ, Lottie's Creamery, Norm's, Pete's Brass Rail, Primo's, Sideboard, The Great Impasta, Yogurt Shack, The LOT movie theater tickets in San Ramon, Cinemark Century theater tickets in Walnut Creek, and that's just a few ideas!*

Would you consider **donating a HOSTED EVENT** (dinner/lunch, activity, class, guided tours in San Francisco or interesting surrounding areas, etc.)? YOU get to control all of the details – what, when, who, how many… Want to have fun and raise money for FOTH? Hosting an event is an easy way for you to do both!

Pumpkin Arrangement Making Party hosted by Diane Cohen & Ginger Johnson

No matter how big or small, elaborate or low key, the fun is in getting together! Need ideas? Here are some ideas for themes but feel free to come up with your own, plan with friends, or ask for help! (Need more ideas… just google for "auction sign up parties")

Game Night, Margarita Party, Burgers and Beer Tasting, Dine around the world, Mexican Fiesta, Italian Rivera, Korean BBQ, Crawfish Boil, Cooking class, Jewelry Making Party, Scrapbooking Party, Hike and Lunch, Charcuterie Making Party

MYSTERY BOXES are in demand! Each box is guaranteed to have at least $150 worth of items inside (most will have much more). We'd like to invite YOU to participate in the fun by curating your own MYSTERY BOX with interesting items. It can have a theme or it can be whatever you wish.
Examples of great items to include are:

a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, nail salon, spa - your favorite bottle of wine (or liquor, beer, tea) - your favorite candle - your favorite mug or water bottle - art supplies - tickets to your favorite sporting event (or concert/event) - free month at your yoga studio - complimentary car wash to your favorite spot - a voucher for your favorite cooking class - or cold hard cash (if that's your favorite!)

What are your favorite things or what would appeal to the purchaser who doesn't know what's in the box? It's a Mystery! The possibilities are endless.

How it works: We provide the box. You fill it! Each box should have at least $150 worth of items/service (no maximum). Include a list of your items (and why you love them!) and value. If you don't want to do an entire box on your own, grab a friend (or two) and split it up! The more the merrier…

Based on your feedback - ***This year the boxes will have silent auction bidding sheets for each box instead of a fixed price, so you can enjoy fighting for your favorite box with your favorite people!***

CASH Mystery Box Winner!

Thank you for considering a donation to FOTH!

NEWS FROM THE RECTOR

I am so glad we made it to summer. Thank you for your traveling prayers as the Bryants return from Wyoming. First of all, I continue to give thanks for Susan's ministry among us. As a reminder, her last Sunday will be August 16. We will share a catered lunch after the 10am service to celebrate Susan's ministry with us. Reta is also bringing a cake.

Note from Susan about gifts:

Thank you for your care and good wishes for me. In gratitude I would be honored if you make a gift in your own name to the endowment fund of Saint Timothy's, which is tax deductible for you and shares our values of caring for all the saints, current, past and yet to come. Together we embody the empowering hope of the Church as it moves into God's desire for us. I am grateful to be in your midst. You may make a gift directly to Saint Timothy's, including a donation from an RMD into our Endowment fund at Saint Timothy's. Endowment gifts are tax deductible. Please note "Endowment" on your check.

If a gift is made directly to me, I will use it faithfully as I discern how God is calling me in my continuing ministry. God bless us all.

Donations made directly to Susan Geissler-O'Neil (payable to her) will be gathered to give to her on August 16th, her last Sunday with us and are not tax deductible.

Youth
Pray for our youth mini-trip on August 1 and 2. I won't be in church on August 2, but in Merced with the group trying to keep the sweat of my eyes. (See next page for more details.)

Have a great rest of your summer.
Todd

2024 Mission Trip

Many of these youth are joining us for the 2026 trip.

We have a few spots left!

YOUTH MINI MISSION TRIP

August 1 - 2

St Timothy's mini-mission trip is around the corner. I'm really looking forward to doing good work with our youth. We will have room for a few more friends!

