



Through The Back Gate of Saint Francis Church



September 2007

I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10

ENTHUSIASM

“Your calling is that place where your true joy and the world’s great need meet.”

Frederick Buechner

As Phil and I ended our two-week vacation visiting with our granddaughter Clara and her parents in the Florida Keys; my sister Esther, in Sacramento; and our son David in Las Vegas, we drove back into Rutherfordton with a renewed sense of enthusiasm. As we came into town, the traffic lights were out on US 74 and Main Street was blocked. After navigating our way, we pulled into the driveway of the rectory to find a huge tree that had been uprooted from the church yard that had fallen into the rectory yard, missing the porch by inches. All power was out and of course there was no air conditioning. But none of this dampened our enthusiasm.

To be enthusiastic, one must be alive with the spirit. The word itself is from the Greek, *enthousiasmos*, and means a belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit. It is synonymous with the word passion.

The church was given the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost. We continue to be in the Season of Pentecost. In fact, the last Sunday of Pentecost is not until November 25th. Pentecost is about the church’s

birth and growth and the enlivenment of the spiritual gifts of the people of the church.

As we enter into our new year of Christian Education under the direction of Liz Segers and Anita Quinley, let us do so with enthusiasm and excitement. We have exciting new programs in the Adult classes taught by Miriam Dixon and David Lloyd. Godly Play and the Sunday School will be bubbling under the leadership of Linda Bailey, Kathy Demas, James Segers and Kimberly Lloyd. Our teenagers will be taught by Amberleigh Richardson.

Education for Ministry ended it’s summer break and restarted in August with mentor Gerry Roberts and co-mentor, Ed Richardson. A new class will begin in January.



Look for the information on EFM if you are interested in the exciting study from the School of Theology of the University of the South. It is a study to challenge you to dig a bit deeper into scripture and theological study.

Another exciting project happening is the making of the labyrinth or our prayer circle. The Daughters of the King and others are joining together under the direction of Susan Keith to build in our church yard this incredible method of prayer. Come help in the progress of the labyrinth.

After much prayer, we have found a very enthusiastic new Youth Director, Amberleigh Richardson. Amberleigh is full of excitement and new ideas for the youth that will be fun and full of cool things to do.

Pentecost marked the beginning of a new spiritual movement birthed by the fires of the Holy Spirit. It is a new way of being with Jesus Christ; a movement steeped in the spirit of hope, renewal and spiritual transformation. It is what sustains us; what marks us as Christians.

We all have been immersed in the energy and power of the Spirit. With that enthusiasm, God gives us the spirit of joy, hope and power; the spirit of love and heightened expectation of what can be done in the spirit of enthusiasm, the Spirit of Pentecost.

Stewardship of Presence

	8am	11am	6pm	Combined
August 5	29	65		94
August 12	24	74		98
August 19	30	75		105
August 26	42	81		123

Stewardship of Giving

21 items of food for Yokefellow
 During this time the web site had 104 visitors
 looking at 166 pages.

Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
August 5	2,373.75	1,464.00
August 12	852.05	1,534.75
August 19	2,616.00	1,147.00
August 26	N/A	N/A

YOKEFELLOW

Service Center, Inc.
 102 Blanton Street ~ Spindale, NC

For September
CANNED CORN

*(Although any non-perishable
 item will be accepted)*



SUPER SENIOR'S AT ST. FRANCIS

meeting together bi-monthly for events and dining.

Call Shirley Taschenberg for more information at:



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life Event September 7-8

6:00 pm - 8:00 am

R-S Middle School Track

What Cancer *Cannot* Do!

Cancer is so limited...

- It cannot cripple love
- It cannot shatter hope
- It cannot corrode faith
- It cannot destroy peace
- It cannot kill friendship
- It cannot suppress memories
- It cannot silence courage
- It cannot invade the soul
- It cannot steal eternal life
- It cannot conquer the spirit.

FROM THE RECTOR

...Continued

How are you filled with the Holy Spirit? If you get involved with the many activities that you will read about in this Lychgate, you will definitely have a spark of the Holy Spirit. We all know to keep the flames of a fire going, the fire must be stoked. **So what are you waiting for?**

Begin this fall by coming to the church picnic and Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 2 at the Kiwanis Park at 10 am. Get to know others from the church and begin to feel as the people did on that first Pentecost....ALIVE with the SPIRIT!

