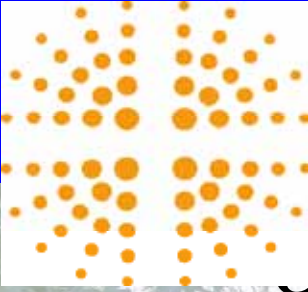


JUNE 6, 2010



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.

Learning, Fear, and Exhilaration

Friends,

Sometimes I hear clergy and lay leaders framing invitations with the phrase, 'If you're comfortable...' Like, 'As we sing this new piece, if you're comfortable, I'd like you to try singing a harmony part,' or 'Please stand or kneel as you're comfortable.' Our June Experiment, among other things, invites us to notice how comfort and discomfort live together in learning.



There's nothing more comfortable than what I know and have experienced frequently. Learning always takes us beyond what we know. Some learning requires us to test what we know and ask if it's really true.

For more than fifteen hundred years every educated person in Europe was comfortable 'knowing' that a ten-pound ball would fall twice as fast as a five-pound ball. Aristotle said so and it was taught in universities and schools. Galileo wondered whether it was true. He asked whether what he 'knew' was real knowledge. So he tried dropping balls from a tower and getting help observing carefully what happened. He tried it several times. The two balls kept hitting the ground at the same time.

Liturgy, our common prayer, is partly a time of learning, of learning God's embrace of us in Jesus, of learning how we're together and what we have to offer one another, of learning the power of words and song, of movement and silence, of discovering the holiness in something as commonplace as bread and wine. Learning always asks us to risk what we 'know' for the sake of what God and life may be ready to teach us. A place to learn has got to be comfortable enough to take that risk and for any learning to take place, we've also got to be brave enough and trust one another enough to venture into some discomfort.

Think of learning to ride a bicycle, that impossible, delightful mix of exhilaration and fear, passing through discomfort (and even some scraped knees and elbows) for the sake the comfort and grace that we begin to sense awaits us even before we've learned to keep the bike dependably upright. I hope and pray, and yes, request and ask us all at St. Timothy's to offer our best presence, our most open hearts, our boldest willingness, and our most attentive reflectiveness this June Experiment we're beginning together. The most important lessons it will teach us will be about who we are and the value of venturing whole-heartedly, trusting one another, and then talking together about the whole of our experience and all the range of comfort/discomfort, fear/exhilaration, peace/disturbance we find together.

How will a very old and deeply traditional Rite I arrangement of altar (and chairs) give all three services a deeper sense of gathering together for prayers and being in relationship in our community. How will it make our three Eucharistic liturgies more – immediate and accessible (contemporary words that capture part of what I see in this old capture)?

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Ways to Get Connected

Adults

Ministry Teams are how we care for others and one another while growing in faith. Find a team where you can make a difference in our community! Email equip@sttims.org.

Covenant Groups are small groups meeting in parishioners' homes, helping us know the presence of Christ in one another. To find the covenant group right for you, contact Anne Wilde at AnneAerobic@aol.com or at (408) 379-2235.

Wednesday Night Dinner is a great way to meet people over a nice meal. Dinners begin every Wednesday evening (except during the Christmas season) at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. "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 nurtures children's relationship with God in Christ through experiencing the stories of Scripture. 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. Wyn Schuh (at wynsttims@boardsailor.com) is the coach of the Godly Play ministry team, and would love to help you learn more about how we can help with your child's faith and religious education.

Kids Music and Movement is a joyful half-hour of music and rhythm play on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 in the church building. Children of all ages sing simple (and sometimes silly) songs, play drums and other instruments, and move their bodies. "Kid's Music" wraps up just in time for Wednesday night dinner. The class is free and registration is not necessary. Our Music Director, Peter Sammel, (at peter@sttims.org) can provide you with more details.

St. Timothy's Preschool has been serving children and families in the Mountain View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale communities since 1961. Our 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 drama. 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 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 Director, Nancy Livak, at nancy@sttims.org.

Breakfast Club happens every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:25 a.m., after the 9:00 a.m. service and before the 10:30 a.m. service. Youth, grades 6-12, meet to explore the meaning of the gospel together. For more information contact the coach of the Breakfast Club Ministry Team, John Heltzel (at jheltzel@gmail.com).

