

# TIDINGS



**August 2023**

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

As you can see from the calendar below, we're back in business! I'm so excited to be part of this fall with you. We have opportunities for every age. On a separate page, I wrote a reflection about the Episcopal Youth Event from this summer that I hope you find interesting.

I look forward to partying with you on August 20 for Welcome Home Sunday. It's hard to believe that our kids will have already been back to school for more than a week at that point.

You also might remember that early this summer, we had lots of activity around "Vital + Thriving." That work continues behind the scenes. You should hear more communications late September, early October.

Please pray for our ministries, pray for our youth, pray for our whole community.



## **Noah's Ark Update**

I want you to know that our teachers are being trained for the upcoming school year. We're looking forward to helping families with their children's continued growth. I have mentioned this before, but TK California is changing the landscape of preschool.

For our ministry to continue into the school year 2024- 2025, we will need some major reorganization including target age groups and what our vital mission is to community.

2023-2024 enrollment is 2/3 of 2022-2023. Noah's Ark may get untenably small — if we continue with business as is. FYI for the next two years, TK California is lowering the age to very young - just turning 4 by Sept 1 in 2025. <https://tkcalifornia.org/>

I think this is great for California families, and as leaders of Noah's ark we have a chance to figure out how it can be great for families of the future too.

# EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT (EYE)

I went to EYE 2023 (Episcopal Youth Event) as an adult leader. It took place on the campus of the University of Maryland in beautiful swamp-sweat Baltimore over three days in July. There were about 1100 people of which roughly 1000 were youth. EYE is the second largest event that the Episcopal Church sponsors next to General Convention. I'm not going to describe each component of the event because social media pages do an excellent job of that. Here are a few samples:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalYouthEvent?mibextid=LQJ4d>

Website

<https://episcopalyouthevent.org/>



If you just went over to Facebook to look at the experience, you saw that it was high energy, full of joy, and full of life. One of the participants told me that it was the first time they thought the church wasn't just full of old people. As one of those old people (who is also clergy), I was overjoyed to participate and experience vitality in the workshops, group worship, and the preaching. Just hanging out playing cards and talking over meals was pretty excellent too.

I have the vantage point of growing up with church revivals in the 1980's. It was a very different experience from EYE. The 80's were also high energy, but there was a dark edge to them. In those bad ol' days, you worried about your eternal soul, and God was really freaked out by every thought that passed through your head. EYE had all of the good parts of a big revival event, with none of this baggage. It was fully inclusive. The leaders and speakers were diverse in race and class. The calls for political engagement and environmental activism were clear and inviting.

EYE focused on young people figuring out their ministry right now. I heard this refrain more than once, "You're not the church of the future You are the church of now". All people were welcome, all people were leaders, and all people had a voice. I want to specifically thank Caren Miles and The Rev. Maggie Foote from All Soul's Berkeley for the hard work they did leading up to and during the event. Many lay leaders and clergy from around the country gave so much for this to go so well. As an aside, Caren (diocesan youth missionary) loved riding ebikes, just ask her. Even Spider-Man endorsed EYE on day three (you had to be there).



I'm not writing as a fundraiser, but as somebody who completely believes that EYE is a part of the vital future we need. Please pray to financially support and give your time to the youth and young adults in the Episcopal Church. They are the church now, and EYE 2026 is almost here.



# ABUNDANCE

The sweetness of peaches and the firm red of tomatoes are a glimpse into the abundance of summer. I believe it is one of God's gifts to us as we savor the wonder of prolific gardens and orchards. Can we use moments in everyday summer to give thanks? Can we pray for all our farm workers who toil and produce food for us to eat? Can we be in the moment, encountering the Holy in our daily bread, and extend that graciousness to others in many ways? As our gardens change, and the seasons, including our harvesting garden (The Gary Hunt Memorial Garden), for Monument Crisis Center, we need to pay attention. It is not our toil that brings abundance, it is the power of God's grace in the new creation; meeting Christ in all things changes our perspective. It will allow us to glimpse God in the dried tufts of grass and in the sorrow of never harvested fields. "God with us" is the promise in the difficult times in our lives, the ever changing moments in our communities, and in the changes we can see in the late summer. Christ, let me walk with you and see...and share your abundant Love.