Your servant in the Lord,

Dee+

Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin+



Parish Nurse Program

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope you and your loved ones are able to enjoy a relaxing and peaceful Labor Day holiday. As we face the often hectic fall, I wanted to take some time to consider The Gift of Spiritual Care.

What is Spiritual Care?

Spiritual care is a blessing God has given us to share with others and ourselves. It refers to a life-style in which we reflect the healing nature of Jesus Christ as we use all of our gifts (time, self, material resources, Christian resources) to care for people during a time of need.

How is Spiritual Care Done?

Listed below are some specific suggestions for offering spiritual care to people in need. If you have any questions or concerns about spiritual care, please see the Rector of the Parish Nurse. We would be glad to visit with you..

-Be a Faithful Steward of the Gift of Yourself

(make yourself available to persons in need, be faithful in your actions, keep visits confidential, and reach out to others)

-Listen...Listen...Listen with All of your Being

(listen attentively to both the words shared and the meaning)

- Be Responsive to Specific Needs

(listen for what tangible needs are shared and offer support in any ways you can, i.e., meals, child care, transportation, etc.)

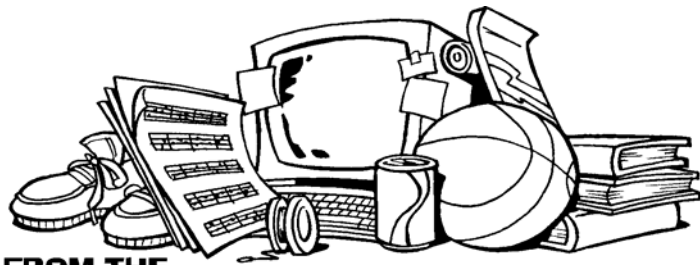
- Focus on What the Real Issues Are

(the real issues may be different from what you expect)

- Use Christian Resources in a Healing Way (The Bible, Prayer, Forgiveness, Blessings)

(Their use should be (1) natural and based on the person's needs (2) directed towards comfort and not manipulation, and (3) agreed to by both the care-giver and care-receiver)

*PARISH NURSE NEWS ARTICLES
are available on the bulletin board
located across from the church office in the Parish House.*



FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

My name is Amberleigh and I am very excited to be your new Youth Director! I am looking forward to having so much fun with all of you this next year and can't wait to finally get to spend some time with everyone. Andrew will be along for the ride, as well, and he can't wait to get to know all of you too! We just moved here from Orlando, Florida - the home of Mickey Mouse and the beach, and we couldn't be happier! We have two small children, McKayleigh and Ayden, and are happy to make you a part of our family as well!

Some of our favorite foods are BBQ chicken, homemade pizza, and we love to snack on popcorn and fruits. Some of our favorite movies are Napoleon Dynamite, The Princess Bride, and many more! We love The Simpsons, reality shows and I like to pretend I am a Jeopardy competitor with each show.

There are many things planned for us this year, from painting our youth room, to adding "The Dungeon" under the church to our space in the future, with beanbag chairs, fun lighting, and movie nights. We also have many things unplanned, so we will need all of your help and wonderful ideas to make the Saint Francis Youth the most fun it can be! Our goal is to make Saint Francis Church a welcoming, fun, and relaxing atmosphere to hang out, celebrate each other's accomplishments, and become a strong family to support any hardships we may find ourselves in. Life can be tough at times, we know. From school, to homework, to peer pressures, to relationships, and everything in between - we want to make you feel as comfortable and welcome with us and your church as you are with your own family.

We welcome as much involvement in your lives as you are willing to share—if there is a football game or dance recital you want us to support you in, let us know. We can't wait to begin this fun filled year with each and every one of you!



