

Tidings

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

Dear Parish Family:

My thanks to everyone for a very successful Annual Meeting; and, especially, the election of our new leadership for 2014.

Elected to the Vestry were: Lisa Abbott, Ade Adekunle, Joe Cunningham, Gil Jardine, Susan Oki, and Scott Sampson; who will join our continuing Vestry: Doug Speck, Sian Suter, Tania Hansen-DeYoung, Vince Huster, David Kutroski, and Lisa Kanazawa for the leadership of the parish. As was announced at the Annual Meeting, Sian Suter is our Rector's Warden for this year; and, at our Vestry Retreat, Scott Sampson was elected by the Vestry as the People's Warden.

One of the presentations at the Vestry Retreat was about a new model for operating as leaders, based on a Commission System; which was adopted by the Vestry. Please see the article included in this edition of the Tidings for further information, and plan to attend a Town Hall Meeting on February 23, following the 9am service, in the Grace House Conference Room; where this model will be explored further, and the goals for each commission (developed at the Retreat) will be shared. The Vestry is excited about this new way of working together and wants the congregation to understand how this system will work for the benefit of the whole parish.

The Vestry also wants the parish to know that you are always welcome to attend any Vestry meeting. The Vestry continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00pm, in the Grace House Conference Room.

Three words continue to be our touchstones for the ongoing tasks of the effective leadership of the congregation: communications, collaboration, and meaningful "transformation" (which was "change", but the Vestry decided to change it since it tends to invoke such a negative response).

With so much redevelopment work going on, it was the decision of the Vestry to wait for at least six months before launching any kind of strategic planning process. In the mean time, each Commission has established their own strategic priorities which you will hear more about in the near future.

Lent is just around the corner, and a complete list of all of the special seasonal opportunities in the parish are found in this edition of the Tidings.

With a grateful heart,
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Lent is a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we begin an intentional journey of contemplation and reflection on the nature of God's relationship with us through the person of Jesus Christ. You will notice some important changes to our liturgies, with the inclusion of the confession at the beginning of the service; and in the sanctuary, with the return of the altar rails for the distribution of Holy Communion.

On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the congregation as a symbol that we have come from dust and one day will return to dust. It is one of many Lenten and Easter customs that remind us of our historical connection with Jewish tradition. With this sobering reminder of life's fragility, we begin a spiritual quest that continues until the Easter Vigil, when new members of the church are often baptized and the entire congregation joins in a reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Most of this time of preparation is symbolized by the color Violet, though the season is bracketed by the mourning Black of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As an alternative to Violet, some churches have begun to use brown, beige or gray (the colors of rough unbleached cloth like burlap) to reflect the season's mood of penitence and simplicity. The somber colors are a reminder of the unbleached "sackcloth" worn by mourners and penitents in the Jewish tradition. You will notice that we will have placed a brown cover over the Christus Rex (the large figure of Christ the King) in the front of the sanctuary.

The traditions of Lent are derived from the season's origin as a time when the church prepared candidates, or "catechumens," for their baptism into the Body of Christ. It eventually became a season of preparation not only for catechumens but also for the whole congregation. Self-examination, study, fasting, prayer and works of love are disciplines historically associated with Lent. Conversion—literally, the "turning around" or reorientation of our lives towards God—is the theme of Lent. Both as individuals and as a community, we look inward and reflect on our readiness to follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross, and beyond.

The forty days of Lent correspond to the forty-day temptation of Jesus in the wilderness and the forty-year journey of Israel from slavery to a new community. It should be noted that even the somber tones of the season of Lent are not meant to displace the celebration of each Sunday as a "little Easter". Every day we are called as Christians to "practice resurrection". How will you experience the ongoing conversion of your heart and habits in this season of transformation through the grace of God?

Note: Each Friday in Lent at noon you are invited to join us for a walking service of the Stations of the Cross.

Please Note: It was the decision of the Vestry to not hold any parish activities this year for Shrove Tuesday. This will give us time to reflect on and revision plans for what we want to do in the future.

Taize - Monday, March 3 - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Taize is a meditative and ecumenical service designed to help us enter into the mystery of God's presence through live music, (simple, repetitive songs), short scripture/poetry readings, profound silence and soft candlelight.

