



The Franciscans

May 2021

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

In our church calendar, Eastertide is a time we focus on what resurrection means for Jesus, for the church, and for us as individuals. After having experienced horrific tragedy, loss, and pain, Jesus comes to greet his disciples, his beloved friends, and to bring them a word of hope, peace, and love. And, after having the opportunity to share time, space, and of course a meal together, Jesus leaves them with his greatest gift, that of his transforming Spirit. This Spirit gives them the courage, knowledge, and ability to go out into the world and share the good news, heal the sick, bring hope to the poor, and fully live into Jesus' message and way of love.

Today, as vaccinations are becoming more and more available and lockdown restrictions are beginning to dissipate, we find ourselves experiencing a bit of resurrection. After a year of so much loss and pain, the light is finally shining through the darkness, and it is slowly but surely feeling as though we can return to a life lived in up close and personal community. With all of these feelings and signs of resurrection in our life, our church, and our community, I wonder how we will respond, like the disciples, to this good news of life after death?

After Jesus rose from the dead and before he ascended into heaven, the Gospel accounts make clear that Jesus' message was one that spoke to the importance of ministry within community. As we return to our sanctuary and begin having more opportunities for up close and personal fellowship, I would encourage you to think about how the gift and message of resurrection are calling you to participate as the hands and feet of Jesus at St. Francis and in the World. There are so many ways for us to live into Jesus' call to love our neighbors and spread the good news within our own church community.

LOVE IN ACTION is now creating a new ministry team in which individuals are invited to support a couple of parishioners by calling and checking in on them on a monthly basis (you can contact Diana Hammond, Liz Meador, or Judy Moyer for more info). Our Sunday morning worship is always enhanced and made more robust with the addition of your participation, and there are so many ways to participate: leading Morning Prayer (contact Barrett Rae), or being a reader (contact Elaine Elmore), to setting the altar (contact Jill Brogneaux), or creating beautiful floral arrangements (contact David Powell). It is obvious that our congregation is responding to the resurrection and the call to a life of discipleship in so many ways, and there are always more ways and opportunities arising. If you are looking for a new way to be involved, please do not hesitate to contact me.

This Easter Season I hope you will join me in saying Alleluia, Christ is Risen, finding ways to celebrate this good news and living into it within our community

As always, your sister in Christ,

Rev. Kate





Thanks to the following
for their hard work on
Saturday, April 10:
George and Judy Moye
Mitch Baker
Roger and Jill Brogneaux
Liz and Dave Meador
Al and Elaine Elmore
Richard Valendoza
Eldica Cyrus

Special thanks to Jill for
doughnuts, to Richard
for chainsawing skills, to
Judy for blowing walk-
ways, to Dave for clean-
ing out the Columbari-
um, to Al for trimming,
to Liz and Dave for
lunch, and the rest of us
for millions of pine cone
pick-ups.

Liz Meador,
Junior Warden



Lectio Divina is a contemplative practice that means (literally) "divine reading." Through the practice of repetition (reading a passage more than once), silence (allowing the words of the passage to wash over you in the spaces between readings), and community (seeing how the reflections of your peers enrich your own understanding), Lectio Divina allows you to enter Scripture through the lens of prayer and communion with God. This is not a Bible study, but a form of communal prayer. Each time you gather, you will read one passage, three to four times, focusing each time on a different aspect of the reading (what you see, where you find yourselves in the passage, etc...). **Beginning Tuesday, May 4, at 4pm, Rev. Kate will offer a time for you to gather (in person, socially distanced) and take part in this ancient contemplative practice, beginning your journey together with the Gospel of Mark.** Your time together will be no more than an hour (typically 45 minutes).



May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 EASTER 5 10:00am Holy Eucharist	3 Office Open 9am-3pm	4 OFFICE CLOSED 4:00pm Lectio Divina	5 10:30am- 3:30pm Socially Distanced Pastoral Care	6 FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 	7	8
9 EASTER 6 10:00am Holy Eucharist 	10 Office Open 9am-3pm	11 Office Open 9am-3pm 4:00pm Lectio Divina	12 10:30am- 3:30pm Socially Distanced Pastoral Care	13 FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer <i>Ascension Day</i> 	14	15 
16 EASTER 7 10:00am Morning Prayer <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> St. Francis FUNDRAISER @ Texas Roadhouse </div>	17 Office Open 9am-3pm	18 Office Open 9am-3pm 4:00pm Lectio Divina	19 10:30am- 3:30pm Socially Distanced Pastoral Care	20 FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer	21	22
23 PENTECOST 10:00am Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism (Patrick & Thomas Byrd) 11:30am—Vestry 	24 Office Open 9am-3pm	25 Office Open 9am-3pm 4:00pm Lectio Divina	26 10:30am- 3:30pm Socially Distanced Pastoral Care	27 FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer	28	29
30 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer	31 OFFICE CLOSED 					

