



SAINT TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Word

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR NEWCOMERS AND GUESTS TODAY

Welcome to St. Timothy's. We are glad that you are here. Newcomers and guests are welcome to use the “connection card” enclosed in 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 worship.



Welcome



WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S

If you are new, a visitor, or a guest today, we are honored to have you worship with us. After the service please join us in Edwards Hall (located off the courtyard) for coffee.

If you are interested in joining our church, please call the church office or email our Organizational Pastor, The Rev. Maly Hughes at maly@sttims.org. She will be glad to meet with you and talk about the church or direct you to those who might assist you. Arrangements can be made for baptism of adults and/or children on the first Sunday of each month.

THE CLERGY

Nathan Speck-Ewer, Lead Pastor
Maly Hughes, Organizational Pastor

THE STAFF

Christina Sudairy, Communications Director
Peter Sammel, Music Director
Robert Seifert, Financial Administrator
Steve Swayze, Facilities Manager
Anne Wilde, Covenant Group Coordinator
Nancy Livak, Youth Coordinator
Wyn Schuh, Godly Play Coordinator
Joseph Hodgkinson, Parish Hosts
Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director

THE VESTRY

Michael Diamond, Sr. Warden	Jennifer Ezell, Jr. Warden
Beto Casellas	Nelson Frick
John Heltzel	Sue-Ellen Johnson
Lianne Mintz	Sandy Watkins
Christopher Paul	John Ezell, Treasurer
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk	

THE SEVEN MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

At the heart of our parish is Jesus' call and challenge to be His disciples or followers today through contemporary spiritual disciplines. The seven marks of a disciple are:

1. One who witnesses to an intentional faith as modeled in the Baptismal Covenant. (*Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 304)
2. One who keeps the Sabbath and commits to attending Sunday worship regularly.
3. One who makes a daily quiet time with God.
4. One who honors the tithe as the biblical standard of faithful financial giving.
5. One who participates regularly in a Covenant Group or Ministry Team as a means of personal support in community.
6. One who uses his/her spiritual gifts to reach out and bless others in our church and community.
7. One who reaches out, in the love of Christ, to invite others to grow as His disciples.

If you are interested in these Christian practices, or would like more information, please contact Maly at (650) 967-4724 or maly@sttims.org.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Timothy's Church calls people to unity with God and empowers them to thrive in our changing world. We are a Covenant Community that shares the love of God and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We provide opportunities to make a difference in the world.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN



Join us for dinner this week. It's a great way to meet people and get connected. Parish dinners begin at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening, following "Kid Music"

with Peter Sammel.

"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).

Please join us for great food and fellowship.

ST. TIMOTHY'S PRESCHOOL



We need your help to promote our Preschool to all your friends and acquaintances. Word of mouth is a very motivating and reassuring

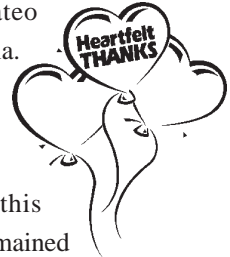
force for parents in their selection of a preschool. Your input is extremely valuable.

Registration has begun for Fall, 2009. We have openings now for your friends with three and four year olds. Please encourage everyone to call and visit, to see for themselves what a great school we have.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Just over a year ago, Mateo was diagnosed with leukemia.

At that moment our lives were turned upside down but through those early months, and throughout this past year, one thing has remained constant: the loving support of this community. We wanted to take this time to thank you all for the meals, packages, prayers and support over this past year. We are especially thankful for all the work done in those first weeks, when we were trying to get our house ready for Mateo to come home.



Our journey is, unfortunately, far from over but as we go into the next phase of treatment and preparing for a bone marrow transplant, it is wonderful to know we have a safe haven of love and support for our family.

We would especially like to thank those who have supported Alondra, this year has been tough on her, and it is great to know she feels so loved when she comes to church. Next week, Mateo turns 6 and we are blessed that he has tolerated his chemo protocol so well. We have faith that he will continue to thrive and he will beat this cancer once and for all with a bone marrow transplant.

This community is a blessing to all of us, and we are thankful that our family is a part of it.

—Traci, Tim, Alondra and Mateo Kohler

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 MEN'S RETREAT



Preparations are in full swing for this year's Men's Retreat, and the date, May 15 through 17, is fast approaching.

