



# Tidings

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 2022

Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA



Palms and hosannas, fellowship, the lonely journey to the cross, loss and death, silence, Easter resurrection, baptism and the promise of new life, growth in the Spirit--

This Holy week we turn to you, our beloved Lord. Teach us to pray.

Come take a moment away from your routine. Come worship with us; walk the stations with us or alone, walk the labyrinth while it is still cool, weep as you walk on your favorite trail, listen to the silence, sit a moment in the sun or in the shade, breathe deeply as you rise in the morning.

God is with us and goes before us this Holy Week into the promise of Easter.

## Holy Week and Easter

### **Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

8am (campus-only) and 10am (hybrid) - Palms o' plenty

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

7pm (hybrid) with hand washing

### **Good Friday worship, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon (no music) and 7pm (hybrid with music)

### **Good Friday stations of the cross, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

1pm, start on labyrinth

### **Easter Vigil, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

8pm (hybrid with music), ring your bells and light new fire of Easter

### **Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

8am (campus-only) and 10am (hybrid)

Following 10:00 service—Digital (you will need your phone) on-campus family scavenger hunt with prizes and hospitality after worship

*Note: In the schedule, whenever "hybrid" is noted that means livestream simultaneous with in-person worship.*

## **Easter Morning Scavenger Hunt for children and families on campus!**

Join us for family fun to collect points as you follow the clues! (You will need your phone.) Search for places on campus, follow the clues, (easy), gather your points, and choose some prizes outside the Parish Hall!

**Our littlest ones** (3 and under) will join us for a traditional Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn beside the church.

Alleluia Easter eggs in church! Alleluia Easter eggs in church! Alleluia Easter eggs in church!

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Dear Parish family,

St. Tim's relies on Pledges to support and fund all our financial obligations from property maintenance to our ministries and outreach. St. Tim's is our very special Parish home. It is worth our financial support to keep it that way.

With declining pledges, St. Tim's has seen its income drop from the \$900,000s level to the mid \$600,000s of today. Even with the decline in pledges, with good stewardship and the generosity of our parish families, we have maintained reasonable financial health even with Covid restrictions. However, 2022 presents another challenge as our costs are now rising much faster than in the recent past. This should not be a surprise to any of us.

With a 2022 Budget deficit of \$127,000, our Treasurer and Senior Warden believe it is now time for all of St Tim's family to rise to the occasion and address this deficit. I support this too.

Together we can fix it. I request you consider pledging. Simply send an email to our Pledge Secretary, [pledges@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:pledges@sainttimothysdanville.org), stating your name and pledge or pick up a pledge card in the Office or Narthex. Just be sure to place it in a sealed envelope made out to the Pledge Secretary before dropping off in the Office. I ask you to do this **by Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Any pledge or one-time donation, no matter its size, will be appreciated.

We can get St. Tim's back on better financial footing. We can do this. Together, we can fix this!

May God guide us on this effort.

Blessings,

Todd

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST BAY BUILD DAY

Calling all God's Hands at St. Timothy's:

Thanks to our annual grants from the Outreach Committee through Fruits of the Harvest donations, Habitat for Humanity is offering the opportunity for 15 volunteers from our parish to participate in a Build Day at the H4H Esperanza site in Walnut Creek on Friday April 22 830am-4pm.

Details on how to sign up (via a web link) and safety requirements are provided below.

## **Build Details**

- Activity:** Saint Timothy's Home Construction Build Day  
**Group size:** 15 volunteers  
**Date:** Friday, April 22, 2022  
**Location:** Esperanza Place – 1250 Las Juntas Way, Walnut Creek, CA  
**Time:** 8.30am-4pm  
**Registration:** Please ask the group to sign up for the day at: <http://vhub.at/StTimothysDanville>. Through this dedicated page, volunteers can sign up directly for the volunteer day reserved for your group. Each volunteer can simply click 'Sign Up' for their event, create a brief user profile or sign into an existing account, and reserve their spot. We ask volunteers to sign up at least 2 weeks prior to their build day. Once volunteers have registered online, they will receive an email with all the specifics about the day. Volunteers can also view all the details for the event at the website above by clicking on the event title.

