




NOVEMBER 22, 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.

Not a Pyramid, but Water

Recently while looking for some contact information for a local pastor, I came across an organization chart for ministry. It was meant to be helpful, displaying contact information. But what struck me most was the host of assumptions that the chart embodied. The graphic displayed a pyramid. The pastor was in the top tier. In the middle tier were part-time staff members who were directors of various ministries. In the third tier were staff members in administration, building and grounds, and janitorial. People were not in the pyramid. I know the chart was meant to be helpful, but to me it spoke volumes about how that church conceives ministry. Essentially, ministry means staff and something staff members do. People are not ministers, only the clergy.



In contrast, consider ourselves. The best way we describe ministry is not a pyramid. It is water. Through our baptismal covenants our ministry begins—a way of life. The Episcopal author Caroline Westerhoff remarks: *[T]he ministers in the eucharistic community are those who are to carry out its mission of reconciliation and restoration, of reuniting the fractured people of the earth with each other and with God. These ministers are the church's laity, bishops, priests, and deacons, and to each is given a particular charge. . . [Each] has different functions [as] the body of Christ, and each is dependent upon the others to make up the whole. To say it another way, each. . . is a symbol for the others of what they are and what they are to be.*

Each of us ministers just as each of us breathes. Each of us is a minister, meaning each of us is a member of the body of Christ broken and given for the world God loves. God's mission of reconciliation and restoration in the world is not work cut out for just the professionals; it's our life—our being and doing—together.

This Sunday as part of worship we'll give thanks to God for the ministry that we offer. We show God's love in remarkable ways together. Consider, for example, a way that you may have recently shown God's love through a simple act of kindness in your workplace or home. Or consider the more complex ways that many of us show God's love each week—offering music, or prayers and healing hands during worship. There are many kinds of ways we show God's love together with God. We are with God in God's mission in the world... What a remarkable gift for which we can give thanks.

I hope to worship with you Sunday—7:45, 9:00, or 10:30 a.m.

Blessings,

Nathan

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.

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.

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.

A Thanksgiving Celebration of our Ministries

Today, 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.



Prepare to celebrate.

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

Allan Hughes
Candace Hanson

Tellers

Jen Ezell

Floral Designer

7:45 a.m.

Lisa Kunysz
Chuck Utley
Jack Bindon
Dick Yarp
Dick Yarp
Michael Diamond
Bill Shreve
Scott Wineman

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Healing Prayer
Sound

9:00 a.m.

Mary Harrison
Patti Rotondo
Harrison Family
Harrison Family
Bobby Malley
Katie Watkins
Lauren Malley
TBA
Madeleine Gerdes
Larry Mendoza
Peter Sammel
Becky Mikkelsen
Scott Boding
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.

Julie Hansen
Ana Ezell
Lavonne Bieber
Bob Parsons
Amy Hartley
Grace Schmidt
Caroline Aoki
Ana Ezell
Rita Ching
Peggy Aoki
Kandace Klemba
Mark Witzke

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers

Lectors
Acolyte
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Healing Prayer
Sound

Altar Flowers

The flowers today are given to
the Glory of God by

Beto and Laura Casellas
*In celebration of the 51st
wedding anniversary of
Emilio and Matilde Casellas,
parents of Beto.*

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;
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.

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 22	
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
11:45 a.m.	Team Ministry Celebration
Monday, November 23	
9:30 a.m.	Bridge Club
Wednesday, November 25	
5:15 p.m.	Kid's Music and Movement
6:00 p.m.	Parish Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Dinner and Meeting
Thursday, November 26	
10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service

2009 Dates to Note:

November 29	Advent Festival
December 6	St. Nicholas Pajama Day
December 13	Dr. John Schmaelzle

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 the Lead Pastor. *For people serious about growing only. No previous knowledge or experience necessary. Childcare is available upon request.*



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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 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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Youth News

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

When: TODAY

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 welcome.

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.

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 irectly for application information at (650) 988-7568.



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.

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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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Message from Althea Parks

Althea would like to thank everyone who bought cards for the Tom Parks Mission Memorial Fund. However, there may be some of you who have not yet had a chance to look at them and hopefully buy a few. This Sunday, November 22 will be the last time they will be available at all services. Or you can call Althea at (408) 245-0295 and set up a time for her to show the cards to you. Those of you that bought cards and may want more: please call, too.

Thanks for the wonderful support.

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.



Psalm 100:4, NIV

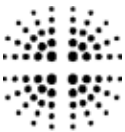


**“Enter his gates with
thanksgiving and his
courts with praise;
give thanks to him
and praise his name.”**

Thanksgiving Service

November 26

10:00 a.m.



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? _____