



## Pastor's Pen

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* Isaiah 43:19

In mid-March, everything changed. All of the sudden, there were no gatherings; work was slowed or stopped; grocery stores were jammed and out of basic necessities. Children are home and parents too. Our world was turned upside down.

Things changed at church, too. *No gatherings?* That's our MO, after all, whether for worship or youth groups or Grow Groups or whatever. How were we going to continue to minister to our people when we couldn't get together?

So, like the rest of society, we are figuring it out. You, the congregation, know the pieces that you take part in. But you may not know the whole picture. So in this issue of "Good News," we want to give you that larger picture.

We want you to see how God is doing a new thing at St Timothy's. We want you to see the persevering nature of the Church. It is indeed a living body – it can adapt to new challenges, and grow stronger because of them. Even though we are apart, we are together because that's what God does.

There are some things you can see – and the updates will show these to you in these pages. But there are some things you can't see as well. Your pastors, staff and elected leaders have been very busy behind the scenes to keep the

congregation moving forward, during this interim period. Even without the influence of a major epidemic, changes have been made. From building infrastructure to benevolence to new hires, a lot is going on to keep St Timothy's vibrant and strong into its future.

Did you know that the church buildings (all of them!) will soon be tented for termites? Did you know that we are still being faithful with our benevolence commitments, thus encouraging outside ministries in their work? Did you know that we have hired a new Children's Ministry Director? We are excited about these changes! God is very much at work within our community.

Everything has changed and yet, God has not changed. He faithfully keeps his promises. He is present with you – with us. He continues to do his work of salvation and redemption, and that ripple effect of life and love spreads far and wide. God and his purposes never change. They never fail.

So take a break, grab a cup of coffee and sit down to read through these pages. God is good, and he is faithful! And he is doing a new thing at St Timothy's!

See you in worship,  
Pastor Judy



# WORSHIP MATTERS

If you have been worshipping with us regularly, you know we have been through a rather dramatic evolution process. In mid-March (mid-Lent!) everything changed suddenly. Wednesday night services and soup suppers came to an abrupt halt. The following Sunday we could only get the sermon online. Now we have a fully-fledged online worship, with the new addition of a “live” edition (at 9 and 11 am) which enhances the fellowship of believers. We have also been able to celebrate the Sacraments together.

Worship is central to what we do as a church. Worship allows us to hear God’s Word, experience the Sacraments, find forgiveness of sins, and to respond in faith, prayer and song. Emerging from worship we are strengthened, freed and encouraged. God works powerfully through worship.

We encourage you to join us! Now, because of going online, people who have not been able to get to church for years, can join us in worship. Now, because it is pre-recorded, you can worship whenever you and your family are ready to sit down together. Now, at 9 and 11am “live” worship, you can feel connected with fellow believers. Take advantage of the situation and make this a regular habit.

Join us, too, for daily devotions (email) and for weekly gatherings (online). Many people are making phone calls to keep up that personal contact. It is important that God’s people come together for mutual encouragement and sharing.

Someday – hopefully, in the not-too-distant future – we will be able to gather again physically. There will be a new normal. This epidemic may change us in unforeseen ways. But whatever happens, it will be a joyous reunion!

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The Coronavirus has taken a heavy toll on many lives, organizations and programs. Village House Interfaith Shelter of Hope has been no exception. Given the tremendous health risks associated with running a shelter, both for the guests and our volunteers, the Village House Steering Committee voted unanimously to suspend the program.

The VH Network, upon closing the last shelter two weeks into March, put our guests up in a hotel on the Alameda. Volunteers gathered to

help the ladies pack, transport them to the hotels, bring belongings from some of the ladies to storage facilities and pack up the cots and lockers and transport to Willow Glen United Methodist for storage. It was a very emotional day for everyone filled with gratitude, tears and love.

One positive result of the virus is that it moved state and local agencies to work together to create significantly more shelters for the unhoused in local communities including some with medical care. After two weeks of constant tireless work on the part of our the VH Case Manager, Libby Echeverria and Case Worker, Alicia Morales, they were able to find suitable alternative shelter space for the majority of the VH ladies. A couple of others went to stay with family members and a couple more moved into permanent housing. The first to leave was our semi-permanent resident, Ana Naudi, who moved to a shelter that was able to accommodate her significant medical needs. This is something the Network had been trying to do for the last two years.

