

The FRANCISCANS

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Goldsboro, NC

January 2017

MOM's Annual Report: Philippians 1:9-10

And this is my prayer: That our love may overflow more & more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best. [Philippians 1:9-10 paraphrase.] Think of what you have accomplished with Christmas in the Forest! Certainly we trust God in this annual endeavor & still speak to each other afterward! That's grace.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 19:26, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." He says this responding to the disciples' fear-filled question about who can be saved after Jesus says how hard it will be for a rich man to get into heaven.

Beloved Brothers & Sisters, we see from our limited human perspective, and we get scared. We fear we won't have enough – enough to eat, to pay bills, to retire comfortably, to keep this Body of Christ going. Why do we see the glass half-empty when it is half-full?

If each of our 87 active members were to give an additional \$6 per month, we would have \$522 more each month to set aside to earn interest. In a year we would have \$6,264. If we continue to give this extra \$6 per month for 6 years, we would have \$37,584! These funds would give us money from the interest without diminishing the corpus. Do this another 6 years & our corpus would be \$225,504! [And that's not counting interest!] Now that's a sizeable financial resource from your \$6 per month!

How trusting are we of God? What about finances? How often do we notice the abundant life we enjoy in this Body of Christ? How often do we thank God for the blessed relationships we have here & the joy of serving Jesus together? Notice how God has been working in & through this

Beloved this year. Notice how God has been showing us "for God all things are possible".

Think of the miracle we celebrated when our Communion silver stolen in 1983 was returned. Notice how we have been spared major trauma from Hurricane Matthew so that we were/are able to help those displaced by the storm.

Notice how we are gaining perspective on our CLUE, which we worked on at our Parish Retreat & the Vestry will work on at our Jan. 6-7 Retreat. CLUE is our Calling from God for ministry together; Living in community as God envisions; Understanding who we are as God wants us to be in our life together; Evolving as we grow in the gift of God's love.

Let's continue prayerfully to ponder **Who, What, When, Why, Where & How** of each of these as we grow together. Among the issues we have pondered are building on what we have in common, respecting our differences, & offering the gift of hospitality. We have looked into the mystery God unfolds, drawing us as a parish deeper into God's love as we explore our past, present & ideas for our future.

I have encouraged you never to lose your holy curiosity, to recognize questions can enhance dialogue & strengthen our healthy, open communication can generate new, shared ideas.

How do we express stewardship at the time of death? Beloved Brothers & Sisters, stewardship covers more than finances. It includes applying our time, abilities & wisdom on this side of life, devoting some time to plan ahead so that decisions may be simpler for others when you die. Stewardship of life at the time of death can include your wise planning AND LETTING OTHERS KNOW your preferences.

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I encourage you to savor the gift of holy curiosity. I invite your questions. Questions can enhance dialogue & strengthen us to have healthy, open communication. Dialogue among us can generate new, shared ideas.

God has given us each other to work together in ministry as this Body of Christ. It is OK to question, to wonder, to speak up. How & where do you see the Holy Spirit in action? When do you notice the Holy Spirit? What has God planted in you that blesses others & enhances our life & work as the Body of Christ?

We have also been working on safety & security since several of us attended 2016's Church Safety & Security Training presented by Wayne County Sheriff's Department. After working on what we had learned, we had a Sheriff's Deputy do a

walk-through with us of our property to help us see with new eyes. We have added equipment, including outdoor lights and two-way radios.

During Advent, we had training in emergency first aid. Thank you, Sharon Sarvey for organizing this.

Note these important tips everyone in the church should be familiar with: Always lock your car at church. Have all valuables out of sight. When leaving the Church, walk out in groups. Don't leave the parking lot until everyone is in their cars and have them started. We don't want to leave anyone stranded.

I continue to give God thanks for calling me here to serve at St. Francis, & I look forward to our seeing how we grow together in 2017.

Peace & Blessings, Marcia+

VESTRY RETREAT: January 6 & 7

Jan 6 — 7:00 PM Business, dinner, and retreat

Jan 7 — 8 am—5:30 PM Retreat with breakfast & lunch

ECW NEWS

► **January 13, Friday — 10:30 am**
Women's Bible Study



New Women's Bible Study begins Friday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 am in the library.

