

The FRANCISCANS

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church

January 2011

WILL YOU TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FUTURE? WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ST. FRANCIS?

During the past 6 years as we have worshiped together, we have been exposed to visions of what life is supposed to be like in God's Kingdom -- a Kingdom of peace, love, joy, hope and generous hospitality. We have been lifted up from our tendency to say "No" to God's coming to realizing that we can bring a little bit more of God into our world.

In our worship we have opened ourselves to Christ's teachings of loving our neighbor as ourself, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, visiting the prisoner, clothing the naked, loving one another as Christ has loved us.

We have been shaped by our worship to make God's generous hospitality present in our midst through our many ways or reaching out beyond ourselves and our own families envisioning a world ruled by the values of hospitality through supporting the Food Bank, supporting MDG goals, and being involved in the vision of eradicating hunger.

We have been shaped in and through our worship to make God's generous hospitality present through reaching out beyond ourselves at the Peace providing a safe place where we can reach across boundaries of age and background. We have reached out to assist others through prayer, praying for the sick, the shut-ins, the grieving, taking the elements of the Eucharist to those who cannot get to church and to call on those in hospital.

SEEKING PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TO MATCH YOUR VISION

With my leaving after 6 years at St. Francis, you now have the opportunity both to give thanks for the past life of St. Francis and to

determine together where you want to go from here and who you aspire to become. Edward A. White (SAYING GOODBYE: A TIME OF GROWTH FOR CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORS) comments that this time of change is a "... time ... to think through together what your priorities are for the next chapter in the life of this church, so that you can then seek pastoral leadership that matches that vision. ..." (p. 91)

You now have the opportunity to wrestle with some of the following questions:

1. What matters most to us about our church?
What keeps us coming here?
1. What would we like to change or improve?
2. What's missing?
3. What are the trends in our community that may affect our future? Who are the potential target constituencies in our community that we can serve best?: what are their needs?

What is our primary task? Is it to generate membership growth? To generate more and different church programs? To change society and pursue justice? To stimulate growth in discipleship and faithfulness among our church members? (Edward A. White, "What to Do until the Preacher Comes: ...")

May you continue in your worship and prayers to seek God's coming Kingdom in the people you meet and in the depths of your own hearts. May you welcome the challenge of discipleship. And may you continue to offer yourselves as God's ministers going forth in hope, peace, joy, and love. May your hearts continue to be transformed by the living Christ so that you may continue to walk in the light of Christ.

Peace, Fr. Van +

STOP HUNGER NOW

An ingathering for Stop Hunger Now will be held **Sunday, Jan 16th**. Any money donations made in conjunction with the Advent materials will be collected at this time. Remember a meal only costs 25 cents. Consider preparing a meal at home and donating the cost of a fast food meal or pizza. Or set aside \$.25 per meal per day times 30 days = \$22.50 = 90 children being fed.

Come Join St Francis & the Stop Hunger Now organization on **Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 am** at the Wayne County Arts Council Gallery (2406 E. Ash St) in packaging food for those in need throughout the World.

Our goal is to raise \$2,500 in order to package a minimum of 10,000 meals to support feeding school children in Afghanistan and other locales as part of Wayne County Reads 2011. You can donate and/or register to package food. (Sign up on the Tower in the parish hall or online -- watch for a Paypal option.)

Coming soon: Souper Bowl Sunday Collection for Stop Hunger Now on February 6 and a special event at Chick-Fil-A (date to be announced).

