

## FROM YOUR RECTOR:

Greetings my friends,

I am so glad to be at St. Timothy's! Welcome Home Sunday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, was holy (and fun). The congregation showed up with heart, mind and soul to worship Jesus. Also, I met so many of you who welcomed me with open arms. I am grateful to be your pastor.

There are some special notes about Welcome Home Sunday. Darita's musical leadership was excellent. Susan's children's sermon about "sharpening your pencil" actually made me gasp with insight. The vestry worked so hard to get ready for Sunday and all the ministry leaders pulled together a wonderful ministry fair. I don't have everything figured out, but I'm feeling pretty grounded and very ready to continue meaningful ministry with you.



### Get to know the Rector

As many of you know, I have called everyone in the directory. There have been many sweet and kind conversations that have come out of these calls. Thank you for your warm wishes on my first Sunday. Also, some of you gave me contact info, because you didn't get a call. Thank you! Your ministry volunteers and administration staff are making those directory updates.

*Confusion about foyer groups* - My phone invitation to meet in people's homes for get-to-know-the-rector socials is *not* meant to supplant any ministry. I ask you to pray for all hospitality ministries and continued great leadership in foyer groups and anything that brings us closer as a Christian body. It is going to be wonderful to spend the next several months in people's homes which will spawn new connections and new fellowship for our community. Once these thirteen gatherings have happened, they will not continue, so join a foyer group after that!

Your hospitality ministry team is working on a schedule for these super informal get-to-know-the-rector socials. I want to hear your hopes and dreams for your family and for your St Timothy's family. My vision will percolate into these conversations too. Sometime by the end of the month, we will have a solid schedule and sign-up list that will be posted everywhere including "sign-up genius". There will be paper and online sign-ups so that you can pick a time to come to one of these homes. Please join me.

### Outreach and Justice

I am participating in the "sanctuary discussion" both at the parish level as well as the "deanery" level (the Contra Costa deanery is the group of local Episcopal clergy and parish representatives). I have read the diocesan information and look forward to discovering how God is leading us in this area. I will continue to take a deep dive in all our ministries. This will take a while to get the full breadth of ministry, because we do so many good things.

We have a great year ahead of us, so let's go!

Pastor Todd

## **RECTOR UPDATE ABOUT HARVEY AND HOUSTON**

*Originally an email blast from August 29, 2017*

*Hello St. Tim friends,*

*Many of you have asked how I am doing in light of Harvey. Short answer - not good. Kimberly and I are up most nights talking with friends and watching bayou levels.*

*Almost all of my friends and family are suffering under loss and anxiety. I love being at St. Timothy's, AND am sick that I can't be in Houston to help. I want to share with you an image from Facebook. It might give perspective on Houston for non-Texans*

*I ask your prayers for families that my kids grew up with, for elderly parishioners who had to be evacuated in boats, and families from all over the world who call Houston and the Episcopal Church home. Houston, next to Los Angeles, is one of the most diverse cities in the world. Please pray that goodness and mercy will follow the people of Houston all of their days. It is a wonderful place.*



*On a broader note, my much loved and respected former Bishop in the Diocese of Texas - The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle has written to tell people how to help Houston and the Diocese of Texas.*

*Take a read,  
Pastor Todd*

*From Andy Doyle August 28, 2017*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I continue to give thanks for all those around the world who are praying for South Texas and for this Diocese. It is of great comfort to us to know that we are connected to and supported by the larger Body of Christ.

As we move into the next days, many are beginning to ask how to help. The city is a mess, there is more to come, and there are advisories against venturing out onto the roads. Managing water levels in dams and levees is an unfolding issue. Flooding will continue to worsen in some areas. The Diocese expects to be hit on the east side again as Harvey moves back into the Gulf and advances into Houston. We do not want to jeopardize life, so until further updates, here is what you can do:

How everyone can help:

1. BE SAFE AND DONATE. Give funds to EDOT <http://www.epicenter.org/harvey/> or to Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response> and Diocesan staff have already begun to help coordinate relief efforts.
2. Pray for all who are in harm's way, all responders, all who are displaced, all who have suffered catastrophic loss.

