



NOVEMBER 8, 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.

# The Grace God Sends



Christians live a unique truth. Unlike people of the other major world religions, we live in witness to the grace of God, God's unconditional love, that has bridged the chasm that exists between all of creation and the creator. Though we do not fully live like it and sin is quite real in our lives, the chasm is no more, thanks be to God. Nothing we have done—no good deeds or acts we've done or could do, or by being a “good person”—has made this possible. Having faith, a living, daily trust in God's grace, may help us grow more attentive to what God has done in Jesus. God has done this through Jesus Christ, whether we believe it or not. In the birth, life, and resurrection of his son Jesus, God has sent and shown grace.

We can choose each day to be a part of this grace, individually and together. As individuals the ways we treat our families and co-workers in our workplaces speaks volumes (as one of my spiritual mentors used to say, “you don't always have to like them, you just have to really love them”). Together there are also corporate acts that we can choose as a whole church to share this grace.

The safety fair that we recently held is a great example. I had the pleasure of sitting with someone this past Wednesday night at our Wednesday night dinner who recently was touched by the safety fair and who has begun coming to the dinner. Blessing without expectation of return is a God-send and changes lives!

This coming week we will start a new worship service with the residents of Grant Cuesta Rehabilitation Center—our neighbors across the street. In your daily prayers, please pray for us as a whole church as we begin to show God's love in this special way to our neighbors in their home across the street. Using a live or recorded portion of our 9:00 a.m. service and our wonderful children's sermons, we'll share together songs and invite God's inspiration. Other opportunities coming up to show simple acts of kindness can be found on the wall in the front of the sanctuary, where you can sign up for an opportunity or post one you'd like to do and see if others might want to join you. (It only takes going out two by two, according to Jesus.)

This Sunday let's gather for reflection on Scripture, song, and God's renewal through worship together. See you at the gathering you prefer—7:45, 9:00, or 10:30 a.m.!

Blessings,

*Nathan*

P.S. Talk about a simple act of kindness: over 500 cards have been collected by a covenant group for disabled veterans so that they have holiday cards that they can send to their family and friends this season. God is good!

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:equip@sttims.org) to discover how your passions and gifts can bless others in our community and world.

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Jen Ezell

Equipping Team Member

## 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.

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## 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.*

# Serving Today

Nancy Schaefer Matt Desmond	Tellers
Susan LaGassa	Floral Designer
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
Darlene Frick Chuck Utley Dick Yarp Jack Bindon Gwen Bindon Darlene Frick Gwen Bindon Scott Wineman	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
Liane Mintz Miller Family Miller Family Meredith Berg Sebastian Casellas Audrey Wolfe TBA Scott Rotondo Madeleine Gerdes Wyn Schuh Donna Yobs Parker Schuh Jordan Wolfe Michael Schuh	Lector Eucharistic Minister Healing Prayer Sound
	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors
	Prayer Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers
	Healing Prayer Sound Projector Floor Director
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	
Marguerite Williams Julia Ezell Wilde Family Wilde Family Amy Hartley Paul Hayter Anne Wilde Caroline Aoki Lavonne Bieber Sue-Ellen Johnson Mark Witzke Carina Gwennap	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers
	Lectors
	Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers Healing Prayer Sound Projector

## Altar Flowers

The flowers today are given to  
the Glory of God by

Virginia Holt and Family  
*In loving memory of her husband  
Donald Holt  
on the occasion of his birthday*

## Prayer List

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email [prayer@sttims.org](mailto: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.

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## Message from the Friday Covenant Group

Thanks to your generosity, 500 cards have been delivered to the Veteran's Hospital for their personal use. Thank you for your small act of kindness. It will make it possible for veterans to keep in touch with family or friends. Please continue to save the cards you receive in the mail, as we plan to collect them again in the future.

# Coming Up

## This Week

<b>Sunday, November 8</b>
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
<b>Monday, November 9</b>
9:30 a.m. Bridge Club
<b>Wednesday, November 11</b>
5:15 p.m. Kid's Music and Movement
6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Dinner and Meeting
<b>Thursday, November 12</b>
7:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting
<b>Friday, November 13</b>
WOMEN'S RETREAT
<b>Saturday, November 14</b>
WOMEN'S RETREAT

## 2009 Dates to Note:

November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Advent Festival
December 6	St. Nicholas Pajama Day

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## Calendar Change

**The Contemplative Prayer Group** will no longer meet on Thursday evenings in the sanctuary. After prayer on this, we instead would like to offer to bring Contemplative Prayer to your covenant group or ministry team. We would meet with you at your usual time and place to show you how you can meditate on the Bible reading for the week. We find this practice enables experience of scripture in a deep and receptive way.

Please contact Paul at [phayter1@yahoo.com](mailto:phayter1@yahoo.com) or Joy at [zenscientist@yahoo.com](mailto:zenscientist@yahoo.com) to chat about this.

### The Clergy

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# News & Notes



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

El Camino's new hospital building opens on November 15. As a result, additional volunteers are needed to serve with Chaplain Maryellen Garnier to provide spiritual and emotional support to 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.

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## Youth News

Mark your calendars. We're going on the **Bike Trip** you planned...

When: Sunday, November 22

Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Bring: \$3.00 for a picnic lunch at Shoreline (more if you want to buy ice cream :-)

We're hoping for a big group of youth to join in the fun. Friends are always welcome.

## 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.

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## Advent Festival

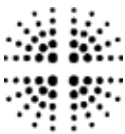
This year's Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, November 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Make advent wreaths (materials cost \$5.00), complete fun, beautiful Christmas crafts, and share treats and fellowship with all of us, as we shift our focus and wait together for the birth of Jesus.

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## Looking Ahead

Althea Parks and her daughter, Alison, have wanted to do something for the parish in memory of Tom Parks. During November, following each service, Althea will be selling their handmade note cards — great for Christmas presents or personal use. All proceeds will go to the Tom Parks Mission Fund. Please help. Questions? Call Althea at (408) 234-0295.



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? \_\_\_\_\_