*Pictures of our youth attending
YOUTH SPLASH
August 12, 2007*

For more youth news, go to:
www.stfrancisepiscopalyouth.blogspot.com

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:00 AM Mass on the Grass/Parish Picnic at Kiwanis Park	3 LABOR DAY Office Closed	4 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast at Carolina Cafe	5 9:00 AM Day School 10:00 AM Healing Service	6 6:30 PM EFM	7 RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT at RS Middle School	8
9 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Junior DOK 9:45 AM Rally Sunday for Church School 9:45 AM Inquirers/Confirmation Class at Rectory 11:00 AM HE Rite II 5:00 PM CURSILLO 6:00 PM Contemporary Etchelist	10 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	11 7:00 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast at Carolina Cafe 5:30 PM HandChimes 6:30 PM Adult Choir	12 9:00 AM Day School 10:00 AM Healing Service 5:15 PM Joyful Noyz Choir 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting	13 6:30 PM EFM	14	15 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Labyrinth Construction 5:00 PM Labyrinth Construction
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30 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Junior DOK 9:45 AM Inquirers/Confirmation Class at Rectory 11:00 AM HE Rite II	<p align="center"><u>Punch on the Lawn Schedule:</u> 9 - Sue Langdon 16 - Susan Keith 23 - Linda Bailey 30 - Phil de Montmollin</p>					

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00	2-Sep	9-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep
Usher		Denise Hempstead	Roy Morehead	Sandra Middleton	William McClain
Usher		Robert Wall	Dick Wilkins	Joe Middleton	James Brown
Greeter		Sandra Middleton	Martha Wilkins	Dick Wilkins	Jane Cassada
Reader		Marian Beavers	Joe Middleton	Doug Elliott	Sue Lloyd
Chalicer		Cynthia Ruppe	Denise Hempstead	Susan Keith	Josef Sibley
Sunday School Greeter		Magi King	Anita Quinley	Judy Scott	Kimberly Lloyd
10:00					
Usher	Beverly McKinney	Don Corry	Paul McIntosh	Bud Quinley	William Coxe
Usher	Becky Reger	Lyn Corry	Paula McIntosh	Anita Quinley	Sam Ayers
Greeter		Vera Scroggs	Judy Scott	Beverly McKinney	Eric Truempy
Oblationer		Vernon Hoyle	Rebecca Melton	Gordon Scott	Michael Carrier
Oblationer		Christine Hoyle	Vera Scroggs	Judy Scott	Becky Reger
Yokefellow		Bob Blanton	Bob Blanton	Bob Blanton	Bob Blanton
1st Reader	Ed Goodrich	Ed Richardson	Susan Keith	Paula McIntosh	Roscoe Conn, Sr.
2nd Reader		Linda Jeanne Harrill	Miriam Dixon	Barbara Hobson	Julie Pittman
Prayers	Susanne Richardson	Rebecca Melton	Vernon Hoyle	Mary Brown	Diane Dickerson
Chalicer	Susan Keith	Eric Truempy	Dee Ullrich	Ed Richardson	Gerry Roberts
		Miriam Dixon			
Nursery		Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead	Keely McBrayer
		Kimberly Lloyd	Magi King	Michele Riberdy	James Segers
Acolytes		Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	Susan Keith
					Rebecca Melton
					Beverly McKinney
					Denise Hempstead
					Miriam Dixon
Coffee Hour 8					
Punch on the Lawn		Sue Langdon	Susan Keith	Linda Bailey	Phil de Montmollin
Potluck	Parish Picnic				

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT
AND **THEN** CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

February

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Roscoe Conn, Sr. opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the January 15, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. The Reverend Dee de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. The Senior Warden's Report was received.
6. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
7. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care and Service.
8. Proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper were designated for St. Gabriel's Soup Kitchen.
9. A Newcomer's Dinner is planned for June 8.

March

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Linda Bailey opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. The Reverend Dee de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. The Senior Warden's Report was received.
6. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
7. Motion was made, seconded and carried to lease a new phone system from BCI Phone System.
8. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship,

Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care and Service.

9. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the Parochial Report.
10. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Lesley Bush as Vestry Clerk and Susan Keith as Finance Committee Clerk.

April

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Don Corry opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the March 12, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. The Reverend Dee de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. Beginning June 10, the second service for Sunday morning will be held at 10:00 a.m.
6. Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m.
7. June 3 is designated as Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition Sunday.
8. The Senior Warden's Report was received.
9. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
10. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care and Service.
11. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Theme is "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands."
12. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the gift of a lot of land adjacent to the playground of the parish house.

