

# The FRANCISCANS

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church

January 2010

## ***THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY***

***JANUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 14, 2010***

***“We have seen his star in the east, and we have come with gifts to adore the Lord.”***

Matthew 2:2



**The Season of Epiphany begins with the manifestation of Christ to the Magi in the manger in Bethlehem (Matthew 2). “The child “showed himself forth” to them, like a candle shows forth in the dark.” (Fr. John Foley, S. J.) In response to this manifestation of God’s Glory / Light the Magi brought gifts.**

**During Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus in our own time.** “He is revealed as the Word of God speaking to us in the marvelous workings of nature, in the achievements of the human spirit, and in the dialogue between Church and the world.” “He is revealed to us as King in every victory over ignorance, alienation and to us as Suffering Messiah in the heart and face of every poor person, every stranger, every wanderer living in a back alley or under a bridge, every person victimized by others. *His glory has shone among us.* We have only to recognize him and to do what the magi did in his presence: *They prostrated themselves and did him homage.*” (Gerald Darring)

There are many unwrappable gifts that we can give to the Christ Child:

- The beauty of our music and our rituals of worship,
- Our acts of devotion and praise,
- Our struggles in prayer,
- The checks we write to charity and to our church,
- Our deeds of kindness that we perform for people near at hand: running an errand for a sick neighbor, bolstering the spirits of the downhearted, bearing cheerfully with someone who causes trouble.

Jesus welcomes our gifts, whatever we do in His name and for Him. “He welcomes our little gifts and gestures of love, giving, and helping because he recognizes them as signs – signs that his joy has touched us.” (Rev. Charles Hoffacker) As signs of His glory/light being manifest in the world as it was present in a manger over 2000 years ago.

How will we respond to Christ’s appearance in our lives – in our world? Will we say “yes” as did Mary and the Magi – or “No” like Herod? May we all continue at St. Francis giving gifts of praise and thanksgiving, gifts of our prayers, gifts of our time and money, and gifts of sharing and giving to others throughout 2010 so that the Glory/Light of God in Jesus Christ might be present in our world.

Peace, Fr. Van +

### The latest Interfaith Refugee Ministry newsletter had the following needs:

- Personal hygiene items
- Cleaning supplies
- Twin, full and queen mattresses/box springs
- Blankets and comforters
- Kitchen chairs
- Sofas
- Tables
- Lamps
- Men's sweaters & jackets (small)
- Baby clothes

Contact the Diocesan Refugee Coordinator if you want more information: (252) 633-9009 or [shusson@helpingrefugees.org](mailto:shusson@helpingrefugees.org).

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

Each month Corinne can take up to 10 cartridges to Staples and receive \$30.00 in reward checks that can be used to purchase office supplies.



Box for used ink cartridges will be located in the Parish Hall.



## ECW NEWS



- The ECW Book Club meets Tuesday, **February 9** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Note: the February book has been changed to *Olive Kitteredge* by Elizabeth Strout, a best-selling collection of intertwined short stories --- "easy to read and impossible to forget." Discussion led by Pat Biggers.

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!

New ECW Officers will be announced soon.

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2010



### *The Franciscans*

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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

*The Franciscans:*

Corinne Stewart, Editor

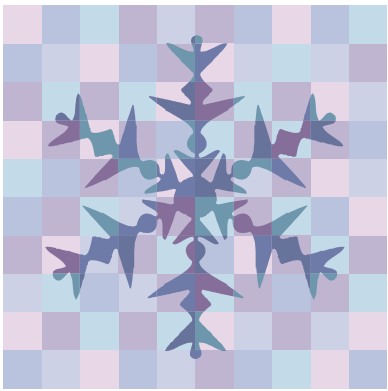
*The Franciscans* is published 11 times a year.  
The **deadline** for items to be considered for inclusion is the **15th of each month**.



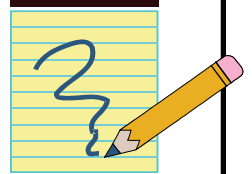
### *A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR*

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

— Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator



### St. Francis' Wish List



- 1) Paper Towels
- 2) Kleenex Tissues
- 3) Toilet Paper

*Thank you for your Continued Support!*



## Items of Note



#### LESSONS & CAROLS

Lessons & Carols **Sunday, January 3** during the 10:30am service. NO 8:30am service and NO Christian Education that day.

#### COMMISSION MEETING

All Commissions will meet on **Wednesday, January 20** beginning at 6:30 pm with Evening Prayer.

