

The FRANCISCANS

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

February 2017

Our Life of Transitions: This Transitory Life

Perhaps you recall reading in our November newsletter “**Reality Check: Time limits**”. This relates to our ongoing exploring CLUE of our life together: our Calling from God, Living in community, Understanding who God wants us to be & Evolving as we grow in God’s love. This transitory life can seem scary. Change can be scary. Life transitions can be scary. [Ask me about it! You recall, John & I made a big transition moving here!]

Know this: Change is part of life. Science tells us we change daily: Our cells constantly change. Change is natural.

As we acknowledge our transitory life, let us remember our Baptismal Covenant in which we promise, saying: “I will with God’s help.” One of the many authors in Women’s Uncommon Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated, emphasizes “With God’s help, I shall not fear change...shall accept change will happen every day...shall embrace it all...with God’s help.” [Pp. 53-54. Eds: Elizabeth Rankin Geits. Marjorie A. Burke. Ann Smith. Morehouse Publishing.2000.]

The word “transitory” embraces transitions, life’s constant changing. The author, Ethel Crawford, notes we are not alone in this experience & says some changes cause pain, others joy, some we barely notice, some we cause & sometimes we as individuals are God’s instrument of change. [p. 53]

She says: God shares the changes with us & rejoices & comforts us. “God is the constant in [our] quicksilver existence.” [p. 54] We can center down in God’s peace, as my spiritual director has taught me. How?

How do we welcome change & grow through it? Remember: We are in this together. We declare this fact each time we express our faith in the Nicene Creed: “**We** believe in one God...**We** believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ...**For us** & **for our** salvation...**We** believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life...**We** believe...**We** acknowledge...**We** look for...and the life of the world to come. **Amen.** [Amen aka So be it.]

Together we bless & break bread. If no one shows up for Communion, I cannot bless the bread & wine. We have to have at least 2 or 3 of us to share our holy meal.

In February we will have opportunities to share the life of change in other ways. We will look at 2 women who speak a lot in the Bible & 2 who say the least, using Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. This 4-session exploration about life changes will be Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

We have 2 positive opportunities to take the presence of St. Francis beyond 503 Forest Hill Drive:

1) We have been invited to participate **Feb. 12** at 4 p.m. in Holy Eucharist celebrating **The Feast of Absalom Jones**, at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, 509 Ramsey St., Fayetteville. Bishop Rob Skirving will be the guest speaker & celebrant. We are asked to bring our banner to process. Clergy & banner bearers are asked to arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. Let me know if you want to attend so we can carpool.

2) Representatives from several Goldsboro churches met Jan. 3 at St. Stephen’s to organize the **Carver Heights Weekend Project** to provide food for needy children on weekends. The need became apparent after school reorganization: some children in the same family no longer receive food for the weekend since they are assigned to a different school than where this project has functioned. Much preliminary research & work has been completed by the larger churches. St. Francis has been teamed with 1st Presbyterian for the 1st week of June [working in May to collect & bag specified non-perishable foods & deliver to the school]. **We need volunteers to help coordinate our participation & our purchasing or collecting food.** More details later. We will do this “With God’s Help”.

And this is my prayer: That our love may overflow more & more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best together. Paraphrase Philippians 1: 9-10

The Rev. Marcía O. McRae

LAY SERVER TRAINING

Sunday, February 19
@ 12:00 Noon

Join Rev. Marcia to learn more about being an Acolyte, Crucifer, Torch Bearer, Verger, Eucharistic Minister, Subdeacon, and Lay Worship Leader!



ECW NEWS

► **Fridays, Feb 3, 10, 17 @ 10:30 am**
Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study continues Fridays, Feb 3, 10, and 17 at 10:30 am in the library. Using Beth Moore's *Entrusted: A study of 2 Timothy*

Contact Jill Brogneaux jillbrogneaux@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

► **Sunday, February 12 • Valentine Luncheon**

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Francis are hosting a Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, February 12 after the 10:30 am service for EVERYONE. Donations will be accepted for this fundraiser. Please plan to join them for this fellowship meal.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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

— Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator

Valentines Luncheon

Sunday, February 12
Following 10:30 service

Please stay and enjoy a
Valentine Spaghetti Lunch.

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread

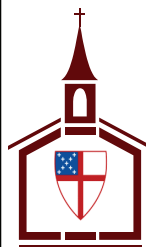
Donations will be accepted.

This is a small fundraiser and fellowship hosted by the Episcopal Church Women!

Vestry Voice

Your vestry has started the year off running. We held our Vestry retreat in January, thanks to the weather we had to split it into 2 different weekends. We spent time team building, discussing issues, needs and wants. We are now working towards solutions for all discussed items. We have a strong team. Please look for updates in each newsletter.

