

The FRANCISCANS

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church

January 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, the holiday season has come to a close. It was indeed a great joy for me to celebrate Christmas with you. Christmas Eve has always been a special time for me, and coming together with all of you made it so “much more wonderful than it would have been without you.”

Usually during this time of year, other than the festivities of parish life, the work of ministry slows down a bit. However, that has not been the case at Saint Francis. I applaud you all for the manner in which you sustain your ministry, on a daily basis, to make Christ known in the hearts and lives of others in need. Just as people are in need of experiencing the gospel message, so too, it is necessary for our role in being the light of God in the world to continue unabated.

There are quite a few events coming up in January. The first event will be the Celebration of Holy Baptism on Sunday January 8th at the 10:30 service. I urge you all to make plans to be there. As much as this is welcoming a person into the body of Christ, it is also a time when we make our commitment to “support that person in their new life in Christ.” In a very real sense we are all godparents.

The Bishop will make his visitation to Saint Francis on Sunday, January 29th. To date we have one person who is going to make his public commitment to Christ in the liturgy of Confirmation. This is time for all of us to renew our commitment as well. If anyone is interested in making a public renewal of their vows, please let me know. I would be more than happy to

have a conversation with you about the service and what it can mean for you in your spiritual life.

Finally, I am going to be speaking with each of the ministry teams over the next few weeks to become better acquainted with their respective ministries. I have been so impressed with how well everyone works together not only to support the congregation but in getting out the message of what God has done for us in Jesus the Christ beyond the perimeter of the community. That is not a platitude - it is a deeply sincere sentiment.

I pray that you will continue to feel the Spirit of God moving in your life and in the life and ministry of the whole of Saint Francis' community of faith.

Faithfully yours,
Doug



I want to thank you all for your most generous and unexpected gift to me. As is my practice, I will use this gift to reach out to those persons who are in need. As you have blessed my life so richly I hope it will likewise bless another person in the same way. I know that God's grace and peace fills your life daily.

*Most sincerely,
Doug+*

Women's Bible Study

Join any or all of the Women's Bible Study each Thursday at 10:00 am in the Library January 5 - March 15, 2012.



Beth Moore's study "*Beloved Disciple: The life and Ministry of John*"

Runs for 11 weeks and much of it was filmed in Greece.

CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, January 21 @ 8:00 am

Join us to clean up the building and grounds to get ready for the Bishop's Visit.



SIGN UP TO HOST AT ST. FRANCIS FUNCTIONS

Social Teams are assigned to set-up and clean-up at St. Francis functions. To be added to a Team, See Barrett Parker or email her @ BPT30@aol.com

ECW NEWS



► **Thursdays — 10:00 am**
January 5 — March 15, 2012
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► **February 6, Monday — 7:00 PM**
Women's Book Club Meeting

The Women's Book Club will meet on Monday, February 6, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library at St. Francis. The book they will discuss is "**The Pleasure was Mine**" by: Tommy Hays. An older man cares for his wife during her descent into Alzheimer's. This is a brilliant novel about love, loss, marriage and family. Also the 2012 choice of "Wayne County Reads"! Please join us!
Discussion Leader: Liz Meador



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline to submit items for the next newsletter is January 15th for the February issue.

— Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator

Altar Guild

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Altar Guild over the past year! Plans are under way to buy new funeral and urn palls, and you may have noticed that our festival hangings (the white ones) are showing considerable signs of wear so next on our list is new white hangings.

During Advent we were able to buy a new rose candle for the Third Sunday of Advent, and it looked lovely, but the Advent wreath stand needs replaced. The Flower Guild is buying a new one so that we will have it for next Advent. If you are interested in making a donation in memory or in honor of someone and would like to support any of these items, please mark your checks 'Altar Guild' or 'Flower Guild' in the memo line and attach a note saying whom you would like to remember or honor. Thank you to all the Altar Guild members who work behind the scenes so that our services run smoothly and respectfully.

— Jill Brogneaux, Altar Guild Chair



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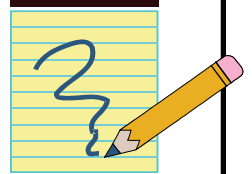
The Franciscans:

Corinne Stewart, Editor

The Franciscans is published 11 times a year.
The **deadline** for items to be considered for inclusion
is the **15th of each month.**



St. Francis' Wish List



- 1) Windex
- 2) Tissues
- 3) Paper Towels

Thank you for your Continued Support!



