



# Tidings Monthly

## November 2016

The newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



### RECTOR SEARCH MEETING THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Please plan to attend our Parish-wide Rector Search Meeting this **Saturday, November 5, from 10 AM to 1 PM** in the Parish Hall. Your Search Committee will be presenting for discussion our draft responses to the 12 questions that the Diocese requires for the Parish Profile.

We plan to finalize this document by late November / early December for formal approval by the Vestry and then the Bishop. This schedule should allow us to "go live" by the end of December. We very much hope you can join us this Saturday. Food and refreshments will be served. Thank you!

Gary Hunt and Dick Firth, Search Committee Co-chairs



### FALL LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

It is getting close to the time for our Senior Ministry Luncheon. It's always a wonderful occasion, Baked Tri Tips, Scalloped Potatoes, Sautéed Mushrooms, Tossed Green Salad & Pumpkin Pie for Dessert.

Our entertainment this year will be provided by our great Music Director Darita.

Since we need to purchase the food in advance it would be great to know how many reservations we can anticipate for the event.

You can either e-mail Cathy Morris [lil.captain315@gmail.com](mailto:lil.captain315@gmail.com) or (925)300-3555 to make a reservation. The deadline is November 6.

### YOUR HELP NEEDED! NEW PAPER DIRECTORY COMING SOON

We have been working with our new parish database to figure out how to publish a new parish directory. We think we are close but we need **YOU** to help us check your data.

On Sundays November 6 and 13 and on Saturday, November 5 (at the Rector Search meeting), a **draft** of the directory information (several copies) will be in the parish hall. Please check your entry and make any corrections **and initial the entry** so we know you have checked it.

After Sunday, November 13, the office volunteers will try to call anyone who has not checked their entry to be check the data over the phone.

Please be sure to tell us whether or not you want a child listed.

Please be sure to tell us if your mailing address information is correct.

Please be sure to check your email address and your phone number.

Questions: Send email to Sally Potts, [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com) or call 925-691-9294.

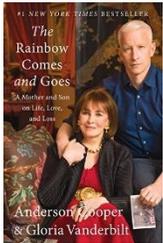
## **ADVENT MATTERS! WAIT, WATCH, WONDER: A DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

Women from St. Stephen's Orinda and St. Timothy's Danville (and friends) are invited to join the Rev. Jane Stratford for a day of considering how we anticipate and prepare for the birth of Christ. What difference does it make to wait, prepare, and anticipate for four weeks? Where is God in our frantic preparations? What is most important to us?



As we enter Advent and prepare for both Christmas and Christ born anew, in the world and in our hearts, come and explore through spiritual reflection, activities, and fellowship what it means to stay awake and remain aware, to continue to watch and wait and wonder.

Contact Brenda in the office (925-254-3770 x10 or [brenda@ststephensorinda.org](mailto:brenda@ststephensorinda.org)) to register for the Saturday November 12 retreat, which will be hosted at the peaceful campus of St. Timothy's Danville. The \$25 suggested donation covers the cost of refreshments, lunch and retreat materials. The retreat begins at 10 am and ends at 3 pm.



**ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK CLUB** next meets on **Sunday, November 13 at 12:30** in Grace House Library. We will discuss *The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son On Life, Love and Loss* by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt. A touching and intimate correspondence between mother and son, offering timeless wisdom and a revealing glimpse into their lives. Read the book and come and join the discussion! Questions? Contact Carol Lane at [thefourthlane@aol.com](mailto:thefourthlane@aol.com).

## **GET TO KNOW...**

*A Tidings Feature Spotighting a Fellow Parishioner*

This analytical chemist and private pilot joined St. Tim's in 2004 after moving from Los Altos, and has been a super-active volunteer ever since. From Outreach superstar, to webmaster of our internet site, to audio-video engineer (looking for an apprentice!), to jack-of-all-trades when something (anything!) needs repair, this parishioner quietly and humbly serves our faith community. (Including their little known but much appreciated "Chair Ministry", welding our stacking chairs whenever they break!) And it's not surprising that Adopt a Family Bikes would not exist without his setting up the shop and working endless house repairing and delivering bikes. But for this person, helping others is not limited to St. Tim's - 50 years of Scouting involvement and executive leadership, Community Emergency Response Team captain, wilderness first responder, volunteer fire reserve, emergency medical technician...the list goes on and on! Have you guessed this parishioners name? (Go to page 6 to see if you're right!)

