

EPIPHANY

Happy Epiphany,

I hope you have recovered from December mania. As we move into the New Year, I want you to think about the Sundays ahead. If you make resolutions, resolve to come to church more! You will be glad you did because it's Epiphany! Epiphany lasts all of January to the middle of February.

Epiphany comes in three flavors – the dictionary definition, the day, and the season.

The dictionary definition

An insight -- Aha, I had an epiphany!

The Day

The day, The Epiphany, is the second flavor. The Epiphany ends the 12 days of Christmas. If you sing the song "The 12 days of Christmas" you will get to 12 drummers drumming. This seems like cruel excess, as I can't imagine anyone would want all that racket after the pipers and leaping lords. For those of you who want something funny, Google Colin Nissan's 12 days of Christmas. I won't link it directly as there is some salty language.



But I digress, The Epiphany is about celebrating the three Magi who discover Jesus and give their best gifts to him. Matthew never leaves anything to chance because the gift of gold is for Jesus the King; the gift of frankincense is for Jesus the Priest; and the gift of Myrrh is a funeral spice for when Jesus gives his life.

We celebrate THE Epiphany on Sunday, January 7th, as opposed to Saturday January 6th, which is the actual day. **But the main reason for the story is to remind us that God revealed love in Jesus for all people**, especially foreigners, outsiders, and anybody who wants more from God. Matthew wants us to know that, from the start, God was interested in blessing Jewish people and non-Jewish people alike.

The Season

The Epiphany Season is the third flavor. It starts on January 7th and goes through February 14th (Ash Wednesday). The readings in Epiphany reflect two themes: Evangelism — come and see and Authority -- his miracles witness to his authority. The word spreads both through people and miracle which gives more people a chance to follow Jesus. Not every sermon Susan or I preach will be explicitly on Evangelism and Authority, but those two themes will definitely be grist for the preaching mill.

As we embark on 2018, please pray for St. Timothy's and our ministry. Pray that we might be an epiphany for those seeking new life. Pray that we might be the end of a long spiritual journey where people can rest and offer their best gifts to Jesus.



On a different note – Altar configuration – The Choir gave it their best shot, but sitting behind the Altar proved difficult. They couldn't offer their best as musicians because they had a hard time seeing Darita. You will see them beside the Altar where they used to be. I am grateful to them and to you for a willingness to try, modify and experiment with ways to improve worship.

Happy New Year and Merry Epiphany,
Todd

GOD'S HANDS - SPREAD THE WARMTH DRIVE

December 3rd to January 7th - We're collecting warm socks, mittens, hats and scarves for Loaves & Fishes and Trinity Center. As the weather gets colder, these are desperately needed items to keep our friends warm. Collection boxes will be in the Parish hall entry and in the entry to Grace House.

To help, please contact: Leslie Firth - lesliefirth@comcast.net,
or Steve Mason stevemason200@gmail.com



ST TIMOTHY'S ART SHOW

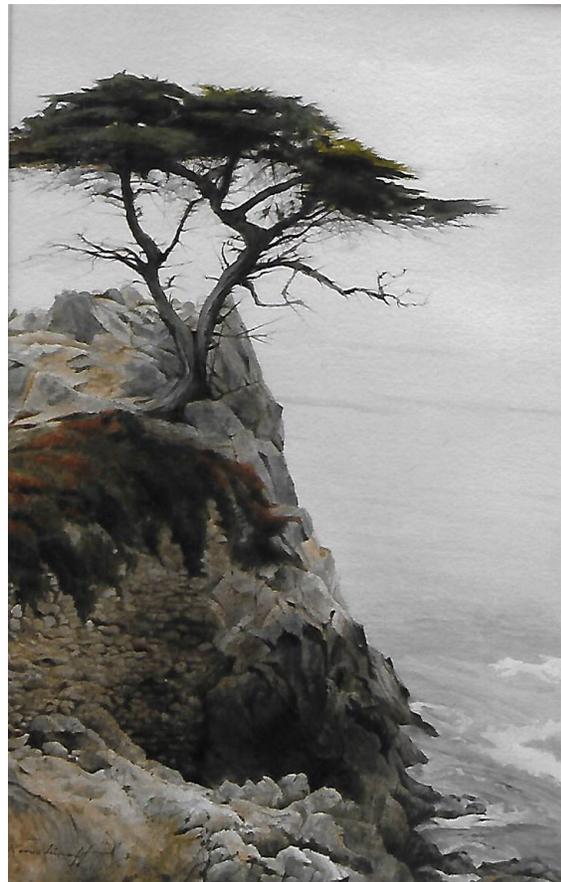
Please join us for St. Timothy's Art Show featuring some 45 works of fine art, plus craft works of ceramic, wood work, fabrics, quilting and needlepoint.

