



Tidings

March 2017

The newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

SACRED END OF LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Give yourself the gift of peace of mind and join us for this free workshop exploring the practicalities associated with end of life planning and face the future with confidence.

You will receive the information you need to begin the conversation about topics ranging from wills, trusts, probate, estate tax, powers of attorney, advance care directives and charitable giving. Topics such as hospice, elder abuse, as well as essential practical matters such as planning and arranging a funeral and cremation/columbarium will help you explore your preferences and avoid uncertainty. Get your questions ready and join us for this critical workshop. Everyone is welcome! A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

When: Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Overby Conference Room **Cost:** Free

RSVP: Lisa Perry, Lisa@PMCAApp.com, 925.785.8015, with your contact information and special dietary or accessibility needs.

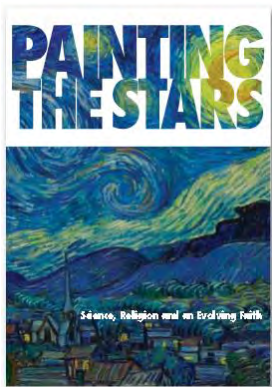
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent on **Fridays at 12:00 noon** (please note time change). March 10; 17; 24; 31; and April 7. We will walk the Stations of the Cross as traditionally done at St Timothy's. Meet at the entrance of the Labyrinth and bring an umbrella, if it's raining.



The Soul's Journey; Reflections on the Stations of the Cross. This is a Brown Bag Lunch Series after we walk the Stations of the Cross. We will use Kathrin Burleson's book, "The Soul's Journey" to reflect more deeply on Christ's Passion. Bring a lunch and meet in Overby Library immediately following Stations of the Cross. Contact for both: Gloria Rousseau, gkrous@me.com

PAINTING THE STARS



Save Wednesday evenings beginning March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 for our engaging DVD and discussion series about the accelerating convergence of science, religion and our evolving faith. Uplifting and positive information in these chaotic times!

It's easy to sign up --- just email Shelley, Alison, or Jean and write, "Count me in!"

"Without a felt sense of being one with the creative process that is ceaselessly animating life, the conversation will remain objective and academic". Bruce Sanguin, *"If Darwin Prayed"*

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THE LENTEN LECTIONARY IS HERE!

Please pick up your copy at church on Sunday or in the church office (Save paper! the pdf version is [HERE](#))
. And thank you again to our wonderful authors who made this Lectionary the best yet.
Helen Coleman

BOOK CLUB NEWS.

Please come and join us on Sunday, March 19th in Grace House Library at 12:30. We'll be discussing *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. This novel is about a Chinese American family living in 1970's small-town Ohio. A gripping and sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives to understand one another. We hope you will join our lively group! For information contact Carol Lane: thefourthlane@aol.com

FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH) MOVIE NIGHT

STAR WARS ...A NEW HOPE

Friday, April 7

Movie begins at 6:30

GRACE HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM

It's been 40 years since the first Star Wars movie came out. If you need a refresher, or if you never saw the movie, here's your chance to get into the spirit of our 20th Fruits of the Harvest, fundraiser for all Outreach theme. We are concentrating on the first Star Wars Trilogy movies, numbers 4, 5, and 6.

Come see the first movie that started the series of Star Wars movies (there are now 8 with a 9th movie to be released soon) with all the early beloved characters: Princes Leia, Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Obi-Wan Kanobi, Chewbacca, Darth Vader, Storm Troopers, R2D2, C3PO, and many others. You might even figure out what you'll wear to the FOTH auction.

We'll have pizza brought in at 6:00 p.m. A small donation toward the pizza would be appreciated. Please bring a salad or fruit or simple dessert and your favorite beverage, and let's go back in time to experience the **FORCE** and the **DARK SIDE**.

You'll have to check your light saber at the door. Wookies (children) will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent Droid. Everyone is welcome.

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A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

In the next few weeks we will be installing additional art related to Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter and could use extra hands and whatever time you can give to make all this happen. An extra 2 people to assist with ladders, dropping and prepping banners for storage, installing additional banners and closing up would be most helpful. Could you help on any of the following days?

