

THE WORD

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011



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 ushers at the door as you leave today.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Opening Acclamation	BCP, p. 355
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm	Psalm 25:1-8
Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:23-32
Homily	The Rev. Janet Wheelock
The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 358
Prayers of the People	BCP, p. 388
The Confession	
The Peace	
Announcements	
The Offering	
The Great Thanksgiving	
Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP, p. 367
Sanctus	S-113
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	S-167
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
Communion of the People	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP, p. 365
Blessing	
Hymn #410	

*Praise, my soul,
the King of Heaven*

Today's Readings

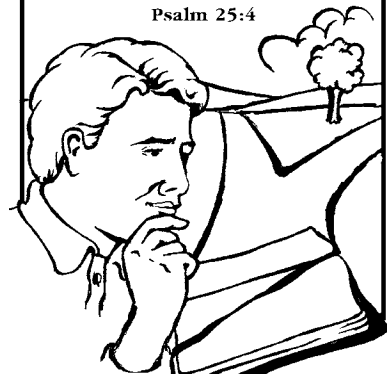
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-8

Matthew 21:23-32

Show me your ways,
O LORD,
teach me your paths...

Psalm 25:4



Collect of the Day

Proper 21

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 25:1-8

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

From Your Sr. Warden, Grace Schmidt

I had the opportunity to attend the “Sacred Cows and the Good Moos” Town Hall Forum on September 14, led by Janet and Lucretia, our Field Intern. After the cud chewing time, those in attendance were herded to tables of about 4-5 people. Everyone at the table was able to tell about a time when they had bad feelings about something that happened at St. Tim’s and what they did about it. I really appreciated the personal stories that I heard at my own table and then from the other tables.



Communicating is about talking, but it’s also about listening and being authentic. Sharing genuine stories of good things that have happened, bad things that have happened, and everything in between is what brings people and communities closer together. What I thought was really special were people feeling comfortable sharing their particular “sacred cow” stories openly with each other. The Forum ended with the whole group together writing a beautiful collect about how we felt about the process, facilitated by Lucretia. I truly enjoyed the experience and plan on attending as many Town Hall Forums as possible.

A Collect for Discernment (during our Rector Search):

O God of unchangeable power and light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things are made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

From the Search Committee

Milestones Along the Way

Every kilometer along the Camino de Santiago is marked. As you walk, the milestones provide positive, concrete evidence that you are making progress. At the beginning of the walk the numbers are so high that it seems you will never get to the end. But the kilometers do decrease, sometimes very slowly, sometimes surprisingly quickly. We loved finding milestones and when the milestones were missing, during the last five kilometers of the walk, we felt lost and frustrated.



St. Timothy's has been on a search journey for these past months and we will continue on the process for the next few seasons. We've reached some big milestones along the way: welcoming an interim pastor, Donald, and then welcoming our interim rector, Janet; establishing new procedures; tending to maintenance; discussing some of our "sacred cows" and practicing reconciliation. Over the summer, the Vestry and Diocese worked together to call a Search Committee and to discuss how the Diocese, Vestry, and Search Committee will work together to find the priest who has already been called to be our rector. Sometimes it seems as though we are making no progress at all but step by step we are moving forward to the next stage of our parish life.

Today we reach a big milestone as we commission the Search Committee. In October, we will reach another milestone as we gather your stories for our parish profile. Please join us on October 23 after each service. There will be other opportunities during the last two weeks in October for you to participate.

The committee asks for your support and most especially your prayers as we continue on our search journey together.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. *Amen.*

Search Committee Members:

Beto Casellas	Cindy Howard	Kirsten Smith	Claire Witzke
Darlene Frick	Ross Johnson	Jonathan Trail	Fred Worley
Chris Gerdes	Bill Shreve	Anne Wilde	

Serving Today

Matt Desmond
Jonathan Trail

Tellers

7:45 a.m.

Althea Parks
Chuck Utley
Jack Bindon
Dick Yarp
Barbara Blancke
Joanna Shreve
Bill Shreve

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Healing Prayer

9:00 a.m.

