

Dear all,

The church of my growing up celebrated Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and then, Easter was over! How grateful I was when I learned, and re-learned, that Lent, Holy Week and Easter make up the holiest season of the Christian year, and that despite the fact that all of the Easter eggs had been eaten and our Easter clothes tucked carefully away, that Easter lasts fifty days, through the Feast Day of Pentecost, May 15 this year.

So we have more time – lots of time - to celebrate. The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom (c. 349-407: his name is literally, “Golden-mouthed”) is often preached in churches in Easter season, and I offer it here today as a meditation for us to ponder together.

The Paschal Homily of Saint John Chrysostom

If anyone be devout and a lover of God, let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant Feast of Feasts.
If anyone is a wise servant, let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord.
If anyone has wearied themselves in fasting, let them now receive their recompense.
If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive their just reward.
If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them keep the feast.
If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss.
If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near without hesitation.
If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let them not fear on account of their delay. For the Lord is gracious, and receives the last even as the first; God gives rest to them that come at the eleventh hour, just as to them who have labored from the first. God has mercy on the last, and cares for the first; to the one God gives, and to the other God is gracious. God both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and whether first or last receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the Day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry!

Let all partake of the Feast of Faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness.
Let no one lament their poverty, for the Universal Kingdom has been revealed.
Let no one mourn their transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the Tomb.
Let no one fear Death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He that was taken by Death has annihilated it!
He descended into Hell, and took Hell captive!
He embittered it when it tasted of His Flesh! And anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed,
Hell was embittered, when it encountered thee in the lower regions.
It was embittered, for it was abolished! It was embittered, for it was mocked!
It was embittered, for it was purged! It was embittered, for it was despoiled!
It was embittered, for it was bound in chains!

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It took a body, and face to face met God! It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen.

O Death, where is thy sting? O Hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!
Christ is risen, and the Angels rejoice!
Christ is risen, and Life reigns!
Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the tombs!

For Christ being raised from the dead, has become the first-fruits of them that slept.
To Christ be glory and dominion through all the ages of ages. Amen.

With love and prayers, and see you in church!

Stacey

The Rev. Stacey Grossman, Interim Rector

Taizé ---- Practicing the Presence of God

Come join our Taize Service Wednesday, April 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the sanctuary.

As we read in Isaiah 48: 6-7:

*Now I am revealing new things to you
Things hidden and unknown to you
Created just now, this very moment.*

In the fullness of silence and deep contemplation, we discover deeper truth and insights. Gathered in a beautiful environment of luminous darkness (candlelight), live music, sacred chants, short readings of scripture and poetry, we rest in the presence of God.

We welcome everybody!

Questions?

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FOTH Invitation Stuffing Party

Date: Wed. April 6th at 1:00 in Grace House. Come have fun getting these ready to mail. We'll have good talk and goodies while we work. It usually takes less than two hours. The **signup-sheet for this is on the Red Rolling God's Hands bulletin board** in the parish hall. Contact Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net, 925-683-7868.

ConnectNow So, you've registered for ConnectNow. Yeah! Thanks!

Your next step is to review your data and help us create a really good data base. Log on to ConnectNow at connectnow.logoscms.com/cn (bookmark this location if you haven't already done so).

Click on My Family.

Then click on Family Detail. Is this data correct? If anything needs changing, click on Edit Details in the turquoise box at the bottom. Make your changes and click Save. If you have a post office box instead of a street address for mailing, enter this in the mailing tab in the address section. Don't go crazy changing Ave to Avenue. We will follow the standard post office abbreviations and change it back to Ave.

If your family detail is good, click on the Member Details tab at the top. Then click on each tab for each member of your family. Here's where the fun really starts. Are you married or single? Are you the husband or wife? You might be surprised to discover how your data from our old CMS system got converted in the new ConnectNow system. Many of the married folks ended up single. Once again, click Edit Details to make any changes and then click Save.