The Taize form of prayers comes from the Christian monastic community of Taize, France which was founded in 1940. It has spread throughout churches across the world especially attracting the younger generation.

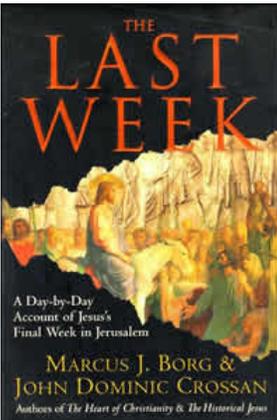
We invite you to join us!

"Words can so often divide us, but in the simplicity of song and silence we find that we can meet in trust at the heart". Brother Roger

PARISH WIDE LENTEN BOOK STUDY AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE –

As Father Jeff shared in his article, Lent is a time of preparation and reflection on the nature of God's relationship with us as individuals and as the church through the person of Jesus Christ. The Lenten season provides an opportunity to pause, to consider our relationship with our Source of Life and to reflect on those activities, practices, habits and mindsets that separate us from God. As such, Lent is an opportunity to draw nearer to God through repentance (a change of mind), reconciliation and return. Traditionally, we are called to re-orient ourselves to God through prayer, fasting and alms giving. These practices are not meant to be punitive or a test of our will power and self discipline; they are not a measure of our piety or goodness. Rather, Lenten disciplines and practices draw us into the fullness of God's love by helping us to identify and release that which separates us from our Source of Life.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY



The journey toward Lent is as much a communal journey as it is an individual one. We invite everyone to participate in a parish wide book study, reflection and commitment to Lenten practices. As we contemplate our community Lenten journey together, we invite everyone to join in a community-wide Lenten practice by joining a small group that will read and discuss the *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* ~ Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. These groups offer us an opportunity to deepen our relationships with each other, contemplate the gift of life that we have received from God, discuss the missional role of the church and reflect on our call to participate in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. These groups will be led by trained facilitators at various times throughout the week in order to accommodate a variety of schedules. The groups will meet once a week for one and a half hours during the five weeks of Lent (March 9th – April 12th).

We will also be offering an online blog and discussion forum for those who would like to follow along but are unable to attend a small group. Please pick up a copy of the book and sign-up to participate in a small group this Sunday, February 23rd. Books will also be available in the office and at the small group meetings.

Lenten Forum

The Gift and Invitation of Lent: An Introduction to Lenten Practices

Overby Conference Room in Grace House, 10:00 am, Sunday March 2, 2014

Join us between the services at 10:10 on March 2nd for a discussion on the Gift and Invitation of Lent and an Introduction to Lenten Practices. We will discuss a variety of simple practices that can support your Lenten Journey. We encourage you to consider trying something new this year. Perhaps you will want to choose one practice for the whole of Lent or you may want to try a different practice each week. Regardless, it is our intent that the small group in which you participate will offer support to you and your Lenten practice as you journey together through Lent; drawing ever nearer to our Source of Life.

+ **ASH WEDNESDAY**
*March 5th, with services at noon,
4pm (children's liturgy), and 7pm
(please note there will be no 10:30am service)*

Vestry Commission System

At our recent Vestry Retreat a new model for leadership was presented and adopted. It divides the members of the Vestry into four commissions (or working groups). Each commission has a lead Commissioner who organizes the group (commission) and facilitates the work to be done. Some key features of the Commissions are:

- ◆ They can convene any time they need to for the tasks that need to be accomplished
- ◆ They are composed of members of the Vestry and can include members of the congregation
- ◆ They work annually to develop those parts of the operating budget that are related to their area of focus
- ◆ They have oversight (the Biblical word is stewardship) of those areas of the life of the congregation that are their particular focus
- ◆ Their emphasis is to support, equip and mentor for enhanced relationships in and through ministry to occur

The Four Commissions are:

Property – Vince Huster, Commissioner; with Sally Potts

Worship – Susan Oki, Commissioner; with Joe Cunningham

Administration – Ade Adekunle, Commissioner; with Scott Sampson (who is also our People's Warden)

Program – Lisa Kanazawa, Commissioner; with Doug Speck, Tania Hansen-DeYoung, David Kutrosky, Gil Jardine, and Lisa Abbott

As a part of each Vestry meeting is a mini-Commission meeting, where the groups can meet to continue to focus on their current priorities. The Rector's Warden (Sian Suter), Treasurer (Carleen Carns), and Rector (The Rev. Jeff Frost) are free to float during this time in the Vestry meeting to assist with any discussions or planning as needed.