## **Safety Reminders:**

- **Effective January 1, 2022, all volunteers participating in any in-person activities are required to provide either proof of full vaccination against Covid-19 or a negative PCR or Antigen test administered within 72 hours of in-person activities.** As of March 8, 2022, volunteers who show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 are no longer required to wear a mask. We still highly encourage all volunteers to bring and wear a mask and require volunteers who have not shown proof of vaccination to wear a mask while volunteering with HEBSV. Read the full policy here: <https://www.habitatebsv.org/covid-19-health-and-safety-protocols> and please be sure to share this information with your group.

For safety reasons, all volunteers at our sites or ReStores must be at least 16 years old. All volunteers under the age of 18 must bring a signed minor waiver form with them to the site. Minor waiver forms are available here: [2022 Minor Waiver.pdf \(habitatebsv.org\)](#)

**Thank you to all** who participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. service in person and on-line, listening to words that have impact for us today. Seeking justice, Martin Luther King, Jr. was working for a cultural shift toward the well-being of all. "The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has picked up Dr. King's unfinished work."



## *Help Californians be part of June 18<sup>th</sup> PPC Actions in DC*

Dear friends –

We write to update you about the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (PPC) actions and to ask your help to get people from California to PPC's *Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls in 2022* coming up this June 18<sup>th</sup>, see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR\\_xYlpdeNM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR_xYlpdeNM)

The Poor People's Campaign is a national campaign launched in 2018 to address the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation & denial of health care, militarism & the war economy, and the false moral narrative of religious nationalism. *Before* the pandemic there were 140 million people in the US who were poor or one emergency away from economic ruin. Since March 2020, while hundreds of thousands of people have died, millions are on the edge of hunger and eviction, still without health care, living wages. Any nation that ignores nearly half of its citizens *is in a moral, economic and political crisis.*



June 18 will be a generationally transformative and disruptive gathering of poor and low-wealth people, state leaders, faith communities, moral allies, unions and partnering organizations pressing for this crisis to be addressed. This is a unique opportunity to let legislators and policy makers hear the stories and struggles from people their actions impact. CA PPC is currently mobilizing the MORE tour across the state to reach people for a series of key events to build for the DC actions including a western regional mobilization in LA on May 16 [sign-up form.](#)

Will you help Californians impacted by poverty, racism and other injustices get to Washington, DC, in June? It's estimated that airfare and lodging for people traveling from the west coast will total about \$3000/person. Can you help sponsor someone from CA who would not otherwise be able to take part in the PPC's *Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls in 2022*? [DONATE HERE](#)  
Or donate air miles-donate to someone who's part of same mileage club or contact the airline for info.

*Thank You!*

*The California Poor People's Campaign*

*(At right our CA delegation to the June 2019 PPC National Congress in Washington, DC. This year let's have at least \_\_\_\_\_ people from California!)*



## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a Bible Study. Bring a Bible, any translation/version and join us on Zoom at 10:30 on Wednesdays. Questions?

Contact Pastor Susan [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)  
or Helen C. [colemanhelen@pacbell.net](mailto:colemanhelen@pacbell.net). We would love to “see” you!

## ST TIMOTHY’S BOOK GROUP

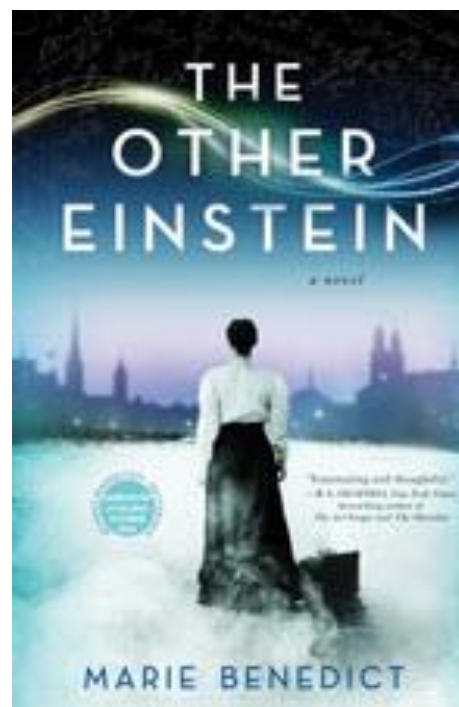
APRIL – “THE OTHER EINSTEIN”

On Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm join the members of the St. Timothy’s book group on Zoom to discuss Marie Benedict’s fascinating novel about the wife of Albert Einstein – Mitza Maric.

