

Welcome Home Sunday!

Though we are many, we are one body!

SEPTEMBER 13

ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Welcome Home Sunday Potluck Coffee Hour
following 10:00 am service

Beverages provided, please bring a finger food to share

If your last name begins with:

A-L please bring an appetizer/snack

M-Z please bring a dessert/sweet

We will be blessing students and teachers, and praying for our parish
as we enter our interim time.

BOCCE BALL PICNIC

Hosted by Senior Ministries but open to all who would like to come!)

We hope you will join us for Bocce Ball and a picnic lunch in the home of Joan Evens. Lunch, bocce ball (optional), cards (also optional), and lots of conversation! It's a lovely way to spend a late summer afternoon.

Date: **NEXT** Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Joan Evens' home

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

or

Linda Maddalon at (925)736-1041 or email her at LMaddalon@comcast.net



Dear all,

As we enter the program year, with Welcome Home Sunday on the 13th (one service only, at 10!), I would like to share with you a set of “operating instructions” that I have found very useful over the years, both in my spiritual and my secular life. I found it years ago in a religious publication “The Christian Century” (by Nazarene pastor Charles Christian) , and I have loved it ever since. I have also “secularized it” (for my rowing club) and used it in other contexts. I talked about with our Vestry when I was called as your interim rector, and am delivering on my promise to bring it to the congregation. I would love your feedback!

I try and keep to these rules as much as possible, because I find them to helpful in creating helpful and healthful communication. I invite you to consider them as well.

With love and prayers,

(the Rev.) Stacey Grossman,
Interim Rector

10 Rules for Respect

1. If you have a problem with me, come to me (privately).
2. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you (privately).
3. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me. (I'll do the same for you)
4. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, "Let's go to Stacey together. I am sure she will see us about this." (I will do the same for you.)
5. Be careful how you interpret me-I'd rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions.
6. I will be careful how I interpret you.
7. If it's confidential, don't tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won't tell unless a) the person is going to harm himself/herself, b) the person is going to physically harm someone else, c) a child has been physically or sexually abused. I expect the same from you.
8. I do not read unsigned letters or notes.
9. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you. I will not preach "at you." I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit (She does it better anyway!)
10. When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don't get asked. Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are the most important things so if you have a concern, pray, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

LAURELL INGHAM

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the death of Laurell Ingham, long-time parishioner of St. Timothy's, early on Saturday morning, August 22. Laurell's memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 5 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's, with a reception following. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for her daughter Angelin Rosenberry.

JEAN RICHARDSON

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the death of Jean Richardson, long-time parishioner of St. Timothy's, on Sunday, August 9. A Requiem Eucharist will be held On September 26 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Timothy's, with reception following. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for her children Janet of Petaluma and The Rev. Jim, incoming priest-in-charge at Incarnation Episcopal Church, Santa Rosa.

All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



COFFEE HOUR

Fall Coffee Hour sign ups are posted on the kitchen door in the parish hall. Please consider hosting, it's a greatly appreciated ministry. The more the merrier and many hands make light work. Please contact Zoe Gil or Lisa Kanazawa if you have questions or would like to learn how it works. Instructions provided.

Thank you to all the hosts of the summer coffee hour: Jacque Chiavini; the "early birds" who take on the second Sunday; the Colemans and neighborhood group 7; the "kitchen grannies of Vacation Bible School"; the mission trip youth and Sharyn Mitzo; Zoe Gil; Therese Welter and neighborhood groups 5 and 6; Sara Bossotti, Chris Milligan, Mae Warren, and Carol Skuce; and Lisa Perry and the Education for Ministry group. You all provided warm hospitality and wonderful chance for our parish family to gather.

PARISH LIFE

Needed: Coordinator for the parish life committee. There is an enthusiastic group who is interested in being the parish life committee but a coordinator (or co-coordinators) is needed. If you have some great ideas for fellowship gatherings or are inspired to revamp, reinvigorate, or revisit ongoing events, we need you! Please contact Lisa Kanazawa, 362-1389, Lmkana@yahoo.com or Susan Oki, 831-9380, soki@sbcglobal.net if you would like to coordinate or co-coordinate this vital ministry. These are the party people! Smiles guaranteed

TAIZE – AN EXPERIENCE OF SILENCE, GRATITUDE AND LOVE

Come Monday evening, September 7 by 7 p.m. to the Sanctuary. Enter into the mystery of God's presence through inspiring live music, (simple, repetitive songs), short scripture/poetry readings, profound silence and soft candlelight.

Contemplation of the simple readings, the repetition of the beautiful music, and the restful silence sinks into our souls and we experience the presence of God.