Serving Today

Danelle Hanson	Tellers
Candace Hanson	
Dana Peak	Floral Designer
Julie Hanson	
7:45 a.m.	
Althea Parks	Altar Guild
Dottie Levine	
Chuck Utley	Newcomer Welcome
Nelson Frick	Greeters/Ushers
Althea Parks	
Barbara Blancet	Lector
Althea Parks	Eucharistic Minister
Darlene Frick	Healing Prayer
Scott Wineman	Sound
9:00 a.m.	
Donna Yobs	Altar Guild
Fleiss Family	Newcomer Welcome
Fleiss Family	Greeters/Ushers
Meredith Berg	Lectors
Katie Watkins	
Josh Mintz	Prayer
Chris Mintz	Acolyte
Sandy Watkins	Children's Sermon
Scott Rotondo	Eucharistic Minister
Laura Casellas	
David Mintz	
Donna Yobs	Healing Prayer
Parker Schuh	Sound
Matthew Mendoza	Projector
Alex Mendoza	
10:30 a.m.	
Marguerite Williams	Altar Guild
Caroline Aoki	
Lambert Family	Newcomer Welcome
Lambert Family	Greeters/Ushers
Tom Stolarik	Lectors
Charlotte Six	
Peggy Aoki	Prayer
Julia Ezell	Acolyte
Susan LaGassa	Eucharistic Ministers
Peggy Aoki	
Sue-Ellen Johnson	Healing Prayer
Ken Livak	Sound
Mark Witzke	Projector

Flower Dedications

Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, a memory of someone, or simply give thanks for your many blessings. You are invited by the Altar Guild to dedicate an arrangement of flowers by signing up on the Flower Chart on the back of the front door of the church.

The suggested donation is \$35, and it is okay to have more than one dedication per week if you wish.

Prayer List

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email prayer@sttims.org.

Please Pray For: Virginia and Carlos Bean; the Cummings Family; Frank Davis, Jr.; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Betty Sue Frost; Liz Gogolewski; Patricia Greene; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; Bob Parsons; Ed Sammel; Carol Saslow; the Schroeder family; Slater and her family; 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.

Service Notes

7:45 A.M HOLY EUCHARIST

The Opening Acclamation	BCP, p. 323
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The Collect of the Day	
Scripture Readings	
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP, p. 328
Confession	BCP, p. 330
Presentation of the Offerings	
The Peace	BCP, p. 332
The Great Thanksgiving	
Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP, p. 340
Sanctus	S113
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP, p. 337
Angus Dei	S157
Communion of the People	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP, p. 339
Blessing	
Hymn #385 Many and Great, O God, are Thy Works	
Dismissal	

Collect of the Day

Second Sunday after Pentecost

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you an the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Today's Psalm

BCP, p. 621

Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as
the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.



The Next Step

As we bask in the excitement of working with Donald Schell on our June liturgy experiment, work is going on behind the scenes to find our next leader. First we have chosen an interim search committee. The members, Gwen Bindon, Kevin Fliess, Christine Foster, Holly Hem, and Susan Slakey, were chosen to represent a variety of experiences and viewpoints within the parish.

Our committee has been hard at work, crafting a job description that reflects our complex and unique parish. Our goal is to explain who we are – both gifts and challenges – and what we are looking for in our interim rector. That job description was set to be posted at the end of last week to the Church Deployment Office website – a clearinghouse for Episcopal Church jobs. Brian Nordwick, from the diocesan office, will also be promoting us to his colleagues around the country and will be making a special effort to get strong applicants who have prior interim rector experience.

Over the next month, applications will be sent in and Brian and Bishop Mary will sift through them, making an initial call on whether or not the candidates are appropriate for us to consider further. Then the committee will sit down again and read the applications. The members will conduct phone interviews with the most promising possibilities and may even see them in person. They will then present a recommended candidate or candidates to the vestry for a final vote.

We hope to have an interim priest chosen by the end of July and in place by late August/early September. Brian is always quick to point out, though, that timing is always a factor in this process and that the Holy Spirit has an important role in our choice. We will be listening prayerfully for that call. Please pray for the committee, for those who will be applying, and for Brian and Mary, as they help us through this process.

Questions about this process? Contact Christine Foster 650-279-6613 or foster81@pacbell.net.



News & Notes

Why Faith Matters/What's Liturgy For?

