

# 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







# July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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<b>3</b> The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED  	<b>5</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>6</b> 10-11am 	<b>7</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm  	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am  Meeting of past, present & future members	
<b>10</b> The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour ECW	<b>11</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>12</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>13</b> 10-11am 	<b>14</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm  	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour	<b>18</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>19</b> Office Open 9am-3pm   7pm Vestry	<b>20</b> 10-11am 	<b>21</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm  	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Gene Carpenter Coffee/Social Hour	<b>25</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>26</b> Office Open 9am-3pm	<b>27</b> 10-11am 	<b>28</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm  	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b> The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour							<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Christian Formation Classes with Deacon Whit will begin the week of July 10 at 6pm on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. Day will be determined July 5.</i></p>

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 Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador
ALTAR GUILD	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore	Barrett Rae Elaine Elmore
FLOWER	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Liz Meador TBD	Liz Meador TBD	Liz Meador TBD	Liz Meador TBD	Liz Meador TBD
SOCIAL HOUR	Roger and Jill Brogneaux	Roger and Jill Brogneaux	Roger and Jill Brogneaux	Roger and Jill Brogneaux	Roger and Jill Brogneaux

# July

# Vestry

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



**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

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



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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!