“Mitza Maric was always a little different from other girls. Most twenty-year olds are wives - not studying physics at an elite Zurich university with only male students trying to outdo her clever calculations. But Mitza is smart enough to know that, for her, math is an easier path than marriage. And then fellow student - Albert Einstein - takes an interest in her, and the world turns sideways. Theirs becomes a partnership of the mind and of the heart, but there might not be room for more than one genius in a marriage.”

The Book Group will be on hiatus in May through August 2022. We will discuss whether, how and when to resume meeting in August. Have a great summer.

Contact Sally Shea Potts at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com) for an invitation to the April Zoom meeting.



## LIFE STORY GROUP

Thursdays at 9:30 am Grace House

Have you written life stories or wanted to write them and need a little incentive to get your story on paper? During this time, we have even more to share!

Life story group is meeting in the Grace House Library on Thursdays t 9:30 am. Join us!

New writers are welcome!!

Contact Father Maurice, [Friartuck72@comcast.net](mailto:Friartuck72@comcast.net)

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

We would love to talk to you about Baptism! As our churches continue to celebrate in-person and we can invite family to be with us for special events, we are reaching out to people who may have had to put off baptisms in their family or extended family. We want to celebrate your joy with you! Contact Pastor Susan at [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothys.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothys.org) for more information.

## ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANCE

Have you ever wondered how the candles on the Altar are maintained, ensuring they are ready to be lit for the services? What about communion wafers, silver on the altar including and the changing of the seasonal colors on the Podium? Well, that is just a small portion of what Altar Guild members do in maintaining the Sanctuary & Altar for the church services.

We are looking to recruit new members. A member normally serves one Saturday & Sunday per month on a team ( we currently have 4 teams).

So, if you are a new member at St. Timothy's or an existing ,member wanting to get more involved in volunteering, please contact Cathy Morris, Head of Altar Guild [lil.captain315@gmail.com](mailto:lil.captain315@gmail.com)

## CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER TEAM

Do you, or someone you know, need extra prayers right now?

Send your requests to [prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org) We will forward your request to a group of dedicated pray-ers who will take your concerns to God daily. The group is confidential--we won't talk to you about your concerns; we'll just pray.

For more information, contact: Patti F [farrisintheland@yahoo.com](mailto:farrisintheland@yahoo.com) or Helen C [colemanhelen@pacbell.net](mailto:colemanhelen@pacbell.net)

# THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Raising funds for Outreach for 25 years!!!**

**It's the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
 THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)**

**Date Change:**  
**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Zoom at Noon at home**  
**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Party on the Patio Brunch Event after the last service**  
 (watch for more information in late Spring)

## LENT MADNESS

**[You decide who wins the Golden Halo](https://www.lentmadness.org)**

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**2022 LENTMADNESS.ORG**

**Martyrs & Mystics**

- Stephen
- Wenceslaus
- Teresa of Avila
- Crispin
- Perpetua
- Cecilia
- Juliana of Liege
- Blaise

**Theologians & Thinkers**

- Juana Inés de la Cruz
- Gabriel the Archangel
- Origen
- Hilda of Whitby
- Columbanus
- Drogo
- Mesrop Mashtots
- Madeleine Barat

**ROUND OF 32**

**SAINTLY 16**

- Melania the Elder
- Hilary of Poitiers
- Aloysius Gonzaga
- Thomas of Villanova
- Felix
- Oscar
- Thomas Aquinas
- Jerome
- Emma of Hawa'i
- Hugh of Lincoln
- José Hernández
- Constance of Memphis
- James Holly
- Lydia
- Olaf
- Kateri Tekakwitha