#### VESTRY RETREAT

The Vestry will have a Retreat/Meeting on **Saturday, January 23** beginning at 9:00am at Southern Bank, Mt. Olive.

#### WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

The ECW is sponsoring a White Elephant Auction on **Friday, January 29**, 6:30 PM at The Siler's home. Everyone bring an unwanted Christmas gift or other items to be auctioned off! *Proceeds benefit ECW's outreach programs*

#### SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis volunteers at the Goldsboro Community Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, January 30** from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon**.

### VESTRY VOICE

Welcome new Vestry members for a three-year term 2010-2012: Jim Howard, Catherine LeChot, and Liz Meador.

Thank You to our outgoing Vestry members: Sarah Merritt, Barrett Parker, and Karen Witt. Your dedication and service was greatly appreciated.

Fr. Van will commission new Vestry members and recognize the outgoing vestry members on Sunday, January 17 during the 10:30am service.

The Vestry will have a Retreat/Meeting on Saturday, January 23 9am-4pm at Southern Bank, Mt Olive.

We pray that God will enlighten with his grace the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek God's glory and promote the mission of our Church. *Amen.*

### 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention New Bern Convention Center

**February 4, 5, 6, 2010**

#### ST. FRANCIS BUILDING UPDATE:

The age of our building became apparent again!

To start off 2010 the heat went out in the Offices, Library, Nursery, and Parish Hall. It was discovered that the problem was old electrical wiring.

By late Tuesday afternoon, January 5 Wayne Electric and Progress Energy completed all necessary repairs and inspections. Now we wait for the bill!

Anytime during the year you can make a donation to our Church Repair fund to help offset these unforeseen expenses.

## SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2010

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
	Lessons & Carols				
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
<b>VERGER</b>	Barrett Parker	Jodi Baker	John Pegram	Barrett Parker	Jodi Baker
<b>SUBDEACON</b>	John Pegram	Barrett Parker	Roger Brogneaux	Chris Cowan	Stan Stedner
<b>LECTOR</b>		Sharon Sarvey	Jill Brogneaux	Rick Coor	Charlotte Campbell
<b>CRUCIFER</b>		Jacob Sarvey	Laura Kelly	Colin Coor	Quincy Cunningham
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>		To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
<b>USHERS</b>	Mitch Baker Jason LeChot	Mitch Baker Jason LeChot	Mitch Baker Jason LeChot	Mitch Baker Jason LeChot	Mitch Baker Jason LeChot
<b>EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS</b>	Jill Brogneaux Vann Daniel	Karen Witt Dave Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador	To Be Determined	Gloria Price To Be Determined
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Betsy Powell Norma Powell	Betsy Powell Norma Powell
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler	Jeannie Siler
<b>TELLERS</b>	Rick Coor Roger Brogneaux	Rick Coor Roger Brogneaux	Rick Coor Roger Brogneaux	Rick Coor Roger Brogneaux	Rick Coor Roger Brogneaux
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	The Brogneaux's	The Meador's	The Brogneaux's	The Brogneaux's	The Brogneaux's

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



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 David Powell	25 Pat Biggers
6 Fr. Van	27 Joshua Howard
17 Bill Hajjar Lillie Sarvey Kemp Larsen	29 Mikaela Freeman
19 Evaristo Gutierrez	
20 Jason LeChot	
24 Colin Coor	

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

## WINTER QUOTES

Winter is on my head,  
but eternal spring is in my heart.

**Victor Hugo**

If we had no winter,  
the spring would not be so pleasant:  
if we did not sometimes taste of adversity,  
prosperity would not be so welcome.

**Anne Bradstreet**

Blow, blow, thou winter wind  
Thou art not so unkind,  
As man's ingratitude.

**William Shakespeare**












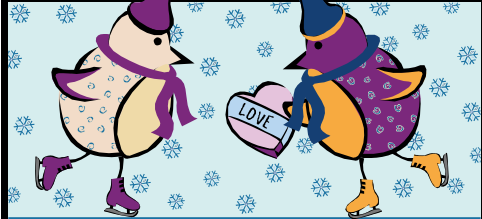
One kind word  
can warm three winter months.

