

DECEMBER 20, 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.

# *Something Old, Something New*

Dear St. Timothy's,

On Wednesday evening it was wonderful to enjoy the Christmas pageant. I watched children parade in and out as shepherds, wise men, angels, and animals. The whole cast was terrific. Every year I see in some ways the same pageant played out, and yet every year there's always something new in it that I notice and appreciate.

As we look ahead, news of our staff changes, Christmas worship offerings, and what's coming in the new year are important for me to share.



**Staff Changes** This month will conclude the pastoral relationship that the Rev. Maly Hughes has shared with St. Timothy's these past 10 years. Maly will preach and celebrate this Sunday; and on Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 27th, we will recognize her final Sunday with us and host a party to honor and celebrate her ministry beginning at 11:45 a.m. Two other changes on staff are also coming at the end of the month. The Rev. Robert Seifert, who has served faithfully as our part-time financial administrator this year, will leave the role and Lyn Cuenca will begin. Our prayers for Robert and his leadership of St. Luke's, Jolon. Lyn Cuenca, who will be joining us, has over 20 years of experience in finance and administration at Stanford. Lyn also serves as a part-time financial administrator of her home parish, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Mountain View, and lives in the neighborhood surrounding our parish. Welcome, Lyn! Chris Sudairy who is currently our communications director will continue with us with some adjustments. Because she's going to pursue her interest in cooking (she starts culinary school in January!) we've modified the communications position so she can continue off-site to manage our web and email communications, doing the terrific job she does. Nancy Livak, whom you may know from being on our youth ministry team, will assume additional duties as our on-site administrator in the office during the week. Office hours will continue as usual—Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Christmas** This year we offer four Christmas services.

On Monday December 21st at 7:00 p.m., we're offering a special Christmas service called "The Longest Night." Held on the longest night of the year, it's perfect for people who may wish to celebrate Christmas in a quiet, contemplative way. I recommend it especially for people who may be working through grief this season, or can't seem to connect with Christmas as usual this year. On Christmas Eve our Children's service begins at 5:00 p.m., and our Candlelight Christmas Eve service begins with caroling at 10:15 p.m. Our

Christmas morning service begins at 10:00 a.m. I hope you will encourage anyone who could stand some community to come and celebrate Christmas with us. (And to our travelers who are away this year, God bless you with safe travels!)

**In the New Year** In the new year St. Tim's will begin a children's chorus. Peter Sammel, our music director, is looking for anyone who may want to help him. The chorus will have a charter to show God's love in our parish and in the community beyond us. If you are interested, please contact Peter ([peter@sttims.org](mailto:peter@sttims.org)): he'd love to hear from you.

Also, starting in January, don't miss "Happily Ever After"—a series of messages on contemporary love and marriage. This series is for everyone, married or not, and has literally over 100 years of marital relationship experience thanks to the team that came together with me to create it (thank you Dolby, Foster, Frick, and Slakey families!). Also, a new class, "Send Us Out," begins in the new year where we can practice and learn our faith together. See the website or Sunday bulletin for more details. I hope you will join me and others for this opportunity. As we wait and watch this Fourth Advent, my prayer is that you join me in pausing to reflect on the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

Love,

*Nathan*



# *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.*

# 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 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).

# Serving Today

Pat Ryan	Tellers
Sue Ryan	
Nyna Dolby	Floral Designer
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
Susan Wachsman	Altar Guild
Chuck Utley	Newcomer Welcome
Darlene Frick	Greeters/Ushers
Nelson Frick	
Michael Diamond	Lector
Gwen Bindon	Eucharistic Minister
Bill Shreve	Healing Prayer
Scott Wineman	Sound
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
Mary Harrison	Altar Guild
Trottier Family	Newcomer Welcome
Trottier Family	Greeters/Ushers
Sebastian Casellas	Lectors
Sean Worley	
Audrey Wolfe	Prayer
TBA	Acolyte
Wyn Schuh	Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Trottier	
Larry Mendoza	
Kristin Ellis	Healing Prayer
Parker Schuh	Sound
Andrew Yobs	Projector
Michael Schuh	Floor Director
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	
Marguerite Williams	Altar Guild
Julia Ezell	
Lavonne Bieber	Newcomer Welcome
Bob Parsons	Greeters/Ushers
Amy Hartley	
Rita Ching	Lectors
Amy Hartley	
Ana Ezell	Acolyte
Sue-Ellen Johnson	Eucharistic Ministers
Susan LaGassa	
Grace Schmidt	Healing Prayer
Ken Livak	Sound
Chaz Gwennap	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:** 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; Eero Vahter 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

