



Tidings

February 2022

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

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

It is hard to believe that Lent is around the corner. I am looking forward to walking a Holy Lent with you with the expectation that all worship experiences *will* take place on-campus and in-person, but variants might change my mind.

Note: In the schedule, whenever "hybrid" is noted that means livestream simultaneous with in-person worship.

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

12 noon (on-campus only, no music)

7pm (hybrid with music)

In-person imposition of Ashes at both services

Wednesday Formation - March 9th, 16th, 23rd

5pm Kahoot family fun (hybrid)

Parents and children bring your phones to church. We will have "kahoot" based bible games, a hands-on craft, and a light snack.

6:30pm

Adult Formation and Storytelling

Lenten Sunday School - March 20th, 27th & April 1st

10-10:30am, concurrent with 10am worship

Family Sunday Movie Day, March 27th

3-5pm, Encanto movie in church, light snacks, and Lenten activity

Friday Stations of the cross - March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th

12 noon, start on labyrinth

MLK Remembrance, Monday April 4th

6pm, assassination remembrance service, location TBD

Palm Sunday, April 10th

8am (campus-only) and 10am (hybrid) - palms o' plenty

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

7pm (hybrid) with hand washing

Good Friday worship, April 15th

12 noon (hybrid no music) and 7pm (campus-only with music)

Good Friday stations of the cross, April 15th

1pm, start on labyrinth

Easter Vigil, April 16th

8pm (hybrid with music), ring your bells and set fires

Easter Sunday, April 17th

8am (campus-only) and 10am (hybrid)

Digital, on-campus family scavenger hunt with prizes and hospitality after worship

There will be even more detail about Holy Week and Easter in the next Tidings! **Pastor Todd**

WINTER NIGHTS SHELTER

Thank you!



The shelter families arrived two-weeks ago and with the help of St. Timothy's and Beth Chaim volunteers, the Parish Hall was transformed into a family shelter. With Covid safety in mind, we ran the shelter with very few on-site volunteers.

We started the week with three families. By the end of the two-week period we had four families, including 10 children. On Monday morning, the program moved to the next host congregation in Orinda.

The meal teams provided tasty dinners and a few volunteers made everything run smoothly. We had good weather over the two weeks allowing the kids to play outside. The families were grateful for the family shower in the Youth Center and enjoyed the beauty and peace of the labyrinth and St. Timothy's campus. Nancy L., St. Timothy's Outreach Liaison for the Comfort Cubs non-profit, distributed comfort cubs to the children. The therapeutic weighted Teddy Bears provide healing comfort for people of all ages experiencing trauma. It was a special evening for the families. For more information about The Comfort Cubs, check out their website at <https://www.thecomfortcub.org/>.

St. Timothy's volunteers were amazing, as always, providing generous donations, thoughtful meals, games, crafts, and all of the support activities it takes to run the shelter.

Thank you to all the volunteers, to the overnight heroes, generous donors, Bev M. for facilities help and the congregation for providing your loving support to these families during a time of crisis.

Questions: Joann Oliver at 925-808-8810 or joannmarieoliver@gmail.com

POOR PEOPLES' CAMPAIGN

Follow up to Peg Miller's sharing of God's call to her at the age of 76: the Poor Peoples' Campaign (and I was looking forward to doing whatever I wanted, not that I had ever really done that).

Thank you for your incredibly generous listening to my brief introduction to the Poor Peoples' Campaign. I just wanted to add a few things that you might be interested in knowing:

