

ConnectNow

Family Directory

OUR NEW CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As announced at Sunday's services, St. Tim's now has a new system, called **ConnectNow** "My Own Church" for updating your personal and family information! In 2014, the vestry sponsored a study to evaluate several products to replace our legacy church management system. The major driver for replacing the old system was the inaccuracy of our membership data, parish census and the efforts involved in maintaining the data.

Please watch out for additional information about the new system over the next few weeks. The rollout campaign will include posters, instructions on the parish website on how to get access to the system and where to get assistance. We are really excited about this new online web tool. It lets you view or update your family's records at your convenience using your personal computer or mobile device and it will be available to you in February.

As soon as you get your access, you will be able to perform any of the following tasks:

- View or update your own and your family church records and keep your personal information accurate and up to date. For example, if you move or change phone numbers, you can quickly and easily log in to your account and update this information for yourself. No need to call the church, fill out and submit paper forms, and then wait for the staff to update your records.
- Upload a family photo and individual photos of family members.
- View the St. Timothy's pictorial directory for members who have uploaded their photos.
- View your offerings and giving history (*this is a secure site and viewable by you only*)
- Choose whether you want your photo (or other information) to be visible to other members.
- In the future, if you are a volunteer and are involved in ministries here at St. Timothy's, the information you put into My Own Church will help us schedule your ministry. This feature will be rolled out as soon as we have an accurate directory.

Changes you make are processed electronically and without the delays typically experienced from the processing of paper forms.

Please remember to check out **ConnectNow** soon! With your updated information, we will be able to contact you when we need to so you don't miss anything important.

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SENIOR MINISTRIES PIZZA LUNCH



Wednesday, February 3 at 11:30 a.m.
Grace House Conference Room

Senior Ministries will be hosting a pizza lunch on Feb. 3rd.

After lunch, the film "**The Intern**" will be shown. *70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site.* We hope you will be able to attend.

Contacts: Cathy Morris (tel.) 925-300-3555, or (email) lil.captain315@gmail.com or Carol Skuce (tel.) 925-855-8108 or (email) cgskuce@yahoo.com

Taizé – Creating a space for God

*"I need to be silent for awhile. Words are forming -- in my heart."
Meister Eckhart – 13th century*

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evening, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. This contemplative Christian prayer service includes live music, repetitive songs and chants, Lectio Divina (scripture readings), and periods of restful silence -- all this in a setting of soft candlelight inviting deep communion with God. **We begin promptly at 7:00** and the service lasts approximately 50 minutes. Taizé originated about 60 years ago in a small, monastic village named Taizé, located in southeastern France, and continues there today drawing Christians from all over the world. It has quickly spread to churches here and abroad.

A wonderful addition to our Lenten practices!

Questions? Jean Crane (925) 820-3345 email: Mjeancrane88@gmail.com

FRUITS OF THE HARVEST 2016 COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

Saturday, May 21st
19th Annual Parish Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries
(Start looking for notices to help in March)

ST TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 2016

The following actions were approved by the vestry via email after the December 2015 meeting and before the January 2016 meeting. Documentation of the “motions” and the vestry responses is filed with the vestry minutes.

- Approve temporarily housing and feeding several clients of Trinity Center in Walnut Creek in the Parish Hall in December before the facility at Trinity Center opened due to the unseasonable cold weather.
- Approve the Diocese mandated COLA salary increase (2.3%) for Rev. Stacey and the other staff members.
- Approve the lease of a new, smaller copier from Shamrock which will replace the ailing one and result in a net \$5,500 /year saving because our current copy volume is less than half what it was when the original lease was negotiated 4 years ago.
- Certify the endorsement of Anna Horen for ordination.

The vestry met in Grace House on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

MOTION:

- Accept and endorse the proposal by Rev. Stacey for an interim Music Director while St Timothy's searches for a permanent (1/2 time) Music Director.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Rev. Stacey has asked and Mike Oliver has agreed to be the Rector's warden for 2016.
- Christmas Eve/Christmas Day total attendance was 687.
- Ade Adekunle, the Administration Commission and Rev. Stacey in February will roll out the ability for parish members to update their own personal information.
- The vestry discussed the results of the Stewardship campaign to date and the plans to complete that effort.
- The vestry discussed the preliminary income/expense results for 2015 and the draft 2016 budget. It was decided to have a second meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2016 to discuss and approve the budget.
- The vestry reviewed the efforts to recruit vestry candidates for the election at the Annual Meeting at the end of January.

2016 Budget: The vestry met in Grace House on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm. After an extensive discussion, the 2016 budget was approved.

