

Tidings

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Monthly Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Dear Parish Family:

The idea of Sunday being the day of Sabbath rest has mostly fallen out of disuse in our culture – stores that used to be closed on Sundays are now open 24/7, communities that would not think of planning any kind of organized events are now challenging families to squeeze in an extra soccer match or musical recital between Sunday worship services. While we can lament about the passing of those Good Old Days – through the rose colored glasses of memory – we do not have to give up on the idea of Sabbath just because the culture no longer tends automatically to support this as a spiritual practice.

First of all, Sabbath, does not have to happen on a particular day of the week – we can make room for Sabbath in our lives in which ever way best fits our schedule or rhythm of activity and rest. Sabbath also does not mean having to dedicate a whole day to abstaining from work. Just as we can pick any day, we can also focus on certain behaviors that we feel called to experience differently or without the expectation of a particular level of performance.

We can, for example, take a Sabbath from worrying – and whenever anxious thoughts arise, turn them back over to God. We can take a Sabbath from television and focus on reading, or taking walks, or having meaningful conversations instead. And, even more than just giving things up, we can be in Sabbath around things that are positive aspects in our lives. Relationships, creativity, or any life-giving activity can all be the focus of Sabbath time – being truly present to the things that bring us joy and draw us closer to God and one another. This does mean having to make choices, to move towards life and away from the many distractions that tend to claim our time but leave us feeling empty.

At a recent staff retreat, we decided to claim this summer as Sabbath time for the parish and intentionally plan some Sabbath experiences that might enrich our congregation in worship, fellowship and learning. In this edition of The Tidings, you will find articles about some ways that we are claiming Sabbath through different experiences in our Sunday services, by offering a weekly BBQ gathering on the church campus, and through a series of forums for theological reflection.

The word Sabbath is the root of the term sabbatical, where there is intentional time to step out of the activities of our regular lives to learn new things and grow through new experiences. May this be a growing and renewing time for each one of us this summer!

Fr. Jeff

VACATION SCHEDULES AND PASTORAL CARE

Just a reminder how you can request to receive pastoral care during the summer. Daytimes during the week you can contact the church office (925) 837-9443. In the evenings or on the weekend you can contact the clergy directly: Jeff+ (530) 945-2899, or Terri+ (707) 272-2539.

Vacation and other planned absences:

Jeff+ July 12-19 (vacation)
August 3-12 (Youth Immersion Trip)
August 20-September 1 (vacation)
Terri+ July 18-21 (vacation)

Currently the clergy days off are: Jeff+ Mondays, and Terri+ Fridays



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Dear all,

Your support, encouragement, excitement and joy in the days before and after my ordination have been overwhelming and have deeply touched my heart. I am profoundly grateful to all of you who helped to organize, set up, and participate in the service and reception on the day of the ordination. The reception was lovely and I so appreciated the opportunity to relax, share a meal and talk with friends after service. I feel blessed to be a part of the of the St. Timothy's family.

Love and gratitude,
Terri+



FEASTING AND FELLOWSHIP! - SUMMER BBQ'S AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

Dates: Wednesdays -July 16, 23, 30 Aug 6, 13, 20

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: St. Timothy's picnic area

What to bring: Something to grill, a salad or desert to share, beverage, picnic utensils (plates, silverware, etc.,) picnic blanket and/or lawn chairs.

Come enjoy summer evenings surrounded by the beauty of our grounds. The coals will be hot and ready for grilling. We will open the playground for the children and pull out lawn bowling for the youth and adults. Don't miss this opportunity to relax and share a meal and fellowship with your St. Timothy's family. If you have any questions, contact The Rev. Terri Hobart at THobart@SaintTimothysDanville.org

YOUTH IMMERSION TRIP OVERNIGHT

In preparation for our Youth Immersion Trip to South Dakota the youth of several local Episcopal congregations will be spending the night at Saint Timothy's from Saturday to Sunday, July 26-27, and will be attending our 9:00am worship service. Some highlights for the trip will include working to rehab several buildings in need of insulation, digging new outhouses, daily contact with the local tribe of Lakota Native Americans, hosting Vacation Bible School for the children of the reservation, and attending several cultural events. The youth who will be attending from Saint Timothy's are: Katie Keeshen, Emma Gil, Samuel and Ellen Vila, and Ryan Mahoney. The adult chaperones are Jeff+ and Ellen Frost. Please pray for the whole team – approximately 35 youth and adults – as we prepare for this trip and cross-cultural experience.



