

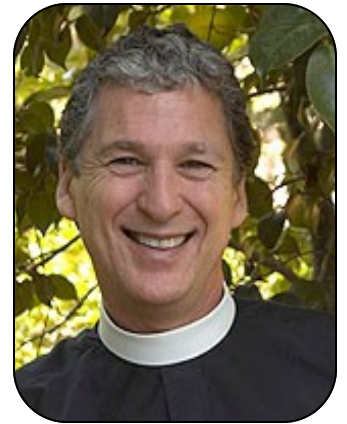


My Dear St. Franciscan Friends,

Recently a friend shared the following story with me.

Nikos Kazantzakis asked a saintly monk: "Do you still wrestle with the Devil?" "Not any longer," replied the monk. "I have grown old and he has grown old with me. He does not have the strength. So now I wrestle with God." Nikos asked, "With God? And you hope to win?"

"No," said the monk, "I hope to lose."



MICHAEL MOULDEN  
RECTOR

Wrestling with God often involves a struggle between good choices or between the various things and people we cherish.

To love God, neighbor and self is a set up for internal conflict that I would like to frame in terms of 'Stewardship.' To be a good steward of our life on earth, we have to make choices between the different loves in our lives. When exhausted by work do we take time for self-care, or do we spend time with a friend? When we give of our money does it go to the college education fund, the United Way or support our faith community?

All of us live in some way with limited resources of time, funds, energy. So the commitment of making a pledge is challenging not just to the individual but to all of us as a body. We are faced not only with what can I contribute to support the important and life changing work of St. Francis, but also what can we do as a whole to support and grow our capacity to offer compassion, forgiveness and hope to those among us and those in the larger community. In spiritual math, the sum of the parts is greater than the whole.

Thus our struggle with God becomes joyful giving. There is much joy in seeing how what we give financially to St. Francis makes a difference as we align ourselves with God. Pledging is like helping to plant a tree and watching it grow. Joy blossoms in us as we see the growth knowing in humility, "We are part of the growth, I helped the tree bear fruit."

Peace,

*Michael+*

*Simplicity • Compassion • Hope*

## F R O M   T H E   V E S T R Y

Fellow Franciscans,

Simplicity, Compassion, Hope... while only words to most, to us these words mean more and as a relative newbie to our parish (4 years) it is exciting to see these words put into action everyday through the ministries of St. Francis.

As the Vestry Liaison to Properties and Facilities, I have the opportunity to witness and participate with others the joy of creating, enabling and honoring the mission of St. Francis. Whether it is Parish Workdays, Roustabout Days. or other projects on campus, each person involved is emulating through their actions the spirit that is OUR PARISH.



LYNN SANDLIN

As Mariana Newton stated in the May 2011 Franciscan, “A church is not just a building; it’s more than that! It’s the people inside the building.” I agree, it is the many ministries that make up St. Francis, whether they be the Community Garden, the Blessing of the Animals, the Friars Cook-Outs, Mary Magdalenes, Helping Hands, Stephen Ministries, St. Clare Women, Operation Sharehouse, Piecemakers, Savvy Seniors, our St. Francis Book Sale, Outreach, our EYC activities or many others. But what does each of these ministries have in common? Parishioners acting in the Spirit of the Christ!

In the coming weeks, take a moment when you are on campus and notice the beauty of the campus, notice the work taking place in the parish hall kitchen, the growth of one of the larger community gardens in Greensboro, the completion of the Boy Scout projects, the work in the Day School and many other campus activities. I bring these to your attention in order to say thank you to all involved and to ask you as a Franciscan to extend a *compassionate* thank you to those involved in these projects, whether staff or volunteer.

Lastly I *hope* that if you as a Franciscan have a desire to be a part of the many ministries of St. Francis which enable all of us to grow in Christ, take the *simple* first step, Volunteer! If you would like to volunteer for a Property ministry, please contact me. Remember WE all grow closer to Christ through each other. Plus there is nothing like it when you volunteer at a Saturday morning Parish Workday and enjoy Biscuitville biscuits with some of the finest people on God’s Green Earth!

