

## LENT

Ash Wednesday and Lent are almost here. See page 2 for an overview of our worship opportunities at St. Timothy's in February, March, and April. Be looking in your mail (snail mail) for the brochure called **Ashes to Easter 2018**. It gives a great summary of the wonderful things we have going on in our community. Feel free to share it widely.

### Annual Meeting

I had a great time with ya'll at Annual Meeting. I am privileged to serve with a great vestry in 2018 *and in 2017*. I will miss working so closely with the vestry whose term ended.

- Thank you to our intrepid treasure Joe, who helped right the ship over these last few years.
- Thank you to Gary, who despite health challenges, faithfully and passionately served on Vestry. His blogging was my first real introduction to St. Timothy's struggles and victories. His writing gave me the first sense that God was calling the Bryants to California.
- Thank you to Matt who so thoughtfully engaged his Vestry ministry. He regularly called me into a deep spiritual exploration.
- Thank you to Jacque for her hospitality for the whole community and for the Bryant clan. She spun so many plates that I lost count.
- Thank you to Mike, Sr. Warden extraordinaire, who led so skillfully through a transition. I am grateful that he listened to his new Rector's infernal ramblings for months.
- Thank you to Bob, our Jr. Warden, who served as a pit boss not only for the campus, but also, along with Bev, made our new house a home.

Thank you to our wonderful staff - both paid and volunteer. Thank you to Bev, who may have spun more plates than Jacque. Thank you to Carleen, who keeps us running with little public recognition. Thank you to Susan, who is a Pastor in every sense of the word (for St. Timothy's and for me.) Thank you to Katie. I can't wait for her to come back, because in a very short amount of time, she made herself indispensable to the team. Thank you to Liz, who keeps us clear and transparent with the books.

### You want more info about Annual Meeting?

We have put a PDF of the agenda and reports on the website at

<http://sainttimothysdanville.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/AnnualReport2017.pdf>.

There is also an audio version of the meeting where you get to hear me calling my wife "mother" followed by nervous laughter! The meeting included my rector's report which is broken out on pages 16-17 of the Annual Report.

### Cannabis

I am a worry wart and often think of worst case scenarios. Very soon, I will be working with the Vestry to create a comprehensive cannabis and alcohol policy for our community. I feel strongly that we need clear guidelines in the new terrain of legal cannabis in California in 2018.

I will be asking the Vestry to approve a campus-wide ban on cannabis.

I do this as an attempt not to moralize, but to create safe space. I want our AA groups to have a safe place and I want to protect our young St. Timothian's. The thing that keeps me up at night, nightmare scenario –



## **ASHES TO EASTER OVERVIEW**

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**

*Join us for the imposition of ashes & communion at 12pm & 7:30pm.*

### **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

*February 21st, February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st  
(Not on March 28th, the Wednesday of Holy Week)*

### **Sunday Mornings in Lent**

*10:15 - 10:45am Sunday morning Adult Education*

### **Sunday Afternoons in Lent**

*February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11  
Inquirers' | Newcomers' class | Adult Confirmation Class  
This is a class for adults concurrent with youth confirmation class.*

### **The Stations of the Cross**

*Fridays at noon during Lent and Good Friday at 1pm*

### **Gaude Concert, March 4th**

*5pm in the Church*

### **Palm Cross Making & Seder Sunday, March 18th**

*10:15am, all ages in Parish Hall for Palm cross making*

### **Seder Sunday**

*4pm in Parish Hall, all ages*

### **Palm Sunday, March 25th**

*7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am*

*Blessing of the Palms, Procession into the church, Holy Eucharist with the Passion.*

### **Holy Wednesday, March 28th**

*7:30pm, Contemplative Liturgy — Lay Led— No Communion  
5:30pm - 8:30pm — Reconciliation of the Penitent with Clergy*

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29th**

*7:30pm, Communion, Hand Washing & Stripping of the Altar*

### **Good Friday, March 30th**

*12pm & 7:30pm— Good Friday Liturgy  
In church, no communion, 1 hour  
1pm – Stations of the Cross, outside weather permitting*

### **Holy Saturday, March 31st**

*9am -- Brief, Holy Saturday service, no communion, in church.*

### **Easter Vigil Saturday, March 31st**

*6:30pm – there will be incense outside, but no incense in the church.*

### **Easter Sunday, April 1st**

*7:30am — Communion with a touch of music  
9am — Communion and Easter music  
10am — Egg hunt for wee ones and older ones  
11am — Communion with Easter music*

