

The FRANCISCANS

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church

February 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

I love stories. I love to read them. I love to tell them. Stories have a way of breaking down our defenses so that we can face the truth and the challenges that life offers, both individually and as a community. The following story comes from the Sufi tradition.

Once upon a time there was a stream. From its source in far-off mountains, it passed through every kind and description of countryside, at last reaching the sands of a desert. Just as it had succeeded in meeting every challenge along the way, the stream made an attempt to meet this one. However, it found that as fast as it ran into the sand, its water disappeared. Nevertheless it was convinced that its destiny was to cross the desert and yet there seemed no way to accomplish this.

Now a hidden voice, coming from the desert whispered, "The wind crossed the desert, and so can a stream." The stream objected that it was dashing itself against the sand, and only getting absorbed and the reason the wind could cross the desert was because it could fly over it.

The voice from the desert continued to speak to the stream. "By hurtling yourself into the sand in your accustomed way you cannot get across. You will either disappear or become a marsh. You must allow the wind to carry you over to your destination."

"How can this happen?" the stream asked.

"The voice responded, "By allowing yourself to be absorbed in the wind."

The idea was not acceptable to the stream. After all, it had never been absorbed before. It did not want to lose its identity. And, once having lost it how was one to know that it could ever be regained? "The Wind," said the voice, "performs this function. It takes up water, carries it over the desert, and then lets it fall again. Falling as rain, the water again becomes a stream."

"How can I know this is true?" the stream asked.

"It is so, and if you do not believe it, you cannot become more than a quagmire. That could take many years; and even that is certainly not the same as a stream."

"But can I not remain the same stream that I am today?" the stream asked.

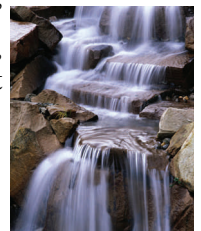
"You cannot in either case remain exactly the same. Even as you are now, you are different than your humble beginnings in the mountain," the whisper said. "And when you cross the desert, you will look different yet again. You may be larger or smaller, clear or muddy. But the essence of who you are will always remain." From: *The Tales of the Sand*


I thought this to be an appropriate tale as we come upon the Lenten season. It is supposed to be a transformative time where we clarify our identity or reinvent ourselves. While we have different ways of approaching this season of self examination and discipline, it has been my experience that it is more an individual observance.

As for the community as a whole, taking inventory and examining itself, that is a rare thing indeed. Oh we observe Lent by changing the liturgy somewhat, (you know what I mean, no Alleluias and that kind of thing – which usually takes thirty-nine days of the forty days of Lent to figure out). Perhaps the décor becomes a bit austere (though for the life of me, I never thought of purple as being anything but regal and usually looks good on anyone, including me). But for the most part church communities observe Lenten ritual and traditions without much expectation of being transformed.

I would like to suggest that this year we approach Lent intentionally focused on who we are as a transforming community of believers. What is it about the life and ministry of Saint Francis Episcopal Church, nestled among the pines and sitting on the edge of a highway, which can be a transforming experience for God's people. I confess I am not exactly sure how this is going to materialize, but we have a few weeks to put that part together. At this moment I am like the stream facing the sand. Surely a voice will whisper some suggestions between now and Ash Wednesday. If any of you happen to "hear" a few ideas, let me know. At the very least, let "transforming community" become part of our conversation as we gather together.

Faithfully
Fr Doug






**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 21, 2012
@ 6:00 PM**

Join Fr. Doug just prior to supper
in the courtyard outside church.

We will make ashes
from last years palms.



We have several bottles of lemon juice left over from CITF with an expiration date in April. See Crissie Lewis if you are interested in taking a bottle.



ECW NEWS

► **Women's Bible Study — Thursdays
@ 10:00 am through March 15, 2012**

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".

► **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

► **February 25, Saturday — 6:00 PM
White Elephant Auction**


@ The Siler's Home
110 Breezewood Dr., Goldsboro (919) 778-2107



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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

— Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator



**WHITE
ELEPHANT
AUCTION**

**February 25, Saturday
6:00 PM**


For **EVERYONE** in the Parish

Sponsored by ECW

Well it is time again for our annual White Elephant Sale. Get together all those items you thought you couldn't live without but now wonder ...What was I thinking?... and bring them to the Siler's house (110 Breezewood Drive) Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. Please also bring a finger food to share. Roger and Rick will tag team again and of course it will be lots of fun.

- Bring those unwanted Christmas gifts or other items to be auctioned off.
- Bring finger food to share.
- Bring your cash and checkbooks!

Proceeds benefit
Episcopal Church Women's
outreach programs.




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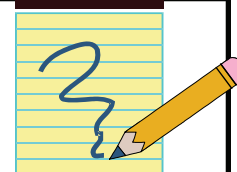
Corinne Stewart, Editor

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) Tape for desk dispenser
- 2) Tissues
- 3) Paper Towels



Thank you for your Continued Support!