*T. Lynn Sandlin*

Vestry Liaison  
Properties / Facilities

C E L E S T E ’ S   “ F R O M   T H E   H E A R T ”  
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# S T E W A R D S H I P

## GIVING FROM THE HEART

Stewardship can be thought of as a thankful and committed response to God's graciousness and is comprised of our time, talents, and treasures. The Bible speaks in many places of giving with a generous and grateful heart. At this time of the year, we need to focus on the financial aspect of stewardship. St. Francis is a vibrant family of worship and touches the lives of not only our parishioners, but also the surrounding community. We all enjoy a wonderful facility, a genuine spirit of volunteerism, outreach ministries, Christian education, and an extremely dedicated clergy and staff.

The 2011 budget for St. Francis was approximately \$642,200 which can be divided as follows: administrative and office – 26%; occupancy (building and grounds, utilities, property manager, and janitorial services) – 17%; worship – 15%; Episcopal support (diocesan assessment, seminary contribution, convention delegates) – 14%; education – 11%; evangelism (website, marketing, stewardship, welcoming, clergy and staff) – 9%; and congregational care – 8%. The proposed budget for 2012 is approximately \$653,400, an increase of only \$11,200, or less than 2%. This includes a nominal cost of living adjustment for personnel, the first such increase in four years!

Last year, our pledges fell short of the projected budget. Were it not for the generosity of a dedicated group of Franciscans who pledged \$40,000 in matching funds for all new pledges and increases in prior pledges, our church would not have met our obligations for 2011. St. Francis cannot count on special measures to meet our budget on a consistent basis. The vestry needs to have an idea of our income to accurately plan our future. For this church community to fulfill our core values, it takes money, financial planning, and budgeting.

Even though the 2012 proposed budget is only \$11,200 more than the 2011 budget, we need \$51,200 in greater pledges this year since we cannot count on the \$40,000 in matching funds. The only way to meet this considerable challenge is by families increasing their pledge commitment and by gaining new participation.

Currently, only 44% of our parishioners actually pledge. We live in challenging times, and all of us have difficult financial choices to make on a daily basis. At St. Francis, we seek to meet our fundamental financial obligations while we also fund the transformational ministries that we and our greater community need.

At this time we ask you to make a financial commitment to St. Francis. We ask those of you who have never pledged to make a pledge for the first time. And we ask those of you who have pledged to pledge again as if it were the first time, taking care to prayerfully consider the dream that God has laid before us.

The Stewardship Committee

Ross Cox

Robb Hutchison

David Reich

Jim Tanner

Susan Tysinger

# FROM THE VESTRY

## THE WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY OF ST. FRANCIS

The Episcopal Church has a rich worship and liturgical tradition. Our church year is divided into liturgical seasons which are shown forth in our traditional worship. St Francis parishioners lovingly share their talents to support and fulfill these traditions. We are encouraged by the teachings of St. Francis whose lessons of simplicity, compassion, and hope enhance our understanding of the traditions of the Episcopal Church. The committees under the Worship Commission work to support the corporate worship of our parish. The clergy work with these groups to help coordinate and prepare for our weekly and special services. There are many opportunities, large and small, for volunteers to contribute their time and talents to our corporate worship.



BRUCE BARNES

### ACOLYTES

All parishioners 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are eligible to be acolytes. They assist the priest in the service by lighting and extinguishing the candles, carrying the cross and candles, distributing and collecting alms basins, and preparing for Eucharist. Training is provided. It is a wonderful opportunity for St. Francis' youth to become involved in our corporate worship and to grow spiritually within the Episcopal Church.

Contact Person: Bob Madtes 379-7678

### ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is responsible for "dressing:" the church before all services. The beauty of the church is in the hands of those who lovingly polish the silver and brass, clean the linens, arrange flowers or greenery, and prepare liturgical items. Training is provided. This might be your way to serve St. Francis. We currently need 6 new members to fill vacant spots of folks that have retired after 50 years! Call Kitty Baker at 772-2739. She'll give you the details. We have a place for your time and talents. (Fifty year commitment not required. Men invited.)

Contact Person: Kitty Baker 772-2739

### ADULT CHOIR

Sing to the glory of God and help enhance the liturgical life of St. Francis Parish by sharing your voice with the Adult Choir. The Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesday from 7:00-8:30. New members are always welcome! So if you have choral experience and you don't mind having a good time, please consider joining us. Warm-up's on Sunday are at 10:00.

