

TIDINGS



June 2023

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

Greetings St. Timothy's!

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we enter the month of June. Summer is just around the corner, and there are many exciting events and activities happening at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Here's what you can look forward to this month:

Summer Choir is Back!

During the summer months, there is a brief rehearsal and warm up on Sunday morning and the choir sings at 10am. No weekday rehearsal during the summer. It has already begun!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is back this year! We start on June 5th at St. Joan of Arc.

Youth Group

I have really enjoyed our monthly Pizza Club meetings. At the beginning of the year, we started at St. Paul's. In March, we came together at Church of the Resurrection. In April, everyone came to St. Timothy's. In May, we did our Pilgrimage to Grace Cathedral.

Pizza Club / Youth Group won't formally meet over the summer. But, because of Cathy M's gift of couches and last year's table from Leslie F, I am inspired to reimagine how the family room can be a good place for youth to meet (bottom floor of Grace House).



EYE (Episcopal Youth Event)

You have only heard little bits from me about EYE. I have the privilege of going with a small delegation of Diocese of California to the largest Episcopal youth that the church sponsors. It happens every three years. Check it out <https://eye.episcopalchurch.org/en/>

Community Outreach

Pants Drive ends on June 18th. Thank you for the more than "two scores of donations."

Adult and Youth Education Series

Parish Hall, June Sundays at 9:15am

I may have bit off quite a chunk, but I never let that stop me before. For the month of June, I will be leading a short bible study at 9:15am each Sunday. We will listen to Taylor Swift's music (along with other musicians) and make spiritual connections to our lives and scripture.

Todd

KITES AND PAPER AIRPLANES

*Bless the Holy One, O my soul; * O God, how excellent is your greatness; you are clothed with majesty and splendor.*

*You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak; * you spread out the heavens like a curtain. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers. Psalm 104:1-4*

The tug of the wind on a kite is an unforgettable feeling, whether we run to get it off the ground or toss it up to catch the sea breeze on the beach. Best of all, we can fly a kite alone or with a friend or a parent. Holding tightly to a bit of string and looking up, we can see the soaring and the dips and twirls of color. The breath of the spirit catches us up into the sky and no longer earthbound, we look up with excitement. Lose focus, and one dip can bring the kite sliding earthward toward the dust where we will need to walk and run again as we look upward. Can we set our face to the wind, inhale the breath of God, and let it whoosh our hope aloft again?



The kites I know as an adult are far from the sticks and paper I put together as a child. We leave to engineers who know the force of the wind, the right amount of “tail” to make the kite soar, the strength of fabric and metal that can carry even a person gliding into the canyons. The power of wind and breath moves us with imagination and faith. Our faith too needs to grow with practice, knowledge and discipline as we encounter the dips and twirls of living.

How do we imagine this season after Pentecost, the time when the disciples of Jesus and set out to continue to tell the story of God’s Love in the world? After the rushing winds and flames of light where do *we* go? Do we run to tell the good News and share what God has done for us, caught up in the power of the Spirit to heal, to connect, to teach, to pray, and to liberate? What are our gifts together and what are the unique gifts God has given us for today?



Recently we made paper airplanes in Children’s Liturgy, talking about the wind of the Holy Spirit, Good News, and wondering whether our planes would fly. Decorating them with colors, one boy said, “I am going to draw a person inside”-and did. Folding the paper carefully, the person safely inside, and the child let his plane fly with a toss of his hands. He ran to retrieve his airplane after church. Later I realized how important it is to be reminded that the Spirit always carries us. A child knew how much this is true. The winds and the power and the breath of God hold us all up and carry us, surprising us, gifting us with the gifts we need as a community and as children of God. *Thank you Timothy.*

Pastor Susan+

WHOLE LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Whole Life Planning Workshop was held on May 6th.

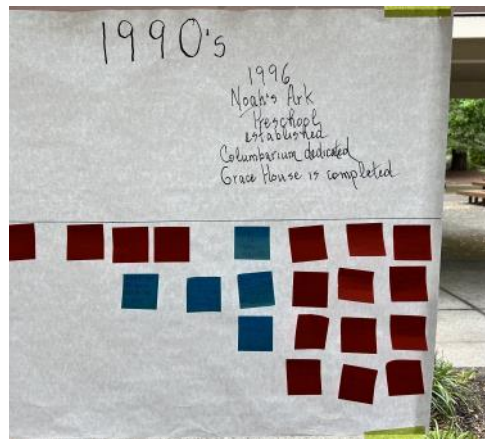
Click [HERE](#) to view the Whole Life Planning document.



ST. TIMOTHY'S FAITH JOURNEY

Vital + Thriving Event - St. Timothy's Faith Journey was held on May 7th.