May



August

*Pastor Susan+*

Richard Rohr reflects: *The flow of grace through us is largely blocked when we are living inside a worldview of scarcity, a feeling that there's just not enough: enough of God, enough of me, enough food, enough mercy to include and forgive all faults. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the mind is apparently unable to imagine anything infinite or eternal. So, it cannot imagine an infinite love, or a God whose "love is everlasting" as the Psalms continually shout.*

*A foundational abundance within reality is clearly exemplified in all of the "multiplication" of food stories in the Gospels, when Jesus feeds a crowd with very little (for example, Matthew 14:15-21). The real spiritual point is grace and not some mere physical miracle. Notice in almost every case, the good old apostles, who represent our worldview of scarcity, advise Jesus against it: "But how will two fish and five loaves be enough for so many?" Jesus is trying to move them from their worldview of scarcity to a worldview of abundance, but does it with great difficulty. In the end there is always much food left over, which should communicate the point: reality always has more than enough of itself to give, it is an inherent overflowing. Observe the seeds, spermatozoa, and pollen of the natural world.*

*Open me to grace upon grace upon grace.*

**Scarcity or Abundance? References:** *Adapted from Richard Rohr, "Today Is a Time for Mercy," December 10, 2015, January 29, 2016, Daily Meditations*

# FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)



THAT'S ITALIAN

# Mama Mia!

## Fruits of the Harvest

### 26th Annual Fundraiser for Outreach

Catered Italian Buffet - Wall of Wine - Fund-A-Need  
Surprises - Childcare  
No-Host Bar & Non-Alcoholic Bar

**SATURDAY, September 9, 2023 4 to 7:30 pm**

SAINT TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benvenuti a tutti. We're going to Italy!

We are four weeks away from the biggest party of the year to raise funds for all the Outreach Ministries and events that we support.

**EARLY BIRD PRICE ENDS IN TWO WEEKS ON THE 28<sup>th</sup>.** The tickets then go from \$45 to \$55, and \$65 at the door, so don't delay. Get your tickets soon.

Everything you need to know about the event is on the Fruits of the Harvest Website (FOTH). Click on [www.SaintTimothysDanville.org](http://www.SaintTimothysDanville.org) and go to all the menu pages. You can even purchase tickets or donate securely on-line. All of the deadlines are there on the "Event Details" page. You'll see all the organizations we are supporting, and you'll even see photos of last year's event.

**Why we do this:** Over the last 25 years, we have netted over \$845,000 and given out much more in grants with the addition of a church budget allotment and rollover funds. The people who are helped by these beneficiaries can lead a better life with dignity and self-sufficiency and it helps break the cycle of poverty.

Our guest speaker is Deanne Pearn, Executive Director of Hope Solutions. This organization provides low income housing with multi-faceted services and Deanne will give us an idea of the state of homelessness.

# FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (CONT.)

Most important is that you go to the **“Helpers Sign Up”** page and see where you can help us with this huge undertaking. This is a parish wide event and we all come together to make this happen. This is great way for newcomers to get involved and meet people. If you can't sign up on on-line, there is a signup sheet on the big rolling bulletin board outside after Sunday services.

## **Please donate:**

We need gift card donations in lieu of gift baskets for the raffles and mini silent auction. These can be for dinners, books, movies, services, car washes, candy, etc.

## **Donations of wine:**

These are needed for the bar; and for the Wall of Wine - W.O. W. (You donate a bottle of wine worth over \$30 and people buy a cork with a number on it for \$25. They then go to the table of wine and match the cork number to a wine bag number.) You can't lose. There were some bottles of wine last year worth \$40 to \$60.

## **Volunteers needed for “IL BAR”:**

Mike Brown is our Bar Manager and he needs helpers who can set up and take down, and bartenders who can help in shifts so no one has to be there during the whole event. We have hired a professional RBS bartender to comply with California law but we are helping serve and with setting up and taking down the bar ourselves. By the way, Mike is making Limoncello from scratch and it will be featured in our Limoncello Spritzer signature drink. Our non-alcoholic bar needs a couple more helpers, too.

**Childcare is available.** Please use the form that came with your invitation.

## **Dinner at the event**

Tania Hansen De Young has arranged for Simple Elegance catering to provide a lovely Italian dinner with appetizers, Chicken Picatta in lemon caper sauce, penne pasta with fresh tomato, basil and garlic sauce, Fresh roasted vegetable medley with balsamic glaze, Caesar salad, focaccia bread, and a delicious dessert.

**Let's have fun:** We are going to Italy in the parish hall. You are encouraged to wear an Italian outfit. You could come as a tourist, a Roman senator, a work of art, your favorite Italian food. There are so many ideas on-line such as T-shirts with scenes of iconic art, or food, or wear a fun pizza hat or be an Italian chef. You may also come as your fabulous self.

**Feel Good Note:** I just returned from my high school reunion in San Diego. In return for organizing it, my class presented me with a proclamation and asked that the classmates send donations to something that is dear to me, and they found out about Fruits of the Harvest from my daughter. So they are sending donations, and to my knowledge, they have donated about \$320 to FOTH in my name. What a thoughtful and meaningful gift!