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT: ADULT PROGRAM

*A Journey of Faith – Crossing the Boundaries*  
7pm - 8:30pm in Grace House conference room  
RSVP to [formation@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:formation@sainttimothysdanville.org)

This series will be led by St. Timothy's parishioners and will be concurrent with JH/HS program. There will be brief prayer at 7:55pm led by Pastor Todd with both youth and adults. Then the adults will continue until 8:30pm

**February 21** — *An Invitation to Journey*  
An Exploration of Fundamentalism and Wisdom

**February 28** — *Thinking Theologically*  
Biblical Idolatry, Non-Literalists and the Sacred

**March 7** — *Taking the Bible Seriously*  
The Character of God & Loving "Wastefully"

**March 14** — *The Myth of Redemptive Violence*  
Resurrection Overcomes Violence and The Kingdom is Here

**March 21** — *Practicing Resurrection*  
Jesus' Invitation, Visions of Jesus & Living the Resurrection

## WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER – OUR GUESTS ARE COMING SOON

February 12 - 26



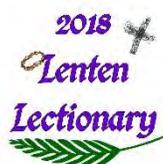
On February 12, we will welcome the Winter Nights Shelter families to St. Timothy's. Over the next few weeks, members of St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim will come together to provide a welcoming home for our Shelter guests. What a wonderful expression of God's love!

Volunteer signups are going well – many thanks to those who have signed up to help and to the whole congregation for making our campus available for this loving ministry.

There are still opportunities to help. Our greatest needs are helping with the children, weekend and overnight help. The overnight volunteer is the hardest spot to fill but it's not as difficult as it sounds! Shelter staff are responsible for the guests and the overnight volunteer is there to lock up at night, put out the breakfast and lunch supplies and close up in the morning.

To learn more or sign-up online, go to the St. Timothy's website.  
Contact: Joann Oliver, [joannmarieoliver@gmail.com](mailto:joannmarieoliver@gmail.com) or 935-362-4805

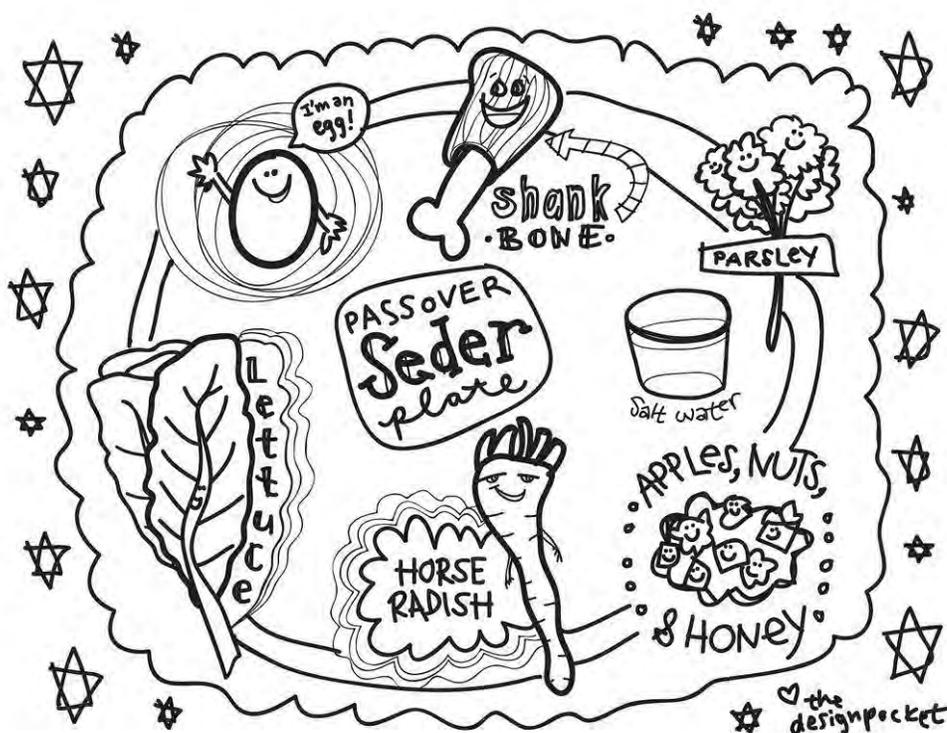
## THE LECTIONARY WILL BE AVAILABLE BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11



The Lenten Lectionary is here! You may pick up your Lectionary, along with the “Ashes to Easter” packet, at any of the three services on Sunday, February 11. There will also be a link on our website and in next week's 411. And a special thanks to all who took the time to write for the Lectionary this year.