Contact Person: Sam Doyle 282-0549

### JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir provides the opportunity for young persons to grow musically and to help enhance the liturgical life of the Parish. Junior Choir will rehearse on Sundays at 4:30pm in the Choir Room. Membership is open to all young people from 3rd grade through 12th grade. No experience is necessary and there are no auditions. If you aren't sure if you want to sing, come give us a try. We have a lot of fun from 4:30 - 5:30 ending with refreshments.

Contact Person: Jane Woody 855-3884

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the consecrated elements at a celebration of Holy Eucharist. They are appointed by the Rector and licensed by the Bishop for three years. Training is provided. A rotating schedule is provided by the Contact Person for this Ministry.

Contact Person: Michelle Koehler 643-7190

### EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner following a celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity were unable to be present at the celebration. They are appointed by the Rector and licensed by the Bishop. Training is provided.

A rotating schedule is provided by the Contact Person for this Ministry.

Contact Person: Nancy Stiefel 288-6064

## F R O M   T H E   V E S T R Y

### LECTORS

Lectors are men and women, including High School Students, who provide worship service enrichment through recitation of the appointed Lessons (Lectors) or the Prayers of the People (Intercessors). Lectors are needed for the 8:00 Service as well as the 10:30 Service. Additional Lectors are needed for special Services.

Contact Person: Bruce Barnes 674-3193

### USHERS

One of the easiest ways to join in the spirit of St. Francis is to give time several times a year as an usher. Duties begin with welcoming people with a warm smile. Ushers distribute service orders, assist in seating people, count worshippers, collect the offering, assist people to the altar for the Eucharist, and police the pews after services. On-the-job training is easy. Share Franciscan hospitality by helping in this rewarding way.

Contact Person: Chris Relos 605-0785

*Bruce Barnes*

Vestry Liaison  
Worship

## V E S T R Y   H I G H L I G H T S

\* Larry Upson reported that the total revenues remain on target for the year, even though the month (when compared to last year) showed less income and more expenses. These expenses include: \$4,600 to bring the 2009 pledge to current status; \$6,300 for Seminary Support which was a one-time final payment for 2011 and the annual audit fee of \$5,200. There is still \$12,000 of matching pledges yet to be received.

\* The vestry approved the proposed Budget for the Year 2011 – 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) for the Day School.

\* HVAC units are now covered with steel cages to prevent theft. Motion lighting has been installed also, for a total cost of \$5,300.

\* The vestry approved 2 requests from the Outreach Committee: (1) \$2,000 for the Crop Walk – to be held on October 23, 2011 and (2) \$6,250 for Stop Hunger Now - to be held on December 4, 2011

\* Permission was granted to secure a quote for such advertising our Christmas services like we did last year. A news release has gone out for Blessing of the Animals to be held on Sunday, October 2nd.

\* Christian Education is doing well with Susan Elam's assistance; likewise, all is well in the Youth programs with Liz Harvey's new job description and assistance to Robert. A Design Team has just been finalized for the Youth, as recommended in the Youth Inquiry Report.

\* Installation of wi-fi is taking place for the Library and Parish Hall

\* Jon Wallner led the vestry on a tour around the grounds to see the locations of all First Aid Kits and the new steel caging on the air-conditioning units.

# FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

## October 2001 Junior Warden Franciscan Article

Fall is upon us now as we can finally feel some cooler days after such a warm summer. We will have some **Saturday workdays** over the next three months: **October 22, November 19 and December 10**. We will be collecting leaves and other projects during these days so please plan to attend a couple of these Saturdays. As always, **we work from 9-12 and provide breakfast and lunch**. Please bring gloves, rakes, leaf blowers and a good attitude. **You don't have to have a "green thumb" to participate. It is all about the fellowship and keeping our grounds looking great. No experience is needed to help out!**



JON WALLNER  
JUNIOR WARDEN

We completed several big projects that have occupied a lot of **Mike Taylor's and the Roustabouts time over the last several months**. The **Kitchen Remodel** is now complete! Special thanks again to **David Cooke** who provided materials at a reduced price and expert advice! We also **rekeyed most all locks** around campus including installation of **two crash bar doors** as you enter the Parish Hall from the courtyard. Please get with Mike Taylor if you need a new key. Additionally, we have put **locks on the Day School and nursery playground gates**. These playgrounds will be locked when school and Christian Education are not in session.