Wayne County Reads 2011 — A countywide reading project will feature two books by Greg Mortenson, "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School At A Time" and "Stones into



ECW NEWS

➤ **January 25, Tuesday — 7:00 PM**

The Women's Book Club meets January 25, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The book is *Wolf Hall* by: Hilary Mantel — Enter Thomas Cromwell, a self-made man who ascends to King Henry VIII's right hand. Rigorously forward-thinking, Cromwell has little interest in what motivates his Majesty, and although he makes way for Henry's marriage to the infamous Anne Boleyn, it's the future of a free England that he honors above all else and hopes to secure. Author Mantel admirably fills in the blanks, portraying Cromwell as an oft-beaten son who fled his father's home, fought for the French, studied law and was fluent in French, Latin and Italian. Mixing fiction with fact, Author Mantel captures the atmosphere of the times and brings to life the important players: Henry VIII; his wife, Katherine of Aragon; the bewitching Boleyn sisters; and the difficult Thomas More, who opposes the king. This is a Must Read!!!

Discussion Leader: Liz Meador

If you are new to St Francis and have questions about our very active ECW (Episcopal Church Women) group please let us know! We are involved in service, outreach, fellowship together, prayer and Bible study and welcome all women to join us!

— Jenny Kelly, ECW President



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

Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan." and will include an in-depth look at Afghanistan, its people and culture. For more information and a schedule of events see: www.waynereads.com or www.artsinwayne.org. Our own Liz Meador is co-chair and Sarah Merritt has organized a major photography exhibit. Jeff Merritt will be a panelist.

Eradicating hunger has several benefits: it sustains the workforce, promotes gender equality, boosts education rates, heals weakened communities, reduces child mortality, and improves maternal health.



Working Together to End World Hunger!



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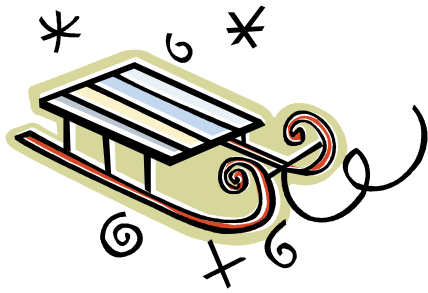
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The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, III, Bishop
of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina
The Rev. Dr. A.O. "Van" Vannorsdall, Priest-in-Charge
William Hayes, Organist/Choirmaster
Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator

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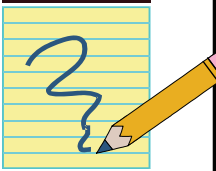
The Franciscans is published 11 times a year.
The **deadline** for items to be considered for inclusion
is the **15th of each month**.



St. Francis' Wish List

- 1) Paper Towels
- 2) Lysol spray

Thank you for your Continued Support!




Items of Note



LESSONS & CAROLS

Lessons & Carols **Sunday, January 2** at 10:30 am service. NO 8:30 am service.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Marray visits St. Francis on **Sunday, January 9**. He will Celebrate the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist service which includes a Baptism and Confirmation.

STOP HUNGER NOW

An Ingathering for Stop Hunger Now will be held **Sunday, January 16**.

VESTRY RETREAT

The Vestry will meet on **Saturday, January 22** at **9:00 am** at The Campbell's beach house.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Book Club meets **Tuesday, January 25** at **7:00 PM** in The Library. All women are invited to attend.

SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis volunteers at the Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro on **Saturday, January 29** beginning at **9:00 am**. Sign up sheet is on the Tower in the Parish Hall if you can volunteer.

FR. VAN'S RETIRING

Come Celebrate with Fr. Van on his last Sunday here at St. Francis on **Sunday, January 30**. Regular services will be held at **8:30 am** and **10:30 am**. He will also be Blessing our Garden during the 10:30 am service.

BLESSING THE GARDEN

Fr. Van will be Blessing our Garden on **Sunday, January 30** during the 10:30 am service.

Falling Snow

by anonymous—taken from the internet

See the pretty snowflakes
Falling from the sky;
On the wall and housetops
Soft and thick they lie.

On the window ledges,
On the branches bare;
Now how fast they gather,
Filling all the air.

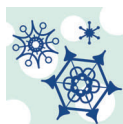
Look into the garden,
Where the grass was green;
Covered by the snowflakes,
Not a blade is seen.

Now the bare black bushes
All look soft and white,
Every twig is laden,
What a pretty sight!

SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE**JANUARY 2011**

	January 2 (NO 8:30 service) Lessons & Carols	January 9 BISHOP'S VISIT Baptism & Confirmation	January 16	January 23	January 30 FR. VAN'S LAST SERVICES HERE —Blessing Garden—
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
VERGER	John Pegram	Chris Cowan	Barrett Parker	Chris Cowan	Jodi Baker
SUBDEACON	Barrett Parker	Roger Brogneaux	John Pegram	Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker
CHALICE BEARER	N/A	N/A	Debbie Stedner	Nick Cunningham	Debbie Stedner
LECTOR	N/A	Jill Brogneaux	Liz Howard	Walker Campbell	Jill Brogneaux
CRUCIFER	Quincy Cunningham	Jacob Sarvey	Colin Coor	Emily Moser	Nick Cunningham
TORCH BEARERS	N/A	Mikaela Freeman Emily Moser	Jacob Howard Lauren Howard	Jacob Howard Lauren Howard	Emily Moser Quincy Cunningham
USHERS	Mitch Baker Rick Coor	Mitch Baker Rick Coor	Mitch Baker Rick Coor	Mitch Baker Rick Coor	Mitch Baker Rick Coor
EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS	Jill Brogneaux	Karen Witt Dave Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
ALTAR GUILD	Betsy Powell Jill Brogneaux	Betsy Powell Jill Brogneaux	Betsy Powell Jill Brogneaux	Betsy Powell Jill Brogneaux	Betsy Powell Jill Brogneaux
FLOWER GUILD	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler
TELLERS	Rick Coor Steve Gregorcyk	Rick Coor Steve Gregorcyk	Rick Coor Steve Gregorcyk	Rick Coor Steve Gregorcyk	Rick Coor Steve Gregorcyk
COFFEE HOUR	The Sarvey's	The Sarvey's	The Sarvey's	The Sarvey's	The Sarvey's

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



Grandma's Hot Chocolate

Her kitchen is toasty and she has set out three mugs, filled with creamy, warm chocolate, as warm as her hugs!

It is rarely too hot and never too cold. But what makes it best -- or so I am told --

Is that besides the chocolate, and the marshmallow or two, she makes it with love and especially for you!



— Author unknown
Taken from the Internet

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 David Powell

6 Fr. Van

17 Lillie Sarvey

19 Evaristo Gutierrez

20 Jason LeChot

24 Colin Coor

25 Pat Biggers

27 Joshua Howard

29 Mikaela Freeman



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



Enero/January 2011



Domingo Sunday	Lunes Monday	Martes Tuesday	Miércoles Wednesday	Jueves Thursday	Viernes Friday	Sábado Saturday
CE = Christian Education (Sunday School) ALL ages HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service Santa Misa = Spanish Mass						1 (Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ) New Year's Day
2 2 Christmas NO 8:30 AM 10:30 AM HE w/Lessons & Carols 4 PM Santa Misa	3	4	5	6 (Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ) 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 1 Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE, Baptism & Confirmation w/ Bishop Marray 4 PM Santa Misa	10	11	12	13	14	15 (Franciscans Deadline)
16 2 Epiphany Stop Hunger Now Ingathering 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 4 PM Santa Misa	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 (Feast of The Confession of Saint Peter, the Apostle)	19	20 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	21	22 ✓ 9:00 AM Vestry Retreat @ Campbell's Beach House
23 3 Epiphany 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 4 PM Santa Misa	24	25 (Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle) 7:00 PM Women's Book Club 	26	27 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	28	29 9:00 AM St. Francis volunteers at Soup Kitchen
30 4 Epiphany Celebrate with Fr. Van on his last Sunday here 8:30 AM HE 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE & Blessing Our Garden 4 PM Santa Misa	31					



To the Wonderful People of St. Francis,

Wesley and I would like to say "Thank You" for all the meals, prayers, and concern you have shown us during Corinne's recovery.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

*God's Peace,
Michael & Wesley
Stewart*



Meditations from the Flower Guild

Taken from "God in the Garden" by Maureen Gilmer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
Amen.