<b>Sunday, December 20</b>	
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
<b>Tuesday, December 22</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m.	The Longest Night
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	
5:15 p.m.	Children's Contemporary Service
10:15 p.m.	Carols and Traditional Service
<b>Friday, December 25</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Carols and Traditional Service

## 2009 Dates to Note:

December 27 Lessons & Carols  
January 31 Feast of St. Timothy's

## 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.*



### The Clergy

Nathan Speck-Ewer  
Maly Hughes

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# 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.

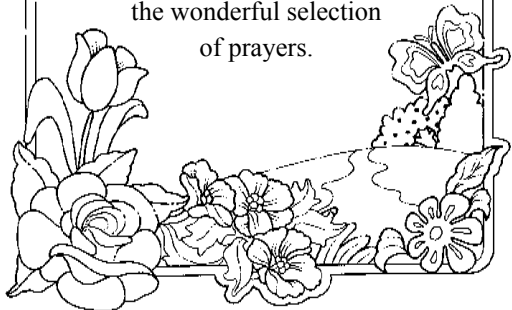


YOU ARE WELCOME  
TO USE OUR  
PRAYER GARDEN  
AS A PLACE TO PRAY  
OR MEDITATE EITHER  
IN GRIEF OR JOY

The garden, located next to our church, is known as the  
“**Patricia Westlake Sammel Memorial Prayer Garden.**”

A Prayer Box with a variety of prayers for most all occasions is available for your use. Please feel free to look though the many prayers and select the one that most fits your prayer needs.

Thanks to Dick Yarp and Bill Shreve for inviting our neighbors to visit the garden, and for providing the prayer box and the wonderful selection of prayers.



# News & Notes

## 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



## Bringing Christmas to 17 Families

Once again, our parish really came through for the Sponsor a Family Christmas program with Friends Outside. Thanks to the individuals, families, and covenant groups that together sponsored 17 families. And thanks to the Monday afternoon covenant group for organizing and checking boxes. Thanks also to Bill Shreve, Jill Stolarik, Nan Fuller, Dave and Anne Wilde, Jenny Aviat, Susan Wachsman, and Jon Bauer for loading and/or delivery 82 boxes of gifts and food to the fairgrounds for pick up by their recipients.

We estimate the value of our generosity at about \$6,000 but the best reward is knowing that we are comforting families who are missing a loved one this Christmas.



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## Post Epiphany Women's Fellowship Brunch

Join us for brunch on Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the church for a great start to the new year. Over brunch and a cup of coffee or tea, help us renew our women's fellowship group. We have ideas to share and would like to make plans for the women at St. Timothy's in 2010. We hope you can join us. If you would like to bring a small breakfast dish to share, please do.

For questions, contact Joanna Shreve (7:45 a.m. service) at [jrshreve@aol.com](mailto:jrshreve@aol.com), Laura Casellas (9:00 a.m. service) at [betolaura@yahoo.com](mailto:betolaura@yahoo.com), or Christine Foster (10:30 a.m. service) at [foster81@pacbell.net](mailto:foster81@pacbell.net)

# News & Notes

## 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.



## Laptop Needed

The laptop in our tech booth needs to be replaced, and the Church budget can't afford it at the moment. Does anyone have a serviceable laptop that could be donated? It could be a Mac or a PC, as long as it can run Powerpoint and media files.

Please contact Peter Sammel at [peter@sttims.org](mailto:peter@sttims.org) if you can be of help.

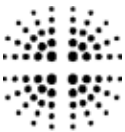


## STEPHEN MINISTRY

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](mailto:stephenministry@sttims.org).*



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? \_\_\_\_\_