Lay Server Schedule May 2021	May 2 <i>Rev. Kate Byrd</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Mother's Day May 9 <i>Rev. Kate Byrd</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	May 16 <i>Morning Prayer</i>	PENTECOST May 23 <i>Rev. Kate Byrd</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Holy Baptism</i>	May 30 <i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
SUBDEACON	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
CRUCIFER	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALTAR GUILD	Patti Donnelly Barbara Pedersen	Patti Donnelly Barbara Pedersen	Patti Donnelly Barbara Pedersen	Patti Donnelly Barbara Pedersen	Patti Donnelly Barbara Pedersen
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	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	Liz Meador Brandon Robbins
SOCIAL HOUR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

MAY

- Jenny Kelly.....3
- Liz Meador.....7
- Kate Byrd.....8
- Barbara Pedersen..10
- Libbie Byrd.....11
- Kristine Wright.....16
- Susan Dodson.....22
- Diana Hammond...27

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



Vestry

- 2021**
Barbara Pedersen (Bookkeeper)
Kimberly Stedner
- 2022**
Liz Meador (Junior Warden)
George Moye (Senior Warden)
- 2023**
Debbie Stedner
Dave Meador
Brandon Robbins
Al Elmore, Treasurer
Shelley Mills, Clerk
- Priest-in-Charge**
The Rev. Kate Byrd



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FOCUS ON A FRANCISCAN

George and Judy Moyer have been married for almost 60 years (in June 2021) after dating in high school. They were married after their first year in college.

Both have deep Wayne County roots as George grew up in the Eastern Wayne community. He graduated from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) with a BS in biology. George retired from the financial services industry as First Vice-President of Wachovia Securities Investment Group (formerly Interstate- Johnson Lane) in January 2000. He served 22 years on the Wayne County Board of Education. An active volunteer, George has served on the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina and on the Board of World View (an organization that promotes international cultural understanding and travel for educators). He has made several mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti.



Judy & George Moyer

Upon retiring from the financial services industry, in 2002 he established a non-profit, Spring Bank Therapeutic Horseback Riding.

A member of St. Francis since 1970, George has served as Senior Warden (his position now), Junior Warden, and as Treasurer.

Judy, a native of Seven Springs, NC, graduated from Winthrop University. She worked in the business world at a bank and a hospital for 5 years. As an educator, she taught for 30-plus years at Eastern Wayne Middle and Greenwood Middle schools. She was chosen Teacher of the Year twice.

Upon retiring, Judy began volunteering at Wayne UNC in day surgery; she was chosen Volunteer of the Year for her dedication. She also works one day a week for her daughter-in-law, a veterinarian in Mount Olive.

Judy has served as President of the ECW, a Vestry member, an Altar Guild member, a Sunday School teacher, and CITF baking chair.

George and Judy are blessed with 2 sons, Steve and Phillip (formerly acolytes at St. Francis), both physicians in Wayne County. They have 5 grandchildren: Dr. Ginny Moyer (a dermatologist), Braxton (IT in construction), Thad (age 17), Seth (age 17), and Elise (age 14). They expect their first great-granddaughter in May.

Judy wrote, “St. Francis has been our church home for more than 50 years. We give thanks to God for this special place that is always there to comfort us.”

And we give thanks for these two special members who have given so much to the church in Judy’s countless phone calls and notes to church members, in George’s wise counsel and foresight, and in their devotion to their God as they live out their faith.



St. Francis Episcopal Church LEGACY FUND Goldsboro NC

Welcome to the “2021 Plan for the Future” St. Francis LEGACY FUND campaign.

The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to secure long-term funding which will ensure that St. Francis continues for generations to come.

Your 2021 Vestry appointed the following St. Francis parish members to serve on the Legacy Committee: Al Elmore, Roger Brogneaux, Stan Stedner in addition to the Rector and Sr Warden (Kate Byrd & George Moye).

We are asking each person reading this appeal to think on this question: “What Does St. Francis Mean to Me?” Then pray about your response and ask yourself is there anything I am willing to do to secure the future of St. Francis. Your participation may take one of many forms such as cash, stock/bonds, annuities, real estate, memorials, life insurance, or including St. Francis in your last Will and Testament.

Here is a good example of a specific memorial. St. Francis was anonymously remembered in a last Will and Testament with a cash bequest. The bequest provided funds to be used in refurbishing the St. Francis Garden and allowed for basic maintenance in many years to come.

Legacy Fund pamphlets are available in the church office or feel free to contact any member of the committee: Al Elmore, 919-584-0774; Roger Brogneaux , 919-920-5025; Stan Stedner, 919-920-0048.



Picnic in the Forest
Saturday, June 5, 2021
St. Francis Grounds
(watch emails for more details)

Be sure to pick up your copy of the updated Church Directory from the bulletin box in the Narthex over the next few weeks.



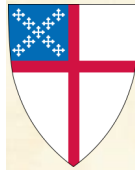
Coffee/Social Hour returning to the St. Francis Parish Hall June, 2021!
Sign up on the Tower to host!





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~ The Franciscans — May 2021 ~



**Our little
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by
Dave
Meador!**

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Beverly Anderson, Parish Administrator

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