The minutes of the December 2015 Vestry meeting, the Treasurer's and commission reports were approved via email following the January 11, 2016 vestry meeting.

The minutes of the vestry meetings will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry.

Parish members are welcome at Vestry meetings. The next formal meeting is Monday, February 8, 2016.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. TIMOTHY'S YOUTH!

MARCH 4-6: HAPPENING RETREAT for grades 9-12

Every young person needs a space to experience unconditional love in community. That's the special purpose of Happening, a unique weekend retreat led by youth, for youth, dedicated to diving deeper in faith and relationship. Happening 33, "Let Your Light Shine," will take place March 4-6, 2016, at St. Stephen's, Orinda. <http://www.diocal.org/discipleship/youth/programs>

APRIL 29-30: NIGHTWATCH for grades 6-12

Youth gather together for a night of fun, music, and spiritual exploration, sleeping in Grace Cathedral. All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcome, from all church backgrounds.

<http://www.diocal.org/discipleship/youth/programs>

JUNE 27-JULY 1: GOD SQUAD MIDDLE SCHOOL IMMERSION TRIP for grades 6-8

5 days and 4 nights filled with local hands-on project work and Holy Spirit filled fun. We will stay at All Souls in Berkeley and do our projects in connection with East Bay organizations.

JULY 31-AUGUST 9: GOD SQUAD HIGH SCHOOL IMMERSION TRIP for grades 9-12

Join the youth from All Souls, Berkeley, Christ Church, Alameda, Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill, St. Paul's, Walnut Creek and St. Stephen's Orinda as we travel to Washington and work on areas devastated by the 2015 wildfires.

Please let me know if you want to join in any of these events. Watch for an informal Q&A in February to answer questions about cost, fundraising, travel, or anything else you need to know. Thank you!

Sharyn Mitzo spearzo@pacbell.net

BOOK CLUB NEWS

St. Tim's Book Club meets the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 in Grace House Library. We discuss current bestsellers and old favorites. Our February selection is ***The Boys In the Boat*** by Daniel James Brown. This book tells the true story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936. Please come and join our group!

Carol Lane 925-837-3762 or thefourthlane@aol.com

READERS NEEDED FOR THE PASSION PLAY ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

It has been our tradition for many years to read a passion play on Palm Sunday and we need to prepare for its reading this year and need your help.

The basics are that a script is provided and you read from it standing in front of your seat in the pew. Voices are needed for persons such as Jesus, Pilate, Peter, By-standers, High Priest, etc. The details and parts will be available as soon as the script is finalized.

The Passion will be read at all three (3) services.

We need:

- A coordinator for the 11 am service
- Volunteers to read at each service

The 7:30 am, coordinator is Eloise McTigue at amctigue@pacbell.net or call 820-6465

The 9:00 am, coordinator is Susan Oki at soki@sbcglobal.net or call 831-9380

For the 11 am service please connect with both Eloise and Susan until a coordinator is identified.

Yours in Christ
Eloise & Susan

SAVE THE DATE in the TIDINGS for the NEW group "Ladies Tea on April 30, 2016.

Also Note:

February NEW group meeting is a planning meeting for the "LADIES TEA". Meeting date is February 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm. in the Library in Grace House. Please contact Roz Adekunle by email or at 925 803-6959 H or 925-577-6435 C.

Winter Nights Shelter

Thank You!

Between January 18 and February 1, our Parish Hall has been home for the Winter Nights Shelter families. On Feb 1, the families will move to the next church participating in the program.

We have provided a warm, safe home for 30 people during this wet cold weather, including 16 children ranging in age from one to fifteen years old and 14 adults. The shelter children put on talent shows for us featuring every song from the movie Frozen, rode bikes on the patio donated by the Adopt a Family program and the adults enjoyed our beautiful labyrinth. Most of our families have working members this year and they especially appreciated being able to take a shower in the Youth Center, an amenity that few of the host congregations have to offer. The families commented that every dinner was special and tasty!

For this ministry, members of St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim have come together to prepare meals, donate supplies, spend the night, help with the children...the list goes on. There were almost 300 volunteer opportunities for St. Timothy's parishioners and an equal amount for Beth Chaim. You donated almost 1000 volunteer hours and provided a welcoming home for our Shelter guests. What a wonderful expression of God's love.

Thank you, Joann and Mike Oliver



WE NEED NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR ROSTER.

