

The Franciscans

January 2022

A newsletter for friends and members of St. Francis Episcopal Church
Goldsboro, NC 27534



Senior Warden Report

We welcome Jill Brogneaux and Patti Donnelly to the vestry. Both Jill and Patti are experienced vestry members and will be a real asset to the St. Francis vestry. All Elmore and Shelly Mills will continue as treasurer and clerk of the vestry. Both do a fantastic job and are much appreciated by the vestry.

Thanks to Barbara Pedersen who is rotating off the vestry. Her insight and logical input have been a real asset and will be missed.

At the first vestry meeting in 2022 we will be selecting wardens for 2022. The vestry approved model policies as directed by the diocese. Maybe more on that later.

Just a reminder that anyone in the parish can attend the diocesan convention in February. You do not have to be a delegate to attend.

Our quest for a new rector continues. Hopefully we can meet with Canon Mollie Roberts in January and start negotiations for our new rector to be shared with another parish.

George Moye

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP





Our ECW is happy to report sales of \$899 for their Pampered Chef fundraiser. The ECW will get 15% of that which is almost \$135. They will use these funds to assist with their projects. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.



The Staff of St. Francis says a big “Thank You” for our Christmas Bonuses! We are blessed beyond measure. Your generosity was such a special gift to each of us! *Beverly, Bill & Lucy*

Thank you to everyone who has pledged support to St. Francis for 2022. We have the magnificent sum of \$84,100 in pledges so far, and this brings us hope and optimism for the coming years. It is never too late to send in a pledge, or to increase your pledge, but we are grateful for every bit that you are able to contribute to the life of the Franciscans.

*Roger Brogneaux,
Stewardship Chair*



Thank you to Charlotte Campbell for the donation of dishes and serving pieces for the St. Francis Kitchen. And thanks to Anne Campbell Robbins for the delivery. We are most grateful for this donation!





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00am Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist Social Hour</p>	<p>3 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>5 10-11am </p>	<p>6 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	7	
<p>9 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10:00am Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist Social Hour</p>	<p>10 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>11 ECW Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>12 10-11am </p>	<p>13 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	14	<p>15 </p>
<p>16 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Morning Prayer Social Hour Vestry meeting </p>	<p>17 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>18 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>19 10-11AM </p>	<p>20 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	21	22
<p>23 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas Holy Eucharist Social Hour ECW</p>	<p>24 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>25 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>26 10-11AM </p>	<p>27 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	28	29
<p>30 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Morning Prayer Social Hour</p>	<p>31 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>					

Lay Server Schedule January 2022	January 2 <i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY</i> Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist	January 9 <i>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i> Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist	January 16 <i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i> Morning Prayer	January 23 <i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i> Rev. Bill Thomas Holy Eucharist	January 30 <i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</i> Morning Prayer
	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
WORSHIP LEADER	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
SERMON READER	N/A	N/A	TBD	N/A	TBD
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Jill Brogneaux Debbie Stedner	Jill Brogneaux Debbie Stedner	Jill Brogneaux Debbie Stedner	Jill Brogneaux Debbie Stedner	Jill Brogneaux Debbie Stedner
SOCIAL HOUR	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly

January



2...Gerald Herring
5...David Powell
11...Karen Turner
18...Annette Jackson
20...Caroline Jones-Bounds
25...Pat Biggers

Vestry

2022

Liz Meador
(Junior Warden)
George Moye
(Senior Warden)

2023

Debbie Stedner
Dave Meador
Brandon Robbins

2024

Jill Brogneaux
Patti Donnelly

Al Elmore, Treasurer
Shelley Mills, Clerk

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



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Though his feast day was December 6, St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of children, schoolchildren, and sailors, occupies our minds in this month of celebration. Other sources say he is known as Nicholas the Wonderworker; they add that he is the patron saint of merchants, archers, repentant thieves, brewers, and pawnbrokers.

Not much is known about his life except that he may have been born in about 270 AD to a rich family in Asia Minor (perhaps Lycia). Even from the cradle, Nicholas showed signs that he was destined to be a saint. On fast days, he turned away from his mother's offered milk. Later, when he was an orphan, he gave away his inheritance to the poor. En route to the Holy Land, he saved the boat carrying him and others from capsizing during a storm at sea.

While he was a preacher, a heavenly voice named him the new Bishop of Myra (in Lycia), and in this role he may have participated in the first Council of Nicaea (325) which unified the Churches.

According to legend, he gained his reputation as a protector of schoolchildren and well-behaved young people when he brought back to life two model schoolboys whom an innkeeper had cut into pieces and pickled in a tub of brine, intending to sell them as pork during a famine. This story has been passed along in a French song, "La Légende de Saint Nicholas," which relates that a butcher chopped up and salted three boys.

