



# The Franciscans

November 2023

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

Dear St. Francis Family,

When I think about this past year of our life together as a parish, I can only sum it up as “we have been busy!” We should be happy when people say, “Oh, wow, y’all are doing a lot!” I’m grateful for the opportunity for us to do “a lot,” and we’re always looking for more.

For us to come together as a community of worshippers in these beautiful buildings and grounds is a blessing. Participating in the Eucharist almost every Sunday is a huge privilege and blessing. Learning more about God through His word and Sacraments as a community is another blessing.

As a parish, St. Francis lives in a state of grace for all we can do. We are called to view what we do not as work or duty or tasks to check off on a list but as a privilege and an honor. The work, worship, and study we do all come from God. We are members of the Body of Christ, His church, His body. With our flaws and faults, we who struggle with sin are allowed by the Christ who forgives us to serve as His hands and feet in the world. We, freed from the fear of eternal death and the loneliness of sin, are called to proclaim the Gospel that releases us and take it to those whom we meet. We who have gained life, freedom, and peace from Jesus Christ are called to give these gifts to others. And we don’t have to do it alone because we are a community.

Look at what we have built in just over a year: new people attending services, others returning to St. Francis, and our engagement with the other parishes in Goldsboro. Participating in these ministries, however, takes sacrifice, time, and effort. It takes money to keep our parish a thriving center of worship and learning. The sad reality is that the number of people able to do the work and the financial resources are dwindling while the need for outreach and for the sharing of the Gospel have grown.

Having me as priest-in-charge is part of that cost. We are operating at a deficit, and if we do not receive Diocesan funding to support my salary, we will be operating at an even greater deficit. What each of you is called to give financially is between you and God. Countless Scriptural references show that giving time and money is essential to living into our Christian vocation. Our membership consists of 40 active participants, 23 of which pledged in 2023. We must have each member engaged in the life and ministry of this parish and its service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and each member pledging financial support to secure our future.

When we work for Christ, we work in the field of hope and faith. We know that when we live faithfully to the mission of the Gospel in this parish, we serve the living Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Whit



Give

Serve



Attend

Grow

Stewardship

# 2024 Pledge St. Francis Episcopal Church

*With boldness and faith and love towards my church,  
I cheerfully make the following pledge to St. Francis Episcopal Church:*



Total Annual Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN your 2024 Pledge Card by October 31, 2023  
so that we may accurately prepare the budget and plan for the upcoming year.

# 2024 Ministerial Pledge St. Francis Episcopal Church

*With boldness and faith and love towards my church,  
I cheerfully make the following pledge of my time and talents to St. Francis Episcopal Church:*

Acolyte/Crucifer \_\_\_\_\_

Love in Action \_\_\_\_\_

Lector \_\_\_\_\_

Is there something else you think would add to the life of St. Francis?

Altar Guild \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us:

Flower Guild \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Coffee Hour Host \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Usher \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Choir \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The Time and Talent of \_\_\_\_\_

*signature*

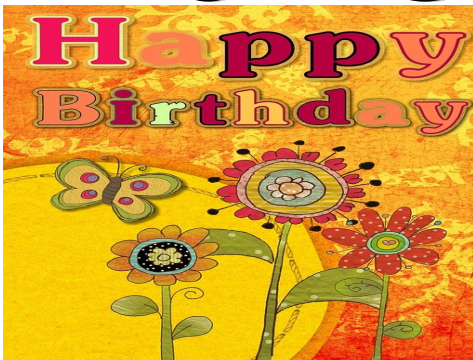


# November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday, November 4th!</b></p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>4pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>10:30am Coffee with saints!</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>9am Garden Clean-up</p> 
<p>5</p> <p><b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open NO Christian Formation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10-11am</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>4pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>10:30am Coffee with</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p><b>Sun. PM Fr. Whit on Vacation</b></p>						
<p>12</p> <p>24th Sunday After Pentecost 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour 3pm MOVIE DATE @ St. Francis</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open 6pm Christian Formation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10-11am</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>4pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>10:30am Coffee with saints!</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>25th Sunday After Pentecost Coffee/Social Hour ECW</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open 6pm Christian Formation 7pm</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>10-11am</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>10:30am Coffee with saints!</p> 	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Christ the King Sunday 9am Holy Eucharist Coffee/Social Hour</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am-3pm Office open NO Potluck</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10-11am</p>  <p>6pm ADVENT FORMATION SERIES @ Good Shepherd</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4pm Choir 6-7pm</p> 		

