

DECEMBER 13, 2009

# *St. Timothy's*



## *Welcome!*

### *For Our Guests Today*

Welcome to St. Timothy's. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to use the "connection card" at the end of 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 today.

# *Grieving Loss, Awaiting Birth*

Dear St. Timothy's family and friends,

This Sunday Maly will preach one of her last sermons with us. With Maly's departure at the end of this year, many parishioners in this season of Advent are grieving. Maly's presence with us these past 10 years has meant so much. She has been for many of us pastor, priest, and friend. We will miss her. Please join me in the celebration we're having in thanksgiving for her (and Allan) coming at the end of the month—Sunday, December 27th, at 11:45 a.m. in Edwards Hall.



This week I have appreciated the time I've shared in person or on the phone with many of you. I'm here to talk with you during the week, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the office, and on my cell at other times if it's a pastoral emergency—(408) 470-8058. As I listen these days, I hear some members of the parish grieving that the pastoral relationship they've formed with Maly is ending. I hear about the many blessings her ministry has been for us, and the memories we'll always have of her and continue to share.

Advent will soon be over. Believe it or not, soon we will have a birth on our hands. We may not feel ready, but the birth of Jesus will soon happen. In humble circumstances, our Savior will come among us. It is the same every year, and yet it is never the same because we never are. We are always changing and God, in Christ, is ever faithful and with us as we do. God emerges in new and surprising ways. And so do we with God's help.

As we mark the Third Sunday of Advent, let's make time for one another. We'll enjoy time with Maly as our celebrant and preacher (one of her last sermons with us). For in this busy season we are challenged to come together as the church has done for thousands of years, devoting ourselves "to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Love,

*Nathan*

# Ways to Get Connected

## Adults

**Ministry Teams** are small groups of adults that care for others and one another while sharing the life of faith. For more information on how to get involved, email [equip@sttims.org](mailto:equip@sttims.org).

**Covenant Groups** are a network of small groups meeting in parishioners' homes. Covenant Groups help us know the presence of Christ in one another. They are a safe place to explore faith and support one another.

**Parish Dinners** are a great way to meet people and get connected. Parish dinners begin at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening. "Kid Food" and a vegetarian option are always available. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, and a \$30.00 maximum per family (including parents and children under 18).

## Children

**Godly Play** is a Sunday School program successfully used by several denominations in churches around the world. Classes are provided for children 3 years and above and begin immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. Everything that happens in a *Godly Play* classroom – the classroom set-up, the carefully chosen and placed materials and the management of the community of children – serves the child's relationship with God. Each of the *Godly Play* classes is supported by a team of teachers, assistants and craft leaders. If this is a ministry that appeals to you, please contact Wyn Schuh at [wynsttims@boardsailor.com](mailto:wynsttims@boardsailor.com).

**Kids Music and Movement** is a joyful half-hour of music and rhythm play. Children of all ages will enjoy singing simple (and sometimes silly) songs, playing drums and other instruments, and moving their bodies. Parents and children are invited each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m., just before the Parish Dinner. The class is free and registration is not necessary. If you have questions contact our Music Director, Peter Sammel, at [peter@sttims.org](mailto:peter@sttims.org).

**St. Timothy's Preschool** is a non-denominational school which has been serving children and families in the Mountain View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale communities since 1961. The school offers a play-based program that includes academic and social readiness in preparation for kindergarten. Within a peaceful, nurturing, co-operative environment, children experience art, literature, music, math and reading readiness, cooking, science and creative dramatics. For more information contact Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director at (650) 967-4724.

## Youth

**Youth Group** is for youth in 6th-12th grade. Youth meet from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights and from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays, to grow in love together and set an example in life by doing a project for the community. These projects were generated by youth matching the community's needs with their own gifts. For more information contact Youth Coordinator, Nancy Livak, at [nancy@sttims.org](mailto:nancy@sttims.org).

# *All Hands on Deck!*

The Equipping Team has identified a number of roles for lay ministry at St. Tim's to help our church run smoothly, support this community, and carry out our shared ministry to the world around us. We invite you to prayerfully consider whether any of these opportunities align with your gifts—you are called to make a difference in the church and in the world. We want to support you in a role that serves God effectively and brings joy to your life.