Want to add a photo to either Family or Member? Click Edit Details. Then click Change up under the picture. The system will guide you through the rest of the process.

If you click on the General tab (middle of the page, near the left) you can give us all kinds of information about your career and education. This will provide an inventory of talents that will help build our church. Please DO NOT give us your social security number. We do not want or need it. Go ahead and click on some of the other tabs. We haven't set up the choices for some of those areas yet, but we will.

Now, when all of your family members have been updated, go back to the Family Details tab. Did you notice all those little check boxes in the lower right corner? All of the ones that say 'Publish' give us permission to include that information in the online directory. This directory is only accessible by those members who have registered for ConnectNow. Please let us publish your phone number, picture and email address. This replaces our old Olan Mills pictorial directories from years past. We are not going to physically print it; we will only make that data available to other members who are registered. This will be especially valuable to our new Rector for learning names and faces. Even Rev. Stacey would appreciate it.

Now click Close and get back to the Home page. If you click Pictorial Directory in the blue bar you can scroll through all the members for address, phone number or email address (and enjoy the photos along the way!). You can also just enter a name in the search boxes to go directly to that family's entry.

You can also click on My Offering or Giving History to see your current pledge status or your historical giving. (Note: for years prior to 2015 you will only see totals, no detail.) At the end of the year you will be able to download your giving statement for tax purposes, saving your overworked volunteer bookkeeper from having to send out all the statements via individual emails! No more calls to the office to ask where you stand on your pledge. You can see it for yourself!

There are other areas that we will address in the future. For now, if you have updated your family and member pages, thank you! If you have questions, please contact one of us. We can even arrange to review your data with you if you are not 'connected'.

Ade Adekunle, Carleen Carns, Jim Coleman, Joe Cunningham, Susan Oki

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 2016

The vestry met in Grace House on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 pm.

MOTIONS:

- **The time of the Vestry Meetings has been changed to 6:00 pm.**
- The vestry approved the expenditure recommended by the Administration and Finance Commissions to replace the current 15-year-old phone system.
- The following Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery were approved by the vestry in addition to those approved at the annual meeting: Gil Jardine, Steve Mason and Scott Sampson.

St Timothy's is entitled to 7 delegates and 7 alternates. Currently we have 7 delegates and 1 alternate.

OTHER ITEMS:

- The vestry members were commissioned at the three services on Sunday, March 20th.
- An effort is underway to organize all parish activities under one of vestry commissions and to define the charter of each commission.
- Planned activities of the new Pastoral Care Commission (Scott Sampson) were discussed.
- Possible activities of the Fellowship – Invite Commission (James Vila) were discussed.
- Planned activities of the Fellowship – Inreach Commission (Jim Coleman) were discussed.
- The Property Commission (Susan Oki) reported on probable major expenditures on the church roof (leaks) and the Grace House siding (woodpecker attack!).
- The celebration of the 20th anniversary of Noah's Ark preschool in September was discussed.

The next vestry meeting is on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Parish members are welcome to attend.

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

St Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry– 2016

Commission/ Position

Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Administration Commission
Christian Formation Commission
Communications Commission
Fellowship - Inreach Commission
Fellowship - Invite Commission
Finance Commission
Outreach Commission
Pastoral Care Commission
Property Commission
Worship & Liturgy Commission
Treasurer
Clerk

Name

Mike Oliver
Bob Carns
Ade Adekunle
Matt Jones
Wally DeYoung
Jim Coleman
James Vila
Ed Liggins
Lisa Abbott
Scott Sampson
Susan Oki
Jacque Chiavini
Joe Cunningham
Sally Shea Potts

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24, 2016

Message Received: Hearing God's Call



God has a message for you! Can you hear it?

Samuel heard it during the middle of the night (1 Samuel 3:1-21). Esther heard it and did what was right (Esther 4:13-17). Mary heard it through an angel (Luke 1:26-56). The disciples heard it through Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22 & Luke 5:1-11). Lydia heard it again from Paul (Acts 16:11-15, 40).