- The movement is a "fusion" movement, including the Episcopal Church.
- To access more information about the Poor Peoples' Campaign, simply type that into your browser, which will take you to the national site. There is so much information on this site. Browse in whatever you are interested.
- To see what is happening in California, simply type in California Poor Peoples Campaign. If you sign in, you can receive a weekly update on everything happening in California.
- Leading up to the June 18, 2022, Poor Peoples Campaign March in Washington, DC are several events: you can find out about them if you receive the weekly newsletter, including
 1. Sunday, March 13, 3 pm will be a Zoom Convening, inviting anyone interested in supporting the Poor Peoples Campaign.
 2. Monday, April 4, 6:05pm...a candlelight service at St. Timothy's commemorating the death of Martin Luther King in 1968, with a reading of his Viet Nam speech, which happened a year before, April 4 of 1967, the year he came up with the idea of a Poor Peoples March in Washington D.C (these events will be occurring throughout the country)
 3. Monday, May 9...there will be, hopefully, an in person gathering somewhere in California, including all the Western and Southwestern states, getting ready for the June 18 event in Washington, DC.
 4. June 18, 2022.... hopefully, the March in Washington, DC, will be live streamed.
- If anyone would like to donate to the California Poor Peoples Campaign the site is www.etina.org/ca-ppc



***For anyone wanting to find out more, there is a Welcome Session every first Tuesday of the month, at alternating times, 3:30 and 6, each time. If you go to the California site, you can register.

***For anyone wanting to understand more about the policy proposals of the Poor Peoples Campaign there is a Jubilee Policy and Study Group, which meets three Thursdays of the month, with one presentation a month, talking about proposals, including the voices of "impacted" people.

Once again, thank you all for your generous and loving listening, as I let you in on the desires of my heart. Although our family may have been poor, I was raised in the Christian tradition of generosity, so attention was always on, "what one could give, rather than what one could get." That is, what I love about St. Timothy's. We are a community of generous and loving people. As they say about us at Options, "Now that is a church."

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CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER TEAM

Are you or someone you love in need of prayers? For whatever reason (physical, emotional, job...) if you are going through a time of trial, we are there to pray for you. Just email your prayer request to : prayers@SaintTimothysDanville.org. We will send your request to our pray-ers, who will pray for you or your loved one.

for more information, please contact:

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Helen Coleman – colemanhelen@pacbell.net

LENTEN LECTIONARY

The Lectionary is here! The Lenten Lectionary is a compilation of 40 daily meditations written by fellow parishioners to help make our Lenten study personal. They share their thoughts on the daily Scripture readings. Plan to pick up a paper copy at church on Sunday, February 20 or 27, or download an e-copy from our website.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers are lay people who are trained to meet with you when you are going through a hard time. It may be illness, divorce, job loss, or a multitude of other issues. A care giver will be paired with you to meet weekly to be a loving listener. Contact Pastor Susan for referrals.

ST TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP – FEBRUARY 2022

– LADY CLEMENTINE

Join St. Timothy's Book Group on **Thursday, February 17th at 2:00 pm** via Zoom to discuss "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict.

If you are an admirer, like me, of Eleanor Roosevelt, you will enjoy reading this book about the wife of Winston Churchill, Clementine Ogilvy Spencer Churchill. She was not a shrinking violet who only kept a house (or more accurately houses) for her husband and raised their 4 children but an integral part of his career and had an enormous impact on the lives of the British and particularly the British women during World War II. The author, Marie Benedict, specializes in biographical novels about women including books about Agatha Christie, Albert Einstein's wife, the black personal librarian for Andrew Carnegie, and Hedy Lamar. Clementine Churchill's life was not all roses and champagne (Winston Churchill's favorite beverage) but one of personal and public challenges and achievements. Come join us to discuss the book.



Send email to Sally Shea Potts to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting (sallyspotts@gmail.com).

TRANSFIGURATION AND MARDI GRAS SUNDAY

We are making special plans for February 27th, the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday! It is the Transfiguration, and we will celebrate Mardi Gras too!

Will you join us outdoors on the patio for a little fellowship following Sunday worship? We will have fellowship, fun, bubbles, and donuts!



SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH



All scouts are especially welcome on Sunday February 27th, and invited to wear their uniforms. We are the Charter organization for Troop 36 and their Adventure Scouts and have scouts in several different troops. We are proud to have so many scouts from this parish who have become Eagle Scouts.

Thank you to our Scouts

Thank you especially to all the scouts and adult leadership who have worked hard on rebuilding the benches on the patio. A shout out also to our own Neal M. who has overseen a lot of the work! It is looking great!