Questions? Contact: Leslie F. at [foth@SaintTimothysDanville.org](mailto:foth@SaintTimothysDanville.org)

# FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (CONT.)

## **Saint Timothy's Restaurant Dinner Event**

*PIATTI in Danville*  
*Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:30 pm*

This is our thirteenth annual FOTH Restaurant event. It is a great opportunity to have a very special evening, a lovely Italian dinner, and to socialize with your Saint Timothy's friends while raising a substantial amount for the Outreach ministries. There are only 60 seats available and we will sell out. To attend, sign up on the clipboard at the rolling bulletin board on Sundays.

**Fixed Price of \$116 per person**

**Of the \$116, \$35 goes to our beneficiaries and is tax deductible.**

**Your check is your reservation.**

**Tickets are non-refundable.**

The dinner price includes passed appetizers, Caesar salad, a choice of four entrees, a choice of two desserts, gratuity, sales tax, and service fee on all tabs.

**No Host Bar - Corkage fee is \$18 plus service fee, 5%**

Dress is festive "Sunday Best" attire, and singles are very welcome.

When you arrive, proceed to the garden patio to get your name tags and place cards and select your seat at a table. Please order your beverages only from the servers on the garden patio

### *MENU*

#### ***ANTIPASTO***

Passed appetizers of Pesto Arancini with Mozzarella & Mushrooms stuffed with sausage and Pt. Reyes blue cheese

#### ***INSALATA***

Caesar Salad, garlic anchovy dressing, parmesan, croutons  
Bread with dipping sauce

#### ***SECONDO, choice of one***

Wood Oven Salmon, seasonal ingredients, TBD  
Spinach Ricotta ravioli, lemon cream, citrus gremolata  
Rigatoni, slow roasted beef & pork Bolognese, parmesan  
Chicken Piccata, white wine, lemon, butter, capers, penne pasta, garlic & lemon broccoli

#### ***DOLCI, choice of one***

Piatti Cheesecake, strawberry compote  
Flourless chocolate torte, raspberry sauce, vanilla whipped cream

*For more information, contact Leslie at [foth@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:foth@sainttimothysdanville.org)*

# WELCOME HOME SUNDAY – AUGUST 20 – HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN



**Sally Shea Potts**



Have you ever asked yourself – “What was the name of that interesting person I talked to after church last Sunday? I remember her first name was Beth, but I can’t remember her last name or the name of her husband? I wonder how I can contact her?”

Help your clergy and vestry answer that and related questions by **having your picture taken on Welcome Home Sunday - August 20** so we can add it to our Breeze database. The database can only be accessed by other **ACTIVE** members of the parish community and staff who have asked for a Breeze login and been approved by our Breeze administrator.

Maybe next year, if we can get enough family pictures, we will create our own picture directory!  
Questions: Contact Sally P ([sallyspotts](mailto:sallyspotts)), Steve O ([stoki115@gmail.com](mailto:stoki115@gmail.com)), Cathy W ([wwickboldt@att.net](mailto:wwickboldt@att.net)) or Carleen C ([pledges@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:pledges@sainttimothysdanville.org))

## CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH COALITION

CCIC provides basic home necessities to people that have nothing. Working with C.C. County case workers, we fill basic needs with donated used items. Clients live in tiny apartments so think small. [www.ccichope.org](http://www.ccichope.org) Do you have a few hours once in a while to help pick up donations or make deliveries? Low commitment, we just ask each week if you are available & when. BTW, the average age of our delivery people is 77! Contact Tania at [taniahd@comcast.net](mailto:taniahd@comcast.net).

### We always need:

Towels\*  
Blankets (Queen, Full, Twin)\*  
Comforters “ “ “\*  
Sheets “ “ “\*  
Lamps \*  
Bed frames (no head/foot boards)  
Dressers  
Side Tables  
Bowls  
Cooking utensils

Couches (no longer than 75")  
Love seats  
Coffee Tables (no longer than 3.5')  
Kitchen tables & chairs  
Pots & pans  
Dishes  
Silverware  
Bakeware  
Glasses (non alcoholic)



**Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition**

Bridging needs and services in Contra Costa County

# GARY HUNT PRODUCE PROGRAM

## History

The Gary Hunt Product Program was created as a way of providing a Ministry for youth to learn about and care for plants and provide a way of helping families in our community who experience financial difficulties.