Saturday, January 13th: 10:00am - 1:00 pm:
Reception with refreshments

Sunday, January 14th: 8:00am - 1:00 pm:
"Coffee Hour for all services"

Artists

Dimitri Koovshinoff	Alison Hill
Nick Koovshinoff	Gregg Skuce
Evelyn Marvin	Herb Wilson
Katie Morehouse Renie	Rob Wilson
Pope	Susie Wilson
Florence McAuley	Henry Thatcher
Mary Louise Gotthold	Shelley Wells
John Henry Wells	Kathy Wills
Gloria Rousseau	Helen Coleman



WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER 2018 - February 12 – 26



St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim Congregation are once again co-hosting the Winter Nights Shelter from Monday, February 12 through Monday, February 26.

How we help: With the help of the parish and Beth Chaim volunteers, St. Timothy's will open the Parish Hall and kitchen to become a Winter Nights Shelter serving approximately 35 guests. St. Timothy's parishioners will be responsible for the first week and Beth Chaim will take the second week. Set-up and break-down of the Shelter will be a joint effort among Beth Chaim and St. Timothy's volunteers. We will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner; laundry services; showers; assistance with homework; space for play and relaxation and other needed services. Transportation, counseling, and other important services are provided by Winter Nights Shelter program.

To learn more about the various volunteer opportunities and to sign up online click on the links below. **Signups will also be available between services.**

[Food Donations](#)

[Meal Teams](#)

[Weekend Activities](#)

[Wash Family Towels](#)

[Monetary Donations](#)

[Non-Food Donations](#)

[Homework-Children's Activities](#)

[Overnight](#)

[Setup & Take Down](#)

The Need: On any given night there are almost 7,000 homeless men, women and children in Contra Costa County. 68% are part of a homeless family with children. Unfortunately, there is not enough shelter space in Contra Costa County.

What is Winter Nights Shelter? Operated by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, the Winter Nights Shelter program is a rotating homeless shelter that uses the facilities and helping hands of over 30 faith organizations to provide shelter for homeless families from October through March. Those served by the program move every two weeks from one congregation to the next during this period. The program serves those most at risk in the cold weather: families with children and seniors.

For more information contact Joann Oliver at 362-4805 or joannmarieoliver@gmail.com.

For more information about the Winter Nights Shelter and the Interfaith Coalition of Contra Costa County go to <http://www.cccwinternights.org/>

TRINITY CENTER NEWS



Therese Welter and other members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church speak Tuesday night in support of Trinity Center's temporary move to a former fast-food restaurant building on California Avenue.

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/12/20/trinity-centers-temporary-move-okd-by-walnut-creek-council>

On Tuesday, December 19th shortly before midnight, the Walnut Creek City Council voted to approve the temporary move of the Trinity Center, currently located on the grounds of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to a vacant building on California Avenue – previously occupied by Baja Fresh and KFC. The current Trinity Center building will be torn down to make way for the St. Paul's Commons housing project. The project will have 45 very low-income studios and one-bedroom apartments as well as the new Trinity Center. Completion of the project is expected in mid-2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Silva is quoted as saying of Trinity Center, "It's proven, well-run, structured and doing the work of God."

More than 30 people addressed the council during the almost five-hour hearing. Unlike the October 26 Planning Commission meeting, almost all the speakers spoke in favor of the temporary move.

Evening Program at the Armory: Dates: December 4, 2017 through March 31, 2018

The Trinity Center Evening Program is housing up to 38 people at the Walnut Creek Armory.

This is a great opportunity for God's Hands volunteers from Saint Timothy's to help.

What will volunteers do?

Breakfast bags - volunteers prepare and deliver 24 bags to Trinity Center at 7:00 am Saturday or Sunday.

Dinner - Deliver prepared meals for 36 to Trinity Center before 6 pm or the day before.

Floor monitors - Assist staff at the Armory - 2 shifts

Volunteer registration: <http://signup.com/go/JLFNNZS>

For additional information contact Steve Mason 925-487-2994 or stevemason200@gmail.com.

LENTEN LECTIONARY WRITERS NEEDED

Calling all writers - and non-writers - and those would-be authors, and children, and basically everybody at St. Timothy's. It is time to sign up to write a page in the 2018 Lenten Lectionary.

What is the Lenten Lectionary? it is a series of short meditations written by parishioners for parishioners to help us find meaning in our Lenten journey. and this year, you could give us the gift of yourself—your thoughts, inspirations, worries, or fears—that have helped you to grow into the person god wants you to be. no one is too old or too young to contribute.