Once the waters have receded:

1. We will coordinate relief efforts and get them going as soon as it is safe, working collaboratively with our congregations.
2. Diocesan resources will be available for follow-up with churches whose buildings have been damaged.

We are focused at this time on the immediate crisis. We are, however, committed to coordinating a response for the long term - this is a marathon, not a race. Many additional needs will be identified over the days and weeks to come. As many of us return to our regular routines, we will keep those who don't have that luxury in view through our prayers and service.

Sincerely,



Bishop of the Diocese of Texas (Houston, Austin, Tyler, Waco and Galveston)



### **LOU PLUMMER**

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Louis Plummer on August 27, 2017.

We will have a service on Saturday September 16 at 2:30 pm.

Please join St. Timothy's in prayer for his family and for all who loved him.

***May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

### **CONFIRMATION**



“Are you interested in Confirmation and learning more about your faith.” We are in the process of setting up class and planning for confirmation. We would like to plan incorporating the schedules of our young people. Please contact Pastor Susan [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org) if you are interested in learning more. There will be a brief meeting Sunday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> in the Sunday School room following the 9:00 service.

## **GET-TO-KNOW-THE RECTOR GATHERINGS**

We are looking for homes to host meet and greet, pot luck, buffet style events for between 10-15 people. The "visit and graze" event is to feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments suitable for small plates and conversation amongst the guests and Pastor Todd. The hosts will select the number of guests that they wish to entertain. If you are the hostess with the mostest, you can decide the food and logistics!

The Bryant's preference is to **not** have these events on Friday and Saturday so give me some dates and times that work for you and we will make the schedule work for as many people as possible. We have 14 hosts so far. The hope is to recruit enough hosts and times that everyone will have a chance to meet Pastor Todd at one of these events before the end of October. Signups are coming soon and, when they are ready, will be available during the coffee hours after the 7:30 am and 9:00 am services and available at 11. If you would like to sign up for hosting please call Jim Coleman 925-997-9528 or email [coleman\\_jd@pacbell.net](mailto:coleman_jd@pacbell.net)

## **TEACHING – ADULT EDUCATION**

After Labor Day, starting Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, I want to begin an adult teaching series on the book of Acts found in the New Testament. This teaching time will be after the 9 AM service. Realistically, I think the class will be about 30 minutes - roughly 10:15am to 10:45am. We are working out the details, but it will be in the Overby Conference Room. I really enjoy teaching, and think it's a critical part of formation as a follower of Jesus. So come and check it out. Bring your heart and head into the mix. Also, I am very interested in working with our leaders about Sunday School, but I don't have details and a sense of volunteers just yet, so let me fill you in later as I get a lay of the land.

Pastor Todd Bryant [rector@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:rector@sainttimothysdanville.org)

### **Adult education Basic schedule through October**

**September 17:** introduction to Acts and overview.

**September 24:** more overview and Acts 1 - the ascension

**October 1:** Acts 2 - Pentecost and Jewish roots & more 10,000 foot views

**October 8:** Acts 3 - Peters gets his groove

**October 15:** Acts 4 - persecution and the beginning of the hippie commune

**October 22:** things get weird in Haight-Ashbury

**October 29:** Covenant Sunday - no adult Ed

If you want to get ahead in the class here's some great videos to prep you. We will watch some in class

One of my favorite resources is called the Bible project and they do overviews of themes and biblical texts

Bible project - Acts 1-12 - about eight minutes <https://youtu.be/CGbNw855ksw>

Bible project - Acts 13-28- also around eight minutes <https://youtu.be/Z-17KxpiL0Q>

The whole book of Acts in 3 mins from a non-denominational church <https://youtu.be/Z-17KxpiL0Q>

## **DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?**

We will be setting up classes to learn more about our faith and the Episcopal Church and will have more details later in the fall.

