

TIDINGS



May 2024

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

Happy Summer,

We had a wonderful Pentecost celebration on May 19th. Pentecost Sunday was a very busy day with our youth missionaries hosting coffee hour. Thank you for supporting our seven youth - Alex, Colin, Jayanth, Landen, Carter, Andrew, and Mateo - as we go on a three-day immersion in San Jose and Merced – June 27-29.

I am looking forward to traveling in a van, sleeping poorly on the floor of Trinity Cathedral San Jose and doing hunger relief in Merced.

Youth Immersion

Here is the basic schedule.

Day 1

- Youth are developing a Spotify play list for us to jam during our drive to San Jose.
 - Activities with the Cathedral staff including working with the unhoused, climbing up into the Carillon, and some history of San Jose.
 - ◆ Dinner and sleep in the Cathedral.

Day 2

- Downtown San Jose in the morning working with Cathedral staff
 - Drive over to Merced in the afternoon
 - ◆ Dinner, worship, and fun.

Day 3

- Mission Work: Community Initiatives for Collective Impact, Merced.
 - They have a pantry and about 70-100 people pick up free groceries. We will lend a helping hand.
 - ◆ Drive back to Danville

Deanery Youth Group

(also on Pentecost Sunday)

Lafayette Reservoir was great. On Pentecost afternoon, we had a picnic and rode paddle boats for our last meeting of the school year.



Bunco and Women's Retreat

See inside for June 7th Bunco and June 15th Women's Retreat information.

Summer Party

I would love to have a parish-wide party, maybe hotdogs and fixings. I won't torture you with bingo, but maybe we have Karaoke or big group Pictionary. I don't have a date yet, but I will let you know as details develop.

And finally, thank you Bev

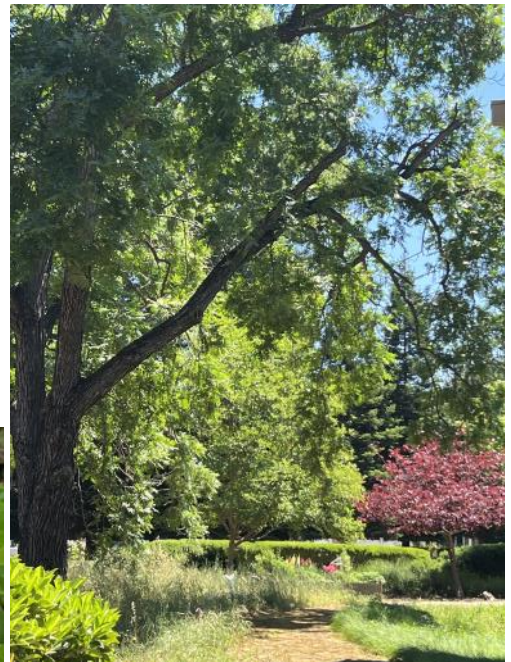
Our facility manager, Beverly Matsunaga, has served St. Timothy's for decades. She will be stepping away from the role this summer. On behalf of a grateful congregation, I express deep gratitude for her tireless ministry to St. Timothy's. Because of her skill and attentiveness, our facilities are in great shape. By request, we will not be having a retirement party. However, you are welcome to express gratitude to her by email:

facilities@sainttimothysdanville.org.

Thank you Bev!

See you over the summer!

Todd



PENTECOST



Adam Kossowski, Veni Sancti Spiritus

I am wondering about the excitement the Church generates for Pentecost. Are we remembering the story of the loud rushing wind and flames of fire over the heads of the friends of Jesus following the resurrection in the story of Acts? Are we deeply moved by the fact that people were hearing the story of God's Love in Jesus risen from the dead and the power of new life? We have Google translate, yet does that mean we can actually hear each other talking in our own language—the language of our hearts--and welcome our differences? Are we ready for the power of the Spirit to descend on us, changing our lives and setting us on fire? Will we say yes to the Spirit?

God desires to walk along side of us as the incarnate advocate, guide, and companion. The Spirit in us brings Light where there is brokenness and sin and where there is pain and injustice. The Spirit can hit us like the fierce off-shore wind that blows back the curling waves at the ocean, making us feel as though we are being blown away from where we thought we were going. Are we ready?

Taking time to listen is necessary for our spirit to grow in Love. We can practice in prayer during the quiet of the early morning or on a walk. The attentiveness of our mind reaches toward the Spirit while our hands knit a baby blanket for a newborn. How will we listen? How will I walk—how will we walk---with the Spirit this season?