## **PAT LUCHT**

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Pat Lucht last Saturday. A service will be held at St. Timothy's - date and time to be announced.

Please join the congregation of St. Timothy's in prayer for Pat, for her family, and for all who loved and cared for her.

***God of all, we pray to you for Pat, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

## **EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S GROUP PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 16**

The Episcopal Women's group invites you to attend this interesting and information presentation on Wednesday November 16th at 6:30 at the Church.

"Beyond the Stereotypes: An Arab Woman's Story."

Deema K. Shehabi, a local Arab and Muslim woman, will present her story at the Women's Group at St Timothy's Episcopal Church. Deema will talk about her childhood growing up as a Palestinian woman in Kuwait, her coming of age story in America, and her experiences being a Muslim woman at this time in the US.

All ladies are welcome even if they do not attend St. Timothy's Church so please invite your friends for this timely event. We are fortunate to have Deema join us to share her story. There will be a Q & A time also. Questions: contact Roz Adekunle (925) 577-6439 – cell (925) 803-6959 –home or Eloise McTigue (925) 820-6465



**Deema K Shehabi**

*Deema K Shehabi is a poet, writer, and editor. The daughter of Palestinian parents, she grew up in the Arab world and moved to the United States in 1988. She finished her education in the US, and she received an MS in journalism.*

*Her poems have appeared widely in journals and anthologies such as The Kenyon Review, Literary Imagination, New Letters, Callaloo, Massachusetts*

*Review, Perihelion, Drunken Boat, Bat City Review, Inclined to Speak: An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Poetry, and The Poetry of Arab Women.*

*Deema's poems have been nominated for a Pushcart prize four times, and she served as Vice-President for the Radius of Arab-American Writers (RAWI) between 2007 and 2010.*

*Her full collection [Thirteen Departures From the Moon](#) was published by Press 53 in 2011. She is also co-editor with Beau Beausoleil of [Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here](#) (PM Press), for which she received the Northern California Book Award's NCBR Recognition Award. During 2009 – 2013 she worked with Marilyn Hacker on the great poem sequence [Disaspo/Renga](#).*



## TROOP 36 CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

This season order your Christmas tree online from Troop 36 at [www.troop36.net](http://www.troop36.net). Orders accepted through November 15. Pick up your tree on December 3 between noon and 5pm in the front parking lot. Proceeds from the tree sales will go to Trinity Center Walnut Creek, San Francisco City Impact, St. Timothy's Church Outreach, and Troop 36 scholarships. Flyers and instructions available in the Parish Hall. Contact: Spencer Fulweiler, [fulweilers@me.com](mailto:fulweilers@me.com).

## September 2016 TREASURERS REPORT

In September, our financial position continued positive through faithful financial support for the good works of the Holy Spirit working through St Timothy's. Our September report reflects a surplus of \$11,092. You will note that Income is less than expected by \$19,942, our experience through this year is that the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of each quarter, income has been less than projected, which has been true in March, June and now September. In June it was under by a similar amount.

The good news is that in our forecasting effort, our surplus is tracking better than expected at \$65,299 which is 83% of year end goal through September or 75% of the calendar year. This surplus will be very helpful as we move to hire a new rector and hire additional staff.

| <b>September</b>    |               |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | ACTUAL        | BUDGET        | Variance      |
| Income              | 58,492        | 78,435        | -19,943       |
| Expense             | 47,400        | 59,658        | -12,258       |
| <b>Difference</b>   | <b>11,092</b> | <b>18,777</b> | <b>-7,685</b> |
| <b>Year to Date</b> |               |               |               |
|                     | ACTUAL        | BUDGET        | Variance      |
| Income              | 541,070       | 531,771       | 9,299         |
| Expense             | 475,771       | 510,724       | -34,953       |
| <b>Difference</b>   | <b>65,299</b> | <b>21,047</b> | <b>44,252</b> |

This September report exemplifies the importance of pledge commitments and with the Holy Spirits help, we need to be sensitive to this issue. However, we are all aware that things can and do change for us during the year which sometimes make this difficult. We will always be sensitive to this issue.