Items of Note



VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry met on **Monday, January 2 at 6:00 PM** in the adult classroom.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women of St. Francis are invited to join any or all of the Bible Study series each **Thursday at 10:00 am** in the Library. This is an 11 week study beginning **January 5 through March 15, 2012.**

CLEAN-UP DAY

Come out on **Saturday, January 21** for Clean-up Day beginning at 8:00 am. We will clean up the building and grounds to get ready for the Bishop's Visit.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Daniel will visit on **Sunday, January 29**. He will be available for a group discussion at 9:30. He will perform a Confirmation during the 10:30 am service, then join us for a Reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

VESTRY VOICE

High lights from vestry meeting on 1/2/12:

- ◆ Welcomed new members, John Koegel, Jeff Merritt, George Moye.
- ◆ Vestry Conference will be held at St. Francis, Feb. 24th (6:30-9 pm) and 25th (9 am-3 pm).
- ◆ Sr. Warden, Charlotte Campbell; Jr. Warden, John Koegel; Clerk, Liz Meador
- ◆ Liaisons to Ministry Teams: B&G, John Koegel; Christian Education, Catherine LeChot; Communications, Liz Meador; Invitation & Hospitality, Jeff Merritt; Outreach, Jim Howard; Pastoral Care, Dave Meador; Stewardship, George Moye; Worship, Zeb Jones
- ◆ All ministry teams are encouraged to meet soon to plan their programs for 2012.
- ◆ The vestry will be developing by-laws for the parish over the next few months.

- ◆ Brenda Coor is taking a sabbatical from teaching the younger children. Please let Catherine LeChot know if you could help with this class on a rotating basis. It will be rewarding for the children and for you.
- ◆ Please turn in receipts for items donated to St. Francis so we can get a tax refund.
- ◆ Columbarium repair has been accomplished. The central panel is now attractive and secure.
- ◆ Work on improving the playground will be starting this month, thanks to a dedicated group (Rick Coor, Dave Meador, Crissie Lewis, Meredith Gurley and others.)
- ◆ Tile floors have been professionally stripped, waxed and buffed. To clean use plain water or the neutral floor cleaner in the janitor's closet (one measure per bucket). Use the "tennis ball" tool to clean black marks from rubber soles. Please be careful to lift rather than drag furniture and chairs. We hope to get carts for the chairs to make transport easier.

—Charlotte Campbell, Sr. Warden

"The hurrier I go, the behinder I get."

Does the quote above ring true for you? It certainly fits many lifestyles. So many things to do, so little time, especially time to for meditation and prayer. BUT, many of us seem to always have time for our iPhones, Androids, Emails, tablets, computers and other marvelous gadgets. In that context the following quote from missionstclare.com might interest you.


"The Online Daily Office exists to give busy people a way to participate in Morning and Evening Prayer including the readings and psalms for each day (along with a bit of music!). You will also find Noonday Prayer, Compline, and Devotions for Individuals and Families here. These rites are based on The Book of Common Prayer. As well as offering the Online Daily Office through the Internet."

"The Online Daily Office is a ministry of The Mission of St. Clare*. The Mission's goal is to introduce prayer and meditation to people who have never experienced them, and to support people who enjoy the benefits of prayer and meditation but who find difficulty in putting aside time for this practice."

Give missionstclare.com a try. You may be amazed at its benefits. (And it is free.)

— Zeb Jones

SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE**JANUARY 2012**

	January 1 <i>Christmas Lessons & Carols</i>	January 8 <i>Baptism</i>	January 15	January 22	January 29 <i>Bishop Daniel Visits Reception following</i>
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
VERGER		Jodi Baker	Chris Cowan	Barrett Parker	Jodi Baker
SUBDEACON		Chris Cowan	Sarah Merritt	Roger Brogneaux	Nick Cunningham
CHALICE BEARER		Jacob Sarvey	Jacob Sarvey	Jim Howard	Debbie Stedner
LECTORS		1 st Zeb Jones 2 nd Catherine LeChot	1 st Katherine Phinizy 2 nd Rick Coor	1 st Quincy Cunningham 2 nd Liz Howard	1 st Melissa Prince 2 nd Dave Meador
CRUCIFER		Nick Cunningham	Quincy Cunningham	Jacob Howard	Mikaela Freeman
TORCH BEARERS		Jillian Faust Quincy Cunningham	Jacob Howard To Be Determined	Lauren Howard Jillian Faust	Max Tapiz Izabelle Casey
USHERS	Bob Biggers Jeff Merritt	Bob Biggers Jeff Merritt	Bob Biggers Jeff Merritt	Bob Biggers Jeff Merritt	Bob Biggers Jeff Merritt
EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS	Jill Brogneaux	Karen Witt	Dave Meador	Liz Meador	To Be Determined
ALTAR GUILD	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt
FLOWER GUILD	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler
TELLERS	Charlotte Campbell Jim Howard	Charlotte Campbell Jim Howard	Charlotte Campbell Jim Howard	Charlotte Campbell Jim Howard	Charlotte Campbell Jim Howard
COFFEE HOUR	Barrett Parker Jill & Roger Brogneaux	Barrett Parker Jill & Roger Brogneaux	Barrett Parker Jill & Roger Brogneaux	Barrett Parker Jill & Roger Brogneaux	Barrett Parker Jill & Roger Brogneaux

