

# The FRANCISCANS

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church

February 2011

## LETTER TO MEMBERS OF ST. FRANCIS

*{Paul called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,... I Corinthians 1:1-9}*

Albert Oliver Vannorsdall, called to be a priest and apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God -- ordained as a minister in the Methodist Church in 1960 and ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1980 -- I have served as his servant for 50 years as teacher of his word, preacher, chaplain, and priest-in-charge --

*{To the church of God that is in Corinth,}*

to the church of God that is located in Goldsboro, NC --  
St. Francis Episcopal Church:

*{to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:}*

to all of you who in your baptisms have been claimed by Christ to be his beloved servants -- who are blessed with God's grace and love in hearing his word proclaimed and in receiving his sacraments -- you who are called to be saints -- to you who are called to reflect the grace and love of God in your daily life and actions --- to all of you along with all Christians throughout the world, who call upon the name of Christ --

**{OPENING BLESSING:** *grace to you and peace from God our father and the lord Jesus Christ}*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**{BODY --** *I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind -- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ...}*

I give thanks to my God always for you because you are filled with God's grace, given to you in Christ Jesus for in every way you have been enriched in him,

in speech and knowledge of every kind -- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you through your worship, through your hearing the word and receiving the bread and wine of eternal life.

you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ in the future. ... you have been called -- some to be leaders and teachers, some to chair commissions, some to organize potlucks, some to arrange for visiting ministers, some to prepare the communion table, some to read the scriptures, some to greet people at the door, some to reach out at Food Banks and helping the hungry -- they all are gifts of service so that the Body of Christ might be built up. It might be a ministry of prayer, encouragement, generosity, faith, kindness, hospitality, welcoming, a practical helping hand. As you have discovered and used your gifts, you have become Christ to each other and to the world.

*{He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our lord Jesus Christ.}*

I am sure that God will continue to strengthen you to the end as you continue in your worship and prayers seeking for a new priest-in-charge. For I know that God is faithful and that by him you have been called into the fellowship of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**CLOSING:** 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 continue to live out of your faith -- for faith looks forward, while sorrow looks back and worry looks around, but faith looks up. Love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in God who loves you.

Walking in the light of Christ, I remain yours faithfully,

Fr. Van+

*Also, thanks for the generous Christmas bonus/gift.  
Peace, Fr. Van*

## Do you have Christmas &/or Greeting Cards to be recycled? Leave cards in labeled box in Parish Hall through February 28, 2011.

### St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program

Over thirty years ago, wishing to show their donors appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible, the idea was conceived for turning the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the coming season. The recipients were so delighted with their unique "thank you," they requested the children sell them the special cards. And so, the St. Jude's Ranch Recycled Card Program was born. Since then, the program expanded to include all occasion greeting cards...just about anything that starts with a used greeting card. People from all over the world have sent us their used cards!

Operated by Kids, Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills, the children participate in making the new cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The result is a beautiful new card made by the children and volunteers. The benefits are two-fold: customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green".

Card Donating Tips: • All types of greeting cards, including Christmas, all occasion, birthday. • Only the card front can be used (please check to be sure the back side is clear of any writing, etc.) • We can not accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards. • 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.



## ECW NEWS

➤ **February 5, Saturday—6:30 PM**

### White Elephant Auction

at the home of Pat & Bob Biggers (778-5544)  
100 Wooten Point Rd, Goldsboro  
(See page 3 of this Newsletter for more info)

➤ **March 22, Tuesday — 7:00 PM**

The Women's Book Club next meets Tuesday, March 22, 2011 The Red Tent @ 7:00 p.m. in the Library at St. Francis. We need a Discussion leader for The Red Tent. Please contact Barrett Parker.

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!