Pattie Rotondo
The Ellis Family
The Ellis Family
Bobby Malley
Lauren Malley
Lauren Malley
Chris Gerdes
Bobby Malley
Madeleine Gerdes
Beto Casellas
Wyn Schuh
Donna Yobs
Austin Schuh
Chris Mintz
Allen Dutra

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers
Lectors

Prayer
Children's Sermon
Acolyte
Eucharistic Minister

Healing Prayer
Sound
Projector
Streaming

10:30 a.m.

Julie Hansen
Ana Ezell
Kirsten Smith
Marguerite Williams
Marguerite Williams
Jen Ezell
Anne Wilde
Jen Ezell
Susan Slakey
Sue-Ellen Johnson
Steve Swayze
Carina Gwennap

Altar Guild

Greeters/Ushers
Lectors

Prayer
Eucharistic Ministers

Healing Prayer
Sound
Projector

*Worship assignments can be found at
www.sttims.org/worship/schedule.pdf. Please
arrange a substitute if you must miss a service.*



The flowers today are given
to the Glory of God by

The Kundrat Family

*In celebration of Lizzie's 9th birthday
and the 18th wedding anniversary of
Deb and Doug*

and

Darlene Frick

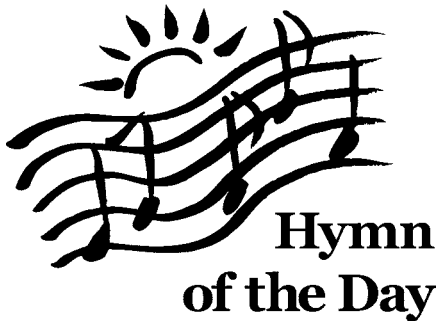
In celebration of Nelson's birthday

Prayer List

Please call the church office or email prayer@sttims.com with any prayer requests.

Please Pray For: Jeff Brown;
Frank Davis, Jr.; Lynette, Tre & Damian
Davis; Darlene Frick; Julie Luna;
Ron Holt; Virginia Holt; Ryan Phillips;
Santa Maria Urban Ministry; the Vestry
and our Search process; the Diocese
of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary
Gray-Reeves; our Companion Dioceses
of Western Tanganyika and Gloucester,
England; Stephen Ministers and their
care receivers.

News & Notes



Today's traditional hymn is #410 *Praise my soul the king of heaven* with words by the Reverend Henry Francis Lyte, who wrote it for his congregation in 1834. The hymn became a popular choice for weddings after it was used by Queen Elizabeth II at her wedding to Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947, exactly 100 years to the day after the death of Lyte at the age of 46.

Is there a favorite hymn you haven't sung in a while? Please let Amy Witzke or Nancy Schaefer know. We will put it on the schedule!



Oktoberfest this Saturday!

St. Tim's Annual "Fun" Raising Dinner

The vestry is hosting Oktoberfest here at St. Timothy's on Saturday October 1 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

An Item to Bid For at the Oktoberfest Silent Auction:

SWEATY MAN DAY

20 man-hours of manual labor around your house and yard, including the expertise and tools of professional landscaper Andy Leroy, combined with the labor of the band of merry men from his covenant group.

If you have any questions about the quality of work, ask Nan Fuller, whose yard benefited greatly from this same crew after last year's auction!

News & Notes

Let's Grow Together

We say, "where ever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."

Let's continue our faith journeys together by intentionally setting aside time to learn and grow.

The Christian Education Committee has prepared a way for us to enrich our faith nearly every Wednesday night this fall and winter.

All classes, apart from worship

services will take place in the Guild Room, after Wednesday night dinner from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Please join us!



If you are interested in joining this committee, or if there are additional offerings that you are longing for, please email Holly McCullough at

hollyhem@gmail.com.

2011 Christian Formation Calendar

September

- 28** Mission: Parishioners John Schmaelzle and Shawn Sipes share about their recent international mission work

October

- 5** NO CLASS
- 12** Rev. Linda Taylor presents class on doing healthy conflict
- 19** The Christian and The Money 1
- 26** The Christian and The Money 2

November

- 2** Feast of All Saints Day Eucharist
- 9** New Zealand Prayer Book Compline
- 16** New Zealand Prayer Book Compline
- 23** No class, day before Thanksgiving
- 30** Advent I: Diocesan Advent Program

December

- 7** Advent II Advent Program
- 14** Advent III Advent Program
- 21** Advent IV Carol Singing

News & Notes

Benefit Concert!