Beth Moore's *Entrusted: A study of 2 Timothy* will begin on Friday, January 13 at 10:30 am. This exciting new series promises to be interesting, entertaining and enlightening and we would love for you to join us. Please contact Jill Brogneaux jillbrogneaux@hotmail.com if you would like a copy of the study book that goes along with the weekly sessions. They are \$12.99, but you do not have to get one in order to participate.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline to submit items for the next newsletter is January 15th for the February issue.

— Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator

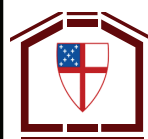
Vestry VESTRY: Legal governing and decision-making body of a parish church, consisting of the rector and elected lay representatives. Its duties include calling the rector, approving the budget, making policy, and approving expenditures. Each vestry has a senior and junior warden, both elected from among members of the vestry either by the congregation or by the vestry itself. Often vestry members are also heads of parish committees or commissions, but each parish chooses its own way of structuring vestry.



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Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina
The Rev. Marcia O. McRae, Priest-in-Charge
William Hayes, Organist/Choirmaster
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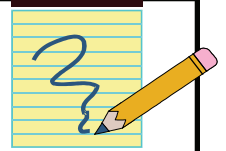
The Franciscans:

Corinne Stewart, Editor

The Franciscans is published 11 times a year.
The **deadline** for items to be considered for inclusion
is the **15th of each month.**



St. Francis' Wish List



- 1) Paperclips (large & small)
- 2) All purpose cleaner
- 3) Windex
- 4) Lemonade & Pink lemonade mix

Thank you for your Continued Support!



Items of Note



EPIPHANY SERVICE

Join Rev. Marcia for an Epiphany service on Friday, **January 6** at **6:00 PM**.

VESTRY RETREAT

The Vestry Retreat is Fri & Sat, **January 6 & 7**. Fridays session will start after the 6pm service w/dinner. Saturday is 8am to 5:30 PM w/breakfast & lunch served.

FUNDRAISER

Our Fundraiser night at Texas Roadhouse is Wed., **Jan 11**, 4—10pm.

OPEN HOUSE @ McRAE'S

The McRae's Epiphany gift to the church is an Open House at their home, 1607 E. Mulberry Street on **Wednesday, January 11**, 5-7 PM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Friday Women's Bible Study starts **January 13** and runs through Feb 17th.

An EVENING Bible Study is planned for FEBRUARY

by Pat Biggers & Rev. Marcia

They need input on the best evening and time that is best for most.

Please contact: Pat pbiggers@suddenlink.net or 919-778-5544 – OR –

Rev. Marcia ciga2@bellsouth.net or 229-220-5431

with your day and time preference!

(Sunday afternoon or evening can be included as a possibility.)

This study is open to anyone, and they will be using:

Lindsay Hardin Freeman's –

Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter



The Flower Guild wants to thank everyone who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, and for donations toward flowers!

BRING the front of your Christmas & Greeting Cards to St. Francis by February 5, 2017

to Benefit St. Jude's Ranch for Children
(There is a marked box in the Parish Hall.)

Card Donating Tips:

- All types of greeting cards, including Christmas are accepted.
- Only the card front can be used (please check to be sure the backside of the front of the card is clear of any writing, etc.).
- They cannot accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greetings cards.
- 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.

SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE**JANUARY 2017**

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
	<i>Lessons & Carols 10:30 Only</i>				<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
SUBDEACON	To Be Determined	Chris Cowan	Debbie Stedner	Jodi Baker	Lay Worship Leaders: 8:30 am—TBD 10:30 am—Chris Cowan
LECTORS	Zeb, Dave, TBD, Sheila, Charlotte, Diana, Gail, Roger R., Debbie	Pat Biggers Jodi Baker	Jill Brogneaux Diana Hammond	Gail Riddle Roger Riddle	Charlotte Campbell Zeb Jones
CRUCIFER	Debbie Stedner	Chris Cowan	Debbie Stedner	Jodi Baker	Chris Cowan
TORCH BEARERS	Hayley Faust Jillian Faust	None	Jillian Faust Hayley Faust	None	None
USHERS	Mitch Baker Randy Wright	Mitch Baker Randy Wright	Mitch Baker Randy Wright	Mitch Baker Randy Wright	Mitch Baker Randy Wright
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Betsy Powell	Jill Brogneaux	Eldica Cyrus	Eldica Cyrus	N/A
ALTAR GUILD	Betsy Powell Gerald Herring Barrett Rae	Betsy Powell Gerald Herring Barrett Rae	Betsy Powell Gerald Herring Barrett Rae	Betsy Powell Gerald Herring Barrett Rae	Betsy Powell Gerald Herring Barrett Rae
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Chris Cowan Zeb Jones	Chris Cowan Zeb Jones	Chris Cowan Zeb Jones	Chris Cowan Zeb Jones	Chris Cowan Zeb Jones
SOCIAL HOUR	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker

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



McRae's Epiphany Gift to the Church:

Come celebrate at our open house

Wednesday, January 11

5:00 — 7:00 PM

1607 E. Mulberry St.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Gerald Herring	20 Jason LeChot
3 John McRae	Caroline Jones-Bounds
5 David Powell	Zayden Baker
11 Lane Stocks	25 Pat Biggers
Logan Stocks	29 Mikaela Freeman
15 Roger Riddle	

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

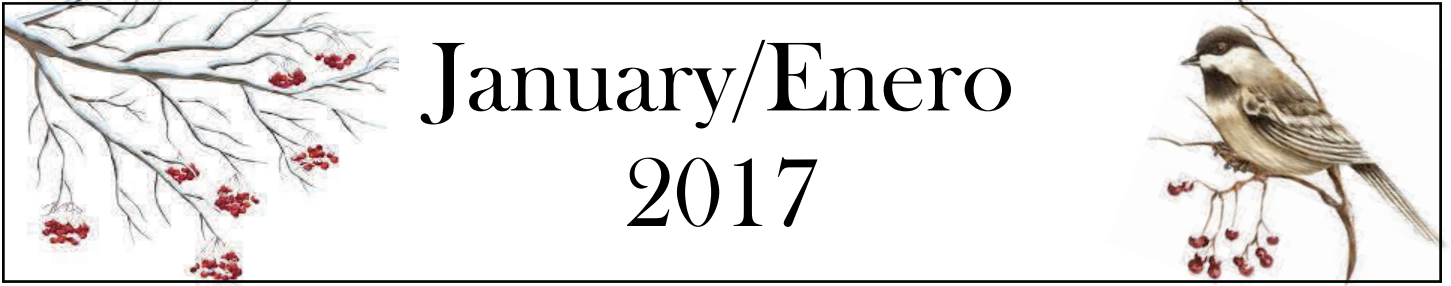
MISSING:

Marcia's green taffeta apron with red trim used at Christmas in the Forest.

No doubt it got mixed up in other items to be washed.

If you find it among your stuff, please bring to the Church Office.

Many thanks for checking your stuff!



Domingo Sunday	Lunes Monday	Martes Tuesday	Miércoles Wednesday	Jueves Thursday	Viernes Friday	Sábado Saturday
CE = Christian Education for ALL ages HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service MP = Morning Prayer Santa Misa = Spanish Mass						
1 <i>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> 8:30 AM HE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM Santa Misa <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4 	5 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 <i>(The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ)</i> 6:00 PM Epiphany HE THEN Vestry Retreat w/Dinner after service	7 8 AM - 5:30 PM Vestry Retreat w/Breakfast & Lunch
8 <i>1 Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM Santa Misa	9	10	11 4—10:00 PM St. Francis FUNDRAISER @ Texas Roadhouse TAKE FLYER!  5—7:00 PM Epiphany Open House @ The McRae's	12 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study </div>	14
15 <i>2 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM Santa Misa	16 <i>(Franciscans Deadline)</i>	17	18 <i>(Confession of Saint Peter, the Apostle)</i>	19 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study </div>	21
22 <i>3 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM Santa Misa	23	24	25 <i>(Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle)</i>	26 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study </div>	28
29 <i>4 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM MP 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM MP <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> ECW Meeting after service </div> 3:00 PM Santa Misa	30 <i>Office is Closed</i>	31 <i>Office is Closed</i>				

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

begins Wed, Jan 18 and ends Wed, Jan 25



Week of Christian Unity: Facts & Suggested Prayers

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18–25, 2017

http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/theme_announcement_2017.html

Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20)

By: Fr Thomas Orians, SA, Associate Director – Graymoor; Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute

The 2017 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been selected. On the occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation, the theme: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen. The materials for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has two accents: reflection upon the main concerns of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation and secondly recognizing the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the unity of the Church. In selecting this theme, it is viewed as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation.

