



FAMILY, FRIENDS + OUR FAITH

Sometimes people feel that they should try to “share their faith” with those closest to home, their family and friends. But if or when they attempt to do so, they quickly learn that barriers can go up. Faith is hard to talk about. Distinctions can be drawn up emphasizing differences in belief. Dichotomies can emerge around the essential status of people—around saved/unsaved, pure/impure, them/us. Attempts to share one’s faith, especially among adults in families, can be difficult enough; and active attempts to encourage those with whom we make our homes to have our faith can be downright deadly.

But in the reading from the Book of Acts today—by Peter’s trance, the spirit, and the angel—we learn of a God who is breaking down distinctions and barriers. The trance reported by Peter places Peter (and his church) exactly “in between” a) a set of old purity requirements and b) God’s new verdict on what is “clean.” The Spirit follows after the trance. The Spirit leads to a meeting with six brothers who are unlike “us,” and causes the speaker to remember the baptism into newness. The angel invites them to receive a “saving message” (v. 13-14). The saving message and the new verdict are about no distinctions. The remarkable summary in verse 17 is that the same gifts are given to “them” as to “us.” In context, the “them and us” are Jews and Gentiles because the good

news breaks beyond purity codes, eliminating human distinctions between the essential values of people in God’s eyes.

We can let God’s love overflow us—not so much by “sharing our faith” with our family and friends as showing our faith to them in the everyday, through simple acts of kindness and service. We can follow Peter and rid ourselves of any agenda to show God’s love towards creating in them a specific end; rather, we can simply be a witness to God’s love with our family and friends, whether they receive it or not. For through small acts of kindness—not calculated, but freely given—we may help others to recognize God’s grace in their lives as its given to us. And through our being witnesses we allow God to be Lord of our lives; we give over the desire to change or convert others to be like us and let a saving message to come through: that in God’s eyes, we are loved with no strings attached.

WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY’S.

We are glad that you are here. Newcomers and guests are welcome to use the “communication 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 our Priest Executive, Maly Hughes, in the church office or email her at maly@sttims.org. She 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
Scott Boding, Adult Education Director
Michele Trotter, Facilities Manager
Becky Blessing, Sr. High Youth Minister
Kevin LaGassa, Jr. High Youth Minister
Susan LaGassa & Joseph Hodgkinson, Parish Hosts
Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director

THE VESTRY

David Foster, Senior Warden	Ross Johnson
Nan Fuller, Junior Warden	Sandy Watkins
John Harrison	Lianne Mintz
Bill Shreve	Jenny Nathan
Paul Hayter	John Ezell, Treasurer
Darlene Frick	

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

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on today at noon in Edwards Hall.

The Annual Meeting is a chance to celebrate who we are as a parish. We will elect new vestry members and diocesan delegates, hear a parish report, honor individuals who have given of themselves to the parish in exemplary ways, and more.

Lunch will be provided during the meeting, and childcare will be available in the nursery.



CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church, Los Altos invites the community to a special evening for children:

**Empower African Children
the Spirit of Uganda Tour**

Songs, Dances, Inspiration, Children to Children

Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Suggested donation \$10 adult/\$5 children
at the door

Entire proceeds to Empower African Children.



Christ Episcopal Church is located at 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. For more information, please visit www.ccla.us or call (650) 948-2151.

COME TO DINNER



Join us for dinner this 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 the age of 18).

Please join us for great food and fellowship.

VISIONING DAY

Thank you to all who attended Visioning Day on January 12. There were 133 attendees, with almost all of the Santa Clara Valley Deanery churches represented, in addition to three churches from the Monterey Deanery. There were 31 Clergy, 49 Delegates or Alternates, and 53 Others. Bishop Mary was a wonderful facilitator.