## SEDER COMMEMORATION DINNER, MARCH 18

Come connect with our Jewish Roots and celebrate a commemoration of the Seder Dinner with the St. Timothy's community on **Sunday, March 18 from 4 PM to 7 PM**. Fun activities for both children and adults. A wonderful Lamb dinner will be served. Tickets on sale starting February 11 after church. Contact Eric Soderstrom for more info or to volunteer to help (510) 552-1797.



## ADULT CONFIRMATION AND INQUIRER'S CLASS

**February 25, March 4th, 11th and 25th, April 8th and 15th**

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Sundays during Lent we will offer our Adult Confirmation Class. Pastor Todd will begin our time together with a look at history and tradition with our youth and adults. This is an opportunity for individuals to learn more about the Episcopal Church and their faith and explore our amazing tradition. Newcomers to the Episcopal Church are welcome.

We will meet Sundays at 2:00, February 25, March 4th, 11th and 25<sup>th</sup>, April 8th and 15th and will join with our Youth Confirmation class. **Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd at Grace Cathedral** and we will have a grand celebration Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in church.

Questions? Pastor Todd [pastor@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:pastor@sainttimothysdanville.org) or [susangeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:susangeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

## BELOVED COMMUNITY TRAINING DAY FEBRUARY 2018



### **Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Grace Cathedral**

2018 follows a year that was filled with truth telling and honest conversations about power and oppression. The “Me too” movement has led to the “Time's Up” movement. Society seems poised to step into a new place. The Episcopal Church has been working to make our churches places of safety for all. How can our churches become models of the Beloved Community where folks practice inclusion, caring, and safety for all?

Click here for details, and join us!

<http://sainttimothysdanville.org/beloved-community-training-day/>

#### SESSION 1: 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**Wise & Faithful Leadership aka Vestry/Bishop's Committee 101** - with Rev. Eric Metoyer, DioCal Associate for Congregational Ministries, and others

**Financing Parochial Ministry** - with Tom Ferguson, DioCal Chief Financial and Operations Officer

**Safe Church Best Practices with Children and Youth** (not a safe church certification class) - with Caren Miles, DioCal Associate for Faith Formation

**Camp for All** - with Katie Evenbeck, Sara Gunter, and the Rev. Pat Moore

**Building a Robust Lay Leadership** (introduction to Education for Ministry) with Roberta Sautter and Stephen Southern

**Eucharistic Minister Training** with Randy Street & Natalie Hala

#### SESSION 2: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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**Financing Parochial Ministry** - with Tom Ferguson, DioCal Chief Financial and Operations Officer

**Safe Church Best Practices with Adults** (not a safe church certification class) - with Caren Miles, DioCal Associate for Faith Formation

**Ministry with and for Young Adults** - with the Rev Hannah Cornthwaite, Chaplain at EcHouse and the Rev. Jude Harmon, Director of Innovative Ministries at Grace Cathedral

**Intergenerational Worship: Three Successful Models** - with the Rev. Matthew Woodward, Rector of Transfiguration, San Mateo, Kerri Meyer, Lay Associate for Ministry at St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, and the Rev. jane MacDougal, Vicar of Holy Innocents, San Francisco

**Eucharistic Visitor Training** - with Randy Street & Natalie Hala

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## FRUITS OF THE HARVEST AUCTION AND PARTY!



*Celebrate*

**FIESTA**

*like there's no mañana!*

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fruits of the Harvest Fundraiser for all Outreach Ministries**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**Four to Nine O'clock**

Over the last 20 years, our church has raised \$601,000 to benefit over 22 different beneficiaries on a local, national, and global level. We are now in our 21<sup>st</sup> year of Fruits of the Harvest (FOTH), raising funds for grants for the 13 organizations that Outreach supports. It is also a coming together of our whole parish to work together and to have fun and fellowship. We try hard to have a quality event that will not only entertain you, but feed your heart and soul as we strive to raise money to support the incredible work that these non-profit organizations do to help those in great need.