— Crissie Lewis, Sr. Warden



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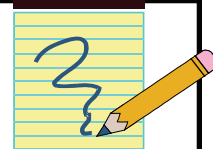
The Franciscans:

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) Paper Towels
- 2) Trash Bags — tall kitchen
- 3) Paper 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14

Thank you for your Continued Support!



Items of Note



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study of women in the Bible—OPEN TO EVERYONE: Wednesdays 5:30 PM and Saturdays 3—4 PM in February.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study continues Fridays, **February 3, 10, & 17** at 10:30 am.

FUNDRAISER

Our Fundraiser night at Texas Roadhouse is Wednesday, **February 8**.

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

The ECW are hosting a Valentine Spaghetti Luncheon on **Sunday, Feb 12** after the 10:30 service. Donations accepted for this small fundraiser.

LAY SERVER TRAINING

Rev. Marcia is holding a training session for Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Crucifers, Vergers, Eucharistic Ministers, Subdeacons, and Lay Worship Leaders on **Sunday, February 19 at 12:00 Noon**.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday, **February 28** at 6:00 PM.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Ash Wednesday service w/Imposition of Ashes is **March 1** at 7:00 PM.

Dear parishioners,

Thank you! I am most grateful for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. You have been such a caring parish not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

I wish you a happy and healthy new year.

With much appreciation,
Bill




Dear St. Francis Family,

Thank you so much for the generous gift at Christmas.

I also want to thank you for the many good thoughts and prayers during my husbands recent health scare.

He continues to improve and his follow-up visits have all been very good.


Your friend in Christ, Corinne

SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE		FEBRUARY 2017		
	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
SUBDEACON	Roger Brogneaux	Jodi Baker	Debbie Stedner	Lay Worship Leaders: 8:30 am—Don Skinner 10:30 am—Chris Cowan
LECTORS	Pat Biggers Zeb Jones	Gail Riddle Roger Riddle	Jill Brogneaux Diana Hammond	Liz Meador Dave Meador
CRUCIFER		Jodi Baker	Debbie	Chris Cowan
TORCH BEARERS	None	None	None	None
USHERS	Mitch Baker Stan Stedner	Mitch Baker Stan Stedner	Mitch Baker Stan Stedner	Mitch Baker Stan Stedner
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Betsy Powell	Jill Brogneaux	Jenny Kelly	N/A
ALTAR GUILD	Katherine Phinizy Norma Powell	Katherine Phinizy Norma Powell	Katherine Phinizy Norma Powell	Katherine Phinizy Norma Powell
FLOWER GUILD	Norma Powell	Norma Powell	Norma Powell	Norma Powell
TELLERS	Don Skinner Stan Stedner	Don Skinner Stan Stedner	Don Skinner Stan Stedner	Don Skinner Stan Stedner
SOCIAL HOUR	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador

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

happy
birthday

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Paul Miller 
- 7 Dave Boseman
- 12 Sandra Tucker Franks
- 14 Donna Stedner-Clayton
- 17 Sheila Prouse

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

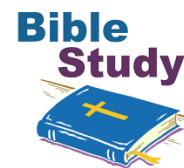


*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 28, 2017
6:00 PM*

*Social Team # 4
(Betsy Powell, Norma Powell,
Barrett Rae, Sharon Sarvey)*

**FEBRUARY
BIBLE STUDY**

by Pat Biggers & Rev. Marcia



**WEDNESDAYS 5:30 PM
&
3—4 PM SATURDAYS**

This study is open to anyone, and they will be using: Lindsay Hardin Freeman's

Bible Women:

All Their Words and Why They Matter

February/Febrero 2017

<i>Domingo</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<i>Lunes</i> <i>Monday</i>	<i>Martes</i> <i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Miércoles</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Jueves</i> <i>Thursday</i>	<i>Viernes</i> <i>Friday</i>	<i>Sábado</i> <i>Saturday</i>
CE = Christian Education for ALL ages HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service MP = Morning Prayer Santa Misa = Spanish Mass			1 <i>Office is Closed</i> 5:30 PM Bible Study 6:45 PM HE said	2 (<i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>) <i>Office is Closed</i> 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 <i>Office is Closed</i> 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	4 3—4 PM Bible Study
5 <i>5 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM Santa Misa	6 <i>Office is Closed</i>	7 <i>Office is Closed</i>	8 <i>Office is Closed</i> 4—10:00 PM St. Francis FUNDRAISER @ Texas Roadhouse TAKE FLYER! 5:30 PM Bible Study	9 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	11 3—4 PM Bible Study
12 <i>6 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE Valentine Spaghetti LUNCHEON Fundraiser 3:00 PM Santa Misa	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 <i>(Franciscans Deadline)</i> 5:30 PM Bible Study	16 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	18 3—4 PM Bible Study
19 <i>7 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 12:00 Noon Lay Server TRAINING ALL AREAS! 3:00 PM Santa Misa	20	21	22 5:30 PM Bible Study	23 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	24 (<i>St. Mathias the Apostle</i>)	25 3—4 PM Bible Study
26 <i>Last Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM MP 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM MP 3:00 PM Santa Misa	27	28 Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER 6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM HE w/Imposition of Ashes			