May

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2007 at the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Paul McIntosh opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. Paul McIntosh, Senior Warden, presided over the meeting in the absence of the Rector.
3. The minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting were approved.
4. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
5. The Senior Warden's Report was received.
6. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
7. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care and Service.
8. SAMS missionaries, Russ and Heidi Smith are returning to the mission field. Motion was made, seconded and carried to support them financially beginning July 2007.
9. A gift of two microwaves for the Parish House was received from Bob Blanton and Becky Reger.
10. The auction for the Hampton Estate will be held on June 9, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
11. The Vestry expressed thanks for Bob Blanton who has started the refinishing process for the Sanctuary floor. Bob has saved the Church considerable money by doing this project in-house and avoided the inconvenience of having to worship at the Parish House.
12. Habitat for Humanity reported that Faith Works Coalition House, located on Allen St., Rutherfordton is now underway. The second house located on Bob Rollins Road, Forest City, is being built by volunteers from the Sandy Run Baptist Association.
13. Twenty-one women attended the Mother's Day Brunch held on May 12. The next Episcopal Church Women meeting will be at the home of Beverly McKinney on September 8.

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VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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June 11, 2007

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Linda Bailey opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the May 14, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was received.
4. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin gave the Rector's Report.
5. Bishop Taylor will visit the parish on October 14.
6. The Junior Warden's Report was received.
7. Motion was made to contract Neff Tree Service for work on grounds at the church and parish house at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.
8. Motion was made, seconded and carried to designate \$2,000 for work on the labyrinth.
9. The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship and Evangelism.

at 5:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the Audit Report from the Audit Committee.
3. Motion was made, seconded and carried to divide the positions of Parish Administrator and Financial Assistant with Lesley Bush continuing as Parish Administrator.
4. Motion was made, seconded and carried to request the Finance Committee to evaluate the efficiency of the ACS system we presently use and compare it with other replacement systems.
5. Motion made at June 11, 2007 meeting was amended to contract Neff Tree Service to perform work outlined in the original proposal at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.
6. Motion was made, seconded and carried to begin a Restoration Fund by beginning the calendar project of St. Francis stain glass windows.

June 26, 2007

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in a called session on Tuesday, June 26, 2007



LOCAL UPDATES

ICC Construction Class has completed their Habitat house project.

Sandy Run Baptist Church Association had their Habitat House ready for the family begin their work with the insulation.

The Allen Street Habitat House in Rutherfordton has sheetrock hung and is waiting on the homeowners to begin painting.

The Starview Drive Habitat House in Green Hill has had it's roofing shingles installed by the Women Roofer's of Rutherford County. Siding work is completed and the soffits are in place.

Submitted by Dick Wilkins

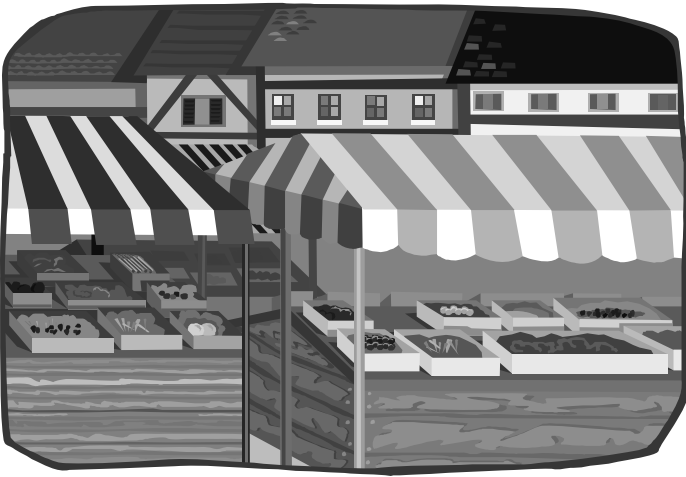


*Come One
Come All to the
Joiful Noyz Children's Choir*

(6 years and up)

First rehearsal will be
Wednesday, September 12
5:15 pm in the Cloister House/Sanctuary





THE MARKETPLACE

Saturday, September 29

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Parish House

“Sharing Our Best”

Mark your calendar!

Begin your holiday shopping!