*Don't miss our biggest fun and fundraiser of the year for Outreach.*

This is a fun night with a theme, silent auction, raffles, catered dinner, Fund-A-Need, and line dancing. Grab your sombrero and join the Cinco de Mayo festivities.

**Sunday, March 11: FOTH goes public!** Look for us after Sunday Services at the big rolling FOTH Bulletin Board. We will have signup sheets for **volunteers** and for **donations for the silent auction** for the event. We depend on your help and donations to make the night a success. We need all of you to get involved, especially newcomers.

**FOTH Website goes live!** You'll be able to securely register and donate here, and keep up with our news. Go to [SaintTimothysDanville.org](http://SaintTimothysDanville.org), and click on our link after March 11.

**Thursday, March 15 at 1:00 to 2:30: Invitation Stuffing Party** – Signup sheet is on the Red Rolling God's Hands bulletin board. Join us to stuff the invitations and catch up on news. Light refreshments included. It only takes about 1 1/2 hours.

**Line Dancing Lessons:** Learn a few moves for FOTH line dancing. Join us at Two Left Feet Dance Center in Danville on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 for \$10 a person (sorry, not \$8, as posted.) First Thursday of the month is beginners night with some Latin flavor. Our instructor, and DJ, Trish and Joe Hughes, make it easy.

Three months is not too early to be thinking about what you can contribute in time, talent, and treasure to FOTH. We can help if you need ideas. For further information contact Kimberly Bryant, [kharvin@hotmail.com](mailto:kharvin@hotmail.com), Susan Cyr, [susanwcyrc@comcast.net](mailto:susanwcyrc@comcast.net), Nancy Arroyoavila, [naa2005retire@gmail.com](mailto:naa2005retire@gmail.com) or Leslie Firth, [lesliefirth@comcast.net](mailto:lesliefirth@comcast.net). All donation items should be submitted/received by **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**.

***Holy Guacamole...we're havin' a Fiesta!***

## OUTREACH REPORT ON OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES

### St. Timothy's recently received this letter from Porter Sexton, Development Director at Options Recovery Services



"Dear Members of St. Timothy's,

On behalf of Options Recovery Services, thank you for your generous contribution. Your donation, which we received on 12/6/2017, brings us closer to the day when no one dies from the disease of addiction.

Support from partners like you is crucial to our ability to serve all who are in need of treatment. The services we provide are available immediately, regardless of ability to pay. We are often the bridge between life and death for the vulnerable population

we serve, addressing the needs of men and women who struggle with chronic homelessness, poverty, crippling addiction and associated physical and mental health issues. Your contribution supports work that helps over 1,000 clients each year to transform themselves into clean, sober and productive members of society.

Thank you for your help in restoring dignity, humanity and hope for every client we serve."

In addition to treatment for addiction and mental illness, Options provides safe housing that is alcohol, drug and tobacco-free in their nine transitional houses with room for a diverse population for 160 men and women.

We continue to meet the needs of our criminal justice clients by training prison inmates to become certified addiction counselors, taking in people recently released from prison, and working with the Drug Courts of Alameda County to provide treatment and housing for their participants.

#### **Upcoming dates to participate with Options, now in their 21<sup>st</sup> year of service:**

- **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in Grace House, 7am – 5pm**.....St. Timothy's hosts the annual Options' Staff Retreat.....please join the staff during lunch to meet these amazing people, who are so grateful for St. Timothy's contribution through most of their years of existence. RSVP to Patti Farris.
- **Friday, March 2**.....Options Graduation, celebrating Options clients, completing a full year program of recovery and sobriety, 4:30 to 6, at 1931 Center Street in Berkeley. Come celebrate and see first-hand how Options is changing lives!

Patti Farris and Peg Miller, St. Tim's liasons



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](mailto:joannmarieoliver@gmail.com).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

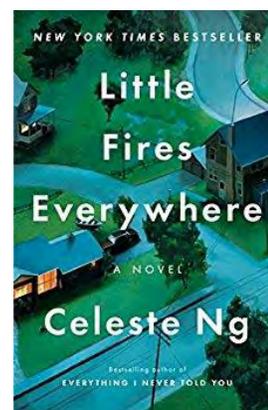


This year our Easter Eggs will contain tickets and our children will exchange them for special Easter treasures Easter morning. We will continue the tradition of giving thanks with change—but this year we invite you and our children to give thanks every day with a United Thank Offering Box. Our children will have the opportunity to give tickets on Easter and their offering will be translated into money for this important outreach.