Items of Note



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	Women's Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Library.
VESTRY MEETING	The Vestry will meet Monday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in the adult classroom.
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB	Women's Book Club meets on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 PM in the Library.
MORNING PRAYER	We will have Morning Prayer for both 8:30 & 10:30 am services on Sun., Feb 12.
ECW MEETING	Episcopal Church Women meet Sunday, February 12 after the 10:30 service.
PANCAKE SUPPER	Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM.
ASH WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday service February 22 at 7:00 PM.
VESTRY CONFERENCE	Vestry meets Friday, Feb. 24 6:30—9pm and Saturday, Feb. 25 9am—3pm.
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION	White Elephant Auction Saturday, Feb. 25 6:00 PM at the Siler's home.

St. Francis OUTREACH UPDATE

Our Outreach Team as decided to donate \$100 for a STOP HUNGER NOW event chaired by Janette Thode at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

St. Francis will be inviting churches who have sponsored refugees in the past, to celebrate InterFaith Refugee Ministry's (IRM) 20th Anniversary. Look for date to be announced.

St. Francis continues to volunteer at the Community Soup Kitchen on the 5th Saturday of the month.

We plan to sponsor walkers in the United Church Ministries Walk for Hunger. Date will be announced.

We will continue Outreach to assist the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry. During Lent there will be a designated offering to EFM as well as collection of clothing and linens. See the Tower in the Parish Hall for list of needs.

April 28th St. Francis will host a 50/50 yard sale. Parishioners can either donate items to sell or set up a table and share the profits with the Outreach Team's chosen local charity. Leftovers will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Janette will be organizing this project.

In June, we will collect items for InterFaith Refugee Ministry in commemoration of Refugee Sunday.

We have some great projects ahead this year! Thank you to all who offered suggestions.

— Nina Silverthorne, Outreach Chair


Other Ministries from St. Francis will be meeting soon to plan their 2012 events for our master calendar.

REMINDER for COFFEE HOUR HOSTS and SOCIAL TEAMS

Check all trash cans around the facility (offices, library, church, nursery, Sunday school rooms, restrooms, etc.) to bag all trash.


The refuse and recycling schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE**FEBRUARY 2012**

	February 5	February 12 <i>Morning Prayer</i>	February 19	February 26
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
	VERGER	Jodi Baker	Lay Leader—Jodi Baker	Chris Cowan
SUBDEACON	Jim Howard		Barrett Parker	Chris Cowan
CHALICE BEARER	Jacob Sarvey		To Be Determined	Debbie Stedner
LECTORS	Liz Howard Pat Biggers	Jill Brogneaux Liz Meador	Jeannie Siler Laura Kelly	Sharon Sarvey Whitney Jansta
CRUCIFER	Jacob Howard	Quincy Cunningham	Jacob Sarvey	Mikaela Freeman
TORCH BEARERS	Lauren Howard Jillian Faust	To Be Determined To Be Determined	Jillian Faust Quincy Cunningham	Max Tapiz Izabelle Casey
USHERS	Rick Coor Jason LeChot	Rick Coor Jason LeChot	Rick Coor Jason LeChot	Rick Coor Jason LeChot
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Jill Brogneaux	Karen Witt	Dave Meador	Liz Meador
ALTAR GUILD	Marylee Lannan Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Marylee Lannan Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Marylee Lannan Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Marylee Lannan Betsy Powell Norma Powell
FLOWER GUILD	Jeannie Siler Sheila Prouse Rebecca Newell	Jeannie Siler Sheila Prouse Rebecca Newell	Jeannie Siler Sheila Prouse Rebecca Newell	Jeannie Siler Sheila Prouse Rebecca Newell
TELLERS	Catherine LeChot Zeb Jones	Catherine LeChot Zeb Jones	Catherine LeChot Zeb Jones	Catherine LeChot Zeb Jones
COFFEE HOUR	Judy & George Moye	Judy & George Moye	Judy & George Moye	Judy & George Moye

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


**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Paul Miller**
- 2 Jacob Sarvey**
- 7 Frank Boseman**
- 12 Sandra Tucker Franks**
- 24 David Thode** 

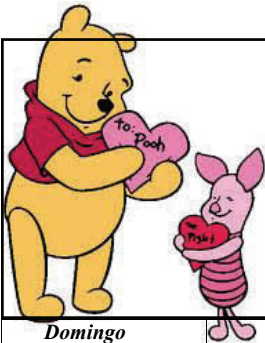
If your birthday has been omitted please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.

