



# The Franciscans

November 2021

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

I have always considered St. Francis to be one of my favorite saints. Maybe it is because he is known as the saint of our beloved pets or because his endearing and welcoming presence inhabits (in the form of figurines and statues) so many gardens and church courtyards. Either way, the little I know of St. Francis, I like very much. After a near-death experience as a young man and an intense call to faith, Francis dedicated his life not only to following Christ but emulating him in the way that he lived and moved and was. This included taking on poverty so as to care for and commune with the poor; holding high regard and reverence for our sacramental rights, especially Holy Communion, of which he said, "Your God is of your flesh; He lives in your nearest neighbor, in every man,"; developing an immense love for and dedication to the care of nature; calling all creatures brothers and sisters; and noting Christ's death as a death imparted for us all. Also, he saw nature itself as a mirror of God's miraculous grace and love. And now that I have had the pleasure and honor of serving a congregation who has adopted St. Francis' name and his spirit, I will hold this beloved saint even closer to my heart.

As a congregation who has taken on the spirit of St. Francis, you have been privileged and called to live out this great saint's name. And I believe you do so with grace and beauty from your well-maintained and cared for garden, where you all have given countless hours weeding, pruning, and manicuring this sacred place of rest and prayer, to our Episcopal Churches of Goldsboro partnership as you all have reached out in love and solidarity to commune with our fellow brothers and sisters, especially during these difficult times. And, in your continued care and concern for one another as you have all come together to commemorate joyous occasions and stayed present during painful losses. The humble, loving, Christ-filled presence of St. Francis remains alive and well in all the ways you continue to be a church. I feel honored to have been in your presence for the past two years. We have done so much together, and I know you all will continue to do and experience even more of what it means to live out this beloved saint's name because you are grounded in a community dedicated to one another, to the grace of God, to the love of Christ, and to the power of the Spirit.

One of my absolute favorite aspects of our worship together is the prayer attributed to St. Francis that we say together before our final blessing. This prayer so beautifully reminds us how we are called to live as Christ in the world as instruments of peace, sowers of love, givers of mercy, holding on to faith and hope, shedding light and joy in the world. And, always remembering that it is in giving love, forgiveness, understanding, consolation, and our very lives that we receive so much more in return. St. Francis, may you continue to give your light, joy and love away to the world and receive more and more in return. Know you will be always close to my heart and present in my prayers, as I hope I will be in yours.

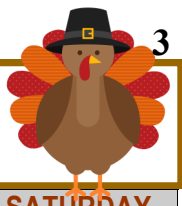
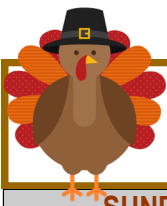
Your sister,

Kate +





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Open 9am-3pm	2 Office Open 9am-3pm	3 10-11AM 	4 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	5	6
7 PENTECOST 24 10:00am Dr. Mollie Roberts Holy Eucharist Social Hour 	8 Office Open 9am-3pm	9 Office Open 9am-3pm	10 10-11AM 	11 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	12	13
14 PENTECOST 25 10:00am Rev. Margaret Pollock Holy Eucharist Social Hour ECW	15 Office Open 9am-3pm <del>Newsletter</del> 	16 Office Open 9am-3pm	17 10-11AM 	18 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6-7pm 	19	20
21 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/CHRIST THE KING 10:00am Morning Prayer (ANNUAL PARISH MEETING) Social Hour	22 Office Open 9am-3pm	23 Office Open 9am-3pm	24 10-11AM 	25 	26	27
28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00am Rev. Dave Davis Holy Eucharist Social Hour Vestry meeting 	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 Office Open 9am-3pm	Our Vestry has signed an agreement with Weight Watchers to use our Parish Hall every Wednesday and Thursday at the times noted above. Weight Watchers will pay a nominal fee each time our facility is utilized. We view this as a community outreach and opportunity for others to become familiar with our location.			