## **THANK YOU MANVITA**

We would like to thank Manvita Paruchi for the love she gave to our children as our Childcare Provider in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. Manvita will still be with us during the week, working in Noah's Ark Preschool and sharing her giving presence with all our preschool children. She plans to continue her education in Childcare Development. Thank you Manvita!

Do you know someone who might be interested in working with our nursery age children during our Sunday services? Please contact Pastor Todd [rector@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:rector@sainttimothysdanville.org).

## **DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?**

Have you ever wanted to play it in church? We would love you to share your gifts for either a musical offering or even a prelude.

Contact Pastor Todd Bryant [rector@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:rector@sainttimothysdanville.org) or Mr. Darita Seth [dmseth@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:dmseth@sainttimothysdanville.org)

## **YOUR LIFE STORY....**

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. We will meet again on September 7! If you would like to know more please stop by, talk with Maurice Turner [friartuck72@comcast.net](mailto:friartuck72@comcast.net) or give him a call at 925-462-5124.

## **NEW EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S GROUP**

NEW group meeting on: Wednesday, September 13

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Grace House Library

Contact Roz Adekunle 925-577-6435 or [aderozy@gmail.com](mailto:aderozy@gmail.com).

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Monday Noon Bible Study resumes on September 11, 2017. Join us for a lively, informal and informative opportunity to study scripture with a focus on historical perspective and applicability to contemporary living. Our brown-bag luncheon sessions are held from noon to 1:15 at the Grace House Conference Room! This fall we will start with a study of The Psalms as a source of inspiration, guidance and meditative prayer followed by a review of the non-canonical (pseudo apocryphal) writings about Jesus that were so pervasive in the three centuries after Jesus' crucifixion-- striving to separate the wheat from the chaff. For more information please contact Gil Jardine [gil@leadercompetency.com](mailto:gil@leadercompetency.com) or at 925-365-1171. All are welcome!

## **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**

Education for Ministry (“EFM”) will begin the 2017-2018 program year in September. EFM is a program offered by the Episcopal Church which is designed to assist in the discernment of God’s unique call to you. You are invited to join with us in the exploration of the Older and Newer Testaments, the history of Christianity, ethics, theology and interfaith encounters. This is a powerful program designed around study, discussion and faith sharing in a safe and nurturing environment. We meet on Monday evenings in the Grace House Library from 6:45 to 9:15pm. For more information please contact Lisa Perry 925-785-8015 or [Formation@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:Formation@SaintTimothysDanville.org).

## **ST TIMOTHY’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 2017**

The vestry met in Grace House on Tuesday, August 22.

**VESTRY MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE:** The vestry voted to change their meeting schedule to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19.

The treasurer and the vestry discussed the income and expenditures through the end of July. The treasurer presented revised budget estimates based on the actual months paying the interim rector, the new rector and the associate rector. Income come is running ahead of the estimates from January and the current expectation is that the year will end with a deficit of approximately \$2000.

The Finance Committee updated the vestry on the changes they are making to the parish reserve funds as follows:

- Retain enough funds in the local Money Market account to cover operations for 2 quarters
- Move the rest of the funds in the local Money Market account to accounts in Schwab where they will earn a better return.
- Realign the funds the church's TDAmeritrade account to different investments that should yield a higher return than the current funds with only a slight increase in risk.

Pastor Todd thanked the vestry for the warm welcome to his family and briefly discussed possibilities for future vestry meetings.

### **MOTIONS:**

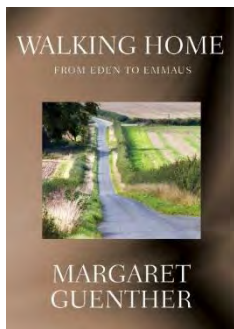
- Elect Darrel and Susan Klingman chairs of the Endowment Committee.
- Recommend that the property commission work with the finance commission and Pastor Todd on a possible property reserve study be done perhaps using the estimates solicited by the Finance Committee.
- Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings.