On the evening of Friday, October 14, St. Tim's will host a free concert in the Sanctuary featuring several musicians from our music ministry, as well as other superb local talent.

Susanne Sammel sings with "Sugar Jane," an alt-Americana trio, who will be the headliners. Opening the evening is Gwen Howard, another talented singer from St. Tim's, followed by Rick Rood, a local singer-songwriter. The music starts at 8:00 p.m. and admission is free.

A free-will offering is available, proceeds to benefit EMQ FamiliesFirst, a local crisis center.

Don't miss this exiting musical event!



left: Sugar Jane
top right: Rick Rood
bottom right: Gwen Howard

News & Notes

Adult Christian Formation

Wednesday night, gathered around tables in the parish hall, we were uplifted by stories of radical welcome and hospitality.

Bill Shreve told us how our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Western Tanganyika greeted the bishops' delegation with singing and dancing everywhere they went.

Cindy Howard shared photos of her pilgrimage across Spain and told us of the radical hospitality she experienced on her journey including tea and coffee served roadside by a volunteer. We were invited to ponder our own journeys' and where God may be calling us.

We will continue to celebrate our fellow parishioners journeys and seek out that call that may be growing in our own hearts this Wednesday, as John Schmaelzle and Shawn Sipes share about their recent medical missions in Africa and Haiti.

Class starts after dinner at 6:45 p.m. and runs until about 8:00 p.m.

Childcare is provided.



Save the Date: Animal Blessing

We shall observe the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 2. Bring your pets to church. Yes, really! During the all services, Janet will invoke God's blessing on them and all creatures. Help us celebrate God's gift of all of creation. If you don't bring real animals, stuffed animals are welcome.

Save the Date: Diocesan Partnership Visit

Tanganyikan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Hudson Nkotagu, will be visiting St. Timothy's on November 6, All Saints Day. He will be with us at the 10:30 a.m. service, and spending time with us afterward.

Stay tuned! We will have more details as the date approaches.

News & Notes

Tree Maintenance Report

As a result of the second ash tree behind the Guild room dying, the Vestry decided to have all the trees on our property surveyed by two arborists. The result of the arborists' findings have been used to develop a strategy for maintaining the remaining trees on our property.

Over the next year there will be, from time to time, work done on our trees. We will begin with the most critical trees.

The dead ash tree will be removed and the remaining ash tree will also be taken down. It has been determined that the remaining ash tree is in danger of splitting and falling onto our building and parking lot.

The Heritage Oak in the front of the church will also be worked on. As it hangs over the church, it will need to be trimmed of dead branches to lighten the stresses on the tree. Further inspection of the cabling in the tree will be done while the dead branches are being trimmed, and the status of the cabling reported to us. We will also be fertilizing the Heritage Oak after we are finished trimming it.

— Nelson Frick



All-Parish Work Day!

Saturday, October 22

Time to spruce up the old homestead! We're making it easy to lend a hand this year – the sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary has one-hour blocks of time, so even if you have other events, just come out for an hour or two, so together we can make this Church shine. Many hands make light work; this will be like an old-fashioned barn-raising, with the whole community turning out!

Pizza and drinks provided. Please contact Peter Sammel for more information at peter@sttims.org.

News & Notes

Diocesan Communications



The Spikenard Project has begun!

For the outreach programs of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real

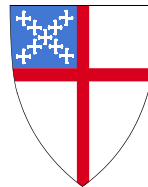
*The Lord is away preparing for us . . .
And we are entrusted to tend his sheep.*

In an effort to provide our Diocese with revenue for our many service projects, a pilot program has been started to help our tight budgets donate in another way.

This program seeks fine goods as a tax deduction. The contributors of goods will receive an in-kind / non-cash donation letter that can be included with their annual tax filings for significant value towards their taxes.

Small fine goods can be mailed to St. James Episcopal Church, 381 High Street Monterey, Ca 93940, or picked up for you by notifying and coordinating with a spikenard assistant.

Please mark any mailings ‘spikenard project’. Acquisition data and any other historical provenance would be greatly appreciated. Upon receipt a staff helper will research the apparent resale value, photograph, describe and post the item on ebay, and send the receipt after sales as soon as we are able. Please include your full return address. It will be posted to: www.edecrfunding@ebay.com Please address any questions you may have to: spikenardproject@aol.com.



