

# TIDINGS

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## Being Church – or maybe – Doing Church

I wonder which one we really engage in with the most passion. I wonder if we even make a distinction or know if there is a difference.

Each of us has our own ideas about what church is and most probably what church is not; but I wonder how we see ourselves in that definition – for if we do not then we fail to understand church.

In our Catechism (BCP 854) the church is defined as: “the community of the New Covenant.” Now there are several sets of questions and answers under the heading of “The Church” and they are all important to understanding how we see who we are as church. However, I would like to point to only a couple of the questions and answers.

*Why is the Church described as one?*

*The church is one, because it is one body, under one head, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*What is the mission of the church?*

*The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*

*Through whom does the church carry out its mission?*

*The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.*

As we can see by the few chosen questions and answers – the body of the church is us and we are to be dedicated to spread the Good News of Christ throughout our lives and among all the people. The church is not a building nor is it a particular service or type of music. The church is not a location on a map – the church is the heartbeat of God's work throughout a world that is broken and in need of healing and hope.

I, for one, love our ceremony and our liturgy and our heritage as Episcopalians. I, like you, have chosen to express my love of God and hope in Christ in this form of worship style of prayer and song and thanksgiving. I do not deny that there are other ways to express faith within the greater religion of Christianity and I do not deny that any of these other expressions of faith are also relevant and meaningful to those who choose them – I do, however, deny that there is only one way to praise God or that I can only be fed in one way.

Being church isn't about a song or a liturgy style – it is about following that cry from within that calls each of us to love God and to love our neighbor.

Doing church is a much different place to be.

+Audrey

## UPDATE ON ANNA HOREN

On Friday, May 22nd, I graduated from CDSP with a Certificate in Anglican Studies. Together with my previous Master's in Theology, this event marks the end of my seminary studies. I am so happy and relieved! As you may know, I am serving at St. James in Fremont until December to fulfill my field education requirement. It's a lovely parish, but I certainly do miss all of you. Bob and I are worshipping at St. Tim's every 4-6 weeks, and we do look forward to those Sundays. In August, I will be appearing before the Commission on Ministry to move forward into Candidacy. If that is approved, I will appear before the Standing Committee the following month.

Please keep me in your prayers as I move through the process. It is a challenging one, and as the prospect of priestly ordination comes closer, I become more and more aware of the privilege and responsibilities of the office. It gives me great comfort to know that I am in your thoughts and prayers. Bob and I are so grateful to be a part of such a caring congregation, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

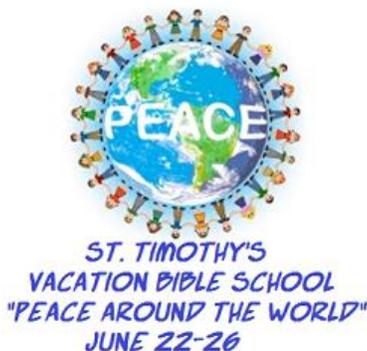
The **New Episcopal Women** group will be having a "Bookmark Making" session on June 17, 2015 in the Saint Timothy's Library at 6:30. Supplies for each bookmark:

- 1 large focus bead  
(1/2 inch to 2/4 inc bead round, oval, square; or a charm, cross, star, animal)
- 6 to 8 beads in two sizes that complement the focus bead
- 4 ft of 1/4 inch ribbon; grosgrain or satin



\*\*Please bring beads and ribbon to share. Supplies will be available if you do not have.

It will be lots of fun and laughs. Please reserve a spot by emailing Roz Adekunle at [aderozy@gmail.com](mailto:aderozy@gmail.com) or phone 925 577 6435 or signing up after service.



## Vacation Bible School Registration Deadline Extended to 6/15/15

We have extended the VBS camper registration deadline to 6/15/15 and have space in all groups!

Please note that priority registration ended on May 15th and the registration fee is now \$100 per camper. We also cannot guarantee camp t-shirts to those who register after the priority deadline.

We will have music CDs for all campers and an excellent week of VBS fun for all!

If you or someone you know is looking for meaningful VBS camp experience, please register as soon as possible!

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## A SUPREME COURT FIESTA



The Danville San Ramon Valley Chapter of PFLAG is one of the beneficiaries of St Timothy's Outreach grants. PFLAG is a national organization whose mission is to support families, allies and people who are LGBT. PFLAG also advocates in the community to change attitudes and create policies that achieve equality for all people.