Lay Server Schedule November 2021	November 7 <i>ALL SAINTS</i> <i>Dr. Mollie Roberts</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	November 14 <i>Rev. Margaret Pollock</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	November 21 <i>Morning Prayer</i>	November 28 <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> <i>Rev. Dave Davis</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i>
	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
WORSHIP LEADER	TBD	TBD	Barrett Rae	TBD
SERMON READER	N/A	N/A	Liz Meador	N/A
LECTORS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
USHER	John Koegel	John Koegel	John Koegel	John Koegel
ALTAR GUILD	Shelley Mills Brenda Chambers	Shelley Mills Brenda Chambers	Shelley Mills Brenda Chambers	Shelley Mills Brenda Chambers
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
TELLERS	Dave Meador TBD	Dave Meador TBD	Dave Meador TBD	Dave Meador TBD
SOCIAL HOUR	Elaine and Al Elmore	Elaine and Al Elmore	Elaine and Al Elmore	Elaine and Al Elmore

# November

**Happy  
Birthday  
to You!**

2.....Katherine Phinzy  
3.....Roger Brogneaux  
6.....Charlotte Campbell  
10.....Jesse Dodson  
16.....Peggy Helms  
17.....Betsy Powell

## Vestry

**2021**

Barbara Pedersen  
(Bookkeeper)

**2022**

Liz Meador  
(Junior Warden)  
George Moye  
(Senior Warden)

**2023**

Debbie Stedner  
Dave Meador  
Brandon Robbins  
*Al Elmore, Treasurer*  
*Shelley Mills, Clerk*

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



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[This essay is taken from *The Little Book of Saints* and other sources].

*The Little Book of Saints* by Christine Barrely, Saskia Leblon, Laure Péraudin, and Stéphane Trieulet presents brief stories of saints and their Feast Days. Hubert, Patron Saint of Hunters, Mathematicians, Opticians, and Metalworkers, has a Feast Day of November 3, so he is an appropriate focus for this month’s newsletter.

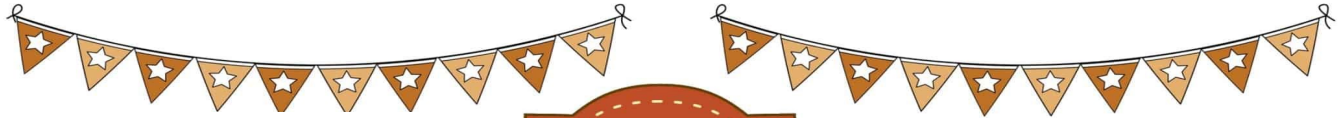
Like so many saints, Hubert (or Hubertus, c. 656-May 30, 727 A.D.) as a young man was sensual and impious. As a merry partygoer and hunter in the forests of the Ardennes region of France, he sometimes forgot the prohibition about eating meat on Friday. Once, while on a hunting trip on a Friday, a sacred day, he was chasing a deer when the animal turned and faced him. A large cross between the deer’s great antlers lit up the dark forest. A voice said to Hubert: “Unless you turn to the Lord and lead a holy life, you shall quickly go down to hell.” Stunned, Hubert knelt and promised to abandon the pleasures of the hunt and to devote his life to God and to teaching the sacred Word. Hubert served as a priest to Saint Lambert, the Bishop of Maastricht and Hubert’s spiritual director. In 708, Hubert succeeded him. He had his relics transported to Liège where they were housed in a church built for them that quickly became a cathedral. Saint Hubert was the founder and first bishop of the city of Liège. He brought the gospel to the Ardennes and died near Brussels from a severe wound to his hand. In the Anglican Communion, two churches were dedicated to Saint Hubert in the Church of England. Even today, hunters honor Hubert as the originator of ethical hunting behavior.

*Liz Meador*



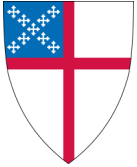
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Thank you to everyone who contrib-  
uted in any way to make BILL HAYES  
DAY a huge celebration. Many  
worked tirelessly on food, flowers,  
balloons, photography and other  
ways to make sure Bill felt loved and  
celebrated for his 25 years of minis-  
try to the music department here at  
St. Francis. We love you, Bill Hayes!

Rev. Kate and the Choir: Diana Hammond, Liz Meador, Bill Hayes, Dave Meador, Jane Anthony, David Powell, (not pictured, Gerald Herring)