On Sunday, February 23, following the 9am service there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Grace House Conference Room to further explain the work of the Commissions and what their strategic priorities are for 2014. Please plan to join us and learn more about this system of leadership for our parish.

Our Worship Services need your Support

Many hands make light work and that's true at church also.

Altar Guild: Do you have 2-3 hours to spare each month to help with the preparations for a service? We are looking for individuals (16 years old or older) to join the team of dedicated parishioners who support our clergy and the congregation at large. Let us know what service you attend and we'll connect you to that team. No experience necessary just a willingness to help.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Actively participate in the service as a chalice bearer. We need additional people (18 years old or older) to help share this responsibility. The commitment is typically 1-2 services a month. Training will be provided.

General: You'd prefer a behind the scenes responsibility! We have opportunities there too. We need volunteers to help 1) launder the LEM and/or Acolyte robes, and 2) repairs the robes as needed.

The Worship teams welcome everyone who wishes to serve. Acolytes, Greeter, Intecessors, LEMs, Lectors, Counters, Bread Bakers, ... If you have an interest let us know.

If any of these opportunities are of interest to you contact: Susan Oki (soki@sbcglobal.net), or Joe Cunningham (jljoe@gmail.com) – your Worship Commission.

Settling In!

Wow! It's so good to finally be here full time. I cannot thank the congregation and staff at St. Timothy's enough. The warm welcome and generous outpouring of support that I have received over the past two months has been overwhelming. I feel like I already have an East Bay family! I am looking forward to continuing to meet and become better acquainted with each of you over. Thank you for your continued patience as I learn all of your names – I truly appreciate nametags!

My primary focus over the next few months is to get to know the St. Timothy's community and to better understand your dreams, gifts, needs and concerns. I would love to talk with you and hear your stories and ideas. Please call or email me if you have time and would like to get together and talk. My contact information is below.

I am also beginning to develop a Spiritual Formation plan for the next year that will include opportunities to cultivate spiritual practices, engage with scripture and deepen our understanding of mission, the Anglican tradition, liturgy and sacraments. If you have an interest in Spiritual Formation, let's talk. I am particularly interested in specific topics that you would like to study or teach. I will be forming a Spiritual Formation Committee to support this effort. If you are interested working with me on any aspect of formation, please contact me.

Last week while preparing my sermon I came across this poem by Edwina Gateley. I feel that it really captures our Christian calling to choose life and thought it worth sharing with you.

Called to Say Yes

*We are called to say yes.
That the kingdom might break through
To renew and to transform
Our dark and groping world.*

*We stutter and we stammer
To the lone God who calls
And pleads a New Jerusalem
In the bloodied Sinai Straights.*

*We are called to say yes
That honeysuckle may twine
And twist its smelling leaves
Over the graves of nuclear arms.*

*We are called to say yes
That children might play
On the soil of Vietnam where the tanks
Belched blood and death.*

*We are called to say yes
That black may sing with white
And pledge peace and healing
For the hatred of the past.*

*We are called to say yes
So that nations might gather
And dance one great movement
For the joy of humankind.*

*We are called to say yes
So that rich and poor embrace
And become equal in their poverty
Through the silent tears that fall.*

*We are called to say yes
That the whisper of our God
Might be heard through our sirens
And the screams of our bombs.*

*We are called to say yes
To a God who still holds fast
To the vision of the Kingdom
For a trembling world of pain.*

*We are called to say yes
To this God who reaches out
And asks us to share
His crazy dream of love.*

Peace and Blessings,

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Vestry Meeting – 13 February 2014 – Highlights

The 2014 Vestry gathered for their 2nd meeting on Thursday, 13 February 2014 in Grace House. The minutes of the December 2013 and 1 February 2014 meetings were approved.

The Treasurer’s report was approved. Carleen Carns sent the vestry a revised budget including the approved reductions of \$14,000 in the proposed 2014 budget voted on at the 1 February 2014 meeting. Highlights of the Treasurer’s report are discussed elsewhere in Tidings.

There were no guests at the meeting. Members of the parish are welcome at the vestry meeting.

The 4 Vestry Commissions met individually.

