The Franciscans

A Newsletter of St. Francis Episcopal Church May 2010

PENTECOST: OUR HEARTS WERE STRANGELY WARMED

During Eastertide and at Pentecost, the followers of Jesus found their hearts strangely warmed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, their fearful and frozen hearts, which kept them behind locked doors, were melted. Their eyes of their faith, which were still blind, came to be opened.

The scripture lessons of this season tell of the warming of many hearts and the opening of many eyes of faith:
After Jesus' death, two followers, leaving Jerusalem for Emmaus, meet our risen lord. Eating together, their hearts were strangely warmed (Luke 24).

The disciples, behind locked doors out of fear, meet the risen Lord; he breathes upon them the life giving spirit and eats with them (John 20:19-31).

Peter, still fearful and having returned to his fishing business, finds his heart strangely warmed as he eats with the risen Lord on the bank of Lake Tiberius. He now sees with eyes of faith and can finally hear his calling (John 21:1-19).

Paul, whose heart was locked in fear and hate of the early Christians, finds the Risen Lord summoning him to become an apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9: 1-6).

All of these persons came to see the truth of Jesus and the truth of who Jesus was for them.

Our hearts can become hardened. Our eyes can develop cataracts which blind us eventually. Frederick Buechner in his sermon, "The Seeing Heart," talks about the limited vision of such eyes of faith: *Our eyes tell us that the small country church down the road needs a new coat of paint and that the stout lady who plays the organ looks a little like W. C. Fields and that the pews are rarely more than a quarter filled on any given Sunday. Our eyes see 'facts' while our hearts see 'truth,' for example that 'the truth about the shabby little church is that for reasons known only to God is full of holiness.*

The power of the Holy Spirit opens our eyes, our minds, and limbers our hearts making them soft and willing to love. We become open to the promptings of the Spirit to say "yes" to Christ's question to Peter: "Will you feed my lambs?"

We will sense the power of the Spirit, as did the multitudes at Pentecost, leading us into the world that God loves. We will find that: *Whatever overwhelms us, God comes to us in the midst of our fear and says, "Peace be with you.' Whatever doubts churn in our minds, whatever sins trouble our consciences, whatever pain and worry bind us up, whatever walls we have put up or doors we have locked securely, God comes to us and says, 'peace be with you.' Whatever hunger and need we feel deep in our souls, God calls us to the table, feeds us well, and sends us out into the world to be justice and peace, salt and light, and hope for the world. We can do it, if we keep our eyes open, our minds … limber, and our hearts soft and willing to love. As God sent Jesus, God sends us, too, into the world that God loves." (Huey)*

The Spirit limbers up our hearts and opens our eyes. The Spirit leads us to see the world and all our relationships transformed in the image of God's love. The Holy Spirit plants within us the Word of God causing us to see the world and others in the light of God's love in our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we all continue to open ourselves to the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit by listening to God's word in Scripture, by participating in the fellowship of the Lord's Table, and sharing in the fellowship of His Body, the Church. May each of us remain connected to our compassionate Friend, the Holy Spirit, during this Season of Eastertide and Pentecost. And may the Risen Lord live within each of us through His living, sanctifying Spirit! And may we pray the Collect for Easter 3: *Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; …*

Peace, Fr. Van +

ECW NEWS

- The ECW Book Club meets **Tuesday, May 11**. *Till We Have Faces by C. S. Lewis* - Lewis's short novel of love, faith, and transformation (both good and ill) offers the reader much food for thought in a compact, impressively rich story. Less heavy-handedly Christian-allegorical than Narnia, Till We Have Faces gives us characters who remind us of people we know facing choices and difficulties we recognize. A deceptively simple book that takes on new depth with each rereading, it was reportedly Lewis's own favorite of all his works of fiction. *Charlotte Campbell is the discussion leader.*

- **May 16, Sunday** - United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring Ingathering.

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!

