



# Tidings

## Advent 2022

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

Advent is almost here. It marks the beginning of the church year, and every year focuses on hope and expectation. I kind of feel like the whole Fall has been adventesque. Life has largely returned to normal and there is a palpable sense of joy and expectation when we gather on Sundays as well as during the week.

### Before Advent

Come to our annual interfaith thanksgiving worship service at:  
Beth Chaim - 1800 Holbrook Dr, Danville - at 7pm on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Bring canned goods to donate and all our giving will benefit Monument Crisis Center.

Couple of notes about Advent:

### Wine

Wine will be back in church starting Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. Taking communion will feel very "BC" (before COVID). You can drink from the cup, you can touch the base of the chalice as you walk by, you can walk right past the chalice as if it does not exist. You **cannot** dip. Per diocesan guidelines, parishioner may not dip bread into the chalice.

### Wreath Lighting (Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec 18<sup>th</sup>)

Each week after the opening song, one family will light the advent wreath according to a very brief liturgy printed in your bulletin.

### Education and Fun

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Class on prayer for anxious times  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas day, cookies and selfies after church  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – Presentation from Discovery Counseling Center about mental health resources.  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Class on prayer for hopeful time

### Outreach

Christmas Food Boxes packing event will be in the parish hall on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Good stuff,  
Hopeful stuff,  
Blessed stuff,

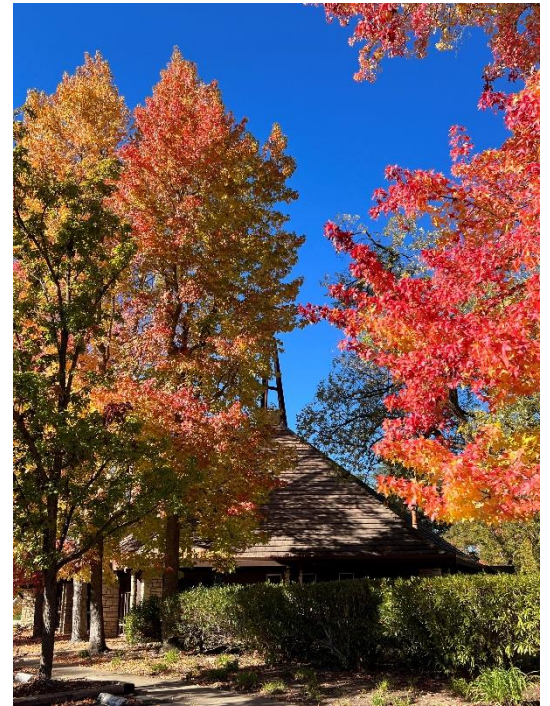
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# HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS







## FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS



Would you like to make a donation to the church flower fund for Christmas worship this year in the name of a loved one or special event? A portion of that money will be used to purchase some Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. Any remaining money left after the purchases will be used for future flower purchases for the church.

Envelopes for flower donations can be found in the Narthex below the flower chart or simply send your donation in an envelope to the Parish Administrator marked Christmas donation & wording you want published in the bulletin. Donations will be accepted up to & including 5<sup>th</sup> December. Any questions regarding the donation may be made to Cathy M: [lil.captain315@gmail.com](mailto:lil.captain315@gmail.com)



## ADVENT IS COMING

The first Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27 is the beginning of Advent. We light Advent Candles in church and at home to remind us the Light of Christ is coming into the world. This advent we have a special candle for Advent for families. We can take time to slow down, and pray a short prayer with a Countdown Candle.

The Candle is lit every day—for breakfast or for dinner or even snack time after school! Families can say a short prayer and every day the candle burns closer to the Christmas Day marking on the candle!

Do you prefer the traditional Advent Wreath? We will have purple and pink candles and some greens! Bring your wreath ring from home or we have a few wreath forms for the candles. We will put them together before / after the 10:00 service.

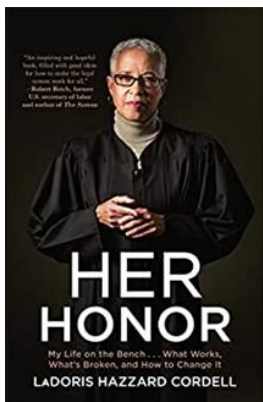
Anticipate this time of Waiting and Hoping with what works for your life. A paper chain that you make and then break apart every day? Yes! Sticky notes? Yes! An Advent Lego calendar? Yes! Forward Day by Day prayers? We have those prayers too.

If you usually use a chocolate Advent Calendar or a coloring Advent Calendar tape the scripture or activity calendar to the box to look at when you grab your breakfast chocolate!. Look for our special Advent activities calendars for all ages on Sunday.