Another major project has also been completed concerning our **outdoor HVAC units**. **Our church has been victimized by vandals/thieves twice during the summer**. They destroyed four of our outside condensing units in order to steal a couple hundred dollars worth of copper. **We spent \$22,000 to replace these units. Insurance paid for all but \$1,000**. In order to protect ourselves and show our insurance carrier that we want to save them money, we **installed heavy metal cages over our units and added motion lighting in these areas**. We looked a variety of security options in which the goal was to detour potential thieves by making it harder for them to attempt to steal copper from our HVAC units. **This cost our church \$5,300!** Hopefully, our insurance company will keep our rates lower as a result of these modifications.

**We encourage individuals and groups of St. Francis** such as the Mary Mags and Friars **to participate in our Saturday work days as well as help out at other times during the week**. Please contact **Mike Taylor or Brenda Hartsell** for possible small or large projects.

Thanks,

Jon T. Wallner



Mike Taylor and Charlie Fetter installing gutter guards.

# C R O P H U N G E R W A L K

Greater Greensboro

## CROP HUNGER WALK



Walk. Pray. Give.

... or RUN!

Introducing the CROP Hunger Run

“Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 23** for the **2011 Greater Greensboro CROP Walk**. Walk will **begin at 2:30PM** starting at the **Grasshoppers Stadium** and will be at **3.1 mile community walk** around downtown Greensboro. **St. Francis’ goal this year is to raise \$8,000** with Outreach kicking in \$2,000. **Last year, St. Francis raised \$6,685** (\$3,000 from Outreach). **The Greater Greensboro CROP Walk raised \$218,000** which was the **2<sup>nd</sup> highest total in the United States** out of 2000 sponsored walks each year. **25% of these monies or \$54,500** went to the **Potter’s House Community Kitchen at Greensboro Urban Ministry** where they provide an average of **450-500 hot meals every day**. The rest of the monies go to meet human needs and foster self-reliance in over 80 countries.

**CROP** is the acronym for **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**. The walk symbolizes the typical walk hungry people in developing countries make each day to get food, water, fuel and take goods to market. “We walk because they walk and we want to end hunger-one step a time”.

What we need is for you to volunteer by **signing up to walk and collect money** for this great cause. The **Wallner family** will be available in the **courtyard for each Sunday service from Oct 1-23**. We will sell **t-shirts for \$5.00** to help raise additional monies for the Urban Ministry in Greensboro. **Donations can be made by cash or check made payable to “Greensboro CROP Walk**. Additionally, you can donate online by going to [www.cropwalkonline.com](http://www.cropwalkonline.com), click NC, scroll down to Greater Greensboro CROP Walk, click “Register Here”, click on the St. Francis team and make a donation.

This event has grown each of the last three years for St. Francis. **This year marks the 1<sup>st</sup> year there will be 5K run as well!** Let’s continue to prayerfully give to this outreach ministry of St. Francis. Please contact Jon Wallner at [336-345-0644](tel:336-345-0644) or [jon.wallner@ferguson.com](mailto:jon.wallner@ferguson.com) with any questions for how you can help.”

# U R B A N M I N I S T R Y F O O D D R I V E



On September 23rd-24th, the Urban Ministry held their semi-annual food drive to help restock the pantry at the Potter’s House. St. Francis collected a record 4,574 pounds of food and a \$50.00 check at the Harris-Teeter on Lawndale. Special thanks to the volunteers who collected the food donations. This food drive netted at total of 71,000 pounds of food throughout Greensboro. The Urban Ministry’s Potter’s House serves between 450-500 meals a day to needy people in our community.

# T R E A S U R E R ' S R E P O R T

The financial results for the seven months ending August 31, 2011 are below.

Overall, Revenue is slightly better than expected while Expense continues to be less than budgeted for the year. This is a good situation.