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 BOOK GROUP**

**Sunday, September 17, 12:30 pm - Overby Library**



Are you looking for a book that you can read in short doses and doesn't require remembering obscure characters and plot details? Pick up from a book store or Amazon and read all or just a little of "***Walking Home: From Eden to Emmaus***" by Margaret Guenther. Then come join the St. Timothy's Book Group at 12:30 pm on Sunday, September 17 in the Overby Library where we will munch on snacks and discuss our favorite (and perhaps least favorite) parts of the book. The chapters in Margaret Guenther's book have frequently reminded me of some of the wonderful meditations we have done with the Reverend Martha Kuhlmann during Womens Retreats. I found myself highlighting paragraphs so I could go back and find them again to share.

Rev. Guenther describes her book better than I can in the introduction: *"So this book is a series of reflections about different "walking stories" in Scripture, beginning with the expulsion from Eden. ... Traveling the road can be tough. If we walk the walk, our feet will get dirty, worn and blistered. Boots and shoes, sandals and sneakers, can protect and shield us. But the walk demands that we stand on solid ground, that we feel the earth beneath our feet, like Adam and Eve, when we go barefoot from the garden, ready to start a lifetime of walking.*

Sally Shea Potts

## **INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED VOCAL OCTET VOCES8**



Internationally renowned vocal octet VOCES8 will be making St. Timothy's Episcopal Church a stop on their North American tour in the fall of October 2017. Keeping with our Episcopal tradition, the ensemble will provide for us an Evensong service, and the next day host a large educational event on the St. Timothy's campus. This will be the biggest name to be featured on the Music at St. Timothy's Concert Series yet. You will not want to miss it!

"The singing of VOCES8 is impeccable in its quality of tone and balance. They bring a new dimension to the word 'ensemble' with meticulous timing and tuning." Gramophone

The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is now established as one of the world's most versatile and best-loved singing groups. Touring extensively throughout Europe, North America and Asia, the ensemble performs a repertory from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary commissions and arrangements.

Evensong with VOCES8

Monday, October 23 2017 – 7:30pm

VOCES8 Educational Outreach Event

With Castro Valley High School, Monte Vista High School, San Ramon Valley High School, & Mount Eden High School

Tuesday, October 24 2017 – 6pm

## **CONNECTNOW**

### **Overview and Instructions**

ConnectNow enables you to quickly and easily view and make changes to your own church records.

You can log in and perform any of the following tasks:

- Update your phone number(s) or address.
- Add a record for a new family member.
- View your personal giving history.
- Upload a family photo and individual photos of family members.

ConnectNow is also your source for contact information for other Saint Timothy's families, like phone numbers and addresses. The Pictorial Directory will help you match names to faces.

#### **How to Register for ConnectNow**

Enter the following address in your web browser:

<http://connectnow.logoscms.com/cn/Default.aspx>

(The ConnectNow welcome screen will be displayed; bookmark this location so you don't have to enter the URL again.)

On the welcome screen, click *New User?*

Enter your information on the form. Be sure to enter or select St. Timothy's for the organization.

When you have completed all the fields, click *Submit Registration*.

The system will send you an email containing your userid and temporary password.

#### **How to Use ConnectNow**

Launch the ConnectNow welcome page by clicking the bookmark you saved earlier or enter the URL into your web browser: <http://connectnow.logoscms.com/cn/Default.aspx>

Enter your userid and password. You will now be on the *My Own Church* page.

**To view contact information** for other Saint Timothy's families, click on *Pictorial Directory*.

**To review or update your family information**, click on *My Family*, then click on *Family Detail*. Click on *Edit Details* to make changes. Then click *Save*. Click *Close* to return to the *My Own Church* page.

**To review or update a family member's information**, click on the *Member Details* tab and select the member you wish to update. Click *Edit Details* to make changes, then click *Save*, then click *Close*.

**To review your offering**, on the *My Own Church* page, click the *My Offering* tab. Then click *Giving History*. It will default to the current year, but you can use the up or down arrows in the year box to select a different year.

