



# The Franciscans



A newsletter for friends and members of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Goldsboro, NC 27530

November 2019

On Wednesday, October 16, Barbara Pedersen and I attended the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Trinity District Meeting, of which Barbara is chair, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Beaufort, NC.

Beginning at 9:30, the agenda consisted of the usual delicious refreshments, renewal of acquaintance with women we have seen before, a business meeting in which we shared what our separate ECWs are doing, and a provocative program before Holy Eucharist and lunch which the women of St. Paul's provided.

The program presented by Rich Chadwick, Executive Director, Family Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, addressed the opioid epidemic in our country and the role of the church in this dilemma. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Rich dispelled some notions we held about opioids, informed about the extent of the epidemic, and suggested ways faith and the church can be involved.

As Barbara and I drove home, we discussed the possibility of our offering this program to the community and asking for a love offering to pay the speaker an honorarium. We could donate any remaining funds to local drug abuse programs or to support the work of a Morehead city-based rehabilitation effort, The Miriam.

The church service celebrated the Feast Day of Teresa of Avila, Spain. The celebrant, The Reverend Tambria E. Lee shared a prayer of St. Teresa's that she said she encountered in seminary, a prayer that became a "mantra" for her when she met hardships and problems in her life.

St. Teresa, a Carmelite nun, mystic, and Doctor of the Catholic Church, wrote the prayer in the 16th century. It is called St. Teresa's Bookmark because, according to legend, she carried the prayer in her prayer book where it was found when she died in 1582.

The brief prayer reads:

**Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God only is changeless; patience gains all things; whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.**

We cannot help applying these words to our current state of transition when we are searching for a priest-in-charge, when we are in the midst of the Stewardship Campaign, and when we are considering the role of St. Francis in the diocese, the community, and in the parish itself.

For me the key word in the prayer is *patience*—the peace we find in ourselves when we put all into God's hands. This is not to say that He expects nothing on our part; indeed, He has given us reason and skill, energy and intelligence, heart and spirit to serve Him and each other as we know we ought.

Perhaps soon our patience will be realized. Meanwhile, we can rest, knowing that "all things come of Thee, O, Lord."

Liz Meador, parishioner



## WHAT'S UP (“WAZZUP”) VESTRY?

Your St. Francis Vestry has been very busy all year, but especially this summer in strategizing and putting into action our plans for the health and future of St. Francis!

Accomplishments:

We have a wonderful new Parish Administrator who has just started with us, on a part time basis. Please welcome Beverly Anderson!

We have a security system! For the safety of those who work at St. Francis during the days and nights and for our congregation we now have a security camera and monitor which will allow those who are in the office, ushers, and other people in the church entryway to watch in the parking lot, sidewalks, and grounds areas for problems, including those who are having difficulty navigating the parking lot or sidewalks, and for people who “should not be” at St. Francis, having no business with us or not attending events/services. Sadly, in this day and age, security is a necessity. We now can actually see the comings and goings of folks while inside the buildings.

Lighting: We now have lighting for evenings on the walkway by the office, so those who work after sunset have a light source to illuminate the sidewalk and immediate areas. This will be helpful during the late fall and winter, when we have our holiday celebrations! We will be able to see where we are walking!

Priest-In-Charge search. We continue to work with the Diocese of East Carolina in our quest for a priest in charge. Because of the type of position, the part-time restraints, etc., this process takes a bit of extra time, as it must be overseen by the Bishop and the Diocese. We have been talking to one candidate in particular; however, we will continue to request others so that we may select the best person for our priest.

Fund-Raisers: We are exploring various non-work intensive methods to raise funds for our church and outreach programs. As we no longer have Christmas In The Forest, we are reviewing other options which do not require the extraordinary commitment of time and energy. If you have any ideas – please talk to a vestry member! All ideas will be considered.

Budget: We continue to monitor the budget monthly and are mindful and respectful of the funds available to keep our church going.

The table in the library has now received a glass cover! Thank you to Liz Meador for taking on that assignment and getting that done to protect this lovely piece of furniture, generously donated by a congregant!