ST. FRANCIS 2010 ECW OFFICERS:

President — Jenny Kelly
Co-Vice Presidents — Crissie Lewis & Brenda Coor
Secretary — Nina Silverthorne
Treasurer — Karen Witt

United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering May 16!

Make checks payable to St. Francis Church marked "UTO"!

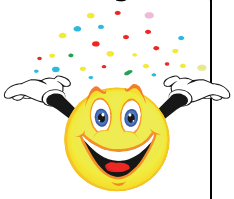
- Offering daily thanks and prayers as part of our life in Christ
- Taking the opportunity to put an offering in our United Thank Offering boxes
- Bringing our offering boxes, envelopes or checks to our local Episcopal churches on Ingathering Days
- Joining our offerings with others to support mission projects at home and around the world

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline to submit items for the next newsletter is May 15th for the June/July issue.

— Corinne Stewart, Parish Administrator

Frantastix "DerbydeMayo" Party



Never heard of this event?! Come and find out!

When: May 1st, Saturday @ 6:00 PM

Where: John & Whitney Jansta's
224 Starcrest Drive
Pikeville
(off of TrueVine)
Whitney (317) 331-7592
John (317) 730-1550

What to bring: Appetizers or dessert
(Dinner & drinks provided)

RSVP by April 28th:
To Whitney whitney.jansta@gmail.com
or Catherine sweetpease428@gmail.com

(The Frantastix is a 20's, 30's & 40's Social Group here at St. Francis!)

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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**.

St. Francis' Wish List

1) Joy Dishwashing Liquid

2) Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Thank you for your Continued Support!

Congratulations!

Jill & Roger Brogneaux
are the proud grandparents of
Lily Marie Brogneaux
born March 30, 2010
weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs., and 20.5" long

Her very happy but tired parents are
Jeff & Danielle Brogneaux.

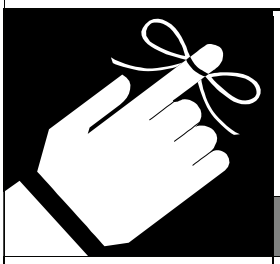
Proud sisters are Christian, Sarah, and Rachel.

Items of Note

FRANTASTIX PARTY	The Frantastix's of St. Francis are having a "DerbydeMayo" Party **May 1** at **6 PM** at Whitney & John Jansta's home. See page 2 for more information.
STAMP OUT HUNGER	The National Association of **Letter Carriers Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** is **Saturday, May 8**, 2010! Put non-perishable food items in a bag and place it by your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver to a local food bank or pantry.
ECW BOOK CLUB	The ECW Book Club meets **Tuesday, May 11** at **7:00 PM** in the Library.
UNITED THANK OFFERING	The UTO Spring Ingathering date is **Sunday**, **May 16**. Count the money in your boxes, pick up a UTO envelope and drop your donation in the collection plate. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis marked "UTO".
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	**Final class day** of Christian Education for this school year is Pentecost Sunday, **May 23**. Classes will resume in September.
PENTECOST PICNIC	**Pentecost Sunday** is **May 23**. We will have a Pentecost **PICNIC following the 10:30 am service**. Details to follow.
SOUP KITCHEN	St. Francis volunteers at the Community Soup Kitchen on **Saturday**, **May 29** beginning at 9:00 am. The Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro is located at 112 W. Oak St. (Corner of Oak & James). Sign up on the Tower in the Parish Hall.
MEMORIAL DAY	The Church Office will be Closed **Monday, May 31** for Memorial Day.

NOTE: Our Summer service schedule Begins Sunday, June 6 and goes through August 29. We will go to one service each Sunday at 9:30 am.

