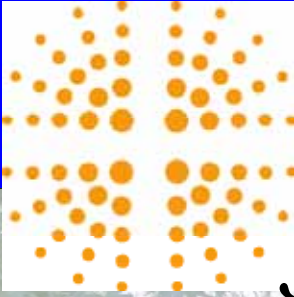


DECEMBER 6, 2009



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.

A Vital Part of Our Lives

In worship, as our prayer book observes, “we unite ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God’s Word, to offer prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments.” (BCP, pg. 857) This past year we have held discussions about our worship at each service. Last winter, for example, members who attend the 7:45 a.m. service shared feedback on the language of the service. Members of the service had time to consider the issue and give further feedback over Lent. The result was that after Easter we began using another rite with contemporary language. This fall, members who attend the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services respectively were asked to share their feedback at one of several meetings to which all members of these services were invited. The feedback has been compiled into a “Summary of Feedback” (see page three). The Summary of Feedback speaks to the care, thoughtfulness, and intentional commitment we all make to worship God together. I hope you’ll pause with me and appreciate the feedback that has been offered thus far. And I invite you to add feedback here on the Summary of Feedback (you can email it to chris@sttims.org, or use the space on your connection card to put it in the offering plate). The overall message given in these discussions is that in the lives of participants worship is a vital part of their lives, and what is hoped for moving forward are small “tweaks” to how we worship now.



I am challenging the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services to use the feedback constructively. Below I have laid out a process that will empower members of the 9:00 and 10:30 services to engage the feedback that has been offered. This process will include small “worship-building” groups to be appointed from members of these services to study particular topics of feedback, and make recommendations that the clergy and congregation can receive, consider, digest, and where appropriate, implement. In this way as we begin a new year we will honor together the vital Sabbath time that we set aside each week, stewarding it to fulfill what it can be at its best: a time to “acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God’s Word, to offer prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments.” Thanks be to God whose grace, love, and fellowship guides our lives.

Love,

Process:

- 9:00 and 10:30 service congregations invited to share feedback on how to improve worship.
- Summary of feedback presented to the parish.
- Members of the 9:00 and 10:30 services invited to offer feedback on initial feedback.
- Worship building groups to study particular topics that emerged through feedback.
- Clergy and congregation receive, consider, digest, and implement as appropriate recommendations made by worship building groups.

Summary of Feedback

The overall message given by those giving feedback is that our worship is a vital part of their lives, and the following comments speak to small improvements that could be made to improve worship. An invitation was given to members who attend the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Three groups were convened, totaling fifteen people.

9:00 a.m. Service

- A comment was received about sound booth behavior at times being a distraction to nearby worshippers.
- A comment was made to make the confession, using the shells, very simple.
- Several comments were received on providing more structure at the end of the service. (One way suggested is perhaps to have music and movement that parents and kids can move to. Another suggestion was that in the meantime parents at the end accompany the children to the dance floor.) This feedback was given considering the Godly Play teachers who sometimes have behavior issues to deal with because of the activity level of the end of the service.
- A couple of comments were received around using pictures of children more in the slides, and pictures featuring those to whom we're sent out to bless, too.
- Several comments around having more voices and people involved in worship were received.
- A comment was received about announcements being improved if they were given by someone different than the person giving the sermon that day.
- Having sermons posted on-line, and titled according to the theme of the sermon, was a comment someone offered.
- Having worship slides re-arranged to show words in a visually friendlier format was commented on by a couple of people.
- To make the "words of institution" (i.e. Eat this bread, Drink this cup) shorter so that the children can remember them.

10:30 a.m. Service

- A couple of people expressed an interest in reciting the Nicene Creed.
- Several comments were offered on the traditional hymn, how it often seems to break the flow of the worship service. The suggestion made was that hymns that perhaps are more modern or faster need to be chosen (the organ and organist was praised!).
- Several comments were offered on the prayers. There is a desire for different prayers to be used, perhaps seasonally. Some people like the different people reading, some people liked one person reading. All people liked the people leading the prayers.
- There were a couple of comments on the presentation of gifts. The desire expressed was for people to be involved who on that Sunday are celebrating a special day (birthday, anniversary, etc).
- A suggestion was made to make a notebook where people can write prayer requests before the service so that someone else in the congregation can read them during the Prayers of the People.
- Several comments were made on desiring more variety in the songs and more new songs.
- Several comments were heard about a desire to see more "centering" at the beginning of the service, and to include the prayer of purification at the beginning of the service.
- Several comments were heard about having a church-wide cleaning day for deep cleaning.

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.

Serving Today

Jill Stolarik
Jennifer Olsen

Tellers

Dana Peak
Julie Hansen

Floral Designers

7:45 a.m.

Althea Parks
Chuck Utley
Althea Parks
Nelson Frick
Barbara Blancke
Althea Parks
Darlene Frick
Scott Wineman

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Healing Prayer
Sound

9:00 a.m.