**FAITHFUL 4**

**ELITE 8**

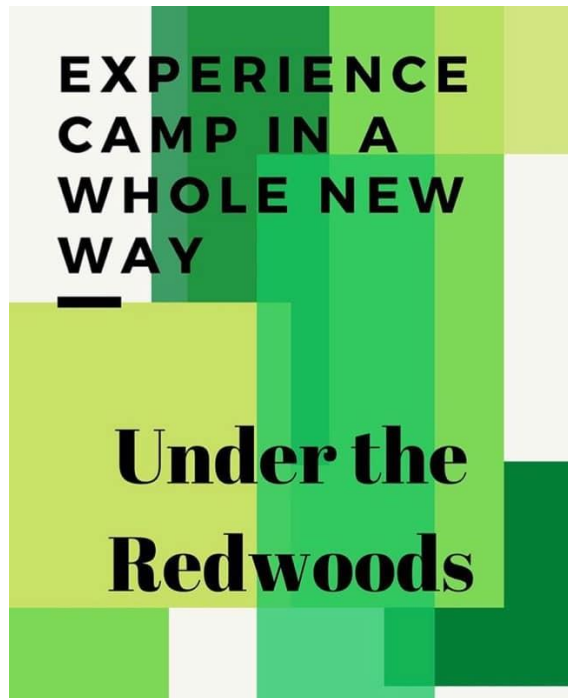
- Thomas of Villanova
- Thomas Aquinas
- Thomas Aquinas
- José Hernández
- James Holly

**THE GOLDEN HALO**

Forward Movement  
www.forwardmovement.org

Do you have a favorite saint? We can play Lent madness and vote on our favorite Saint- While learning about more about the saints in the Episcopal Church

## 2022 CAMP DATES FOR SAINT DOROTHY'S REST



Staff Orientation	June 19-25
Teen Adventure Week	June 26-July 1
Russian River Adventures I	July 3-8
Counselor in Training	July 3-8
Russian River Adventures II	July 10-15
Russian River Adventures III	July 17-22
Have questions? Email: <a href="mailto:office@stdorothysrest.org">office@stdorothysrest.org</a>	
Phone: (707)874-3319	

### **Teen Adventure Week(ages13-15) (6days)**

Adventure Week is truly a unique camp experience that focuses on developing leadership skills, spirituality, worship, and community. Campers participate in service projects as well as overnight camping trips. Outreach activities have included working at local soup kitchens, providing meals to the homeless and hungry in the area, and helping local churches with various projects. Backing trips have included overnighting on the Sonoma Coast, Point Reyes, and Angel Island.

### **Russian River Adventures(8-12) (6days)**

Fill your week with arts & crafts, theater, archery, swimming, hiking and fun-filled chapel times. The week culminates with the Woods-to-Waves 10-mile hike to the Pacific Ocean! [RATES: Full – \$1000, Partially Sponsored – \$800]

### **Counselor-In-Training Program(ages15-18) (6days)**

Ever wonder what it is like to be a camp counselor at St. Dorothy's? Our Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program provides participants with the opportunity to learn about the day-to-day running of camp, leadership styles, working with youth and peers. At the completion of the CIT program, participants may apply to return as a CIT for Russian River Adventures III/Creative Arts Camp. Attending the CIT program is strongly encouraged if you are interested in serving as a summer camp counselor in future summers, but it is not required.

St. Dorothy's Rest also offers a unique summer camp experience to youth ages 5-15 as well as offering camp programs for critically ill youth from bay area hospitals, including a camp for youth and their siblings with cancer and a special camp for children who have had transplants.

Please contact for more information



# BISHOP'S RANCH

## Summer Camp 2022

**BREAD Camp** is a great place to discover community, spirituality and learn more about yourself. Campers spend mornings exploring spirituality through activities, conversation, and small group discussions. Afternoons are filled with lots of fun including swimming, arts, and crafts, hiking and other elective activities. Evenings are filled with fun games, campfires, compline, and a few surprises! Lots of music fills each day.

**INTERGENERATIONAL Camp** All are welcome to this new (yet familiar) camp for families of all shapes and sizes. We will gather for a week of games, social activities, crafts, worship, and more.