Cost: $75 per youth

What to bring:

- Stuff you don't mind getting dirty and possibly paint on
- air mattress to sleep on the floor
- Water shoes

Game Plan

Saturday, August 1

- **1:30pm** Meet at church with all your gear.
- **2pm** Leave Danville
- **4ish pm** Arrive in Merced and go to Lake Yosemite!
- **Saturday evening / night** Waterslide, dinner and crash at Teresa and Gene 's home.

Sunday

- **7:45am** Get up super early to leave the house. We are going to do landscaping and painting for: https://ci4ci.org
- **11am** We will work until 11am after which it will become unbearably hot. Then we will head to the Sizzler for lunch.
- **3pm** We hope to be back in Danville no later than 3pm Sunday afternoon, August 2 (traffic permitting)

Ministry info

Hmong community - the organization we help has a long history of working with the Hmong community: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Hmong_in_Merced,_California

Please let Rev. Todd know if you would like to join us! rector@sainttimothysdanville.org

2024 Mission Trip

Hard at work & waterslide fun!

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS...

"**Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths**" *Ps 25:4*

There is no one way to walk a labyrinth. VBS children and youth in confirmation class seem to run, adults who have slipped away from a gathering following a funeral, walk purposefully, remembering another time, regular walkers have a rhythm, quietly finishing their prayers, new-comers start and wonder if they need to finish once they have started. Some walk as families, children confidently rounding the curves. Walkers and wonderers come to the labyrinth at Saint Timothy's early in the morning and into the twilight, bringing before God their ponderings and their prayers. Have you walked the gift of Saint Timothy's labyrinth recently?

The labyrinth is an ancient multicultural tradition, dating back to 3500 BC or earlier and seen in early Christianity in the 4th century. Our own layout in the meditation garden is patterned after the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral, 1200 CE and is the pattern of the labyrinth at Grace Cathedral. I wonder today about this special feature in our meditation garden because bringing our whole self before God as we walk, in the rhythm of our walking, we can pray—even if we think we have no words. Sometimes it is too hard to sit still and pray, or songs of prayer get caught in our throat. A labyrinth is a reminder that wherever we are--God is--even if it looks as though we are not going somewhere, God is there with us. All we need to do is move.

The tradition of following a labyrinth pattern on a piece of paper or in the sand with a finger focuses the heart, mind and spirit because it is our embodied selves we bring before God. When Jesus cooked fish on the beach and broke bread with his disciples after the resurrection, serving the disciples, he embraced life, New Life. I imagine that the joy of sharing fellowship with the close-knit group of friends of Jesus, the people named in scripture and people who remain unnamed, was overwhelming. Ordinary moments of fellowship and breaking bread bring us reminders that God is present in the moments of everyday living. Moving, sharing, eating, resting and praying all lead us toward Love when we are attentive. Walking the labyrinth simply focuses our attention for a moment, emptying our minds of planning and bringing us firmly into the present. Finding my way into the labyrinth and out, knowing that there are no tricks, just twists and turns is helpful to me because the path is there—even if I decide to step over the cobbled stone into another turn. Of course, any walk or gaze can bring our attention back to God: the pressure on our feet, the surprise appearance of a butterfly or the happy tail wagging of a beloved dog guiding us back into the present. Every moment is a gift when we "turn" and find New Life. Thank you to the saints who built the Labyrinth at Saint Timothy's.

O God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Ps 139:1-2

May the Spirit guide us in the paths we walk today.

Faithfully yours, *Susan+*

CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH COALITION NEEDS

LAUNDER AND SORT BEDDING
Last year CCIC provided **284 sets of bedding** to our clients. **Margaret Kotesky** has joined the team that helps sort, launder (if needed), and size all that bedding and has done an amazing job. We could sure use additional help. Can you do laundry? Can you check the sizes? Reach out to Tania at taniahd@comcast.net.

