



WHAT CAN WE ASK FOR?

We sometimes wonder: can we really ask God for specific things? What difference does it make? Jim Morrison, rock and roll theologian, shares in a song by The Doors that he is decidedly against it:

When I was back there in seminary school
There was a person there
Who put forth the proposition
That you can petition the Lord with prayer...

Then, with his voice rising, Morrison repeats:
“Petition the lord with prayer... Petition the
lord with prayer...”

Finally, with great anger and defiance,
Morrison screams, “You *cannot* petition the
lord with prayer!”

Today we test Morrison and his claims through an exploration of Jesus and his words. We explore what we can ask for—our petitions—when we pray. Can we be specific at all? With particular situations that we face, does asking God for something specific make sense? What is the point of asking or petitioning God—does it make a difference? And if so, how?



WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S.

We are glad that you are here. Newcomers and guests are welcome to use the “contact card” enclosed in this bulletin to learn more about our community, ask questions, or make comments. Please place the card in the offering plate, or hand it to one of the clergy at the door as you leave worship.



WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S

If you are new, a visitor, or a guest today, we are honored to have you worship with us. After the service please join us in Edwards Hall (located off the courtyard) for coffee.

If you are interested in joining our church, please call the church office or email our Rector, The Rev. Nathan Speck-Ewer, at nathan@sttims.org. He will be glad to meet with you and talk about the church or direct you to those who might assist you. Arrangements can be made for baptism of adults and/or children on the first Sunday of each month.

THE CLERGY

Nathan Speck-Ewer, Rector
 Maly Adams Hughes, Priest Executive
 Robert J. Seifert, Deacon

THE STAFF

Christina Sudairy, Communications Director
 Peter Sammel, Music Director
 Joanna R. Shreve, Financial Administrator
 Michele Trottier, Facilities Manager
 Anne Wilde, Covenant Group Coordinator
 Becky Blessing, Youth Coordinator
 Jessica Fuller & Joseph Hodgkinson, Parish Hosts
 Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director

THE VESTRY

David Foster, Sr. Warden	Paul Hayter, Jr. Warden
Ross Johnson	Sandy Watkins
Darlene Frick	Lianne Mintz
Jenny Nathan	John Heltzel
Christopher Paul	Madeleine Gerdes
John Ezell, Treasurer	Lavonne Bieber, Clerk

SEVEN MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

At the heart of this parish is God's call and challenge to be disciples of Jesus. The seven marks of a disciple are:

1. One who witnesses to an intentional faith as modeled in the Baptismal Covenant. (*Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 304)
2. One who keeps the Sabbath and commits to attending worship every Sunday.
3. One who honors the tithe as the biblical standard of faithful financial giving to the Church.
4. One who prays and reads the Bible daily.
5. One who participates regularly in a Covenant Group as a means of personal support in community.
6. One who uses his/her spiritual gifts in the work of the upbuilding of the Church.
7. One who reaches out to others with the love of Christ.

If you are interested in these Christian practices, or would like more information, please see Maly.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Timothy's Church calls people to unity with God and empowers them to thrive in our changing world. We are a Covenant Community that shares the love of God and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We provide opportunities to make a difference in the world.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



The flowers today are given
to the Glory of God by

Barbara Blancke

In loving memory of her parents.

and

Traci, Tim, Alondra and Mateo Kohler

*In memory of Caroline Harmon's
short life and valiant fight.*

Someone so special can never be forgotten.

COME TO DINNER



Join us for dinner on
Wednesday. It's a great
way to meet people and
get connected.

Parish dinners begin at
6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening,
following "Kid Music" with Peter Sammel.

"Kid Food" and a vegetarian option are always
available. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00
for children, and a \$25.00 maximum per family
(including parents and children under 18).

Please join us for great food and fellowship.

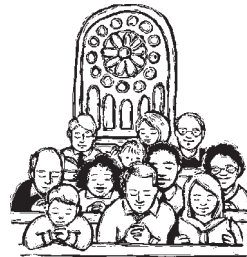
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Community Connection Initiative

The next Community Connection
Initiative meeting will be this
Sunday, April 27, from 11:45 a.m.



to 1:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. One of the
agenda topics will be how best to move forward
with outreach teams: Joanna Shreve will
describe a new model for forming ministry
teams. One of the new outreach ministry teams
we have started to form, the Outreach Resources
Team, will have a short meeting immediately
after the general CCI meeting.