Taize prayer service comes from the Christian monastic community of Taize, France and has spread throughout churches across the world -- attracting all ages.

We invite you to join us --- and bring your friends!

“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

For information contact Jean Crane Mjeancrane88@gmail.com

ST TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS –AUGUST 2015

The vestry met in Grace House on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

- The treasurer's report was summarized in the weekly bulletin and elsewhere in this issue of Tidings
- The account books for the church for 2013 and Noah's Ark for 2013-2014 were successfully audited.
- Mike Oliver, the senior warden updated the vestry on the status of the studies on additional revenue sources and possible one-time capitol campaign study
- The Administration Commission is working on a review of the updated parish membership database in the new software.
- How to gather feedback from the parish on the current two service Sunday schedule was discussed. Rev. Stacey is working on this issue.
- Rev. Stacey will be working with the convention delegates and alternates preparing for the Deanery meeting at St Timothy's on Thursday, September 17, 2015.
- At his request, the Bishop Marc will meet with the vestry on Tuesday, September 22.

MOTION: The Housing Resolution for the Rev. Stacey Grossman was approved

MOTION: Add Sally S Potts as an authorized signature on the church and Noah's Ark accounts

MOTION: Move Taizé from 1st Monday to 1st Wednesday evening of the month starting in October. (NOTE: This was proposed by the Taizé group.)

- Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next formal meeting is on Thursday, September 10th, 2015.
- 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

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT—SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

The July revenue figures reflect contributions from members (both pledge and non-pledge) continuing to be better than projected for the month by \$7,810 (16.9% above forecast). In addition, our Year to Date member income is \$38,874 greater than the projection from the original budget.

Our July 31st revenue and expenditure totals resulted in a monthly "surplus" of \$6,495. The year to date shortfall is \$24,116, which is significantly lower than the originally projected \$93,058. Last year's deficit at this point was \$61,042. This is great news for all of us.

From a cash perspective, the \$60,000 loan from the Diocese received in June, reduced our projected deficit to amount \$33,058.

The Vestry approved a revised 2015 Budget for July – December last month, those changes have been implemented in our forecasting model. In combination, these steps (plus increased giving and reduced expenses), will position St Timothy's in a significantly improved financial position at December 31st than projected back in January.

Each month it is being said that we as a parish should be very thankful to God for the good work being done by all. There is continued new energy with the arrival of our Interim Rector Stacey Grossman and a sense of oneness, together with the Holy Spirit, which is working at St Timothy's. One way this is exemplified is by our improving financial condition.

Joe Cunningham
Treasurer

NEW (New Episcopal Women) Group Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th @ 6:30pm Grace House
Glove Compartment Emergency Kits

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and St. Timothy's NEW group is hosting a presentation on making an emergency glove compartment kit.

It is important to plan ahead for emergencies both big and small. Living in earthquake country, we all know it is important to plan ahead. But what about small emergencies, the kind that happen every day with little fanfare? It is important to plan for those, too. So join us, and we will plan for the little emergencies, too.

Here is a scenario:

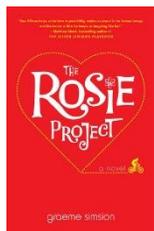
You are driving on the freeway, about 20 miles from home. The traffic in front of you comes to a complete stop. In time you find out that a truck has overturned up ahead and all lanes are blocked. It will be several hours until traffic is moving again. You begin to survey what you have with you to help get you through.

What are the chances that this will happen to you? Actually, fairly high. Let's work together and do something now to make that wait a bit more bearable.

Join us on Wednesday evening, September 16th as we talk through and build a glove compartment emergency kit. The presentation is free. The pre-made kits are being sold at cost for \$20.00.

Sign-up and pre order your kit at the information table during coffee hour. Contact Shelley Wells shelleykwells@gmail.com or 925.222.0806 for further information.

ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK CLUB IS BACK! Our Book Club meets the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 in Grace House Library. We discuss current bestsellers and old favorites. There's usually some tasty treats and always an interesting discussion!



Our September 20th selection is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. *Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, smokers and the late arrivers. When Don meets Rosie, an unlikely relationship develops and Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie - and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you. (Publisher)*

Our October selection is still to be determined: if anyone would like to choose a book and lead the discussion, please let us know!

In November we will discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. *The story begins in a small Minnesota town, 1961. Thirteen-year-old Frank Drum was preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family - which includes his Methodist minister father; his passionate, artistic mother; Juilliard-bound older sister; and wise-beyond-his years kid brother - Frank finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. (Publisher)*

Drop by and join our discussion on September 20th! And if you are interested in selecting a book and leading a discussion, please contact Carol Lane or Mae Warren.

BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY - WHO The Bay Area Crisis Nursery is the only crisis nursery in the Bay Area offering free, voluntary and confidential services where a family can temporarily place their young children in a time of personal crisis. This nonprofit organization supplies a warm, safe, loving and homelike environment for children of families in crisis. It is entirely funded solely by donations from individuals, businesses, the faith community, service clubs, private foundations and fundraising events. They receive no government funding and services are provided at no fee to clients. BACN believes that child abuse is preventable. Helping parents in crisis before an incident occurs is the core tenet.



St Timothy's has been supporting the Nursery through funding from Outreach for several years. Here are some of our St Timothy volunteers at a recent Quarterly Newsletter Assembly event. Pictured are Angela Domer, Sara Bossatti, Chris Mullican, Carol Skuce and Mae Warren.

Missing from this photo are Sherrie Frasier, Jean Crane, Allison Hill, Carol Lane, Sally Goldner and Therese Welter, other regular volunteers.

The next upcoming fundraising event is the Annual Yard Sale that will accept donations starting September 1 – September 18 at their facility at 1506 Mendocino Drive, Concord CA 94521

STOP HUNGER NOW – MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Last year, St. Timothy's Parishioners hosted a Stop Hunger Now (SHN) Meal Packaging Event in the Parish Hall. During one Saturday morning, 95 volunteers packaged 20,000 meals which were sent to orphanages and schools, and to locations needing emergency relief. Volunteers package the meals through an assembly-line process that combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, flavoring/vitamins. It was a fun, fast paced and rewarding morning and we are bringing it back by popular demand.



- What: Stop Hunger Now - Nutritional Meal Packaging Event
- Where: Parish Hall
- When: Saturday, September 19
- NEW TIME:** 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Who: Volunteers of all ages.....there is a job for everyone!
(Children under 13 must come with an adult.)
- Contact: Joann Oliver, joannoliver@sbcglobal.net.

We need donations to purchase the supplies and volunteers to package the meals. Registration forms will be available on Sundays and online.

To Register and Donate ONLINE :

- o Go to: <http://events.stophungernow.org/StTimothys2015> (It's easy and secure.)
- o Be sure to go to this address (not the main SHN website) so that your donation counts towards the St. Timothy's September 19, 2015 packaging event.

To Register and Donate at St. Timothy's:

- o Click [HERE](#) for a Volunteer/Donor Registration Form
- o Put "Stop Hunger Now" in the check memo line
- o Leave at the church office or send to Joann Oliver, 760 Tunbridge Road, Danville 94526

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief agency that has been working to end hunger for more than 15 years. Every 6 seconds a child dies of hunger. Providing a hot meal during school gives parents an incentive to send their children to school. Through receiving a primary school education, the cycle of poverty can begin to be broken. For more information go to: <http://www.stophungernow.org/>.



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Here is a list of upcoming events:

- **NEW (New Episcopal Women) Group presentation**
Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30pm at Grace House

We will be talking through and making a glove compartment emergency kit. The presentation is free. The kit is 20.00. The kit is designed to make the situation more bearable should you get stuck in a multi-hour traffic jam. For further information, see the NEW Group announcement elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

- **Emergency Preparedness Information Fair**
On the patio during coffee hour on Sunday, September 20th

Join us out on the patio for coffee, pastries and a chance to gather some new ideas for your own home preparedness plan. New this year is children's safety, pet preparedness, organizing personal documents as well as a plan to help organize your neighborhood response called "Map Your Neighborhood". Drop by. There is something for everyone!

- **Evacuation Drill**
Sanctuary, Sunday School rooms and Nursery
Sunday, September 27th, all services

This is our second year of practicing an evacuation drill. In addition to evacuating the sanctuary, this year we will also be focusing on our children's safety.

Please make plans to attend. Our ushers and emergency response team need the opportunity to train. Thank you.

In addition, September is a great time to cull through your emergency supplies. Food stuffs do eventually expire. And water should be rotated. Let's do that now while we are thinking about it.

Finally, this is also a great time to do that "upgrading" to your emergency supplies that you have been meaning to do - what about a 55 gallon water drum? Or a small, stand alone shed in the backyard for your emergency supplies? Or a new fire extinguisher for under the sink in the kitchen? Now is a great time to move that project from "to do" to "done". It is quite an accomplishment, and you'll feel great once it is done. I promise.

For further information contact Shelley Wells, EP committee chair, at shelleykwells@gmail.com or 925.222.0806

Remember our motto:

Together we can do this!

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