The Franciscans

July 2022

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



I would like first to thank everyone for such a wonderful first Sunday with y'all! The food we shared was excellent, and worship was beautiful and soul-filling. As I spoke of in my first sermon, Pentecost was such a fitting day for us to begin our ministry together. It is, for me, the first step into ordained ministry. For y'all, it continues decades of faithful and dutiful service to God and the community.

Together I am sure we will find ways to bring back beloved traditions taken from us because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, I believe equally exciting is seeing how we may listen to God and feel how the Holy Spirit moves us to begin new facets of service. As we enter this new space, there will be much that I do not know about my role as a deacon-in-charge and how y'all are accustomed to things being done. On the other hand, there will be new ideas or understandings that either I bring forward or that the time of our post-pandemic world will present us. Both the past and the changes necessary for the future are equally important. I firmly believe that traditions are not only important because they bring about the familiar, which comforts and sustains us. They also connect us with those who have gone on before us; they are a physical manifestation of our understanding that this world is not all we are promised. In keeping with traditions, we affirm that we one day will be able to celebrate them with those who have gone on before us. However, Scripture also affirms traditions and the necessity to change to further the mission of the Church. As our world is constantly evolving, we are not called to fall into the world's ways to conform to its fallen nature. No, we are called to discern what changes are needed so the Church can continue serving Christ in all people. The Church is called to change so it can meet the needs of the present and be a better fit to continue the teachings that have been passed down to us from the Apostles. We do not change to conform to the world; we change so we may better challenge the world to conform to Christ.

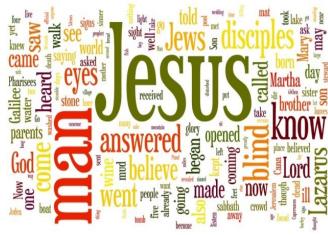
No matter what direction we go, no matter the subject, there is one constant. That constant is that we are called to extend bounteous amounts of grace. Christ grants all of us grace unbounded and without conditions. Of course, there will be times when we will have some friction in the coming months. But this will be a time when we can live into our calling as Christians and extend grace to one another even when we may not particularly want to. However, I feel

that the good will always outweigh the bad. No matter what is to come, however, we shall serve the Risen Christ faithfully with joy in our hearts; I have no question.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Deacon Whit Stroud



Christian Formation Classes with
Deacon Whit will begin
the week of July 10 at 6pm.
Please email
parish@stfrancisgoldsboro.org
with your choice of day (Sunday,
Monday or Tuesday) no later than
Sunday, July 3.





Altar Guild meeting,

Saturday, 9th July, 10:00am for all past, present and future Altar Guild people to look at our supplies, banners, procedures, etc. and refresh our memories. Please join Patti Donnelly and Jackie Gurley.

The people of St. Mary's, Kinston, invite you to share a night filled with baseball, food, and fellowship on Thursday, July 14th!!! Gates open at 6pm for the Down East Wood Ducks game. The game starts at 7pm. The cost of the event is \$23 adults, \$20 for children ages 5-12, and no cost for children under 5 - this includes a meal and drink from the ballpark menu (vegetarian meal available - please note in the memo section of registration). You can register by calling Lori at the St. Mary's church office: 252-523-6146.



Bishop Skirving will be throwing out the first pitch.



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | |
| The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour | 4 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY | 5 Office Open 9am-3pm | 6 10-11am Weight Watchers | 7 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm Weight Watchers | 8 | 9 10am Altar Guild Meeting of past, present & future members | |
| 10 The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour ECW | 11 Office Open 9am-3pm | 12 Office Open 9am-3pm | 13 10-11am Weight Watchers | 14 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm Weight | 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 | |
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| 24 The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Gene Carpenter Coffee/Social Hour | 25 Office Open 9am-3pm | 26 Office Open 9am-3pm | 27 10-11am Weight Watchers | 28 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm Weight Watchers | 29 | 30 | |
| 31 The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour | | | | Classes with I week o Sunday, | Thristian Format Deacon Whit win of July 10 at 6pm Monday or Tue be determined J | ll begin the n on esday. | |

| Lay Server Schedule July 2022 | July 3 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud | July 10 THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud | July 17 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud | July 24 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Rev. Gene Carpenter | July 31 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| | 9:00 am | 9:00 am | 9:00 am | 9:00 am | 9:00 am |
| LECTORS | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| USHERS | John Koegel | John Koegel | John Koegel | John Koegel | John Koegel |
| | Dave Meador | Dave Meador | Dave Meador | Dave Meador | Dave Meador |
| ALTAR GUILD | Barrett Rae | Barrett Rae | Barrett Rae | Barrett Rae | Barrett Rae |
| | Elaine Elmore | Elaine Elmore | Elaine Elmore | Elaine Elmore | Elaine Elmore |
| FLOWER | David Powell | David Powell | David Powell | David Powell | David Powell |
| TELLERS | Liz Meador | Liz Meador | Liz Meador | Liz Meador | Liz Meador |
| | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| SOCIAL HOUR | Roger and Jill | Roger and Jill | Roger and Jill | Roger and Jill | Roger and Jill |
| | Brogneaux | Brogneaux | Brogneaux | Brogneaux | Brogneaux |



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



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)

<u>2023</u>

Debbie Stedner
Dave Meador
Brandon Robbins
2024

Jill Brogneaux Patti Donnelly

Al Elmore, Treasurer Paula Wills, Clerk

<u>Deacon-in-Charge</u> The Rev. Whit Stroud



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The Three
Episcopal Churches
of Goldsboro are
sponsoring
"Rooted in Christ"
Vacation Bible
School,
August 1-5,
9 a.m. to noon
at St. Stephen's.



ROOTED IN CHRIST VBS

Liz has Participant and Volunteer Registration forms.

Please call her if you know of participants and if you can help with snacks, arts and crafts, music, games, reading

Bible stories, and outreach.

Call 919-223-4014 or 919-735-2316.



Deacon Whit enjoyed reading all of your welcome cards. Thank you for participating!

Look who Liz bumped into on her recent trip to the PA Flower Show!

The Merritt family were so important to our life at St. Francis. Sarah led us through the creation of the stone plaques for Stations of the Cross, and she was pleased to know that we still use them!



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| Trivity Center Sign-Up |
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| What: Parish Retreat |
| When: November $4-6,2022$ |
| COST: 170 double sincludes dinner Friday, per 210 single breakfast on Sunday |
| We have reserved 8 rooms! |
| Deason 1. Whit Stroud |
| 2. George & Judy Maye |
| 3. Riger (Till Brynnaux H. Due & Liz Meador 5. Dane & Pati? |
| 6. Gerald 77. Slaica & Carnelia 8. Buhang & Wike |
| Fellowship / Morrow |

If you did not sign up for the **Trinity Center** Parish Retreat, but are interested, please contact Liz Meador at 919-223-4014 immediately! Thank you!

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