Each of these biblical figures heard God's special message just for them and we can too! *Message Received: Hearing God's Call* explores how God continues to call all kinds of people – including us – to love God and follow Jesus every day. And through these stories, we will learn together that when we hear God's message and respond, we are changed forever.

Please join us this summer at Vacation Bible School for a week of fun and fellowship as we explore God's call and our response.

Registration forms for campers, counselors and volunteers are available on St. Timothy's website at: <http://sainttimothysdanville.org/grow/vacation-bible-school/>.

All children who are 4 years old through 5th grade (next school year) are invited to be campers. All youth going into 6th grade and older are invited to be counselors. **Registration for counselors is due by April 15th and registration for campers/volunteers is due by May 15th.**

Contact: Lori Robinson #925/837-4993 x.23 or lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org

ST. TIMOTHY'S YOUTH EVENTS!

APRIL 29-30: NIGHTWATCH - Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

A "lock-in" overnight program for youth in grades 6-12. There will be facilitated time for community building, active and contemplative activities, art, music and prayer. Transportation and chaperones provided by St. Timothy's

Youth registration form:

<https://diocal.wufoo.com/forms/z1g6c8ml0nfv225/>



JUNE 27-JULY 1: WELCOMING THE STRANGER

GOD SQUAD MIDDLE SCHOOL IMMERSION TRIP for grades 6-8

It's Monday through Friday at All Souls Episcopal Parish in Berkeley. All food, transportation, lodging is provided.

JULY 31-AUGUST 9: RISE UP!

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.

Registration for these events is still open but not for much longer! To register or ask questions about cost, fundraising, travel, or anything else you need to know contact Sharyn Mitzo spearzo@pacbell.net Thanks!

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, April 17th @ 12:30pm

Grace House Library

Please join us to discuss the book "Never In My Wildest Dreams" by Belva Davis. All are welcome! Contact: Carol Lane thefourthlane@aol.com.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS - LET'S COVER 2016!

Between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Services

Hosted by parishioners and ministry teams, coffee hour provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy refreshments, catch up with old friends, and make new friends. Your Vestry and many of the ministries at St. Timothy's have already signed up to host a Coffee Hour. We are now reaching out to parishioners and hope to cover every Sunday in 2016!

Please consider serving as a Coffee Hour host between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. For each Sunday, we need two to four people to setup the serving table, prepare coffee and provide a light snack such as fruit and pastry, and clean-up.

To check your calendar at home and sign up online go to the St. Timothy's website for links. Sign-ups and instructions are also available in the Parish Hall. Contact: Joann Oliver 362-4805, joannoliver@sbcglobal.net

2ND ANNUAL LADIES TEA: "A WOMAN'S HANDS"

April 30th; 1:00-4:00pm; Parish Hall

Guest Speaker - The Rev. Martha Kuhlmann



It's that time of year! The NEW (New Episcopal Women) group will be hosting their 2nd annual ladies' tea! The keynote speaker is the Rev. Martha Kuhlmann. And we will have a tea service presentation by Rosemarie Burns, author of "*Which Fork Do I Use?*" Please join us for tea, appetizers, entertainment, laughter, prizes, socializing and so much more!

If you would like to display artwork or crafts you've made we would like to show them off! Sign-ups will be after each service for tickets, table hostess, to provide artwork, crafts and male servers. Admission is \$5.00 (financial assistance available). COME JOIN THE FUN...SEATING IS LIMITED SO SIGN UP ASAP!!!

Contacts: Sally Potts email: sallyspotts@gmail.com or Roz Adekunle email: aderozy@gmail.com.

INTERESTED IN OUTREACH?