SUMMER WORSHIP AT SAINT TIMOTHY'S

In concert with our focus on Sabbath this summer, we will take the opportunity to reflect on how we worship together and how our services draw us closer to God and how we use our spaces. Towards that end, you will see some changes in our worship and perhaps even in our use of space over the summer months. Please understand that these changes are trials and the congregation will be given opportunities to reflect on various ways to worship at a forum on July 6, 2014 between the 9:00 and 11:00 service. In addition, we will ask for written feedback at the end of the summer.

Below is a brief summary of some of the changes that you can expect:

Use of inclusive language: We have noticed that many in the congregation have already switched to language that does not assign gender to God. For example, in the opening acclamation: "Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen." Many of you choose to substitute "God" for "His" in the response. We believe the inclusivity of this preference better reflects the open and welcoming culture of Saint Timothy's. As such we will endeavor to use more inclusive language in our prayers, blessings and bulletins as appropriate.

Lesson and Gospels: Currently, we print the full text of the assigned lessons and gospel in the bulletins for all three services. Over the summer, following the tradition used at Grace Cathedral, we will not print the full text. This decision is driven by two primary factors: 1) Using less paper, ink, electricity and staff time allows us to be better stewards of our resource. 2) Traditionally, the proclamation of the lessons and gospel were meant to be auricular experience. When we hear something, it settles into our bodies differently. Often when we read, the words get stuck in our heads and we are less able to take them to heart. Listening to the lessons and gospels readings allows our worship to be more incarnational. **However**, we realize that some of our parishioners have hearing impairments that makes listening difficult. For these individuals, a limited number of the text of the lessons and gospel will be printed each week and available in the narthex.

Participating and celebrating the Eucharist as a community: The Eucharist is a communal sacrament that we celebrate together. A priest cannot go into a room alone and consecrate bread and wine. It is the prayer of the gathered community that consecrates the offerings of the community. In order, to encourage more participation in this prayer, we will print only the prompts that are necessary to allow the community to respond during the prayer. Throughout the rest of the service we would like to encourage the community to focus its attention on the table and the elements that are being consecrated.

One presider at 7:30 service: Over the summer months Jeff and Terri will preach on alternate Sundays. The assigned Preacher for the day will be the Presider at the 7:30 service.

Annie

The St. Timothy's Parish Musical this year will be "ANNIE". Performance dates are Sept. 18, 19, 20 & 21. We will hold auditions for MAJOR ROLES on Saturday, June 21 from 10-1, Friday, June 27 from 2 - 4 and Saturday, June 28 from 10-1.

The St. Timothy's Parish Musical is always a chance for community building on an inter-generational level. Everyone is welcome to participate either as an actor/singer or as a set-builder, back stage crew, ticket taker, costumer, refreshments maker, etc. This is one of those 'it takes a village' events that happens every year at St. Timothy's. We also encourage participation from the community at large as it is a great way to introduce people to St. Timothy's.

Leapin' Lizards! The popular comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals. With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan **ANNIE** charms everyone's hearts, despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan.

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"ANNIE" is based on the popular comic strip from the 30s, focusing on the early days when Annie leaves the orphanage where her parents left her to celebrate Christmas at the mansion of Oliver 'Daddy' Warbucks - once an orphan himself but now a billionaire industrialist. Included in the cast are Miss Hannigan, the director of the orphanage, her brother Rooster and his girl friend Lily, as well as Warbucks' secretary Grace and his butler Drake.

Some of the well-known songs include "Maybe", "Tomorrow", "Hooverville" and "NYC".

Craig Dunlap will Direct and Pat Parr will Music Direct.

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If you are interested or want more information please contact Pat Parr at patparr@sainttimothysdanville.org or (925) 837-4993, ext. 15.

**St. Timothy's
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014**



**June 23-27, 2014
9:00am - 12:00noon**

Theme - Our theme this year is hospitality! We'll discover God's amazing love through the stories of God's people - people who reflect the love of a God who welcomes and cares for each of us. Through story, music, crafts and more we will focus on these daily themes:

Monday	Showing hospitality	Genesis 18:1-15
Tuesday	Meet the needs of others	Luke 10:25-37
Wednesday	Being a friend	Luke 19:1-10
Thursday	Seeking peace	1 Samuel 25:14-35
Friday	Accepting hospitality	Acts 28:1-10

Service Project – As part of our hospitality theme, the campers will be doing a service project on Friday - June 27th - of VBS week. We will be repacking rice and pinto beans into quart-sized baggies for donation to the Monument Crisis Center in Concord. We hope to bag 600 ~ 800 pounds of rice and beans, the cost of which was included in the camper registration fees. To learn more about the many ways that MCC serves the needs of families, please visit their website at: monumentcrisiscenter.org/.