— Crissie Lewis, ECW President

#### 2011 ECW Officers:

Crissie Lewis, President  
Liz Meador & Brenda Coor, Co-Vice Presidents  
Karen Witt, Treasurer  
Betsy Powell, UTO Coordinator  
Jill Brogneaux, Secretary



### 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



### *The Franciscans*

#### St. Francis Episcopal Church

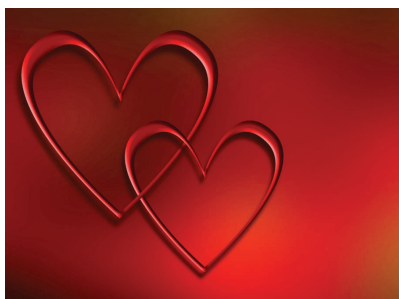
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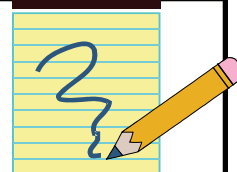
*The Franciscans:*

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) Paper Towels
- 2) Kleenex Tissues

*Thank you for your Continued Support!*



## Items of Note



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets **Thursdays during February** in the Library at **10:00 am**. All women are invited to attend!

### CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT

**Enjoy your Dinner at Chick-fil-A on Friday, February 4 from 5:00-8:00 PM.** Remember that you **MUST** have your coupon with you for St. Francis/Stop Hunger Now to receive a donation from the restaurant. Coupons are in the Parish Hall or on our website [www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org](http://www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org).

### WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

Our Annual White Elephant Auction is **Friday, February 5 at 6:30 PM** at The **Biggers' home** (100 Wooten Point Rd., Goldsboro). **Everyone in the Parish is Invited! Bring items to be auctioned off and heavy hors d'oeuvres to share.**

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Outreach Committee will be at the church entrance with soup pots collecting cash donations for 'STOP HUNGER NOW' on **Sunday, February 6**.

### STOP HUNGER NOW

The Deadline for cash donations for 'Stop Hunger Now' is **Sunday, February 6**. This day is also the Deadline to sign up to help on Feb. 12 for the Food Packaging Event at Wayne County Arts Council (2406 E. Ash St) at 10:00 am.

### VESTRY MEETING

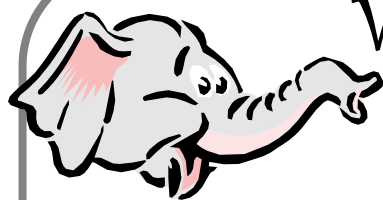
The Vestry will meet **Monday, February 7 at 6:00 PM** in the Library.

### FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

Food Packaging Event at Wayne County Arts Council (2406 E. Ash St.) **Feb. 12 at 10:00 am**.

### VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry is scheduled to meet with Canon Stockard on **Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM** in the Library.



## White Elephant Auction

**Saturday, February 5, 2011**

**6:30 PM**

at The Biggers' Home - 100 Wooten Point Rd.  
Goldsboro ~ 778-5544

*Everyone is Invited!*



- Bring an unwanted Christmas gift or other items to be auctioned off!
- Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres (finger food) to share.
- Bring your cash & checkbooks!

*Proceeds benefit ECW's (Episcopal Church Women) outreach programs.*

**SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE****FEBRUARY 2011**

	<b>February 6</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>February 27</b>
	Supply Clergy Rev. Douglas Culton	Supply Clergy Rev. Douglas Culton	Supply Clergy Rev. Mary Reese	Supply Clergy Rev. Robert Hobgood
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>VERGER</b>	John Pegram	Chris Cowan	Barrett Parker	Jodi Baker
<b>SUBDEACON</b>	Barrett Parker	Roger Brogneaux	Sarah Merritt	Chris Cowan
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>	Nick Cunningham	Debbie Stedner	Nick Cunningham	Debbie Stedner
<b>LECTOR</b>	Catherine LeChot	Rick Coor	Liz Howard	Pat Biggers
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Quincy Cunningham	Colin Coor	Jacob Sarvey	Emily Moser
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>	Emily Moser Jacob Sarvey	Mikaela Freeman Emily Moser	Jacob Howard Lauren Howard	Quincy Cunningham Mikaela Freeman
<b>USHERS</b>	George Moye Mitch Baker	George Moye Mitch Baker	George Moye Mitch Baker	George Moye Mitch Baker
<b>EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS</b>	Jill Brogneaux	Karen Witt Dave Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador	To Be Determined
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt	Barrett Parker Sarah Merritt
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler
<b>TELLERS</b>	Dave Meador Liz Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	The Moye's	The Moye's	The Moye's	The Moye's

**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  
Karlyn Ray**
- 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.