	August 2011		January thru August 8 Months 2011		Budget
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Total Revenue	\$27,734	\$47,651	\$350,856	\$365,603	(\$14,747)
Total Expense	57,924	52,101	405,038	424,859	19,821
Gain/(Loss) from operations	(30,190)	(4,450)	(54,182)	(59,256)	5,074
 <u>Net Total Gain/(Loss)</u>	 <u>(\$30,190)</u>	 <u>(\$4,450)</u>	 <u>(\$54,182)</u>	 <u>(\$59,256)</u>	 <u>\$5,074</u>

For the first time this year, revenue has fallen below expectations for the year. August is the last month of the Church's summer season and there was one less Sunday in 2011 than in 2010. That one Sunday can easily amount to \$6,000 - \$9,000. There are also some matching pledges that have not yet been paid; nonetheless, we are confident these will be honored in the coming months. We are also entering the final quarter of the year when revenue collections historically increase. More than a third of revenues are received in the final three months of the year. That said; if you've let your pledge "slide" during the summer, please try to bring it current as soon as possible.

Expenses for the August month were higher than expected, but were due to a few specific items, that still had been planned for the year. Therefore, they are "timing" items and their positive affect will be noted over the remaining term of the year. First, we brought the 2009 Diocesan Pledge to current status – this resulted in more than \$4,000 additional expense. Now that we have the approved plan from the Diocese, the balance will be paid in monthly installments. Another additional cost was the Diocesan Assessment for Seminary Support; this amounted to more than \$6,300. It is an annual assessment and we will budget accordingly for a single payment annually. The last of the significant items was the payment of the Annual Audit Fee of \$5,200 to our accountants. This, although budgeted, was a timing difference and we will attempt to identify the month in future years for its payment. Thus, \$15,500 of additional expense was recognized in the month.

Despite being behind in revenues, thanks to church staff and Vestry, expenses still appear to be under control as shown by the fact we have a favorable variance on year-to-date expense.

Since last report the Day School has signed additional students for the fall semester. The outlook continues to be positive. The Finance Committee recommendation of the Proposed Day School Budget for 2011 – 2012 was approved by the Vestry at its September 26 meeting. May the peace of our Lord be with you all.

*Larry Upson*

# C H R I S T I A N F O R M A T I O N

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
-Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)*

As Jesus is leaving the disciples, he tells them to go and make disciples. As I'm sure you've heard preachers say, "disciples" comes from the Greek word for "student." So Jesus is impelling us to go out and be teachers and students. Jesus suggests baptism as the medium for this education process. Now most people think of baptism as being dunked in water, and that is one way to view baptism. But baptism simply means "immersion." In making students, we are to immerse them in the Triune God.

This is our focus and goal at St. Francis— immersion in the Christian life. We seek to do this through stewardship, outreach, worship, and education. None of us has God "figured out;" there is always more to learn, a new way to see something, a new conversation to have. I encourage each of you to take to hear Jesus' words—to immerse yourself and others in discipleship by teaching and learning.

This Fall we will be offering a variety of ways to take part in discipleship. We hope you will take part in these opportunities.

For Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Sunday School, 9:15 am, using the second year of Weaving God's Promises curriculum  
Children's Chapel will continue to take place during the 10:30 service

For Youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Middle School Class, 9:15 am, St. Mike's, using a curriculum which engages youth through a variety of media on living the Christian life  
Coffee Talk, 9:15 am, Coffee Talk Room, an open topic discussion of issues pertinent to teens  
Confirmation Class, 9:15 am, St. Mike's, for youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation

For Adults:

Bible Study for Sunday., 9:15 am, Library, exploring the readings for the day in a group format  
Adult Forum, 9:15 am, Parish Hall, exploring a variety of topics which explore the intersection of faith and culture

October- How Technology is Changing Our Lives

10/9: Scott Smith explores social interactions

10/16: Jane Harris explores education

10/23: Justin Catanoso explores journalism

10/31: Steward Rogers explores medicine

November- Ethics in Sports

11/13: Todd Hairston explores college sports

11/20: Donald Moore explores professional sports

December- Sounds of the Seasons

12/11: Eddie Bass will discuss the music of Advent

12/18: Tim Lindeman will discuss the music of Christmas

For the most up to date schedules, please check our website- [www.stfrancisgreensboro.org](http://www.stfrancisgreensboro.org). And as a reminder, on the first Sunday of the month (September-May) we have the Parish Hall Eucharist at 9:15 am and no education hour.

# YOUTH

## EYC Fall Kick Off!

The air is crisp, the sun is shining and Mother Nature begins to change. In the midst of a somber day that our nation continues to remember, our youth prepare for another year of fellowship, friendship and fun.