DELIVERY TEAM

Patti & Jim at CCIC

Jim Pray and **Bruce Kerns** have joined our delivery team that delivers to clients and picks up donations. Jim & Bruce work with our other volunteers that have trucks and have been a huge help! Volunteering is scheduled weekly based around volunteer availability which gives the volunteers ultimate freedom. Can you join the team? Have a truck but can't lift? We need you! Mike is a Vietnam Vet that walks with a cane but he drives the loads that Jim & Bruce help load and unload. Volunteers meet in Walnut Creek, typically at 9am on weekdays, and are usually done within 2-3 hours. Last year CCIC made 219 deliveries!

Reach out to Tania if you might be able to help.

CCIC www.ccichope.org

ADOPT-A-FAMILY BIKES NEEDS

Adopt-A-Family Bikes is continuing to operate Sundays and Mondays 11am-4pm in the Alamo 'Safeway shopping center next to the old Rite Aid. 'Bike donations can be made during those hours, and walk in volunteers are welcome. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a parent. Have a teen or adult that wants to learn more about repairing bikes? This is your opportunity. Donors of bikes are asked to make a $25 donation to help defray the cost of parts, helmets, and locks, but this is a request, not a requirement.

Reach Tania at taniahd@comcast.net with questions.

Adopt-A-Family Bikes www.adoptafamilybikes.org

ST. TIMOTHY'S OUTREACH MINISTRY PARTNERS

Shelter and Services

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for families who otherwise would not be able to have a healthy, affordable place to call home. "We believe in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. By building and improving homes we create strong and stable communities."

St. Timothy's has been helping with Habitat builds in the East Bay since at least 2004. In 2025, St. Tim's volunteers helped complete the construction of the first phase of homes at Esperanza Place in Walnut Creek. In late 2025 and 2026, our volunteers worked on the homes at Sequoia Grove in Hayward. In fall 2026, we will be back at Esperanza Place to assist in the building of homes for Phase 2. Watch Announcements for an opportunity to help with the next build.

https://www.habitatebsv.org Liaison: David K

Hope Solutions

Hope Solutions is working to end homelessness. Our housing-first approach, coupled with supportive services, brings dignity to our clients and helps them rebuild their community. Our proven model of support is grounded on quality permanent housing and individualized services. Founded in 1997, by a coalition of local faith communities, to provide emergency support to homeless individuals, Hope Solutions has grown to be a premier organization in Contra Costa County, reaching over 4,000 people with transformational housing and services. Hope Solutions operates with fiscal efficiency. Ninety cents of every dollar go directly to benefit our clients. They are lean, efficient, data driven and focused on outcomes to change lives. They provide strong programs for youth success in schools. St. Timothy's supports their backpack/school supplies program in July for their afterschool programs in four locations.

https://www.hopesolutions.org Liaison: Leslie F

Shelter, Inc.

SHELTER, Inc. rebuilds the lives of low-income, homeless, and disadvantaged families and individuals, by helping them re-establish a home, and assisting with skills, resources and services needed. Education, training, counseling, and goal planning are vital to the success of regaining and maintaining a home. Shelter Inc. programs include eviction prevention, rental assistance, interim and long-term housing, property management and veterans' programs. Shelter, Inc. helped 4,997 individuals last year in Contra Costa, Solano and Sacramento counties.

https://shelterinc.org Liaison: Alison H

Hunger Prevention and Services

Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

Since 1983, Loaves and Fishes (L & F) has served more than 7 million free, hot and nutritious meals out of 5 dining rooms, a mobile van, and at satellite organizations. Their mission is to provide community-based food programs and partner services including Trinity Center, Saint Vincent de Paul, Rubicon, Opportunity Junction, White Pony Express, and the Food Bank of CCC & Solano that focus on basic needs. They nourish lives! Demand for food has increased greatly with cuts in funding. One in five people have food insecurity in CCC. Food is prepared in an off-site central kitchen in Pittsburg. The demand is so great that L & F is developing a new larger central kitchen in Antioch to better serve hungry people. L & F serves about 3,500 meals daily from five dining rooms; and provides to-go meals; with food pantries that provide bags of groceries for clients. They also offer a 12-week free culinary program that teaches basic culinary skills to earn a Safety and Sanitation license to start in the culinary industry. St. Timothy's helps prepare salads, bread, and dessert and serves on the second Tuesday of the month at the Martinez Dining Room from 9:30 to 1:30. Join our group to help do this gratifying, hands-on, work by contacting Leslie F.

