



## Mid-Summer Announcements 2020

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Danville, CA

**IT'S COMING!!! FRUITS OF THE HARVEST 2020 - FOTH RE-IMAGINED**



*Coffee or Tea Talk*

Fruits of the Harvest 2020  
(FOTH re-imagined)

As we are unable to have our annual fundraiser event, we would like to offer an opportunity to support the important work of Outreach. You are invited to two coffee hour Zoom gatherings on August 9th and 16th, after our Sunday services to see a bit of what our Outreach Ministries are doing. You should have your invitations by mail any day now with much more information. The FOTH 2020 website is live now through a link on our church website. For more info, contact Leslie Firth, [lesliefirth@comcast.net](mailto:lesliefirth@comcast.net) or Sally Shea Potts, [sallyspotts@](mailto:sallyspotts@)

## NOAH'S ARK

Dear St. Timothy's parish community and friends,

Noah's Ark Preschool is excited to announce the appointment of our new preschool director. Shipra Rastogi has accepted the position and we look forward to a smooth transition and continued excellence in preschool education.

Shipra has been an employee of Noah's Ark Preschool since 2014 as the head teacher in the Pre-Kindergarten class. Along with her experience, Shipra brings important core qualities to this position such as commitment, passion and proven loyalty to the program. Her education and experience continue to grow with the latest research and knowledge of best practices for preschool children.

If you are so inclined, please send her a note or message to welcome her aboard.  
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Thank you,  
Cynthia Chavez

Please take a moment to read a few highlights about her.

Hi there! My name is Shipra Rastogi and I am ecstatic to be the new director at St. Timothy's Noah's Ark Preschool, I welcome everyone to a new school year! As we navigate through different times and a new normal sets in, my goal as the director will be to maintain a high quality of learning through a safe, nurturing, and loving environment. During this year, we look forward to making new memories and experiences together. I am confident that my background in teaching will allow me to serve and adapt quickly to this new role.

Outside of my love for teaching, I also enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and spending time with my family. I live with my husband and two kids in San Ramon where I have been for the past 23 years.

I look forward to working with Noah's Ark and St. Timothy's in support of one another toward a successful new school year.

Thank You!

## Live Streaming Project Update

July 22, 2020

Through July 5 St. Timothy's has received commitments from 59 donors totaling almost \$61,000. Our initial goal was to raise \$40,000, so this is a great outcome. Also, as of July 5 we have received payments of almost \$28,000 of our commitments.

Video, sound, and computer equipment has been ordered and much of it has been received. The team will begin to configure the system soon, and installation should begin in mid to late August.

Communication infrastructure (high speed internet over fiber optic lines) installation will begin shortly (week of August 27).

The team of Don Perry, Rand Mahoney, and Ryan Mahoney, with assistance from Mike Olden and others plan to initiate a "soft start" of the system one to two weeks in advance of our September 20 Welcome Home Sunday.

Thank you to all of our contributors and our great team of volunteers.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dick Firth

## SUMMER FORMATION SESSION The Gospel of Thomas

This Summer Formation Opportunity is offered by Education for Ministries.

We will be continuing our exploration of what have come to be known as the "Gnostic" Gospels. Please join in an encounter with the Gospel of Thomas. We will be using Beyond Belief, The Secret Gospel of Thomas by Elaine Pagels. What can these 114 sayings tell us about the ways the earliest followers of Jesus saw themselves and their relationships with God and each other? How do these sayings speak to us? What impact has "orthodoxy" had on our understanding of God? How heretical do these Gospels seem now? How does "belief" relate to "faith" and "trust" and "community"?

If you have ever wondered about Education for Ministries you might enjoy participating with us. The discussions will involve the text(s) and context, as well as the implications for our faith and practice. The book is highly recommended (although not mandatory). It is available from several sources as well as an eBook and Audible.

For questions or comments please contact Lisa Guevara Perry – Lisa@PMCAPP.com or 925-785-8015. If you wish to join us, please provide your name, phone, and email address to be included in the Zoom Invitation. We will meet via Zoom from 7:00 – 9:00 pm beginning on Tuesday evening August 4th.

## NEWLY UPDATED PARISH HALL



Here is your newly lightened, all-purpose gathering place. The painting is finished. The colors chosen are warm tones to match the outside of the buildings. The dark room has been brightened by painting the ceiling white and by adding warm, but light tones to the sides, with the darkest accent color being the beams and the tall wood wall at the stage area. The photos do not do it justice, and you'll have to see it for yourself to appreciate how much lighter it looks.

The old faux stained glass side windows have been replaced with clear glass on the patio side, and rain glass on the street side for privacy. The sound system was completely redone at the end of last year. These choices were made to give us the biggest impact on a fresh, new look with great sound for our concerts in our parish hall.

This as far as we can go at this time, as these improvements have used up our wonderful anonymous gift to improve the parish hall. A tremendous THANK YOU to our generous benefactor for giving us this gift to give our 62 year old building a new lease on life.

## ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP

St. Timothy's Book Group will meet on Thursday ,August 6 and Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 via Zoom. Contact Sally Shea Potts to receive an invitation. On August 6<sup>th</sup> we will check in with one another and discuss what we are reading and doing and even the price of tea in China.

On Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss *The Masterpiece: A Novel* by Fiona Davis. The "Masterpiece" in the title refers to Grand Central Station in New York City at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The station is one of the grand railroad stations built when traveling by railroad was the preferred way to travel. It is now a National Historic Landmark, but it was almost lost when auto travel replaced the railroad. The station contains numerous works of art. The novel by Fiona Davis uses the station as the setting for the stories of two women. Clara Darden was a "women artist" in the late 1920s and one of the teachers at the Grand Central School of Art as well as a well know illustrator. Virginia Clay takes a job at the Grand Central Station information desk in 1974 to support herself and her college age daughter. She discovers a striking unsigned watercolor by Clara Darden and becomes involved in the battle to save the station from destruction. One of the other major participants in that struggle was Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.



## OUTREACH

10th Annual Backpack & School Supplies Drive for **HOPE SOLUTIONS** ends August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Three easy ways to donate to our Annual Backpack Drive –

- **Purchase a complete kit**, backpack and school supplies included
- **Make a donation** directly on our Backpack Drive website; all donations will be directed to the purchase of backpacks and school supplies.
- Write a check to "**Hope Solutions**" with "**Backpack Drive**" in the memo line and mail to St. Timothy's, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville, CA 94526 - Attn: Backpack Drive

The next **Monument Crisis Center Food Drive** will be Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your generosity!

## VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### St Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Highlights – June and July 2020

The vestry met via Zoom on Wednesday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>** and on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

#### MOTIONS:

- At the June meeting, the vestry approved spending up to \$40,000 for the acquisition and installation of the necessary equipment to **live-stream Sunday services**. Any additional money earmarked for this project will be used for additional security and on-going costs of operations.
- At the June meeting, the vestry approved the draft **Noah's Ark Preschool 2020-2021 deficit budget**, with the understanding that final actions to balance the budget will be reviewed later in the summer.
- At the July meeting, the vestry approved an updated version of the **Noah's Ark Preschool 2020-2021 budget** which was revised by the Noah's Ark board working with the Treasurer, Neal Matsunaga to address the deficit. The vestry approved the recommended modifications which enable a balanced budget. The church will forego cost share payments of up to \$18,400 and allocate the residual unallocated COVID-19 PPP funds to the preschool.
- At the June meeting, the vestry approved the allocation of the recently received **\$16,000 for Outreach** from 2 sources. The donation will be divided among the following local charities who have received funds in the past and who have a representative on the Outreach Committee: Hope Solutions (CCIH), Discovery Counseling Center, Loaves and Fishes, Monument Crisis Center, Options, Shelter Inc. and Trinity Center.
- At the June meeting, the vestry approved the Outreach Committee request to send a communication to the parish in early August asking for **donations to Outreach in lieu of the annual FOTH fundraiser**.

#### OTHER NEWS:

- **Parish Hall refurbishment:** The replacement of the windows in the Parish Hall has been completed. Repainting the parish hall interior has been completed along with repainting the entry hall, the Godly Play room and the nursery. Thank you to the Hedden boys, Tom Linari and Neal and Bev Matsunaga for moving the furniture before and after the painting.
- **PPP Loan:** The PPP loan money may enable the church to have a balanced budget this year.
- **Reopening Planning** – Allen Hirashiki is chairing a committee to help plan for the reopening of the church for services and activities on campus. They held their first meeting on June 14. Allen and Pastor Todd of submitted an initial reopening plan to the Diocese of California who much approve the plan before any reopening occurs. The goal as of the June 14 meeting was Welcome Home Sunday on September 20. The vestry and the committee are intensely aware that many parish members will not feel comfortable returning to on-site worship until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. The committee created a survey of the parish regarding reopening. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next scheduled vestry meeting is on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm. 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

July 20, 2020

## Financial Highlights

- Financial results through June are slightly negative though better than the budget estimated. There is an underrun in Pledge Income due mainly to pledges that have not made any payments to date and an underrun in Expenses reflecting a decrease in expenses due to shelter in place rules.
- Pledge income in our approved budget for 2020 is based on 159 pledges and includes an assumption that at least 6 additional pledges for at least \$13,400 will be received. As of the end of June 2 additional pledges have been received. Our budget included a revenue shortfall of about \$58,400 (\$13,400 more pledge dollars assumed and a projected deficit of \$45,034). The hope is that new pledges will be received during the year, as in 2019.
- 13 pledges for \$40,200 have not made any payments yet in 2020. Last month this number was 16 pledges for \$47,420.
- 28 pledges are paid in full for \$133,051. Last month it was 26 for \$119,348.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing "pledges paid in full" in the current year, are:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$329,311	\$305,955	\$(23,355)
Other Income	\$ 36,152	\$ 38,100	\$ 1,948
Expenses	\$387,104	\$359,230	\$ 27,873
Net Income	\$( 21,641)	\$( 15,175)	

## Income

The Pledge Income difference reflects about \$20,100 for pledges that have not made any payments yet through the first 6 months of 2020. Had this money been received our pledge income would have been about \$3,255 under budget through June.

Other Income difference due to:

Loose Plate \$(3,280) and Facilities Cost Sharing \$(2,241) under budget offset by Contributing Income about \$7,692 above budget due to two large gifts several months ago.

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

Personnel expenses \$10,930 under budget

Altar Guild expenses \$1,060 under budget

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$1,716 under budget.

Fellowship expenses \$1,560 under budget.

Administrative expenses \$3,410 under budget.

Facilities expenses \$8,050 under budget due to campus and rectory maintenance and utilities being under budget and services and utilities being over budget. Utilities over budget due to a water leak in pipe to Grace House that was undetected for a while.

Finance expenses \$(2,437) over budget due to timing of property and liability insurance payment offset by timing for campus property tax

Contingency expenses \$2,156 under budget.

## Other Status

- Livestream capital fund drive through 7/5
  - 59 donors have made commitments
  - Totaling \$60,805

Neal Matsunaga

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