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement AND notify the church office.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Paula Griffin	27 Joshua Howard
5 David Powell	29 Mikaela Freeman
17 Lillie Sarvey	
20 Jason LeChot	
24 Colin Coor	
25 Pat Biggers	

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

Dear parishioners,

You are indeed most generous! I am extremely grateful for your Christmas bonus, and I feel fortunate to work for such caring and thoughtful people.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

Bill



Dear St. Francis Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

I wish you many blessings in the New Year.

Corinne



January/Enero 2012



Domingo Sunday	Lunes Monday	Martes Tuesday	Miércoles Wednesday	Jueves Thursday	Viernes Friday	Sábado Saturday
1 <i>The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ</i> 8:30 AM HE 10:30 AM HE Christmas Lessons/Carols 3:00 PM ESL 4 PM Santa Missa <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Office is Closed</i> 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting ✓	3	4	5 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 <i>The Epiphany</i> 	7
8 <i>1 Epiphany Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE & Holy Baptism 3:00 PM ESL 4 PM Santa Missa	9	10	11	12 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 <i>2 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM ESL 4 PM Santa Missa	16 <i>(Franciscans Deadline)</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</i>	17	18 <i>(Feast of The Conversion of Saint Peter the Apostle)</i>	19 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	20	21 8:00 AM CLEAN-UP DAY 
22 <i>3 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 3:00 PM ESL 4 PM Santa Missa	23	24	25 <i>(Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle)</i>	26 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 <i>4 Epiphany</i> 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM Discussion with Bishop Daniel 10:30 AM HE Bishop's Visit  Reception following 3:00 PM ESL 4 PM Santa Missa	30	31				CE = Christian Education all ages ESL = English as a Second Language Class HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service Santa Missa = Spanish Mass

OUTREACH MINISTRY at ST. FRANCIS

Nina Silverthorne, Chairperson * Vestry Liaison, Chris Cowan (2009-11)

* Outreach Team members: Nina Silverthorne, Eldica Cyrus, Jane Anthony, Charlotte Campbell, Chris Cowan, Karen Witt, Liz Meador, Jean Siler, Sharon Sarvey, Janette Thode, Brenda Coor

Responsibilities: Obtain funding from Vestry and Diocesan office to support functions. Support local Soup Kitchen, provide assistance to the Hispanic members of St Francis and Diocesan Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM). Assist Priest-in-Charge & Senior Warden in outreach to individuals/families requesting St. Francis’ assistance.

Strengths:

- St Francis is represented the 5th Saturday of each month at the local Soup Kitchen. In addition, a member of the Outreach Team participates several days a week at the soup kitchen
- Participates and is an active member of the Diocesan Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM)
- Regularly collects clothing for local Farm Workers Ministry
- Assists the Priest-in-Charge of screening individuals/families requesting financial assistance from St. Francis

Weaknesses:

- Need more participation from other St Francis members in various events that involve the Outreach Team. Usually it’s the same Team members
- Members of the Team are tasked with other responsibilities at St Francis and each lead active lives thus not allowing more time to be dedicated to this ministry

Suggestions (Goals for 2011 & beyond):

- Diocesan Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) Sunday. Taking up collection of money and linens.
- Planning for a future Mad Hatter Tea Party
- Recruit new Team members
- Stroke Prevention Workshop in coordination with Wayne Memorial Hospital

Tasks completed: Reviewed funding remaining from calendar year 2011 and prior. Distributed funding to various charities. Allocated some of the remaining money to be decided upon by the children of St. Francis

OUTREACH IN ACTION!



MASLEY Glove Team with Ben’s Crew

Do you remember back in 2008 when St. Francis collected money to help buy warm gloves for my nephew’s helicopter crew when they were stationed in Afghanistan? There is more to that story. There was

over \$4000 raised during that effort. The small company that made the gloves was struggling at the time, and nearly went out of business. My sister, Martha, contacted the business owner afterwards to let him know how much everyone appreciated the gloves. The business owner told Martha that after Ben’s crew got their gloves, the 101st placed a huge order with the company when they were told what a help they were. They now employ 50 people, and the owners present small-business seminars about their story. When asked about their success story, they start out by saying ‘Well, there was this church lady’ (my sister)

I just thought you’d like to hear that the enthusiasm and interest St. Francis Parishioners had for this small project had far-reaching consequences. Thanks again. — Harriet Pegram

LETTER FROM BEN’S PARENTS.....

