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

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I hope you have recovered from December and are getting back to your normal routine — even if you own Apple stock.

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. The Epiphany season lasts all of January into early March this year.

Epiphany can be understood three ways – the dictionary definition, the actual day, and the season.

The dictionary definition of Epiphany

An insight – “Aha, I had an epiphany!”

The Day of Epiphany

The day *The Epiphany* is the second flavor. The Epiphany (Jan 6 ends the 12 days of Christmas. If you sing the song “The 12 days of Christmas” you will get to 12 drummers drumming. After all the money I spent on presents, I can't imagine spending past the second day of Christmas using that model. The day 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 celebrated the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6th, which by happy chance is the actual day. But the main reason for Matthew's story is to remind us that God revealed love in Jesus for all people, especially foreigners, outsiders, and anybody who wants more from God.

The Season

The Epiphany Season is the third flavor. It starts on January 6th and goes through March 5th (Ash Wednesday is March 6th).

As we begin 2019, please pray for St. Timothy's vitality and pray for all our ministries as we give of best to God in Jesus.

Todd

Annual Meeting

January 27, 2019

After 10 am liturgy

Inside church

LITURGICAL ART FOR THE SEASON

Epiphany: We have now entered into a season of great light for Epiphany. Hanging high over the altar, the contemporary white banner with an exploding center represents the profound significance of the birth of the Christ child. When working on this, I literally felt the tremendous importance of how the world would change with Jesus. The sparkling center star leaves no doubt that one of the most profound events in our lives has occurred. We are receiving the light of Christ with all the wonder, glory and love that one can imagine.



The cross in the star just evolved. I was laying the sticks in the center to see where to cut them and the cross became apparent. To me, this piece symbolizes both the birth and death of Christ. We hope that you will have your own interpretation and that these works of art will enhance your experience of worship during this holy season.

The white banner was originally made in 2008 and it was flat. Then in 2011, a three dimensional center was added to the front. This year much more shining gold embellishment has been added to the center to make this quality even more apparent. The glittering twigs, mirrors, and shining materials are necessary to get some sparkle when viewed from such a distance and with the low light in the church.

The original piece took about 22 hours to complete, and this year I added about 12 more hours. It takes over my studio/dining room and hangs over my stairs balcony and there will be glitter in every room in my house for some time.

Special thanks to all who helped install these pieces. We couldn't put this up without all your helping hands and ladder handling. Thank you to Kathy and Charlie Wills, Dick Firth, Steven O'Neil, Spencer and Rena Fulweiler, Val Charles, John and Thomas Hager, Neal Matsunaga, Cindy Kawamura, and others for helping to hang the Advent and Christmas art

Christmas Wreaths – A huge THANK YOU to Cathy Morris for donating the green wreaths, Renie Pope for the red bows we have used many times, and to Val Charles and Michele for installing them to honor Patril Southworth's memory. I kept them alive for three weeks before, and primped and perfected them. They are so festive and part of the season. Perhaps someone can offer to care for them next year.



JOIN US FOR TEA – JANUARY 22



Join us for tea and conversation (and a cookie) in Grace House Tuesday, January 22 at 2:00. Stop by for a little while to meet casually with friends from Saint Timothy's, or bring a friend and share a cup of tea.

Questions? Contact Patty Alexanderson mrs.sun@comcast.net All are welcome and we are looking forward to a good time!

ROOF UPDATE

As you may know or may have observed, we had some work done on our church roof recently. Let me give you a brief history. We started this project a couple of years ago when we noticed some leaks. We found out that to replace the entire roof was going to be quite expensive and would reduce our reserves substantially. We decided to hire an architect to work with a roofer that was referred to us by the diocese.

These two contractors, as well as several people from Saint Tim's, went up onto the roof to see if there were other alternatives. We came up with one that all of us agreed was worth a try. We replaced the flat area that surrounds our roof and installed new material that is more suited for a flat roof (that was where the leaks appeared). Between our roofer and our architect there was consensus that our peaked roof appeared to be in decent condition and could possibly last 5-10 years (NO GUARANTY). The work took approximately 15 days and there was quite a bit of wood rot.

The cost was approximately 25% of replacing the roof. Please remember we did NOT replace the roof, so some time in the future we will need to complete the job. Our repairs should not need replacing, so our overall cost at that time should be minus the work on the flat roof.

We have four buildings and a walkway that all have roofs that are either near or at their time to be replaced. We all need to be aware of this and begin to make plans to handle these expenses.

Ed Liggins, Property Commissioner

THANK YOU GIFT OF LOVE VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all the volunteers who made **The Gift of Love**—A Christmas Event possible and fun for all the children! Special thanks to Kathy Wills who designed our pillow cases, Kimberly Bryant who printed all the T-shirts and prepared all the Christmas ornaments and crafts, Caroline Fea who led the Godly Play story, Karen Anderson, Debbie Koteskey and all the teens and adults who worked so hard before and during the event including Jim Coleman, our photographer, Sara Bossatti, Ann Griffin, Fran Paxson, Sue Enes, Patti Farris, Cindy Mathis, Roz Adekunle, Sally Shea Potts, Neal Matsunaga, Becca O'Neil, Cathy Hagar, Matthew Koteskey, Adam Linari, Skylar Puckett,

Allie Geraci-Novy, Jake Ball, Ryan Ball, Thomas Hagar, Lauren Bryant, Ellie Cottrill, Jennifer O'Byrne, Lexi Gates, Pastor Todd, and Darita Seth and so many others... Thank you for all your prayers for helping to remind our children about God's love for them and for us...



