

# TIDINGS



May 2023

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

We are in the thick of the Easter season. The readings right now in church focus on *post* resurrection encounters with Jesus. We have already read some of my favorites like “the road to Emmaus” gospel reading. We have a few more weeks to go until Pentecost Sunday, May 28. Here is sense of our May together:

## **Vital + Thriving**

Sunday, May 7th will be our Vital + Thriving event. Come to worship at 8am or 10am and stay after either service for our listening event in parish hall. There we will have a guided process to think about our past and our future together. I really want you to come and share your thoughts, your dreams, and your experiences. There will **not** be a regular livestream service, but look on the home page for a virtual way for you to participate on that Sunday.

## **Whole Life Workshop**

Also, the day before is May 6. That Saturday is our whole life planning workshop. I'm extremely grateful to Jim and Lisa and the whole endowment team for putting together such a great event.

## **Sermons**

Topically, on May 7, *we* are the sermon. On May 14, I will focus on abiding in God. May 21 will be about the Ascension of Jesus. May 28, Pentecost, Susan will be focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## **Confirmation and Reception - Save the Date**

Will you be thinking about confirmation? Starting in August, we are going to run a six week series for both youth and adults on Sundays. Upon completion of this confirmation series, youth and adults can choose to be formally confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church



in September at Grace Cathedral. This class is for people interested in confirmation, reception, or to renew their commitment to God.

If the terms on confirmation and reception are unclear to you, you are not alone. You “confirm” the vows made for you by your parents at your baptism in the Episcopal. Baptism as an adult can also be followed by confirmation. You would be confirmed in the Episcopal church if your spiritual journey started in Baptist or Presbyterian tradition. There is not wrong those traditions, but their structure are different enough to necessitate confirmation. If you were confirmed in another liturgical tradition like Roman Catholicism, Orthodoxy, or Lutheran traditions and you now want to be part of the Episcopal Church, you would be “received” by the Bishop. The Bishop still prays for you either way.

*During the confirmation and reception service at the Cathedral, the bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and prays for them to receive the Holy Spirit. After the confirmation / reception service, the newly welcomed individuals are considered full members of the Episcopal Church. Confirmation or reception is an important step in the spiritual journey of an individual in the Episcopal Church. It is seen as a way to strengthen and deepen one's commitment to the Christian faith and to the Episcopal Church as a particular expression of that faith.*

*During St. Timothy's confirmation class, we will cover the high points and low points of our faith. There will be Christian basics, church politics, history, why we have funny names for everything, explanation of how the church year works, stewardship, serving, and whatever else you help us to cover by asking your own questions and making observations.*

### **Pants Drive**

Look inside for details about our pants drive that has started.

Let's keep walking the Easter road that will soon turn to the Pentecost road. **Todd**

JOIN US FOR  
**PARTY  
ON THE  
PATIO &**



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PATIO & PARISH HALL

**Friday, May 19th**  
**5 - 7pm**

**Great prizes! Lots of fun!**  
**Old & new friends!**

We will provide hot dogs, fixings, chips and water. You bring a side to share and BYOB!

Please RSVP, if coming, by Monday, May 15th.  
[parish@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:parish@sainttimothysdanville.org)

# STONES INTO PENTECOST

Have you ever wondered how the stone rolled away from the tomb affected the other followers of Jesus? Did they run to the garden too or stay away, feeling confused and betrayed? Were there other women visiting the tombs of their beloved that turned around in wonder, still grieving for their child, brother, spouse, or parent whose loss left them broken? How is it that the Risen Christ met people and they did not recognize him? How is it that love brought recognition and hope?

I wonder all these things because faith seems to deepen and change in the followers of Jesus. The crowds heard his declaration of Love and the challenge to take care of the brokenhearted, the hungry, the sick and those imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. "Serve one another," Jesus said. "Love one another." "I give you Peace." In Luke/Acts we hear the glorious story of the gift of the Spirit burning in their hearts and filling them with Spirit. How does this become part of us? In the Gospel of John, Jesus breathes on his disciples and breaks bread. In Matthew, the disciples are sent forth to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In all the Gospels Jesus heals and lives are transformed.