The US Supreme Court is scheduled to make a ruling in June on Marriage Equality. In anticipation of a positive ruling the Chapter is organizing a no host celebration on the day of the ruling at 6:00 PM at Luna Loca in Danville Mercantile. At this point no one knows the date of the announcement, so we do not know the date of the party.

This ruling will certainly be one for the history books, so to participate in history, and to enjoy some really good food, drink and company watch the newspapers, TV and on line posting because we will have a Flash Fiesta when it is announced!

Questions or comments? Contact Steve Mason [stevemason200@gmail.com](mailto:stevemason200@gmail.com) 925-487-2994

### **SENIOR MINISTRIES LUNCHEON**

Our annual no-host luncheon will be held on July 8th at the Brass Door restaurant, San Ramon. Please save the date.

All are welcome, not just seniors! Details will follow in next month's Tidings.

Carol Skuce

**CANCELLED: The 50+ Wedding Anniversary special Evensong and reception in the Chapter Dining Room, has been cancelled.** Please note, Evensong has not been cancelled. Grace Cathedral hopes to reschedule in February 2016. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Rev. Nina Pickerrell, [ninap@gracecathedral.org](mailto:ninap@gracecathedral.org).

### **2015 YOUTH TRIP**



Thanks to everyone who donated generously to the High School Immersion Trip to St. Dorothy's Rest (SDR) coming up in August. If you missed us at Fruits of the Harvest, do not despair! To support the trip we will be selling raffle tickets throughout the summer.

Watch for more information about the trip and meanwhile you can view some of the awesome work St. Dorothy's Rest does in these videos [110 Year Tribute](https://youtu.be/GJ3MZI2ius4) (<https://youtu.be/GJ3MZI2ius4>) and [A Day in the Life at SDR](https://youtu.be/kWshA8qtia8) (<https://youtu.be/kWshA8qtia8>). Thanks! Sharyn Mitzo, Allen Abbott, Claire & Katie Keeshen, Nina Patel, Ellen & Sam Vila.

## St Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Highlights – May 2015

The vestry met in Grace House on Monday, June 4 and on Thursday, June 14

Monday, May 4:

**MOTION:** Given that since we will only have 1 ordained person on staff, we will move from 3 to 2 services on Sunday - starting on June 7th.

- The vestry met with the Rev. Denise Obando – Diocesan Transition Minister and the Rev. Cn. Stefani Schatz - Canon to the Ordinary to discuss the interim period at St. Timothy's and the process of calling a new rector. They described the training of the transition ministers, the interim recruitment and interview process, typical activities during the interim period and similar topics related to finding a new rector.
- Diocesan procedures are that the interim rector cannot apply to be the permanent rector.
- The Rev. Audrey Miskelley informed the vestry that she has been called and accepted the position of interim pastor at St. Aiden's in San Francisco.
- The remainder of the May 4 meeting was spent planning the agenda and content to be presented to the parish on Saturday, May 9.
- The content of the May 9<sup>th</sup> parish meeting is summarized elsewhere.

Thursday, May 14:

**MOTION:** Exercise the option to take the loan from the Diocese to fund the separation settlement with the Rev. Jeff Frost and refer the issue to the Finance Committee to study and report on whether it makes sense to continue with the loan from the Diocese or make the loan from other St. Timothy's invested moneys.

**MOTION:** Approve the Treasurer's plan to test an expenditure approval process.

**MOTION:** Approve the motion to remove the Rev. Jeffrey Frost from the signature cards for the parish and the Noah's Ark bank accounts at Heritage Bank.

**MOTION:** Approve the draft Interim Rector Job description with the discussed modifications

- The minutes of the following Vestry Meetings were approved: April 8, April 25, and May 4.
- Treasurer: Expenditures in April exceeded income by \$2,241 which was less than anticipated. The year to date expenses have exceeded income by \$28,880.
- The Diocesan Finance Committee approved St. Timothy's request for a loan of \$90,000 to fund the separation settlement.
- The following vestry members will serve on the Interim Interview Committee – Matt Jones, Jacque Chiavini, Gil Jardine, Scott Sampson
- The Pledge Update campaign was discussed. Jim Coleman and Lisa Abbott will serve on that committee with Susan Cyr, John Jess and Sally Jess
- An effort to fund the one-time expenditures to reduce on-going parish operational costs was discussed.
- The implementation of changes due to staff reductions was discussed.
- The status of the planned changes for the Sunday services in June was discussed.
  
- Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Thursday, June 11.
- The minutes of vestry meetings will be filed in the Parish Office in June after they are approved by the Vestry.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

# Casting our nets of Aloha

What a fun time we had on May 2, at our 18<sup>th</sup> Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH). All things were tropical with our Hawaiian theme. There was an ocean of aloha shirts, colorful outfits, flowered leis, tropical flowers, sea shells and fishnets everywhere. The Mai Tais at the TIKI Bar were so good that we sold out. Mike and Mitchell Kanazawa played some beautiful sounds of the Islands on guitar and ukulele during dinner. Some of us had our pictures taken in a vintage 1947 Chevy "Woodie" provided by the Ashworths, with surfboard and all. What stood out for me was the sense of camaraderie and fun. It really felt as though we came together as a community and had a great time for a good cause.

There were creative raffles and lovely auction items with lots of bidding. Our most enthusiastic bidding was at the Fund-A-Need which made \$20,379 which accounts for half of over \$40,000 net, which is an all-time record for FOTH. This is wonderful in view of the fact that we will not have our allocated Outreach budget due to the deficit. Monetary donations of over \$6,700, were also the highest on record. FOTH has raised over \$480,000 over the last eighteen years to benefit over twenty two organizations.

Our special guest, Greg Nottage, from Options Recovery Service, touched our hearts by giving us all an idea what it is like to go through trials that can shake your world apart. With the help of all the organizations that we support, a person can be given that helping hand to lift them out of the depths of despair.

The Youth Immersion God Squad Team members, Ellen and Sam Villa, Katie and Clare Keeshen, and Allen Abbot, were at FOTH to garner support for their upcoming mission trip to St. Dorothy's Rest and they received donations of \$1,790.

The Heads or Tails game for \$500 was won by Susan Helgeson, and Gina Hodgson was thrilled to receive the coveted Reserved Parking Spot.

The food was delicious, traditional Hawaiian food from Hula Wok BBQ, and Carol Moore's homemade coconut cake was outstanding.

The fixed price Restaurant Dinner at Blackhawk Grille has about 20 seats remaining at \$105 per person. These will sell out quickly. Let Leslie Firth, [lesliefirth@comcast.net](mailto:lesliefirth@comcast.net) know if you want to dine and party with your friends at this fun event. Remaining tickets will be sold starting mid-June at coffee hour on Sundays.

**So many thanks go to our wonderful, hardworking team and to all of the volunteers. This is such a large undertaking that it really would not happen without all of you and your dedication to this cause. What touched me the most is that you all kept going even though I knew how tired you were.**

**Event:** Leslie Firth and Tania Hanson De Young

**Auction and Web Site:** Susan Cyr

**Hulahelpers:** Joann Oliver, Barbara Monsler, Helen Coleman, Alison Hill, Cathy Morris, Dee Geisler

**Auction Item Data Input:** Joann Oliver

**Registration and Tickets:** Sally Potts

**Event Registration:** John and Sally Jess

**Bankers:** John Geraci, Cathy Hager, Sally Potts

**Hulahelpers:** Jim Stedman, Debbie Linari

**Food and Event:** Tania Hanson De Young

**Hulahelpers:** Mae Warren, Nora Hudson, Michelle Sampson, Cindy Wittenberg, Patti Farris, Peg Miller, Wally DeYoung, Dee Geisler, Bev Matsunaga

**Lunch for Crew:** Diane Carpenter, Sally Goldner, Ann Carter, Susan Paulus

**Dessert:** Carol Moore

**Publicity:** Leslie Firth

**Invitation:** Leslie Firth

**Invitation Stuffers:** Patti Farris, Gina Hodgson, Alison Hill, Helen Coleman, Cathy Morris, Cindy Wittenberg, Joan Evens, Diane Carpenter

