



Christmas at St. Timothy's



Christmas Eve

3 p.m. Holy Communion and Carols
with Children's Walk-On Pageant

5 p.m. Holy Communion and Carols
with Children's Walk-On Pageant

7:30 p.m. Christmas Music followed by
Holy Communion, Homily and Carols

Christmas Day

10 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols

New Year's Day

one service only today

10 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

December 15, 2016

St. Timothy's Welcomes Interim Associate Rector, the Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the arrival of Rev. Susan as our newest clergy member, filling the Interim Associate Rector role. As the Assisting Priest at St. Clare's in her home town of Pleasanton for the past 20 years, Rev. Susan has regularly administered full pastoral functions. Her experience in initiating and leading Christian formation programs for youth, and her commitment to pastoral care, make the Rev. Susan uniquely suited to help move us forward in our mission and ministry. She will join us beginning on Monday, Dec. 19th.

If you'd like to learn more about The Rev. Susan, she has agreed to share with you the letter that she wrote to Rev. Stacey in response to our call for an Associate Rector.

Wally DeYoung
Communications Commissioner, St. Timothy's Vestry

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANTS

Saturday, December 24 at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm

"We are looking for readers and people to participate and in the Christmas Eve Pageants at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Specific parts include Joseph, Mary, Gabriel, innkeepers, and narrators. We also need parents to help make sure our participants are able to tell the story. There will be a practice on Saturday December 17th at 10:00 for those in the 3:00 service and 11:00 am for those in the 5:00 service. If you would like to be a part of this please contact Cathy Hager at cathager@comcast.net or by phone at 925-875-1471. Let me know which service and how you would like to participate.



Also, we invite all the children to come and be angels or shepherds for the services if you don't want a speaking a part.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Come join us in Grace House after the 9:00 service on Sunday, December 18 (10:10 to 10:55) for a lively discussion of Fr. Richard Rohr's thoughts about his meditations for Advent as well as supportive and related ideas moderated by Matt Jones. Perhaps we'll discover a deeper way of approaching Christmas.

Come join the "Divine Dance" of contemplation, compassion and community spirit.

Jean Crane, Mjeancrane88@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Part of our joy at celebrating Christmas is to see the liturgical art and floral displays in the sanctuary. Our traditional Christmas flowers are poinsettias, and if you wish to donate money toward their cost, beginning this week envelopes will be available in the narthex and parish office. The donations may be made in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. In order to have your occasion or loved one mentioned in the bulletin, the donations will need to be in the office (given to Bea or put in the offering plate) **by December 19**.

Thank you for considering this way to remember special times or people, and to help beautify the church at Christmas.

COUNTERS NEEDED

We have two counter opportunities that are available. In case the term "counter" is not familiar, it is a person that counts money from services and other activities. Money is always counted by two people so it is not a sole responsibility of anyone person. Counting is generally done on Sunday after the last service and each counter works only one day a month. It doesn't take long, but accuracy is of great importance. If you are interested, please consider in serving in this capacity. Thanks for giving this some thought.

Joe Cunningham

Treasurer@SaintTimothysDanville.org

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2017-2018
New Student

PARISH MEMBER REGISTRATION

January 9-13, 2017

Please pick-up enrollment form in the preschool office between 8 and 12 noon, Monday through Friday or download from the church website, www.sainttimothysdanville.org, Noah's Ark link which can be found under the "youth" tab. Return completed form to the preschool office by noon on Friday, January 13. If you would like to do a tour, please call the preschool at 362-8565. Tours are done on Tuesday and Friday at 9 am.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON ST. TIMOTHY'S VESTRY

At the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting we will be electing 4 members to serve 3 year terms on the Vestry. If you are not familiar with the "Vestry" it is the governing body of the parish. It is crucial to parish life that we have a group of dedicated parishioners if we are to accomplish our task of providing the governance and leadership the parish expects. Diversity is also an important element for the Vestry needs, to the extent possible, to represent what we know is a diverse parish.

