

NOVEMBER 15, 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.

You Show Me the Path of Life

When we read the psalms, we are privy to the relationships that others have had with God in times long before our own. We see that some things have changed, but much hasn't in the thousands of years since. What is surprising is how the psalms can still disclose our own relationship with God. It is as if each one is a lens, drawing our own relationship with God into focus.

Personally speaking, I find the psalms to be a source of spiritual strength. I find that when I read a psalm in the morning, a word or a phrase often jumps out at me that continues to present itself as I go through the day. This word or phrase might get lost in some of the flurry of activities, but if I'm attentive, I'll notice it popping up in unexpected ways. For example, this past Wednesday morning I came across the writer of Psalm 16 who at one point praises God. The writer says to God, "You show me the path of life." The psalm has many memorable phrases, but this phrase for some reason stuck with me. It didn't change the events of my day—and yet it did. For example, later that morning, as I was driving, the phrase came to mind again, and it provoked a moment of simple gratitude for the life I enjoy. This was helpful, because in the next moment I discovered that my car, which I had taken in earlier for service, had not been serviced properly. That phrase helped me keep an accurate perspective in that moment and later as I dealt with the matter and the shop and I rectified the situation. My comment back to the psalmist and God: "The path of life has its blessed detours."



If Scripture is indeed a conversation into which we're all invited, then the psalms create a wonderful space to get into the conversation. Through them we encounter not only others words with God, but our own.

For guidance on how to read the psalms or where to start, let's chat. Or if you read Scripture already, what difference do you see it making in your life these days?

Blessings,

Nathan

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 expanding 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 an expanding 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.

Ways We are Making a Difference

We encourage you to express your passions and practice “service out of giftedness”—one of our core values. We believe God has given us each a unique set of passions and gifts. Together in teams we can do much more than we can alone, transforming our community and the world together.

Maybe you’re not sure what you want to do, or how you want to help. That’s okay. There’s even room here for you to start something new. Contact a member of the equipping team at equip@sttims.org to discover how your passions and gifts can bless others in our community and world.

Youth in Profile

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. — 1 Timothy 4:12 (New International Version)

This is a church where youth do ministry. Youth are setting an example during worship by singing or playing in the band, standing in front of the congregation reading the bible lessons and running the sound booth in the back of the church. During the week youth set an example of love by setting the table for our community dinner every week.

The youth also meet together to plan and do projects that meet the community’s needs. Youth in 6th-12th grade are meeting from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights to grow in love together and set an example in life doing a project for the community. On Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. youth are gathering to make care packages for folks in hospitals. These projects were generated by youth matching the community’s needs with their own gifts.

We do this ministry as a team and there are many groups of people who work together to make youth ministry happen here. If you want to know more about getting connected, Nancy Livak (Youth Coordinator, nancy@sttims.org) will welcome you and point you in the right direction.

A Thanksgiving Celebration of our Ministries

November 22, the St. Timothy’s community will give thanks for all the ministries among us. During each worship service, we will recognize all who use their gifts in ministry and service, within the church and in the world. Together we will offer thanks for our ministry in all its facets, and receive God’s blessing over our shared endeavors. At 11:45 a.m. the Equipping Team will host a banquet lunch/party/meeting for those who serve on ministry teams and anyone who is interested in exploring or strengthening their particular ministry.

Mark your calendars, and prepare to celebrate.



Serving Today

Matt Desmond	Tellers
John Ezell	
Nyna Dolby	Floral Designer
7:45 a.m.	
Susan Wachsmann	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
9:00 a.m.	
TBA	Altar Guild
Trottier Family	Newcomer Welcome
Trottier Family	Greeters/Ushers
Matthew Mendoza	Lectors
Nick Felipa	
TBA	Prayer
TBA	Acolyte
Peter Sammel	Eucharistic Ministers
Beto Casellas	
Larry Mendoza	
Donna Yobs	Healing Prayer
Parker Schuh	Sound
Andrew Yobs	Projector
Allen Dutra	Floor Director
10:30 a.m.	
Caroline Aoki	Altar Guild
Claire Witzke	
Lambert Family	Newcomer Welcome
Lambert Family	Greeters/Ushers
Amy Hartley	
Tom Stolarik	Lectors
Natalie Six	
Claire Witzke	Acolyte
Paul Hayter	Eucharistic Ministers
Tom Stolarik	
TBA	Healing Prayer
Ken Livak	Sound
Mark Witzke	Projector

Altar Flowers

The flowers today are given to
the Glory of God by

Michele, Steven and Emma Trottier
In celebration of Matthew's birthday

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; Patricia Greene; Joseph Hodgkinson; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; 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.

Free Firewood

There is free firewood available in the Sports Court behind Edwards Hall.

Coming Up

This Week

Sunday, November 15

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

Monday, November 16

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

5:15 p.m. Kid's Music and Movement
6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Dinner and Meeting

2009 Dates to Note:

November 22 Team Ministry Celebration
November 22 Youth Bike Trip
November 26 Thanksgiving Day
November 29 Advent Festival
December 6 St. Nicholas Pajama 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 the Lead Pastor. *For people serious about growing only. No previous knowledge or experience 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.

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:

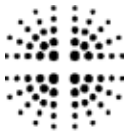
- Tap into a job-referral network
- Join a small success team
- Hear professional job coaches speak at large-group meetings

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.



Advent Festival

This year's Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, November 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Make advent wreaths (materials cost \$5.00), complete fun, beautiful Christmas crafts, and share treats and fellowship with all of us, as we shift our focus and wait together for the birth of Jesus.



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? _____