Village House has been a ministry that has done so much for so many including the over 100 women we have cared for as well as the over 2,000 volunteers that have served them. Our hope is that this period of time will allow the program to re-focus its efforts towards sustainability and begin anew in coming months.

Thank you all for your overwhelming support of this ministry.  
James Moore, St. Timothy’s Village House Director



## **Congratulations High School Seniors!!**

We realize that the current situation is not the way you had planned to end your senior year, but the situation does not diminish the fact that you have accomplished something noteworthy. Your St. Tim's family wants to recognize and honor your important achievement. Beyond that, we want to encourage you to keep your spirits high and to continue driving toward a brighter future.

For those of you with plans to continue your education, please consider applying for the college scholarship that our congregation makes available each summer through our Legacy Fund. See the next newsletter for more details.

## **MEET OUR NEW CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR! Emily Hindenes**

Welcome Emily! Emily is a daughter of the congregation, having attended our school from preschool all the way to fifth grade. (Some of you know her parents, Gregg and Chris. Chris taught at our school for 13 years, and was the genius behind our award-winning Book Fairs.)

Emily graduated Concordia College, Irvine, with a degree in Childhood Development. She's been teaching 5th grade since then at a Christian school. Emily will begin her full-time ministry with us on July 1.

You can view her introductory video clip here

<https://vimeo.com/412094375>



### **Check out our new website!**

<https://www.svfish.org/>

FISH is considered an essential service and still open during this time. If you or anyone you know is in need of food we are open every Thursday afternoon from 4-5:30 pm. You can call us for more information 408-669-4949 or email us at [svfish@stlcsj.org](mailto:svfish@stlcsj.org).

Currently we are not accepting any food donations. However if you wish to contribute, you may do so by making a monetary donation. Mail a check to church made out to St. Timothy's and write "FISH" in the memo line or make a donation online (a donation link is on our website).

We thank you for your continued prayers and support during this time.

The South Valley FISH Food Pantry

## **Music Director Search Committee**

We are searching for a Director of Music to lead both the traditional and contemporary services. When we started this search in February we thought it would be difficult to find someone skilled and experienced in both worship styles. However, we rapidly received a number of applications and were pleasantly surprised at the quality of the candidates.

We have narrowed our search to two individuals. With shelter in place restrictions we have had to use Zoom for the interview process and that has worked well. We hope to have a final selection to announce soon to the congregation.

This committee has been a delight to work with. Everyone has contributed great insights and suggestions. Please thank the team: Russ Dietz, Bob Grandey, Bill Mowson, Becca Selbo, & Scott McClung.



Dear St. Tim's Family,

Leadership Council work has continued and even intensified during the Shelter in Place. The Admin Team has moved from monthly meetings to meeting on a weekly basis via Zoom. We are keeping up on the current COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions as they relate to St. Tim's, reviewing weekly offerings and expenses, overseeing Preschool decisions, and addressing any other ministry concerns or opportunities that arise during this challenging time. Matters requiring quick decisions are being addressed by involving the entire Leadership Council via e-mail.

Paul Judy, our treasurer, and Jeanette Stahlke, our financial administrator, have led the effort to research and apply for benefits that may be available under the CARES Act recently passed by Congress. We are waiting for decisions about our application as this newsletter is going to press.

The Leadership Council met for a regular monthly meeting via Zoom on April 14th. We approved the March meeting minutes (call or [email Beth](#) if you would like a copy), received a financial update and report on the CARES Act, discussed upcoming Preschool and Summer Camp decisions, heard plans for on-line worship, and received updates on campus maintenance, proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes, and progress on filling staff vacancies. Our April meeting minutes will be available next month after approval.

We thank you for your support, and we ask for your continued prayers for guidance as we make decisions for the spiritual and financial health of St. Timothy's.

For the Admin Team,  
Ken Duvall



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Sharon Betz, wife of Dick  
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Dawn Rister  
Sophia Savy, granddaughter of Paula and Alex Wright  
Richard Stueve, a family member of Pat Pangrac and Bob Paradiso

## BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$300,695</b>	<b>\$42,410</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$294,543</b>	<b>\$32,268</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$6,152</b>	<b>\$10,142</b>

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$60,402</b>

### 2 WAYS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church. Mail is picked up weekly from USPS. If no offering envelope, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
2. Give online on our safe and secure website <https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>



# Call Team Update

Our team unanimously voted to offer Wayne Peterson's devotional to you as our update. As you will see, we are working hard and working well together. We're creative too! (Some of you will remember that Wayne used to appear regularly at our school as the Cat in the Hat on Dr. Seuss day. So he has an affinity for rhyme.)

