

The Franciscans

June/July 2020

A newsletter for friends and members of St. Francis Episcopal Church
Goldsboro, NC 27530



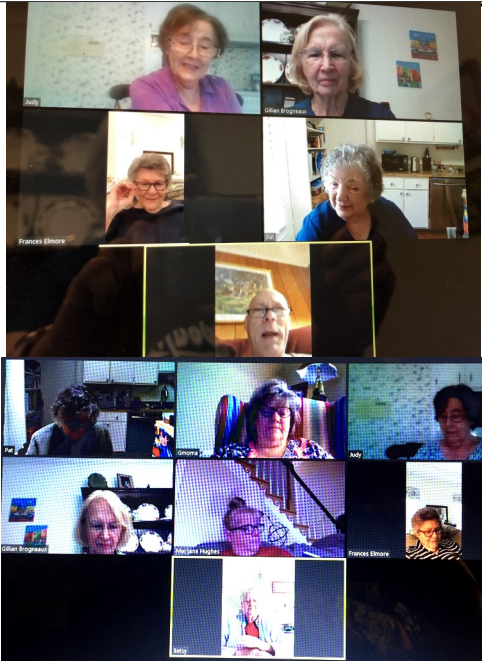
Do you remember that little Sunday School exercise: “Here is the church, and here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people. Close the doors and hear them pray. Open the doors, and they all go away.” I used to love doing that rhyme and the hand movements that corresponded when I was a child. Looking back on that exercise though, I wonder if maybe we had it all wrong. Teaching our children that the church is simply a building where people gather to pray on Sundays does not leave space for the ways in which worship, prayer, and church happen all beyond the doors of our sacred buildings. As we live into this new world, increasingly shaped and even more so restricted by COVID-19, I am reminded and encouraged that the church, the body of Christ, is not (and never has been) simply a building, but a people.

Effective May 17, 2020, the St. Francis Vestry voted to continue gathering as a worshipping body online for the next 30 days. When the vestry convenes again on June 22, we will continue the work of discerning how we will move forward as a parish. Working to live into the great commandment, “loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and loving our neighbors as ourselves,” we must keep the health and safety of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our decisions as we walk this journey together. In this interim it is my hope to begin a Creative Worship Team that will gather weekly (virtually of course) to assist in creating engaging and accessible worship opportunities for our entire Goldsboro Episcopal community. I know that Deacon Rebecca Bean is looking forward to embarking on this venture together as well.

Please know that I am available via email (kate@stfrancisgoldsboro.org), and phone (703) 582-2997, throughout the week during my “virtual” office hours, Monday through Thursday 9AM to 1 PM. Beginning Monday, June 1, on those same days, I will also be holding Noonday Prayer on our Facebook page beginning at noon, and I hope you will join me. While this certainly is not how I planned to return to our community and worshipping life together, I am still thankful that we are able to find new and creative ways to be the body of Christ, separated by space, but always connected by the Spirit.

Your sister in Christ,
The Rev. Kate Byrd





When Jill Brogneaux committed to lead a Friday Bible Study back in February for the Easter Season, she had no idea that would mean a “ZOOM Bible Study.” Most of us had probably never even heard of ZOOM at that point! The Matthew Bible Study which was to be held in the St. Francis Library beginning April 24 took on a new look! The readings/reflections/questions began Easter Sunday and continue for 50 days. I am sure I speak for all of us who have engaged at any time in this study when I say that we can’t wait for 10am every Friday morning. We try to find a quiet place in our homes and say a little prayer that we can “get in!” There have been challenges, blessings, laughs, times of silence and even a few pauses to listen to what is going on around us such as the “fly over” for all health care workers. Even though this study will come to a close sometime the first part of June, we will not forget what we have learned and how grateful we are for modern

technology. Thank you, Jill, for your determination to see this opportunity through even though it was not in the way you imagined!

(Please forgive as some participants are not pictured due to forgetful photographers!)

FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN, Stan: We had a wonderful work day May 9th. Removed lots of undergrowth between the church and the office. Installed a curtain in Kate’s office to give some privacy. Mowed areas of the yard that our lawn care person doesn’t mow. Special thanks to all that were at the church to help: Liz and Dave Meador, Mitch Baker, Don Skinner, Debbie and Stan Stedner.