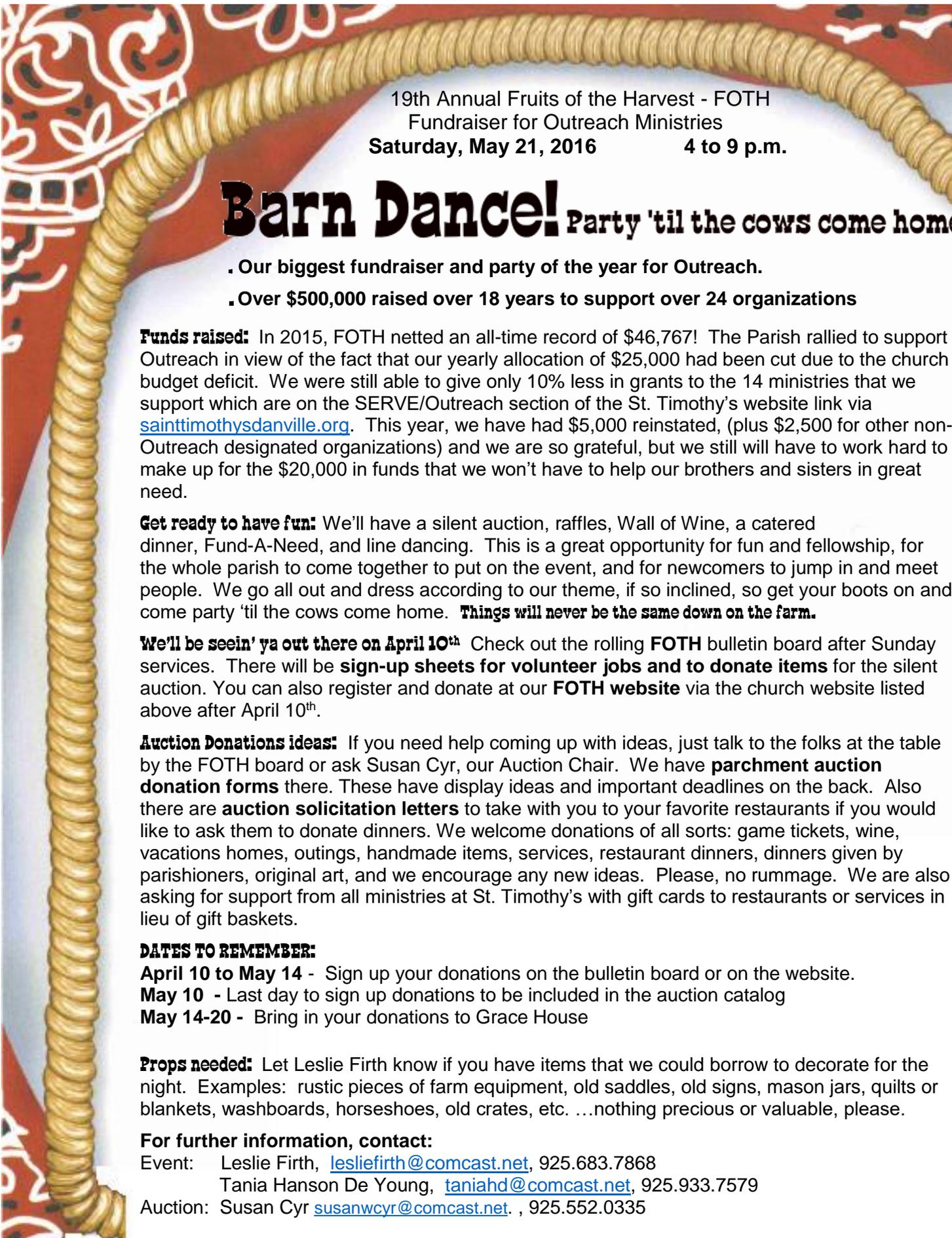
The Outreach Committee at St Timothy's needs a liaison for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. What this requires is to attend 4-6 Outreach meetings a year at St. Timothy's (they only last 1 hour) with the rest of the Outreach liaisons that support other charities and organizations. It is a great way to find out about all the outreach that St Timothy's does. You would be the liaison between BACN and St Timothy's and provide input on various activities where St Timothy's could assist, as well as arrange newsletter notices in 411 or Tidings if appropriate. Bay Area Crisis Nursery provides short term residential care for children under 12 who are at risk of abuse and/or neglect because of stresses in the family. If interested you can contact Tania Hansen De Young at taniahd@comcast.net or Leslie Firth at lesliefirth@comcast.net