PRAYER CONCERT

We are having a "Prayer Concert"—a time
to gather together and pray for the world,
each other, and our community. This is an
invitation to all, even if you don't know how
to pray, or have never done this before. Please
come and share in prayers with others,
spending time with God and one another, on
Friday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Edwards Hall.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES



AnneAerobic CPR is offering classes here at St. Tim's on Saturday, May 3. To register, please call Anne Wilde at (408) 379-2235 or go to AnneAerobic.com.

Heartsaver CPR/AED class runs from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and includes Adult, Child, Infant CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator).

Heartsaver First Aid class runs from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes basic first aid for medical, injury, and environmental emergencies.

Take one class for \$40 or both for \$70. Student discounts are available.



THE 2008 MEN'S RETREAT

This year the Men's Retreat, "Bridging the Divide," will be held on May 30 through June 1. The venue is the Redwood Christian Park in Boulder Creek, which is within biking distance for the brave. The surroundings are beautiful, the food is good and plentiful, and the fellowship is outstanding.

Further information and website registration is available now at www.sttims.org.

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!

St. Tim's Ladies' Happy Hour is on Saturday, May 31, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at April Speck-Ewer's house, 1007 Persimmon Avenue in Sunnyvale.



Since many of us will be home on our own while our husbands are away at the Men's Retreat, it seems like an ideal afternoon for a Ladies' Happy Hour. April will have plenty of wine, margaritas, and non-alcoholic beverages on hand. Please bring munchies to snack on. Swing by for a quick drink, or come and hang out all afternoon.

Everyone is welcome—regardless of whether you have a connection to the Men's Retreat. It will be a great chance to reconnect with friends you haven't seen in a while, and hopefully make some new connections, too!

Contact April at aprilspeckewer@gmail.com or (408) 749-0365 with any questions.

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

The Parish Barbeque will be held on June 8th this year. More details will follow, but for now please save the date. And remember that this will be yet another opportunity for you to wear that nice red St. Tim's t-shirt you purchased for Pentecost.



MUSIC MINISTRY

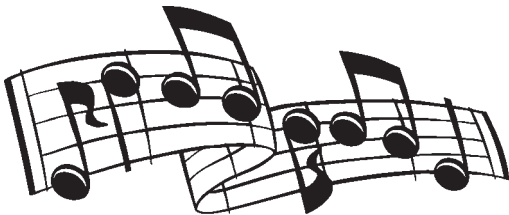
AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND SING

People either love or hate today's traditional hymn at the 10:30 a.m. service—#405, "All things bright and beautiful." Some think it too simplistic, while others enjoy the childlike wonder at God's creation.

The hymn was written in 1848 by Cecil Frances Alexander for her Sunday School students, and first published in a collection called *Hymns for Little Children*. The hymn was made famous again when James Herriot used the hymn's second line as the title of his English country vet memoirs *All Creatures Great and Small*. The hymn's third verse has been dropped from our hymnal for obvious reasons:

The poor man at his gate,
God made them, high or lowly,
And order'd their estate

Cecil Alexander also wrote "Once in Royal David's City," "He is risen" and "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult."



OUTREACH



AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

This year's Affordable Housing Week in Santa Clara County will be May 13-17. The week includes the following events (registration is usually required):

Tuesday, May 13 Homebuyer Education

Wednesday, May 14 First Time Homebuyers Workshop

Friday, May 16 Habitat for Humanity Build Day

Friday, May 16 Briefing on Homelessness

Saturday, May 17 Tour of Santa Clara's Affordable Housing

Please visit this website for details:
www.affordablehousingweek.org

The Habitat for Humanity Build Day will be at the Murphy Avenue site in San Jose on Friday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register, contact Kathy Miller at KMiller@habitatsiliconvalley.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



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**Be kind and
compassionate to one
another, forgiving each
other, just as in Christ
God forgave you.**

Ephesians 4:32

*For confidential Christian care
through Stephen Ministry, call
650-967-4724 or email
stephenministry@sttims.org.*

ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY

For more information on Stephen Ministry, including Frequently Asked Questions and Stephen Ministry Healing Prayer, please visit our website, www.sttims.org/community/sm.shtml or email stephenministry@sttims.org.