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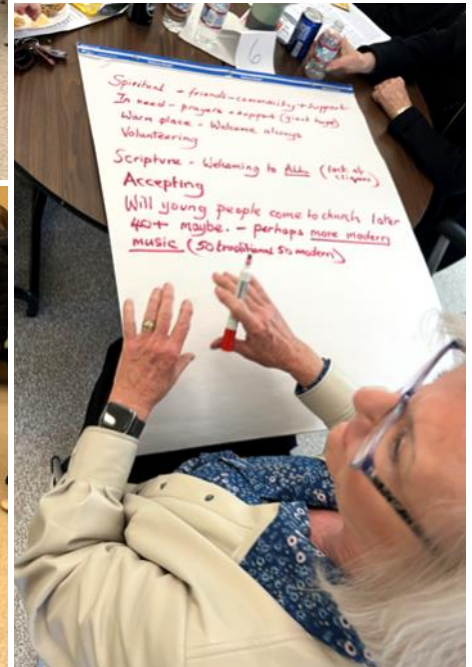
*Come, O Holy Spirit.
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.
John Henry Newman*



VITAL + THRIVING EVENT



What might God be calling St. Timothy's to be and to do in our communities?



NOAH'S ARK ART SHOW



EARTH DAY 2024



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CONSECRATION OF BISHOP RIOS



DEANERY YOUTH GROUP



Deanery youth met at Lafayette Reservoir for an end-of-year party. They picnicked on junk food and rode pedal boats. Happy summer all!



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Baptism, Bells, Youth Mission trip fundraiser & a HAT!



BUNCO NIGHT - JUNE 7



Ladies, sharpen your dice rolling skills and prepare to dazzle your opponents at the New Episcopal Women's event, "Spring Into Bunco", on Friday, June 7th.

Bunco is an easy and fun game involving tables of four, dice and a whole lot of luck. Women of all ages are invited to join this event which will take place at **Grace House from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Drinks are included, and prizes will be awarded.

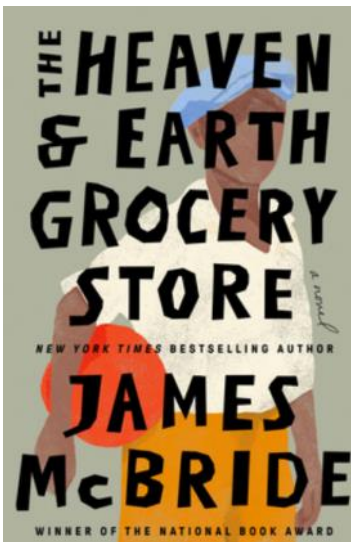
There is a **\$5.00 fee payable at the signing** and request that participants **bring an appetizer or dessert** to share plus a beautiful flower from your garden (in a sturdy bud vase) if you wish to show one off.

See Bunco reps for **signups on Sundays, May 26th and June 2nd.** Or sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/springintobunco#/>

You will also be given a Bunco information sheet. **Bring your friends!**
Questions: Dee Geisler, Cell: 925-216-1120.



BOOK GROUP - JUNE 16



Join the members of the St Timothy's Book Group after the 10 am service on Sunday, June 16 to discuss "*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows.

As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community-heaven and earth-that sustain us.

The Book Group will be on vacation during July and August. We will meet on Sunday, September 15 to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - JUNE 15

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8AM - 5PM

AT SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER

\$90 PER PERSON

To register: Email / call parish office (parish@sainttimothysdanville.org) or use SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/june15retreat>

The Rev. Martha Kuhlmann be our retreat leader.

We will gather between 8 - 8:30am to walk on the grounds if you would like, have coffee and catch up. Around 8:30am, we will begin our program with prayer and worship. We will have time to pray, learn, share, eat lunch together and be on the beautiful grounds of San Damiano.

Questions: Roz A aderozy@gmail.com or
Pastor Susan sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org.

To register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/june15retreat#/> or call the church office.

FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)



HOWDY! We're going Western for the 27th Annual Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH) Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries. Join us on **Saturday, August 17th** for this special event in the Parish Hall and patio. Dust off your boots and cowboy hats and join us for a whoopin' good time.

We're in the middle of planning, and there's lots to do. We're working on the many aspects that it takes to make this event happen. Our goal is to raise funds to support the work that our 15 ministries do to help people, to make this a parish wide party where everyone can get involved (it's a big undertaking,) and to have a great time while getting social at the event.

We're working on the invitation, the catering, the bar, the donor sheets, the line dancing instructors (yes, folks, they will show us how), the big rolling bulletin board, work parties, the FOTH website which will have everything including how to sign up to volunteer or donate, and so much more. This will be ready by July 14th.

We need lots of volunteers, and this is a great way for newcomers to get involved. We especially need help running the raffles of gift cards, and the mini auction so please let me know if you can come forward to lend a hand here.

So far our timeline includes stuffing invitations in Grace House on **Sunday July 7th**, and kicking off the event by going public on **July 14th** when you should have your invitations. Stay tuned for the July Tidings and weekly announcements which will have more information and bring us up to date on what's happening at the ranch.

For questions contact: foth@sainttimothysdanville.org and Leslie Firth or Sally Shea Potts will respond...or you can throw your lasso at us on Sundays at church.

