

The Franciscans

June 2022

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



Church is Hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire way to the worship service.

Church is hard for the single mom next to couples holding hands and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after church.

Church is hard for the church leader with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous husband.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God will bring them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.



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Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

*It's hard because on the outside
it all looks shiny and perfect.
Sunday best in behavior and
dress.*

*Yet underneath those layers,
you find a body of imperfect
people, carnal souls, selfish mo-
tives.*

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

*Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted
and hearts are invited to seek restoration.*

*Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting
past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.*

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where Jesus resides.

by Jacob Waldron





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10-11am 	2 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	3 	4
139th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina Delegates: Liz Meador and Barbara Pedersen Deacon Whit						
5 DAY OF PENTECOST 8:00am Breakfast Social to welcome Whit 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	6 Whit in office	7 Whit in office	8 10-11am 	9 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	10	11
Beverly family vacation						
12 The First Sunday After Pentecost: Trinity Sunday 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour ECW	13 Office Open 9am-3pm Whit in office	14 Office Open 9am-3pm Whit in office	15 10-11am NEWSLETTER 	16 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	17	18
19 The Second Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour 	20 Office Open 9am-3pm Whit in office	21 Office Open 9am-3pm Whit in office 7pm Vestry 	22 10-11am 	23 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	24	25
26 The Third Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Canon Mollie Roberts Coffee/Social Hour	27 Office Open 9am-3pm Whit in office	28 Office Open 9am-3pm Whit in office	29 10-11am 	30 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 		

Lay Server Schedule June 2022	June 5 <i>THE DAY OF PENTECOST</i> Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	June 12 <i>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY</i> Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	June 19 <i>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	June 26 <i>THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Canon Mollie Roberts
	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Pedersen Jodi Baker	Barbara Pedersen Jodi Baker	Barbara Pedersen Jodi Baker	Barbara Pedersen Jodi Baker
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Patti Donnelly Debbie Stedner	Patti Donnelly Debbie Stedner	Patti Donnelly Debbie Stedner	Patti Donnelly Debbie Stedner
SOCIAL HOUR	Al and Elaine Elmore	Al and Elaine Elmore	Al and Elaine Elmore	Al and Elaine Elmore

JUNE

Jean Siler.....5
 Nina Silverthorne.....9
 Beverly Anderson...10
 Bob Biggers.....12
 Barrett Rae.....13
 Dino Valenzona.....13
 Jill Brogneaux.....16
 Rod Valenzona.....17
 Jimmy Valenzona....25
 Eldica Cyrus.....26

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



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*

Deacon-in-Charge
 The Rev. Whit Stroud



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 is the **15th of each month.**





Thanks to Elaine and Al Elmore, Jill and Roger Brogneaux, Liz and Dave Meador, John Koegel, and Eldica Cyrus for their work on May 28. Inside and outside look much better in preparation for Whit on June 5.

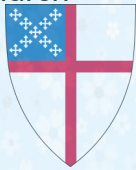
Liz Meador
Junior Warden

JOBS

1. ~~Walkway lamps~~
2. ~~Wash all doors~~
or Mr. Clean
3. ~~Weed Columbarium~~
4. ~~Weed walkways~~
5. ~~insect nests - eliminate~~
6. ~~trim hedges~~
7. ~~pine cones~~
8. ~~clean in ground slabs in Columbarium~~
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

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**St. Francis officially
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Whit Stroud. We
look forward to a long
and fruitful season in
ministry together.**

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