https://loavesfishescc.org Liaison: Leslie F

Monument Crisis Center

Monument Crisis Center provides food, resources and support for families facing hardship in Contra Costa County. They help meet immediate needs and help individuals find a path to stability and self-sufficiency. In addition to food, they provide youth and family support programs and access to resources and referrals. St. Timothy's has supported MCC since its founding in 2003. We donate groceries from our food barrels, herbs and vegetables (Gary Hunt Garden Project.) , volunteer in the food room, and participate in the Holiday Food Box program (Christmas Food Boxes at St. Timothy's).

https://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org Liaison: Sally SP

Trinity Center

Trinity Center opens doorways to opportunity for adults experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa County, empowering individuals in their journeys toward housing, financial stability, and wellness. The center is open five days a week, offering a warm breakfast and lunch, showers, laundry, clothing, mail services, use of telephone and computers, case management, training programs, and resource referrals. Programs include Housing Focused Case Management, Workforce Development, Transitional Aged Youth Support, a Seasonal Winter Shelter, Wellness and Addiction Support, and Volunteer Opportunities.

http://www.trinitycenterwc.org Liaison: Caryle V

Mental Health Counseling

Discovery Counseling Center

Discovery Counseling Center is a non-profit mental health service organization that provides affordable counseling and therapy programs for individuals, couples and families. It has been serving the San Ramon Valley for over 50 years. The DCC provides services through a sliding scale fee structure making care accessible and affordable for those in need. Discovery Counseling Center offers training for future mental health professionals.

https://www.discoveryctr.net Liaison: Nancy L

The Comfort Cub

"Helping Heal Broken Hearts" The Comfort Cub is a specially weighted therapeutic teddy bear created by a grieving mother who experienced relief in her pain that she felt after the loss of her newborn son. The Comfort Cub was designed to provide weighted healing comfort in the arms of anyone experiencing Broken Heart Syndrome (also known as Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy.) When the weighted Comfort Cub is held, the hormones of dopamine, serotonin and oxytocin are naturally and automatically released, promoting a sense of calm. The Comfort Cubs are distributed to individuals within most of the non-profits supported by St. Timothy's Outreach.

https://www.thecomfortcub.org Liaison: Joann O

Recovery Services

CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy of Santa Clara County)

We are a community of people from diverse life experiences and spiritual backgrounds united in our call to be with those who are incarcerated. We believe every human being has inherent dignity, incarceration doesn't define an individual's identity or potential, and transformation and hope grow as we connect to one another and to the love of God. We value self-awareness and humility, learning with the faith communities of our county, laying aside our own agendas and listening well to ensure no one suffers alone."

https://www.cicministries.org Liaison: Kate C

Options Recovery Services

Dr. Davida Coady started Options Recovery Services in 1996. In 1999 parishioner, Peg Miller began her 21-year career as an Options volunteer. Later Patti Farris helped gather furnishings for the first of many Options' Sober living homes. Options now offers drug and alcohol treatment in Berkeley, San Leandro, West Oakland, and Concord. Their programs reach the homeless community the mental health community, & the California prisons. Their Occupational Mentor Certification Program is probably the most effective in the world, with a 1% recidivism rate. In 2026, Options and the City of Berkeley started the Carebridge program to house and support clients.