The Book Store

Fancy Frocks

The Garden

Krafty Korner

The Pantry

Sam’s Folk Art

The Toy Chest

Treasures from the Attic

Times for collection of items to be donated:

Tuesday, September 25

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Thursday, September 27

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Friday, September 28

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Holy Listening:

**Becoming Aware
of the Presence of God**

An Advent Retreat

An opportunity to open ourselves (mind, body and spirit) to the Presence of God. Learn how to use all our senses to become closer to God in all things of life.

This retreat will take the form of presentations, meditations and silence. An indoor labyrinth will be available for meditation time. The retreat will end with Eucharist.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

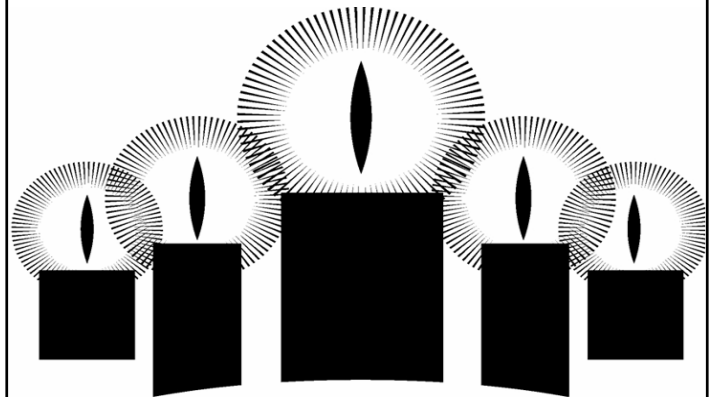
St. Francis Episcopal Church

Cost is \$15 (includes lunch)

Please call the church office
287-3888 or email the church
stfrancis@rfci.net

by November 26 to register

*Sponsored by the Phoebe Chapter,
Daughters of The King*



Advent
HOLY LISTENING RETREAT

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Inmate Book and Magazine Drive

There is a great need for this type of reading material for the male students enrolled in the GED program at the Rutherford Correctional Center. This class, provided by Isothermal Community College, each year graduates more students than any other center of 280 inmates or less and lists usually fifth of all the DOC facilities in the state.

Many of the students left the public school system in the 8th through the 10th grade and have a reading level of a 5th grade student. To increase their reading skills and to meet the needs of the more accomplished readers more interesting material is necessary. Magazines and books supplied by the Brotherhood have been meeting this need. To replenish the supply, this drive will be conducted for the next two months.

The following types of magazines and books are needed:

Sports - current writings/
current authors

Classics - Dickens, Steinbeck,
Lewis, Cooper, etc.

Westerns - any author/any
period

Science Fiction - current
writings/any author

Novels - Hemingway, Twain,
Faulkner, and others

Humor - cartoons, short
stories, biographies, etc.

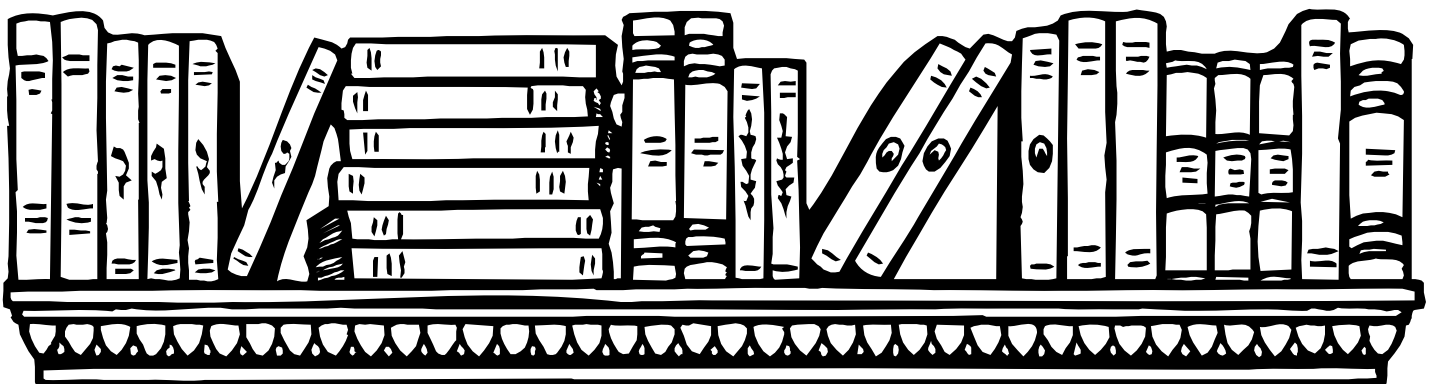
Spiritual - Dr. James Dobson,
Chuck Swindall, Billy
Graham, etc.