**Name Badge Stuffers:** Adam and Debbie Linari

**Wall of Wine:** Marc and Angela Duvoisin

**Flower Leis:** Steve and Lauren Mason

**Bar:** Spencer and Rena Fulweiler, Tim Kris

**Hulahelpers:** Bill Keeshen, Larry Nelson

**Lights and Sound:** Gary Cyr, Rand Mahoney

**CD manager:** Allen Abbot

**Music CDs:** James Villa

**Live Music:** Mike and Mitchell Kanazawa

**Raffle and Drink Ticket Sellers:** Margaret Lubratich and Renie Pope, Debbie Linari, John Hager

**Photographers:** Jim Coleman and Gary Cyr

**Staff Support:** Bea Pussman, Bev Matsunaga, Lori Robinson, and Cynthia Chavez

**Decorations:** Leslie Firth

**Decorations, Set-Up, Take, Down, Clean Up Hulahelpers:** Gary Cyr, Jacque Chiavinni, Sally Potts, Joan Evens, Caroline and Tim Kris, Sharyn Mitzo, Peg and Bob Miller, Dee Geisler, Patti Farris, Palmer Madden, Susan Paulus, Lloyd and Cindy Wittenberg, Eloise McTigue, Barbara Monsler, Nick Kooвшinoff, Sandy Madewell, Helen and Jim Coleman, Dick Firth, Nora Hudson, Gina Hodgson, Alison Hill, Ade Adekunle, Sian Suter, Barbara and Jim Stedman, Zoe Davies-Gil, Ann Carter, Greer Ryall, and Cindy Kawamura.

Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention anyone.

***Mahalo (thank you) to all the volunteers, Mahalo to the donors who gave us the wonderful items that were auctioned, to donors who contributed financially, and Mahalo to all of you who participated.***

**With Gratitude,  
Leslie Firth**

***SAVE THE DATE FOR FOTH 2016 - MAY 21<sup>st</sup> !!!!  
We're going Western, so get your cowboy boots ready.***



## GAIA

The Global Aids Interfaith Alliance might more properly be called the Global Interfaith Medical and Education Service these days. Founded 15 years ago by Episcopalian priest, Dr. Bill Rankin with the technical assistance of UCSF's world renowned neurologist, Dr. Charles Wilson, GAIA hoped to stem the AIDs epidemic ravaging Africa as antiretroviral brought AIDs under control here. Tuberculosis, the world's greatest killer, and malaria, which came back with a vengeance following a World Health Organization ban on DDT, were equal foci. Work began in the world's poorest nation, Malawi.

From the original one, there are now nine mobile health clinics serving 260,000 patients last year, with full service medical attention. Malawians are all within one hour's walk of help, and GAIA bicycle ambulance haul in the very ill from outlying areas. GAIA began a nursing scholarship program which educates mostly adult AIDs orphans prepared to stay in Malawi and help. There is also a midwife training program. Birth control education and shots are very popular. Medications now prevent AIDs in half of infected maternity patients' babies.

The GAIA villages program goes community by community and works through local leaders and faith groups to select four woman to train as paid village caregivers. GAIA stays three years until these women have educated people to get test and treated. Caregivers make sure medicines are used properly and nutrition supports treatment. They work against the stigma which spreads disease because people fear to test for it. Youth health and education centers are established. Hospice care is given. Muslim partners to hut to hut discouraging female genital mutilation. Gardens are established for fresh food and goat husbandry helps make abandoned mothers independent. Young orphans are supplied, supervised, and sent to school while caregivers tend younger siblings.

Some of the one million AIDs orphans have aged beyond support, but GAIA sends as many older children through secondary school as funds allow. Malawi will educate only through eighth grade. There are still over 7000,000 orphans in the country and under 50 received high school scholarships last year.

This year the nursing program will go into Liberia to tackle Ebola.

Episcopalian and Presbyterian congregations have been especially kind in supporting this effort. Last year, St. Timothy's sent \$4000 from FOTH proceeds. It costs \$15,000 to support a village for one year (material support for orphans, AIDs related care, high school tuition, health education workshops and individual counseling for de-stigmatization). Supplemental food for orphans born with AIDs costs \$125/year. One year of high school tuition and supplies costs \$125. A bicycle ambulance costs \$175. A mosquito net and training in proper use costs \$12. Any donation is life-saving.

Parish liaison is Diane Carpenter [dianecarp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dianecarp@sbcglobal.net). Thank You

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***Starting NEXT Sunday  
services will be  
8:30 am Traditional  
10:30 am Family***

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