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The Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving, Bishop of the
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Peggy Herring,
Gerald's Mom,
wants everyone to
know just how
very appreciative
she is for your
cards and good
wishes. She want-
ed Gerald to con-
vey her very best
to each and every-
one of you. — *Peggy*



LAY SERVER SCHEDULE — June 2020

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement AND notify the church.

	June 7 1 PENTECOST Deacon Rebecca Bean	June 14 2 PENTECOST Rev. Kate Byrd	June 21 3 PENTECOST Deacon Rebecca Bean	June 28 4 PENTECOST Rev. Kate Byrd
ZOOM TIME	10:00 AM-MP	10:00 AM-MP	10:00 AM-MP	TBD
SUBDEACON	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
CRUCIFER	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker	Mitch Baker
EUCHARISTIC VISITOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALTAR GUILD	Barrett Rae	Barrett Rae	Barrett Rae	Barrett Rae
FLOWER GUILD	Norma Powell	Norma Powell	Norma Powell	Norma Powell
TELLERS	Diana Hammond George Moye	Diana Hammond George Moye	Diana Hammond George Moye	Diana Hammond George Moye
SOCIAL HOUR	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

- 5...Jean Siler
- 9...Nina Silverthorne
- 10...Beverly Anderson
- 12...Bob Biggers
- 13...Barrett Rae
- 16...Jill Brogneaux
- 26...Eldica Cyrus
Tony Wynn
- 28...Izabelle Casey
- 30...Gail Riddle
Donna Register

June



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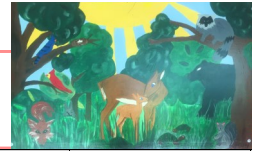
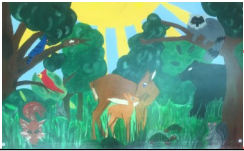
Have you ever thought that you could learn more about the Bible, our faith, and customs? Then consider joining the Education for Ministry group that currently meets on Monday evenings at St. Stephen's. This group is mentored by Deacon Rebecca Bean and will be registering in early July for the next school year, beginning in September. **Call Jill Brogneaux at 919-920-9973 for more information. She would love to have more people from St. Francis attend!**



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“Tentative”-June 2020

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You have read correctly! We are so excited to share with you beginning June 1, Rev. Kate will be offering Noonday Prayer every Monday-Thursday on Facebook Live! Go to the *St. Francis Episcopal Church, Goldsboro, NC* Facebook page to engage.

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 Cailee Ladd
 Lesly Espinoza
 Kimberly Espinoza
 18...Stan Stedner
 19...Mark Ladd
 23...Randy Wright
 24...Dr. Yeddu Raju
 Herb Anderson
 25...Crisie Lewis



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Vestry

2020

Elaine Elmore
 Diana Hammond
 (Senior Warden)
 Stan Stedner
 (Junior Warden)

2021

Barbara Pedersen
 (Bookkeeper)

2022

Liz Meador
 George Moye

*Al Elmore, Treasurer
 Shelley Mills, Clerk*

Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Kate Byrd



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Barrett grew up in Pine Level, NC, where she was raised in the Baptist church. She was very active in youth group and choir and attended church camps every summer. She remembers her first introduction to the Episcopal church when she attended a service with friends and felt a connection to the prayers and liturgy. This connection she explored further when she spent her senior year of high school at St Mary's School in Raleigh, NC. She attended weekly chapel services and participated in worship and service projects in the Raleigh area.

Moving to Goldsboro in 1998, she joined St Francis, making instant friends and joining the Rev. Frank Russ and other young adults to create the 20's and 30's social group, which has evolved over the years to "The Frantastix's"—which welcomes all age groups for fellowship and social time!

Ron grew up in the Christian and Mission Alliance denomination in Tonawanda, NY. After graduating from the Air Force Academy, he moved around the country, living in Goldsboro three separate times during his career as a pilot. He retired in 2011 and continues to work at Seymour Johnson AFB as a F15-E Pilot Instructor.

Barrett and Ron married in 2014, and they worship at St Francis and at Faith Alliance Church, being spiritually fed by both congregations and experiencing both Anglican tradition as well as praise and worship music, Bible study, and additional service projects in the area. Barrett is involved with the ECW and the Altar Guild. She also serves as a Worship Leader at St Francis. She spends most of her time at Eli's Friends, a local boarding, grooming, and day play facility for dogs that she and Ron opened in 2015. In their spare time, they enjoy spending time with their dogs Eli and Leia and hanging out with their families and friends. Barrett and Ron are grateful for their St. Francis family and the many blessings they have experienced from being a part of this special congregation.