Administration – Ade Adekunle, Scott Sampson – The Commission has and recruited additional members from the parish. Their objectives for 2014 include actions to bridge the remaining budget gap and the 2015 stewardship campaign.

Program - Lisa Kanasawa, Lisa Abbott, Tania Hansen-DeYoung, Gil Jardine, David Kukrosky, Doug Speck – 2014 Objectives – Identify current coordinators for the parish groups covered under programs and solicit input for priorities, develop a booklet similar to the Outreach booklet, and mentoring

Worship - Susan Oki, Joe Cunningham – talk to the coordinators of the worship related groups (acolytes, altar guild, greeters, ushers), identify pain points and offer support.

Property - Vince Huster, Sally Shea Potts – Priorities for 2014 – solicit participation from the parish, work with the Facilities Manager (Bev Matsunaga) to understand the status of the parish inventory and the facilities maintenance schedule and understand the updates for the Guidelines for use of the Parish Hall and Grace House recently submitted for vestry approval

The vestry discussed plans for introducing the reorganization of the Vestry into 4 commissions with the parish at the town hall meeting on February 23 and in Tidings, and adopted the following **Mission Statement**:

The mission of the Vestry is to create and deepen our relationships with each other, the church and the community at large. And to provide mentorship and guidance while creating a climate for positive transformation.

The vestry postponed voting on the new Parish Hall and Grace House use Guidelines and Fees until the next meeting.

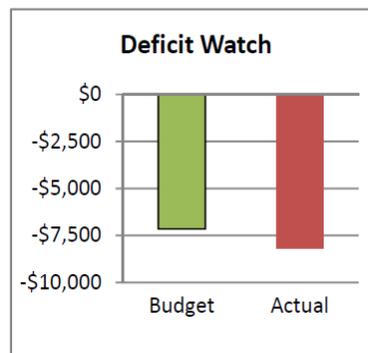
The vestry approved the 2014 Certification of Clergy Housing Allowance for Terri Hobart.

The information gathered on the functions of the check signers and the investment committee was reviewed.

Action on a possible Strategic Planning Project was postponed until at least the summer.

Father Jeff reviewed the calendar of events through the end of June 2014.

Financial Status		
1/31/2014		
	Actual	Budget
Income	\$51,496.29	\$71,702.41
Expense	\$59,656.78	\$73,508.08
	<u>(\$8,160.49)</u>	<u>(\$1,805.67)</u>



Good News Hour
Sundays; 10:10-10:50am
Special Lenten Programs for Children



Lent is almost upon us and we are planning some special programs for our 1st-3rd and 4th & up groups. We will be focusing on the Eucharist for each of these groups in new and exciting ways and we want your children to be part of it! So, for this Lenten season, I challenge you to commit to bringing your children to Sunday school *every Sunday* as part of your Lenten commitment!

Preschool – Kindergarten *Godly Play*

During Lent, Godly Play will focus on the Mystery of Easter and working with the story of Jesus from his birth to his death to his resurrection. The powerful storytelling of Godly Play reinforces – in an age-appropriate way – the story of our Christian faith as lived by our Savior.

1st – 3rd Group *“Do This In Remembrance of Me”* **NEW PROGRAM!!!**

This four week class is for children **AND THEIR PARENTS** to explore the Eucharist together. Each week (3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/6) parents and children will learn about the signs and symbols of communion. This is a great way for parents and children to take what they learn together in Sunday school and talk about it at home! I encourage all parents with children in 1st through 3rd grade to commit to this special program and to be with your child in Sunday school during the season of Lent!

4th grade & up *“This Is My Body”* **NEW PROGRAM!!!**

This program for 4th graders and older is designed so that each session in the five week cycle (3/2; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/6) explores the Eucharist in a different way.

Each week offers a different workshop including art, drama, movie, kitchen and music. Sunday school leaders will lead the group along with parishioners who are volunteering their expertise in each area each week. So, for the art workshop, there will be a parishioner who is an artist working with the kids and for the drama workshop there will be a parishioner who is an actor working with the kids.

This is a very interactive program and the more participation, the more fun it will be! Please note that any child in 4th grade and up is invited to participate. So, we hope to have 6th, 7th and 8th graders too! Please commit your child to this exciting five week program for the season of Lent!