Let us continue to be thankful,  
Joe Cunningham, Treasurer

## ST TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2016

The vestry met in Grace House on Monday, October 10, at 6:00 pm.

Gary Hunt and Dick Firth reported on the activities of the Rector Search committee and presented a schedule for their and the vestry's activities and actions that will hopefully result in the announcement of the new rector by Pentecost of 2017 (June 4). The schedule was approved by the vestry.

Rev. Stacey Grossman discussed the clergy retreat, recent personnel changes at the diocese, parish feedback regarding no Sunday School, discussions regarding the number of Sunday services, progress on interviewing hiring a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time clergy assistant and a proposal from Darita Seth, Music Associate to host a Christmas concert by local high school choirs. The vestry voted to approve the concert.

The treasurer, Joe Cunningham, presented a summary of the parish income, expenditures and budget estimate through the end of August 2016. After discussing the report, the vestry voted to allocate \$4000 from the Contingency funds to the Stewardship campaign. The treasurer, Joe Cunningham, discussed plans for developing the 2017 parish budget and the role that each commission will play in that process. Joe presented the results of the Finance Committee study of possible funding sources for the \$103,000 cost to replace the church roof. After discussion, the vestry voted to approve the recommendation to take 1/3 of the cost from each of the following funds: 1) Unplanned major expense, 2) Maintenance reserve, 3) Memorials and legacy gifts.

The Stewardship Drive chairman, Ed Liggins discussed the activities of the stewardship drive and upcoming plans.

Susan Oki discussed Christmas tree sale by Boy Scout Troop 36. The sales will be done on-line ([www.troop36.net](http://www.troop36.net)) and the trees will be picked up by purchasers from the front parking lot of the church on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A part of the profits from the sale will be donated to St. Timothy's. Troop 36 is sponsored by St. Timothy's and meets in the parish hall on most Thursday evenings. Spencer Fulweiler is handling the publicity of the tree sale to the parish.

### **MOTIONS:**

- Approve the proposed schedule of the Rector Search Committee
- Allocate \$4000 from the Contingency funds to the Stewardship campaign.
- Authorize the use of a total of \$103,000 to replace the church roof – the money to come from unplanned major expense, maintenance reserve, and memorials and legacy gifts.
- Approve the proposed Christmas Concert by local high school choirs.

Vestry actions (via email) after the October meeting:

- Approve expenditure of \$750 for major revision of the church web-site
- Approve delegates to the Diocesan Convention (October 14 & 15) Roz Adekunle, Ade Adekunle, Gary Hunt

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next formal meeting is on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

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

The Justice and Peace Ministry Invites you to attend  
**A FAIR-TRADE CRAFT FESTIVAL**

on

**Sunday November 20, 2016**

From 7:30 AM to 2 PM in the Parish Hall

The Festival will feature Craft Items from various developing countries. All of them are fair trade organizations that strive for economic empowerment, especially of women and girls by the production of handicrafts.

We will have lovely items from Haiti, Palestine/Israel, and Uganda, The African countries supported by "African Team Ministries, Central and South America in addition to worldwide crafts from Serrv International.

We are delighted to be able to bring handcrafted items from around the world to St. Timothy's.

**PLEASE PLAN TO DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH US**

Support the World Mission of the Church

Sales proceeds go directly to help the creators of these lovely gifts and the Towns/villages in which they live.

