

TIDINGS



April 2024 - Easter Season

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

Holy Week and Easter this year were a highlight for me. Everything worked smoothly, worship was holy, and we departed from each event and worship service revived.

I want to tell of a few things that happened since we last talked.

Vital + Thriving (V + T)

Vital + Thriving is a process where we prayerfully listen and create a strategic plan for the future of St. Timothy's. As we push ahead, we will be building a "missional innovation team" to facilitate the next steps.

V + T Event on April 7th

We had a very "vital day" at our "table talks" in the Parish Hall on April 7th. Pictures inside.

- Big thank you goes to Linda, Eric and the steering team for leading the event.
- Thank you to Jim, Renie, Carleen, Ann, and Karen for food.
- Thank you to our table leaders: Darrell, Sue, Ade John, Ed, Helen, Wally, Tania, and Emily.

More information will be coming as we process the data. But for now, we heard several things clearly.

- We are getting older but are ready to explore new ways of ministry.
- We want to use our campus to leverage maximum impact on our local community.
- We are open to the future.

One thing I heard clearly was a desire for more contemporary music. Starting on Pentecost Sunday, we will be blending more contemporary music into worship. We won't dispense with hymns, but will find a more vital balance between the old and new.

On page 2, I have included a list of songs for starting the newer music conversation. You may or may not recognize these songs, but we want to hear from you about your favorites. We don't have a band, and likely



will not get one right now, so the contemporary songs need to be piano driven.

Noah's Ark

I announced on Palm Sunday that Noah's Ark will be closing. Due to very low enrollment, your vestry and clergy made the very difficult decision to end an era.

New / Old Visitation Ministry

I want you to be part of our new visitation ministry. It's less formal than lay eucharistic visitors that required licensure. On Trinity Sunday, May 26 after 10am service, we will have a quick training (about 30 minutes) to equip you to make "house calls" with communion. You don't have to go on a Sunday, but do need to bring the box back by Thursday. This ministry is focused on those who aren't always able to come to church.

Youth Mission Update

You might have heard in church that we are not going to go to Mexico for a house build this summer. We made that decision because of travel advisories. So, I want to look ahead to new possibilities. A group of parents and I are planning a local mission trip in late June (within five hours of Danville.)

On Pentecost Sunday, I am asking these families to do a mini fundraiser by hosting coffee hour after the 10am service. We will put a basket out and would love for you to donate to the Mission trip. You can also put on your check memo "2024 mission trip."

Todd

MUSIC IDEAS

Here is a conversation starter for new-ish music. This list includes some of the songs we've sung in the past (in italics). Please let us know your favorites. Go to YouTube and search these songs, with title / musician. Email Todd (rector@sainttimothysdanville.org) and Myles (MusicDir@sainttimothysdanville.org).

10,000 Reasons - Redman
Amazing Grace (Chains Are Gone) - Chris Tomlin
Amazing Love - Kendrick
Arms Of Love (I Sing A Simple Song Of Love)
Be Lifted Up - Paul Oakley
Beautiful Savior - Townend
Befriended - Redman
Better Is One Day (How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place)
Blessed Be Your Name - Matt Redman
Build My Life - Pat Barrett

Come Let Us Return - Prosch
Come, Now Is The Time - Vineyard
Come Thou Fount - Chris Tomlin
Cornerstone - Hillsong Worship
Create In Me A Clean Heart
Everlasting God - Chris Tomlin
Every Move I Make
Faithful One - Brian Doerksen
Feel Like Am Falling - Hillsong
Friend Of God - Israel Houghton
From The Inside Out - Hillsong
Give Me Jesus
God of Wonders - Third Day

Good, Good Father - Chris Tomlin
 Great Are You Lord - All Sons & Daughters
 Great Is The Lord - Steve McEwan
 Hallelujah For All You've Done - Hillsong
He Knows My Name
 Heart Of Worship - Redman
 Here I Am To Worship - Hughes
How Can I Keep From Singing?
 How Deep The Fathers Love For Us - Townend
How Great Is Our God - Chris Tomlin
 Humble King – Brenton Brown
Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord
 Hungry - Kathryn Scott
I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever
I Give You My Heart
 I Love You Lord And I Lift My Voice -
 Laurie Klein
 I Will Offer Up My Life - Redman
 I'm Trading My Sorrows
In Christ Alone - Stuart Townend
 Jesus Be The Centre - Michael Frye
 Jesus Holy And Anointed One - Barnett
 Jesus Name Above All Names - Hearn
 Jesus We Enthroned You - Don Moen
 King Of Kings - Ligertwood
Lean On Me
 Lord, I Need You
 Lord Light The Fire Again - Brian Doerkson
Lord, Prepare Me
 Lord You Have My Heart - Martin Smith
More Precious Than Silver - Lynn DeShazo
 Mighty To Save - Hillsong Worship
 My Redeemer Lives - Hillsong
 Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) - Hillsong
 Offering - Paul Baloche
 Oh Lead Me - Delirious
 Oh Lord You're Beautiful - Keith Green
 Once Again - Redman
 Picked Me Up From The Miry Clay - Isaac Joe

