



# The Franciscans

May 2022

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

*Let's all give a warm welcome to Deacon Whit Stroud as we begin our new chapter for St. Francis. God has blessed us with a new Priest-in-Charge and we are thankful. Below is some information and insight about Ethan "Whit" Stroud.*



My name is Ethan Stroud, but everyone calls me Whit as it is a family name. I am from Washington, North Carolina, a small town in Eastern NC sitting on both the Tar and Pamlico rivers, a short boat ride from the Pamlico Sound. I am a postulant of the Diocese of East Carolina for Holy Orders to the Priesthood and a 3rd-year student at Sewanee. Before my time in Sewanee, I graduated from East Carolina University with a bachelor's in history specializing in Tudor England and a bachelor's in Religious Studies focusing on New Testament studies. I am a cradle Episcopalian, always being a member at my sending parish of St. Peter's, which was a 3-minute walk across the street from my house. I could see it from my bedroom window every day. However, due to my mother and grandparents, I have also spent a lot of time in other denominations, primarily the Methodist and FWB church. I also volunteered in children and youth ministries at St. Peter's. When the director retired, I was hired and served as Director of Children and Youth ministries during my gap year while also working full-time pressure washing.

On a lighter note, things that I reckon would be my hobbies and interests: I am a major history buff on pretty much anything, but currently, I've been reading on the history of the Outer Banks of NC, specifically as a haven for pirates. Duck hunting and fishing also eat up a lot of my time. Horses have also been a major part of my life. In high school, I competed in Ranch Sortings; while in undergrad, I rode for the club team in Hunt-Seat as a point rider for most of my collegiate career. Horses helped me land a job for three summers as a riding instructor at a large Y camp on the coast, where I also worked at the fishing station.

I also want to thank y'all for allowing me to work and continue to learn and am excited to see what God has planned going forward.

Yours in Christ,

Whit Stroud





Dear ECW & Church family,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful and generous gifts. The Easter lily is lovely and the gift card is genuinely appreciated.

I look forward to getting back to church and seeing everyone.

Much love  
Blessings,  
Chris

113 West End Avenue  
Hopatcong, NJ 07843  
April 6, 2022

Ms. Beverly Anderson / Parish Administrator  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
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Goldsboro, N.C. 27532

Dear Beverly,

Dear Beverly,

Could not have gotten' funeral bulletins without your help this week!

Many many thanks to you & the generosity of St. Frances for allowing us to use your' copies.

Happy Easter!

Most sincerely,  
Vicky

Vicky is the  
Administrative  
Assistant  
at St. Stephen's  
here in Goldsboro.

With Palm Sunday approaching and Easter soon to follow, I am grateful to turn my thoughts and concerns from the strife and tragedy in today's world to the life my parents shared in their 63 years together. I am thankful to be able to send St. Francis a donation in honor of the marriage of my parents, *James and Frances Tyler*, on Easter Sunday/April 17, 1938. I am certain that Easter's altar flowers will be as festive and beautiful as ever.

Aside from the customary woes of old age, Jim and I have remained in good health and today received our second vaccine "booster shots". Our congregation has been adjusting to the various covid protocols and our choir has just returned to the service (with masks). We pray that St. Francis is being blessed amid the daily challenges that face us all.







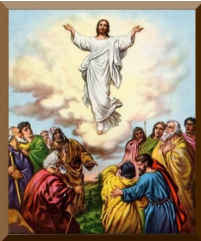

Please convey our love and best wishes to Bill Hayes, the choir, and other members of the congregation that we always consider our NC family. I pray that you stay safe and well.

Sincerely,  
*Victoria Wheeler*  
Victoria Wheeler



# May 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 10:00am Rev. Steve Teague Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour	<b>2</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>3</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>4</b> 10-11am 	<b>5</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 10:00am Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour ECW 	<b>9</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b> 10-11am 	<b>12</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	<b>13</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>14</b>
 Beverly out of town						
<b>15</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 10:00am Morning Prayer Coffee/Social Hour Vestry	<b>16</b> Office Open 9am-3pm Newsletter 	<b>17</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>18</b> 10-11am 	<b>19</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 10:00am Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour	<b>23</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>24</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>25</b> 10-11am 	<b>26</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm  ASCENSION 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 10:00am Morning Prayer Coffee/Social Hour	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>31</b> Office Open 9am-3pm				

Lay Server Schedule May 2022	May 1 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Rev. Steve Teague Holy Eucharist	May 8 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Rev. Gene Carpenter Holy Eucharist	May 15 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Morning Prayer	May 22 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist	May 29 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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	Patti Donnelly Brenda Chambers	Patti Donnelly Brenda Chambers	Patti Donnelly Brenda Chambers	Patti Donnelly Brenda Chambers	Patti Donnelly Brenda Chambers
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	Gerald Herring	Gerald Herring Liz Meador	Gerald Herring Liz Meador	Gerald Herring Liz Meador	Gerald Herring Liz Meador



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

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  
Paula Wills, 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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**Enjoy the many photos from this past month around St. Francis.  
Thank you to those of you who submitted them for all of us to enjoy!**



*Left: Liz's brother, Gil, visiting from Australia, helped clean up the Garden and the Columbarium.  
Below: St. Francis hosted two of the six gatherings of "The Way of Love in Lent" with The Episcopal Churches of Goldsboro. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to this combined time of worshipping, eating, fellowshiping, and learning.*





Sharing  
**STATIONS OF THE  
 CROSS** with The  
 Episcopal Churches  
 of Goldsboro at our  
 second hosting of  
**THE WAY OF  
 LOVE IN LENT.**





*Happy Easter*

**The Breads,  
The Hunt,  
The Flowered Cross!**



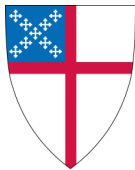




Easter Day  
Vigil

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*Congratulations to Ethan Gerald Whitfield  
Stroud who was ordained Saturday, April 23, to  
the Sacred Order of Deacon. Whit will begin  
serving as our Priest-in-Charge June 1, 2022.*