Watch for the cherry blossoms on the patio.

LIFE STORY GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 9:30 am, GRACE HOUSE LIBRARY



Have you written life stories or wanted to write them and need a little incentive to get your story on paper? During this time, we have even more to share!

Life Story group is meeting in the Grace House Library on Thursdays at 9:30 am. Join us! New writers are welcome!!

Contact Father Maurice, Friartuck72@comcast.net

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a Bible Study. Bring a Bible, any translation/version and join us on Zoom at 10:30 on Wednesdays. Questions? sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org or Helen C. colemanhelen@pacbell.net. We would love to “see” you!

THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST



SAVE THE DATE for the 25th Anniversary Celebration
FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)
raising funds for Outreach

Sunday, August 21st on Zoom at Noon and

Sunday, August 28th In Person Patio Brunch Event
(watch for more information in late Spring)

MEALS ON WHEELS

**MEALS ON WHEELS DIABLO REGION HAS A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
WITH ITS FRIENDLY HELPER PROGRAM.**

To learn more, contact Carolyn Eghrari at 925-627-7895 or via email at ceghrari@mowdr.org.

To sign up to volunteer, apply online at <https://www.mowdiablregion.org/get-involved>,

or contact Lee Davenport at 925-954-8736 or ldavenport@mowdr.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Are you interested in confirmation?

There will be two separate classes one class for youth and one class for adults.

We are planning our confirmation classes to be primarily in person, and we will meet the needs of the people participating.

Confirmation will be planned so it does not conflict with other youth activities.

Please reach out if you or your youth would like to learn more. The pandemic put classes on hold; faith has continued to grow!

Confirmation is planned for early Spring.

Questions? Contact Pastor Susan at Sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

We would love to talk to you about Baptism! As our churches continue to celebrate in-person and we can invite family to be with us for special events, we are reaching out to people who may have had to put off baptisms in their family or extended family. We want to celebrate your joy with you! Contact Pastor Susan at sgeissleroneil@sainttimothys.org for more information.

ST TIMOTHY'S 2022 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Meeting of the members of St. Timothy's was held over Zoom at 11:30 am on Sunday, February 6, 2022. The following are the highlights from that meeting.

- The meeting attendees using a Zoom Poll and hand raises elected the following to the **vestry**:
Karen A Liz K
Kris M Charlie W
- Using a Zoom Poll and hand raises, the attendees elected the following **delegates** to join the Sr. Warden and Pastor Todd in representing us at Deanery meetings and the Diocesan Convention.
Mary Louise Jim
Ellen N Cecilia O
Mike O John H
- **Treasurer**, Neal M summarized the parish finances for 2021.
 - The **2021 church budget** anticipated a deficit of \$52,000+ which we anticipated balancing from the PPP funds. The final 2021 budget report has a surplus of \$47,000+. Expenses were less than expected due to reduced operations and reduced personnel costs because of staff resignations.
 - The **2022 church budget** anticipates a deficit of almost \$129,000 due to a decrease in the pledgers and pledges and increases in personnel costs, diocesan assessment and operating expenses.
 - The vestry will host **townhalls** for parish members in 2022 to discuss the issues around the budget.
- **Rector's and Associate Rector's reports**
 - Pastor Todd thanked everyone for their support in 2021 including the following: Pastor Susan, Live-Stream committee and contributors, Outreach contributors, Parish Hall renovation contributors and the Property Commission, Altar Guild, Liturgical Art committee, Jacque C, Treasurer – Neal M, Sr Warden – Linda C, Dick F, Bev M
 - Pastor Todd invited the parish to help with the budget by sharing St. Timothy's with others and to participate in the 2022 programs
 - Pastor Susan thanked the parish for their support particularly during Pastor Todd's sabbatical. She is excited about the future and new program ideas being discussed.
- **Senior Warden Report** – Linda C thanked the parish and the clergy for a wonderful year of growth
- **Outgoing Vestry Members** – Linda C, Steve H, Trudy M and Treasurer – Neal M were thanked for their contributions to the health and welfare of the church and the parish
- **New Senior Warden – Charlie W** – Pastor Todd announced that Charlie W will be Senior Warden in 2022
- The Sr Warden, Treasurer and Pastor Todd answered questions about finances, FOTH 2022 (late August) and Ash Wednesday – ashes will be available.
- Following the Annual Meeting, the vestry met and elected **Scott M as Jr Warden, Dick F as Treasurer** and Sally P as Vestry clerk for 2022.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 2022