Our fall season kicks off with resounding success! In fact, we begin this semester with a series of numbers. "Green for TEN, TWO for TWENTY, Grey FIFTEEN or Pre-order for EIGHTEEN!," youth calls from the church sidelines heard throughout an afternoon lunch. As these soar through the air like a spiraling football, parishioners anxiously await in line to purchase the next coolest item...the St. Francis T-shirt.

Fret not if you haven't purchased your St. Francis T or sweatshirts, for the youth have just begun selling. See them after each service (845am & 1130am) between now and the end of the year. Short sleeve T's are on hand and the youth are pre-selling long sleeve T's and sweatshirts. For information regarding forms see a youth after church! T-shirt sales benefit the JEYC/EYC summer Mission Trip.

Later that day, shortly after one pot-luck meal consumed, the bell rings for round two, "ding, ding." Promptly at 5:30pm we begin our second round of deliciously prepared food. Adults and youth greet one another after a long summer away. Forms are to be filled, semester signups for various activities and information taken down which tallies to an astounding 38 youth participants for the 2011-2012 year! Excitement fills St. Mikes after announcements and a winner is crowned from a game of...one, two, three, shoot! Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament.

September marks the beginning of a new youth group semester filled with exciting activities, outreach and a quest for the meaning of spirituality. The youth have been challenged to discover their meaning of the word. When asked to define spirituality, the youth created bumper sticker slogans and yes, even a rap. We continue our worship night beginning October 9th with a Taize service complete with candles, music and meditation.

Gear up for October it's going to be quite a time. The youth will continue their T-shirt sales and also bake tasty treats for pets and humans on St. Francis Blessing of the Animals October 2nd. Taize service the week after. A team building activity complete with high and low ropes course after a light picnic on October 16th at Canterbury School. Crop walk October 23rd held after church. JEYC lock in October 28th and October 30th our annual fall festival. We hope to see all youth present for each event! We look forward to a wonderful season with your youth.

Peace & Blessings,

YFL (Your Fearless Leaders)

# C H R I S T I A N F O R M A T I O N

## Children's Formation Pre-School through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



In case you've wondered what those sparkly star mobiles are floating through the ethers of the classrooms, or have envied the trend-setting new paper-bag glitter robes that rival that of Joseph's, you are not alone! The children of Saint Francis are attracting attention.

Welcome to this year's christian formation focus, "Weaving Together the Family of God," an episcopal curriculum which encourages leaders and children to explore what it means to belong to God as God's people.

Our models? The great characters of the Bible and their stories of hopes, fears, successes, flaws and of God's unfailing love and faithfulness.

### **"The story, the story....it's all about The Story."**

In his book, Will Our Children Have Faith, (pg. 32) John Westerhoff, Episcopalian priest and Duke University Divinity School professor states,

"At the heart of Christian faith is a story; and at the heart of Christian education must be the same story. Unless the story is known, understood, owned and lived, we and our children will not have Christian faith."

Our curriculum developer Joanna Leiserson gets that! Unlike adults, children embody a remarkable capacity to bathe in the mystery of God without requiring complex explanations of the stories. In fact, at this stage developmentally, a logically reasoned response would be incomprehensible to the perceptive and intuitive child. Yet...while the child remains unable to articulate faith verbally, he or she none the less takes great delight in discovering and creating spiritual images of God and heaven that express her evolving comprehension of the world.

On Kick-off Sunday our volunteers told the story of Abraham and Sarah and God's promises to them. In children's chapel later that morning, I asked our children to tell the story. Twenty four children, aged 3 to 8 arms linked, giggled and wiggled as they considered their newly enlarged family of faith.....and cheered when 6 year old Cam exclaimed....

"we belong to God, we are all stars!"

*"I will surely bless you and make your descendents as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore." Genesis 22:17*

I think we are off to a grand start!

# C H R I S T I A N F O R M A T I O N

**Jewish & Christian Explorations** on Monday evenings with...

## **God: A Biography**

What sort of deity is God? Does God have a story – and is it possible to approach that story through all the depths, contradictions, and ambiguities of the Bible?

Approaching that story will be our quest, as we explore Jack Miles' *tour de force* book, **God: A Biography** side-by-side with the Hebrew Scriptures. If you seek to understand the dynamic relationships between God and humankind, this study would be a good place to start...