Would you like to help with our Easter Egg Hunt? Contact [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

St. Tim's Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 18th at 12:30 in Grace House Library, where we'll discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. The story takes place in the 1990's, in Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, where everything is planned - from the layout of the winding roads, the colors of the houses, and the very ordered lives of its citizens. No one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren - an enigmatic artist and single mother - who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. *Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the ferocious pull of motherhood - and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. Please join us to discuss the rest of the story! For more information, contact Carol Lane at [thefourthlane@aol.com](mailto:thefourthlane@aol.com)



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## HOSPITAL CALLS

Did you know that the hospital does not call clergy to let them know that you are in the hospital? You may fill out a form saying that you are “Episcopalian” but privacy issues mean that your pastors will not be called by a hospital chaplain—or anyone else on staff unless you specifically request it.

Please let your clergy know if you are in the hospital and would like a visit or prayers--or ask a friend or family member to call the church. You can even tell us –“I don’t want a visit—only a call and healing prayers.” Remember, you can also request a hospital chaplain.

Healing prayers for all of us—Jesus commissions us to pray for healing for ourselves, for one another and for our world.

## HEALING PRAYERS

Did you know we have a healing team? Every Sunday during the 9am service, a trained lay person leads healing prayers in the back chapel. All are welcome for prayers.

## JANUARY VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### January 16, 2018

The vestry met in Grace House

The following **motions** were approved in addition to approving the December 2017 minutes and the submitted commission reports:

- Retire the pledge to Bishop's Ranch for the Bishop Swing Pavilion – approximately \$37,500.
- Move the remainder of the 2017 surplus (approximately \$33,000) to the Maintenance Reserve.
- Approve the draft 2018 budget submitted by the treasurer with the discussed changes.

The treasurer discussed the financial position of the parish at the end of 2017. Income exceeded expenses by approximately \$70,500. The treasurer reminded the vestry that the budget approved in January 2017 had more uncertainty than usual due to the unknown date of the arrival of the new rector and the departure of the interim rector and the impact of the change in the Ackerman property from a rental to the rectory.

Bob Carns discussed the progress of the parish maintenance reserve study by the John D. Beatty Company.

Many of the vestry candidates and the treasurer candidate attended the meeting. Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. The minutes of the vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry.

## PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### January 28, 2017

Members of the parish convened in the church following the 10:00 am service on Sunday, January 28, 2018.

The minutes of the 2017 annual meeting were approved as submitted.

**New Vestry members elected:** Nancy Arroyoavila, Kari Doolittle, Dick Firth, Alison Hill, Tom Linari

Retiring vestry members: Mike Oliver, Bob Carns, Joe Cunningham, Jacque Chiavini, Matt Jones, Gary Hunt

**Deanery/Convention Delegates elected:** Betty Davis, Mary Louise Gotthold, Mike Oliver, Frances Stephenson and Jerry Vallery. St. Timothy's is entitled to 2 more delegates and 7 alternates.

Pastor Todd announced that the **Senior Warden** for 2018 will be **Allison Fletcher**.

The treasurer presented the results of the 2017 budget and the 2018 budget approved by the vestry at their January 2018 meeting. The \$70,546 2017 surplus was used to retire the pledge to the Bishop Swing pavilion and to increase the Maintenance Reserve. The 2018 budget has a projected surplus of \$24,000 on an anticipated income of \$768,670. The number of pledges for 2018 is currently 164 – an increase of 19 over the pledges in 2017.

Pastor Todd Bryant reported on his goals for 2018: 1) Programs for children and youth, 2) Newcomer incorporation into the parish, 3) Sunday schedule.

Pastor Todd recognized the activities and efforts of the parish staff: Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil, Darita Seth (music), Katie Potts Sholty (Administrator), Kimberley Bryant (temporary Administrator), Liz Haughey (bookkeeper)

Pastor Todd recognized the activities and efforts of the retiring vestry members

Mike Oliver reflected on his 3 years as Rector's/Senior Warden.

Bob Carns reflected on his term as Junior Warden and the parish maintenance reserve study.

## VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Sunday, January 28, 2018

The vestry met briefly following the annual meeting.

Ed Liggins was elected to be **Junior Warden**.

Neal Matsunaga was elected **treasurer**. Sally Shea Potts was elected Vestry Clerk.

The 2018 vestry will hold a retreat in San Ramon on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3

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