The vestry met on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm using Zoom

MOTIONS:

- The **2022 Budget** drafted by the treasurer and the Finance Committee was discussed and approved. The budget anticipates a deficit of \$126,000. 2022 pledge income is less than was pledged in 2021. There will be increases in staff compensation and the Diocesan assessment and some other expense categories.
- The vestry approved the minutes of the December 2021 meeting and the several submitted reports from the Treasurer and others.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- The **2021 Budget** through 31 December 2021 was discussed by Treasurer, Neal Matsunaga. Net income for 2021 is \$99,000+ due to more pledge income and less expenditures than was budgeted in January 2021.
- **Treasurer** – Dick Firth will replace Neal Matsunaga as treasurer in 2022. Dick has been “in training” with Neal for the last 6 months.
- The vestry discussed the plans for the **2022 Annual Meeting** on February 6. Due to the logistics of broadcasting the meeting and voting, it was decided to conduct the meeting using Zoom – similarly to what was done in January of 2021.
- Pastor Susan and Neal Matsunaga discussed the status of the **Boy Scout bankruptcy suit**. St. Timothy’s has been a sponsor of a Boy Scout troop for many years.
- Linda Clark thanked the **retiring vestry** members whose terms will end with the 2022 Annual meeting – Trudy MacMillan, Steve Hedden and herself
- Linda Clark announced that the following will be **vestry candidates** at the 2022 Annual meeting –Karen A, Liz K, Kris M and Charlie W.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

The minutes of the vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry. Minutes are normally approved at the next vestry meeting.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 19, 2022

Financial Highlights

- Financial results through December are positive overall despite underruns in loose plate offerings and facilities cost sharing due to the underruns being offset by higher than budgeted pledge and contributing income to date.
- Year to date budget vs actual results, adjusted for amortizing “pledges paid in full” in the current year, are:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Income	\$658,317	\$691,874	\$33,557
Other Income	\$ 43,254	\$ 56,236	\$12,982
Expenses	\$753,801	\$700,727	\$53,074
Net Income	\$(52,230)	\$ 47,383	\$99,613

Pledge Income difference due mainly to:

Pledge income better than budgeted in early 2021. 11 families for \$15,870 did not make any payments on their 2021 pledges.

Other Income difference due mainly to:

Loose Plate \$(5,844) and Facilities Cost Sharing \$(2,054) under budget offset by Contributing Income \$14,697 and Special Gifts \$5,700 above budget.

Expenses – Operating expense difference is the sum of a number of under budget items, with the main ones being:

Personnel expenses \$16,947 under budget due mainly to \$6,412 for administrative assistant/office manager, \$1,107 for bookkeeper and \$2,612 for childcare assistant positions being vacant part of the year, offset by \$2,450 unbudgeted youth minister expense

Altar Guild expenses \$1,058 under budget

Music expenses \$2,166 under budget

Christian Formation expenses \$1,493 under budget

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$1,850 under budget

Fellowship expenses \$2,426 under budget

Administrative expenses \$8,567 under budget

Facilities expenses \$12,787 under budget

Finance expenses \$1,319 under budget

Contingency expenses \$3,703 under budget

Neal Matsunaga

Lent Madness

Do you have a favorite saint?

We can play Lent madness and vote on our favorite Saint- While learning about more about the saints in the Episcopal Church

More information coming in Lent!



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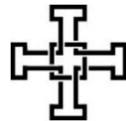
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