SUNDAY LAY SERVER SCHEDULE MAY 2010



	May 2	May 9 Mother's Day	May 16 UTO Sunday	May 23 Pentecost Sunday w/Picnic	May 30
	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
VERGER	Barrett Parker	Jodi Baker	John Pegram	To Be Determined	Chris Cowan
SUBDEACON	Jim Howard	Roger Brogneaux	Sarah Merritt	Roger Brogneaux	Deacon Gloria Price
LECTOR	Sharon Sarvey	Rick Coor	Jeannie Siler	Jill Brogneaux	Liz Meador
CRUCIFER	Jacob Sarvey	Quincy Cunningham	Laura Kelly	Will Walters	Mikaela Freeman
TORCH BEARERS	Mikaela Freeman Jacob Howard	Laura Kelly Emily Moser	Jacob Howard Mikaela Freeman	Laura Kelly Emily Moser	Jacob Sarvey Quincy Cunningham
USHERS	Bob Biggers Sandy Siler	Bob Biggers Sandy Siler	Bob Biggers Sandy Siler	Bob Biggers Sandy Siler	Bob Biggers Sandy Siler
EUCHARISTIC VISITORS	Jill Brogneaux	Karen Witt Dave Meador	Dave Meador Liz Meador	To Be Determined	Gloria Price
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Moye Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Judy Moye Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Judy Moye Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Judy Moye Shelley Mills Jodi Baker	Judy Moye Shelley Mills Jodi Baker
FLOWER GUILD	Harriet Pegram Karen Witt	Harriet Pegram Karen Witt	Harriet Pegram Karen Witt	Harriet Pegram Karen Witt	Harriet Pegram Karen Witt
TELLERS	Roger Brogneaux Chris Cowan	Roger Brogneaux Chris Cowan	Roger Brogneaux Chris Cowan	Roger Brogneaux Chris Cowan	Roger Brogneaux Chris Cowan
COFFEE HOUR	Susan Moser	Susan Moser	Susan Moser	Susan Moser	Susan Moser

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Jenny Kelly

7 Liz Meador

8 Beth Flanagan

10 Barbara Pedersen
Frances Thunberg

11 Anita Hajjar

12 Debbie Cunningham

19 Brad Gurley

20 Elizabeth Gutierrez

22 Sarah Dodson

30 Ron Vick

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

PENTECOST

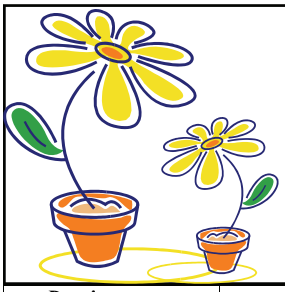
Pentecost Picnic

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010

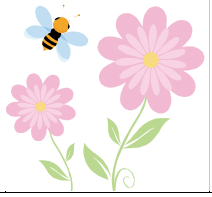
following the 10:30am service

Details to follow!

Wear Red, Casual/Picnic attire!



Mayo/May 2010

Domingo Sunday	*Lunes Monday*	*Martes Tuesday*	*Miércoles Wednesday*	*Jueves Thursday*	*Viernes Friday*	*Sábado Saturday*
CE = Christian Education (Sunday School) for ALL ages HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service Santa Misa = Spanish Mass						**1** *(Feast of Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles)* **6:00 PM** Frantastix DerbydeMayo at The Jansta's
2 *5 Easter* **8:30 AM** HE **9:15 AM** Breakfast **9:30 AM** CE **10:30 AM** HE **4 PM** Santa Misa **5-8 PM** EYC	**3**	**4**	**5** *Cinco de Mayo*	**6** *National Day of Prayer* **5:45 PM** Choir Rehearsal *Nurses Day*	**7**	**8**
9 *6 Easter* **8:30 AM** HE **9:15 AM** Breakfast **9:30 AM** CE **10:30 AM** HE **4 PM** Santa Misa **Mother's Day**	**10**	**11** **7:00 PM** ECW Book Club	**12**	**13** **5:45 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**14**	**15** *(Franciscans Deadline)* *Armed Forces Day*
16 *7 Easter* ***UTO Sunday*** **8:30 AM** HE **9:15 AM** Breakfast **9:30 AM** CE **10:30 AM** HE **4 PM** Santa Misa **5-7 PM** EYC	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20** **5:45 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**21**	**22**
23 ***Pentecost Sunday*** **8:30 AM** HE **9:15 AM** Breakfast **9:30 AM** Final CE **10:30 AM** HE **Pentecost PICNIC** **4 PM** Santa Misa	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** **5:45 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**28**	**29** **9:00 AM** St. Francis to Soup Kitchen
30 *Trinity Sunday* **8:30 AM** HE **10:30 AM** HE **4 PM** Santa Misa	**31** *(Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)* *Office is Closed* *Memorial Day*					

What's Up?!?!