In 2017, **Jan M** with the support of other church members erected a raised garden and planted flowers and herbs through funds provided by **Helen R**. We decided to plant herbs in the raised bed because we were concerned about the huge population of deer that would pose problems if we decided to grow anything else. Since **Monument Crisis Center in Concord** accepted canned goods, we tried donating our herbs as well and found out that the herbs were well received, so we decided to harvest the herbs monthly. After a couple of years, the program expanded to other projects where we went into the community to glean trees of church members and even friends of church members as well. Sometimes it may be appropriate to harvest more frequently depending on the weather, but it must be arranged with a driver ahead of time. **Kari D** is the driver. Arrangements can be made with **Sally P** and **Tania D-Y** also.

## Harvesting

We harvested 40 1-gallon bags of fennel stems and fronds. No picker tools were required and 2 individuals were able to get it done after making 3 trips. All produce must be bagged in plastic and refrigerated to maintain freshness so produce can be delivered equitably. This process will take at least 2 individuals. Arrangements need to be made in order to do more intense gleaning. Youth make great gleaning helpers. Produce delivery arrangements need to be made ahead of time to assure freshness at the time of delivery.

**Nora H** has been working on the harvesting and training **Colin H** on herb garden and community harvesting. Together they have harvested 20 gallons of fennel fronds, 5 lbs of plums and 15 bags of St. Timothy herbs. **Pam C** will be providing more training for those interested.

The feedback we have received was very positive. The recipients at Monument Crisis Center were very happy to receive produce from St. Timothys so we hope we can continue this ministry in the years to come.

20 gallon bags of fennel stems



4 lbs of plums



Fennel Fronds and Stems & Garlic





# HOPE SOLUTIONS BACKPACK DRIVE

**Hope Solutions  
would like to thank  
everyone that participated  
in this year's backpack drive!**



We have reached a new goal! This year we collected and delivered 629 backpacks for the children in our program. Each backpack was packed with the supplies necessary for a successful school year. This wouldn't be possible without the support of our community. Thank you all for being a part of our children's success this school year. Thank you Saint Timothy's for all your donations to help make this possible.

If you would like to stay up to date on upcoming drives and program, please visit our Opportunities for Involvement page at <https://www.hopesolutions.org/wp->

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

After taking a summer break, the Social Justice Ministry will resume townhall discussions on relevant topics on **August 27 after the 10:00 am service**. Below are the topics already discussed and in the coming months. We look forward to seeing you for lively discussions:

Topic	Date
Mental Health	
Bullying	August 2023
Hunger	TBD
Poverty	TBD
Crime	TBD

The purpose of the forum sessions are in alignment with the goals of the ministry to:

- Discuss what's going on around us as it relates to social justice
- Suggest opportunities for improving lives
- Educate and bring awareness to the community

# FALL CALENDAR

## AUGUST

### August 20th

**10am** Welcome Home Sunday, one service only, ice cream social

### August 27th

**8am & 10am** FOTH Video montage in both services  
**11:15am** Social Justice Forum on bullying

### Save the Dates

FOTH	September 9	Saturday
Confirmation at Grace	September 10	Sunday
Party on the Patio	October 13	Friday
Fellowship Luncheon	October 25	Wednesday
Stewardship Ingathering	October 29 (one service only with lunch)	Sunday
Rise Against Hunger	November 4	Saturday
Rector's Open House	November 12	Sunday
Pizza Club	Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17	Sundays
Options Recovery Speaker	September 17	Sunday
Social Justice Forums	Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26	Sundays
Book Club	Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19	Sundays
Christmas Boxes	TBD	Saturday
Advent Begins!	December 3	Sunday

## SEPTEMBER

### September 7th (Thursday)

**6:30pm** Bell choir rehearsal continues  
**7:15pm** Fall Choir rehearsal resumes

### September 9th

**4pm** Fruits of the Harvest party and fundraiser

### September 17th

**8am & 10am** Options Recovery Speaker at both services  
**11:15am** Book Club - new book every month  
**Early afternoon** Pizza Club resumes - various host churches in area.  
This month - Church of the Resurrection

*Upcoming dates - Oct 15th, Nov 19th, and Dec 17th*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you or someone you know need prayers right now? Our confidential prayer team is willing to pray for you no matter the circumstances. We pray for health issues, relationship issues, mental health, family, or job issues. Our group of pray-ers feel like it is our privilege to pray on your behalf. Just send a note to: [prayers@sainttimothyschurch.org](mailto:prayers@sainttimothyschurch.org)

All requests are strictly confidential--we won't talk to you or anyone else about your concerns. For more information, contact Patty F or Helen C

## FOR ONE-ON-ONE PASTORAL CARE

Email clergy for a time and we can set up a video, make a phone call or a visit.