The last Visioning Day was January 19, so now Bishop Mary is working with the Communications team to synthesize all of the three days' summaries into a Vision for the Diocese. A summary of our Visioning Day results will be sent to all Deanery members soon.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

If you are new to St. Timothy's: Welcome. The Rev. Nathan and April Speck-Ewer invite you to join them for coffee and dessert in their home, at 1007 Persimmon Avenue, Sunnyvale, on Sunday, February 3 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Whether today is your first Sunday, or you've been coming for a while and still feel new, please join us. It's a great opportunity to get to know one another a little better and to meet others who are new to the parish.

Please R.S.V.P. to April at april@sttims.org or (408) 749-0365.

PLAY BASKETBALL?

We have the team for you this winter...the St. Tim's Basketball team. Games start at the beginning of February.



If you are interested, shoot an email to John Heltzel at jheltzel@gmail.com.

DAY OF DISCOVERY

The Diocesan Commission on Ministry is preparing a "Day of Discovery" on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at St. Paul's, Salinas. This is the third time they have offered this program which has the purpose of giving individuals a way to further explore how they might respond to their calls to ministry in our churches.



The COM cordially invites members of our parish to attend this Day of Discovery. It offers the opportunity for those already doing active ministry to renew their call to a particular ministry or to explore new ways of responding to God's call.

Although this Day of Discovery is a required first step for those individuals who are discerning a call to ordained ministry, its focus is not in any way limited to these individuals. All lay persons would benefit from participating in this process.

Experience has shown that participants in our "Day of Discovery" come away having shared in a process of discernment which is rejuvenating, validating, and transforming.

Pre-registration (by February 1) to Susan Altig (susan@edecr.org) will help in preparing enough materials and ordering enough lunches for the participants.

HEAVEN AND EARTH

The Choral Project will offer a concert of light in sound, warmth in music, and healing in song, as we share a program of music intended to inspire and exhilarate our listeners.



The concert will feature John Rutter's consoling and beautiful Requiem, performed with an orchestra comprised of the Silicon Valley's finest players. Other works include music by Arvo Pärt, Alberto Ginestera, and John Paynter. Come wrap yourself in a blanket of warm sound.

Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 p.m.

Mission Church, University of Santa Clara
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

General Admission: \$25

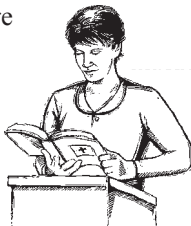
Student / Senior: \$18

Children under 10 are free

Order tickets online or by mail by visiting
www.choralproject.org.

LECTORS (READERS) NEEDED

Looking for a way to get more involved at St. Tim's? Lectors are currently being sought for all service times. Readers of all ages are invited to participate.



For more information, please contact Maly Hughes at maly@sttims.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

an interfaith dialogue on

religion
& VIOLENCE

untangling the roots of conflict

RELIGION AND VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

Twenty-three people from around the Bay Area came to the Trinity Institute Interfaith Conference on Religion and Violence at St. Timothy's this week. They gained insights into Judaism, Islam and Christianity and humankind's history of intolerance and violence as it relates to faith. The showing of *Constantine's Sword* in the sanctuary on Tuesday night gave a larger audience a look at the issues discussed in the conference.

Many people contributed to making this event a success. I want to thank Jen Ezell and Joanna Shreve for providing and preparing our food, Peter Sammel and Ross Johnson for setting up and running the webcast, Gwen Bindon, Jack Bindon, and Dave Wilde for facilitating the small group discussions, Nathan Speck-Ewer for publicizing the event, and Chris Sudairy for printing all the conference handouts and signage. All helped move our Community Connection Initiative forward. Thank you.

—Bill Shreve

YOUTH MINISTRY

JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP



The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups are meeting every Sunday evening. Come to the 5:00 p.m. service, which will be followed by dinner and youth group. Bring \$5.00 for food and come have a great time playing around and developing your relationship with God.

And stay tuned for the following activities:

February: Diocesan Youth Ski Trip, and more.

Questions?

Sr. High

Contact Kevin LaGassa at srhigh@sttims.org.

Jr. High

Contact Becky Blessing at jrhigh@sttims.org.