If you enjoy prepping and serving nourishing food directly to clients at Loaves & Fishes and are able bodied to work for the four hours, then this is a great ministry for you. We currently have a roster of 15 but our roster has shrunk due to people moving away, health problems and travel. We serve food (the entrée is delivered from a central kitchen) to about 150 to 200 clients in the new Martinez Dining Room once a month on the FOURTH MONDAY. We leave at 8:30 a.m., (some of us carpool) and we are finished at about 1:30 to get home by 2:00 p.m.

About two weeks before the fourth Monday of the month, an email is sent to all on the roster and respondents are put on a first come, first served basis until we have eleven volunteers. No one should take it personally if you don't get chosen for a specific date. There is always the next month. Let Leslie Firth know if you would like to be included on our roster. We would like to expand this ministry by about four more volunteers.

This is a very gratifying, hands-on ministry. Some of us have been doing it for 20 years or more and have developed a special and fun camaraderie. Contact Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net, 925-683-7868.

St. Timothy's 411 Submission Guidelines

We welcome submissions that have a connection to the ministry of St. Timothy's and/or the approval of the rector/staff. Inclusion of submissions in the 411 is at the discretion of the staff.

- Event or announcement should be current, i.e. within the next 30 days.
- We will **publish your event up to three times.**
- **Resubmit your announcement each week** and consider reframing the submission to give it a fresh read.
- Priority is given based on when submissions are received.
- **The deadline for submission to the 411 is Monday, 12:00 p.m. Please email to: parish@sainttimothysdanville.org.** Submissions after the deadline will not be included and must be resubmitted the next week.
- **Image copyright:** Do you have permission to use the image/photo you're providing? It may be copyright infringement to use an image from the Internet so only provide images that you have permission to use.

Formatting of submission:

- **Headline:** Title of the event in bold and underlined.
- **Date, time & location** under headline
- **Paragraph:** 100 words maximum (what, why, who)
- **Contact:** for further information provide the name, email address, phone number



God's Hands Event

St. Timothy's is hosting for the second year the

OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES ANNUAL STAFF RETREAT

(over half of the Staff at Options have graduated from the Options Recovery program)

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 (PRESIDENT'S DAY)

WHERE: PARISH HALL

WHAT TIME: 7 TO 5 (OPTIONS STAFF WILL BE THERE FROM 9 TO 4)

*****We need help: bakers for freshly baked cookies/brownies, kitchen workers (sign up on God's Hands Board or let Gloria, Patti or Peg know if you can help) or come at lunchtime to meet the Options' staff and thank them for what they do in our community. The staff would love to meet St. Timothy's folks since we have been supporting Options for years and they are so grateful to us.****
CHIEF COOK: GLORIA ROUSSEAU gkrous@me.com; 925 786-1431

- Assistants: Peg Miller, Sara Bossatti; Carol and Greg Skuse
SHOPPING: Peg and Gloria

We will be serving pastries, fresh fruit, coffee and tea when the Staff arrives (max. of 60 people), lunch and an afternoon snack.

Thank you: liasons for Options: Patti Farris 925-979-9043, farrisintheland@yahoo.com; Peg Miller 925-989-3993, pegeatonmiller@prodigy.net

****If you aren't familiar with Options Recovery Services, you can read information about them on the Parish Outreach Bulletin Board and/or visit their web site at OptionsRecoveryServices.org.

THANK YOU ST TIMOTHY'S

From Wednesday December 16 to Sunday December 20 St Timothy's Parish filled the gap when Trinity Center's Winter Shelter changed suddenly. Thanks to Tania Harrison De Young's vision and many St Timothy's volunteers within 12 hours of learning of Trinity Center's problems a plan to feed and house several of our homeless neighbors was developed and put into action.

Over five days 47 sleepovers occurred, an average of 9.4 per night were housed. Gloria Rousseau organized a meals team including: Mae Warren, Chris Milligan, Sharon Skaggs, Peters and Jennifer Suh, Tania Harrison De Young, Jim and Helen Coleman, Scott Sampson, Ed Liggins, Bob Fletcher, John Henry Wells. These parishioners prepared breakfast and dinners for all guest.

Most commonly heard comments: "I had the best sleep I've had since I can't remember when." "I am hungry now, I haven't been hungry in a long time because I have not been as full as I have been over our stay." This is a beautiful church and grounds."

Finally, two of our guests attended the 7:30 service on Sunday of their own initiative. And they took communion. One homeless friend who is spiritual, but a professed atheist when given a tour of the labyrinth and the columbarium, used the baptismal bowl in the sculpture to cross himself as his Roman Catholic tradition dictates.

"They will know we are Christians by our works"

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