VBS Sunday - NEW THIS YEAR! We will celebrate our VBS week on Sunday, June 29th, with our regular service at 7:30am and a combined service at 10:00am. And in the spirit of hospitality, VBS Sunday will be a “**Bring a Friend to Church**” event! So, **invite your friends and neighbors** to share in the VBS experience and to join us for the party after the 10:00am service which will have jump houses, snow cones, cotton candy and other coffee hour treats!

THANK YOU TO...

Rand Mahoney and Bill Kiper for replacing lights bulbs.
Betty Davis for painting the bathroom in the parish hall.
Jacque and Ole Chiavini for watering all of the outside containers.
Sally Potts for watering the plants in Grace House.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Beverly Matsunaga
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COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP! - Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour at St. Tim's. It's easy, fun and a wonderful way to meet and greet our friends at St. Timothy's. We have many opportunities to sponsor in July and August. The sign-up calendar is in the Activities building, along with easy instructions to help make this a fun experience for your families or church group! Coffee Hour will be changing in the near future. If you have any comments or suggestions on improving Coffee Hour or if you just need help with the process, please contact Carol Lane Carol thefourthlane@aol.com or Zoe Gil 855-9804.

TAIZE --- AN HOUR OF DEEP PRAYER AND MEDITATION



Mark your calendars for Monday evening, July 7 at 7 p.m. for our **Taize Service** in the sanctuary.

Scripture readings are short and profound. In between are extended periods of deep silence for individual reflection. The music is wonderful -- songs are simple melodic chants repeated over and over, contributing to the meditative quality of our gathering. You may **light a candle near the cross for someone in need of a special prayer.**

The ambience of this beautiful candlelight service invites the Holy Spirit to calm and quiet our souls.

SENIOR MINISTRIES SUMMER LUNCHEON

We hope you will join us at our annual summer luncheon at a local restaurant.

This year we will be having lunch at the Brass Door in San Ramon.

There will be a choice of four menu selections. Dessert and a beverage will be included in the price.

We hope you can make it! This is always a relaxing time and a chance to see old friends.

Date: Wednesday, July 9th

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon

Cost: \$25 (this includes tax and gratuity)

RSVP: Cathy Morris 925-300-3555 or email her at lil.captain315@gmail.com

or

Carol Skuce 925-855-8108 or email her at cgskuce@yahoo.com

Please respond by Saturday, July 5th.



Matthew Pray is 18 years old and graduating from California High School in San Ramon. Matthew will be attending the University of Minnesota in the fall. He will be working towards earning a degree in mechanical engineering in the College of Science and Engineering.



Garrison Tadashi Kanazawa graduated San Ramon Valley High School June 13, 2014. He will be attending California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in the fall studying Mechanical Engineering.

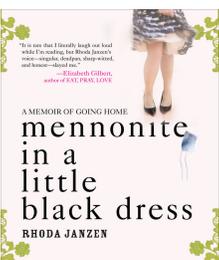
Garrison has been active with the 9:00 AM musicians, playing drums and singing. He has had roles in several church musicals including "Oliver," "Cinderella," "Music Man," and "The King and I." He also has been a counselor for many years at Vacation Bible School.'

In high school he has been in choir all four years, and served as President his senior year. He also participated in the Music Appreciation club, and D6, the boys hip hop dance crew.



MUSIC AND PICNIC ON THE PATIO

Come join us on the patio at Saint Timothy's, July 11, starting 6:00pm. Bring your own food, beverages, and a blanket or lawn chair (limited tables and seating will be available) and enjoy a live concert featuring musicians from our parish. There will also be a special performance by The Three Rectors – featuring the clergy from Livermore, Danville and Pleasanton. This promises to be a fun summertime event and is a great opportunity to invite people to visit Saint Timothy's!



BOOK CLUB NEWS. St. Timothy's Book Club will take a summer break and return in September. Our selection will be Mennonite In A Little Black Dress by Rhoda Janzen.

A moving and often hilarious memoir about a woman who returns home to her close-knit Mennonite family after a personal crisis. Put this one on your summer reading list! **See you in September!**

**REPORT FROM
THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:
Carbon Emissions**

Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Rule
Joint Statement by both Presiding Bishops of TEC and
the ELCA

Lutherans and Episcopalians collectively celebrate and support the release of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed carbon rule for existing power plants. As faith traditions committed to the health, flourishing, and sanctity of human communities and God's creation, we believe that the carbon rule is a critical step toward safeguarding the lives and livelihood of future generations.

Recent reports outline the enormous impacts that climate change is already having on our world. Multi-year droughts, sea level rise, extreme weather events, and increased flooding dramatically affect communities internationally, from the Inupiat on the north slope of Alaska to Midwestern farming families to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. We recognize with concern that climate change particularly harms low income communities that lack the resources and technology to adapt to rapid environmental changes.

