



The Franciscans

June/July 2023

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the month of June, summer has officially begun. With it comes all the many traditions such as profusely sweating, the ever-constant presence of humidity, beach trips, days enjoying the warm sun, and a wide variety of other things. One of the trends we see with summer is a drastic drop in attendance at Holy Eucharist and a drop in participation in all things the Parish does. While this, to a degree, is certainly understandable, and time away and enjoying the summer season is appropriate, we at the same time need to remember that the Parish does not take a break, nor do the tasks we have as disciples of Jesus end. The work of the Great Commission to baptize and make disciples of the whole world knows no summer break.

Many parishes take the summer off from the programming and major parish events. While from a secular standpoint, that makes sense, I am hoping as a Parish, we will seek to change this trend. Let me explain my thinking; we have 52 weeks in a year, with collaborative programming occurring during Lent and Advent that takes up to 10 weeks. Christmas and Easter, in their grandeur, tend to pause programming for the weeks around it, so there go another 4 weeks. So barring any other events arising or time off, we are already operating with only 38 weeks of programming. Now if you take a traditional summer off, that number drops to 26-28 weeks for Parish specific programming. That is only half of the year for us to have Bible studies, book studies, and congregational learning of the theology and traditions of the Church. Just look at my past year here; we have intentionally focused on teaching and opportunities to grow deeper in our faith. With that intentionality, it takes time to cover subjects; thus, we have to be intentional with devoting our time and presence to taking advantage of these opportunities.

Nothing is guaranteed in this life except for taxes and death; it is easy to fall into the trap of saying, "I'm in a busy season of life, I'll join the next book study." We are already a year into my time here. The time for us to come together as a Parish and put being a community of faith that is intentional about growing in our faith to better prepare ourselves to be a disciple is now, not tomorrow, not next week. And it's not on "those other people." The time is now, and it is up to every one of us. I am just like the rest of you: I love taking trips, going fishing and having summer adventures. Yet, I pray as you make your plans for the summer, you will be just as intentional in planning time to grow in your faith and relationship with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ as you will with your time at the beach or whatever summer activities call to you.

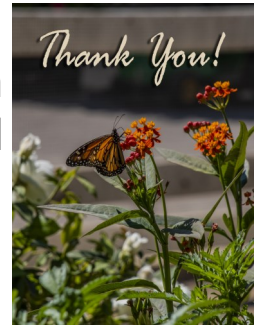
Yours in Christ even during the summer,
Fr. Whit Stroud



REPORT FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Thanks to George Moye and crew for their cutting of weeds in the lower garden. George and the junior warden also worked on magnolia sprout growth this month.

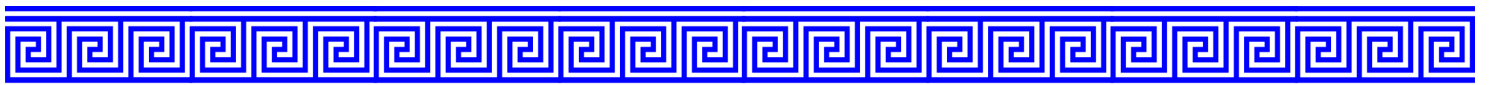
Dave Meador, Junior Warden



REVIVAL OF THE COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE

Because of some concerns about the policies and procedures regarding the Columbarium, Liz wants to revive the committee. Please text or call her at 919-223-4014 or 919-735-2316 about participation and the best meeting time

for your schedule. Of special concern is knowledge about the opening and closing of the niches that needs to be disseminated among more people. This responsibility is a ministry and blessing to families.



Sunday, June 11, Church Periodical Club Sunday.

This group supplies scholarships and books to seminarians. Our very own Father Whit was a recipient of CPC funds. Please plan to make a donation to support this ministry.



The
**Church
 Periodical
 Club**



June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 4pm Choir 6-7pm 7pm ZOOM Book Study	2	3 9am Garden Clean-up
4 Trinity Sunday 9am Morning Prayer Coffee/Social Hour 	5 Office Open 9am-3pm	6 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation	7 10-11am 	8 4pm Choir 6-7pm 7pm ZOOM Book Study	9	10
11 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour	12 Office Open 9am-3pm	13 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation	14 10-11am 	15 4pm Choir 6-7pm 7pm ZOOM Book Study 	16	17
18 3rd Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour ECW 	19 OFFICE CLOSED 	20 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation 7pm Vestry 	21 10-11am 	22 4pm Choir 6-7pm 7pm ZOOM Book Study	23	24
25 4th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour	26 Office Open 9am-3pm	27 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm 	28 10-11am 	29 4pm Choir 6-7pm 7pm LAST ZOOM Book Study	30	

Lay Server Schedule June 2023	June 4 TRINITY SUNDAY <i>Morning Prayer</i>	June 11 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud</i>	June 18 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud</i>	June 25 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Holy Eucharist Father Whit Stroud</i>
	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
CRUCIFER	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
ALTAR GUILD	Jodi Baker Barbara Pedersen	Jodi Baker Barbara Pedersen	Jodi Baker Barbara Pedersen	Jodi Baker Barbara Pedersen
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Jill Brogneaux	Eldica Cyrus	Liz Meador	Jane Anthony
TELLERS	Jill Brogneaux Patti Donnelly	Jill Brogneaux Patti Donnelly	Jill Brogneaux Patti Donnelly	Jill Brogneaux Patti Donnelly
SOCIAL HOUR	Liz and Dave Meador	Liz and Dave Meador	Liz and Dave Meador	Liz and Dave Meador