Do you want us to e-mail a calendar to you instead?  
Let us know. [sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org)



## ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP NOVEMBER 20, 11am



On Sunday November 20 after the 10:00 am service, the St. Timothy's Book Group will meet in the Overby Library to discuss: *Her Honor: My Life on the Bench... What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It* by LaDoris Hazzard Cordell.

In *Her Honor*, Judge LaDoris Hazzard Cordell provides a rare and thought-provoking insider account of our legal system, sharing vivid stories of the cases that came through her courtroom and revealing the strengths, flaws, and much-needed changes within our courts.

Judge Cordell, the first African American woman to sit on the Superior Court of Northern California, knows firsthand how prejudice has permeated our legal system. And yet, she believes in the system. From ending school segregation to legalizing same-sex marriage, its progress relies on legal professionals and jurors who strive to make the imperfect system as fair as possible.

Her Honor is an entertaining and provocative look into the hearts and minds of judges. Cordell takes you into her chambers where she haggles with prosecutors and defense attorneys and into the courtroom during jury selection and sentencing hearings. She uses real cases to highlight how judges make difficult decisions, all the while facing outside pressures from the media, law enforcement, lobbyists, and the friends and families of the people involved.

Description from Goodreads (<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/56268870-her-honor>)

For more information on St. Timothy's Book Group, contact Sally P at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com).

*FYI – Book Group will not meet in December.*

Thank you

## LITURGICAL ART FOR THE SEASONS

**Help is needed to install the Christmas Liturgical Art** after the last service on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. We need help with the big ladder, and in the loft area behind the altar. Helpers are also needed to prepare the Advent banners for storage. We need about four or five helpers. Please let Leslie know if you can help. [lesliefirth@comcast.net](mailto:lesliefirth@comcast.net)

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### ADVENT 2022

Advent is a time of preparation. It is a time of reflection and waiting. The Advent wreath is an important part of this season. The four sets of triple banners along the pillars on the side walls represent the four candles on the Advent wreath which are lit every Sunday of Advent leading up to Christmas Eve. The colors are those of the season...purples, blues, and pinks.

The thought behind this piece is that the entire church becomes the Advent wreath and the congregation is the living greenery. I believe it is very strong and dynamic when seen this way. This piece was created in 2008, and has had added elements every time it appears. It is one of Kathy Will's and my favorites.



Many people were involved in first creating this piece by cutting out all the fabrics which were fused with heat and glued onto a background fabric. Embellishments were added to create different textures. Silks and satin fabrics were used for their shine and suede and dull fabrics were for contrast. On either side of the cross there are accents of hand-made, lacey paper sprayed gold, and even gold foil paper has been added to create interest, movement, and for symbolism.

There are many symbolic elements everywhere. Many sets of three accents represent the Holy Trinity. Look for the small mosaic tiles on the side pieces. The 12 squares of gold on the banners by the cross are reminders of the Apostles. There are strong vertical strokes which symbolize power descending from above or in the opposite direction. "Flames" of gold on the perceived candle shapes were made more prominent over the years. The wavy blocks of color on the background remind me of an abstract landscape with land and water. We welcome you to have your own interpretations and feelings as you look at the artwork and hope it enhances your worship. Leslie F. and Kathy W.

## HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

On Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour (around 11:30 to 12:30 pm), the Social Justice Ministry will be hosting a presentation from Discovery Counseling Center on stress and anxiety during the holiday season. The group hopes to bring awareness of issues and coping strategies as well. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cecelia O or Nora H. Please watch for updates.



**Ho Ho Hoping to see you there!**

## A DOCUMENTARY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

A Documentary for the Holidays...the Light in California Prisons

The Offender Mentor Certification Program, begun by Options Recovery Services in California State Prisons in 2006, is featured in a brand new documentary, entitled The 50, which can be seen for free until November 27, 2022.

You can access the documentary either through DOCNYC or at <https://www.the50fim.com>

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 7pm**

**Join us for the 2022**



**INTERFAITH  
THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION**

Sponsored by Interfaith San Ramon Valley  
and city leadership from Danville and San Ramon

***Celebrating Love  
Embracing Our Diversity***

**Wednesday, November 23 @ 7pm**  
Beth Chaim Congregation • 1800 Holbrook Dr, Danville

**Fun – Food – Friendship**

***Enjoy multi-cultural music!***

***Sample food from around the world  
– and bring your own to share!***

***Meet your neighbors!***

Bringing unity to our community by hosting joyful gatherings,  
building awareness, providing education and  
celebrating our common values

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# CAMPUS CLEAN UP WORK PARTY – THANK YOU!