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 2019 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 will be at church with information on the eve of New Year's Eve, and the two Sundays following, 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!

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SHARE THE WARMTH



EXTENDED TO JANUARY 13

We're collecting desperately needed warm, colored wool socks for Loaves and Fishes and Trinity Center. (Please, no white cotton. Recipients say they are too difficult to keep clean.) We are also gathering warm hats, knit scarves, mittens, gloves, and small hotel toiletries.

Collection boxes will be located:

- In the entry of Grace House
- In the parish hall entry by the Outreach board
- In the entry to the church.

Thank you for anything you can give.

Two volunteers are needed to help with the drive.

Contact: Leslie Firth, leslifirth@comcast.net, 925.683.7868 or

Steve Mason, stevemason200@gmail.com

WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER



WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER 2019 February 11 - February 25

“The minimum requirement for a dream is a safe place to lay your head.”

Olu Timehin Adegbeye – Writer, Activist

St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim Congregation are once again co-hosting the Winter Nights Shelter from Monday, February 11 through Monday, February 25.

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.

[Setup & Take Down](#)

[Food Donations](#)

[Meal Teams](#)

[Homework-Children's Activities](#)

[Monetary Donation](#)

[Non-Food Donations](#)

[Weekend Activities](#)

[Wash Family Towels](#)

[Overnight](#)

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 June. 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 808-8810 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/>

ACOLYTE TRAINING



Acolyte Training

Dear Kids of All Ages,

If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Jacque Chiavini at jchiavini@gmail.com. Training can be scheduled according to your schedule and the time commitment for that training is an hour.

Likewise, serving at the altar is according to your availability.

I look forward to hearing from you!

WELCOME NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Emily Connell joined St. Timothy's last month in the parish office as the new administrator. She recently moved to Danville last summer from San Jose. She stays busy with three daughters ages 11, 9 and 7. A Bay Area native she loves the Giants and the Warriors. She graduated from Ole Miss and roots for the Rebels and the SEC.

We are delighted to have Emily join the team!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – DECEMBER 2018

The vestry met in Grace House on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 pm.

MOTIONS:

- The Treasurer’s Report, Balance Sheet and P&L, Rector’s report, and Commission reports from Administration, Children and Youth, Fellowship, Formation, Outreach, Property and Social Justice were approved.
- A modified budget was approved which removed \$7000 from Administration (for mailings) and moved that money to the Contingency line item.
- The annual clergy Housing Resolution submitted by the Treasurer for Pastor Todd Bryant was approved.
- The annual clergy Housing Resolution submitted by the Treasurer for Associate Pastor Susan Geissler-O’Neil was approved.
- The \$0.545/mi mileage reimbursement rate for 2019 was approved.
- Moving any positive net income in 2018 to the maintenance reserve account was approved.

Discussion Items:

- (January Vestry meeting) Recommendation from the Finance Committee and the Treasurer on how to use these funds left to the church by the Reed and Sylvia Miller estate
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Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, **January 16, 2019**. 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

TREASURER’S REPORT DECEMBER 19, 2018

Treasurer’s Report

December 19, 2018

Financial Highlights

- 2018 budget based on 164 pledges totaling \$650,300 with an additional 7 pledges received during the year

• **2018 Budget vs Actuals, through November**

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$664,950	\$630,746	\$(34,204)
Other Income	\$ 39,664	\$ 33,393	\$(6,271)
Expenses	\$682,576	\$639,493	\$ 43,083

Income – Pledge Income difference due to:

Current year pledge \$(2,690) under
Contributing income \$(34,475)
Prior year pledges received this year \$2,961 over
Other Income difference due mainly to:
Plate offering \$(4,073) under
Special gifts \$1,716 over
Operating support \$(3,800) under
Contributing income budget may be about \$37,600 too high
Plate Offering budget may be \$4,400 too high
Operating support flower donations budget may be \$2,100 too high
Expenses – Operating expenses difference is the sum of lots of overs and unders, with main ones being:
Personnel expenses \$14,825 under
Christian Formation \$2,903 under
Fellowship expenses \$6,341 under
Administrative expenses \$2,310 under
Finance expenses \$8,171 under
Contingency expenses \$4,583 under

- The church's 2018 budget had assumed income would be greater than expenses by about \$24,000 but as of now we are about even. Last year 2017 net income was added to the church's maintenance/capital improvements reserve account. This account, based on a consultant prepared reserve study completed in 2018 identified future needs of about \$100,000/year to keep our campus in good shape. Hopefully, December pledge income will be greater than planned so that we are able to again add funds to the church's maintenance/capital improvements reserve account.

Neal Matsunaga

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