Monday evenings at 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
St. Francis Parish Hall  
Beginning on September 19<sup>th</sup>

If you plan to participate in this study, or if you would like more information, please contact Samuel Moss ([nemosses@earthlink.net](mailto:nemosses@earthlink.net)) .

## **Church Teaching Series**

### **Everything you ever wanted to know about the Episcopal/Anglican Church!**

Come to a book study discussion class on Monday Evenings, 7:00pm to 8:30pm to discover more about your Church its traditions, history, worship, theology, spirituality and outreach ministry.

The Rev. Paul Crowell will convene this class using study materials from the “New Church’s Teaching Series”. This, the third class in the series, will introduce the history and liturgies of The Book of Common Prayer, and assist in understanding why the prayer book is such an important aspect of Anglican/Episcopal identity and life. Beginning with the concept of common prayer and worship’s effect in shaping who we are and going into the development of liturgical patterns, and particular liturgies the author delves into the history and importance of each for our every day lives and the future of both our worship and our mission. Active inquirers, rich discussions, solid resource material are on tap for both old and new members of our Church.

Classes begin Monday, October 17th at St. Mike’s. Books will be available for purchase for \$9.

# LEGACY GIVING COMMITTEE

Just as we, the current members of St. Francis Episcopal Church, benefit from the resources left by those who came before us, so do we share the opportunity to bless future generations of our religious community.



Next time you update your will or review your estate planning, remember the St. Francis Church Endowment Fund.

If you have already done so in your will, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or as part of other end-of-life plans please communicate that information. You can use a form, available on our St. Francis website or through the office, with which you can simply let the Church know that you have made a testamentary bequest. This will assist the Legacy Giving Committee and the St. Francis Church leadership in oversight of the Endowment Fund.

If you would like more information, or if you have questions or topics you'd like to discuss, we encourage you to contact a Legacy Giving Committee member or one of our clergy.

Legacy Giving Committee members:

Cameron Peck, chair

Linda Erickson

Paul Krauss

Joe Slone

Mike Twilley

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## CHAPTERS IN OUR LIVES

### BIRTHS:

James Turner Gaunt, born to Andrew and Renee Gaunt on September 10, 2011

### DEATHS:

Matthew Marshburn, son of Sara Marshburn

Henriette Neal, former parishioner

Sara Gandy, Aunt of Carolyn Saunders

Jack Westervelt, Founding Member of St. Francis

Louise Haigler, Friend of St. Francis

Wanda Watts, Grandmother of Jacob Bouser

Elizabeth Hinton, Grandmother of Scott Hargett

### TRANSFERS IN:

Allison Nergart from Holy Trinity

Cedric Reynolds from Otey Memorial Parish Church

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

Greater Greensboro

**CROP  
HUNGER  
WALK**



Walk. Pray. Give.

... or RUN!

Introducing the CROP Hunger Run

The 2011 Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run will be held Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm starting at the Grasshopper's Stadium. 25% of funds raised stay in the Greensboro community while the other 75% help with human needs around the world. The Wallner family will be in the courtyard after and between church services Oct 9th, 16th and 23rd. We will be signing up walkers, distributing packets, selling t-shirts(\$5, all money raised from t-shirt sales stays locally) and collecting cash and check donations for the CROP Walk. Donations can be made online as well(info in courtyard).

### BOO BASH



**Parents and Children!** Please join us on Sunday, October 30th from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for a night of games and trick-or-treating. The Youth Group will provide LOTS of fun...including face painting, cupcake walk, bobbing for apples and go fish. Costumes are encouraged! Parents are required!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** Midge Spong and Katherine Miller will be leading a meeting on Sunday, October 16th to explore the formation of a Sunday morning Women's Bible Study. If you would be interested in such an offering or have ideas that you'd like to share, please plan to come to this initial meeting in the Day School Library at 9:15AM on October 16th. If you have questions or comments, please contact Midge ([midges@triad.rr.com](mailto:midges@triad.rr.com)) or Katherine ([kmiller2015@triad.rr.com](mailto:kmiller2015@triad.rr.com)).

**ALL PARISH WORK-DAYS.** . . Come one, come all to our All-parish Work-days on Saturday, October 22nd, November 19th, and December 10th, starting at 9:00am until early afternoon. Please bring your rakes, gloves, and limb-cutters as we will perform general cleanup, move shrubs and collect the remaining leaves. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please come out and enjoy good fellowship and food as many hands create less work!



