

NOVEMBER 29, 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.

Giving Thanks

This past Sunday as a parish we gave thanks to God for our ministries — day to day ways we pass on God’s grace, and the more intentional commitments we make together to show grace (from A-Z: Altar Guild to the Youth Ministry team). Delicious ham, potato salad, green beans, rolls, and pumpkin pie — what a Thanksgiving dinner we had afterward for those who could attend (and if you couldn’t, plan to come next year). What a gift life is, and to share it with others, and bless them by showing them God’s love... For all our ministries we give thanks to God.



In particular, this week, we can give thanks for the new ministry that began this past Sunday. Together we showed God’s love to our neighbors across the street at Grant Cuesta Rehabilitation Center. Recently some members of our congregation looked just beyond ourselves to our neighbors. They noticed some of our neighbors who live at the Rehabilitation Center. They cared enough to go and ask in a thoughtful way about them. Some things surfaced — some surprisingly concrete ways to show God’s love. Creating a time for worship was one of those ways. Fast forward: last Sunday, thanks through the work of a ministry team, 18 of our neighbors gathered with us in their home across the street for worship. Through providing some simple worship leadership, we’re making a difference in other people’s lives in important ways — something for which we can give thanks.

Thanks be to God, the One from whom all blessings flow.

Love,

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 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 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.



Serving Today

Pat Ryan	Tellers
Sue Ryan	
Lianne Mintz	Floral Designer
7:45 a.m.	
Dottie Levine	Altar Guild
Chuck Utley	Newcomer Welcome
Nelson Frick	Greeters/Ushers
Althea Parks	
Bill Shreve	Lector
Gwen Bindon	Eucharistic Minister
Darlene Frick	Healing Prayer
Scott Wineman	Sound
9:00 a.m.	
Susan Pimlott	Altar Guild
Melissa Malley	
Casellas Family	Newcomer Welcome
Casellas Family	Greeters/Ushers
Lucas Casellas	Lectors
Sean Worley	
Bobby Malley	Prayer
TBA	Acolyte
Michele Trottier	Eucharistic Ministers
Beto Casellas	
Scott Rotondo	
Donna Yobs	Healing Prayer
Eric Berg	Sound
Jordan Wolfe	Projector
Allen Dutra	Floor Director
10:30 a.m.	
TBA	Altar Guild
Wilde Family	Newcomer Welcome
Wilde Family	Greeters/Ushers
Amy Hartley	Lectors
Mark Witzke	
Brendon Whiting	Acolyte
Joy Hayter	Eucharistic Ministers
Paul Hayter	
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.

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; 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, November 29

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
11:00 a.m.	Advent Festival
12:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Wednesday, December 2

5:15 p.m.	Kid's Music and Movement
6:00 p.m.	Parish Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Dinner and Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Meeting

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.*

2009 Dates to Note:

December 6	St. Nicholas Pajama Day
December 6	All Youth Christmas Party
December 13	Dr. John Schmaelzle
December 21	The Longest Night
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day



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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 TODAY 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.

News & Notes

Women's Fellowship Meeting

Did you love to women's retreat and want more? Did you miss it this year, but want to figure out a way to connect with the women of the parish? Either way, please join us for a meeting to talk about building a viable, sustainable, ongoing women's fellowship. Women who were at the retreat are especially encouraged to attend.

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2 in the Guild Room. Grab your dinner and join us.

Questions? Contact Christine Foster at (650) 279-6613 or foster81@pacbell.net.



St. Nick's Pajama Day

Sunday, December 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas. In the spirit of St. Nicholas' love for children, please bring a brand new pair of pajamas to be given to a child in need (they don't have to be red). And everyone is invited to wear their own pajamas to church at 9:00 a.m. as part of the celebration.

Youth Happenings

What a great bike trip. We had a fun time with 10 youth and about eight adults riding to Shoreline last Sunday. We even got to see a piece of the Berlin Wall, hear a bit of history and eat some lunch in the park.

ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 6 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.

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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



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.



News & Notes

Baptism Today

We welcome into the household of God *Samuel Lyle Miller* who is being baptized at the 9:00 a.m. service. *Sam* is the infant son of Kylee and Dave Miller of Palo Alto. His godparents are Sharon and Gary Cardani of San Mateo.

Welcome Sam.



Prayer Corner

Remember, no one has TIME to pray; we have to take time from other things that are valuable in order to understand how necessary prayer is.

Prayer means that we get into union with God's view of other people...He expects us to identify ourselves with His interests in others.

— Oswald Chambers



Friends Outside

Share the joy of Christmas this year by sponsoring the family of a prisoner. Our parish has committed to sponsoring 24 families this year. This is a perfect way for your family or covenant group to say Merry Christmas to a family in need.

Contact Anne Wilde at (408) 379-2235 or anneaerobic@aol.com to be matched with a family. Look for the Friends Outside flyer at the back of the church for more information.

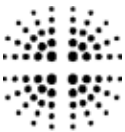


STEPHEN MINISTRY

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.



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? _____