

# The Franciscans

October 2020

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



Dear St. Francis Family,

I need not tell you this year has been unlike any other. Our regular patterns of daily life, worship, fellowship, and gathering have undoubtedly been disrupted. Many of us have experienced great anxiety, loss, and pain. And, while the coronavirus pandemic, natural disasters, and social unrest have tested us, they have not tested our faith. Through this pandemic we have become stronger, more resilient, and even more so connected as the Body of Christ. I have seen this through our joining with the Episcopal Churches of Goldsboro, coffee hour conversations, the beautiful music offerings, Love in Action members, food pantry support, and many other continued gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You're God's blessings! Thanks to each one of you for doing your part in your homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, families, and here in our church community.

As Christians, we believe in the power of the Body of Christ as a gathered community and in our call to participate in that Body as individuals. The lived experience of the Body reveals to us our dependence on one another to live out Christ's mission in the world. We each have something to share and give to the body. While we may not be gathering in person each Sunday, as we are accustomed to, we are still the body of Christ in the world, in our community, and as a family at St. Francis. Over the past few months, this has been made clearer to me through your continued concern, care, and prayers for one another in our church, including my family and me, and beyond. I have witnessed and heard how you have all continued to find ways to live into the Body and do your part, continuing to generously serve God and serve our neighbors. This coming year, we will explore the ways that our continued generosity is inspired by our faith and how we are formed and led into relationship with each other as we share our gifts with God, one another, and the world. This is what we mean by "Faith-Filled Generosity."

How will you discover and use the gifts you have been given to help our church this year? How will you hear the Gospel call to seek and serve Christ in all people, and respond with generosity? As I look at each family, each individual in our community, I realize that we are the stewards of God's manifold grace because we give to the world from what we have received. As you receive your pledge card this year, I invite you to give with grace and prayer, considering how you will share with God and God's Church from what you have received and from what you have to give.



In the spirit of generosity and love,

Rev. Kate Byrd

## Come and have your pets blessed from the comfort of your vehicle.

Goody bags will be given. All are welcome to attend. Wednesday, October 7, 6-7pm in the St. Francis parking lot. Rev. Kate will be waiting for you and your pet! ***All pets are welcome to bring their humans, of course!***



This special event commemorates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, where animals have been blessed since the Middle Ages. No saint is more closely associated with animals than St. Francis of Assisi. He rejoiced in the value and beauty animals bring to creation.

We hope to see you and your furry, feathered, fuzzy, and finny companions Wednesday, October 7, between six and seven in the evening. If you don't have a pet, you can still drive through and say hello!

# October 2020

MP = Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 18 PENTECOST (Proper 22) 10:00am-MP (Zoom) Rev. Alan Neale	5 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer	6 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer	7 FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer 6-7pm Drive Thru PET BLESSING with goody bags	8 <b>OPEN SANCTUARY PRAYER</b> 10:30am-2:30pm FACEBOOK Noonday Prayer Socially Distanced Pastoral Care 1:30-3:30pm	9 <b>Office Open</b> 9am-3pm	10
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3.....Jennifer Faust  
 10.....Susan Dodson  
           Ashley Valenzona  
 13.....Paulina Castaneda  
 14.....Sandy Siler  
 17..Samuel Fitzsimmons  
 20.....Ellen Cabral  
 21.....Lamar Aycock  
 30.....Peggy Lewis

# October

*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 Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving, Bishop of the  
 Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina  
 The Rev. Kate Byrd, Priest in Charge  
 William Hayes, Organist/Choirmaster  
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## Vestry

### **2020**

Elaine Elmore  
 Diana Hammond  
 (Senior Warden)  
 Stan Stedner  
 (Junior Warden)

### **2021**

Barbara Pedersen  
 (Bookkeeper)  
 Kimberly Stedner-Clayton

### **2022**

Liz Meador  
 George Moye

Al Elmore, Treasurer  
 Shelley Mills, Clerk

### **Priest-in-Charge**

The Rev. Kate Byrd



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Among our lovely British transplants is Brenda Chambers, long-time member of St. Francis. Born in Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England, Brenda attended Gaywood Park School. She met Charles “Chuck” Chambers in Kings Lynn when he was stationed there as a radar navigator on B52s with the Air force. They married in December 1957 and moved to the States to their first base in Little Rock, AK, where their daughter Susanne was born.