**HOLIDAY MARKET VENDORS...** Are you a little bit crafty? The Day School is seeking vendors for their annual Holiday Market on December 3rd. Please Visit our website: [www.stfrancisgreensboro.org](http://www.stfrancisgreensboro.org) for vendor instructions and an application.

**JUNIOR CHOIR.** . .Junior Choir rehearses on Sundays at 4:30pm in the Choir Room. Membership is open to all young people from 3rd grade through 12th grade. No experience is necessary and there are no auditions. If you aren't sure if you want to sing, come give us a try. We have a lot of fun from 4:30 - 5:30 ending with refreshments. For more information, call Jane Woody at 855-3884.

**CHRISMON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.** . . The CCC meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Anyone who is interested please join us at 1705 Duval Drive. Newcomers are welcome, but because of occasional last minute cancellations you should call Becky and Dick DeCoste at 288-5146 or for further information.

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**FRIARS** . . . Friars meets the third Wednesday of each month with a few exceptions. Please sign up by calling the church office by the Monday before Friars. Early reservations help us plan the event and buy food accordingly. Meals will usually be between \$8 and \$10.



**MARY MAGDALENES.** . . Our October activity will focus on improving our Pick-A-Parcel near the front door of the church. We will be preparing the soil with improvements on Wednesday, October 12th at 9:00am and actually planting our new items on Wednesday, November 9th at 9:00am. Since many in our group are not available during the day, we welcome anyone who can lend a hand to assist. Please let Melissa Harrelson know if you can help either morning ([mtharrelson@gmail.com](mailto:mtharrelson@gmail.com) or [336-455-2468](tel:336-455-2468)).

**ST. CLARE WOMEN.** . . St. Clare Women will meet in the Parish Hall, Wednesday October 19th, at 11:00am for lunch and to enjoy the Greensboro Symphony Guild's Women's Chorus. Call Mary Plybon at 282-0019 or email her at [maryplybon1@gmail.com](mailto:maryplybon1@gmail.com) if you are not on our contact list. This will be a very special time as we welcome a former Franciscan - you will remember her as Kay Sundgren and her daughter, Nicole. Kay lives in Florida, and Nicole has just moved to Winston-Salem. Come and bring your friends!

**SAVVY SENIORS.** . . Join Savvy Seniors at the Broach Theatre on Sunday, October 30th at 2:00pm. The play is "Death Trap." It has lots of twists and turns, thrills and laughter and was a great hit on Broadway. We have ordered 10 (seniors group) tickets at \$16. Reserve your ticket ASAP by calling 545-6829 or 282-4003.

**BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** . . Join the loyal sorters in the book garage on Wednesday and/or Saturday mornings at 9:00 am. We will even arrange some other times if your group will donate some time.

The Book Sale Committee is looking for volunteers able to help a couple hours a month. Book sorting hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:00am. Please contact Larry Treanor at [lltreanor@aol.com](mailto:lltreanor@aol.com) or 455-3357 if you have any questions



**MOBILE MEALS.** . . St. Francis serves our community by delivering meals ( often called Meals on Wheels) to those who are unable to leave their homes without assistance. We do this on the 1st Friday of each month from 9:30 - 11:30am. The folks involved in this ministry are extremely dependable and dedicated, but, on occasion, need a substitute. There are always 2 people to deliver a route. Directions for how to deliver and where to deliver are given by representatives of the City Services for Older Adults. If you could help out as a substitute, please call the church office or Jane Woody at 855-3884.

### **INPUT NEEDED FROM MINISTRY/ COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

If you are a committee/ministry chair or the resident expert, we need your help. A committee has been formed to capture the guidelines for how to operate all our wonderful programs. If you moved away tomorrow, what would someone need to know to keep your ministry going?

Please email your guidelines by October 15th [in whatever form they may be -- doesn't have to be beautiful and polished] to the policy/procedure committee's vestry liaison Jenan Benson at [jenanben-son@bellsouth.net](mailto:jenanben-son@bellsouth.net). If you cannot email the information, please call Jenan at 327-9226.

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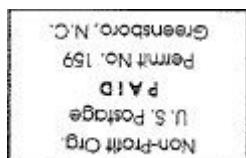
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