



SAINT TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Word

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Glory and beauty will be revealed in the House of the Lord

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR NEWCOMERS AND GUESTS TODAY

Welcome to St. Timothy's. We are glad that you are here. Newcomers and guests are welcome to use the "connection 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



DEVELOPING DISCIPLES

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 the church office or email our Organizational Pastor, The Rev. Maly Hughes 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, Lead Pastor
Maly Hughes, Organizational Pastor

THE STAFF

Christina Sudairy, Communications Director
Peter Sammel, Music Director
Robert Seifert, Financial Administrator
Steve Swayze, Facilities Manager
Anne Wilde, Covenant Group Coordinator
Nancy Livak, Youth Coordinator
Wyn Schuh, Godly Play Coordinator
Joseph Hodgkinson, Parish Hosts
Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director

THE VESTRY

Michael Diamond, Sr. Warden	Jennifer Ezell, Jr. Warden
Beto Casellas	Nelson Frick
John Heltzel	Sue-Ellen Johnson
Lianne Mintz	Sandy Watkins
Christopher Paul	John Ezell, Treasurer
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk	

THE SEVEN MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

At the heart of our parish is Jesus' call and challenge to be His disciples or followers today through contemporary spiritual disciplines. 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 Sunday worship regularly.
3. One who makes a daily quiet time with God.
4. One who honors the tithe as the biblical standard of faithful financial giving.
5. One who participates regularly in a Covenant Group or Ministry Team as a means of personal support in community.
6. One who uses his/her spiritual gifts to reach out and bless others in our church and community.
7. One who reaches out, in the love of Christ, to invite others to grow as His disciples.

If you are interested in these Christian practices, or would like more information, please contact Maly at (650) 967-4724 or maly@sttims.org.

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

GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN



Join us for dinner this week. 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 \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, and a \$30.00 maximum per family (including parents and children under 18).

Please join us for great food and fellowship.

ST. TIMOTHY'S PRESCHOOL



We need your help to promote our Preschool to all your friends and acquaintances. Word of mouth is a very motivating and reassuring

force for parents in their selection of a preschool. Your input is extremely valuable.

Registration has begun for Fall, 2009. We have openings now for your friends with three and four year olds. Please encourage everyone to call and visit, to see for themselves what a great school we have.



READY, SET, GO

Donations will be accepted in Edwards Hall starting today from noon until 4:00 p.m., and May 4 to 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. That is **only** until Wednesday the 6th.

Mary Harrison and Mary Kay Paul will need help accepting donations and moving the boxes of hangers/racks from the storage shed after services. Please let them know if you can help.

Please, **PRE-SORT** your items and mark the bags with the contents and suggested prices. We will **not** be accepting: old skis, undergarments, mattresses, old t-shirts or sweatshirts, ripped or stained clothes or broken items.

Hanging racks are needed. We will also need: folding ladders that can be used for clothes racks, buckets for section signs, shelves, boxes for sorting, and bags for day of sale.

Please contact Mary Harrison at maryharrison@earthlink.net or Mary Kay Paul at mjkpaul@aim.com for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 MEN'S RETREAT



Preparations are in full swing for this year's Men's Retreat, and the date, May 15 through 17, is fast approaching.

Reflecting on our tumultuous times, the theme will be "Calm Within the Storm." The venue is the Redwood Christian Park in Boulder Creek, which is within biking distance for the brave. The surroundings are beautiful, the food is delicious, and the camaraderie is outstanding.

Further information and website registration is available now at www.sttims.org.

EFT IS NOW AVAILABLE

If you are interested in Electronic Funds Transfer of your pledge and contributions, EFT is now available.



Please contact Chris in the church office if you are interested.



LADIES GET-TOGETHER

Please join April Speck-Ewer for the 2nd Annual Ladies Happy Hour at her home, while the men are away on Retreat. April will have plenty of margaritas on hand, so swing by for a quick drink, or come and hang out all afternoon.

Date: Saturday, May 16

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Place: April Speck-Ewer's
1007 Persimmon Avenue
Sunnyvale

Rain venue: Edwards Hall/The Ark—so that the kids have plenty of room to play

Please call (408) 749-0365 or email aprilspeckewer@gmail.com if you didn't receive an evite and would like more details.

EVERYONE WELCOME (including children) regardless of whether you have a connection to the Men's Retreat. It will be a great chance to reconnect with friends you haven't seen in a while, and hopefully make some new connections, too.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER

The Diocese of El Camino Real will be offering an opportunity to explore how we can more fully see the face of God in each other. Many of us are unaware of how the history and culture of racism affects how we all think, live, and behave, even today. We can seek to become more aware of our actions—personally, interpersonally, and institutionally—and move toward a church without racism that openly welcomes all races.



You are invited to attend the two day Anti-racism training offered on June 3-4, 2009 at St. Edward’s Episcopal Church in San Jose. If you are interested in becoming a diocesan trainer, add June 5-6.