https://optionsrecoveryservices.com Liaisons: Peg M & Patti F

Support Ministries

Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition

CCIC's mission is to help individuals transition from homelessness into places to live by gathering donations of gently used furniture, kitchen utensils and kitchen kits materials for cleaning, linens, bed frames, new mattresses, and food cards to set up their living spaces. St. Timothy's became involved with CCIC in 2023 when Tania joined their board. Case workers from over 20 Contra Costa County social service agencies provide a Needs List for their clients that is then filled by CCIC volunteers. Most items on the list are sourced through donations, but financial support is needed to purchase items such as new mattresses and frames. CCIC's mission helps those in need, and it keeps usable items from going into the landfill. Volunteers are needed, especially drivers (each week drivers are asked about their availability.)

http://www.ccichope.org Liaison: Tania HDY

PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of LGBTQ+ Individuals)

Since our founding in 1973, PFLAG has worked to ensure LGBTQ+ people everywhere are safe, celebrated, empowered, and loved. PFLAG is an organization of LGBTQ+ people, parents, families, and allies who work together to create an equitable & inclusive world. We are hundreds of thousands of people and chapters from coast to coast who are leading with love to support families, educate allies, and advocate for just equitable, and inclusive legislation and policies. In the Danville – San Ramon Valley, LGBTQ+ people and those who love them are served by PFLAG Danville - San Ramon Valley.

https://www.srvpflag.org New Liaison: Kathleen M

The Respite Inn

The Respite Inn in Concord is a unique service providing out-of-home respite & emergency services to adults with developmental disabilities since 1990. The Inn is designed around a bed and breakfast model. It provides families with the time needed away from the constant care of an adult family member with a developmental disability, thus strengthening family bonds. The Inn also provides an opportunity for individuals to explore life away from home and learn to be comfortable receiving support and care from people outside of their family. Guests are provided with enriching life experiences in the community as well as the opportunity to develop and maintain friendships with peers. You can follow The Respite Inn on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

https://therespiteinn.org Liaison: Carleen C

Global Health

GAIA Global Health (Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance)

St. Timothy's has partnered with GAIA since its beginning by an Episcopal Pastor. At the outset, Malawi had more than a million orphans, due largely to the AIDS crisis. Today it is on track to become one of very few African nations to end the AIDS epidemic by the end of the decade. GAIA's work has become more challenging – and the progress placed at risk – by recent funding cuts to USAID. Thanks to donor support no cuts to GAIA's programs have been necessary to date. GAIA's Mobile Health Clinic (MHC) program is expanding to a 4th district, and the Nursing Scholars & Fellows Program has expanded into Zambia. GAIA's MHCs have performed nearly 3.5 million clinic visits (90% of them women and their children) and trained 900 nurses deployed to every corner of the country.

https://www.gaiaglobalhealth.org Liaison: Peg M

Outreach Events

Adopt-A-Family Bikes

AAFB collects, repairs, cleans, and donates used bicycles to non-profits around Contra Costa County. Over the years (it started in 2001) Adopt-A-Family Bikes has donated over 5,000 bicycles. It is 100% run and operated by volunteers who donate well over 500 hours each November and December. Volunteers repair and clean each bike and every bike given comes with a helmet and lock. In 2023-24, AAFB distributed over 410 bikes to local Title 1 schools, non-profits, and through local social workers. For some recipients, these bikes provide transportation to and between jobs.

https://www.facebook.com/adoptafamilybikes Liaison: Tania HDY

Backpacks & School Supplies for Hope Solutions

Each year, the children at four Hope Solutions after-school programs in Bay Point, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Pittsburg start the school year with new backpacks and school supplies. At St. Timothy's, this is an on-line fundraiser. Your donation of funds helps to provide over 600 backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies to give them the tools and confidence needed for a successful school year.

https://www.hopesolutions.org Liaison: Leslie F

Christmas Food Boxes

Organizes filling 200+ boxes of non-perishable food for clients of Monument Crisis Center before Christmas. As part of this project, parish members pitch in to fill quart bags of rice and of beans after church on a Sunday in November and gather on a Saturday morning to fill over 100 boxes with food purchased with parish donations.