- Saturday April 8 – Help install palms for Palm Sunday around 10am
- Sunday April 9 – After all services around 12:30pm, remove palms and assist in hanging Crown of Thorns banner for Holy Week
- Saturday April 15 – 10:30am Assist in installing Easter installation (banners and flowers)

Contact Dick or Leslie Firth (925) 314-3044 or Charlie and Kathy Wills (925) 837-6184

BOOK CART RETIREMENT

After rolling out the Book Cart during the coffee hour since 2008 we will be taking a sabbatical for a while to regroup and refresh ourselves.

As you know, we have been selling new and used books with the proceeds going to our outreach charity, the Pay It Forward Reading Enrichment Program at Shepherd's Gate in Livermore. Since we have been supporting this project there is now an in house library established for the women and children who reside there and their book club program continuing as well.

Many thanks to all of the Book Cart volunteers who have hung in there for all these years! Our gratitude also to all of you who purchased books from us and gave us encouragement along the way - we are grateful to have had this opportunity to be God's Hands through this endeavor.

Mae Warren

TINY TICKETS

Here is your opportunity to rid yourself of those pesky left over BART Tickets. So check your chest of drawers, coat/suit pockets, and purses, because those Tiny Tickets have BIG value for our friends, the clients at Trinity Center, Option Recovery Services and Monument Crisis Center. Tiny Tickets give them rides on BART to appointments, job interviews and maybe even shopping.

How do you do this? Easy Peasy! Look for the small wood box on the side of the traveling God's Hands Bulletin Board, and deposit.

Thanks in advance for your donation.

Patti Farris
Your Tiny Ticket Agent

IMMERSION TRIPS



MIDDLE SCHOOL IMMERSION TRIP TO BERKELEY

JUNE 26-30 AT ALL SOUL'S BERKELEY

We return to All Souls Episcopal Parish in Berkeley for the Middle School Trip. Youth who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade are encouraged to participate. We will do day immersion trips around the Bay Area and engage in social justice programs. Cost is \$150 which includes food, travel and lodging. Contact Sharyn Mitzo with questions and registration. 925-820-3378 or spearzo@pacbell.net

GOD SQUAD HIGH SCHOOL IMMERSION TRIP

JULY 30 – August 8

Join the youth (grades 9-12) from Christ Church Alameda, Church of the Resurrection Pleasant Hill, St. Paul's Walnut Creek and St. Stephen's Orinda as we travel to the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia.

The annual summer mission trip offers a hands on opportunity to provide service to others and grow in deep fellowship with one another. Please register and submit your \$250 deposit soon.

To register or ask questions about cost, fundraising, travel or anything else you need to know contact Mike Oliver, moliver@municipalresourcegroup.com or Joann Oliver, joannmarieoliver@gmail.com.



Sign-Up for Vacation Bible School Now!

**July 24-28, 2017
The Water of Life!!**

Pre-school (4 year olds)	Monday – Friday	9:00 am to 12 noon	\$90.00
K to 5 th Grade	Monday – Thursday Friday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	\$130.00

We are excited to be working with the Team Counselors from Mount Cross Camp, Santa Cruz!

Counselors will decorate and train and prepare on Thursday and Friday July 20-21!

Call the Church office to register or email Rev. Susan at Geissler-O'Neil
sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org.

We need volunteers and counselors too! Call the office (925) 837-4993 x110

FROM THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



23 applications received for Rector as of the February 17th closing period.

- Diverse inclusive pool of women, people of color, ages 36-62, and several same sex partners.
- 16 of 23 candidates have rector, vicar or interim rector experience.
- 9 candidates are from states outside California.
- 7 are from the Diocese of California two others from elsewhere in California.