JOIN THE TWEENS GROUP

If you are too old for Godly Play and not yet ready for Junior High Youth Group, join us for a Tweens Group on Sunday evenings. We will have time for games, discussion, projects, and a little (or maybe a lot) of Harry Potter.



The Tweens Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KID MUSIC

Parents and children are invited to join Music



Director Peter Sammel each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. for a joyful half-hour of music and rhythm play.

Even the youngest children will enjoy singing simple (and sometimes silly) songs, playing drums and other instruments, and moving their bodies.

Class ends at 5:45 p.m., just in time to enjoy the Parish Dinner.



"Did I just hear you mumble, 'With the way you cook, I wish this was my 'Last Supper.'?!"

OUTREACH

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
WORK DAY

Saturday, February 16

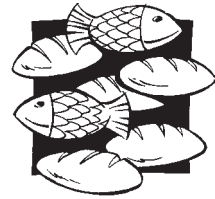
The Santa Clara Valley Deanery churches have an opportunity to work together to help build a house with Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity. Our work day is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Gianera Street site is in Santa Clara near Lafayette Street and Tasman Drive.

Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. If you are interested, please contact Linda Morris at lindamorris24@yahoo.com as soon as possible, as there are only 15 spots available.



FISHES AND LOAVES

Fishes and Loaves is our hands-on support ministry to families welcoming new babies or facing a medical crisis or other challenges.



This ministry makes God's love tangible by offering practical help such as meals, grocery shopping, playdates, and childcare. It also provides ample opportunity for everyone in the parish to be a blessing to others.

If you can double your favorite recipe and provide dinner to a family, or spare some time to help, contact Annett Inacker-Trail at (650) 988-8042 or annett_trail@yahoo.com.

REMEMBER THE LOVE BASKET

Bring donations of non-perishable food to the Love Basket, located in the back of the church. The offerings are taken to the food bank at SMUM.

Point out the basket to your children when it is brought to the altar with the other offerings, and invite them to help you choose food to put in the basket next week.

Donations of toiletries (including sample or hotel sizes), paper products, and diapers are also very much appreciated.



COVENANT GROUPS

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN A COVENANT GROUP

If you are not part of a covenant group yet, please consider joining one this month. In January, all covenant groups will be reading and discussing “outward focused living in a self-focused world.” This is a parish-wide program from the book, *Outflow*, by Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping. Being a part of a covenant group will enhance this experience and enable everyone to be a full participant.

For more information, contact Anne Wilde at (408) 379-2235 or AnneAerobic@aol.com.



COVENANT GROUPS

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

1:30 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235
& Nan Fuller (408) 736-4662

7:30 p.m. Alan Twigg (650) 962-1939
& Drew Terrill (408) 230-4431

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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HEALING PRAYER

There is a Stephen Minister available at the side altar rail (near the cross) during communion at each service. If you are experiencing any sort of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational difficulty, you are encouraged to come forward for healing prayers.

After receiving communion, come to the altar rail to be anointed with oil and receive laying on of hands and healing prayers by a trained Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are also available to pray with people after each worship service. Stephen Ministers wear a blue identification badge.

Prayer concerns are confidential.

If you would like to explore an ongoing one-to-one Christian caregiving and prayer relationship with a Stephen Minister, call the church office, speak with a Stephen Minister, or email stephenministry@sttims.org. The Stephen Ministry Coordinator will meet with you and prayerfully match you with one of the available Stephen Ministers.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

**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.*

ENCOURAGING MINISTRY
PROPOSALS FOR THE
COMMUNITY CONNECTION
INITIATIVE

Last spring in our church-wide revisioning of ministry, we expressed a desire by our “Community Connection” initiative to connect with our community through starting new ministries, doing special events, and undertaking mission trips. If you are interested in starting a ministry that connects with people’s spiritual and social needs in our community, please email Dave Wilde at DavidSWilde@aol.com with your ministry proposal.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**