These impacts are already affecting global agriculture, and with it, food supplies and prices. Ending hunger and alleviating global pov-

erty are key concerns for our faith traditions. Yet our work faces the daunting and interconnected challenges of addressing hunger and poverty in a rapidly changing climate. Sustainable solutions must include both poverty alleviation and environmental conservation.

Power plants are the single largest source of carbon dioxide pollution in the United States and major contributors to climate change. These emissions not only threaten the environmental stability of our planet, but also the health of young children and their families, disproportionately affecting the poorest among us. Yet there are currently no limits on power plant emissions of greenhouse gases.

The carbon rule proposed this week will reduce the carbon dioxide output from existing power plants, setting a strong standard that will modernize our nation's power plants while limiting our contribution to global climate change. Reducing carbon emissions from power plants must be a top priority for the U.S. if we hope to prevent the worst impacts of climate change and ensure a just and sustainable world for our generation and those to come. **To read more, click on link:**

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2014/06/06/episcopal-elca-presiding-bishops-issue-statement-on-carbon-emissions/>

*The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori Presiding Bishop
and Primate The Episcopal Church*

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO) NEWS

Thank you for your offerings for the UTO ingathering at St. Timothy's. We raised \$428.91 which was presented to the Diocesan Ingathering at St. Francis, San Francisco on May 29TH. The total amount raised for the Diocese of California was \$4,000. The next ingathering will be in the fall. Please keep your "Blue Boxes" out and continue to offer daily prayers of thanksgiving.

UTO grants for a total of \$1.5 million for 2014 for the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion were awarded on June 12TH to projects in 36 domestic and overseas dioceses. The grants were announced at the Episcopal Church Executive Council Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The grants are awarded for projects that address human needs and help to alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally.

A total of 83 grant applications were received and reviewed by the United Thank Offering Grants Committee. Those recommendations were presented to the Executive Council Joint standing committee on Worldwide mission, which is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the recommendations. The grants ranged from \$2,500 to the Diocese of Iowa to \$124,750 to the diocese of California and work in building Malawi's nursing workforce through the College of Anne.

There is great excitement at Holy child and St. Martin's, Daly City who received \$37,500, for their Health and wellness Center.

Again, many thanks for your part here at St. Timothy's in the work of the UTO.



2014 SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE for CCIH

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Starts July 27 to Aug. 11.

Give children the tools to learn. Please include the CCIH SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE in your summer plans! We are collecting supplies for about 120 low-income students in their three locations in Pleasant Hill, Bay Point and Pittsburg. The ready availability of school supplies ensures that the children have what they need to succeed throughout the academic year. It affirms our shared belief that education helps interrupt the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Any items on the wish list that you want to donate would be welcomed.

Bring your donations to the entry of Grace House by Monday, Aug. 11th. We will be taking them up to CCIH early on Tuesday, the 12th. We also welcome monetary donations. Make checks out to St. Timothy's – CCIH School Supplies Drive, and put them in the designated mailbox in the office. Thank you in advance! Everything gets distributed. Last year they sent some extra supplies to Monument Crisis Center, another ministry that we support.

Elementary School (35 boys & 31 girls)

- Backpack
- Large pink erasers
- Pencil box/container
- #2 Pencils
- Package of lined paper
- Notebooks (wide rule)
- Medium box of crayons
- Pkg. of 8 washable colored markers
- Package of glue sticks
- Pencil sharpener that catches shavings
- Kid scissors
- Ruler
- Colored pencils 12 count
- Water color paints

Middle School (28 boys & 23 girls) &

High School (14 boys & 15 girls)

- backpack
- 2 – 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1 sets tabbed dividers
- 6 Clear Report Covers
- 2 - folders with fasteners and pockets
- Composition notebook
- Notebooks (college rule)
- Poster board (large)
- Graph paper
- 2 pkg. Index cards
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor & rubber tip compass
- Large pink erasers
- Pens (blue, black, & red)
- #2 Pencils
- Mechanical pencils and lead

- 12 or more pkg. colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener that catches shavings
- Pkg. of 8 skinny washable colored markers
- Highlighters (variety of colors)
- 3 Expo markers
- 3 glue sticks
- Post it notes

College Prep Program

- Mechanical Pencils and Lead
- TI-89 Calculator
- White Board markers
- Printer Paper
- Computer paper
- Graph Paper
- Poster Boards
- Electronic pencil Sharpener

Supplies for Homework Club

- Water colors
- Multi-color tissue paper (school projects)
- Re-stickable easel pads
- Math Manipulatives – toys that develop counting and organizing skills (example: www.learningresources.com)
- Paper plates and cups
- Disposable spoons and forks

Additional needs

- Lakeshore gift cards for learning materials
- Safeway Gift cards for after school snacks
- Target Gift cards for unexpected items

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