



The Franciscans

February 2022

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

NEWS ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR A PRIEST PROPOSAL

Thanks to all of you who responded to the survey about our needs for a new priest, we sent a Proposal to Canon Mollie Roberts on January 1, 2022.

The Proposal shared our preferences in these areas: times and kinds of worship services, office hours, counseling opportunities, collaboration with the two other Episcopal churches, home visits, and other needs.

Most of us preferred the nine or nine-thirty a.m. time for a **service** and for three Communion services and one Morning Prayer in a month with two Morning Prayer services in months with five Sundays.

We liked Wednesday or Thursday for **office hours** at ten o'clock a.m., but we were flexible about this aspect. We agreed that we would like counseling, home, and hospital visits as can be arranged.

Eighty-five percent agreed that the **relationship among the three Episcopal churches** needs to be encouraged and nurtured.

We committed **financial support** of \$35,000 to include salary, housing, payroll tax reimbursement, pension, life insurance, utilities, travel, and continuing education.

[Our partnered church does have a rectory, so these numbers must be negotiated].

Special thanks to Brandon Robbins for his expertise with creating the survey and tabulating the results.

Liz Meador



A Prayer for the Election of a Priest

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church, and so
guide the minds of those who shall
choose a priest 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.**



News from the 139th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina

The Executive Council of the Diocese and the Bishop have made the decision to postpone our Diocesan Convention from February 11-12 to June 3-4.

*The hope is that the Omicron variant of COVID 19 will have run its course and folks will feel more comfortable about meeting in person. The desire and need to meet in person are strong enough that this decision seems to be best for all. Delegate and clergy registrations already made will simply be applied to the new dates. However, **hotel reservations must be canceled and rebooked. As long as they are canceled by Feb 7 there will be no financial penalty.***




“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:10-11
(photos credit to Meador backyard)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Open 9am-3pm	2 10-11am 	3 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	4	5
6 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist	7 Office Open 9am-3pm	8 Office Open 9am-3pm	9 10-11am 	10 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	11	12
13 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist Vestry meeting 	14 Office Open 9am-3pm 	15 Office Open 9am-3pm Newsletter 	16 10-11AM 	17 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	18	19
20 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Morning Prayer ECW	21 Office Open 9am-3pm	22 Office Open 9am-3pm	23 10-11AM 	24 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	25	26
27 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 10:00am Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist	28 Office Open 9am-3pm					

Lay Server Schedule February 2022	February 6 <i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist</i>	February 13 <i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist</i>	February 20 <i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Morning Prayer</i>	February 27 <i>LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist</i>
	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
WORSHIP LEADER	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
SERMON READER	N/A	N/A	TBD	N/A
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador
ALTAR GUILD	Elaine Elmore Brenda Chambers	Elaine Elmore Brenda Chambers	Elaine Elmore Brenda Chambers	Elaine Elmore Brenda Chambers
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Liz Meador Brandon Robbins	Liz Meador Brandon Robbins	Liz Meador Brandon Robbins	Liz Meador Brandon Robbins
SOCIAL HOUR (PENDING)	Liz and Dave Meador	Liz and Dave Meador	Liz and Dave Meador	Liz and Dave Meador

February



1...Nicolle Robbins
12...Norma Powell
24...Patti Donnelly

happy birthday

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

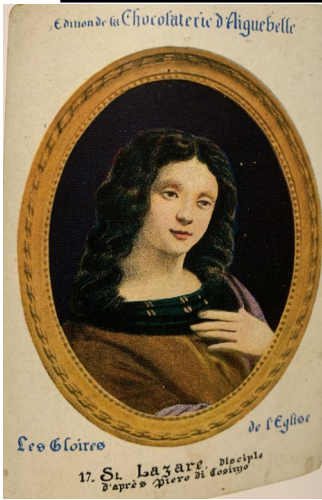
If your birthday has been omitted, please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.



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In these days of recurrence of illness, it seems fitting to find a saint of healing, and it's no surprise that *The Little Book of Saints* celebrates **Lazarus**, whose feast day is December 17, as the Patron Saint of the Poor and the Sick.

The Gospel of John (11: 1-44) introduces us to Lazarus, brother to the Mary that anointed Jesus with perfume and washed his feet with her hair.

Mary and her sister Martha appealed to Jesus to come to Bethany to resurrect Lazarus, a task Jesus undertook at significant risk.

Martha admonished Jesus when he arrived: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus responded, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." With the sisters, Jesus went to the tomb where

Lazarus had lain for four days. When the stone was removed, Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" The resurrected man arose, covered in his shroud, and joined his sisters and Jesus. This miracle is the last Jesus performs before his own passion, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Many people followed Jesus after this miracle, making him a target for those who felt threatened because of Jesus' power.

Lazarus evangelized the city Marseilles, becoming its first bishop. He was arrested and imprisoned for refusing to deny his faith. After officials tortured and beheaded him, his followers moved his relics to Autun, France, except for his head, which Marseilles kept. It is now stored in a chapel in the cathedral.

*Keeping a Gratitude Journal
is a wonderful thing to do
especially in these
ever-changing times.
And when you ponder
what to enter in
your journal,
think on this photo.
No matter the season,
the facility of St. Francis
is beautiful.
So today, Father God,
we give You thanks
for the beauty of
our church with
snow on the ground.
AMEN.*



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Absalom Jones is commemorated in The Episcopal Church on February 13. Jones was an African American abolitionist and clergyman and the first African American ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. Absalom Jones was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop in 1746 in Delaware. Jones moved to Philadelphia after his master sold his plantation along with Absalom's mother and six siblings. Jones bought his wife Mary's freedom and later his master granted Absalom's emancipation in 1784.

In 1787, with his friend Richard Allen, they founded the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for black people. Bishop William White ordained Jones a deacon in 1795 and a priest on September 21, 1802. Jones faithfully served the people at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, a church which remains a vibrant congregation. A corrected and updated biography of Absalom Jones is now available through the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church's web site: <https://hsec.us/news/9398482>