Contact: Mary-Louise Gotthold (925) 324-4593

Email: [GlobeTrottingLady@SBCglobal.net](mailto:GlobeTrottingLady@SBCglobal.net)

**SIGN UP FOR A FOYER GROUP!**

Foyer Groups are a gathering of 8 adults (married, singles) who meet 4 times a year sharing Pot Luck meals. We meet in each other's homes; the host couple provides the main course; the others volunteer to bring appetizers, salad or dessert, on a rotating basis. Each group sets its own times according to the needs and schedules of the members. All that we ask is that each group complete the four dinners by December of the next year. Foyer Groups are a great way to meet and get to know other members of this vibrant faith community.

To sign up, contact Caroline Kris at (925)389-0886, or e-mail her at [carokris@aol.com](mailto:carokris@aol.com). If you would like to help organize Foyer Groups this year by taking sign-ups during coffee hour, please let Caroline know.

This Month's "**Get To Know**" Parishioner, Rand Mahoney



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT TAIZÉ

It's hard to realize, but our small Taizé planning group has been producing a monthly Taizé service for over five years! We have loved every minute of it.

Now, we have decided to take a break – to regroup – to rest and refresh - so we can offer a newly inspired format sometime after the first of the year.

We have had so many loyal followers, (many from other churches, etc.), who have come each month to rest in the presence of God -- who love and appreciate the soft candlelight, beautiful music, thoughtful scripture readings and contemplative silence. We appreciate them so much --- and welcome their comments and suggestions for the future.

We feel Taizé is an integral part of St. Timothy's outreach to parishioners and to our community. We will be back!

Jean Crane  
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## ADOPT A FAMILY BIKES

St. Timothy's has a long proud tradition of Outreach. One ministry that began at St. Timothy's has expanded to include into the community and is supported by local businesses, Rotary, and Kiwanis.

Adopt a Family Bikes grew out of a need by Monument Crisis Center clients requesting bikes for Christmas. The bikes were for much needed transportation for children and adults alike. Helen Coleman was our first bike mechanic, tuning up 13 bikes the first year! Rand and Ryan Mahoney soon stepped in and have repaired thousands of bikes.

In its 15<sup>th</sup> season, the dedicated volunteers of Adopt a Family Bikes receive donations of used from the community. The bikes are cleaned, repaired, and safety checked before being distributed to local non-profits. The bikes are distributed to many of the organizations that St. Timothy's supports, but also to low-income schools, and two college programs for former foster care students, and those escaping incredible hardship. Over the past three years alone, over 860 bikes have been distributed each with a new helmet, and many with locks.

The location for the bike shop changes each year, depending on the generosity of the business community for space. This year the shop is at the old Richard's store in the Safeway Plaza in Alamo. The bike shop will be open on weekends starting in mid-November. "Like" our Facebook page "**Adopt-A-Family Bikes**" for more information about hours. Volunteers are needed, no experience necessary.

Two bike drives will be held at St. Timothy's Sunday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am. – 1pm. Encourage friends and neighbors to participate. For more information contact Tania Hanson-De Young at [Tania@grettafoundation.org](mailto:Tania@grettafoundation.org) or 925-876-0433.

## OUTREACH GRANTS

Each year St. Timothy's has its fundraiser for Outreach known as Fruits of the Harvest, or FOTH. The net proceeds from FOTH are combined with \$8700 from the church budget, and a small income from Amazon Smile and E-Scrip. This year there was \$61,400 to fund Outreach. Thank you to all of you that support St. Timothy's and FOTH! These monies are distributed to non-profits that have a St. Timothy's parishioner involved in the organization and acting as liaison. The exception is the last three organizations that are local faith programs.

An Outreach meeting was held Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and the following distribution of funds was approved. For more information on each of these organizations, go to the website at <http://sainttimothysdanville.org/serve-2/outreach-ministries/>

