

DECEMBER 27, 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.

And He Will Come Again

Dear St. Timothy's Family and Friends,

During the Advent season, we affirmed that Jesus will soon come again. Now in my experience it's fine to talk about Advent as the time when we wait for Jesus to be born. But to talk as we should about Advent as waiting for Jesus to come again—that's not so comfortable for many Christians. In fact, for some it's downright scary because it sounds too much like something that a fundamentalist Christian might say. My comment on that, however, is that we miss the whole Christian message if we cede parts of it to the realm of one set of Christians. And Jesus' second coming has been, is, and will be vital to the Christian faith as we have received it. For those of us who are not fundamentalist Christians, including myself, we are challenged to consider as we begin the season of Christmas what we believe about Jesus's second coming.



Consider, for example, the perspective of Karl Rahner, one of the 20th century's most influential Christian theologians. Here he meditates on the ending of Advent and beginning of Christmas. (In this meditation he is speaking directly to Jesus.)

“I've begun to understand something I have known for a long time: You are still in the process of your coming. Your appearance in the form of a slave was only the beginning of your coming, a beginning in which you chose to redeem men by embracing the very slavery from which you were freeing them. And you can really achieve your purpose in this paradoxical way, because the paths that you tread have a real ending, the narrow passes which you enter soon open out into broad liberty, the cross that you carry inevitably becomes a brilliant banner of triumph.

It is said that you will come again, and this is true. But the word again is misleading. It won't really be “another” coming, because you have never really gone away. In the human existence that you made your own for all eternity, you have never left us.

But still you will come again, because the fact that you have already come must continue to be revealed ever more clearly. It will become progressively more manifest to the world that the heart of all things is already transformed, because you have taken them all to your heart.

Behold, you come. And your coming is neither past nor future, but the present, which has only to reach its fulfillment. Now it is still the one single hour of your Advent, at the end of which we too shall have found out that you have really come.”

Now the light has dawned. Christ has come, and soon he will come again. The time is now when we see him in our world. My prayer is that you experience him in the remaining 10 days of Christmas and all through the new year.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.*

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Dottie Brunauer Levine

Matt and Sue Desmond

Kandace Klemba
in memory of Tom Parks

Tim and Tracy Kohler
in memory of Bea Rusch and Dean Lampman

Althea Parks
in memory of Tom Parks

Lavonne Bieber
*in memory of her parents, Ted & Irene Bieber
and her niece, Emile Bieber*

Cindy Jarvis

Candace Hanson
in memory of Tom Parks

Kundrat Family
in memory of Beth and Andrew Kundrat

Brandon Schroeder
in memory of Duane Alan Schroeder

The John Cummings Family
in memory of Sara Long

Dick Yarp
in memory of his wife, Charlotte Yarp

Fran Combe
in memory of Anne and Arthur Combe

Susan and John Wachsman
in memory of their parents

Serving Today

Allan Hughes Matt Desmond	Tellers
Jen Ezell	Floral Designer
7:45 a.m.	
Lisa Kunysz Chuck Utley Jack Bindon Dick Yarp Dick Yarp	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers
Michael Diamond Gwen Bindon Scott Wineman	Lector Eucharistic Minister Healing Prayer Sound
9:00 a.m.	
Lianne Mintz Patti Rotondo Fliess Family Fliess Family Parker Schuh Jordan Wolfe Allen Dutra	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Sound Projector Floor Director
10:30 a.m.	
TBA Julia Ezell Wilde Family Wilde Family Ken Livak Mark Witzke	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Sound Projector



Flower Dedications

We invite you to sign up on the Flower Chart on the back of the front door of the church. 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 it is okay to have more than one dedication per week. Thank you for your support of the Altar Guild.

Prayer List

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

Coming Up

This Week

Sunday, December 27

7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship
9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
9:50 a.m. Breakfast Club
10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 28

OFFICE CLOSED
9:30 a.m. Bridge Club

Tuesday, December 29

OFFICE CLOSED



Just a Reminder

All pledge payments for the current tax year must be postmarked or in the church office by December 31, 2009. The IRS insists that we make no exceptions to this policy.

If you would like information about making donations with stock transfers, please contact Robert at robert@sttims.org.

2010 Dates to Note:

January 31 Feast of St. Timothy's
February 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 17 Ash Wednesday

The Clergy

Nathan Speck-Ewer
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Organizational Pastor

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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.

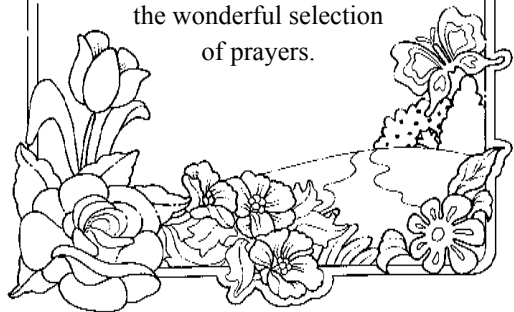


YOU ARE WELCOME
TO USE OUR
PRAYER GARDEN
AS A PLACE TO PRAY
OR MEDITATE EITHER
IN GRIEF OR JOY

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



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, Laura Casellas (9:00 a.m. service) at betolaura@yahoo.com, or Christine Foster (10:30 a.m. service) at foster81@pacbell.net.

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.



Didn't Get One for Christmas?

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

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.



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.



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? _____