TRINITY CENTER REQUEST

Trinity Center is in need of a new or used PC or laptop for staff and volunteers to use for job search, to create client resumes and to assist them with the application process. If you have a computer that you no longer use please contact Nora Hudson at [\(925\) 838-5610](tel:9258385610). Your donation is tax deductible.

With a staff of 5 people and a few volunteers they provide a variety of services to the homeless including:.

- Meals, showers and clothing
- Behavioral health referrals
- Issuance of cell phones
- Issuance of EBT benefit cards
- Mental Health Assessments
- Work with private therapy clients
- Arranging 40+ health care appointments
- Assistance in completion of medical coverage applications
- Arranging appointments with Social Security
- Assistance in completing 50+ housing applications
- Referral to VA services and housing
- Arranging court appointments
- Referral to other agencies including Shelter Inc. and Options
- Direct Employment services (Job search and job referrals)



19th Annual Fruits of the Harvest - FOTH
Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries
Saturday, May 21, 2016 4 to 9 p.m.

Barn Dance! Party 'til the cows come home.

- . Our biggest fundraiser and party of the year for Outreach.
- . Over \$500,000 raised over 18 years to support over 24 organizations

Funds raised: In 2015, FOTH netted an all-time record of \$46,767! The Parish rallied to support Outreach in view of the fact that our yearly allocation of \$25,000 had been cut due to the church budget deficit. We were still able to give only 10% less in grants to the 14 ministries that we support which are on the SERVE/Outreach section of the St. Timothy's website link via sainttimothysdanville.org. This year, we have had \$5,000 reinstated, (plus \$2,500 for other non-Outreach designated organizations) and we are so grateful, but we still will have to work hard to make up for the \$20,000 in funds that we won't have to help our brothers and sisters in great need.

Get ready to have fun: We'll have a silent auction, raffles, Wall of Wine, a catered dinner, Fund-A-Need, and line dancing. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship, for the whole parish to come together to put on the event, and for newcomers to jump in and meet people. We go all out and dress according to our theme, if so inclined, so get your boots on and come party 'til the cows come home. **Things will never be the same down on the farm.**

We'll be seein' ya out there on April 10th Check out the rolling FOTH bulletin board after Sunday services. There will be **sign-up sheets for volunteer jobs and to donate items** for the silent auction. You can also register and donate at our **FOTH website** via the church website listed above after April 10th.

Auction Donations ideas: If you need help coming up with ideas, just talk to the folks at the table by the FOTH board or ask Susan Cyr, our Auction Chair. We have **parchment auction donation forms** there. These have display ideas and important deadlines on the back. Also there are **auction solicitation letters** to take with you to your favorite restaurants if you would like to ask them to donate dinners. We welcome donations of all sorts: game tickets, wine, vacations homes, outings, handmade items, services, restaurant dinners, dinners given by parishioners, original art, and we encourage any new ideas. Please, no rummage. We are also asking for support from all ministries at St. Timothy's with gift cards to restaurants or services in lieu of gift baskets.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 10 to May 14 - Sign up your donations on the bulletin board or on the website.

May 10 - Last day to sign up donations to be included in the auction catalog

May 14-20 - Bring in your donations to Grace House

Props needed: Let Leslie Firth know if you have items that we could borrow to decorate for the night. Examples: rustic pieces of farm equipment, old saddles, old signs, mason jars, quilts or blankets, washboards, horseshoes, old crates, etc. ...nothing precious or valuable, please.

For further information, contact:

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