Beginning June 2 (not May 26 as previously announced), Donald Schell and Cindy Howard will co-lead two alternating series on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., for a total of 10 weeks. Please join us for an evening, a series, or the full combination:

“Why Faith Matters” -- based on the insightful book by Rabbi David Wolpe -- will explore: from faith to doubt; Where does religion come from?; Does religion cause violence?; Does science disprove religion?; What does religion really teach?; Reading the Bible; Is religion good for you?; and Why faith matters.

“What's Liturgy For?” digs into the history and theology of Christian liturgy. We will reflect on our experiences during our June “experiment,” and will sample singing, praying, hearing scripture, movement, and sharing food as worship. Each evening will include a half hour of spiritual practice and prayer and an hour of teaching and discussion.



Parish Campout July 9-11

We will be camping in Memorial Park, San Mateo this year. This group site in the redwoods includes swimming, hiking, expeditions to the coast at Pescadero. Electricity and hot showers are available. For more information and to reserve your space contact Holly Hem at hollyhem@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to Lavonne Bieber, Jen Ezell, Sue-Ellen Johnson and Ross Johnson for spending a day cleaning up our office files. With your help we are now able to efficiently find and store all necessary paperwork!



Fiesta de Margaritas

While the men are off on retreat, the women will gather for the Fiesta de Margaritas! On the afternoon of June 12 at Christine Foster's house, 2165 Sierra Ventura Drive, Los Altos. All women are welcome – whether or not you are related to someone attending the retreat. And children are welcome, too (we will throw them in the backyard with toys and snacks).

Women's Fellowship Brunch

Join us for brunch on Saturday, June 19 at 10am at the church. Over brunch and a cup of coffee or tea, chat with the women of our church about life, spirituality and family. We hope you can join us. If you would like to bring a small breakfast dish to share, please do.

Sign up today!

June 11-13

Redwood Christian Center in Boulder Creek

Cabin \$185; Deluxe \$225



Drop your check in the Offering Plate or give it to John Ezell

News & Notes

The Book of Ephesians

A six week study starting May 26, 2010

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians was written to a healthy church, to remind them how the Holy Spirit worked in their midst and to call them back to reliance on the faith they had in Jesus Christ.

In this study we will look at the power of prayer, the importance of spiritual gifts, and a dependence on the Holy Spirit not only for the growth of the body but for protection against evil in the world. Ephesians is a great study of a community that worked together to grow the influence of the Kingdom in their midst. It includes practical guidance for parents raising children and working people dealing with the stresses and toils of life.

Please join us Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m. to study this powerful book.



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.

St. Timothy's Preschool

Preschool Registration Has Begun

We have openings in our 3 year old class. Children must be turning three years old on or before December 2, 2010.

Tuesday and Thursday 3s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$285 per month

We have openings in two classes for 4 year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before December 2, 2010.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$385 per month

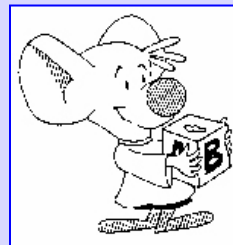
Tuesday and Thursday Science 4s

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition is \$285 per month

Registration Fees must be paid to hold a place for your child. The fees are June, 2011 tuition in advance, plus a \$75 enrollment fee and a \$5 insurance fee. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. We opened registration to the public on January 4.

If you are interested, please call Preschool Director Helen Wooldrige at (650) 967-4724.



News & Notes

youth group news

GRAD PARTY - Sunday June 6th!

Make sure you come to our ALL Youth Graduation Party on June 6th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at The Williams house. There will be food, swimming and lots of celebration as we honor our 5 youth who are graduating and moving on to great new adventures!

Our 5 awesome St. Tim's graduates are:

Aubreanna Bobb, Kelly Fuller, Claire Whiting, Helen Williams, and Mark Witzke

Just bring a swimsuit, towel, a side dish to share and a friend!

We will also pray for our graduates at the 10:30 a.m. service on that morning.

Mark your calendar now!

Coming in July...

All Youth to the San Jose Giants Game on July 25th! This will be an all St. Tims parish wide event ~ so bring your friends and family for just \$10 a ticket and a fun afternoon! More details to come...