The next steps by the Search Committee:

1. YES, MAYBE, NO. The Search Committee will review the credentials of each candidate individually then meet as a group to discuss them and by consensus sort them into three groups:

- a. **"Yes"** this person is well qualified and we want to talk with them.
- b. **"Maybe"** these candidates are interesting but not as strong as the yes group---but let's pray about them more. We will discuss again the "maybe" candidates we've been praying over and by consensus put them in the yes or no group.
- c. **"No"** for those not as qualified or not sufficiently meeting the priorities or criteria that came out of our parish engagement process. We will thank these applicants for their interest but tell them we have decided not to move forward with their candidacy.

2. TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS. We will conduct telephone interview with all the yes group of candidates. We expect 9-15 phone interviews depending on how many candidates get to yes.

3. VISIT THE TOP CANDIDATES. We will narrow the field to 6-9 semi-finalists to visit based upon the telephone interviews, listening to sermons provided and due diligence background check discussion Denise Obando the DioCal Transition Minister conducts with her counterparts about each candidate. The interview visits will be done by teams of two search committee members.


4. THREE FINALISTS RECOMMENDED TO THE VESTRY. When the interviews are completed the search committee will pray over all the candidates and by consensus then narrow the field to three finalists to recommend to the Vestry. Our goal is to give the Vestry three equally well qualified candidates by April 24th.

5. VESTRY TO INTERVIEW FINALISTS AND CHOOSE RECTOR. The Vestry will meet with each finalist to find the candidate they believe best fits our parish needs. Bishop Marc Andrus must approve of the proposed rector before a call can be made. Upon approval the Vestry and the finalist must agree to terms and a schedule to start.

6. CAN WE MAKE A CALL BY PENTECOST? Rector Search Committee goal is enabling the Vestry to make a call by Pentecost (June 4th). That goal has worked well to keep us on schedule. But the goal is challenging because our timing runs up against Holy Week when the attention of the clergy candidates and congregation are focused on the promise of Easter. Making a call by Pentecost will be wonderful---getting it done right is more important---even if the schedule slips a little here at the end. We're trying to be diligent so pray for us that things go smoothly.

Dick Firth and Gary Hunt, Co-Chairs, for the Rector Search Committee

PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR


 Loving God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds and hearts of those who will work together to choose a rector for St. Timothy's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VESTRY - 2017

(Check <http://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/leadership/> for a current vestry list.
 One third of the vestry changes every year.)

Senior Warden	Mike Oliver	moliver@municipalresourcegroup.com Cell: 510—915-4376
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Adult Formation Commission	Lisa Perry	lisa@pmcapp.com 925-785-8015
Children & Youth Commission	Cathy Hager	cathager@comcast.net Cell: 925-984-6713
Communications Commission	Wally DeYoung	wallacedeyoung@comcast.net 925-933-7579
Fellowship	Jim Coleman	coleman_jd@pacbell.net 925-831-1728
Finance Commission	Ed Liggins	eliggins@pacbell.net 925-736-7966
Outreach Commission	Alison Fletcher	allisonsfletcher@gmail.com 925-997-0721
Pastoral Care Commission	Gary Hunt	ghunt94526@gmail.com 925-352-8548
Property Commission	Bob Carns	bob@carns.com Cell: 925-351-1151
Social Justice Commission	James Vila	jamesvila66@gmail.com 925-683-6317
Worship & Liturgy Commission	Jacque Chiavini	jchiavini@gmail.com 925 200-7733
Treasurer	Joe Cunningham	ilpjoe@gmail.com 925-831-3015
Vestry Clerk	Sally Shea Potts	sallyspotts@gmail.com 925-691-9294

ST TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

January and February 2017

The vestry met in Grace House on Tuesday, January 17, Saturday and Sunday, February 11-12, and Monday, February 20.