Helen Coleman will be at church with information on New Year's Eve, and the two Sundays following (January 7 and 14), between each of the services. You will receive a sample from a previous year, the scripture readings for the day you sign up for, and any other help you may need.

To volunteer, please contact Helen Coleman today at 925-831-1728 or Colemanhelen@pacbell.net.



Have you been to the 10 am Coffee Hour lately? The Parish Hall is hopping with children searching for their favorite snack and folks visiting or meeting new people. Coffee Hour is an important part of fellowship at St. Tim's and we hope everyone will consider serving as a Coffee Hour host.

If you attend Pastor Todd's classes, no worries! Just put out the coffee and snacks and head on over to Grace House for the class. Folks can help themselves and you can go back to clean-up after the class.

For each Sunday, we need two to four people to setup the serving table, prepare coffee and provide light snacks such as fruit and pastry, and clean-up.

Check your calendar at home and signup on the St. Timothy's website. The link is located under the Sharing tab on the new website and [HERE](#). Sign-ups and instructions are also available in the Parish Hall. Contact: Joann Oliver 362-4805, joannmarieoliver@gmail.com.

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL – PARISH MEMBER REGISTRATION



2018-2019 New Student Parish Member Registration

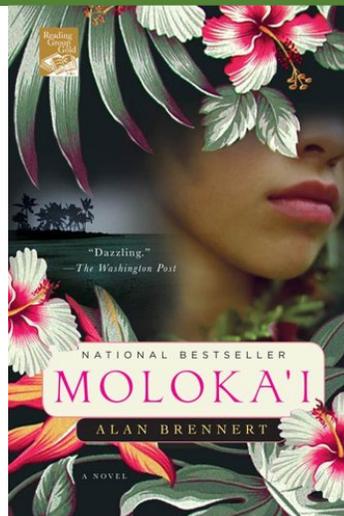
January 8-12, 2018

Please pick-up an enrollment form in the preschool office between 9 and 12 noon, Monday through Friday or download from the church website, www.sainttimothysdanville.org, Noah's Ark link. Return completed form to the preschool office by noon on Friday, January 12. If you would like to do a tour, please call the preschool at 362-8565. Tours are done on Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 am. Know someone who would love our preschool? Share Noah's Ark with them!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

St. Timothy's Book Club meets again on Sunday, January 21st from 12:30-2pm in the Overby Library. We will discuss *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Rachel Kalama, a spirited seven-year-old Hawaiian girl, dreams of visiting far-off lands like her father, a merchant seaman. Then one day a rose-colored mark appears on her skin and those dreams are stolen from her. Taken from her home and family, Rachel is sent to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka'i. Here her life is supposed to end - but instead she discovers it is only just beginning.

Please join us on January 21st to discuss the rest of the story! For more information, please contact Carol Lane: thefourthlane@aol.com.



DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The vestry met in Grace House on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30 pm.

MOTIONS PASSED:

- Moved unallocated funds from the Memorials to the Maintenance and Improvement Account.
- Approve salary changes for 2018.
- Addition of Jim Stedman to the Endowment Committee.
- Approve housing resolutions for Rev. Todd Bryant and Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil.

The "interim" and "temporary" status of Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil has been removed. She will serve as the Associate Rector in 2018.

The **treasurer**, Joe Cunningham discussed:

- Parish income & expenditures through the end of November and his expectations for the full year.
- New and modified budget categories for the 2018 budget.
- Status of the Diocesan Line of Credit (\$10,000 remaining after the December payment).
- Allocation of two recent memorial gifts and the current Memorial Fund content.

Ed Liggins, chair of the **Finance and Stewardship** Commission discussed the results to date of the Stewardship Drive and the activities of the Endowment Committee.

- As of December 20, \$36,000 more in pledges has been received by the December vestry meeting in 2016.
- The recommendation of the committee is to retain interest earned in 2017 in the Endowment Fund.

Joe Cunningham and Bob Carns discussed the **Facilities Maintenance Analysis study** by the Beatty Group. The results are expected in January. This study will help the vestry anticipate maintenance requirements.

The nominating committee for the **2018 vestry election** reported on their progress.

Parish members are welcome to attend meetings. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 16**.

The minutes of the vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

Sunday Jan. 28th, 2018

Annual Meeting will be held
in the Church
immediately following the 10:00 liturgy.



SAVE THE DATE

**21st Fruits of the Harvest Fundraiser for Outreach Ministries
May 5, 2018 - Celebrate FIESTA like there's no mañana**

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