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Bay Area Crisis Nursery                   | \$4800        |
| Contra Costa Interfaith Housing           | \$5000        |
| Discovery Counseling                      | \$3000        |
| Global Aids Interfaith Alliance           | \$4500        |
| The Gretta Foundation                     | \$7000        |
| Habitat for Humanity                      | \$1000*       |
| Loaves and Fishes                         | \$6500        |
| Monument Crisis Center                    | \$6000        |
| Options Recovery Services                 | \$5000        |
| PFLAG                                     | \$ 400        |
| Respite Inn                               | \$1000        |
| Shelter Inc.                              | \$5000        |
| Stop Hunger Now                           | \$2000*       |
| Trinity Center                            | \$7500        |
| <br>                                      |               |
| Church Divinity School of the Pacific     | \$ 900        |
| Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County | \$ 900        |
| School for Deacons                        | <u>\$ 900</u> |
|   | \$61,400      |

\* Money set aside for programs involving parishioner participation in 2017





## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES for MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER CLIENTS**

Christmas is a hard time – especially for families living in the Bay Area where the adults in the family must work more than one job to pay the rent and utilities and buy groceries. Monument Crisis Center and the churches and charities in Contra Costa County try to make the holiday season a bit brighter by giving the Center clients extra food for the holiday season. Last year the families at St Timothy’s contributed over 215 boxes of food – each designed to feed a family of 5 for about a week.

**Please join us in this effort this year by signing up to fill one or more boxes or have volunteers fill boxes for you!**

Volunteers will have sign-up sheets, boxes and food lists at church after each Sunday service in November. They can answer all your questions and give you schedule details.

### **SCHEDULE:**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, 27                        | Sign up parishioners after church       |
| Saturday, November 26                                  | Fill My Box at the Safeway in Alamo     |
| Sun. Nov. 27, Wed–Fri, Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 (4:00–7:00 pm) | Receive boxes – Parish Hall             |
| <b>Saturday, December 3 – 8:30 – 10:30 am</b>          | <b>Receive boxes – Parish Hall</b>      |
| <b>Saturday, December 3 – 10:30 – 11:00 am</b>         | <b>Load UPS truck and deliver boxes</b> |

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Sign up to fill one or more boxes or to have us shop and fill your box for you (limit 100).

Donate to purchase the boxes and extra food cards

Volunteer to help with “Fill My Box” on Saturday morning, November 25

Volunteer to help load the UPS truck our boxes to Monument Crisis Center on December 3

Who do I call/email?

Sally Shea Potts, 925-691-9294, 925-785-9823, [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com)

## **THURSDAY WRITING GROUP**

It is so easy. I have been part of a group meeting at **St. Timothy's 9:30-11:00 AM every Thursday**. Each person shares a little of what they have written about their life. Don't think in terms of big chapters but paragraphs or vignettes. I invite you to visit with the group, sit in or listen and enjoy what goes on. It costs nothing and it is fun.

If you would like to know more, talk with Maurice Turner between the 9:00 & 11:00 AM services or give him a call at 925-462-5124.

## **167TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA PASSES RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE VOTING FOR PROPOSITION 62 AND 63:**

On Oct 14-15, the 167th Convention of the Diocese of California was held at [Grace Cathedral](#), San Francisco. The diocese was honored to be joined by the Bishop of Cuba, the Right Reverend Griselda Delgado del Carpio. She and Bishop Marc Andrus presided at the opening Eucharist where they were joined by Latinx ministries and youth from around the diocese. The next day when called to order, the 167th Convention passed all six resolutions on the agenda. By passing these resolutions, the diocese has encouraged all Episcopalians in California to vote for Proposition 62, Proposition 63, and for House Resolution 3226 in the upcoming election this November to repeal the death penalty, reduce gun violence, and have greater transparency in the business supply chain to reduce human trafficking, respectively. The Secretary of Convention will inform the state and federal legislators of the diocese of the passing of Resolution 3, Reducing Gun Violence.

### **THE COLLECT FOR AN INTERIM TIME**

God of compassion guide us, the people, ministers and leaders of Saint Timothy's in this interim period so that our labors may yield grace, growth in spirit, humility and discernment as we approach the call of a new rector and seek a new music director. We thank you for the many selfless acts of our parishioners, staff and ministers in making this time of change a period of meaningful and continued service. **Amen.**

## **CONTACT US**

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### **Intercessory Prayer**

Confidential prayer requests can be sent to our prayer team at:  
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