### Camp Staff Training: June 19-25

Click [here](#) for the staff application

### INTERGENERATIONAL Camp: June 26-July 1

A new (yet familiar) camp for families of all shapes and sizes

### BREAD Explorers: July 3-8

For campers entering grade 10 through graduated grade 12

### BREAD Adventurers: July 10-15

For campers entering grades 7 – 9

### BREAD Discoverers: July 17-22

For campers entering grades 4 – 6

### TOAST: July 22-24

For campers who identify as young adults (21+) and BREAD Alumni

### Register for BREAD and Intergenerational Camp [HERE](#).

(Adults: If you haven't already, you'll need to first create an account in our new database, Camp wise, and then you'll register your camper.)



## LENTEN LECTIONARY

Our Lenten & Holy week meditations continue in the Lenten Lectionary. The Lectionary is a booklet of meditations written by fellow parishioners for you to read each day during Lent. You may pick up a copy at church on Sunday or in Grace House during the week. The Lectionary is on the parish website at



[https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/uploads/1/2/7/2/127208021/2022\\_lectionary\\_with\\_no\\_last\\_names.pdf](https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/uploads/1/2/7/2/127208021/2022_lectionary_with_no_last_names.pdf)

## STEPHEN MINISTERS

Are you in need of a good listener? Going through illness, divorce, job loss, or issues with family? Stephen Ministers are a group of trained lay volunteers who will meet with you weekly when you need someone to talk over issues with. We don't solve your problems, but we provide a safe haven for you to share, knowing that what you say remains confidential. For a Stephen Minister, referral, please contact Pastor Susan at [sgeissleroneil@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@SaintTimothysDanville.org)

## TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT RACISM

Every Sunday March 6 – April 10 following the 8:00 and 10:00 service Peg M. will offer an inter-generational program to wonder about racism. We will meet in the Parish Hall and see a short story of God's love for the world unfold and be invited to wonder about it.



Have you ever wanted to understand racism from the beginning? The very beginning? Tell Me the Truth About Racism is a story told in 6 parts that frames the history of racism through the lens of our faith beginning with the creation of the world in week one and ending in week 6 with the world as it is today, where the lie that caused racism tries to hide in plain sight. Each week, we will be reminded that racism was never a part of God's dream for the world.

This offers a powerful grounding for an important discussion to have in a multi-generational setting. Come whether you are young or old, whether you have a big family or live alone, whether you think you know all there is to know about racism, or you want to enter the conversation at the very beginning. Each Sunday for six weeks, we will gather after church in the Parish Hall and hear the story together. Then, you may be part of a small group and wonder after the model of Godly Play. Come pray and wonder with us.

# VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**MARCH 2022**

The vestry met on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 pm in the Overby Conference Room and on Zoom

## **MOTIONS:**

- The minutes of the three vestry meetings in January and February were approved along with the Treasurer's report and documents through the end of February, the Rector's report and the several submitted commission reports.

## **OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Formation events during Lent
- Church buildings Sunday lock-up during Lent
- Finance Town Halls – Sundays, March 20 and 27 between the morning services
- Plans for coffee hour after Easter
- Habitat for Humanity build day for St. Timothy's in Walnut Creek on April 22
- Fencing expenditure for the rectory

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DANVILLE, CA VESTRY – 2022**

<b>Commission/Position</b>	<b>Name (elected in )</b>
Senior Warden	Charlie W (2022)
Junior Warden	Scott M(2020)
Administration	Steve O (2021)
Adult Formation	Liz K (2022)
Children and Youth	Rayne D (2020)
Communications	Ade A (2021)
Fellowship	Karen A (2022)
Noah's Ark	Kris M (2022)
Outreach	Gabel C-H (2021)
Worship	Jacque C (2021-2yr)
Social Justice Advocacy	Cecilia O (2021)
Rector	Rev. Todd Bryant
Associate Rector	Pastor Susan Geissler-O'Neil
Treasurer	Dick F
Vestry Clerk	Sally P

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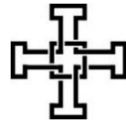
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