



# The Franciscans

September 2022

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

One of the things I love the most about our Episcopal tradition is that we all get to engage in our worship of the Lord. We as a community all join together and take part in our liturgy. In the more charismatic traditions, worship tends to be led by either a singular person or a small group. In other liturgical traditions, the liturgy can tend to focus on the officiant as a sort of intercessor for the people to God. While these are fine and work for some people, I have always liked being more involved in the Liturgy.

We come together as a congregation that prays certain prayers affirming our beliefs or recalling the presence of Christ among us. We join our voices to sing songs of praise or recite canticles and Psalms as devotion to God. It is a communal effort that takes all of us to make worship so powerful.

Another aspect that I find so powerful of our tradition is the number of lay people involved. I think something we continually take for granted is the level lay people are able to be involved in our tradition. Lay people can read and proclaim the word of God as an intricate part of our worship. Lay people can assist at the altar; they can help prepare the table of God as we celebrate Christ being present among us in the Eucharist. Lay people assist in serving the Blessed elements of the Body or Blood of our Savior. These are just a few examples of the powerful ways lay people are empowered to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

I hope we all will pray and ask God to show us new ways we can serve the people in our community and in our Church. I invite everyone to discern whether you are called to serve in a new way in Church. I understand that being involved in the liturgy can be intimidating, but I promise you will find it easier than you expect and more fulfilling than you can possibly imagine. So please feel free to talk with me, and I guarantee we can find a way for you to meaningfully become more engaged in our worship of our Lord God.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Deacon Whit Stroud



The St. Francis ECW has had a busy summer: We helped with these projects:

- collaborative Vacation Bible School (snack and daily general assistance)
- collaborative lunch for Dillard Faculty and Staff
- collection of office supplies for Trinity Center of-  
fice staff
- receptions following funeral and memorial ser-  
vices
- Bloodmobile support for registration and canteen
- attendance at the Diocesan ECW Gathering at Trinity Center

work hard.  
 ↳ have fun.  
 ↓  
 make a difference.

Thanks to the fabulous ladies who participated in these events!

We still need recipes for our fundraiser cookbook project! Please submit your recipes to Barbara Pedersen at [bapedersen@yahoo.com](mailto:bapedersen@yahoo.com) and in the subject line, write COOKBOOK.

Liz Meador, President



Thanks to our Junior Warden, Liz Meador, who works so hard to make sure our grounds are inviting to guests! Liz worked on the ditch herself and then called for help!



Our Vestry approved to have Crumpler's Lawncare and Landscaping finish the job! We are grateful to Liz for her hard work and all those who make sure our grounds and facility are welcoming!





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	2	3
4 The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour	5 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	6 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation	7 10-11am 	8 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	9	10
11 The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour	12 Whit in office— Beverly out of office.  6pm Parish Council @ Diocesan House	13 Office Open 9am-3pm  6pm St. Francis POTLUCK! 	14 10-11am 	15  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	16	17
18 The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Cross Sunday 9:00am Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud Coffee/Social Hour ECW  	19 Office Open 9am-3pm	20 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation 7pm Vestry  	21 10-11am 	22 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	23	24
25 The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  9:00am Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Gene Carpenter Coffee/Social Hour	26 Office Open 9am-3pm	27 Office Open 9am-3pm 6pm Christian Formation	28 10-11am 	29 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	30 	

Lay Server Schedule September 2022	September 4 <i>THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	September 11 <i>THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	September 18 <i>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> <i>HOLY CROSS SUNDAY</i> Morning Prayer Deacon Whit Stroud	September 25 <i>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Holy Eucharist Deacon Whit Stroud Rev. Gene Carpenter
	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
CRUCIFER	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHERS	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador	John Koegel Dave Meador
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley	Judy Moye Jackie Gurley
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Debbie Stedner Dave Meador	Debbie Stedner Dave Meador	Debbie Stedner Dave Meador	Debbie Stedner Dave Meador
SOCIAL HOUR	George and Judy Moye	George and Judy Moye	George and Judy Moye	George and Judy Moye

**Hosts are needed for Social/Coffee Hour!  
Please sign up on the tower . We need hosts for  
October, and December . Thank you!**



# September



- 1...Don Skinner
- 2...Brandon Robbins
- 6...Tom Phinizy
- 15...Bill Hayes
- 28...Karen Shoemake


- 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

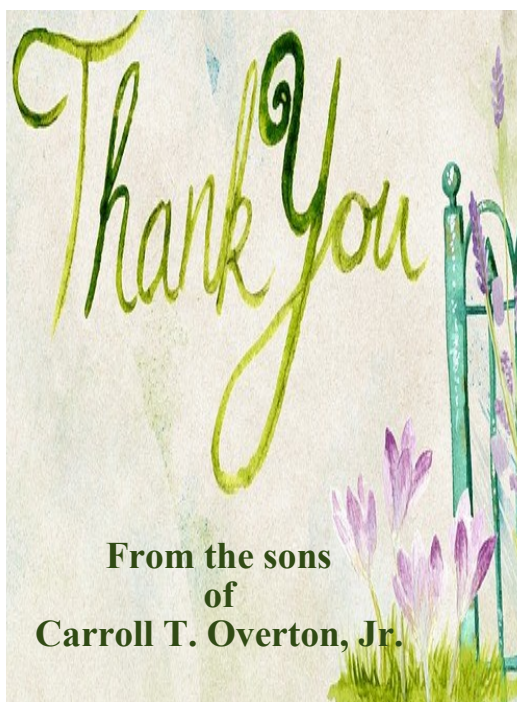
*If your birthday has been omitted, please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.*



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*We are honored to have the prayers and support of Saint Francis Episcopal Church during this time!*

*It was an amazing service.*

*Sincerely,*

*J.*

*It was a lovely memorial, and we are very grateful to Rev. Whit and the Episcopal Church Women and others who helped.*

*Best Regards,*

*Shep*



**Monday, September 5, LABOR DAY—**  
Church office closed.

**Monday, September 12, 6pm, Parish Council meets at the Diocesan House.**

**Tuesday, September 13, 6pm, Church-wide Potluck at St. Francis; sign up on the Parish Hall Tower to bring a side or dessert.**

**Saturday, October 8, BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.**

**Thursday, October 13, Deacon Whit has new clergy orientation at the Diocesan House.**

**Monday-Wednesday, October 24-26, Deacon Whit away at Clergy Conference.**

**Saturday, October 29, 9:30am, St. Francis serves at the Community Soup Kitchen.**

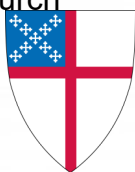
St. Francis Parish Council represents us with Holy Innocents' Parish Council to the Diocese in our partnership which began this year. Our Parish Council members are Jill Brogneaux, Barbara Pedersen, and Stan Stedner. They will be meeting Monday, September 12, at the Diocesan House. Please contact one of our Parish Council members with any questions you may have regarding our partnership. We are most grateful for everyone who has prayed and worked as we continue this new season in the life of St. Francis.





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**THE VESTRY**