We wish to remind you all that you are welcome to attend the vestry meetings, held on the last Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. We now conduct the meetings with a somewhat open forum, and will take suggestions, comments, etc. from those attending who are not vestry members. We post the vestry minutes on the tower in the parish hall, if you would like to “keep up” with the activities.

God Bless Us All as we move forward and complete 2019!

Diana Hammond, Senior Warden

**LAY SERVER SCHEDULE — NOVEMBER 2019**

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement AND notify the church.

	<b>November 3</b> Rev. Frank Russ Holy Eucharist	<b>November 10</b> Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist	<b>November 17</b> Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist	<b>November 24</b> Rev. Frank Russ Holy Eucharist
<b>SERVICE TIME</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>SUBDEACON</b>	Stan Stedner	Roger Brogneaux	Barrett Rae	Stan Stedner
<b>LECTORS</b>	Liz Meador Diana Hammond	Jill Brogneaux Gerald Herring	Gail Riddle Roger Riddle	Debbie Stedner David Powell
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Stan Stedner	Roger Brogneaux	Barrett Rae	Stan Stedner
<b>USHERS</b>	Roger Riddle Mitch Baker	Roger Riddle Mitch Baker	Roger Riddle Mitch Baker	Roger Riddle Mitch Baker
<b>EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR</b>	Jill Brogneaux	Betsy Powell	Eldica Cyrus	Debbie Stedner
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>TELLERS</b>	Barbara Pedersen Don Skinner	Barbara Pedersen Don Skinner	Barbara Pedersen Don Skinner	Barbara Pedersen Don Skinner
<b>SOCIAL HOUR</b>	Roger and Gail Riddle	Roger and Gail Riddle	Roger and Gail Riddle	Roger and Gail Riddle

**BABY GIRL**

Congratulations to Jill and Roger Brogneaux on the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Callie Blaire Price. Callie has a big sister, Corrie and she is the daughter of Christian and Bryan Price.

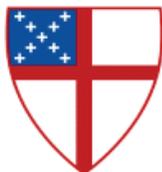
**NEEDS AT ST. FRANCIS**  
Trash bags, 13 gallon and 33 gallon  
8-1/2 x 11 copy paper

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 Katherine Phinizy  
3 Roger Brogneaux  
6 Charlotte Campbell  
10 Jesse Dodson  
15 Garrett Faust  
16 Peggy Helms  
17 Betsy Powell  
19 Sharon Sarvey

*Happy Birthday!*

If your birthday has been omitted please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.



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# NOVEMBER 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ECW = Episcopal Church Women HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service MP = Morning Prayer Santa Misa = Spanish Communion service TBD = To Be Determined</p>					<p>1</p> <p><b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Time to fall back</b></p>  <p>Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.</p>
<p>3 <i>21 Pentecost</i> Rev. Frank Russ <b>LEGACY Sunday</b> HE - 9:30 AM</p> <p>Santa Misa 3 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 <i>22 Pentecost</i> Rev. Dave Davis HE - 9:30 AM</p> <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>St. Francis FUNDRAISER @ Texas Roadhouse</p> </div> <p>Santa Misa 3 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bill on vacation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NO Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Newsletter <b>deadline</b></p> </div>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <i>23 Pentecost</i> Rev. Gene Carpenter HE - 9:30 AM</p> <p>Santa Misa 3 PM</p> <p>→</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Clives Staples Lewis Apologis and Spiritual Writer, 1963</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Clement, Bishop of Rome</p>
<p>24 <i>Last Pentecost</i> Rev. Frank Russ HE - 9:30 AM Christ the King</p> <p>Santa Misa 3 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Open 9am-5pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Vestry Meeting?</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Francis volunteers at the Soup Kitchen 9:30 AM</p> 

**My name is Gail Riddle.** I was born to Edgar and Pauline Cole in Goldsboro, NC. I had an older brother who died at birth. My dad worked at General Electric in Goldsboro until retirement. My mom was a homemaker until I became a teenager; then she started working at Jan's Daycare. I went to Westwood Methodist Church with my mom and dad from childhood until I was married. I was a member of the UMYF, treasurer of the women's group, a choir member, and Sunday school teacher. I helped with bible school and played the piano for years at Beston United Methodist Church.