We put up Post-It notes to indicate "red letter"/great days, days that weren't so great and hopes for the future. You can still add more Post-It notes in Parish Hall.



PARTY ON THE PATIO & BINGO



DIOCESAN-WIDE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO GRACE CATHEDRAL



SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT



A very special thank you to Troop 36 for their recent service project at St. Timothy's. There were three large piles of wood chips left over from the visit by Traverso Tree Service last summer. In two days and with many scouts, they moved all of the wood chips to the area around the heritage oak at the north end of the Meditation Garden.

A GREAT JOB - THANK YOU SO MUCH

SEND OFF!

Altar Guild sends Cathy M off with gifts and love!



HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS



Vestry Meeting



Young People's Time



Taking down the banner



Brad's Hauling Heroes



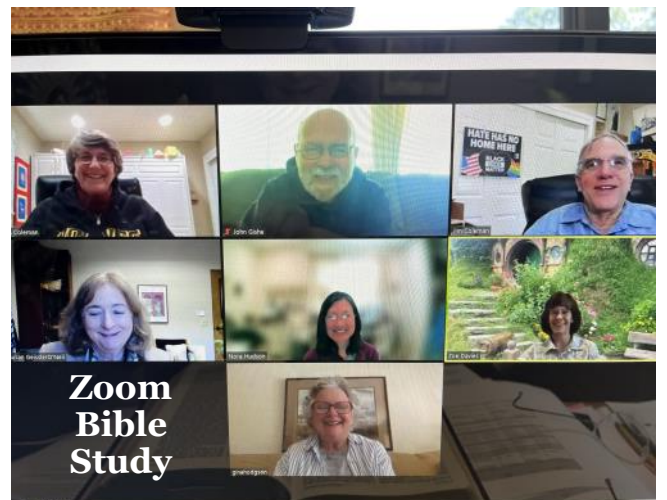
Bell Canto Rehearsal



Pentecost



Pride Flag



Zoom Bible Study

GARY HUNT PRODUCE PROGRAM

On Monday May 22nd, Kari D transported 20-1 gallon bags of fennel stems to Monument Crisis Center. We were able to get them from a neighbor who had an overabundance of fennel due to the rains in January. Neighbors Yana and Mike were commenting how much they wanted to remove all the overgrown plants so Nora contacted Monument Crisis Center to ask Yolanda G if they wanted the plants.

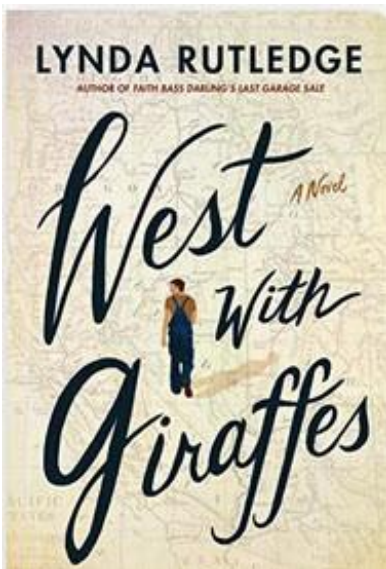
We were surprised to discover that MCC was passing stems to members so she and her husband Steve went to their yard and removed most of the fennel. In 2 hours the fennel was cut down, bagged and ready to go. Fortunately it fit nicely across the back seat of Nora's car.

It is a wonderful feeling to see how we as a church community can find ways to reach out to less fortunate people within our community. Yana and Mike, we thank you for your contribution.

Nora H



BOOK GROUP



On June 18, after the 10:am service, the book group will meet in the Overby Library to discuss [West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge](#). "Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late."

Sally is leading the discussion in June. Book group will take a summer vacation in July and August. We are gathering suggestions for what to read this fall. Send your suggestions and questions to Sally P at sallyspotts@gmail.com.

SPRING CAMPUS WORK PARTY

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, June 10 at 9:30am

On Saturday June 10, the Property Commission will be hosting a work party to do Spring cleanup on our grounds and to get to all those small projects that need to be done.

Our Fall work party had 14 people show up, and the work went quickly. We had fun and got all the work done. There will be projects at many levels of ability and commitment. You can sign up on the worksheet at coffee hour on June 4th for a job you can do.

Join us for a worthwhile day to get our campus looking great. We'll provide coffee, donuts, bagels and cream cheese. Contact: Karen A

FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)

The committee is working on all aspects of FOTH. We're looking forward to a fun event with our theme. The caterer has been booked, the program is under production, as is the website and invitation. There are many moving parts to this event. Stay tuned for more information and look for ways to jump in and volunteer.