Barrett & Ron Rae

AN UPDATE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN—What's Happening?

Hello St. Francis family!

Your vestry wishes to let all of you know how very wonderful you all are in this rather unusual time in human history. It is noted how we are helping each other, making calls, staying in touch, and encouraging each other. St. Francis continues to pay its valued employees and will continue to do so going forward. Even though you may not "see" the work being done, it is being done nonetheless, and your vestry and others have gotten creative to make sure we stay connected.

We thank you for your continued submission of pledges and "plate offerings" through the mail. Your support enables us to continue to serve.

One of the big questions on everyone's mind, if not the biggest question, is when will St. Francis resume services? To be perfectly transparent, I share that this issue has been a "moving target" literally almost daily.

Stan Stedner, Rev. Kate Byrd and I have been attending ZOOM meetings with Bishop Skirving each week and we "brainstorm" on how we can continue to serve our church families and stay within the Governor's Executive Orders which have changed considerably day to day recently (thus the "late" submission of this letter).

St. Francis' plan going forward (at this time) is this:

- Continue with ZOOM services with Deacon Rebecca Bean and Rev. Kate Byrd each week. The service is conducted with St. Stephen's, St. Andrew's, and St. Francis. It has been wonderful to continue to worship, to see the faces of friends and new friends, and to enjoy visits after the services. We will continue with ZOOM services through June 21, 2020, at which time we will re-assess. If you do not have a computer, access to Facebook, or Zoom, please let either Stan Stedner or myself know, and we will make sure you can attend the service by telephone.
- Rev. Kate Byrd has formed a committee to formulate worship plans going forward. We will be discussing outdoor services. Some ideas are staying in our vehicles and getting an FM feed or an outdoor service with social distancing in place which might include holding two services so we can keep the numbers to 25 (at least until this number changes) and perhaps other creative ideas. Because of the summer heat, the outdoor service idea will need more thought on how to distance people and provide the safest conditions for our most vulnerable congregants. Other factors to be considered will be the provision of seating which will require sanitizing chairs and other equipment both before and after the service or having people bring their own chairs, etc.

***If you would like to participate on this committee so that we can determine our plan to worship together going forward please contact Reverend Kate Byrd by E-mail kate@stfrancisgoldsboro.org. We will be so grateful for your ideas and contributions! (continued on page 8)*

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- Holy Eucharist is suspended for the time being due to the “touching” and preparing of the bread and wine and serving them. The Bishop has been very firm in stating that we will not use the small plastic cups or other such methods to serve either bread or wine. In addition, distancing during Eucharist would be difficult to say the least. We will continue to work on this with the Bishop going forward.
- When we do resume services “inside,” St. Francis will need to hire a company to completely sanitize the sanctuary, parish hall, kitchen, library, office, and nursery and continue to sanitize before and after each service. The use of facemasks, hand sanitizers, etc. will be determined. Other issues involved in both outdoor and indoor services will be the suspension of the use of the Hymnal and the Book of Common Prayer due to the exposure from so many handling these resources. A strategy will be developed to provide a typed bulletin to all who participate. At this time, no coffee hours will be held and no nursery services. Again, these items will be constantly re-evaluated by the clergy, wardens, and the Bishop going forward.
- All plans for re-opening for both outdoor and indoor services as well as the procedures both before and after services will be determined by Bishop Skirving. There will be no exceptions in this regard.
- Please consider participating with Reverend Kate and the committee to formulate our return to public worship strategies.

Finally, please be sure to keep up by reading the “Mini-Franciscan” which comes out every two weeks as the plans for return to public worship are subject to frequent changes. We thank Beverly so very much for her contributions to the “Mini-Franciscan,” the regular newsletter, and for keeping us all up on frequent changes and news.

I know we are all very eager to see and interact with each other at St. Francis as soon as possible. We face some weighty decisions as far as exercising our freedom to worship and to continue to love and care for one another. The Bishop and your vestry have both determined to proceed with caution as we love and value each one of you and do not wish to cause an illness even inadvertently in the time of this pandemic. We continue to pray for guidance and patience going forward and to pray for those who are sick, those who give care for the sick, and those who risk their health to enable us to live. As we “re-open” the state, we will constantly review opportunities to re-establish our public worship. We ask for your patience and understanding.

With love and prayers,
Diana Hammond, Senior Warden