134th Annual Diocesan Convention in New Bern



St. Francis
LEGACY FUND

During our 50th Anniversary year, the vestry established the St. Francis 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.

Gifts have been invested by The Episcopal Church Foundation through State Street Bank and a percentage of the income and appreciation is to be used for outreach ministries, scholarships, Christian formation, and youth events as well as seed money for start-up ministries. *Our first small grant from the fund will be given this year by the vestry. As the fund grows through future gifts and appreciation, more ministry will be done with these gifts.*

At this tax season consider asking your advisor about how you might support the Legacy Fund through a present gift or in a bequest. **We suggest you look at *Your Last Best Gift* at www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org (under "RESOURCES" tab).** This notebook is designed for your use in keeping your important information current and accessible and for your survivors' use in carrying out your last wishes. Versions are available to print out or for use on your computer.

Look for monthly updates here in *The Franciscans*.

*For more information,
contact a Legacy Fund Committee member:
Charlotte Campbell (919) 735-9090,
Peggy Lewis (919) 734-8866,
Crissie Lewis (Sr. Warden—ex officio)*



2017 FLOWER GUILD SCHEDULE

January — David Powell

February — Norma Powell

March — Kristine Wright—using sticks for Lent

April — Kristine Wright, Barbara Pedersen,
Chris Claiborne, & David Powell

◆ April 7 — We will need help folding palm crosses
and setting up the Church for Palm Sunday —
(maybe 10 :00 am—but exact time will
be announced closer to date)

◆ April 10 — Need help taking down Palm Sunday

◆ April 15 — Set up for Easter!

(Open to anyone willing to help!)

May — Pat Biggers

June — Sheila Prouse

July — Charlotte Campbell & Jeannie Siler

(Or, we can use plants we are purchasing)

August — Sheila Prouse

September — Norma Powell

October — Pat Biggers

November — Charlotte Campbell & Jeannie Siler

December — Barbara Pedersen, Kristine Wright,
Chris Claiborne, & David Powell

(Look for date to be announced to
decorate Church for Christmas —
Open to anyone willing to help!)

***A Special Thanks to David Powell
for the outstanding job he did
while he was our Flower Guild Chair!***

As you may know, David has stepped down,
so, we welcome as the new co-chairs:
Kristine Wright & Barbara Pedersen.

If you are interested in helping out with
the Flower Guild this year,
contact Kristine or Barbara.

Kristine: 919-344-8289; riteplace25@yahoo.com

Barbara: 919-344-1506; bapedersen@yahoo.com

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
FINANCE / STEWARDSHIP	Stewardship Chair: To Be Determined Treasurer: Gerald Herring 919-396-3523
INVITATION / HOSPITALITY	Coffee Hour sign up: Roger Brogneaux 919-751-0897 Social Team scheduling: Kristine Wright 919-344-8289 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: Kristine Wright 919-344-8289 and Barbara Pedersen 919-344-1506 Server Scheduling: Crissie Lewis 919-734-8866 Usher Scheduling: Mitch Baker 919-920-1975

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Of Current Interest . . .



*Please pray for the success of the
134th Annual Diocesan Convention*

February 2—4, 2017.

*Delegates from St. Francis are
Jodi Baker and Crissie Lewis.*



Feb 1
◆ 5:30 PM Bible Study
◆ 6:45 PM Holy Eucharist

Feb 3, 10, 17 10:30
Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays
5:30 PM Bible Study

Saturdays
3:00 PM Bible Study

Feb 12 ECW Spaghetti
Lunch fundraiser

Feb 19
12 noon Server TRAINING

Feb 28 6:00 PM Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Francis Vestry:

2017

Eldica Cyrus
Stan Stedner (Jr. Warden)
Kristine Wright

2018

Chris Cowan
Crissie Lewis (Sr. Warden)

2019

Zeb Jones
Don Skinner (Clerk)

*Gerald Herring, Treasurer
Katherine Phinizy, Check Signer*



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