Questions? Contact Carleen Carns [CarleenStTims@gmail.com](mailto:CarleenStTims@gmail.com)



## **Covenant Sunday October 29, 2017:**

Please, prayerfully consider your commitment to the stewardship campaign this year. Then join us for lunch as we celebrate the bounty of God's love and creation, and begin the next chapter in the life and legacy of St. Timothy's.

Ed Liggins

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

Last week's Diobytes newsletter from the Diocese of California included an article on VBS at Holy Cross in Castro Valley, where the Rev. Mark Spaulding is the rector. Eli Spaulding, his daughter was a critical part of that project. See the article here: <http://diocal.org/news/vacation-bible-school-holy-cross-castro-valley>.

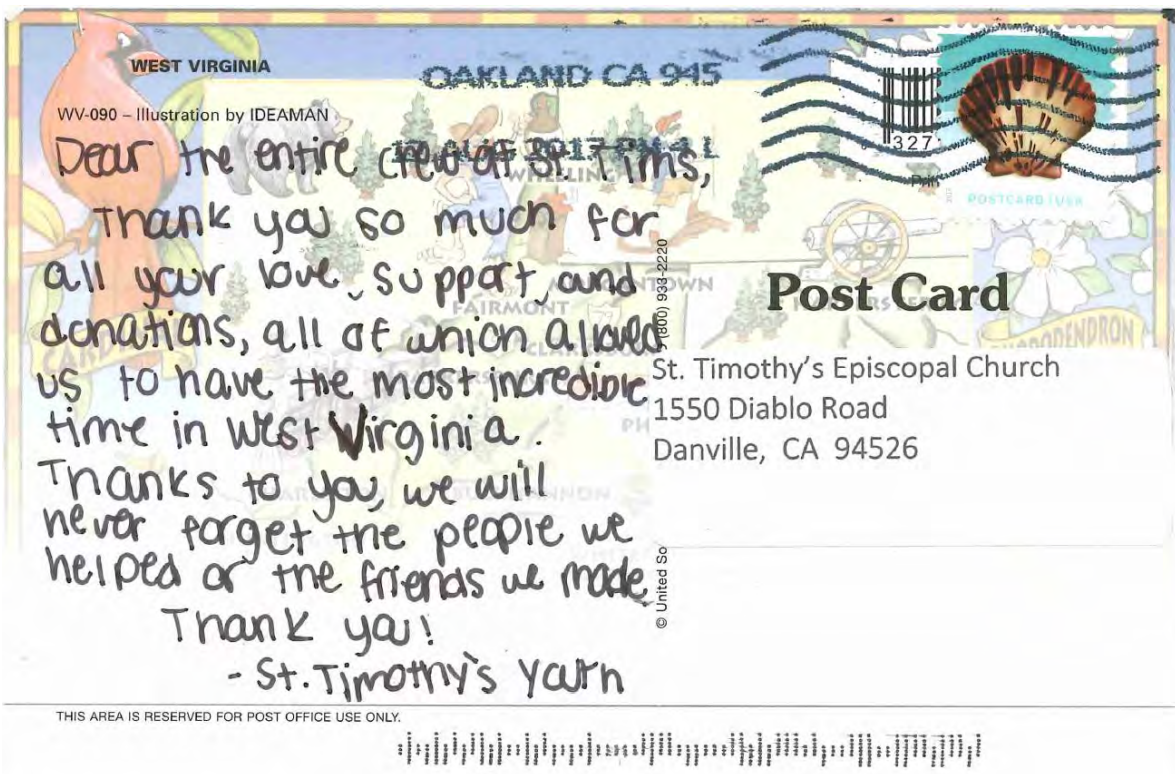
To sign up to receive Diobytes in your email, go to: <http://diocal.us13.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=55a4c86d3e04b0a68eba23b20&id=7da8dcf102>.