## Project Christ Child

Many thanks to all the St. Francis parishioners who gave gifts and gift cards to our Hispanic children. Also, a very special thanks to the generous owner of the sports store in Goldsboro who donated more than 30 new soccer balls to these children. The children and their parents were thrilled with these wonderful Christmas gifts. The party was held in our parish hall on Sun., Dec. 19 with approximately 80 persons attending. Many St. Francis parishioners were present to help with this party—Roger Brogneaux, Jodi Baker, Kirsten Walters, Jacob Sarvey, Quincy & Nick Cunningham, Jean & Sandy Siler, Catherine LeChot, Charlotte & Walker Campbell, and Luke

Mills. Please forgive me if I forgot to include your name in this lineup. There is a group picture of all us helpers with the children after receiving their gifts. There are, also, "Thank You" notes from some of the children. These will be posted on the tower in the parish hall. A very special thanks to Father Tony Rojas and his wife, Lucia.

At the end of this party, Father Rojas presented all the party helpers with delicious, spicy, hot tamales which were quickly eaten by us helpers.

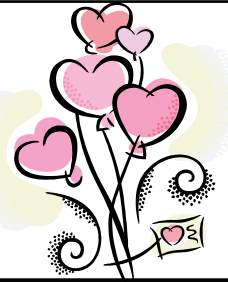
Have a wonderful 2011 and thanks so much for your help and generosity.

— Walker Campbell, Christ Child coordinator

## STOP HUNGER NOW

- **February 4, Friday — 5-8:00 PM: Enjoy your dinner at Chick-fil-A on Berkeley Blvd.!**  
Remember that you MUST have your coupon with you. Pick up your Chick-fil-A coupon at St. Francis or print out from [www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org](http://www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org)
- **February 6, Sunday: Deadline for cash donations to Stop Hunger Now and to sign up to help Feb. 12 at the food packaging event**
- **February 12, Saturday — 10 am: Food packaging event at Arts Council Gallery (2406 E. Ash St).**

# Febrero/February 2011



Domingo Sunday	Lunes Monday	Martes Tuesday	Miércoles Wednesday	Jueves Thursday	Viernes Friday	Sábado Saturday
<p>CE = Christian Education (Sunday School) ALL ages</p> <p>HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service</p> <p>Santa Misa = Spanish Mass</p>		<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> (<i>Feast of The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</i>)</p> <p> <i>Groundhog Day</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>♀ <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p> <b>5-8 PM</b> Eat at Berkeley Commons <i>Chick-Fil-A</i> to benefit Stop Hunger Now</p> <p><b>(128<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention)</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p> <b>6:30 PM</b> White Elephant Auction @ The Biggers' home</p>
<p><b>6</b> <i>5 Epiphany</i></p> <p><b>DEADLINE</b> </p> <p>* Cash donations</p> <p>* Sign up for Food Packaging event Feb.12 for STOP HUNGER NOW</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> HE</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> CE</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> HE</p> <p><b>4 PM</b> Santa Misa</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting </p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>♀ <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>5:45 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging Event @ Wayne County Arts Council (2406 E. Ash St)</p> <p></p>
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Dear parishioners,

*I am extremely grateful for the Christmas bonus you gave me. Your generosity is overwhelming, and I am fortunate to work for such good and caring people. I most deeply and sincerely thank you.*

Bill

## Meditations

### from the Flower Guild

Taken from "God in the Garden" by Maureen Gilmer

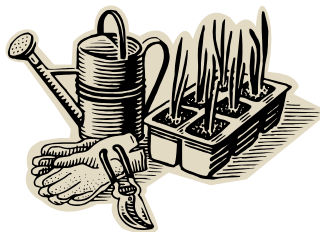
O my mother, in your heart I placed all the anguish of my heart, and it is there that I gain strength and courage.

— Petition, Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

#### Meditation:

In our culture of luxury, the idea of physical labor is not celebrated. Yet at the heart of gardening lies the work, which transcends mere labor and elevates it to something more. If all the people who spent so much time at the gym used that work energy to cultivate the earth instead, there would be no shortage of food in the world and everyone would be healthier and richer for it.