Registration forms are available in the church office.



ALL NEW JOBS START WITH A GREAT RESUME

If you’re looking for an entry-level through management position, get off on the right foot with a powerful resume.



St. Timothy’s Employment Assistance Program can help any parishioner or family member or friend, 18 years or older, build a great new resume. Then we move ahead from there and seek job-help from fellow parishioners.

Church members Chuck Utley and Dick Yarp administer this free, confidential program. If you qualify, call the church office at (650) 967-4724, Extension #7, and leave your name and number. Dick or Chuck will contact you promptly.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT PREPARES FOR POTENTIAL SWINE FLU PANDEMIC

A recent outbreak of swine influenza was confirmed on April 24th, 2009 when eight cases were diagnosed in the United States. Several schools in New York, Texas, California and Ohio are closing this week as a result of students contracting the flu. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) declared a public health emergency as a precautionary measure and encourages preparedness. The CDC and the White House assure the public that there is no cause for alarm.

As part of the Domestic Disaster Response program, Episcopal Relief & Development is closely monitoring the needs related to swine flu by remaining in regular contact with public health officials and authorities on both national and local levels. Episcopal Relief & Development is also reaching out to potential collaborative responders through the network of agencies affiliated with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters.

“Swine flu is currently being handled by the health authorities,” said Abigail Nelson, Senior Vice President for Programs at Episcopal Relief & Development. “We are, however, prepared to respond through our church networks should we be needed.”

Extensive information about preparing for the swine flu and other potential pandemic

influenza outbreaks is available on Episcopal Relief & Development’s web site. This site links to strong examples of pandemic preparedness plans and provides resources that can help people to maintain business continuity and provide for congregational gathering needs should an outbreak occur.

“It is our hope that by preparing for the possibility of an influenza pandemic, the Episcopal community will be better able to protect each other and serve those in need,” said Nelson.

For more information about pandemic influenza, visit:

www.er-d.org/PlanningforPandemicInfluenza

To support Episcopal Relief & Development’s Domestic Disaster programs, please make a donation online to the Disaster Response Fund at www.er-d.org, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR
YOUR KIDS THIS SUMMER?

From August 3 through 7, St. Timothy's will be transformed into Camp E.D.G.E.—an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. All children age three and over are welcome.



Space in our program is limited, so please register early. With each paid registration, your family will receive a CD with the inspiring camp songs, so each child will come to camp ready to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith. Register online at <http://www.sttims.org/family/vbc.shtml>.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We had a good time last week watching *The Incredibles*, talking, and eating some great “movie food.”



This Sunday we'll be back to our regular meeting schedule. Come and join us. We love seeing new and old faces, and catching up.

THIS FRIDAY, May 8 is our **ALL Youth Lock-in**. It's a perfect time to bring your friends. Nancy has a handout to give you with all the information.

We'll be staying all night, playing games, eating, watching the Rummage Sale goodies and hanging out. There are many fun activities planned—don't miss it.

Check-in time: 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Friday

Parents: please check in with Nancy or one of the Youth team when you drop off your teenager(s).

What to bring: Flashlight, Sleeping bag(?), Friend(s), any favorite game (if you want), Nerf gun (if you have one).

Pick-up time: 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Saturday

There are no Youth Groups next Sunday since it's Mother's Day.

Coming in June: Graduation Party

OUTREACH

ALPHA OMEGA HEALTH KITS

Helping the Homeless Maintain Their Health and Confidence

For several years now, St. Timothy's has been one of 12 local churches that support the Alpha Omega Homeless Services Program of the MV/LA/LAH Community Services Agency by providing health kits each month. Each kit costs about \$20 to assemble, and contains items such as toiletries and underwear. The health kits improve the quality of life for people living on the street, but also assist them in gaining and retaining employment.

In 2007, our parish's youth group provided the Alpha Omega health kits; last year Bill Shreve's covenant group assembled 22 kits. Because of increased interest this year, nine covenant groups provided a total of 45 health kits for men, women, and children. The kits were brought forward during the offertory at the 10:30 service last Sunday. The pile on the altar was not as high as the Halloween candy tithes, but it was impressive nonetheless. The CSA staff was delighted to receive them. Thank you to all who participated.

Here is what a CSA program coordinator has to say about the importance of the health kits:

"The Alpha Omega health kits contain personal care items for our clients to maintain their

health and confidence. The Alpha Omega Homeless Services Specialist and the Alpha Omega Outreach Team volunteers distribute the kits to homeless clients who come to CSA for services and to un-housed and under served people in the community, most of whom we meet at street outreach and community events. The health kits serve a vital role in preserving clients' dignity by providing them with basic necessities like soap, clean socks, and underwear. As one client said, the generosity of others gave her hope—she mentioned her gratitude for small things, such as receiving new underwear that fit, and a toothbrush of her own."