Because of staff changes in our church office, most of the tasks listed here support the internal functioning of this community, but we include additional possibilities, and you are welcome to propose other ways you can support our shared mission. The Equipping Team would love to discern with you how to set you, and the church, up to succeed. In some cases, we will partner you with people who share that ministry or related responsibilities, and we will ensure that you receive any necessary training. Together, we are God's mission to the world, and we want to be effective!



**Michael Diamond  
Senior Warden and  
Equipping Team Member**

## *Community Life*

- Maintain the parish calendar, including booking facilities use
- Events and Parties Team (Annual Meeting, Mardi Gras, Pentecost party, other events to bring parish together socially)
- Second Sunday Brunch Team (a monthly brunch after the 10:30 a.m. service)
- Wednesday Night Dinner Team
- Hospitality 10:30 a.m.
- Covenant Groups support
- Women's ministry series and annual retreat
- Men's ministry/poker series, annual retreat

## *Administrative*

- Data collection, maintaining the parish registers (recording vital statistics and issuing certificates), helping compile the annual parochial report
- Columbarium manager — interface with parishioners and others for interments

## *Godly Play*

- Classroom coordinator/recruiter (From the 9:00 a.m. congregation)
- Materials manager
- Additional Godly Play teachers

## *Facilities Management*

- Manage relationships with our janitorial, landscaping, and maintenance contractors
- Keep track of facility maintenance projects; oversee facilities manager who does them
- Manage inspections and compliances (occasional contact with fire department and facility inspectors)
- Coordinate usage of facilities by different parish and outside groups
- Monitor inventories of paper supplies

## *Communications*

- Word editing/proofing

## **Our Values**

**Growth:** *We follow the way of Jesus Christ.*

**Innovative Ministry:** *We adapt to meet people where they are with the Gospel.*

**Service Through Giftedness:** *We serve together out of our gifts.*

**Transforming Relationships:** *We covenant with one another for mutual growth, encouragement, and support.*

# Serving Today

Nancy Schaefer John Ezell	Tellers
Susan LaGassa	Floral Designer
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
Darlene Frick Chuck Utley Dick Yarp Jack Bindon Gwen Bindon Darlene Frick Gwen Bindon Scott Wineman	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers  Lector Eucharistic Minister Healing Prayer Sound
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
Melissa Malley Donna Yobs Ellis Family Ellis Family Katie Watkins Meredith Berg Georgia Eastham TBA Beto Casellas Larry Mendoza Peter Sammel Donna Yobs Eric Berg Jordan Wolfe Allen Dutra	Altar Guild  Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors  Prayer Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers    Healing Prayer Sound Projector Floor Director
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	
Nan Fuller Caroline Aoki Lambert Family Lambert Family Joy Hayter Marguerite Williams Julia Ezell Jen Ezell Grace Schmidt Becky Mikkelsen Mark Witzke Carina Gwennap	Altar Guild  Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors  Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers  Healing Prayer Sound Projector

## Altar Flowers

During Advent, the altar floral arrangements are replaced by greens until Christmas. If you wish to make a Christmas floral and music offering in memory or in honor of someone, please use the enclosed envelope.

## Prayer List

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email [prayer@sttims.org](mailto:prayer@sttims.org).

**Please Pray For:** Carl Barchfield; the Cummings Family; Frank Davis, Jr.; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Betty Sue Frost; Liz Gogolewski; Patricia Greene; Joseph Hodgkinson; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; Kathy Mikulis; Bob Parsons; Ed Sammel; the Schroeder family; Slater and her family; Alden Speck-Ewer; Alan and Tracy Stevenson; the Tapella Family; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves; our Companion Dioceses in Western Tanganyika and Gloucester, England; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers.

## Pledge Cards

Please place your pledge cards in the offering plate. If you have forgotten yours, there are pledge cards available on the table at the back of the Church.

# Coming Up

## This Week

### Sunday, December 13

7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship  
9:00 a.m. Dynamic & Kid-Centered Worship  
9:45 a.m. Godly Play  
9:50 a.m. Breakfast Club  
10:30 a.m. Joyful & Inclusive Worship  
12:00 p.m. John Schmaelzle's Mission Trip

### Monday, December 14

9:30 a.m. Bridge Club

### Wednesday, December 16

5:15 p.m. Kid's Music and Movement  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant  
6:30 p.m. Parish Dinner

## Need Spiritual Exercise?

**“Send Us Out:” Reading and Practicing the New Testament** meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., January 13 through June 2, in the Guild Room.