**We need
Children's
Sunday School
teachers!**

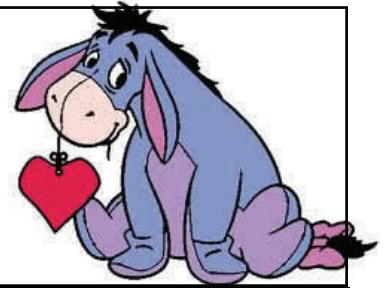


**See Catherine LeChot
to be included in the rotation.**

**As you know Brenda Coor is taking a sabbatical from teaching Sunday school.
Our sincere thanks to Brenda for her dedicated work with the children!**



February/Febrero 2012



Domingo Sunday	Lunes Monday	Martes Tuesday	Miércoles Wednesday	Jueves Thursday	Viernes Friday	Sábado Saturday
<p>CE = Christian Education all ages</p> <p>ESL = English as a Second Language Class</p> <p>HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service</p> <p>MP = Morning Prayer</p> <p>Santa Missa = Spanish Mass</p>			1	<p>2 (Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple)</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><i>Groundhog Day</i></p>	3	4
<p>5 5 Epiphany</p> <p>8:30 AM HE</p> <p>9:30 AM CE</p> <p>10:30 AM HE</p> <p>3:00 PM ESL</p> <p>4 PM Santa Missa</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Vestry Meeting ✓</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Book Club </p>	7	8	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	10	11
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<p>19 Last Epiphany</p> <p>8:30 AM HE</p> <p>9:30 AM CE</p> <p>10:30 AM HE</p> <p>3:00 PM ESL</p> <p>4 PM Santa Missa</p>	20	<p>21 Shrove Tuesday</p> <p></p> <p>6:00 PM Pancake Supper</p>	<p>22 Ash Wednesday</p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i> </p> <p>7:00 PM HE with Imposition of Ashes</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 (Feast of Saint Mathias the Apostle)</p> <p>6:30—9 PM ✓ Vestry Conference</p>	<p>25 ✓</p> <p>9 AM—3 PM ✓ Vestry Conference</p> <p>6:00 PM ✓ White Elephant Auction @ The Siler's </p>
<p>26 1 Lent</p> <p>8:30 AM HE</p> <p>9:30 AM CE</p> <p>10:30 AM HE</p> <p>3:00 PM ESL</p> <p>4 PM Santa Missa</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM Lenten Supper/Program Details to follow! </p>			

129th Annual Diocesan Convention in New Bern

Did your printer cartridge
just run out of ink?
Don't throw it away!
Bring it to St. Francis Church
and recycle it!



We can turn in *used* cartridges to Staples and receive \$2 back in rewards per cartridge that can be used to purchase office supplies.



Box for *used* ink cartridges
is located in the Church.

*Also, a parishioner has donated
several unused ink cartridges
for anyone to use.*

*Take a look on the table in the Parish Hall
and feel free to take any
that will work for your home printer.*

*Just remember to bring your
used cartridges back to St. Francis!*

Happening #59 March 16 - 18, 2012 **@ Trinity Center**

- Join us for this weekend of spiritual renewal with High Schoolers. All 9th - 12th graders are invited to participate.
- The cost is \$150 for the weekend (per Candidate)
- Adults from each parish are welcome and encouraged to be part of Happening. If you are attending for the first time, you will be a Happening Candidate. For questions,

Our family is all so very grateful for the participation of the people of St. Francis on the day of the baptism of our grandson, John Bradford Thomas, Jr. His parents Brad and Sarah (Campbell) Thomas requested that his baptism be at St. Francis, having felt your prayers and support during the difficult journey before John's birth. January 8 was a glorious day--thanks be to God and to all of you.

Walker and Charlotte Campbell



Work has been completed on the Columbarium central panel.

please contact Cookie Cantwell. (910-264-5910). You can also discuss with Crissie Lewis.

- Applications are available and due February 15, 2012

Heard it through the Grapevine

PRAYER LIST: (St. Francis Parish) Annette, Paul, Wade, Effie, and Jeff. (Friends) Marilyn, Amy, Katherine, Silas, Catherine, Kelby, Sarah, Ron, George, Brenda, Anne, Doug, Debbie, Turnage, Ariel, Gordana, Bill, Ray, Barbara, Jake, Juanita, Bob, Robert, and all caregivers. *****Jeff Jackson**, Annette's husband, is undergoing surgery soon. *****Bob Goodman**, former parishioner, has been admitted to Kitty Askins. *****Paula Griffin** has returned to work after her recent hospitalizations.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- *****Dean Gurley** will be remembered at Convention for his service to the Diocese and as a former delegate from St. Francis.
- ***Congratulations to **Jeff Merritt** on his retirement from the Air Force and as maintenance supervisor at General Industries.
- ***Welcome back **Bridgett & Michael Fitzsimmons**, and **Alan Thode** who have returned from months long deployment.
- ***The playground work has begun! Thanks to all those involved in that ongoing project.
- ***Thanks to all the men who turned out on Clean-Up day, January 21 to clean up the grounds for Bishop Daniels visit.

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: To Be Determined
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: Jeff Merritt 735-9192 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 . . .



Happy Valentine's Day!
February 14, 2012



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.

February 21
6:00 p.m.
Pancake Supper

February 22
7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday

February 25
6:00 p.m.
White Elephant

February 29
6:00 p.m.
Lenten Wednesday
Supper/Program

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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Junior Warden -
John Koegel (919) 580-9488