This year is an especially important year in the life of our parish. While the Rector Search Committee puts together the profile of the parish and conducts the interviews that lead to the selection of finalists, it is the Vestry who actually makes the final decision of the new Rector in consultation with, and the approval of the Bishop.

Please give prayerful consideration to this important position within the parish. Feel free to talk to any Vestry member about what being a part of the Vestry entails. Please also watch or listen for the Sunday Forum after the holidays on the responsibilities of the position as well as the satisfaction. Applications can be found [HERE](#)

Applications are due by January 6th 2017. Each applicant is also requested to write a brief biography which will be shared with the parish, which is due with the application. Send all materials to Bob Carns bob@carns.com.

Senior Warden,

Mike Oliver

Junior Warden

Bob Carns

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

The vestry met in Grace House on Monday, November 14, at 6:00 pm.

Summary

- The Rector's Search committee presented the Executive Summary of the parish and the answers to the 12 Office of Transition Ministry questions for forwarding to the bishop for approval.
- Ed Liggins – Finance Commission and Stewardship chair- gave an update on the pledges received to date. The pledge total to date is not enough to fund the projected 2017 budget.
- The church website update is proceeding. The rollout is planned for December 2, 2016.
- The several vestry commissioners have received the report for the section(s) of the budget for which they have responsibility and instructions on how to submit their proposed budget request for 2017.
- Reverend Stacey distributed a handout on past, present and projected youth and children's activities.
- The revised job description for the part-time interim associate rector was discussed.

MOTIONS:

- Approve website financing proposal (approved via email between vestry meetings).
- Approve 2017 employee benefits - 4 motions - (approved via email between vestry meetings).
- Approve the Rector Search Committee Executive Summary and answers to the 12 OTM questions

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next formal meeting is on Monday, December 12, 2016. 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

GET TO KNOW...

A Tidings Feature Spotighting a Fellow Parishioner

This parishioner's relationship with St. Tim's spans from baptism, to confirmation, to VBS camper (then later as a head counselor!), to their current membership in the Rector Search Committee. You may have seen them on stage as they have performed in several of our musicals, hosting our guests during Winter Nights Shelter, on the altar as an acolyte for many years. This avid athlete could give you a run for your money on the track, at tennis or basketball – or exhibit their awesome artistic skills.

Have you guessed who this parishioner is? Turn to page 7 to find out!

LITURGICAL ART FOR ADVENT AND EPIPHANY 2016

Help needed to install the Epiphany Liturgical Art on Dec. 23rd!

Please contact Leslie Firth if you can give us a helping hand for about two hours in the morning on Friday, the 23rd. We need about two volunteers. No artistic talent is needed, only patience and ability to follow directions.

lesliefirth@comcast.net 925.683.7868

The Advent Banner that you see hanging above the altar during this season is a contemporary art piece in the colors of Advent. It is a dark piece meant to evoke feelings of restlessness, inner reflection, preparation of the self, and the sense that something is coming. You see at the top a suggestion of light, perhaps a star that will lead the way to something of great importance.

On Epiphany you will see the glittering exploding star hanging high above the altar. It leaves no doubt that one of the most significant events in our lives has occurred. We are receiving the light of Christ with all the wonder, glory and love that one can imagine.

Kathy Wills and I hope that these works of art will enhance your experience of worship during this holy season.

-Leslie Firth

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS - LET'S COVER 2017!

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 2017!

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 signup online go to the St. Timothy's website for links. The link is located under the Sharing tab on the new website. Sign-ups and instructions are also available in the Parish Hall. Contact: Joann Oliver 362-4805, joannmarieoliver@gmail.com.

RETIRING ... YES, YOU HEARD CORRECTLY!

After 20+ years as the volunteer Facility Manager for St. Timothy's, Bev Matsunaga has decided to retire. Her official retirement date will be January 13th, 2017. Bev's commitment to diligently working quietly behind the scenes to ensure our St. Timothy's campus was appropriately cared for is second to none. She has served us well and will truly be missed!



We will honor Bev for her contributions at a special coffee hour on January 15th. Please come and join us and extend your good wishes to Bev for a job well done.