Thank you from the Property Commission for a great turnout of all ages for the Campus Cleanup Work Party!

It made the work go faster and with more fun. Weeds were pulled, areas were raked, holes were dug, plants were planted, benches were stained, paper was shredded, and much more. We enjoyed the doughnuts, bagels, and coffee! We'll have another one in the Spring and hope you'll join us. Campus cleanup is never ending...like laundry.

Scott M. – Vestry Property Commissioner, Bev M.- Facilities Manager



Many thanks to:  
 Landen A, Karen A, Ken A, Wendy B, Carleen C, Jacque C, Leslie F, John H, Tania H-D, Ed L, Scott M, Marie-Claire M, Alex M, Emily M, Margot M, Liam M, Neal M, Bev M, Randall M, Mike O, Joanne O, Sally P, Charlie W, Kathy W





# CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES FOR MCC



It's that time of the year at St Timothy's when we join with others in our parish and in Contra Costa County to make the Christmas season a little brighter for the clients of Monument Crisis Center.

**MY-OWN-BOX-FILL** – Families can shop themselves using the list from Monument Crisis Center and donate \$27 to cover the cost of the box, rice and beans and the \$25 grocery card (Sally will purchase). **We give you a food list with quantities.** Sign up at church or online or send an email to Sally at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$27 per box (cash, check, Venmo)

**Deadline to Sign Up:** Sunday, November 27

**Drop off dates:** **Sundays, November 27 (PREFERRED) & December 4**

**Signup Link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ea5ac2ba7fd0-myownbox1>

Or call or email Sally at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com) or 925-785-9823.

**FILL-MY-BOX** – You can sign up on-line or at church on Sunday or send an email to Sally to have us fill your box for you. The \$93 covers the food, box and a \$25 grocery gift card (Sally will purchase).

**Cost:** \$93 per box

**Deadline to Sign Up:** Tuesday, November 22

**Deadline for Payment:** Sunday, November 27 (cash, check, Venmo)

**Signup Link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA5AC2BA7FD0-fill1>

Or call or email Sally at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com) or 925-785-9823.

## RICE AND BEANS

We have bagged rice and beans to add to every St. Timothy's box.

**THANK YOU TO THE ATTENDEES AT THE NOVEMBER 13 4:00 PM SERVICE.  
YOU WERE FANTASTIC!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- **Help Pack Boxes in The Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3 – morning**

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aafa62ea20-fill> or contact Sally Potts

- Help sign people up and receive boxes on Sundays after church

See Sally after church or call or email to volunteer – [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com) or 925-785-9823.

## WARM WINTER DRIVE

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for Loaves and Fishes & Trinity Center



*Help keep our brothers and sisters warm this winter.*

**DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 to JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*Thank you for anything you can give.*

- \* Socks: wool or wool blend, and/or cotton socks
- \* Knit caps, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens
- \* Warm pants or jeans: casual, new or used in good condition
- \* Plastic ponchos and emergency thermal blankets for rain kits  
(see ponchos and thermal blankets on Amazon)
- \* Small toiletries

Collection boxes will be in these locations on Sundays:

1. Parish Hall entry outside or under the Outreach Bulletin Board
2. Grace House entry until 11:00, and during weekday business hours

*Two volunteers needed to help with the drive.*

*Info:* Leslie F, [lesliefirth@comcast.net](mailto:lesliefirth@comcast.net), Steve M, [stevemason200@gmail.com](mailto:stevemason200@gmail.com)

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# ADOPT-A-FAMILY-BIKES IS BACK!



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt-a-Family Bike Program

*Help a less fortunate child or adult with the gift  
of a bicycle this holiday season!*

**Used Bikes Needed** – Donate your gently used adult or children's bike (bike trailers, too) and volunteers will clean, tune, safety check it, and distribute it to a deserving child or adult along with a new helmet (adults & teens get new u-locks, too).

**Bike Drop-Off Dates** – Nov. 19, 20, 26, 27, Dec. 3, 4, 10, & 11

Location: Alamo Plaza  
180 Alamo Plaza, Alamo, 94507 (next to Brass Bear Deli)  
Hours: Saturdays & Sundays 10a-4p

A \$20 **donation** per bike is requested to help defray the cost of helmets, locks, and parts. (Please make checks payable to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church of Danville.) **Thank you!**

Find our **November & December Schedule** at [www.AdoptAFamilyBikes.org](http://www.AdoptAFamilyBikes.org), check frequently for expanded dates & hours, or contact us at [adoptafamilybikes@gmail.com](mailto:adoptafamilybikes@gmail.com)



11/10/2022

# A NEW BREEZE IS COMING IN DECEMBER

Breeze is a new church database system that we have adopted to replace the old ParishSoft database. All information has been transferred from the ParishSoft database and has been incorporated into the new Breeze system.