This Easter season I am remembering that the Risen Christ approaches us in varied ways, so we can hear and see and know the Spirit in this person that is uniquely us. Christ comes to set us free to love our neighbor, our family and ourselves more deeply and the Risen One is looking for us... Often the encounter is when we are walking and not expecting it or distracted by our own anxiety. Our inattention and our turning away are not barriers for God. My prayer is that when I stumble on the river of stones or turn around, sure that I heard His voice, I will find that I am not walking alone; my friend in Christ walks with me, seeing possibilities I never imagined. Together we can Walk the Way that is life abundant.



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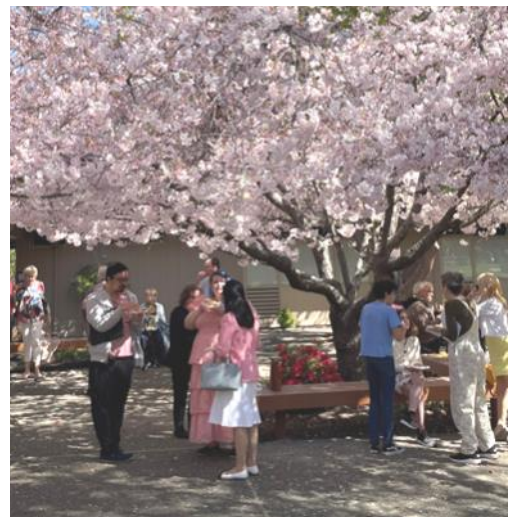
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*Pastor Susan+*

# HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS



## Holy Week & Easter



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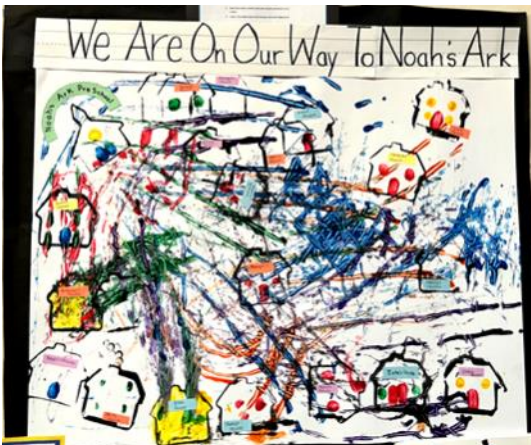


Pizza Club  
Fellowship Luncheon  
Coffee Hour

# NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

The Noah's Ark children worked all year creating, learning, building and experimenting with color and all kinds of mediums. The Art Show showed off their amazing work, filling the whole school with their art. We hope some of these pictures capture the excitement of the children, and their parents as they showed off their creations, ate ice cream and celebrated their pre-school with their family on a glorious Friday evening,

Truly, it was a moment they let their light shine.





# EARTHFEST 2023





# YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO GRACE CATHEDRAL

Contact Pastor Todd for more information!

## YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

*May 21st, 2023*

### JOIN OTHER DIOCAL YOUTH ON A PILGRIMAGE TO GRACE CATHEDRAL



#### *Start at your church*

Pilgrimages throughout the centuries have involved walking from wherever you are to a cathedral. We invite youth groups to walk or take public transit from their own churches to Grace Cathedral with opportunities for connection along the way.



#### *Meet up with others*


Connect with neighboring churches to meet up along your journey for prayer and companionship. Each participant will get a DioCal hat so we'll be easy to spot!



#### *Arrive at Grace*

After a long day of travel, youth and their leaders will arrive at Grace Cathedral for dinner at 5 PM and worship at 6 PM, after having gotten a taste of pilgrimage, and the way that our hearts and minds can be attuned to God in new ways when our bodies are moving in prayer!