Reflecting on our tumultuous times, the theme will be "Calm Within the Storm." The venue is the Redwood Christian Park in Boulder Creek, which is within biking distance for the brave. The surroundings are beautiful, the food is delicious, and the camaraderie is outstanding.

Further information and website registration is available now at www.sttims.org.

EFT IS NOW AVAILABLE

If you are interested in Electronic Funds Transfer of your pledge and contributions, EFT is now available.



Please contact Chris in the church office if you are interested.



LADIES GET-TOGETHER

Please join April Speck-Ewer for the 2nd Annual Ladies Happy Hour at her home, while the men are away on Retreat. April will have plenty of margaritas on hand, so swing by for a quick drink, or come and hang out all afternoon.

Date: Saturday, May 16

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

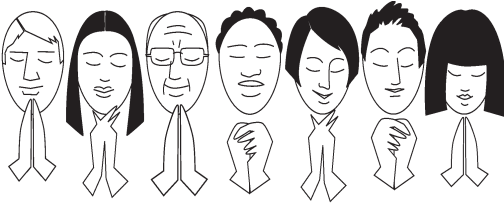
Place: April Speck-Ewer's
1007 Persimmon Avenue
Sunnyvale

Rain venue: Edwards Hall/The Ark—so that the kids have plenty of room to play

Please call (408) 749-0365 or email aprilspeckewer@gmail.com if you didn't receive an evite and would like more details.

EVERYONE WELCOME (including children) regardless of whether you have a connection to the Men's Retreat. It will be a great chance to reconnect with friends you haven't seen in a while, and hopefully make some new connections, too.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER

The Diocese of El Camino Real will be offering an opportunity to explore how we can more fully see the face of God in each other. Many of us are unaware of how the history and culture of racism affects how we all think, live, and behave, even today. We can seek to become more aware of our actions—personally, interpersonally, and institutionally—and move toward a church without racism that openly welcomes all races.

You are invited to attend the two day Anti-racism training offered on June 3-4, 2009 at St. Edward's Episcopal Church in San Jose. If you are interested in becoming a diocesan trainer, add June 5-6.

Registration forms are available in the church office.



ALL NEW JOBS START WITH A GREAT RESUME

If you're looking for an entry-level through management position, get off on the right foot with a powerful resume.



St. Timothy's Employment Assistance Program can help any parishioner or family member or friend, 18 years or older, build a great new resume. Then we move ahead from there and seek job-help from fellow parishioners.

Church members Chuck Utley and Dick Yarp administer this free, confidential program. If you qualify, call the church office at (650) 967-4724, Extension #7, and leave your name and number. Dick or Chuck will contact you promptly.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR
YOUR KIDS THIS SUMMER?

From August 3 through 7, St. Timothy's will be transformed into Camp E.D.G.E.—an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. All children age three and over are welcome.



Space in our program is limited, so please register early. With each paid registration, your family will receive a CD with the inspiring camp songs, so each child will come to camp ready to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith. Register online at <http://www.sttims.org/family/vbc.shtml>.

KID MUSIC

Parents and children are invited to join Music Director Peter Sammel each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. for a joyful half-hour of music and rhythm play.



Even the youngest children will enjoy singing simple (and sometimes silly) songs, playing drums and other instruments, and moving their bodies. Class ends at 5:45 p.m., just in time to enjoy the Parish Dinner.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

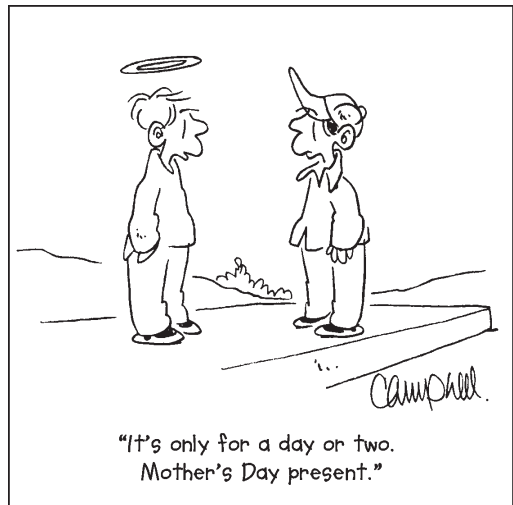
Are you still tired? Have you “recovered?” WOW—what a BLAST we had at the Youth Lock-In on Friday/Saturday. Thanks to all of you who came and brought friends, and especially to our Youth Ministry Team and mentors who took their time and energy to hang out with youth and plan a fantastic 12 hours. :-)



No Youth Groups tonight since we'll be celebrating and appreciating our Moms.