GOD'S HANDS - SPREAD THE WARMTH

- until Jan. 1st

Thank you for donating and spreading the warmth. So far we have collected 106 pairs of warm socks, 7 hats, 2 scarves, and 5 pairs of gloves. We are going ahead and taking what we have collected so far to Trinity Center and to Loaves & Fishes because these items are needed now. We are still collecting desperately needed new socks for these two organizations that help people in need. We are also gathering warm hats, scarves, mittens, and small hotel toiletries. Collection boxes will be in the parish hall and in the entry to Grace House.

Contact: Leslie Firth - lesliefirth@comcast.net, or Steve Mason - stevemason200@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB NEWS



Book Club News. St. Timothy's Book Club will take a break in December, but we will be back on Sunday, January 15 where we will discuss Ann Patchett's new novel, *Commonwealth*. An enthralling story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives, *Commonwealth* is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together. Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, *Commonwealth* is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation and the ownership of stories. We hope you will join us on January 15th. For questions about Book Club or the current selection, please contact Carol Lane: thefourthlane@aol.com

THE NEW (New Episcopal Women) group is hosting a

TOUR OF GRACE CATHEDRAL

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017

Location: St Timothy's

Time: 8:30am- 3:00pm (approx)

The cost will be \$30 which includes pick up at Saint Timothy's, tour and lunch at Grace Cathedral and return to Saint Timothy's.

We will be taking sign-ups and payments after each service or coffee hour starting December 11, 2016 .

If you are unable to pay at St Timothy's contact Roz Adekunle Home: 925-803-6959 Cell: 925-577-6435 to make payment pick up arrangements. God bless!

**WE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME! SEATING IS LIMITED TO (30)
PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY ASAP!!!**

Christmas Food Boxes -2016



This parish knows how to pull together to help our neighbors! On Saturday, December 3rd we delivered over 200 boxes of food to Monument Crisis Center in Concord. Each box along with a \$20 grocery certificate is enough food to feed a family of 5 for about a week. This delivery was the result of many people doing their part to make the project happen!

- Volunteers of all ages packed 110 food boxes at Safeway in Alamo. John and Shelley Wells masterfully managed this part of the project.
- Alamo Safeway ordered enough food for our boxes and let us use their conference room to fill boxes. (Tell them **THANK YOU** the next time you shop there!)
- Another 90+ boxes were filled with food by parish and Noah's Ark families.
- More than 15 volunteers helped sign up sponsor families on Sundays.
- Volunteers received boxes starting on Sunday, November 27th and decorated boxes with donated Christmas cards.
- Boy Scouts from Troop #36 (coordinated by Spencer Fulweiler) and other volunteers loaded all our boxes into a UPS truck borrowed by Donna Fernandez who attends St. Timothy's and delivered them to Monument Crisis Center. She even recruited other drivers to help us!
- Shelley and John Henry Wells were our liaison with Safeway in Alamo.
- Tania Hansen DeYoung found a truck to transport our boxes from Safeway to the church.
- Jim Coleman took pictures.
- Home Depot in Concord gave us a discount on the boxes.
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I could go on listing the many names of people who help with this effort.

The staff and clients of Monument Crisis Center and I send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this project so successful and FUN! **WELL DONE.**

The address and Tax ID for Monument Crisis Center are on the food list. Please let me know if you need a receipt for your tax records.

Sally Shea Potts, sallyspotts@gmail.com



This Month's "**Get To Know**" Parishioner, Claire Keeshen

FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL

Thank you all for making the Fair-Trade Festival a true success. The craftsmen of many countries will be blessed with the monetary empowerment of this grass-roots effort. The Festival was able to raise:

1036 Serrv international (Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Ecuador, Guatemala)
105 West Bank
692 Peru
531 Africa
794 Haiti
402 Justice & Peace towards helping refugee children from South America

Special thanks to Sara Bassotti, Diane Carpenter, Jutta Herrick, Helen Coleman, Roz Adekunle, Jo Ann Oliver, Cathy Hagar, Sally Potts, Barbara Wander, The Rev. Davidson Bidwell-Waite for all the work that goes in to this event.

~ Mary Louise Gotthold and Greer Ryall

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