All you need to do is figure out what you will wear to show your favorite Italian style. Costumes abound...there are so many iconic Italian things in our American way of life. Maybe come as a tourist, a Roman senator, or a chef, or your favorite Italian food. You can also come as your lovely self.

SAVE THE DATE – September 9th!



Is Cooking your Love Language?

Do you like visiting with people while preparing food?

Don't cook but like to help?

Want to meet new people?

Our Fruits of the Harvest Fundraiser is September 9th!

I'm looking for people to help prepare appetizers and a dessert from provided recipes (open to your favorite recipes too!)

Contact Tania H-D at taniahd@comcast.net

HOPE SOLUTIONS 2023 BACKPACK DRIVE

COMING SOON!

13th Annual Backpack Drive from Mid June to Mid July
Stay tuned for future announcements and website links

HOPE
SOLUTIONS



Each year, the children of Hope Solutions start the school year with new backpacks and school supplies. With your support, we will provide over 500 backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies to help give them the tools and confidence needed for a successful '23-24 school year. Thank you so much for considering a donation that will help us bring smiles and empower self-worth to the youth we serve.

ON-LINE - Once again the drive at Saint Timothy's will be **ON-LINE** only. The website for the Sidney Page backpack supplier link is under construction and will be going live about mid-June with more information. Check with www.hopesolutions.org As soon as it is completed, I will publicize it in weekly announcements and Tidings.

If you would rather write a check, please make it **OUT** to **HOPE SOLUTIONS**, (not St. Timothy's or I'll have to track you down to write another check.) Write "Backpack Drive – Saint Timothy's" on the memo line and hand it to Leslie F after the services.

You may also donate funds directly to Hope Solutions for supplies by mailing a check to Hope Solutions, 399 Taylor Boulevard, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 with "Backpack Drive – St. Timothy's" on the memo line. Contact: Leslie F - lesliefirth@comcast.net

GUNS TO GARDENS

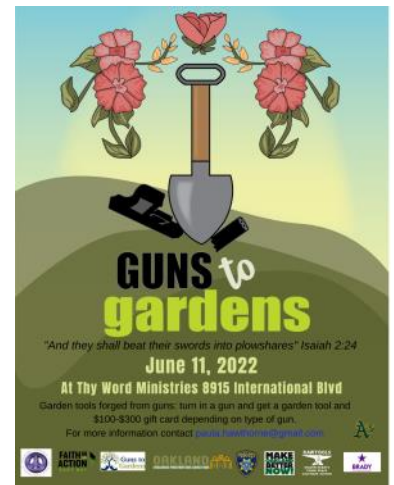
Guns to Gardens: A ministry of St. Paul's, Oakland
Let's disarm hearts, forge peace, and cultivate justice together!

When: Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: At Thy Word Ministries; 8915 International Blvd, Oakland

Event flyer: [linked here](#)

Guns to Gardens is happening again in Oakland on June 10! A movement between various faith-based and peacemaking organizations, alongside the Oakland Police Department, individuals in Oakland and beyond can turn in a gun and get a garden tool forged from guns, as well as A's tickets and up to \$300 in gift cards, depending on gun value.



BELL TOWER



THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Bring back the sound of the bell in the bell tower to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Saint Timothy's.

We miss the sound of the call to prayer for the services; the mourning sound of the bell during a memorial; and the joy of the bells for a celebration. Let's let the sound of the bell make us think about who we were, who we are, and who we will be as we celebrate 70 years of sharing the love at Saint Timothy's.

After many years of faithful service, our bell tower needs a new electronic controller to continue to serve us. A replacement will cost about \$6,000. If you would like to help with this project, you can do so by check or using the Venmo link on the church website. Make your check out to St. Timothy's and memo it to bell tower. If you use Venmo, memo it to bell tower.

Any questions contact Neal M

TREASURER'S REPORT

St. Timothy's Danville Treasurer's Report

May 17, 2023

Financial Summary for January – April, 2023

	4-month Actual	4-month Budget
Total Income	\$273,026	\$240,013
Total Expenses	<u>\$256,843</u>	<u>\$265,594</u>
Net Operating Income	\$16,183	(\$25,581)

- St. Timothy's financials show that we are ahead of plan for the first four months of 2023.
- Maintenance reserves now stand at about \$99,800, following major maintenance and repair costs of almost \$166,000 in the first four months. Pledge reserves stand at approximately \$168,000.
- The Parish is in decent financial shape, assuming that we do not experience significant new maintenance expenses.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, by your grace you have called us into one fellowship of faith: Look graciously on the people of the Diocese of California during this time of transition. May we be guided in heart and mind by your Holy Spirit to seek and welcome a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us to perform the work of the Church. Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do. Save us from all false choices, that in your light we may see light, and on your path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



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