COVENANT GROUPS

COVENANT GROUP SCHEDULE

Covenant Groups are an expanding network of small groups that meet together to share the life of faith. To find out more, please call one of the group leaders, or the parish office.

Mondays

1:15 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235
& Nan Fuller (408) 736-4662

Tuesdays

Childcare available at church: 9:15-11:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Alane Kasrawi (650) 961-6338
7:00 p.m. Becky Mikkelsen (650) 428-0564
7:00 p.m. Susan Slakey (408) 249-7114
& Jennifer Olsen (408) 733-8735
7:15p.m. Bill Shreve (650) 941-6436
7:30 p.m. Michael Diamond (415) 830-0425
& Dana Peak (408) 299-5798
7:30 p.m. Laura Casellas (408) 375-2822
8:00 p.m. Will Watkins (408) 867-6063
8:00 p.m. Steven Schumaker-Trottier (650) 949-3281
& David Foster (650) 567-9755

Wednesdays

7:15 p.m. Holly Hem (650) 279-8818
Outflow for Young Adults
7:30 p.m. Alan Twhigg (650) 962-1939
& Drew Terrill (408) 230-4431

Thursdays

9:15 a.m. Wyn Schuh (650) 965-8037
Rancho Strolling Group
7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
7:30 p.m. Scott Boding (650) 962-1967

Fridays

1:00 p.m. Althea Parks (408) 245-0295

SERVING TODAY

Dolores Goodman	Altar Guild
Jen Ezell	
Donna Fuzere	
Mary Harrison	
Melissa Malley	
Claire Witzke	
Julie Hansen	

Candace Hanson	Tellers
Matt Desmond	

7:45 a.m.

Keith Samuel	Greeter
Frick Family	Ushers
Barbara Blancke	Lector
Diane Dubois	Eucharistic Minister
Doug Merrell	Sound

9:00 a.m.

Kohler Family	Greeters
Casellas Family	Ushers
Meredith Berg	Lectors
Nick Felipa	
Chris Mintz	Acolyte
Nick Felipa	Prayer
Beto Casellas	Eucharistic Ministers
Madeleine Gerdes	
Wyn Schuh	
Scott Boding	Sound
Eric Berg	Projector

10:30 a.m.

Lambert Family	Greeter
Wilde Family	Ushers
Anne Wilde	Lectors
Mark Witzke	
Claire Witzke	Acolyte
Peggy Aoki	Eucharistic Ministers
Cheryl Miller	
Susan LaGassa	
Ryan Pease	Sound
Mark Witzke	Projector

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 17:22-31

PSALM 66:8-20

1 PETER 3:13-22

JOHN 14:12-17

PRAYER LIST

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email prayer@sttims.org.

Names are kept on the prayer list for two weeks. If prayers are still needed after two weeks, please call or email again.

Please Pray For: Sherry Delaney; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Holly Hem; Ron Holt; The Kohler Family; Dottie Brunauer Levine; Cruz Madrid; Ed Sammel; Alan, Tracy and Kate Stevenson; Patricia Urban; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary; the children of La Roca and those who care for them; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers; members of the armed forces, especially Kernen Dibble and Corporal Tony Garibay; and Nancy Livak, serving in the Peace Corps in Belize.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

7:45 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Community Connection Initiative
5:00 p.m. Worship, Dinner & Youth Groups
6:15 p.m. Book Class

MONDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 a.m. Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
5:15 p.m. Kid Music
6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
7:00 p.m. Good Sense

FRIDAY, MAY 2

7:00 p.m. Prayer Concert



LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7:45 a.m.	20
9:00 a.m.	122
10:30 a.m.	68
5:00 p.m.	41

Finances

Actual income	\$138,568
Pledged income	\$147,000

as of 3/31/2008

2008 DATES TO NOTE

May 11	Pentecost
May 23 & 24	Rummage Sale
May 30 - June 2	Men's Retreat
June 8	Parish Barbeque

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

**9:00 a.m. Children's Worship
& Godly Play**

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

5:00 p.m. Tweens & Teens Worship

Nursery care is provided in Room 7 during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.