



The Franciscans

September 2020

A newsletter for friends and members of St. Francis Episcopal Church
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Now More than Ever

I was watching a video the other day that had been filmed back in March. The woman in the video was noting that "now more than ever" we need to be united. "Now more than ever" is a term I hear, and use, often. Not just recently, in the midst of a national pandemic, election year, and social justice awareness movement but for years. The video quickly turned my thoughts back to March when things really began ramping up (or shutting down rather) around COVID-19; when our twins were barely a month old; when toilet paper and Lysol became rare commodities of great value; and, when I kept thinking to myself and asking: "How long will it be like this?" "How long will I have to live this way?" "How long until I wake up from this nightmare?"

Turning back to the current moment, our twins have just turned six months. I have regular dreams (or rather nightmares) around masks and social distancing. And, "how long" is no longer really a question. Instead it is "now more than ever." "Now more than ever" we need to take hold of what is in front of us, not looking towards the future or dwelling in the past but thinking about right now. How can we grasp the *now* we are being given, using it to find and claim the gifts that God is presenting to us?

On August 15th the Vestry and I had a Zoom retreat, spending time reflecting on what ministries were important to St. Francis, what our hopes and dreams were for this parish, and how we can be a part of making them realities. Overwhelmingly there was agreement that worship, fellowship, and social justice were the three ministries that meant the most to our church's shared life together. And we agreed that during this time we have a unique opportunity to share these ministries with the community around us. One way we have been doing this is with our Zoom Coffee Hour conversations in our Episcopal Churches of Goldsboro community. Another way, coming up, will be with our outdoor evening prayer, beginning on **Wednesday September 23, at 6:30 PM** (and recurring on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month). This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to gather in worship and fellowship, maintaining social distancing while we enjoy the beauty of God's creation on our St. Francis parish grounds.

These are hard times, I have said it before, and I will say it again. And it can become an easy, albeit false, balm to reminisce about the good old days or dream about the future, especially when God is presenting us with so many opportunities and gifts available to us right now. Now more than ever we are being asked to be a little more present, a little more aware of how we live and move and have our being. A little more perceptive and courageous to find where the Spirit is moving in our lives, our church, our community, and our world. I hope you will join me in trying to claim "now" and finding that "now more than ever" we can continue to be the church, possibly with a little more creativity, a lot more determination, and the same amount of Spirit!

Blessings,
Kate+



Hello everyone! I hope you guys are joining us on either Zoom or Facebook Live for Sunday services.

St. Francis has been providing 2 readings and music some weeks. I have been scheduling lectors and readers on a weekly basis. I would like to go back to scheduling these for the entire month. The readings will be emailed in advance so you are comfortable with your participation. For those of you who haven't read before – now might be the time. You can read live on Sunday or record it during the week and Cory can add it on Sunday. Please let me know if you are willing to read.

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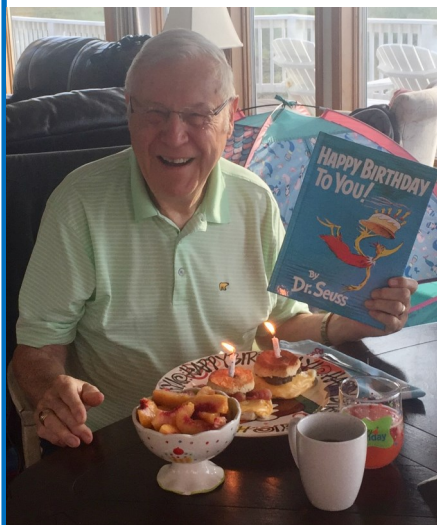
Outdoor Evening Prayer begins Wednesday, September 23!



**Every 2nd and
 4th Wednesday, 6:30 pm,
 bring your lawn chair and
 gather in worship and fellowship,
 maintaining social distancing,
 on the parish grounds here at St. Francis.**



Dear St. Francis Family: Even though my husband, Herb, never met many of you face to face, he knew you. He knew you because I told him about you. He loved you because I love you. And he prayed for you because I pray for you. He was grateful for the opportunity you gave me to be a part of your ministry here at St. Francis. Life changes in a moment. The photos below were taken in July on our yearly family vacation at the Outer Banks. We celebrated Herb's 88th birthday July 24, and then on July 30, he left this earth for the next life which is to be in the presence of Jesus, our Savior. Herb loved life and he lived into the greatest commandment which is to love God and love others as yourself. You, as well, have shown me




that love during these past weeks since his death. Thank you for the calls, texts, cards, visits, flowers and Gideon Bibles you donated in Herb's memory. There is nothing that would please Herb more than to know others will have an opportunity to read the Bible because of your gift. Please continue to pray for me and our family as we learn how to live in this season without Herb's earthly presence.

Love in Christ, Beverly





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1...Don Skinner
2...Brandon Robbins
6...Tom Phinizy
15...Bill Hayes
16...Genevieve Miller
19...Cody Fitzsimmons
27...Jillian Faust
28...Karen Shoemake

September

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

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2020

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(Junior Warden)

2021

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(Bookkeeper)
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2022

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Dave and Liz Meador have been married for 54 years, since 1965, a union that began in high school when they dated before Dave left for the Air Force and Liz began at Westhampton College of the University of Richmond.



Dave and Liz Meador

Dave had intensive training for nine months at Syracuse University in Russian as a linguist who would spend three other months at Goodfellow AFB in radio training before his first tour of eighteen months in northwest Turkey. Then he went to northwest Pakistan for twelve months, reaching the rank of staff sergeant before he was released from active duty.