Day of Discovery

Each year, the Commission on Ministry sponsors a workshop on discernment. This Day of Discovery offers opportunity for those engaged in active ministry to renew their call to a particular ministry and explore new ways to respond to God's call. Although the Day of Discovery is a required first step to anyone discerning a call to ordained ministry, it is in no way limited to such individuals. We explore and celebrate the ministry of all the baptized, and look at ministry development in each of the four orders – laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. Also we explore and identify our spiritual gifts. All lay persons would benefit from engaging in this process. Previous participants in the "Day of Discovery" who have participated in this process of discernment have used such words as rejuvenating, validating, and transformative to describe their experiences.



Following the Day of Discovery, participants may choose to take on a self-guided twelve-week exploration to enhance their appreciation of how the four orders of ministry complement each other in fulfilling the mission of the Church, and discern where they fit into that mission. Members of COM provide support as people work their way through this program. It is required of anyone seeking ordination to the diaconate or priesthood but is also of great value for those exploring their call in the lay order.

- WHO: For all who want to explore their call to ministry
WHAT: Renew your call to a particular ministry, or explore NEW ways of responding to God's call
WHERE: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1071 Pajaro St., Salinas 93901
WHEN: Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (9:30 coffee and gathering)
WHY: We pray that you find joy in discerning the "why?"

TO REGISTER: Online at www.edecr.org or email jrshreve@aol.com (Put Day of Discovery in subject line) by June 7th (\$10 donation at door for lunch and supplies).

Coming Up

This Week

Sunday, June 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 10:30 a.m. Godly Play Reception 12:00 p.m. Youth Graduation Party
Tuesday, June 8
7:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, June 9
5:15 p.m. Kid's Music and Movement 5:45 p.m. Kid's Choir 6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner 7:00 p.m. Ephesians Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Faith/Liturgy Study
Friday, June 11
Men's Retreat
Saturday, June 12
Men's Retreat 11:00 a.m. Kid's Choir

2010 Dates to Note:

July 9-11	Parish Campout
August 2-6	Vacation Bible Camp



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

1:30 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235
& Wyn Schuh (408) 736-4662

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m. Cindy Howard (650) 424-9741
7:30 p.m. Becky Mikkelsen (650) 428-0564
7:00 p.m. Susan Slakey (408) 249-7114
& Amy Witzke (408) 985-7162
7:15 p.m. Bill Shreve (650) 941-6436
7:30 p.m. Michael Diamond (408) 594-9350
& 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) 279-9010

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
& Jen Ezell (650) 964-4834
8:00 p.m. Christine Foster (650) 279-6613
& Deanne Phillips (408) 739-1479

Fridays

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

Connecting

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Day by Day



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The year 2010 marks the 75th anniversary of Forward Movement. To celebrate the occasion this year's meditations will be reprints from the last seventy-five years chosen by a team of fifty volunteers. These selections were chosen to correspond to the lectionary citations from the 1979 Prayer Book and Revised Common Lectionary on which the meditations for this year would normally have been based.

Monday June 7

Galatians 4:12-20. What has become of the goodwill you felt?

Paul is struggling with the Christians in Galatia. He had put a lot of himself into these congregations, preaching the gospel to them. But now the passion and the love they exhibited at first is fading, and Paul is hurt and upset.

Growing up together as a community in Christ wasn't easy then and it is not easy now. Matters of faith go deep—to the very heart of peoples' lives and their identities. The struggles that occur within the church are always passionate. But that is why we all need to remember what makes the church unique. It is a covenant community. In Christ we make a commitment to one another, and we make every effort to keep the commitment. We do this so that we won't give up on one another as we struggle to understand our faith and its meaning in our lives.

A character in a film once remarked that “making new friends was easy, but making old friends took a lot of work.” The same goes for the church. It's easy to fall in love with a new-found faith, but when the questions and struggles come, it takes commitment to hang in there with our brothers and sisters who are struggling too. (2000)

PRAY for the Diocese of Delhi (North India)

Tuesday June 8

Psalms 62. Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride.

For three years I taught at an international private school in England. Over time, I realized the school was being run as a money-making enterprise. Students were suffering in their studies as a result. Most of them were boarders from a distant country. Few parents actually witnessed the deteriorating condition of the school.

I felt caught in the middle: having and voicing concerns about various immoral aspects of the school, but going with the flow to protect my job. My conversations with school administrators were difficult. In the end, it was obvious I was getting nowhere, so I left the school.

In our working lives it is critical that we make clear the fundamental tenets of our faith and stick to them. All around us we see the hypocritical and even evil actions of those sunk in greed or a lust for power. In working with and deriving our income from such people we become part of the problem instead of part of the solution, and in essence become recipients of “stolen goods.”