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*If you have any questions or need additional information about any of our family ministry programs, please contact **Lori Robinson** at #837-4993 x. 23 or [lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org).*

## ***Upcoming Events for Families & Children***



### **Ash Wednesday Children's Observance**

March 5, 2014; 4:00pm; Church

Families with children are invited to observe the beginning of the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. We will gather in the church to talk about what Lent is and explore what it means to us as Christian people. We will have the imposition of ashes but no Eucharist at this service.

### **Annual Lenten Diaper Drive for Monument Crisis Center**

March 9, 2014; 10:10-10:50am; Parish Hall

**Everyone** is invited to participate in St. Timothy's annual Lenten service project of collecting diapers for the Monument Crisis Center in Concord. We will bag diapers in groups of twelve for donation to the Center. **You can help by donating diapers for our service project as well as bagging diapers.** The Monument Crisis Center requests diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. Diapers are an expensive and urgent need for families and our donations help sustain families during times of struggle. To find out more about the Monument Crisis Center, go to their website at: <http://www.monumentcrisiscenter.org/>.

### **Day of Preparation (Palm Sunday)**

April 13, 2014; 10:10-10:50am; Parish Hall

Join us in the parish hall to make the signs and symbols of Easter on Palm Sunday! Projects include crosses, butterflies and resurrection eggs. This festival takes the place of Good News Hour (Sunday school) for all age groups. Suggested donation: \$5/person or \$15/family

### **Good Friday Children's Observance**

April 18, 2014; 4:00pm; Church

Families with children are invited to participate in interactive storytelling and an experiential journey through the signs and symbols of Good Friday. This is an age-appropriate event to help children grasp Good Friday in the anticipation of Easter Sunday. We will begin in the church with a story and end in the parish hall with a craft activity and hot cross buns. All are welcome!

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## CHOOSING MUSIC FOR LENT

As the Associate for Music Ministry it is part of my job to choose appropriate music for each season of our church year. I have frequently been asked “How do you choose the music?” so I am taking this opportunity and venue to let you all in on my secret (which is actually not a secret at all!).

As you probably know, the church lectionary is divided into Year A, Year B and Year C. If you look in your Book of Common Prayer starting on page 888 The Lectionary for all three years is printed, containing all the readings, psalms, etc. for each of the three years. Even easier is going online to [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net) which also has the readings listed for the Revised Lectionary with more choices for most Sundays. I use this resource to go through the readings for each Sunday, starting with the Collect of the Day, the Old Testament, the Psalm, the Epistle and finally the Gospel. Just like the person preparing the sermon, I try to find the commonality or theme of these readings. Sometimes this is pretty easy, but frequently it can be fairly obscure to me. Since the anthem for each Sunday must be chosen far enough in advance to be rehearsed properly, I occasionally find that I may have gone with a particular reading or theme only to find that week that an alternate reading may have been chosen, which sometimes ties in more loosely with my chosen music.

There is also a very handy tool called “The Episcopal Musician’s Handbook”. This book has suggested hymns for each Sunday and Holy Day from all three of our main sources (The 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing, and Wonder, Love & Praise). It also contains the proscribed psalm tones for each Sunday in Advent, a suggested format for Lessons & Carols and a wealth of information about the playing of hymns, the singing of psalms and generally more minutia than anyone but a choir director really needs to know. I use this resource as a guide in choosing the hymns for the 11 AM Service and frequently get ideas for the 9 AM service as well.

Each season has a particular feel – Advent and Lent are generally more penitential in tone and reflect a longing or waiting for the two major feast days that follow – Christmas and Easter respectively. In Lent, we tend

to enter in silence, beginning each service with the Penitential Order. The service music may change from the “Gloria” to the “Kyrie” or the fraction anthem may change to an “Agnus Dei”. We do not use any music or hymns which contain “Alleluia” in any form. The hymns tend to be less ‘joyful’ in nature, although not necessarily ponderous or even in minor keys. The anthems frequently are more somber. I tend to choose more minor keys and/or music based on the psalms during Lent. This is generally easier to do for the more traditional 11 AM service and more challenging for the 9 AM service. Just as the silver chalices and candlesticks on the altar are replaced with earthenware or wood, the music loses a lot of the sparkle and ornamentation to be replaced with plainer sounds. You may have noticed that we never use soprano descants on the hymns during Lent – this is a prime example of the simpler sound I am trying to describe.