The following summarizes the several actions that were taken at these meetings

MOTIONS:

- Approved the submitted meeting minutes and commission reports.
- Approved carrying forward up to 25% of the unused income in 2016 for the budget in 2017
- Approved the proposed budget as modified at the meeting on January 17. The summary of the budget was published in the 2016 Annual Report distributed at the January 2017 Annual Meeting on Sunday, 29, 2017.
- Approved a bonus of \$1000 to Rev. Stacey Grossman
- Approved an expenditure of \$2000 from the Endowment Fund income for expenditures of the Endowment Committee in 2016 and 2017
- Approved the letter to perspective rectors created by the Rector Search committee
- Elected Bob Carns to be the Junior Warden for 2017
- Commissions and Vestry Commissioners for 2017: (new commissions and vestry members are marked with an asterisk):
 - Administration Matt Jones (new to this commission)
 - *Adult Formation *Lisa Perry
 - *Children & Youth Formation *Cathy Hagar
 - Communications Wally De Young
 - Fellowship Jim Coleman
 - Finance Ed Liggins
 - Outreach *Alison Fletcher
 - Pastoral Care *Gary Hunt
 - *Social Justice James Vila
 - Worship Jacque Chiavini
- Approved the formation of a committee headed by Gil Jardine to draft a Statement of Principles like that of St. Mark's Cathedral for St. Timothy's

OTHER ITEMS:

- We have received 23 Diocese approved applications for the position of rector of St. Timothy's. The Rector Search Committee is reviewing the applications, will do telephone interviews and will visit a subset of the applicants with a goal of recommending 3 people to the vestry for additional interviews.
- Vestry Commission heads summarized the activities of their commissions since the last vestry meeting. Commissions have a goal of submitting an updated Commission Charter by the March vestry meeting.
- Carleen Carns has agreed to assume the role of pledge secretary. She will track donations by church members using ConnectNow software.
- The vestry reviewed the goals for the next 6 months distributed by Rev. Stacey Grossman.
- The treasurer submitted a summary of the book-keeping changes that have been and are being implements.
- The treasurer stated that \$4000+ more was received in January than was expended and that a detailed report would follow.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next formal meeting is on Monday, March 13, 2017.

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

STAR WARS...

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

20th Annual Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH) Fundraiser for all Outreach Ministries

In a galaxy, far, far away, in 1997, Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church had a fundraiser to benefit Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota after a terrible flood. We hoped to raise \$2,000, but ended up sending them \$16,340. Since then, our church has raised over \$550,000 to benefit over 22 different beneficiaries on a local, national, and global level. We are now entering our 20th year of coming together to work and play to benefit organizations that do incredible work for those in need.

WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 4 p.m. on Parish premises.

WHAT: STAR WARS themed party with silent auction, Fund-A-Need, raffles, Wall of Wine, catered dinner and fun. We encourage you to dress as your favorite Star Wars character or come as the fabulous creature that you are.

Sunday, March 26th: We will make our public appearance in front of the church or in the parish hall and will roll out the Big Bulletin board with Volunteer sign-up sheets on one side, and Auction Donation sign-up sheets on the other side. We will have Auction Donation Forms and a Donor Solicitation Letters available for those who wish to obtain auction donations such as restaurant gift certificates, wine, raffle auction prizes, outings, dinners, and services from businesses. We will also have an FOTH website in late March where you will be able to charge your ticket, or make donations on-line.

Volunteers needed: We need everyone to get involved to help. This is a huge endeavor and it takes an army of volunteers to make it a success. This is a great way for newcomers to join in and get involved. Working with others on FOTH is a great way to get to know new people.

When the Outreach Commission had its allotment of \$25,000 cut from the parish budget two years ago due to the deficit, our parish was extremely generous in raising FOTH donations. We appreciate the reinstatement of almost \$10,000 back to Outreach which we will add to whatever FOTH raises and from that total, we will give grants to our beneficiaries in the late Fall.

Invitations to be sent in mid April: \$50 per person, early bird \$55 per person after May 8th
Scholarships available.

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Susan Cyr – Auction Chair, susanwcyr@comcast.net, 925.552.0335

THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH THIS ONE!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016 FROM STOP HUNGER NOW – NOW RISE AGAINST HUNGER



“With the help of more than 325,000 volunteers, we packaged and distributed more meals than ever before, hitting the 300 million meal mark in early December. We supported sustainable development projects around the globe that will enable entire communities to rise and break the cycle of poverty. We made real progress in our fight against hunger.