Here are some of the advantages of the new Breeze system:

- **Easier access** to an online membership directory
  - Each member has control of their profile information (e.g. address, phone number(s), pictures, family information) and what is shown to other members.
- **Phone applications** for both iPhones and Android (Breeze chms). These applications are native to the phones and allow you the same access and ability as from the Web.
- Access to your own **personal giving information**
  - Allows you to see your current giving information and historical information for years in the past.
  - Online giving is easily set up so you do not have to hassle with checks and can be done on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, annual, or on-demand basis.

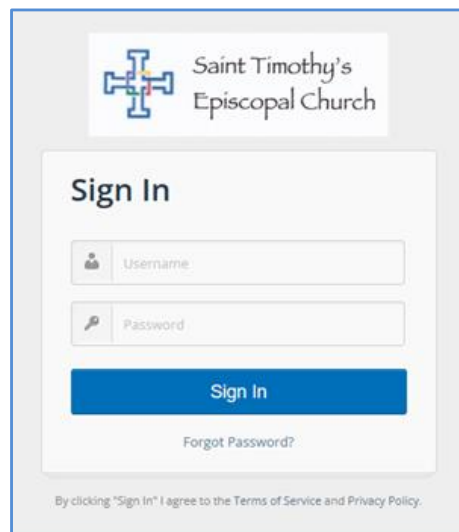
There are many other advantages that Saint Timothy's will realize by utilizing this new system.

- Group communications and management will be easier
- Events and calendaring will make group gatherings easier to manage
- Lots of on-line information on how to use Breeze

In early December, a form will be sent out via email from the Parish Administrator individually to active members of the congregation. It will include information on how to create your account.

Once we get your interest in getting an account, we will send you an invitation from Breeze. If you have any problems creating your online account, we will have people helping in Grace House after the church service and available to help over the phone.

There is no requirement to have an online account. If you are happy with how things are done now, nothing will change regarding how you do your membership lookup or your giving.

The logo for Breeze, featuring the word "breeze" in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font.A screenshot of a web-based sign-in form for Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church. The form includes the church's logo and name at the top, followed by a "Sign In" heading. Below the heading are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A blue "Sign In" button is positioned below the fields. A link for "Forgot Password?" is located below the button. At the bottom of the form, there is a small line of text: "By clicking 'Sign In' I agree to the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy."



# TREASURER'S REPORT

November 16, 2022

## Financial Summary, YTD January through October

|                             | <b>Actual</b>           | <b>Budget</b>           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>         | <b>\$680,546</b>        | <b>\$552,744</b>        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>       | <b><u>\$626,791</u></b> | <b><u>\$658,479</u></b> |
| <b>Net Operating Income</b> | <b>\$53,755</b>         | <b>(\$105,735)</b>      |

- October financials show the following:
  - Pledge income was close to plan, 53.4 k versus plan of 55.3 k.
  - Maintenance expense was above plan for the campus. As a result, October net operating income was (25.2 K) versus plan of (\$10.6 k).
- For the YTD through October, the Parish continues to be in decent financial shape. This is because income is higher than plan, partly as a result of the parish's response to our fund-raising request this past spring.

# DECEMBER

## Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

**9am** Christmas Food Boxes packing in Parish Hall

## Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** St Nicholas pays us a visit at 10am  
Grandchildren's Sunday with St. Nicholas cookies!  
We'll bless your grandkids in church

**11am - 11:30am** Selfies and family pictures  
Christmas cookies and snacks

## Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** Advent 3, often called Mary or Gaudete Sunday.

**11am** Social Justice Group  
leads class on best practices for mental health

**4pm** "Second Sunday" Eucharist  
pizza after worship

*we will sing very familiar carols at 4pm worship  
and teach the children the classics*

## Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

**8am & 10am** Last Sunday of Advent

**11am** Adult class on prayer for hopeful times

## Christmas Eve, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

**3pm** Eucharistic celebration also for little wigglers

**5pm** Eucharist with candles and music for all,  
we will sing Silent Night by the bell tower outside.

**7pm** Choral Eucharist with candles, we will sing Silent Night by  
the bell tower outside. *Concurrent Livestream*

## Christmas Day, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

**10am** Christmas Day Eucharist with Christmas music



# EPIPHANY

## January 1st

**10am** Sunday, one service only

## January 8th

**8am & 10am** Epiphany Sunday

## January 15th

**Overnight** Possible deanery event  
for all youth at St. Timothy's

## January 22nd

**11am** 2023 budget town hall  
for questions ahead of  
annual meeting on  
February 6th



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