Blow whistles, question authority; but above all ask God to guide you toward work which glorifies his kingdom rather than the fallen world. (2003)

PRAY for the Diocese of Derby (Canterbury, England)

Wednesday June 9

Matthew 16:1-12. No sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

Jesus here expresses his impatience with those who want a sign. He is impatient because they are surrounded with signs—God’s creative glory, his love, his word, his continuing presence—all the signs they could want or need.

Yet Jesus says the sign of Jonah will be given. The church has long taken this to mean his own resurrection after three days, but there is another possible meaning as well. Jonah’s resurrection is clearly a sign. But so also is the whole saga of the Book of Jonah, which tells the story of the redemption of nations. In it, Ninevah is saved. Outsiders repent and receive God’s mercy. Think of that “sign of Jonah” in terms of Jesus’ saving act and the spread of the blessed company of all the faithful to the ends of the earth by means of it. Think of Jesus’ Great Commission at the end of this gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

If the Spirit of God should once again hover like a dove over the face of all the waters as it did at the creation, if God should then “become king over all the earth” (Zechariah 14:9), is that not the “sign of Jonah,” and is that not what Jesus would desire? (1979)

PRAY for the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe (Armagh, Ireland)

Thursday June 10

Matthew 16:13-20., Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

“Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.” Has this passage maddened you, as it has me? If God reveals a truth, why tell no one? Is this not the direct opposite of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”?

My own first flicker of understanding came with the reading of Psalm 51, a masterpiece of Hebrew parallelism, in which the poetry consists of saying the same truth twice: “Wash me through and through... and cleanse me from my sin.” And, “For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.” Then, in verse 7: “For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.”

Aha! “Secretly” means “deep within me.” I am no good as a messenger if my grasp of truth is superficial. Truth must reach and work upon my secret places before it is fully mine, before I have all of me to offer. The disciples must tell no one until their own fears and doubts and hesitations are purified by Jesus’ offering. Then they can go, filled with all power, into all the world. (1979)

PRAY for the Diocese of Dhaka (Bangladesh)

Friday June 11

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3. Barnabas...was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

It is not said that many people were brought to the Lord because Barnabas was the kind of Christian that he was, but it is implicit—and it is most plausible. There is only one kind of evangelism, of winning people to Christ, that is effective in the long run. It is the evangelism of example and witness. People will want to become Christians when they see that people like Barnabas are Christians. This man truly adorned the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ by being loving, caring, outreaching, in the way of his divine Master. And so—large numbers were won over to the Lord.

John Greenleaf Whittier wrote of a friend:

*The dear Lord’s best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The Gospel of a life like hers
Is more than books or scrolls.*

It is ever so. And if in our day we want the church to grow in numbers, we must understand that we who are the church must first grow in grace, so that people will want to become what we are. (1972)

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So, I'm inviting us to find common threads and deeper unity among the liturgies as each also tries its wings to become more fully what it already is.

In June I hope we also begin to see hidden possibilities in the beauty of our church building. Almost every time I tell someone at St. Timothy's that I our church is an architectural gem, I hear good-natured but nonetheless apologetic joke about Pizza Hut or some other consumerist architectural cliché that simply IS NOT the church I see we have.

Our church is more compellingly beautiful than we've let ourselves see, and I think our month of living with the furniture arranged differently will help us see what we haven't seen before. Longer term, there may be things you all could do to bring that out (for example putting in glass where the darkened plastic is now so the building could let in much more natural light).

But right now our architecture makes two powerful and very intriguing statements with its very strong center line running from organ to the big screen (and line that's sheltered and enhanced by a soaring curved wooden ceiling, and with its many circular arced walls (behind the organ and the screen and in the four corners) all gathering energy for the central area on the axis line. June's different arrangement of altar, chairs, lectern and flowers will make the axis line and center clearer. Will we reveal to ourselves a new aspect of the beauty of St. Timothy's church building as we experiment with how we gather and how we pray for June? I think possibly so. We'll know better Sunday afternoon.

Do join us if you'd like to. And if you can't join us, do open your heart and mind to see familiar things in the church you already love in new ways and come engage one another freshly in our prayers and attention to Christ present with us and among us through the month of June. I think we've got some joyful learning ahead for everyone.

Love,
Donald

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