#### QUESTIONS?

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 510-697-9747

 <https://faithinformed.org/pilgrimage-2023>



# PANTS DRIVE

## Trinity Center Pants Drive

Men's jeans, jogging pants, sweatpants & shorts  
(no dress slacks)



from May 1 to June 18



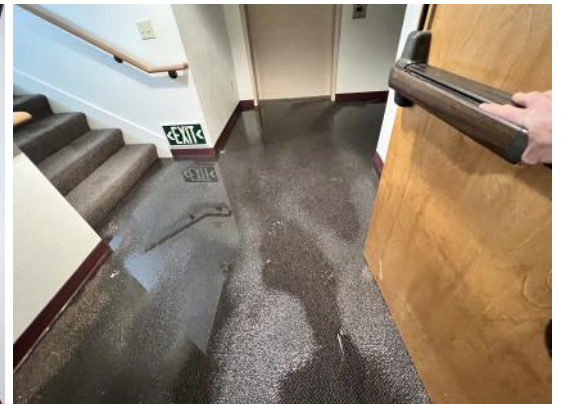
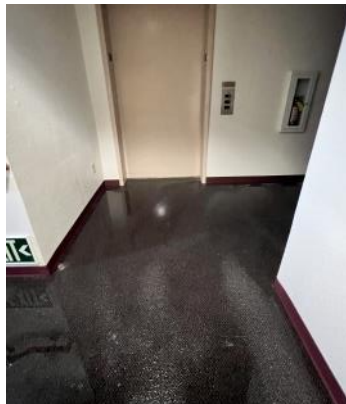
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Trinity Center Clothes Closet.

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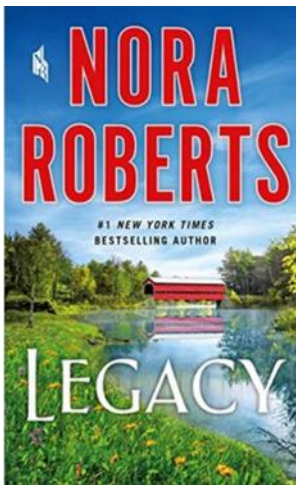
There are boxes outside and inside the Parish Hall and a box outside Grace House.

# FLOODS AND ROOFS 2023

We are extremely grateful for our maintenance reserves and especially The Betty Davis Gift that helped us not experience deep hardship during the first quarter of 2023. We were forced to spend \$162,000 on flood remediation during the atmospheric river. The "river" that washed down from Diablo swamped our elevator and bottom floor of Grace House. A portion of that money also went to replace the aging roof of Parish Hall. Thank you for your generosity that helped us through this process. And yes, we did file with insurance!



## BOOK GROUP



You are invited to join the St. Timothy's book group on Sunday, May 21 after the 10:00 am service and coffee hour in the Grace House Overby Library to discuss *Legacy* by Nora Roberts. This novel explores the relationship of a mother and daughter, their ambitions and romances and how a current terrifying threat reawakens a traumatic past.

Adrian Rizzo was seven when she met her father for the first time. That was the day he nearly killed her—before her mother, Lina, stepped in. Soon after, Adrian was dropped off at her grandparents' house in Maryland, where she spent a long summer drinking lemonade, playing with dogs, making a new best friend—and developing the stirrings of a crush on her friend's ten-year-old brother. Lina, meanwhile, traveled the country promoting her fitness brand and turning it into a billion-dollar business. There was no point in dwelling on the past.

A decade later, Adrian has her own line of yoga and workout videos, following in Lina's footsteps. They aren't close, but they're cordial—as long as neither crosses the other. But while Lina dismisses the death threats that Adrian starts getting as a routine part of her daughter's growing celebrity, Adrian can't help but find the vicious rhymes unsettling. Year after year, they keep arriving—the postmarks changing, but the menacing tone the same. They continue after she returns to Maryland and becomes reacquainted with Raylan, her childhood crush.

Cathy H will lead the discussion on May 21. For more information on the Book Group, contact Sally P at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

On Sunday April 23, after the 10:00 am service, the Social Justice Ministry held its fourth monthly forum in the Mental Health series. The topic was **Suicide**. Previous topics were Holiday Stress (Dec); Anxiety (Feb) and; Depression (Mar). Kaitlyn Coughran from Contra Costa Crisis Center was guest speaker by video conference. In addition to data, statistics and myths, she highlighted and advised on how to relate, and how to communicate about suicide. If you are interested in her presentation, please contact members of the Social Justice Ministry.