A very few years ago, our son arrived in Afghanistan as part of the 101st Airborne Division as a helicopter pilot. One of the first needs he sent back was for decent gloves for his crew members and door gunners. The Army issue ones were junk and the men’s hands were so cold on winter missions that they could not do their jobs. Their lives literally were in danger because they could not function with frozen hands.

Ben had found a small hi-tech glove company in Delaware and

told us he needed 60 pairs of some ‘sooperdooper sho’ nuff keep yo’ hands WARM gloves’ from that company. So, we decided that if they needed them we would go out on a limb and place the order on our credit card. Came to almost \$5000. We sent out word thru various cyber means and in less than a week we had the whole amount raised.

The manufacturer shipped the order to Afghanistan for free, and within a week the men were wearing the gloves. They were so good that the 101st placed their own order for 1,000 pairs. The company was in pretty dire straits when we placed our order. Because of the order from the 101st, however, the company was not only saved but they wound up having to hire about 40 or so people to keep up with demand.

The owner himself, Frank Masely, has an interesting past. He was an Olympic luge participant recently and carried the American flag in the opening parade of the winter Olympics. Bottom line to this story is that Ben and his crew flew up to Delaware to the company and landed their Black Hawk in the company parking lot, took a tour of their facility, participated in a research discussion of how the product might be made even better, and the pilots were given a pair each of a new design that will enable them to flip switches, etc. with sensitive warm hands.

In the picture, Ben is the fourth soldier from the left, no cap on.

Robert (& Martha) Hays

ST. FRANCIS: GET INVOLVED!

<i>ACTIVITY — GROUP — MINISTRY</i>	<i>CONTACT(S)</i>
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Vestry Liaison: John Koegel 580-9488 Columbarium: Liz Meador 735-2316 Garden: Sandy Siler 778-2107
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / EYC (Episcopal Young Church People) / NURSERY	Vestry Liaison: Catherine LeChot 739-0150 Children's Church School: To Be Determined EYC: Jodi Baker 751-1844
COMMUNICATIONS	Vestry Liaison: Liz Meador 735-2316 Church Website: Chris Cowan 222-3103 Franciscans Newsletter: Corinne Stewart 735-9845
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) & CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST	ECW President: Crissie Lewis 734-8866 Co-Vice Presidents: Liz Meador 735-2316 & Brenda Coor 778-0210 Secretary: Jill Brogneaux 751-0897 Treasurer: Karen Witt 735-9550 United Thank Offering: Betsy Powell 778-2774
FINANCE / STEWARDSHIP	Vestry Liaison: George Moye 778-4898 Treasurer: Katherine Phinizy 736-1080
INVITATION / HOSPITALITY	Vestry Liaison: Jim Howard 330-4502 Scheduling for parish events/coffee hour: Barrett Parker 751-3928 Frantastix's (20's, 30's, 40's social group): Barrett Parker 751-3928 & Sarah Merritt 735-9192
OUTREACH TEAM	Vestry Liaison: Jim Howard 330-4502 Chair: Nina Silverthorne 738-3102 English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes: Caroline Bounds 252-0044 Project Christ Child: Walker Campbell 735-9090 Soup Kitchen: Eldica Cyrus 751-1964
PASTORAL CARE TEAM & LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS	Vestry Liaison: Dave Meador 735-2316 Prayer Ministry: To Be Determined
WORSHIP TEAM	Vestry Liaison: Zeb Jones 222-1263 Altar Guild: Jill Brogneaux 751-0897 Choir: Bill Hayes (Organist/Choirmaster) 242-5485 Flower Guild: Jeannie Siler 778-2107 Server Scheduling: Jodi Baker 751-1844 Usher Scheduling: Mitch Baker 920-1975

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Of Current Interest . . .



BISHOP'S VISIT
Sunday, January 29
Bishop Daniel will be available at 9:30 am for a discussion.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

There will be a reception after the *Welcome* 10:30 am service.



Sign up on the Tower in the Parish Hall if you can bring finger foods.

Mission Statement

St. Francis Episcopal Church:

As a Christian community, we seek to share the Gospel by welcoming all people, nurturing them through Word and Sacrament, and equipping God's people to serve others in Christ's name.

January 21
8:00 am
CLEAN-UP DAY

January 29
Bishop Daniel VISITS!

St. Francis Vestry:

2012

Jim Howard
Catherine LeChot
Liz Meador (Clerk)

2013

Charlotte Campbell (Sr. Warden)
Zeb Jones
Dave Meador

2014

John Koegel (Jr. Warden)
Jeff Merritt
George Moye

(Katherine Phinizy, Treasurer)



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