They had several TDYs to KA and CA, a state which they loved. They spent five years in Grand Forks, ND, and enjoyed traveling to Canada, British Columbia, and other places in the area.

In 1968-69, they were stationed in Puerto Rico at Ramey AFB. Brenda spoke fondly of the lime trees, gardens, and goats in the classroom at her son Paul’s preschool (Paul was born in Little Rock in 1963). Susanne loved riding horses here. Now a nursing facilitator, she has been a nurse at Viadant in Greenville for thirty-five years.

When the Air Force sent the family to Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro near the end of the Vietnam War, Chuck flew in B52s that bombed Hanoi. The Air Force lost several B52s, but Chuck flew with an experienced pilot who knew how to keep his plane safe.

After twenty-two years in the Air Force, Chuck retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1973. They settled in Goldsboro, and a neighbor told them about St. Francis which they joined in 1993. Paul served as acolyte, and now he, too, is retired from the Air Force after twenty-eight years of service.

Brenda has enjoyed traveling all over Europe, especially in Spain where Paul and his family live. His wife is a teacher with the Department of Defense, and they have two girls.

Brenda has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She rode a camel in Morocco with Paul and his family, and she has worked as a volunteer at the base and has been an active member of the Episcopal Churchwomen. She said, “I have had a wonderful life!”



**Brenda Chambers**



## It's time to clean up the St. Francis membership/directory roll.

We want to make sure our records are up to date.  
If any of the choices below apply to you, please email Beverly at

[parish@stfrancisgoldsboro.org](mailto:parish@stfrancisgoldsboro.org) .

Thank you for your assistance.

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ I am now worshipping with another parish, I would like my membership transferred to \_\_\_\_\_.

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ I no longer live in the area, so please remove my name from the St. Francis membership/directory roll.

#3 \_\_\_\_\_ I no longer live in the area, but wish to leave my name on the St. Francis membership/directory roll.

#4 \_\_\_\_\_ Please remove my name from the St. Francis membership/directory roll. No explanation needed.

### St Francis Jr Warden Activity Report SEPTEMBER 2020

503 Forest Hill Dr. 27534

This is a running monthly report.

September 20, 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.

New lawn tractor has been repaired. Cost was \$303. Mitch Baker has donated \$150.00 towards the cost of repair. Thanks to Al Elmore for arranging to have it repaired. The old tractor will not start. It needs a new battery. I did not purchase one because we do not use it.

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 may need to purchase a sound system to use in the parking lot. There is a lot of new technology for transmission. FM has been used for years, estimated cost is around \$500.00. New Wifi technology, do not know cost, AM System is also new; cost will be available in October.

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Reminder: we need to keep the church grounds neat during this pandemic. If anyone has free time, we need help to blowing off the parking lot and sidewalk, pick up pinecones and debris also mow the areas that our lawn care person does not mow. Just come to the church when you have time and go to work.  
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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 continued 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 @ [stan.stedner46@gmail.com](mailto:stan.stedner46@gmail.com) or call 919-920-0048



## Farm Credit Farmers Market

Barb Mapp, long-time vendor at our CITF would love to see you any Friday or Saturday through November 21st at the Farm Credit Farmers Market behind the Maxwell Center, 3114 Wayne Memorial Drive. You will find farm fresh and local goods. Stop by and see

Barb and enjoy fresh goodness throughout the growing season while supporting local agriculture.



2020 Fall Hours of Operation

Friday: 10am-5:30pm

Saturday: 9am-2pm

Follow them on Instagram

@ farmcreditfarmersmarket

[For more information,](#)

contact Wayne County Cooperative Extension at 919-731-1520.

**Outdoor Evening Prayer  
every 2nd and 4th  
Wednesday, beginning  
September 23 at 6:30pm.  
Bring your lawn chair!**



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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