He was accepted into the forestry program at Virginia Tech from which he graduated in 1969 with a BS in forest management. He and Liz moved to Richmond in 1970 where he was company forester for O.W. Ball Lumber Company in Powhatan County. Their daughter Sara was born in 1971.

In February 1972, they moved to Goldsboro for Dave to take a job as instructor at Wayne Community College in the forest management technology program. Dave retired from WCC in May 2002. A member of St. Francis since 1975, Dave has served on the Vestry as senior warden and junior warden. He enjoys yard work at home and church, singing in the choir, reading, proofreading articles Liz writes for the News-Argus, and spending time with his grandsons Dalton (18) and Price (15) when their busy lives allow.

After Liz attained her BA in English, she taught at elementary schools in Wakefield and Blacksburg in Virginia. With the move to Goldsboro, she worked at the Developmental School as a volunteer, then nursery worker, then Coordinator of Volunteers. Dave and she welcomed their son Josh in 1975. In 1980, she began graduate school at ECU. With a master's degree, she began as an English instructor at WCC in 1984, retiring in 2005. There she helped start a writing center and literary magazine and revived the school newspaper under a new name, *The Campus Voice*.

When Josh died suddenly in 1996 after a virus affected his heart (viral myocarditis), Dave and Liz led another effort to set up the Columbarium at St. Francis. Liz has served as senior warden and junior warden, President of the ECW, and choir member.

St. Francis has been a mainstay for Liz and Dave throughout the trials life has sent their way, giving them a source of joy and comfort that undergird their faith.

St Francis Jr Warden Activity Report AUGUST 2020

503 Forest Hill Dr. 27534

This is a running monthly report

August 15, 2020 Update.

NOTE: PROJECTS LISTED BELOW ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL IT IS SAFE!

Purchased 3 more security cameras, need to be installed.

Need to purchase and put up 2 handicap signs and restripe parking area {Have stencil, the signs have been ordered, will install ASAP}

Dead bolts need to be installed in the kitchen and in the storage room.

Need to get an estimate to have the walkway roof replaced.

Thanks to all involved in removing the IVY from the side of the church. I did not see any damage done by the ivy. If preferred, we could let it regrow.

Lots of work has been done in the garden / columbarium. Thanks to all. It looks great.

Both lawn tractors are not working. The new one has a starter problem, and the old one won't start. I will look at them in the coming weeks.

If we start using the church or parish hall, cleaning supplies will have to be purchased & cleaning teams will have to be set up or we will need to hire an outside service to sanitize per CDC guidelines. We will need to follow the guidelines as posted by the Bishop and the Federal /Local Government.

For outside church services we will need to purchase a sound system to use in the parking lot. Estimated cost of system is \$500.00, which includes a 2-inputFM transmitter, antenna, wireless lapel microphone, power supply and wiring.

Reminder: we need to keep the church grounds neat during this pandemic. If anyone has free time, we need help blowing off the parking lot and sidewalk, picking up pinecones and debris and also mowing the areas that our lawn care person does not mow. Just come to the church when you have time and go to work.

PLEASE ABIDE BY ALL LOCAL / STATE & FEDERAL GUIDELINES IF YOU COME TO CHURCH FOR ANY REASON..... MOST IMPORTANT..... SOCIAL DISTANCING & FACE MASK!

Thanks to all who continue work around the church.

If anyone sees something that needs to be done at the church, please send the information via Email to Stan Stedner at stan.stedner46@gmail.com or call 919-920-0048.



Left under the office door for us...

ON THE BACK SIDE IS A PICTURE OF... FLASH

FLASH IS A 6 YEAR OLD MIX BREED MALE OF ABOUT 70 LBS. FLASH IS A VERY PLAYFUL DOG AND WOULD MAKE SOME FAMILY A WONDERFUL PET. HE IS HOUSEBROKEN.... CAN BE WALKED ON OR OFF A LEASH. HE LOVES ALL KINDS OF TOYS AND IS ALWAYS READY TO PLAY. HE KNOWS SOME COMMANDS AND IS A QUICK LEARNER... LOVES TO RIDE IN A CAR OR TRUCK. FLASH HAS BEEN TRAINED FOR AN UNDERGROUND FENCE AND HAS BEEN "FIXED".

FLASH'S OWNER DIED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND IS BEING CARED FOR BY A FAMILY MEMBER. THE FAMILY MEMBER ALREADY HAS 2 DOGS AND IS SUFFERING FROM MEDICAL PROBLEMS..... SHE WILL BE GOING FOR CHEMO TREATMENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.... SHE NEEDS HELP FINDING FLASH A NEW HOME.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING FLASH A NEW HOME... OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS... PLEASE GIVE PATTY POPE A CALL AT 252-526-7535.

*Help find a home for
FLASH*



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Welcome to Open Sanctuary Prayer

Thursday, 10:30am-2:30pm

Printed “Prayer Concerns” and “Prayers for Personal Use” are available for your use. Feel free to light candles if you desire.

Psalm 18:6

In my distress I called upon the Lord,
And cried to my God for help;
He heard my voice out of His temple,
And my cry for help before Him came into His ears



WEAR

a cloth mask over
your nose and mouth.



WAIT

6 feet apart. Avoid
close contact.



WASH

your hands or
use hand sanitizer.