Pour Out My Heart - Craig Musseau
 Refiner's Fire - Brian Doerkson
Shout To The Lord
Stand By Me
Step By Step
 Surrender - Marc James
 The Lord Is Gracious And Compassionate
 - Graham Ord
 The Wonderful Cross - Tomlin
 This Is Amazing Grace - Phil Wickham
Thy Word
 Undignified
Waymaker
 What A Friend I've Found - Martin Smith
 Who Is Like Him - Paul Baloche
 Who You Say I Am - Hillsong
 Worthy Is The Lamb - Hillsong
 You Are God In Heaven
You Are Good
You Never Let Go
 Your Grace Is Enough - Matt Maher
 Your Love Is Amazing - Brenton Brown
 Your Love, Oh Lord Reaches To The
 Heavens - Third Day



LIGHT AND SHADOW

Did you see it? Did you take a moment to witness the eclipse in any way? I watched the shadows. I remembered that in 2017 the shadows seemed to have a strange shape and I did not understand. My neighbor, sitting in a beach chair gazing at the sky, while his young son wearing funny glasses played and watched, later explained the significance of the scooped-out portion of the leaves, that I suddenly could interpret. This time, I wanted a picture. Watching, watching, watching and I did not see the tell-tale crescent forming in the shadows of the leaves. The time of the shadow came and went. I thought I missed what I longed to see.



Later, as watched NASA, and television monitoring, I realized I did not miss the eclipse. I saw it through other camera lenses, and stranger's eyes. Millions traveled far to see this strange sight of darkness and shadow and light marveling at the mystery and sometimes humbled by the greatness of the mystery of the cosmos and our little piece of it as a single being on this unique planet earth. I learned my brother and his family had experienced the darkness. In the path of 99% eclipse, my sister's school let out all the children early and sent them home in buses holding glasses in their hands. I saw the moment through different eyes--and I too remembered when I was a child holding funny glasses and pieces of film.

The season of Easter is about the stories of the witnesses who saw the Risen Christ. Their lives changed and the lives of the people to whom they told the stories found their lives transformed also. Stories were later written down and we have the Gospels, Mark, Matthew, Luke and John and the book of Acts. We have theologians and storytellers through the ages that try to articulate what this means for us and how a joy-filled life is an experience to be shared with others. We have the witnesses of people of faith whose lives who may be hugely different from our own lives and they are transformed by an encounter with Jesus in their own life and their lives of their community. The power of freedom in the Gospel songs of slaves moving toward freedom, still makes me tremble with awe.

How is this Light transforming us today to care anew for this fragile earth, our island home? How is Christ through the power of the Spirit reaching into our lives to bring reconciliation and healing into a grieving, wounded and broken world and neighborhood? The surprise is that **we** are the witnesses—not because we asked, simply because Christ has appeared to us in so many different ways. Are we listening to stories of friend and stranger; are we sharing our stumbling, crescent shaped stories with others—family and the one we walking along side of us in the everyday moments? Sometimes in life, it is by paying attention to the shadows in our lives that we discover Truth and Light and a greater compacity for compassion. It seems to me, that faith grows both in the darkness of shadows and in the Light because Christ is there in All.

God, guide me with your Light, help me to forgive more deeply, help me allow myself to be forgiven and set free, and teach me more of your Love in the power of the Risen One, that I too may be a witness to Christ's Light in the world.

Susan+

EARTHFEST

Interfaith San Ramon Valley (I-SRV) EarthFest!
Sunday, April 21st, 12:30 – 4:30pm

St. Timothy's Co-Sponsors I-SRV EarthFest and returns to participate with The Crayon Initiative – join us for a fun day of fun and learning!

Plenty of opportunities to volunteer as well, everything from set up and clean up, to volunteer guides, to refilling the water station.

Sign up for volunteer spots: tinyurl.com/EarthFest24

Are you a budding photographer? Have an interest in capturing goofy, funny, important, and moving works of art? We are in need of a photographer or two this year!

For more information contact Kari D: kari.doolittle@gmail.com Or Peace Lutheran Church office@peacejourney.org

Learn more about EarthFest: <https://interfaithsrv.org/earthfest/>



InterFaith See Hope



EarthFest Seed Change

Sunday, April 21st 12:30 to 4:30
at Peace Lutheran Church
Created by I-SRV
Learn more: [InterfaithSRV.org](https://interfaithsrv.org)

DANVILLE
LIVE LOCALLY

2nd Annual
All Peoples are Invited
Fun & Learning for the Entire Family
Ritual • Art • Music • Activities • Speakers • Booths

We will spotlight our eco-success stories, draw hope from one another, and inspire ongoing local commitment to action!
This Town of Danville community event is a collaborative celebration of Bahá'í, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Sufi, Hindu, Taoist, and Christian friends, with acknowledgement to our Indigenous relations.