— Reinhold Niebuhr

Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)

Lily of the valley is among the spring-blooming flowers. Its white flowers came to represent the purity of the Virgin Mary, and its sweet scent her love. This plant also came to symbolize the immaculate conception. This old-fashioned flower came into cultivation in sixteenth-century Europe, and it is native throughout that continent and Asia Minor. It is valued among the few bulbs that flourish in the shade, and it easily naturalizes in forested garden settings.



Dear St. Francis Family,

Words cannot begin to express my sincere appreciation for everything you did for me and my family the past seven weeks. Your good wishes, thoughts, prayers and the yummy meals were all greatly appreciated.

Hopefully I will be back to regular office hours by the end of January. Bare with me as I regain my strength and slowly return to working full time.

Also, thank you for the gracious Christmas bonus. The Good Lord surely has Blessed my life with such wonderful people.

*Peace & Love,
Corinne*

ST. FRANCIS: GET INVOLVED!!

<i>ACTIVITY — GROUP — MINISTRY</i>	<i>CONTACT(S)</i>
Acolytes (Scheduling)	Jodi Baker 751-1844
Altar Guild	Jill Brogneaux 751-0897
Budget/Finance/Accounting	Katherine Phinizy, Treasurer 736-1080
Building & Grounds	Steve Gregorcyk, Jr. Warden 429-1930
Christian Education	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Christmas In The Forest 2011	To Be Determined
Church Choir	Bill Hayes, Organist & Choirmaster 735-9845
Coffee Hour Volunteer (Scheduling)	To Be Determined—Need Volunteer
Columbarium	Liz Meador 735-2316
Communication Commission	Liz Meador 735-2316
Deanery Representatives	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	President: Jen Kelly Co-Vice Presidents: Crissie Lewis & Brenda Coor Secretary: Nina Silverthorne Treasurer: Karen Witt
Eucharistic Visitors Coordinator	Dave Meador 735-2316
Flower Guild	Jeannie Siler 778-2107
<i>The Franciscans</i> , Newsletter	Corinne Stewart/Parish Office 735-9845
Frantastix's (20's, 30's, & 40's Social Group)	Barrett Parker 751-3928 or Sarah Merritt 735-9192
Garden	Sandy Siler 778-2107
Hospitality—Parish Socials/Picnics	To Be Determined—Need Volunteer
Lay Pastoral Care Ministry	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Lectors, Subdeacons, Vergers (Scheduling)	Jodi Baker 751-1844
Media Coordinator	Liz Meador 735-2316
Outreach Commission	Harriet Pegram 658-8762
Parish Membership, Baptism, Confirmation	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Prayer Chain	Kitty Boseman 734-5934
Project Christ Child	Walker Campbell 735-9090
Soup Kitchen (Contact at St. Francis)	Eldica Cyrus 751-1964
Stewardship 2011 Chairperson	Rick Coor 778-0210
United Thank Offering (UTO) Coordinator	Betsy Powell 778-2774
Ushers (Scheduling)	Mitch Baker 920-1975
Youth Group-EYC (Middle School & High School)	Catherine LeChot 739-0150

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Of Current Interest . . .

January 30

Fr. Van is retiring
Join him on his last Sunday
here at St. Francis—
8:30 am and then
at 10:30 am
w/Coffee Hour following!



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 9

Bishop's Visit

January 16

Stop Hunger Now
INGATHERING

January 22

Vestry Retreat

January 25

Women's Book Club

January 29

Soup Kitchen

January 30

Blessing of our Garden
10:30 am



2011 Vestry:

Charlotte Campbell, Sr. Warden
Steve Gregorcyk, Jr. Warden
Liz Meador, Clerk
Rick Coor
Chris Cowan
Jim Howard
Zeb Jones
Catherine LeChot
Dave Meador

(Katherine Phinizy, Treasurer)