ST. TIMOTHY'S STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

We want to share the exciting news that Colin H won the NSHSS Earth Day Scholarship this year for the work he does at our church's herb garden, as featured in the Danville Patch article. He is so thankful to the members at St Timothy's for guiding him and giving the opportunity to learn and grow (pun intended).

Check out the article:

<https://patch.com/california/danville/danville-student-harvests-church-garden-donates-food-bank>

Here's a snapshot of the before and after photos of the garden clean up and the resulting harvest that is being transported to Monument Crisis Center by Sally P and Kari D.

Thank you to all the people of Saint Timothy's who made the garden possible, from its inception, funding, building of the raised garden, and the planting of the herbs and flowers.



FOYER GROUPS

New Foyer group sign-ups begin in June.



Foyer groups are a tradition of 6 to 8 parishioners meeting together informally for a meal, dessert or even an afternoon tea in a home, outside, in the courtyard at church. Sharing time and a meal together, outside of worship, helps us to get to know each other in new ways. Hope you will think about signing up to participate.

Contacts: Sally J sjess1550@apl.com or Sue O oki.danville@gmail.com

DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA NEWS

JUNETEENTH



Save the date for the annual diocesan Juneteenth event!

June 15, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Andrus, Bishop Diocesan, will be the celebrant for this year's diocesan Juneteenth service, and the Rt. Rev. Austin Rios, Bishop Coadjutor, will be the homilist. A reception will follow the service. More details to come!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH UNVEILS NEW PRIDE SHIELD

The design retains the upper-left blue corner of The Episcopal Church's shield logo and incorporates elements of the traditional Pride flag as well as the Progress Pride flag and Philadelphia Pride flag. In their use of black, brown, pink, and light-blue diagonal lines, the [latter two flags](#) represent intersectional progress in acknowledging people who are often overlooked by the mainstream LGBTQ+ movement: communities of color; the transgender community; and the many thousands harmed by anti-LGBTQ+ policy—from those who lost their lives in the AIDS crisis of the 1980s and '90s, to those still disproportionately impacted today.



For [half a century](#), Episcopalians have been working toward a greater understanding and radical inclusion of all God's children. Resolutions from General Convention in 1976 recognized LGBTQ+ people as children of God with an equal claim to the pastoral care of the church and equal protection under the law. In 1994, General Convention amended the church's canons to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, providing equal access to the rites and worship of the church, [including ordination](#). In 2015, General Convention voted to amend the canons that regulate [marriage](#), permitting any couple the rite of holy matrimony.

In June 2023, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issued a [video message](#) of encouragement to "all of my LGBTQ+ family members," noting, "I believe deep in my soul that God is always seeking to create a world and a society where all are loved, where justice is done, and where the God-given equality of us all is honored in our relationships, in our social arrangements, and in law."

"In the United States, the bodily autonomy of women and trans people is under attack, and fully 50% of LGBTQ+ Americans live in poverty," said Aaron Scott, gender justice staff officer. "I am grateful for the care and intention that went into designing this new Pride shield as it not only represents the LGBTQ+ community more fully, but also lifts those who, out of sheer necessity of survival and dignity, have fought the hardest and sacrificed the most for the thriving of all of us."

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 17, 2024

The Vestry met on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:30pm In Grace House.

MOTIONS:

- The Vestry unanimously approved the March Vestry meeting minutes, the reports and documents submitted by the treasurer, and several submitted rector and commission reports submitted prior to the meeting.
- The Vestry unanimously approved the closure of Noah's Ark Preschool.

PARISH FINANCES:

Financial Summary for March YTD, 2024

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$249,583	\$183,550
Total Expenses	\$216,110	\$215,845
Net Operating Income	\$33,473	(\$32,294)

• Discussion Items

A) Vital and Thriving

- Vital and thriving is in the process of prayerfully listening and creating a strategic plan for the future of St. Timothy's. some of the suggestions heard at the April 7th table talks:
 - 1) We are getting older and are ready to explore new ways of ministry.
 - 2) We want to use our campus to leverage maximum impact on our local community.
 - 3) We are open to the future.
 - 4) Desire for more contemporary music
- Discussion of the possibility of adding Kyros to the Outreach program

• FYI

• Vestry/Clergy Portraits

- Took place in between the services on April 21st & 28th.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday May 22nd, 2024, at 6:30 in the Conference Room in Grace House.

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

Submitted by Kris Manning, Vestry Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 2024

Financial Summary for April YTD, 2024

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$329,916	\$244,734
Total Expenses	<u>\$279,331</u>	<u>\$287,793</u>
Net Operating Income	\$50,585	(\$43,059)

Comments

Results for the first four months of 2024 are well ahead of plan.

April income was \$27,878 ahead of plan (\$17,113 versus plan of -\$10,765). In April, contributing income jumped significantly related to two recent baptisms.

The Balance Sheet shows Unrestricted Net Assets of \$558,649.

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