Lay Server Schedule November 2023	November 5 <i>ALL SAINTS</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Father Whit Stroud</i>	November 12 <i>24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Father Whit Stroud</i>	November 19 <i>25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Father Whit Stroud</i>	November 26 <i>CHRIST THE KING</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Father Whit Stroud</i>
	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
CRUCIFER	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona	Barrett Rae/Diana Hammond Jodi Baker/Jimmy Valenzona
LECTORS	Barbara Pedersen Diana Hammond	Jill Brogneaux Patti Donnelly	Brandon Robbins Jodi Baker	Barrett Rae Dave Meador
USHERS	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers	Eldica Cyrus Lamar Aycock Scott Summers
FLOWER GUILD	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell	David Powell
ALTAR GUILD	Nina Silverthorne Jill Brogneaux	Nina Silverthorne Jill Brogneaux	Nina Silverthorne Jill Brogneaux	Nina Silverthorne Jill Brogneaux
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Jill Brogneaux	Eldica Cyrus	Liz Meador	Liz Meador
TELLERS	Brandon Robbins Patti Donnelly	Brandon Robbins Patti Donnelly	Brandon Robbins Patti Donnelly	Brandon Robbins Patti Donnelly
SOCIAL HOUR	Elaine and Al Elmore	Elaine and Al Elmore	Elaine and Al Elmore	Elaine and Al Elmore

# November



- 2...Katherine Phinizy
- 3...Roger Brogneaux
- 6...Charlotte Campbell
- 10...Jesse Dodson
- 16...Peggy Helms

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

**Hosts are needed for Social/Coffee Hour!  
Please sign up on the tower . Thank YOU!**

## Vestry

**2023**

- Dave Meador  
(Jr. Warden)
- Brandon Robbins
- Nina Silverthorne

**2024**

- Jill Brogneaux  
(Sr. Warden)
- Patti Donnelly

**2025**

- Barbara Pederson
- Lamar Aycock

Al Elmore, Treasurer  
Paula Wills, Clerk

**Priest-in-Charge**  
The Rev. Whit Stroud



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# ADVENT FORMATION SERIES, 2023

The Episcopal Churches of Goldsboro and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invite you to our annual Advent Formation Series. This year we will explore and learn about prayer. Sessions are structured as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Formation
- 7:00 p.m. Worship



## Weekly Schedule

- Wednesday, November 29 — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
(532 Country Day Rd, Goldsboro) Prayers of Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, December 6 — Holy Innocents Episcopal Church  
(6861 NC-55, Seven Springs) Prayers of Blessing/Adoration
- Wednesday, December 13 — St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
(901 Harris St, Goldsboro) Prayers of Intercession
- Wednesday, December 20 — St. Francis Episcopal Church  
(503 Forest Hill Dr, Goldsboro) Prayers of Petition





Our 2023 Parish Retreat at Camp Trinity in Salter Path was filled with lots of fellowship and fun time together! Holy Eucharist at the ocean pavilion was such a special experience.



Mark your  
calendar  
for our  
2024  
retreat  
September  
20-22!

Save the  
DATE!







Blessing of the Animals and ECW Yard Sale were both a success! St. Francis is busy showing the community we have lots to offer!