We'll resume our regular Youth Groups next Sunday at our usual times...

- Jr. High meets from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Sr. High meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



MUSIC MINISTRY



AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND SING

Today's traditional hymn #518 *Christ is made the sure foundation* was translated from Latin by John Mason Neale.

Neale was born in London in 1818 and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Greatly influenced by the Anglican Church's Oxford Movement, he is best known as a hymn writer and especially a translator of ancient hymns. He spoke 21 languages including Latin and Greek. We sang his *All glory laud and honor* on Palm Sunday and *O Come, O come Emmanuel* during Advent. Neale died in 1866.

REVEREND FUN WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM



PSALM PILOT

PRAYER CORNER

“The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.”

I Timothy 2:1-3 (Message translation)

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

A marvelous way to combine prayer and scripture is through “lectio divina.” In this practice, we take one of the readings scheduled for the coming



Sunday's service, and read it four times. With these four readings, followed by some quiet time we will have a chance to:

Read—hear the Word

Reflect—listen within, to what the scripture is saying to us

Respond—listen to the prayer that arises from deep within on listening to the scripture, and

Rest—letting go to peace and silence, trusting that God knows our prayers

We will lead you gently through this. You don't need to remember anything or “do” anything special. This can be a gentle time with God. And when you hear the scripture again on Sunday it sounds very different and it can reach you more deeply.

The Contemplative Prayer group warmly invites you to join us this Thursday for lectio divina, 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

OUTREACH

ALPHA OMEGA HEALTH KITS

Helping the Homeless Maintain Their Health and Confidence

For several years now, St. Timothy's has been one of 12 local churches that support the Alpha Omega Homeless Services Program of the MV/LA/LAH Community Services Agency by providing health kits each month. Each kit costs about \$20 to assemble, and contains items such as toiletries and underwear. The health kits improve the quality of life for people living on the street, but also assist them in gaining and retaining employment.

In 2007, our parish's youth group provided the Alpha Omega health kits; last year Bill Shreve's covenant group assembled 22 kits. Because of increased interest this year, nine covenant groups provided a total of 45 health kits for men, women, and children. The kits were brought forward during the offertory at the 10:30 service last Sunday. The pile on the altar was not as high as the Halloween candy tithes, but it was impressive nonetheless. The CSA staff was delighted to receive them. Thank you to all who participated.

Here is what a CSA program coordinator has to say about the importance of the health kits:

"The Alpha Omega health kits contain personal care items for our clients to maintain their

health and confidence. The Alpha Omega Homeless Services Specialist and the Alpha Omega Outreach Team volunteers distribute the kits to homeless clients who come to CSA for services and to un-housed and under served people in the community, most of whom we meet at street outreach and community events. The health kits serve a vital role in preserving clients' dignity by providing them with basic necessities like soap, clean socks, and underwear. As one client said, the generosity of others gave her hope—she mentioned her gratitude for small things, such as receiving new underwear that fit, and a toothbrush of her own."

For more information about the Alpha Omega Homeless Services Program or the MV/LA/LAH Community Services Agency, go to: www.csacares.org/html/alpha_omega.html



STEPHEN MINISTRY

STEPHEN MINISTRY HEALING PRAYER

There is a Stephen Minister available at the side altar rail (near the cross) during communion at each service. If you are experiencing any sort of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational difficulty, you are encouraged to come forward for healing prayers.

After receiving communion, come to the altar rail to be anointed with oil and receive laying on of hands and healing prayers by a trained Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are also available to pray with people after each worship service. Stephen Ministers wear a blue identification badge.

Prayer concerns are confidential.