Participants will come away with an understanding of the New Testament and with practice together, showing God's love through acts of kindness with no strings attached. Led by Nathan, the Lead Pastor. *No previous knowledge or experience is necessary. Childcare is available upon request.*



## 2009 Dates to Note:

December 21 The Longest Night  
December 24 Christmas Eve  
December 25 Christmas Day  
December 28 Lessons & Carols

### The Clergy

Nathan Speck-Ewer  
Maly Hughes

Lead Pastor  
Organizational Pastor

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### The Staff

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# Third Sunday of Advent



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## **New Diocesan Website**

If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out  
the new EDECR website at [www.edecr.org](http://www.edecr.org).

# News & Notes

## Preschool Registration for Fall

Parishioners receive priority enrollment during the month of December for the school year 2010-2011.

We have openings in our 3 year old class. Children must be turning three years old on or before December 2, 2010.

### Tuesday and Thursday 3s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$285 per month

We have openings in three classes for 4 year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before December 2, 2010.

### Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$385 per month

### Tuesday and Thursday Science 4s

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition is \$285 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. We open registration to the public on January 4.

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



## John Schmaelzle's Medical Mission trip to Liberia

Our own parishioner, Dr. John Schmaelzle will share his recent experience participating in a medical mission trip to Liberia.

Liberia was founded as a refuge for freed African slaves and in recent history has endured fourteen years of brutal civil war, which ended in 2003. The average per capita income is less than \$500 per year. Life expectancy is just over 40 years. There is no running water, no electricity, no garbage collection; little infrastructure of any type. Yet the people continue to believe in freedom and have great hope for a better future.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to see and hear about John's experiences firsthand. Just one person's gift of time, compassion and talent can have a profound effect on people who are surviving great adversity.

Please join John and his covenant group **today at noon** in Edwards Hall. A light brunch will be served.

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## Christmas Pageant

Where can you find cute sheep, regal kings, and the best gift ever given? The parish Christmas pageant, of course.

The pageant will be Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. A dress rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 11:45 a.m.

Adult and teen volunteers are welcome, too. Questions? Contact Christine Foster at (650) 279-6613 or [foster81@pacbell.net](mailto:foster81@pacbell.net)

## Christmas Service Schedule

### Monday, December 21

7:00 p.m. “The Longest Night” (a quiet Christmas service for those who don’t want the glitz)

### Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children’s Contemporary Service

10:15 p.m. Carols and Traditional Service

### Christmas Day - Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Carols and Traditional Service

### Sunday, December 27

7:45 a.m. Lessons and Carols

9:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols



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## Thirsty?

Get your St. Timothy’s water bottles while they last. These 32 oz. BPA-free bottles have high impact resistance and do not retain odor or taste. They’re a beautiful cobalt blue, with our logo in white and a silver top.

The women of our parish will be offering them for \$10 each at the Parish Dinner and following services on Sunday. They’ll also be available in the church office during the week. Quantity is limited — don’t miss out.



# News & Notes



## 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](mailto:stephenministry@sttims.org). The Stephen Ministry Coordinator will meet with you and prayerfully match you with one of the available Stephen Ministers.

## Job-seekers: Get a Great New Resume...and MORE

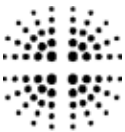
See us and create a powerful new resume. Then, extend your job-search by using new, free services available to our Employment Assistance Program participants.

We'll direct you to resources that can help you:

- Tap into a job-referral network
- Join a small success team
- Hear professional job coaches speak at large-group meetings

And we always seek job-help from fellow parishioners. Church members Chuck Utley and Dick Yarp administer this confidential program for parishioners, family members and friends, 18 years or older. To get started, call the church office at (650) 967-4724, Extension #7, and leave your name and number. We'll contact you promptly.





CONNECTION CARD  
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. SO THAT WE MAY WELCOME YOU, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR HAND IT TO AN USHER AFTER THE SERVICE.

- I'm a first-time visitor or guest     I'm a second-time visitor or guest     I'm a returning visitor or guest     Please update my information

Service Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- To find out more about our weekly happenings, please add me to the parish email announcement list. (You can opt out at any time.)

I'd like more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism/Confirmation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministries                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Covenant Groups/Bible Study          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways to Meet Others at St. Timothy's |

Prayer Requests/Comments/Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about us? \_\_\_\_\_