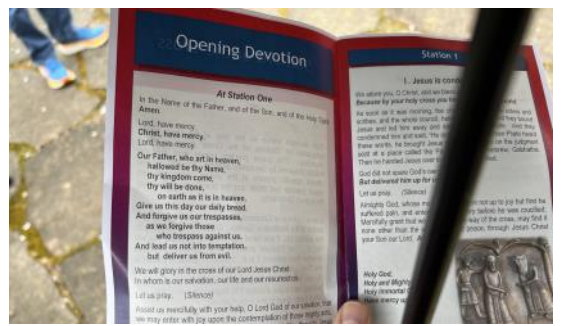
Photos from EarthFest 2023

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday



Good Friday





Easter Prep!



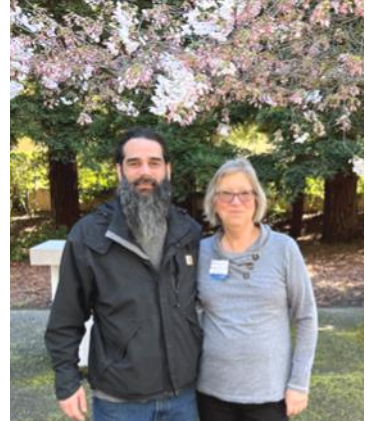
Young People's Time

Thank you to everyone for listening to the votes of our children and youth! You all donated a lot of Skinny Pop, peanut butter and Cheerios! We will be taking everything to Monument Crisis Center soon.



Egg Hunt, voting & prizes!





WOMEN'S RETREAT

**June 15th
San Damiano**



We are planning a Women's Retreat at San Damiano 8:00am - 5:00pm. The Rev. Martha Kuhlmann be our retreat leader.

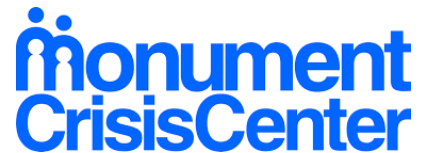
We will gather and have time to pray, learn, share, eat lunch together and be on the beautiful grounds of San Damiano - right here in Danville.

Please indicate your interest and contact Roz A aderozy@gmail.com or Pastor Susan sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org.

OUTREACH NEWS

Monument Crisis Center

The staff, volunteers, and clients of Monument Crisis Center (MCC) are celebrating the return of their Executive Director, Sandra Scherer after a year of absence during her cancer treatment. During her absence, everyone pitched in to keep operations and fund-raising going – particularly her son, Danny, who served as interim director during her absence. MCC saw a 42% increase in the number of households and a 36% increase in the number of individuals using their services in 2023. Over 8200 volunteer hours were donated during 2023 to serve their clients. See the Outreach bulletin board in the lobby of the Parish Hall for more information on Monument Crisis Center in 2023. Liaison: Sally Shea Potts.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley celebrated the 23 families who will shortly move into their new houses at Esperanza Place next to the Pleasant Hill BART station. St. Timothy's volunteers have helped with the preparation of the site and the construction of these townhouses. For more information, check out: <https://www.habitatbsv.org/esperanza-place>
Liaison: David Kutrosky

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 17, 2024

Financial Summary for March YTD, 2024

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$249,583	\$183,550
Total Expenses	<u>\$216,110</u>	<u>\$215,845</u>
Net Operating Income	\$33,473	(\$32,294)

Comments

- First quarter results are ahead of plan, primarily because we have 17 pledges (out of 150) that have been paid in full for the year.
- Rev. Todd's Inflation Pledge campaign presented in the Annual Meeting has resulted in 20 pledges for \$25,254 received to date (3/31).
- The Balance Sheet shows Unrestricted Net Assets of \$534,645 as of 3/31/24.

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 20, 2024

The Vestry met on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:30pm on Zoom.

MOTIONS:

- The Vestry unanimously approved the February Vestry meeting minutes, the reports and documents submitted by the treasurer, and several submitted rector and commission reports submitted prior to the meeting.
- The Vestry unanimously approved the closure of Noah's Ark Preschool.

PARISH FINANCES:

Financial Summary for February YTD, 2024

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$189,815	\$122,367
Total Expenses	<u>\$140,443</u>	<u>\$143,896</u>
Net Operating Income	\$49,372	(\$21,530)

The Vestry is planning to host Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday April 17th, 2024, at 6:30 in the Conference Room in Grace House.

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

Submitted by Kris Manning, Vestry Clerk

FRUITS OF THE HARVEST



SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST 17, 2024

**27th Fruits of the Harvest
fundraiser for Outreach Ministries**

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