

HAPPY EASTER

The Franciscans

April 2022

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

Priest Search Update

On Friday, March 18, the candidate for the position of priest for St. Francis and Holy Innocents met with the St. Francis Vestry and the three members of the Parish Council, which is coordinating with a like council at Holy Innocents. The candidate had a tour of the property and buildings as well as a supper with the group.



The candidate met the next day with folks from Holy Innocents for a similar experience.

The Parish Councils, from both churches, will work on the details; more news will be forthcoming next month, but it looks as if by summer we may have a potential priest in hand.

*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 St. Francis,
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.*



ECW Mini-Report

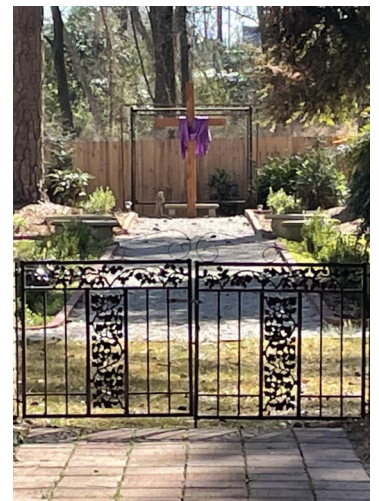
At its March 13 meeting, ECW members planned for the March 23 and 30 Lenten Suppers. We determined the menu, room set up, soup makers, and other parts of the evening. Please contact Judy Moyer, 919-738-2071, judydymoye100@gmail.com or Jill Brogneaux, 919-920-9973, jillbrogneaux@hotmail.com if you are able to help with these two events. We will need help with table set-up and take down each time to work around the Weight Watchers meetings.

Members voted to send the offerings from the Pancake Supper to the church.

Thank you to those who came to our "inside" work day, March 12. Al and Elaine, George and Judy, Patti, Jill, Barbara, and Liz helped: They dusted, polished, cleaned, and culled from all areas to make the place spruce for our Friday visitor and for Lent.

Dave Meador spent 3 days with the plumbers who repaired our problem with runaway water in the women's restroom. The plumbers unstopped a drain and replaced tank apparatus among other things.

Thanks to John Koegel for ordering better lighting devices for our exterior sign and flag. The current spotlights are inadequate. Thanks to Al Elmore for clearing away fallen pinecones. And thanks to Beverly for the gift of drapes in memory of Herb for the garden cross.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>3 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00am Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>4 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>6 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>6 10-11am  5:30pm THE WAY OF LOVE— St. Andrew's</p>	<p>7 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	<p>8 </p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00am Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour ECW </p>	<p>11 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>12 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>13 10-11am  5:30pm THE WAY OF LOVE— St. Andrew's</p>	<p>14  MAUNDY THURSDAY 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	<p>15 GOOD FRIDAY 5:30pm Stations of the Cross Newsletter  </p>	<p>16 9am-3pm Parish Hall/ Kitchen/Yard reserved for private rental.</p>
<p>17 EASTER DAY Flowering of the Cross Easter Breads Social 10:00am Holy Eucharist Canon Mollie Roberts </p>	<p>18 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>19 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>20 10-11am </p>	<p>21 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00am Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>25 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>26 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>27 10-11am </p>	<p>28 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm </p>	<p>29 </p>	<p>30</p>

Lay Server Schedule April 2022	April 3 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist	April 10 PALM SUNDAY Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist	April 17 EASTER DAY Canon Mollie Roberts Holy Eucharist	April 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist
	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
WORSHIP LEADER	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
SERMON READER	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Shelley Mills Jodi Baker
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Dave Meador TBD	Dave Meador TBD	Dave Meador TBD	Dave Meador TBD
SOCIAL HOUR	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly	Patti Donnelly

April

7...Ian Ladd

11...Dave Meador

15...Carroll Overton



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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FOCUS ON THE NAILS

Lenten Spikes, 2022

by Dave Meador



For 20 to 25 years John Barnett, William (Will) Walker and I devoted a week during the warm weather months to some high-class loafing: We floated a portion of Virginia’s James River between Lynchburg and Richmond. Some years the fishing was good, the campsites were beautiful, and the conversations were excellent; some years things were not perhaps so great, but they make wonderful memories all the same.

In every case John and Will, good photographers with good equipment, kept a pictorial record of the trip. The best I could do was to keep an on-the-spot, at-the-moment journal of events as the watery miles drifted by.

Once back home we three polished up our notes and exchanged copies, proof to our children and grandchildren that we were young men once. Now Will, who never married, is dead. John and I, now brothers-in-law, will soon be 79 years old.

For our August 1992 trip, the water was a little low and clear as gin. Just upstream of the old Six-Mile railroad bridge and a few miles downstream of Lynchburg, I was idly looking at rocks on the bottom when I saw a step-ladder-like pattern of something two or three feet down. Anchoring the canoe, I slipped into the river, feeling this “ladder,” first with my feet and then with my hands. The timbers were too big and heavy for me to move them, but several times I felt small, linear objects which I could recover. These objects proved to be metal spikes, bent and twisted, but a few were still reasonably straight—old trestle spikes, obviously hand-forged.