## The Call Team

As we gather together on yet another Thursday night  
We silently wonder if our candidate is in sight.

When we first met in June we gathered around a large table  
Now we peer into our screens, if our computers are able.

Persistent we are, and diligent too  
We took on a task and we shall see it through.

We held a congregational workshop to gain insight  
And poured over the data for many a night.

Just what kind of person shall we find to lead us?  
We do need someone, and we want that someone to need us.

For this call process is a long and winding two-way street  
The pastor too must feel the call, all the way down to his or her feet.

We will be interested in some, but their answer will be no  
And that is ok, because, to others we will go.

To heighten our chances Larry has widened our search  
We now look for pastors from many a church.

And what shall I say of our team, such as we are?  
Well, to meet, we no longer travel by car.

I marvel at my young friend Aaron Gabel  
With wisdom beyond his years, he's most able.

We have another, who is always smiling, upbeat, and never moody  
Oh, thank goodness, on our team, we have Pastor Judy.

Michelle so dutifully records our every minute  
And then I read her email, to see if I am in it.

Tammie recommends that we wrap-up by nine  
To which I reply, that suggestion is fine.

And thank you to Tony, for being our lead  
You have carefully attended to our team's every need.

Let us pray: O Father above  
Whenever we gather, we feel your love

Scripture says "Seek and you shall find."  
Even when we seek someone who is one-of-a-kind.

Scripture says "Ask and it shall be given unto you."  
O Father, grant us grace to know these words are true.

Lord we come to you in prayer again and again  
What more is there to say, but amen?



## VBS UPDATE

The last few months have been a radical departure from the normal. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on us all. In light of that, the St. Timothy's VBS Team has made the decision to cancel Vacation Bible School this year. As the Shelter in Place order has been extended and facilities use guidelines continue to come out for the public use of spaces like our facility, it has become clear that we will not be able to host a VBS like we do each year.

Our team is exploring ways in which we can bring parts of the VBS experience into our homes and neighborhoods. Keep your eyes peeled for ways in which St. Tim's is continuing to try and support our young families as we all work through this time as a faith community.

Although VBS may not be happening this year in the way we are used to, God is still at work in our kids, families, and neighborhoods reminding us of the great love that he has for us in Jesus.

In Christ,  
Joe Hill, on behalf of the VBS Team





# ST. TIMOTHY'S CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

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Hello St. Tim's,

I wanted to update you and share with you some of the new changes we are doing during this time of shelter in place and how that is affecting the preschool. It is pretty quiet and empty around here! Our staff, together with the church Leadership Team have decided to do distance learning during this time. We are not on campus but we are still working together as a school and community to continue learning and meeting the needs of the whole child spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally.

Our amazing teachers are sending home weekly packets filled with fun learning activities, educational worksheets, and outdoor projects that will get the students outside exploring nature. The teachers are also having daily Zoom circle times with the students reading books, sharing their favorite toys, and are able to just see each other and keep those connections and friendships going.

You might be asking how can the congregation help during this time...great question!



You can help by financially giving to the preschool through your offerings and tithes. Since March 13<sup>th</sup> we have not been collecting tuition from our preschool families but have continued to provide and supply educational activities to our students as an act of love and servanthood to our families. God has blessed our staff by the church's support in covering and carrying our teachers financially through this time, continuing to pay them.

We are blessed with a group of amazing teachers that have dedicated their lives to making a positive impact in the lives of children and to be an example of Christ to them.