I graduated from Goldsboro High School. My first job was secretary to the principal at Goldsboro Christian School. I worked 20 years in the banking industry and then retired from Cherry Hospital as purchasing officer. After about 3 months I went to work with Coastal Wholesale in Kinston, NC. When that business closed, I worked at McCain Employment Services as Staffing Specialist.

I met Roger through a mutual friend, and it was love at first sight. We married and are so happy. Our family consists of Peachy our cat; our dog Lucky, who died a month ago; and our son Tony. I love Roger with all my heart and he is everything to me. I want our church to grow, but as I told my son long ago, if you don't remember anything else about me, remember my advice to put God first in your life and everything else will fall into place.



**My name is Roger Riddle,** the youngest child in my family. I had two sisters, Rebecca and Joan. I grew up in south central Kentucky right on the Tennessee border. When I was 10, my father was injured in a construction accident and three weeks later passed and went to be with the Lord. My mother was a homemaker and a strong Southern Baptist. We often walked to church, and as my sisters and I got older, we started attending Rose of Sharon UMC church because there were more young people there. I grew up in that church and in later years become the Lay leader and Youth Director of the youth group, the Young Believers. We started out with 6 and a short time later grew to 45 youth.

I graduated from Cumberland County High in Burkesville, KY, and had a full scholarship to WKY University in horticulture; however, I started work in the apparel industry with Sutton Shirt Corporation and very soon was moved to management to where I oversaw 1500 employees. Later I worked in western Kentucky for Lion Apparel where I was Director of Quality Assurance. I still went home every weekend to work with my church and youth group. In 1989 I was offered a job with Hampton Industries in Kinston, NC, as Quality Assurance Manager. I enjoyed my 13 years working there until the company closed. I later become their Import Export Manager in charge of all imports in England, the Middle East, the Far East, Africa, and Central America.

I traveled three times a year visiting and working with my agents and plants in all these countries for 30 days at a time. I got to visit the Taj Mahal in India, the rain forest in Sira Lanka, and the pyramids in Egypt.

After Hampton went out of business, I went to work for JCP in Goldsboro where my boss lady Karen Witt was one of the finest in the world. She knew how to be your friend and boss. I got to know her and her husband Ray Ward who are two great people. She knew my wife and I were looking for a church close by with an early service so we could spend more time as a couple on Sunday afternoon. She told us about St. Francis Episcopal Church, and we visited with her and fell in love with the people at the church who are so loving and caring--such a great church family. We joined St. Francis in August of 2013 and found our forever home. We love the people and the service at our church. A few great moments of my life are first, salvation, then meeting my wife Gail Riddle. I love Gail with all my heart. We pray every morning and before bed every night. She is my blessing in life.

I love woodworking, lawn care and keeping busy. I work long hours for AP Exhaust but am thankful to have time for my wife, my church, and a happy life. We love our cat Peachy and miss our dog Lucky we recently lost to cancer. We love St. Francis Church and the family we have there and pray for the church daily and look forward to spending the rest of our days there. May God bless our church and our upcoming Priest. We pray daily for growth in all ways but most of all in the Lord.

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This past Sunday, October 27th, during the service, Rev. Frank Russ led us in the blessing and dedication of an infant funeral pall in memory of Wyatt Dawson Walters given by Frances, his grandmother and Will, his father.

## Legacy Sunday - November 3, 2019

### WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

During our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, the Vestry established the St. Francis Episcopal Church Legacy Fund as an endowment to provide future generations with the resources to share the good news and respond to the needs of their time as well as to extend our personal legacies into the future.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 2019, we will remember those who were our Founding donors in 2014. These gifts have been invested by State Street Bank and are to be used for outreach ministries, scholarships, Christian formation, and youth events as well as seed money for start-up ministries.

**You can give anytime to our St. Francis Legacy Fund!**  
Make checks payable to St. Francis marked "Legacy Fund."

# Vestry

**2019**

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