Sally Shea Potts

## **CCIH Students Ready for Back-to-School, Thanks to You**



The CCIH offices were flooded this summer- with back to school supplies! Thanks to the outpouring of support from faith communities, service groups, and donors like you, CCIH will deliver over 200 completely stocked backpacks to local formerly homeless and very low-income students in August. In just the last ten years, the costs of school supplies have nearly doubled – especially for elementary school students. Many families cannot afford the increasing requirement for school supplies, which averages \$114 per child. This does not include clothes or any electronics that may be required by some school districts. Providing these essential items lifts this financial burden for families barely making ends meet. Because of you, children start school confidently and ready to learn.



**DEADLINES - TITUS – 411 – BULLETINS - TIDINGS**

Reminder that short announcements for the Sunday Titus and 411 are due Tuesday Mornings. The deadline for the October monthly Tidings is September 25th

St. Timothy's Parish Calendar

Sep 2017 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 7:30am - Worship 9am - Children's 9am - Worship 11am - Worship	28 6pm - Prayer Vigil 6:30pm - EFM [OL] 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	29 All items for Titus 9am - TOPS [YC] @ 6pm - Outreach 7pm - BSA 7pm - Jubilate 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	30 10:30am - Holy 11:30am - Staff Mtg 6pm - AA [YC] @ 6:30pm - The Jesus 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	31 6:30pm - Diocesan 7pm - AA [YC] @ 7pm - BSA-Trp 36 7pm - MorningSong	1 9am - Trinity Lunch	2 8:15am - AA [YC] @ 8pm - AA-Open
3 7:30am - Worship 9am - Children's 9am - Worship 11am - Worship	4 6:30pm - EFM [OL] 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	5 All items for Titus 9am - TOPS [YC] @ 7pm - Jubilate 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	6 10:30am - Holy 11:30am - Staff Mtg 6pm - AA [YC] @ 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	7 9:30am - Your Life 6pm - Stewardship 7pm - AA [YC] @ 7pm - BSA-Trp 36 7pm - MorningSong	8	9 8:15am - AA [YC] @ 8pm - AA-Open
10 7:30am - Worship 9am - Children's 9am - Worship 10am - Confirmation 11am - Worship 12:30pm - Office	11 12pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - EFM [OL] 7pm - Property 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	12 All items for Titus 9am - TOPS [YC] @ 7pm - Jubilate 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	13 10:30am - Holy 11:30am - Staff Mtg 1pm - Pastoral Care 6pm - AA [YC] @ 6:30pm - New 7pm - Stephen	14 9:30am - Your Life 7pm - AA [YC] @ 7pm - BSA-Trp 36 7pm - MorningSong	15	16 8:15am - AA [YC] @ 2:30pm - Plummer 8pm - AA-Open
17 7:30am - Worship 8:15am - Deanery 9am - Children's 9am - Worship 10:10am - Adult 11am - Worship 12:30pm - Book Club	18 Clergy Conference 12pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - EFM [OL] 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	19 All items for Titus 9am - TOPS [YC] @ 6pm - Vestry 7pm - Jubilate 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	20 10:30am - Holy 11:30am - Greeters 11:30am - Staff Mtg 6pm - AA [YC] @ 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	21 9:30am - Your Life 7pm - AA [YC] @ 7pm - BSA-Trp 36 7pm - MorningSong	22 Stop Hunger Now	23 8:15am - AA [YC] @ 9am - Stop Hunger 8pm - AA-Open
24 7:30am - Worship 9am - Children's 9am - Worship 10:10am - Adult 11am - Worship	25 Tidings Deadline 12pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - EFM [OL] 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	26 All items for Titus 9am - TOPS [YC] @ 7pm - BSA 7pm - Jubilate 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	27 10:30am - Holy 11:30am - Staff Mtg 1pm - LEV Meeting 6pm - AA [YC] @ 7pm - Stephen 7:30pm - AA [YC] @	28 9:30am - Your Life 6:30pm - CC 7pm - AA [YC] @ 7pm - BSA-Trp 36 7pm - MorningSong	29	30 8:15am - AA [YC] @ 8pm - AA-Open

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