https://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org

Liaisons: Cathy & John H

Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH) – Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries & Events

The Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH) is a festive, themed party in the parish hall and patio. Over the past 28 years we have raised more than $947,653 in net proceeds at this event. With the addition of the church budgeted allocation and rollover funds and donations, we have given away over $1,000,000. Last year, grants of $90,100 were distributed to 15 non-profit groups, and events to support their important work. FOTH is anticipated by many for fun, working and getting to know each other, and for helping others. It brings the whole congregation together in the spirit of giving to Outreach, something to which this parish is deeply committed. Parishioners donate or solicit prizes and gift cards to the silent auction and raffles, and they generously donate funds to the event and to the Fund-A-Need. All donations, small or large, are appreciated.

https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/fruits-of-the-harvest Liaison: Leslie F

More Outreach Events

Gary Hunt Produce Program

The Gary Hunt Produce Program is a ministry enabling youth to learn about plants and assist families in our community who lack the finances to purchase them. Led by Jan Mahoney, church members erected a raised garden and planted flowers and herbs with funds provided by Helen Robles. Today, we regularly harvest the plants and, with the help of parish members, deliver them to the Monument Crisis Center.

https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/community-garden Liaison: Mateo K

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief agency working to end hunger. Their mission is to provide food and aid to people in need around the world and respond to disasters. The Meal Packaging Program is an assembly-line process where volunteers combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring/vitamin mix into small meal packets. The food stores easily has a shelf-life of two years and transports easily. Rise Against Hunger works with international partners to distribute meals. We host a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event annually at St. Timothy's. Rise Against Hunger brings the expertise and we bring the hands! All ages welcome.

https://www.riseagainsthunger.org Liaison: Joann O

Share the Warmth Drive

This drive gathers donations of socks and other warm clothing, plus toiletries for clients of Loaves and Fishes. It is held from the end of December to mid-January. We collected a record number of items to be distributed to people in need this year.

Liaison: Leslie F

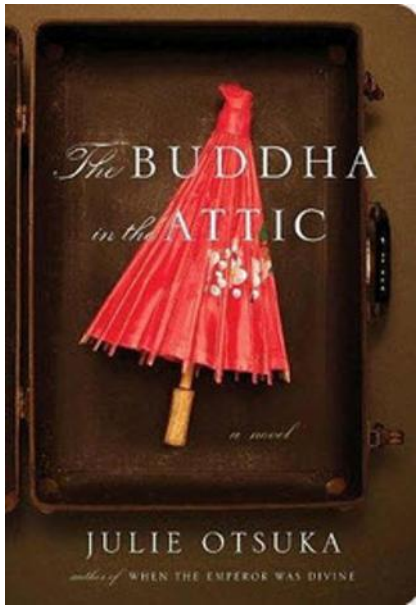
Winter Nights Family Shelter

Winter Nights Family Shelter is a rotating homeless shelter in Contra Costa County that uses the facilities and helping hands of over 20 faith organizations to provide shelter for homeless families from October through June. Those served by the program move every two weeks from one congregation to the next during this period. The program serves those most at risk in the chilly weather - families with children. St. Timothy's has hosted families in our Parish Hall since 2005. Each year, we provide meals, showers, homework help and space for play and relaxation. Transportation, counseling, and other services are provided by the Winter Nights program. The mission of the program is to break the cycle of homelessness and move families toward self-sufficiency & stable housing.

https://cccwinternights.org

Liaison: Joann O

SEPTEMBER BOOK GROUP



You are invited to join others in the St Timthy's Book group on Sunday, September 20 after the 10:00 am service in the Overby Library of Grace House to discuss the **Buddha in the Attic** by Julie Otsuka. Reflecting the inclination in traditional culture to emphasize the collective and the collective good over individual achievement, this novel explores the lives of the young Japanese women who came to the United States before WW I as picture brides – women who a promised to marry a Japanese man in the United States through the mediation of a matchmaker and/or family and had exchanged photos with their perspective husbands. We don't learn about this history through the eyes of one woman but through the eyes of the group which is only loosely defined and which goes in many different directions and who have different specific experiences during the time between their arrival in San Francisco and their shipment to internment camps during WW II.