The next social justice forum is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 after the 10:00 am service. Topic and details will be announced. We look forward to seeing you for lively discussions:

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

# FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)



THAT'S ITALIAN

# Mama Mia!

## Fruits of the Harvest

**26th Annual Fundraiser for Outreach**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023 4 to 8 pm**

**COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help Habitat for Humanity build in Pleasant Hill

St. Timothy's is a contributor to the Unity House at Habitat for Humanity in Walnut Creek (near the Pleasant Hill BART station). We are invited to their Unity Build Day on Saturday, June 17th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Individual slots being filled on a first come, first served basis. Each volunteer will need to register themselves online.

To register, please visit: <http://vhub.at/unityday>. There were 9 available slots when I checked this on May 4. Each volunteer can simply click 'Sign Up' for the event, create a brief user profile or sign into an existing account, and reserve their spot.



Where: Esperanza Place – 1250 Las Juntas Way, Walnut Creek

St. Timothy's contact: Dave K - [kutroskyd@gmail.com](mailto:kutroskyd@gmail.com)

# FOOD FOR MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER



Someone asked the Parish Administrator whether St. Timothy's was still collecting food for Monument Crisis Center. **The answer is YES!!!**

You can drop dry or canned food (no glass) off for Monument Crisis Center off at church on any day. There are 2 food barrels on the front porch of Grace House. On Sunday, the food barrel in the Parish Hall hallway is available. Sally P or another

Outreach volunteer picks up any donated food on Sunday and takes it to the Center on Monday. The Center is open for food distribution and to receive donations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am to 12 pm. On most Thursdays, there is a truck that takes food to Pittsburg to distribute there. Your donations are always needed. Today we ran out of dry pasta for the donation food bag that we pack. Other frequently needed items are canned meals, tuna, beans, fruit and vegetables.

For more information contact Sally P at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com).

# ABUNDANT FRUIT



Do you have a fruit tree that has produced abundant fruit and would like to have help harvesting the fruit to donate to Monument Crisis Center?

Let us know when the fruit is ripe and what kind of fruit and our youth will try to pick fruit at a couple of homes on a Saturday or Sunday.

Are you interested in helping?  
[Parish@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:Parish@sainttimothysdanville.org)

# ST. TIMOTHY'S TREASURER'S REPORT

April 19, 2023

## Financial Summary for March 2023

	Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$63,571</b>	<b>\$720,039</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$28,485</u></b>	<b><u>\$796,783</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$35,086</b>	<b>(\$76,744)</b>

- St. Timothy's financials show the following:
  - First quarter net operating income of \$27,379, including the March income of \$35,086.
- The Parish has been experiencing very high repair costs related to the flooding of Grace House and the replacement of a failed sanitary line leading from the Parish Hall to the sanitary district's interceptor line. In the first 15 weeks of the year we have spent over \$162,000 on these and other major maintenance items. Maintenance reserves now stand at about \$100,000.
- The Parish is in decent financial shape, assuming that we do not experience significant new maintenance expenses this year

# APRIL VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Conference Room in Grace House.

## MOTIONS:

The minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> regular Vestry Meeting, March 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Session, and March 30<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting, the treasurer's report, rector's report, and several vestry commission reports were approved as submitted.

## PARISH FINANCES – Treasurer – Dick Firth

- Maintenance Reserve – Due to expenses involving roofing and unforeseen elevator and sewer line repairs due to the flooding, our maintenance reserves currently stand at \$100,000. The cost of the roofing and repairs totaled \$162,000.

## OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Karen A informed us that the Noah's Ark sewer line has been installed and completed.
- Steve Z will continue as Saint Timothy's Bookkeeper.
- Samantha S has been hired as Saint Timothy's Nursery Worker.
- Whole life Planning Workshop –This comprehensive workshop will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.
- Vital + Thriving: Saint Timothy's Journey of Faith," a parish-wide event, will take place on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> after both services.

Parish members are welcome to attend vestry Meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 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 M, Vestry Clerk

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