ACTS 16:1-18

PSALM 46

1 PETER 3:8-15

JOHN 4:46-53

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: Carl Barchfield; Ann Bauer; Michelle Chang; Brian Chapman; Alice Dible; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Ann Grant; Lara Gularte; Caroline Harmon, Lillian Hefty; BJ Hem; Ron Holt; Bea Horton; Diana Johnson; Mike Lampman; Dottie Brunauer Levine; Betty Liechty; Tom McKeown; Ed Sammel; Curtis Schauf; Donna Schroeder; Sylvia Schroeder; Rosemary Smiley; John Stolarik; Lister Terry, Justin Weitzel; Jane Young; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves; the children of La Roca and those who care for them; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers; members of the armed forces, especially Maj. Larry Dillard, Kernan Dibble, Tom Thibodeaux, and their families and loved ones; and Nancy Livak, serving in the Peace Corps in Belize.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

- 7:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Godly Play
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Worship, Dinner & Youth Groups
- 6:15 p.m. Book Class

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

- 9:30 a.m. Bridge Club
- 10:30 a.m. Deanery Discernment Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 5:15 p.m. Kid Music
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner



SERVING TODAY

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

John Ezell Tellers
 Matt Desmond

7:45 a.m.

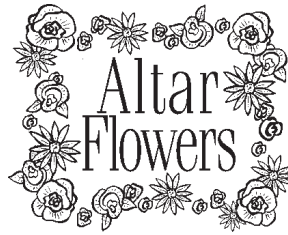
Keith Samuel Greeter
 Frick Family Ushers
 Michael Diamond Lector
 Diane Dubois Eucharistic Minister
 Doug Merrell Sound

9:00 a.m.

Kasrawi Family Greeters
 Felipa Family Ushers
 Lucas Mendoza Lectors
 Charlotte Six
 Lucas Mendoza Acolyte
 Alex Mendoza Prayer
 Madeleine Gerdes Eucharistic Ministers
 Michele Trottier
 Wyn Schuh
 Parker Schuh Sound
 Jeffrey Miller Projector

10:30 a.m.

Lambert Family Greeters
 Ezell Family Ushers
 Bill Dolby Lectors
 Grace Schmidt
 Claire Witzke Acolyte
 Bill Dolby Eucharistic Ministers
 Grace Schmidt
 Ryan Pease Sound
 Mark Witzke Projector



The flowers today are given
 to the Glory of God by

Robert Parsons

In memory of Philip Faillace



FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We invite you to sign up on the Flower Chart on the back of the front door of the church to have flowers dedicated to a loved one. The dedication might be for celebrating a birthday, anniversary, in memory of someone, or simply in thanksgiving for many blessings. The suggested donation is \$35, and even if someone else has signed up for the Sunday that you want, it is OK to have more than one dedication per week.

Thank you for your support of the Altar Guild in this way.



ST. TIMOTHY'S PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION



Fall Registration for the school year 2008-2009 is now underway.

We have openings in our three year old class.

Children must be turning three years old on or before December 2, 2008.

Tuesday and Thursday 3s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$265 per month

We have openings in three classes for four year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before December 2, 2008.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$365 per month

Tuesday and Thursday Science 4s

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition is \$265 per month

Five Day Combination 4s

Monday, Wednesday, Friday a.m. and Tuesday, Thursday Science p.m.

Tuition is \$570 per month

Registration Fees must be paid to hold a place for your child. The fees are June tuition in advance, plus a \$75 enrollment fee and a \$5 insurance fee. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please call Preschool Director Helen Wooldridge at (650) 967-4724.

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7:45 a.m.	34
9:00 a.m.	115
10:30 a.m.	70
5:00 p.m.	55

Finances

Actual income \$650,405

Pledged income \$656,000

as of 12/31/2007

Thank you for your faithfulness!

2008 DATES TO NOTE

February 3	Newcomers' Reception
February 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 6	Ash Wednesday
March 23	Easter Day
April 6	Bishop's Visit

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.