**Japanese proverb**



# Enero/January 2010



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	<b>Each Monday</b> 5:30 PM - 8 PM Boy & Girl Choir of Goldsboro uses Parish Hall				<b>1</b> (Feast of The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ)  New Year's Day	<b>2</b>  
<b>3</b> Christmas 2 NO 8:30 AM NO Christian Ed 10:30 AM HE w/ Lessons and Carols  4 PM Santa Misa	<b>4</b>  	<b>5</b>  	<b>6</b> (Feast of The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ)	<b>7</b>  5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 1 Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ 8:30 AM HE 9:15 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE 4 PM Santa Misa	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b>  5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> (Franciscans Deadline)  	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 2 Epiphany 8:30 AM HE 9:15 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE & Commission new Vestry 4 PM Santa Misa	<b>18</b> (Feast of The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle)  Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday observed	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m. Meeting of ALL Commissions 	<b>21</b>  5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal  	<b>22</b>  	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Vestry Retreat
<b>24</b> 3 Epiphany 8:30 AM HE 9:15 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM CE 10:30 AM HE (Server Training after service)  4 PM Santa Misa	<b>25</b> (Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle)  	<b>26</b>  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b>   6:30 PM White Elephant Auction @ The Siler's	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM St. Francis volunteers at Soup Kitchen 
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Dear People of St. Francis,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the generous gift given by the congregation.

+ Fr. Van

Dear parishioners,

I am most deeply and sincerely grateful for your very generous Christmas gift. You are a caring and loving parish, and I consider myself privileged to serve you. Thank you also for your many individual acts of kindness and expressions of love during the season of Christmas, and again for your nice gift from the parish.

Appreciatively, Bill



Dear St. Francis Friends,

I greatly appreciate your generous Christmas gift. I feel blessed to work for such sincere people. Thank you for your continued gift of thoughtfulness and the Christmas gift.

Your friendship and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Peace, Corinne

## Meditations

### from the Flower Guild

Taken from "God in the Garden" by Maureen Gilmer

Lord, thank you for blessing my life with so many different plants to discover. You assure me that no matter how long I live I shall never run out of discoveries. Help me to learn more about your creations so that I might come to know you better through them. Amen.

*Next to the beauty of plants the thing that impresses us most is their endless variety—so many kinds, no two exactly alike. How are we to explain these facts? At one time the majority of those who gave any thought at all to the subject accepted the explanation that the different kinds of plants and animals were "in the beginning" created as they are with all their bewildering diversity. God spoke, and it was so.*

C. Stuart Gager, *The Plant World*, 1931

## ***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 Phinzy, Treasurer 736-1080
Building & Grounds	Steve Gregorcyk, Jr. Warden 429-1930
Christian Education	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Christmas In The Forest 2010 Chairperson	To Be Determined
Church Choir	Bill Hayes, Organist & Choirmaster 735-9845
Coffee Hour Volunteer (Scheduling)	Jennifer Kelly 273-7189
Columbarium	Liz Meador 735-2316
Communication Commission	Liz Meador 735-2316
Deanery Representatives	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	2010 Officers To Be Announced soon
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 Social Group)	Barrett Parker 751-3928 or Sarah Merritt 735-9192
Garden	Sandy Siler 778-2107
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
Parish Socials/Picnics	Jenny Kelly 273-7189
Prayer Chain	Kitty Boseman 734-5934
Project Christ Child	Walker Campbell 735-9090
Soup Kitchen (Contact at St. Francis)	Eldica Cyrus 751-1964
Stewardship 2010 Chairperson	Rick Coor 778-0210
United Thank Offering (UTO) Co-ordinator	Betsy Powell 778-2774
Ushers (Scheduling)	Mitch Baker 920-1975
Youth Group-EYC (Middle School & High School)	Crissie Lewis 734-8866 & Sharon Sarvey 273-3584

⇒ ***See the Parish Hall TOWER and BULLETIN BOARDS as well as the CURRENT EVENTS WINDOW of the church office for SIGN UPS and additional information. If you do NOT see something listed which suits your particular talent, ability, or interest, please ask any Vestry member how YOU may become more involved in the life of this parish!***

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## Of Current Interest . . .



### *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 3**

Lessons & Carols  
at 10:30 am service

**January 20**

ALL Commissions  
meet after 6:30 pm  
Evening Prayer

**January 23**

VESTRY Retreat

**January 30**

St. Francis volunteers  
at Soup Kitchen  
9:00 am



### **2010 Vestry:**

Roger Brogneaux, Sr. Warden  
Steve Gregorcyk, Jr. Warden  
Norma Powell, Clerk  
Rick Coor  
Chris Cowan  
Jim Howard  
Jennifer Kelly  
Catherine LeChot  
Liz Meador

(Katherine Phinizy, Treasurer)