Laurie Hartford
Hartford Family
Hartford Family
Lauren Malley
Lucas Mendoza
Ryan Felipa
TBA
Laura Casellas
Madeleine Gerdes
Scott Rotondo
Kristin Ellis
Parker Schuh
Andrew Yobs
Scott Boding

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers
Lectors

Prayer
Acolyte
Eucharistic Ministers

Healing Prayer
Sound
Projector
Floor Director

10:30 a.m.

Julie Hansen
Ana Ezell
Ezell Family
Ezell Family
Peggy Aoki
Charlotte Six
Claire Witzke
Jill Stolarik
Tom Stolarik
Sue-Ellen Johnson
Tom Bromm
Mark Witzke

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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.

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 6	
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
11:30 a.m.	All Youth Christmas Party
Monday, December 7	
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Wednesday, December 9	
5:15 p.m.	Kid's Music and Movement
6:00 p.m.	Parish Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Dinner and Meeting
Thursday, December 10	
7:15 p.m.	Vestry Meeting

2009 Dates to Note:

December 13	Dr. John Schmaelzle
December 21	The Longest Night
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day

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.*



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News & Notes



Basic Needs Endowment Fund

The *Basic Needs Endowment Fund* was created in memory of Christian Wong, son of Wanda and Manford Wong of Sunnyvale. The money that has generously been donated to this fund will always be there. The interest from the fund will be given each year to as many as four organizations that help those in our community who are in need of the basic things in life we sometimes take for granted. Donations can be made to this fund at any time. The more contributions (principle) we have will increase the amount of money (interest) which will be given annually.

The Vestry is responsible for the oversight of this fund. They request your input on how the money is spent. If you know of a particular organization that cares for those in need and who would be a good recipient of this money, please email the Vestry at vestry@sttims.org. Every three years, one to four organizations will be chosen. Your suggestion could be one of these benefited by the generosity of so many people.

Jesus said, "The poor will always be with us." As we approach Thanksgiving, contributing to this fund will ensure that the marginalized in our community, both today and in the years to come, will have a reason to be thankful as well.



St. Nick's Pajama Day

Today is the Feast of St. Nicholas. In the spirit of St. Nicholas' love for children, we are collecting new pajamas to be given to children in need (they don't have to be red). And everyone was invited to wear their own pajamas to church at 9:00 a.m. as part of the celebration.



Sponsor a Family Reminder:

Thanks to everyone who is sponsoring a family this year. Remember — all gifts should be boxed up and gathered together on the stage in Edwards Hall no later than the evening of Wednesday, December 9.

Questions?

Call Anne Wilde at (408) 379-2235.

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All Youth Christmas Party

Today at 11:30 a.m. (after the 10:30 a.m. service) to 3:00 p.m.

We'll be carpooling to St. Andrew's church for "Snow Day." Come, bring a friend and play in the SNOW. :) After the snow, we'll come back and have lunch at the church and do our Gift Exchange. (White elephant, \$10 limit, wrapped however you want — be creative.)

See you at youth group(s)... Wednesday 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Please note: There will be no Youth Group meeting on the night of the Christmas Pageant through the holidays. Youth Group meetings will resume at their regularly scheduled times in January.

Christmas Pageant

Where can you find cute sheep, regal kings, and the best gift ever given?

The parish Christmas pageant, of course. Children ages three and up are welcome to participate. Speaking parts are available for kids who can read and memorize lines.

The pageant will be Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Auditions/Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, December 6 in the sanctuary. A dress rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 11:45 a.m. Those with speaking parts will have one additional rehearsal the week of December 6, time to be determined.

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



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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.



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 on Sunday December 13 at noon in Edwards Hall. A light brunch will be served.

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El Camino Hospital's Chaplain Seeks "Spiritual Care" Volunteers

El Camino's new, larger hospital building is now open. And as a result, Chaplain Maryellen Garnier is looking for additional volunteers to help provide spiritual and emotional support to hospital patients and their families. A commitment of one to two hours a week for patient visitation is requested.

Orientation classes will be scheduled for January. You can contact Chuck Utley for details at (650) 969-3338 or call the Rev. Maryellen Garnier directly for application information at (650) 988-7568.

Cat for Lease or Sharing

New couple with allergy issues is trying to find a loving home for a five year old SWM (single, white, male) Norwegian Forest Cat named Leo. To complicate things, Leo lost his sight during our "search" process, but is otherwise healthy.

Leo comes complete with a bed, fountain, toys and full cat sitting coverage. Assistance with food costs is also available. Call Bryan at (650) 326-3021 if interested.



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.



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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.

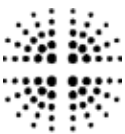
If you would like to explore an ongoing one-to-one Christian caregiving and prayer relationship with a Stephen Minister, call the church office, speak with a Stephen Minister, or email stephenministry@sttims.org. The Stephen Ministry Coordinator will meet with you and prayerfully match you with one of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

Prayer Corner

We have not the remotest conception of what is done by our prayers, nor have we the right to try and examine and understand it; all we know is that Jesus Christ laid all stress on prayer: "And greater works than these will you do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do."

— Oswald Chambers





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? _____