EYC (Youth Group) Calendar of Events

May 2nd – Dinner & Movie 5—8PM in the Parish Hall

May 16th – End of Year Party 5—7PM in the Parish Hall

If you have any questions call Catherine LeChot at 919-739-0150 or 805-796-6360!

In February, *Episcopal Life* became *Episcopal News Monthly*.

Your special discounted Parish Plan subscriptions will expire soon. To continue to qualify for the group rates, we need a minimum for 10 subscriptions. Each subscription costs $15 for one year home delivery of *Episcopal News Monthly*.

If you want to be included in the mailing of this up-to-date news of the Church, make checks payable to St. Francis for **$15** marked **"ENM Subscription"**.

Deadline is Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010!

Meditations from the Flower Guild

Taken from "God in the Garden" by Maureen Gilmer

Mary, you were the fertile ground in which the Holy Spirit sowed the seed of Redemption two thousand years ago. Let your spirit reside within my garden this year so that I might nurture these living plants and flowers as a gift to you. Amen.

MAY 15 FEAST OF ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER

Meditation: St. Isidore the farmer, a humble tenth-century Spanish peasant, spent long days in the field behind his plow. It was said that when he grew too weary, angels took over the plow to allow him rest and time to pray. The first Spanish colonial farmers of the New World brought with them their patron saint of field and agriculture. In the uncertain conditions of the arid Southwest, St. Isidore was often invoked in times of drought. Each spring at planting time the people carried their carved statue of San Isidore in procession through the fields to bless the crops and ensure a good harvest. Today he is particularly beloved by the migrant farmworkers who labor long days in American fields, orchards, and vineyards.

Prayer: God, through the intercession of St. Isidore, the holy Farmer, grant that we may overcome all feelings of pride. May we always serve You with that humility which pleases You, through his merits and example.

FOOD LION RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEIR NEW MVP COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Help Saint Francis Episcopal Church Earn Cash!

The more you shop at Food Lion the more cash we can earn!

—Barrett Parker is our Coordinator—

See Barrett with your MVP card and she will link your card to our Church.
You can also log on to foodlion.com to register your MVP Card for our organization.
Our organization code is 250889

This will automatically earn credit for St. Francis, every time you use your MVP Card.

If you do not have an MVP Card see Barrett, or you can get one at any Food Lion location or online at www.foodlion.com.

ST. FRANCIS: GET INVOLVED!!

ACTIVITY — GROUP — MINISTRY	*CONTACT(S)*
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 2010 Chairperson	To Be Determined
Church Choir	Bill Hayes, Organist & Choirmaster 735-9845
Coffee Hour Volunteer (Scheduling)	To Be Determined
Columbarium	Liz Meador 735-2316
Communication Commission	Liz Meador 735-2316
Deanery Representatives	Fr. Van 252-258-2211
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	President: Jenny 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
The Franciscans, 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
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 2010 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

⇒ ***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 . . .

Happy Mother's Day
May 9, 2010

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.

May 1
6:00 PM
Frantastix Party

May 16
UTO Sunday

May 23
Pentecost Sunday!
PICNIC following
10:30 am service

May 29
Volunteer
at Soup Kitchen

New Faces:

☺
John & Whitney Jansta
☺
Mark & Sabrina Jacobs
and Tyler

2010 Vestry:

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

(Katherine Phinizy, Treasurer)