For the coming year the theme finds its origins in Pope Francis' 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel") when it used the quote: "The Love of Christ Compels Us" (Paragraph 9). The theme finds its scriptural context in 2 Corinthians 5:14. The Council of Churches in Germany (ACK) took up the work of creating the resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A committee comprised of ten members representing different churches met three times in 2014/2015 to develop the necessary texts. Within the 2017 materials there will be a particular emphasis on the ecumenical worship service for the Week while at the same time commemorating the Lutheran Reformation.

For 2017, it should be noted that this biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation. "God was reconciling the world (kosmos) to God's self in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (v.19). As a result of God's action, those who have been reconciled in Christ are called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed: "The love of Christ compels us"



BCP page 816 — 7. *For the Church:* 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 any thing 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 Savior. *Amen.*

BCP page 818 — 14. *For the Unity of the Church:* O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BCP page 395 — 6 Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BCP page 100 — Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ST. FRANCIS: GET INVOLVED!

ACTIVITY — GROUP — MINISTRY	CONTACT(S)
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Columbarium: Liz Meador 919-735-2316 Garden: Zeb Jones 919-922-1263
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Children's Church School: To Be Determined
EYC (Episcopal Young Church People)	EYC: To Be Determined
COMMUNICATIONS	Chair: Liz Meador 919-735-2316 Church Website: Chris Cowan 919-222-3103 Franciscans Newsletter: Corinne Stewart 919-735-9845
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)	ECW President: Liz Meador 919-735-2316 ECW Vice-President and Program Coordinator: Crissie Lewis 919-734-8866 ECW Treasurer: Denise Cowan 919-922-3968 ECW Secretary: Jill Brogneaux 919-751-0897 Church Periodical Club Rep.: Liz Meador 919-735-2316 United Thank Offering Rep.: Betsy Powell 919-778-2774
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INVITATION / HOSPITALITY	Coffee Hour sign up: Roger Brogneaux 919-751-0897 Social Team scheduling: Barrett Rae 919-922-4312 Frantastix's (20's—50's social group): Barrett Rae 919-922-4312 Ministry to Military: Jeff Merritt 919-735-9192
OUTREACH TEAM	Outreach Chair: Don Skinner 919-583-0206 Project Christ Child: Walker Campbell 919-735-9090 Soup Kitchen: Eldica Cyrus 919-751-1964
PASTORAL CARE TEAM & LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (LEV)	LEV Scheduling: Betsy Powell 919-778-2774 Prayer Team Ministry: Chair To Be Determined
WORSHIP TEAM	Altar Guild: Chair To Be Determined Choir: Bill Hayes (Organist/Choirmaster) 919-242-5485 Flower Guild: Chair To Be Determined Server Scheduling: Crissie Lewis 919-734-8866 Usher Scheduling: Mitch Baker 919-920-1975

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Of Current Interest . . .



— Starting in January —

On the 2nd Sunday of each month,
Rev. Marcia will include Prayers
for Healing during the services.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!
2017**

January 6

- ◆ 6:00 PM The Epiphany
Holy Eucharist said service
- ◆ After service:
Vestry Retreat

January 7

8:00 am — 5:30 PM
Vestry Retreat

January 11

5—7 PM
Open House @ McRae's

January 13

10:30 am Women's Friday
Bible Study begins

St. Francis Vestry:

2017

Eldica Cyrus
Stan Stedner (Jr. Warden)
Kristine Wright

2018

Chris Cowan
Crissie Lewis

2019

Zeb Jones
Don Skinner

Katherine Phinizy, Check Signer
Gerald Herring, Treasurer
Clerk To Be Determined



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