The Story of Spikenard

Jesus was at Bethany when Mary, sister of Lazarus and Martha, came to him with an alabaster jar of expensive ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on him. The disciples said, “This could have been sold and the money given to the poor.” Jesus said:

**“You have the poor with you always,
and you can be kind to them
whenever you wish but
you will not always have me.”**

from Matthew 26: 6-11 and Mark 14: 3-9

News & Notes

Employment Assistance Program

NEW JOBS BEGIN WITH A GREAT RESUME

Tell Your Friends About St. Tim's
Free Resume Service

If you know someone looking for work, let them know that St. Timothy's Employment Assistance Program can help. The program is administered by Church members Chuck Utley and Dick Yarp. And a current resume is a good place to start.

We specialize in building a powerful new resume that makes the best possible first impression for you. Then you can access additional free, job-seeker services nearby.

To get started, phone the church office at (650) 967-4724, Extension # 7, or you can call Chuck Utley directly at (650) 969-4030 and tell us how we can contact you..



St. Timothy's Preschool

Tell a Friend!

We have openings in our 3 year old class. Children must be turning three years old on or before October 1, 2011.

Tuesday and Thursday 3s
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

We have openings in two classes for 4 year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before November 1, 2011.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 4s
12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Classes start soon — reserve your space now! For more information and/or a tour of the facility, please call Preschool Director Helen Wooldridge at (650) 967-4724.

Coming Up

Sunday, September 25 (Today)

- 7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship and Commissioning of the Search Committee
- 9:00 a.m. Dynamic & Kid-Centered Worship and Commissioning of the Search Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Joyful & Inclusive Worship and Commissioning of the Search Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Town Hall Forum “Sacred Cows & the Good Moos”

Wednesday, September 28

- 5:15 p.m. Kids Music and Movement
- 5:45 p.m. Kids Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. International Mission Presentation
- 6:45 p.m. Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting

Friday, September 30

through Province VIII Altar Guild Meeting
October 2 at Mercy Center, Burlingame

Saturday, October 1

6:30 p.m. OKTOBERFEST

Sunday, October 2

- 7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship and Animal Blessing
- 9:00 a.m. Dynamic & Kid-Centered Worship and Animal Blessing
- 10:30 a.m. Joyful & Inclusive Worship and Animal Blessing

Outreach



It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

One of the cornerstones of great faithful communities like St. Timothy’s is the outreaching volunteer work done by its members – folks who put *Joy into Action*, who demonstrate the power of The Holy Spirit by getting out there, rolling up their sleeves, and lovingly giving of the First “T,” Time.

This past weekend, the Vestry met to review the results of the Outreach survey, where you took the time to let us know what was really going on out there. What we found with the survey data was that parishioners were tackling some pretty serious Outreach efforts on their own – remarkable, cool projects such as homeless shelters, Habitat for Humanity, food services, schools, Santa Maria Urban Mission (SMUM), donations for Africa, and more.

This is worth celebrating! Look around you next time you're at church and marvel at the fact that the folks sitting next to you are dynamic, giving individuals who are continually "taking the next step" of a faithful life, and regularly doing for others – all over the Valley, and the world!

As a vestry, we tried to come up with some strategic ways to take this volunteer fire, and fan it into a larger flame. In further analysis of the survey data, we found that today, St. Timothy's outreach is primarily driven by *individual efforts*, i.e., folks feeling the need, finding something to invest in, and going for it on their own.

First off, we want to continue to encourage these amazing efforts, and highlight them in our community as they happen. Look for us to let you know more publicly about what your fellow St. Tim's volunteers are doing.

We decided that, to add to this, the vestry would work to provide additional Church organized outreach activities to give more volunteers the opportunity of *joining* something already set up – Volunteer best practices are that once someone starts volunteering, and enjoys it, they'll do it more. And it's easier to

join something than to create something.

Look to the *Word Weekly*, the St. Tim's website (www.sttims.org) and our other announcement avenues as the first of these new outreach opportunities hit the street in the coming months. We've already got a slate of some cool ideas for you to jump on to, and we're angling to have them accommodate wide ranges of ages, interests and abilities.

In the meantime, keep on "Outreaching." It's good for others, good for you, and Jesus approves!

Yours In Christ,

Larry Mendoza
(and the St. Tim's Vestry)



Connecting

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