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

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

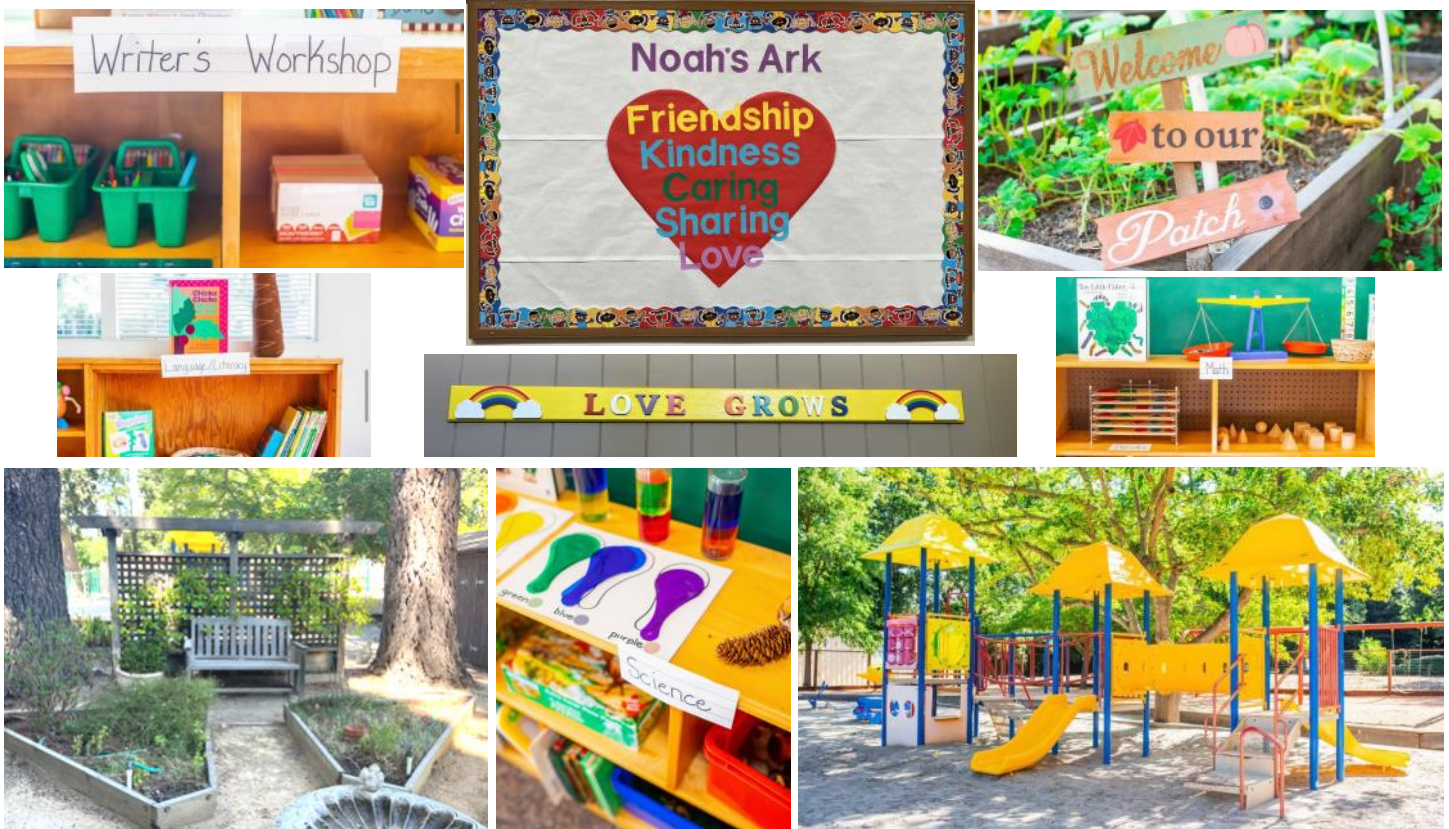
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## Financial Summary for January – June, 2023

	6-month Actual	6-month Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$390,035</b>	<b>\$360,020</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$390,426</u></b>	<b><u>\$398,392</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(\$391)</b>	<b>(\$38,372)</b>

- St. Timothy's financials show that we are ahead of plan for the first six months of 2023.
- Maintenance reserves now stand at about \$96,500, following major maintenance and repair costs of almost \$168,000 in the first six months. Pledge reserves stand at approximately \$168,000, unchanged since the report for May.
- The Parish is in satisfactory financial shape, assuming that we do not experience significant new maintenance expenses.

# NOAH'S ARK IS READY!



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