After Hurricane Matthew made landfall in October, Stop Hunger Now responded immediately by working with our in-country Impact Partners to distribute critical aid to communities impacted by this historic storm. In total, more than 22,170 people affected by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti have received 2,711,448 meals.

Stop Hunger Now teamed up with Kraft Heinz to launch the #HeinzSelfieForGood campaign in November to provide nutritious meals to people in need around the globe. When you take a selfie with a Selfie for Good bottle at participating restaurant locations through March 1, Kraft Heinz will make a donation in your honor to Stop Hunger Now.

On July 18, volunteers around the globe came together to #FollowtheSun and package millions of meals in honor of Mandela Day. Mandela Day is a global call to action to follow in Nelson Mandela's footsteps, and we were inspired to see thousands of people answer that call in South Africa, Malaysia, the Philippines and more.”

In January, 2017 Stop Hunger Now announced their name change. “Our new name and logo speak to our vision for the future, support our mission to create a global hunger movement, and reflect our continued growth and worldwide reach with a global brand identity. The need for this change arose because of our inability to register the trademark for Stop Hunger Now.”

The Outreach Committee plans to host a meal packing event in August or September 2017. Contact Joann Oliver, joannmarieoliver@gmail.com if you would like to help organize this event.

NEW GROUP TOURS GRACE CATHEDRAL

The New Episcopal Women (NEW) group from St. Timothy's church enjoyed a fun and easy trip to San Francisco on Saturday, February 4 to visit Grace Cathedral. After a relaxing bus ride from Danville to the city we tore ourselves away from the bright sunshine and glorious view from the cathedral steps to join Verger, Charles Shipley for our tour. Bishop Marc Andrus joined us in the Aids Interfaith Memorial Chapel and spent time with us discussing the history of the chapel and the cathedral. We gathered with him on the steps of the baptismal font to capture the happening in the picture below.



Verger Shipley regaled us with interesting facts and stories about the history of the cathedral, the stained-glass windows, the Chapel of Grace, their large collection of beautiful vestments and the personal touches in the building including a needle-point cushion in the choir stitched by our Gina Hodgson.



Following our tour, we enjoyed a box lunch in the chapter room and a leisurely ride back to Danville. To read more about Verger Charles Shipley, check out this article from the San Francisco Chronicle - <http://www.sfgate.com/entertainment/article/Grace-Cathedral-s-verger-keeps-services-on-track-2375012.php> .

You can join a live tour or guide yourself using the Grace Cathedral tour app. Go to <https://www.gracecathedral.org/plan-your-visit/> for information on both options.

Thank you to Roz Adekunle for arranging our day. It was great fun!

Sally Shea Potts

WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER

Thank You



Between February 13 and 27, our Parish Hall was home for the Winter Nights Shelter families. We provided a warm, safe home for 30 people during this wet cold weather, including 15 children ranging in age from eighteen months to fifteen years old and one very sweet nine year old Down's Syndrome child.

The shelter children played on the patio when the weather permitted and could run to their hearts content in the Youth Center when it was wet and cold outside. They also had great fun using the Wii game which Tania and Wally DeYoung setup in the Youth Center. Several of the adults enjoyed our beautiful labyrinth. Most of our families had 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. Our meal teams tried hard to make each meal special and it showed! We received appreciative thanks from our guests.

The families had some great successes during their stay at St. Timothy's. Working with Shelter, Inc., two families found housing while staying with us and will soon be moving to homes of their own and one mother of two interviewed and was hired for a nursing home job.

We also had several special moments. Rand and Ryan Mahoney surprised us when they brought the San Ramon Valley Fire District Communications Truck to the back parking lot. The kids got to go inside the truck, sit in the driver seat and give the air horn one loud blast! St. Timothy's middle and high school youth were especially awesome playing with the kids and making each of them feel welcome. We also need to do a special shout out for Jim and Helen Coleman who did four overnights and were willing to do more if needed!



For this ministry, members of St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim came 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



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