In France, Saint Nicholas makes his rounds as Père Noël (Father Christmas), usually accompanied by Père Fouettard, a bogeyman who punishes disobedient children with a whip he carries.

After Nicholas' death, a group of merchants rescued his major bones from a sarcophagus in Myra and brought them to his major shrine, the Basilica di San Nicola in Bari, Italy.

Whether in feast or in famine, despite pickled children, we think of St. Nicholas with love and affection year-round.

FOCUS ON A SAINT



**Would you be interested in a Bible Study?
Please contact the church office to place
your name on the list.**

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**Clean-Up
Day
Thank you !**

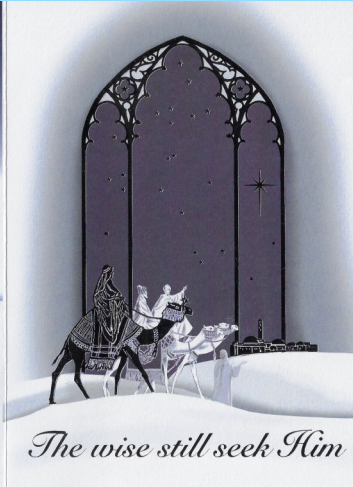


**Our
beautiful
Advent
Wreath.
Thank you
to all who
participat-
ed in the
lighting.**

From the Mailbox:



Anthony Smith *Rob Skiving* *Melissa Graves*
 We wish you God's blessings now and always!
 Diocese Staff | 2021 *Fred Clarkson*



Anthony Smith *Jim Padernik* *Loueyn King*
Mollie Roberts *Annora Annora*
 Snapfish

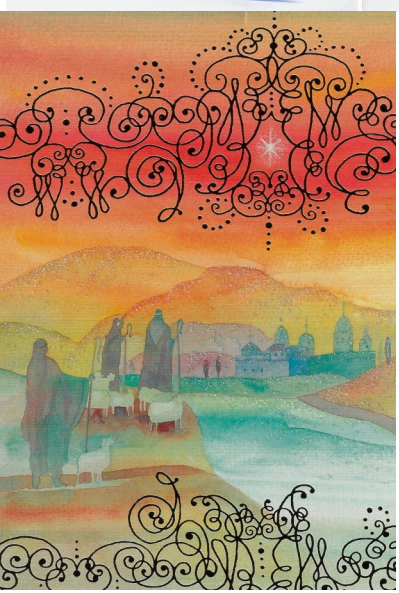
O Holy Night
 the stars are brightly shining;
 It is the night of our dear Savior's birth!
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
 Fall on your knees, O bear the angels' voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

*O night divine,
 O night, O night divine!*

*Silent night,
 a star above,
 a blessed gift of
 hope and love.*

*Have a blessed
 Christmas and a
 Blessed New Year!*

Mr - Mrs Jeff + Annette Jackson



*The star shone, the angels sang,
 the shepherds and wise men
 looked on in wonder.
 For on this holy night,
 the world had been changed forever...
 Peace had come.*

*God's peace and joy
 to you at Christmas*

Rev. Mary Reese

See Page 8 for more Advent Haikus info...

ADVENT HAIKUS

My heart stirred, unfolds, Bursts with splendiferous joy Preparing His way --Liz Pagano	Expectation of The coming of the Christ-Child The messenger comes. --unsigned
We show compassion Our hearts await the splendor Our souls stir with joy. --unsigned	Patiently we wait The baby Jesus' coming Joy everlasting --Brenda Chambers
Advent means waiting The coming of the Savior To our searching hearts. --Gerald Herring	Each Advent can stir Our hearts to share the splendor Of Christ's wondrous love. --Patti Donnelly
The messenger came To stir our hearts to action To love all the world. --Jill Brogneaux	Exult Creator Stir souls with divine justice My purpose fulfilled. --Brandon Robbins
In Advent our hearts Are filled with great compassion For Christ is in us. --Liz Meador	Love shared by parents Compassion to be given Fulfills His promise. --Nicole C. Robbins

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THE ADVENT EVENT

Seventeen of us gathered on Wednesday, December 15, for dinner, Advent meditations, creative writing, survey-taking, and bird feed-making. We were glad to welcome Nina Silverthorne's friend Liz Pagano who brought a delicious salad.

Thanks to all for the delectable food and participation, and special thanks to Al and Elaine Elmore for their set-up help and Elaine for leading the craft project. Thanks to Brandon Robbins for creating the survey and tabulating the results for the proposal we will send to Canon Mollie early January.

Several wrote an Advent Haiku, a three-line, seventeen-syllable poem that has five syllables in the first line, seven in the second line, and five in the third line. Poets could use their own words or any of the key words from the meditations.

(Haiku found on page 7)