The sanctity of labor is also the center of monastic life: while the body works, the mind is freed for contemplation. The Benedictine motto is To work is to pray; to pray is to work. This connection integrates spirituality into our hours of digging, pulling weeds, and watering and tending our plants. No one who believes it is better to sit or lie down than to work will ever create or truly enjoy a garden. And old gardener's proverb states it clearly: No garden was ever made by sitting in the shade. While our bodies may argue with sore knees or blistered fingers, at the end of the day we often look over the results to find a deep satisfaction and inner peace that is shared only by artisans, farmers, and missionaries.



# Vestry Voice

1. Having celebrated Fr. Van's ministry at St. Francis and his move into well-deserved retirement, St. Francis has entered an interim period which will be a time of reflection and change. Roger Brogneaux is securing supply clergy to offer our usual services and will be serving as chair for our search for a new Priest-in-Charge. The vestry is soliciting input from commissions and parishioners so it can prepare a description of our parish to use during the search process. We need to discern where we are and where we want to go -- what exciting work! Please share your view of our strengths and challenges and keep our parish in your prayers. (You can find Fr. Van's "Questions for the Vestry and People of St. Francis Episcopal Church, January 2011" in the parish hall. Sign your comments if you wish but it is not required. Submit them before 2/7/11) It is especially important that we all remain faithful in worship, service and fellowship during this time.

2. In case of hospitalization, illness, death, or other emergencies, call Corinne in the Parish Office 735-9845, or Charlotte Campbell, Sr. Warden 735-9090/Home, 344-3302/Cell, [campbellwc@earthlink.net](mailto:campbellwc@earthlink.net) or another member of the Vestry.

3. Remember to check the [www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org](http://www.stfrancisgoldsboro.org) calendar frequently. It is updated as changes occur and features upcoming events on a rolling banner.

4. Calling all college students. Send your college student's address and email address to St. Francis. We would like to stay in touch.

5. The vestry had a productive retreat on January 22. Vestry Liaisons will be meeting with their appointed commissions soon.

Steve Gregorcyck, Jr. Warden--Buildings and Grounds

Zeb Jones--Worship (met Jan. 19, 2011)

Catherine LeChot--Christian Education

Liz Meador--Communications

Rick Coor--Stewardship

Chris Cowan--Outreach

Dave Meador--Pastoral Care

Jim Howard--Parish Life (Charlotte Campbell until Jim returns.)

6. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has invited the people of St. Francis to a Seder meal on April 14. Details later.

— Charlotte Campbell, Sr. Warden

Vestry Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 PM  
(will change for holidays--4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, etc.)

Next meeting is Monday, Feb. 7, 2011

Vestry meets with Canon Matt Stockard on Feb. 22, 2011

***ST. FRANCIS: GET INVOLVED!!***

<b><i>ACTIVITY — GROUP — MINISTRY</i></b>	<b><i>CONTACT(S)</i></b>
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	Vestry Liaison Catherine LeChot 739-0150
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	Charlotte Campbell, Sr. Warden 735-9090
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	President: Crissie Lewis Co-Vice Presidents: Liz Meador & Brenda Coor Secretary: Jill Brogneaux 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	Vestry Liaison Dave Meador 735-2316
Lectors, Subdeacons, Vergers (Scheduling)	Jodi Baker 751-1844
Media Coordinator	Liz Meador 735-2316
Outreach Commission	Harriet Pegram 658-8762
Parish Membership, Baptism, Confirmation	To Be Determined
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 . . .

### Stop Hunger Now Dates to Remember:

- ◆ Feb. 6 Deadline for cash donations and Deadline to sign up for food packaging event.
- ◆ Feb. 12 Food Packaging Event at Wayne County Arts Council (2406 E. Ash St) 10:00 am

#### *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 4

Enjoy dinner at  
Chick-fil-A  
(Berkeley Commons)  
5:00—8:00 PM

### February 5

White Elephant  
Auction  
@ The Biggers'  
6:30 PM

### February 7

Vestry Meeting  
6:00 PM



### **2011 Vestry:**

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

(Katherine Phinizy, Treasurer)