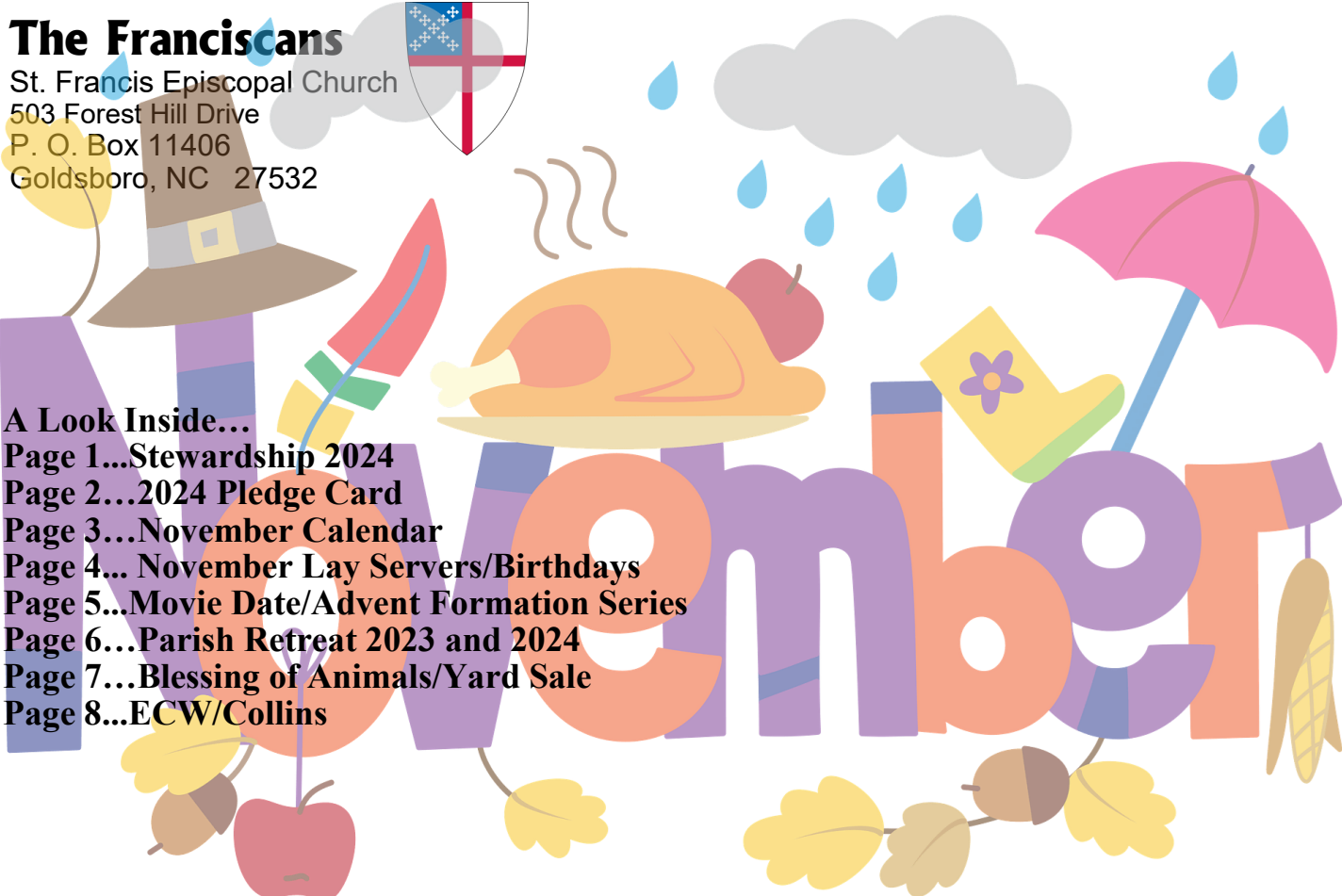
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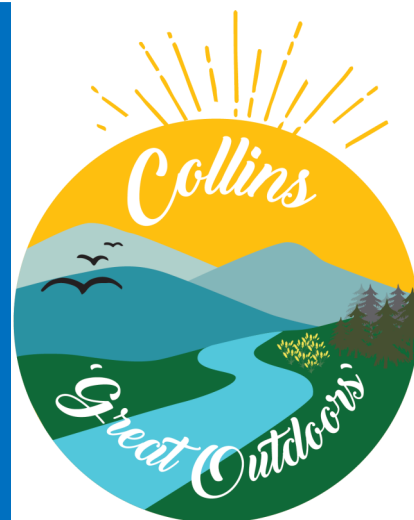
A tremendous thank you from the ECW to everyone who contributed in one way or another to a successful yard sale on September 30!

We gleaned \$1371.45 cents from our efforts, all of which was donated to the church's general fund.

**The ECW is considering a Soup Sale fundraiser for perhaps January, but we would need to involve everyone to help chop vegetables and meat and monitor cooking and packaging. Please let Liz know that you can donate some hours to this project!**

Thanks to all who helped prepare for the Maxfield funeral and reception. The Boseman-Maxfield families are very grateful for all we did to make Glenn's celebration of life the lovely event it was. Glenn was the son-in-law of church founders, Frank and Kitty Boseman. Glenn joins his in-laws and a brother-in-law in the Columbarium and in eternal life.

Liz Meador, ECW President



The St. Francis has once again received a generous \$1200.00 grant from The Collins Great Outdoors Fund of the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region. This grant will continue to assist with the maintenance of the St. Francis Garden. We are most grateful for this anonymous grant.