In May 1864, Union General David Hunter, on orders from General Grant, marched his men south from Cedar Creek near Winchester into the Shenandoah Valley, destroying anything of value to Confederate forces. River and railroad transportation facilities in Lynchburg were an obvious target. Hunter did a good (?) job; among many other things he burned this railroad trestle, which was never rebuilt on the same site.

According to the December 2017 National Geographic magazine, Roman crucifixions took many forms. Iron nails were rare and valued, so the Romans used ropes more often than nails. And the term “nail” evidently had a different meaning from that which we now ascribe to it. In a photograph from the magazine of a crucified man’s heel bone found in a family tomb, the “nail” closely resembles the trestle spikes which I pulled from the James River.

And so, with Lent upon us, perhaps it is appropriate that my James River trestle spikes hang on the church doors. They are a visible, tangible symbol of why we celebrate the season.



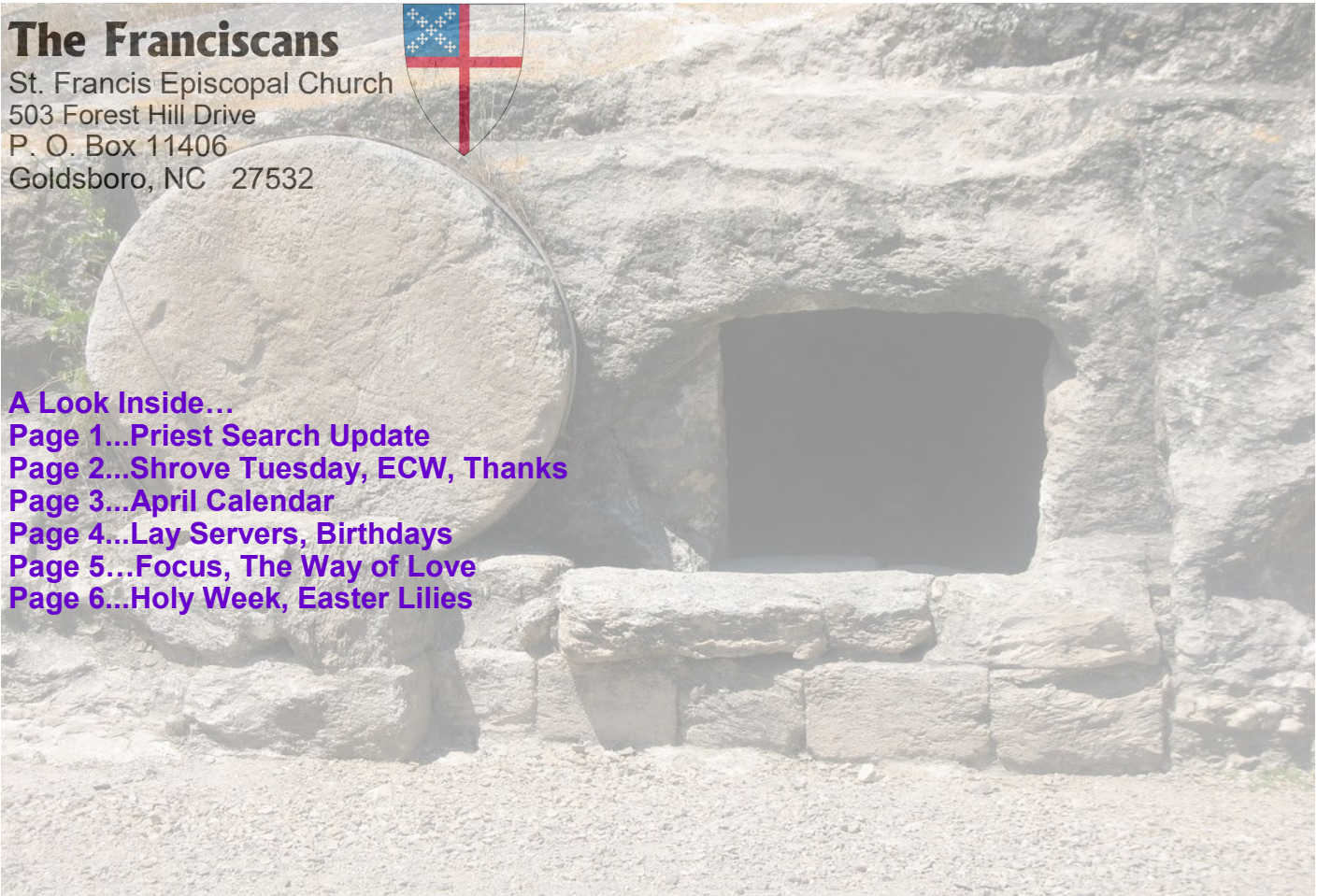
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Holy Week

- **Sunday, April 10, PALM SUNDAY, 10am Holy Eucharist**
- **Wednesday, April 13, The Way of Love in Lent, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5:30pm**
- **Thursday, April 14, Maundy Thursday –watch weekly emails for updates**
- **Friday, April 15, Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm**
- **Sunday, April 17, EASTER DAY, Flowering of the Cross, Easter Breads Social, 10am Holy Eucharist**

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily to adorn the church at Easter services, please complete this form and turn it in with payment to the church office. The cost of each lily is \$12.00; please make checks payable to "St. Francis."



Your Name: _____

In Memory of Deceased: _____

— OR —

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Total # ordered: _____

Total Paid: _____

Deadline to order is Palm Sunday, April 10th!