If you would like to explore an ongoing one-to-one Christian caregiving and prayer relationship with a Stephen Minister, call the church office, speak with a Stephen Minister, or email stephenministry@sttims.org. The Stephen Ministry Coordinator will meet with you and prayerfully match you with one of the available Stephen Ministers.



WORK GOT YOU DOWN?

Can you use a little support?
Encouragement?
Conversation?

Call (650) 967-4724 or email stephenministry@sttims.org and arrange to speak with a Stephen Minister.



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

1:15 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235
& Wyn Schuh (408) 736-4662

8:00 p.m. Susan Pimlott (408) 736-8848
Christine Foster (650) 567-9755

Tuesdays

Childcare available at church: 9:15-11:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Cindy Howard (650) 424-9741

7:00 p.m. Becky Mikkelsen (650) 428-0564

7:00 p.m. Susan Slakey (408) 249-7114
& Jennifer Olsen (408) 733-8735

7:15p.m. Bill Shreve (650) 941-6436

7:30 p.m. Michael Diamond (415) 830-0425
& 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) 567-9755

Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. Jen Ezell (650) 964-4834

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355

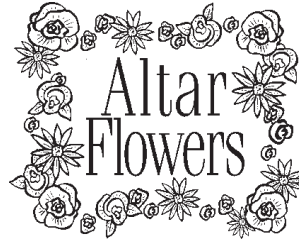
7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335

7:30 p.m. Tom Stolarik (408) 435-0114

Fridays

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

ALTAR GUILD



The flowers today are given
to the Glory of God by

Traci and Tim Kohler

*In celebration of
Mateo's sixth birthday*



FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We invite you to sign up on the Flower Chart on the back of the front door of the church. The dedication might be for celebrating a birthday, anniversary, in memory of someone, or simply in thanksgiving for many blessings.

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

Thank you for your support of the Altar Guild.

SERVING TODAY

Candace Hanson Allan Hughes	Tellers
7:45 a.m.	
Darlene Frick Chuck Utley Dick Yarp Darlene Frick Dick Yarp Darlene Frick Bill Shreve TBA	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lector Eucharistic Minister Healing Prayer Sound
9:00 a.m.	
Wyn Schuh Mary Harrison The Hartford Family The Hartford Family Sebastian Casellas Matthew Mendoza Lauren Malley Lucas Mendoza Scott Rotondo Larry Mendoza Beto Casellas Kristin Ellis Eric Berg Jordan Wolfe Scott Boding	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors Prayer Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers Healing Prayer Sound Projector Floor Director
10:30 a.m.	
Nan Fuller Marguerite Williams The Wilde Family The Wilde Family Mark Witzke Joy Hayter Claire Witzke Rita Ching Peggy Aoki Grace Schmidt Ken Livak Mark Witzke TBA	Altar Guild Newcomer Welcome Greeters/Ushers Lectors Acolyte Eucharistic Ministers Healing Prayer Sound Projector Floor Director

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 8:26-40

PSALM 22:24-30

I JOHN 4:7-21

JOHN 15:1-8

PRAYER LIST

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

Names are kept on the prayer list for two weeks. If prayers are still needed after two weeks, please call or email again.

Please Pray For: The Bitto Family; Alexis Briski; The Constanz Family; Frank Davis, Jr.; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Betty Sue Frost; Jake and Jennifer Halas; John and Mary Ann Herlihy; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; Ed Sammel; Kris Smiley; Thomas Smiley; Alden Speck-Ewer; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary; the children of La Roca and those who care for them; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers; members of the armed forces, especially Kernen Dibble and Brendon Williams.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 10

7:45 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
9:50 a.m. Breakfast Club
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

MONDAY, MAY 11

9:30 a.m. Bridge Club

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

5:15 p.m. Kid Music
6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
6:45 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7:45 a.m.	34
9:00 a.m.	125
10:30 a.m.	77

Finances

Pledges received to date: \$114,781
Budgeted pledges for 2009: \$503,000

as of 3/31/2009

2009 DATES TO NOTE

May 15-17 Men's Retreat
May 16 Ladie's Happy Hour
June 3-4 "Seeing God in the Face of
Each Other"
August 3-7 Vacation Bible Camp

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

**Sermon, Holy Communion, Traditional
and Contemporary Music.**

Nursery care is provided in Room 7 during
the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