For more information about the Alpha Omega Homeless Services Program or the MV/LA/LAH Community Services Agency, go to:
www.csacares.org/html/alpha_omega.html



COVENANT GROUP CORNER

WHAT GOOD ARE COVENANT GROUPS?

Good question. Covenant groups at St. Timothy’s do a lot more than just share highs and lows. Our covenant groups have a long tradition of serving here, in our local community, and even globally. Covenant groups make a difference in the world.

Just last week, many covenant groups made “health kits” for homeless men, women, and children to be distributed by the Community Services Agency of Mountain View/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills. These kits contain personal care items for the CSA’s clients to help maintain their health and confidence. Covenant groups also participate in the Sponsor a Family program with Friends Outside at Christmas each year. They choose a family and shop for gifts and food, sharing Christmas joy with families of prisoners. One of the men’s covenant groups hosts an annual “wine and food pairings” fundraiser to benefit Santa Maria Urban Ministry. Another group gathers and ships stuffed bears to La Roca in Tijuana to be distributed to impoverished children at their annual Kings celebration.

Covenant groups also play a special role in our ongoing ministries. Members provide meals and childcare and hospital visits for each other. They host receptions for funerals, baptisms, baby showers, and bishop visits. They lend a hand sorting clothes for our annual rummage sale and host coffee hours. Serving together in joy, covenant groups are *very good*.

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

- 1:15 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235
& Wyn Schuh (408) 736-4662
- 8:00 p.m. Susan Pimlott (408) 736-8848
Christine Foster (650) 567-9755

Tuesdays

Childcare available at church: 9:15-11:30 a.m.

- 9:30 a.m. Cindy Howard (650) 424-9741
- 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
- 8:00 p.m. Will Watkins (408) 867-6063
- 8:00 p.m. Steven Schumaker-Trottier (650) 279-1407
& David Foster (650) 567-9755

Wednesdays

- 9:30 a.m. Jen Ezell (650) 964-4834

Thursdays

- 7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
- 7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
- 7:30 p.m. Tom Stolarik (408) 435-0114

Fridays

- 1:00 p.m. Althea Parks (408) 245-0295

STEPHEN MINISTRY



WORK GOT YOU DOWN?

Can you use a little support?
 Encouragement?
 Conversation?

Call (650) 967-4724 or email
stephenministry@sttims.org and arrange to
 speak with a Stephen Minister.



ALTAR GUILD



The flowers today are given
 to the Glory of God by
 Grace and Tony Schmidt
*In celebration of
 their wedding anniversary*



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.

SERVING TODAY

Nancy Schaefer John Ezell	Tellers
7:45 a.m.	
Susan Wachsman Chuck Utley Althea Parks Nelson Frick Barbara Blancke Althea Parks Darlene Frick TBA	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lector Eucharistic Minister Healing Prayer Sound
9:00 a.m.	
Mary Harrison The Harrison Family The Harrison Family Nick Felipa Lucas Mendoza Audrey Wolfe Meredith Berg Beto Casellas Wyn Schuh Michele Trottier Kristin Ellis Parker Schuh Andrew Yobs Allen Dutra	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors Prayer Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers Healing Prayer Sound Projector Floor Director
10:30 a.m.	
Margot Siewert Ana Ezell Julie Hansen The Lambert Family Amy Hartley Marguerite Williams Ana Ezell Jen Ezell Sue-Ellen Johnson Grace Schmidt Mark Witzke Chaz Gwennap Sue-Ellen Johnson	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers Healing Prayer Sound Projector Floor Director

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 4:5-12

PSALM 23

I JOHN 3:16-24

JOHN 10:11-18

PRAYER LIST

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email prayer@stims.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: Bruce Mark Bitto (R.I.P.) and the Bitto Family; Alexis Briski; The Constanz Family; Frank Davis, Jr.; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Betty Sue Frost; Jake and Jennifer Halas; John and Mary Ann Herlihy; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; Ed Sammel; Kris Smiley; Thomas Smiley; Alden Speck-Ewer; St. Edward's Parish, San Jose; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary; the children of La Roca and those who care for them; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers; members of the armed forces, especially Kernen Dibble and Brendon Williams.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:45 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
9:50 a.m. Breakfast Club
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:30 a.m. Jesus in the Gospels
5:15 p.m. Kid Music
6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
6:45 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

FRIDAY, MAY 8

7:00 p.m. All Youth Lock-in

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7:45 a.m.	27
9:00 a.m.	85
10:30 a.m.	64

Finances

Pledges received to date: \$114,781
Budgeted pledges: \$503,000

as of 3/31/2009

2009 DATES TO NOTE

May 15-17 Men's Retreat
May 16 Ladie's Happy Hour
June 3-4 "Seeing God in the Face of
Each Other"
August 3-7 Vacation Bible Camp

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

**Sermon, Holy Communion, Traditional
and Contemporary Music.**

Nursery care is provided in Room 7 during
the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