Ultimately I also try to choose music that is sing-able for both the choir and the congregation. Episcopalians are generally known for great congregational singing and St. Timothy’s is no exception! When the music is familiar and/or accessible the congregation tends to sing very well indeed. As an example, listen to the chanted “Lord’s Prayer” at the 11 AM service. I venture to say that no congregation made up of mostly untrained musicians can equal our chanting of this prayer. Our service music at both services shines as well – people love to sing and (at 9 AM) clap their hands. It is my job to bring that same energy and enthusiasm into the music for Lent.

Lastly, I encourage anyone and everyone who may have a favorite hymn or song to offer me suggestions. I have frequently used other people’s ideas in preparing music and am not afraid to think outside the box. I also encourage people who enjoy singing to join one of the two choirs. You do not need any training and your voice and presence will be greatly appreciated if you give it a try. I am encouraging younger singers (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up) to join the 9 AM Choir, especially once a month on the “Whole Family Celebration” Sunday. I am blessed to have the two Fulweiler teens, Emma and Spencer, singing (and sometimes playing instruments) at the 11 AM service whenever possible.

## BOOK CLUB AND BOOK CART NEWS

St. Timothy's Book Club meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Grace House Library. In March Sally Potts will lead us in a discussion of *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter. On a rocky patch of the sun-drenched Italian coastline, a young innkeeper, chest-deep in daydreams, looks over the incandescent waters of the Ligurian Sea and spies an apparition: a tall, thin woman, a vision in white, approaching him on a boat. Gloriously inventive, constantly surprising, *Beautiful Ruins* is a story of flawed yet fascinating people, navigating the rocky shores of their lives while clinging to their improbable dreams.

**April:** God's Hotel by Victoria Sweet, led by Betty Davis

**May:** The Flamethrowers by Rachel Kushner, led by Diane Carpenter

The 2013 Book Cart sales proceeds of \$425 will be given to the Pay it Forward Reading Program of Shepherd's Gate in Livermore. Shepherd's Gate provides shelter and resources for women and children displaced by abuse, financial hardships and addiction. In this environment Kit King, who started this reading program, has a book club where each participating woman and child receives a book of their own and must pass it on to someone else. We are very pleased to participate in this worthy and uplifting program. Many thanks to all of you who have purchased books from the Book Cart. Your support is greatly appreciated.



### CONFIRMATION

In the course of Christian formation, those baptized at an early age are expected — when they are ready and have been appropriately prepared — to make a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism, and to receive laying on of hands by the bishop. Confirmation is an intentional choice to deepen relationship with God through mature membership and increased participation in the church community. For youth being confirmed, confirmation often marks the point at which one moves into spiritual adulthood, usually in late middle school or in high school. The Diocese of California recommends confirmation at age 14 and older, and considers age 12 to be the minimum age for youth confirmation.

Bishop Marc will confirm confirmands from across the Diocese on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. In anticipation of this celebration, St. Timothy's will be offering confirmation classes (times and dates to be announced soon) for youth and adults either ready for or interested in the possibility of confirmation. In addition to providing a deeper understanding of Episcopal faith, worship and polity, these classes will explore the meaning and significance our baptismal vows, faith and relationship with God in our lives. Those who would like to explore the possibility of confirmation are also welcome to attend these classes. Please talk with The Rev. Terri Hobart 837-4993 ext. 13 [THobart@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:THobart@SaintTimothysDanville.org).

### NEXT DATE FOR BAPTISMS

Please note that our next date for baptisms is Saturday, April 19 (during the Easter Vigil). You will need to be in touch with Fr. Jeff to arrange for a pre-baptismal visit. He can be reached at 925.837.4993 or [jfrost@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:jfrost@SaintTimothysDanville.org). Other dates for baptisms can be scheduled on an individual basis.

**PIZZA PARTY FOR FAMILIES!** Join us on Friday, 2/28, at 6:30pm for a pizza party and game night as we get ready for our Sunday school Lenten programs! We'll talk about what's happening in Sunday school for Lent and enjoy some time together playing board games. An e-vite has been sent out, so please sign up or contact Lori Robinson at [lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org) to get your invitation!