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



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(Jr. Warden)
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**Hosts are needed for Social/Coffee Hour!
 Please sign up on the tower . Thank YOU!**



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						<p>1 9am Garden Clean-up</p>
<p>2 5th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>3 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>4 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5 10-11am</p>	<p>6 4pm Choir 6-7pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
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<p>30 9th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour 5pm St. Francis Host</p>	<p>31 Office Open 9am-3pm</p>					

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JULY

- 17...Jodi Baker
- 17...Cailee Ladd
- 18...Stan Stedner
- 19...Mark Ladd
- 21...Whit Stroud
- 23...Randy Wright
- 25...Crissie Lewis



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On May 12, St. Francis ECW members Jill Brogneaux, Eldica Cyrus, and Elaine Elmore joined Liz Meador, chair of Trinity District, and Barbara Pedersen, newly elected District Treasurer, for the meeting, church service, lunch and speaker of the District ECW which St. Paul's, Beaufort, hosted.

Liz and Barbara, as Board members, arrived the day before to help plan the agenda for the next day. All present were somber because of the sudden death of District President Lucia Peel; the Board will honor her memory in some manner to be decided later.

Ginger Jacocks led the meeting through its election of new officers, the budget, reports from the District chairs, ECW projects like UTO and CPC, and other business. Ginger reminded us that we can send four delegates to the Triennial 2024 meeting in Louisville, KY. She said the August Gathering will be held at Trinity Center on August 15-16. When the board meeting ended, we had a lovely dinner in the home of St. Paul's member Tricia Philips.

St. Paul's hosted beautifully with goody bags for board members and breakfast the next day. ECW members brought foodstuffs in support of St. Paul's project, Martha's Cupboard.

About 30-35 members enjoyed the guest speaker, Jan Hemby of St. Timothy's in Wilson, who writes inspirational books and novels with Christian themes. Her books were for sale.

Thanks to St. Francis members for their support of the District through their donations to Martha's Cupboard and their presence at the meeting.

Liz Meador, ECW President



**ECW
Members
Attend
District
Meeting**

Take a step toward staying

Healthy & Active

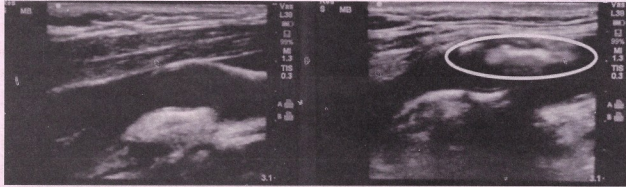


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Plaque Buildup



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Where: Goldsboro - Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church
When: Friday, June 9, 2023

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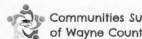
Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at 10:00AM
 Wayne County Public Library
 G.W. Auditorium



Join us for an actionable conversation.

In the wake of the Covid19 pandemic, the state of early literacy is a pressing concern that will have long lasting impact on children, students, families, our community, and the economy. Join local experts for an overview of the state of Wayne County and opportunities to align with the READ Wayne coalition for local impact on this critical issue.

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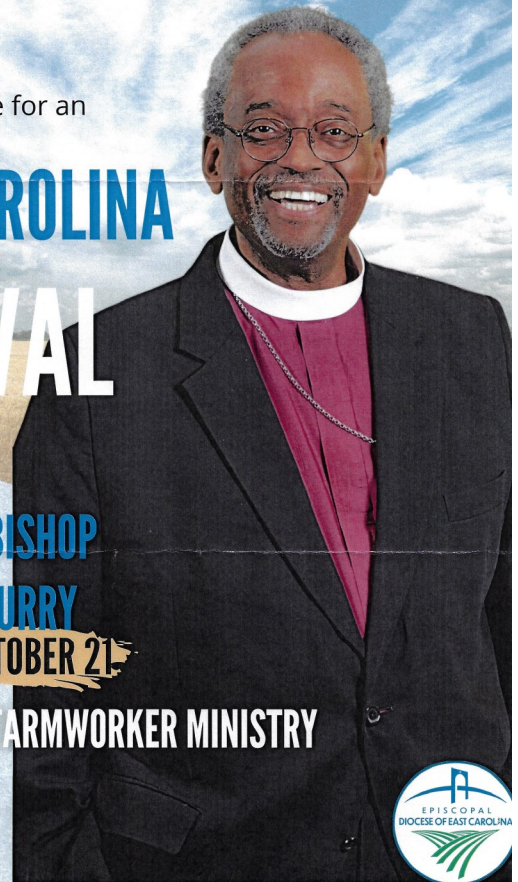


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Save the Date for an EAST CAROLINA REVIVAL

With
**PRESIDING BISHOP
 MICHAEL CURRY**
SATURDAY- OCTOBER 21

AT EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY





**It's
Our
Turn**



The battle is on! Join us every 5th Sunday evening at 5pm for some fun!
St. Francis vs. Holy Innocents

Trivia
Night

April 30th—host: Holy Innocents
July 30th—host: St. Francis

October 29th—host: Holy Innocents
December 31st—host: St. Francis

**St. Francis
will host
the July
30th Trivia
night! Plan
to join in
the fun!**

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**Pot
Luck**

Join us every
month on the 4th
Tuesday at 6pm
for a church-wide
potluck! Bring
your favorite dishes to share dinner
with the St. Francis Family and enjoy
some sweet fellowship!



Whit Stroud
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