LADIES' TEA RECAP

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE
THE 10TH SAINT TIMOTHY'S LADIES TEA A SUCCESS

As you can see, "it takes a village"! A special village filled with love, good will, and cooperation. It also takes all the ladies who attended and shared their afternoon with us. It was a time to reconnect and to establish new friendships.

Table Hostesses:
Roz Adekunle
Carole Johnson Austin
Gina Hodgson
Cecilia Oduwole
Lisa Guevara Perry
Sally Shea Potts
Shelly Wells

Food Contributions:
Roz Adekunle
Carole Johnson Austin
Marcha Dowling
Dee Geisler
Peg Miller
Cecilia Oduwole
Lisa Guevara Perry
Sally Shea Potts
Shelley Wells
And Others

Raffle Prizes:
Cindy Mathis
Jan Mahoney
Peg Miller
Lisa Guevara Perry

Door Prize:
Shelia Wiegand

Kitchen Manager:
John Henry Wells

Servers:
Ade Adekunle
Jim Coleman
Tony Geisler
Olu Oduwole
Mike Oliver
Eric Parnell
Bruno Vose

Tech:
John Hager

Poem Readers:
Roz Adekunle
Jan Mahoney

Prayers:
Pastor Susan Geissler-O'Neil

Speaker:
Lara Oderinde, Jewels of Africa

table

LAST MONTH IN PHOTOS

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on May 20, 2026 in Grace House.

We approved the following items – We approved the minutes from the April 15th Vestry meeting, the Treasurer's report for April, the updated Outreach Calendar Events calendar, Facility Commission Report and Administration Commission Report.

St. Timothy's Danville Treasurer's Report

May 20, 2026

Financial Summary for the 4 Months ending April 30, 2026

ST. TIMOTHY'S ACTUAL TO BUDGET AS OF APRIL 30., 2026	Apr Actual	Apr Budget	Difference		Apr YTD	Apr YTD Budget	Difference		Annual Budget	YTD vs. Annual
TOTAL INCOME	$69,964	$74,153	($4,189)		$410,626	$296,612	$114,014		$890,337	($479,211)
TOTAL EXPENSES	$71,014	$74,754	($3,740)		$304,352	$299,017	$5,331		($6,714)	($592,699)
NET OPERATING INCOME	($1,051)	($601)	($449)		$106,274	($2,405)	$108,683		$897,051	$113,488

Rev. Susan and Eric gave an update on the Montessori School. They have started cleaning out the Noah's Ark classrooms. A number of items were put out in the Parish Hall for parishioners to take. The Town of Danville is requiring a hearing regarding the license as the building has been empty for more than 6 months.

Scott M. gave an update on the Ackerman house – the Trellis in the back yard was replaced. Still need to do pressure washing. He is forming a committee to determine the course of action regarding remodeling the house.

Scott M. is also forming a committee to create a procedure and process regarding Memorial Markers at St. Timothy's.

Barbara A. presented Vestry with a request to update the Leased Administration Office Printer. The present copier / printer is 4+ years old and is failing often. The Administration Committee has received 2 quotes for replacement. It was voted to empower the Administration Committee to negotiate a lease agreement to replace the existing printer with approval from the Finance committee.

Joe G. reported that he attended the Youth Outing to St. Stephens in Orinda. No youth from St. Timothy's went. The youth that did attend had a blast, especially having a water balloon fight.

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 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 our 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.

PLEASE LET OUR CLERGY KNOW!
CALL: **925-837-4993, ext. 120**
Leave a message.
Todd or Susan will receive the message and will return the call promptly.

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