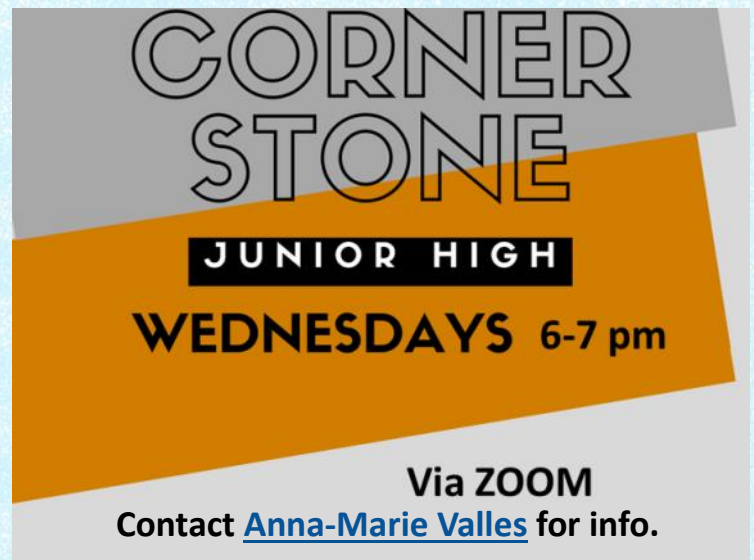
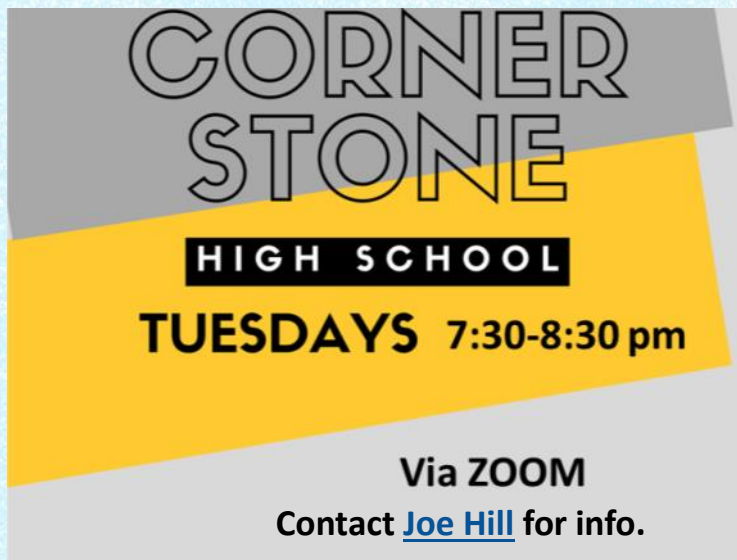
The second thing I would ask from you would be that you will daily lift the preschool up in prayer! Please pray for our teachers that God will continue cover them with patience, encouragement and hope for the future. I would also ask that you would join me in praying that when this is all over and the preschool gates re-open, the preschool will be flooded with new families along with our current families.

Pray also that St Timothy's will be a shining light in our community and that through all this, we will be an example of Christ through our words, actions and love for others. St. Timothy's Christian Preschool has a purpose and I know God will continue to use this amazing staff and congregation to make a difference in this area and to bring people to Christ.

Blessings,  
Jeanette Adams  
Director of St. Timothy's Preschool







## MISSION TRIPS UPDATE

In light of the COVID-19 shelter in place order and uncertainty regarding the upcoming months, we have made some changes to our summer mission schedule. The first is that the Mexico Mission trip has been cancelled. This is an unfortunate reality for us, but after prayerful consideration we believe that this is the wise decision to make. St. Tim's is looking forward to continuing the relationship it has begun with Go Missions To Mexico in 2021 as we plan for returning to Mexico in the summer of 2021.

The second is that the Ethiopia Mission trip is being postponed until a later date. The existing team will stay intact and continue its efforts to fundraise as it looks toward putting a date down for the trip in the future- possibly in the summer of 2021.

In light of all of this, we will be exploring potential missions options for our youth and church locally when the state regulations permit meeting in person again. In the meantime, we thank you for your prayers and support, and ask that you pray that God continues to work in and through St. Timothy's to bring the hope of the Gospel and the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world around us, both locally and globally.

In Christ,  
Joe Hill  
Director of Youth and Worship Ministries

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Many of us in the last 6 weeks have attended various church Zoom meetings. For some of us, it was our first time using Zoom. For a lot of us, it was and still is, a learning curve but what an awesome tool to help us all stay connected! Don't have a computer or a smart phone/device? No problem. You can use your landline phone and call in with audio only.

Listed below are some current meetings. If you would like to join one, there is an weekly Zoom email that has all the meeting information listed. Or call Beth at her cell above and she will get the info to you.

MEETING NAME	DESCRIPTION	DAY/TIME
"The Great Divorce"	Adult Ed Class discussing "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis. Led by Michael Stamos.	Sundays at 10 am through May 17
Prayer Group	Meets with Pastor Jonna to pray for others and our church.	Mondays at 8 am
"Coffee Hour"	Meet with staff and other church members for a chance to talk face-to-face. All ages welcome!	Thursdays at 10 am

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