## Women of St Timothy's -

We are forming a women's group to further support and care for each other, and would love your ideas for social activities, prayer support and programs that would be helpful and fun for the women in our community. First, we are looking for a name for this wonderful and unique group of women and would love your input. This group is for all of us and so your input is instrumental in its formation. Got any suggestions?? There will be a box in the narthex for you to drop in your ideas or you can email them to Dana Lopez at [danalope@comcast.net](mailto:danalope@comcast.net) (with Women's Group in the subject line). Of course you can also send them to the office and label it "Women's Group"

Once we choose a name for this dynamic group of ladies (which we are hoping to do soon, so get your ideas in), we will be looking for ideas on what you would like to see happen. What type of events would you be interested in attending? What topics would you like to see covered? The more ideas we receive, the more we will be able to accommodate the needs of our community.

Thank you for your feedback, we look forward to hearing from you. Let us know what you are interested in and if you would like to help getting this important ministry started.

Hugs and many blessings,  
Dana Lopez



### Middle School Immersion Trip June 17-21

All youth entering 6th-9th grades are invited to participate. With the "We Will" from the Baptismal Covenant, our focus is water justice. Come play games, create art, and do service projects as we learn about the importance of water, issues around water shortages and availability, and its symbolism in the church. We will stay overnight at All Souls Episcopal Parish, Berkeley. Trip Cost is \$125, register by June 1.

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### High School Immersion Trip August 3-12

Join St. Timothy's Episcopal Church youth, who have finished 9th-12th grades on an Immersion Trip to South Dakota this summer.

**Information Meeting** March 2; 2-3:30pm at All Souls, Berkeley come learn more about the trip, a conversation with trip leaders and Q&A. No commitment.

**Registration Deadline** May 11 Turn in your registration form including \$250 non-refundable deposit (scholarships available).

**Orientation Meeting** June 29 3-7pm at Resurrection, Pleasant Hill Youth who sign up to go on the trip will gather to meet one another and get trip details.

**Pre-Trip Overnight** July 26-27; 3pm - 11am at St. Timothy's, Danville, Youth get together to make final trip preparations.

Contact Rev. Jeff Frost, [jfrost@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:jfrost@SaintTimothysDanville.org) for more details.

***ST. TIMOTHY'S TEAM SPIRIT...Making great things happen together!***  
**Annual Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries - May 3, 2014**  
**(new date and format for the old Fruits of the Harvest - FOTH)**

Show your team spirit and wear your team colors. Take those old jerseys and jackets out of storage. Come party with a purpose. Our fundraiser and biggest party of the year is taking on a whole new format! This will be a smaller version than our previous events, but just as much fun.

**WHEN: Saturday, May 3rd, 2014** at St. Timothy's Parish Hall and Patio - 4 to 8 p.m.

New Format: The Silent Auction will be held before dinner and will be closed by 6 p.m.

**Registration starts in March:** Reduced Tickets this year - Early Bird Price is \$50 per person - after April 20th, \$55 per person

This is a parish wide event and needs the whole team (***yes, you are all on the team***) to reach the goal of raising funds for all our worthy Outreach ministries. In mid March, you can visit our new Fundraiser website with a link through [sainttimothysdanville.org](http://sainttimothysdanville.org). There you can pre-register, make donations with a donor form and receipt, and see the latest news on-line. We will also have the new Fundraiser Bulletin Board (thank you, Rand Mahoney!!!) out front after all three services so you can sign up to donate items and give your much needed help to the team in so many areas. This is a great way for newcomers to get involved and meet people.

**SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT!**

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**We need YOU to help us do great things together! Let's make this a successful event to do God's work to help all those in need through our wonderful Outreach programs.**

**Join the team Wednesday Feb. 26th at 6:30pm** in Grace House to see how you can help with the annual fundraiser. Spreading the work over many shoulders will make it easier on everyone. Co-chairs Leslie Firth ([lesliefirth@comcast.net](mailto:lesliefirth@comcast.net)) and Tania Hanson-De Young ([taniahd@comcast.net](mailto:taniahd@comcast.net)).

**A great way to:** meet people! be creative! learn new skills! Show your Christian Spirit!

**HERBERT R. JORGENSEN, 1919 – 2014**

It is with sadness that we report the death of Herb Jorgensen on February 16th.

A Memorial Service for Herb will be celebrated at Community Presbyterian Church on El Pintado in Danville on Saturday, March 8.

*May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



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