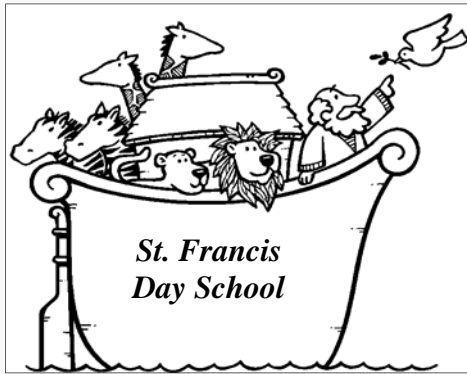
Motivational - Napoleon Hill,
Zig Ziegler, Leo Buscaglia, Dr.
Phil, etc.

Mystery - any author/any
period

Miscellaneous - books written
for fifth to ninth grade reading
level

*Books may be placed in
boxes provided by the
Brotherhood of St. Andrew in
the narthex and the Parish
Hall. If you bring a large
quantity, please take them to
the church basement and
place on the pallet provided.*





If you would like to donate to the Day School, the following is a list of items on their needs list:

Supplies list needs:

- 8 oz. cups
- Napkins
- Pencils (birthday)
- Pencils (colored)
- Clear glue sticks
- Card stock paper (colored)
- Large foam sheets (colored)
- Colored markers (washable)
- Play dough
- Tacky glue
- Hot laminating pouches (available at Staples)
- Education Express
- Gift Certificates

- Financial Donations

Snack list needs:

- Gold Fish
- Teddy Grahams
- Popcorn (microwave)
- Pretzels
- Animal Crackers
- Cheerios cereal
- Yogurt tubes
- Peanut Butter
- Graham Crackers
- Cookies
- Cheezits
- Sugar Wafers
- Chex Mix
- Juice (apple/grape)

**Day School begins
Wednesday, September 5!**

Easy Applesauce Muffins

This healthy recipe will make a great start to your day, a great snack or a great gift for your teacher and classmates.

What you need:

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups chunky applesauce
- Baking cups



What you do:

1. With an adult's help, heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with baking cups and set aside.
2. In a small, microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter on high for about 30 seconds; set aside to cool slightly.
3. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in to a large mixing bowl.
4. In another large bowl, whisk together the eggs and brown sugar. Stir in the applesauce and melted butter until the mixture is smooth.
5. Pour the apple mixture over the flour mixture. Stir with a wooden spoon just until the flour disappears. (This will produce muffins with a nice, crumbly texture.)
6. Fill the baking cups about two-thirds full with batter. (For mess-free muffins, use an ice-cream scoop to spoon batter into the baking cups.)
7. Bake for 20 minutes or until light brown. Test for doneness by inserting a toothpick in the middle; if it comes out clean, the muffins are ready to eat. Makes 12.

Lectionary Readings for September

Sept. 2	Proper 17	Psalms 112		Hebrews 13:1-8	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sept. 9	Proper 18	Psalms 1	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 16	Proper 19	Psalms 98	Isaiah 45:21-15	Galatians 6:14-18	John 12:31-36a
Sept. 23	Proper 20	Psalms 138	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	1 Timothy 2:1-8	Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 30	Proper 21	Psalms 146	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Beginning Sunday,
September 9th*

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
ROOMS
←



"Mrs. Moore expects us to gain a firm grasp of our Sunday school lessons. See? Rosin."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Fall Volunteer Training

will be offered

October 15th - October 18th

6:00 pm until 9:00 pm

at the Annette Cash Whitaker Center of Living

and also

October 22nd - October 24th

10:00 am until 3:00 pm

at the Hickory Nut Gorge Office

All volunteer trainings are also available to be held at your church or on DVD.

There are many exciting opportunities available for our volunteers.

Gift certificates available for our Faith in Action Volunteers!

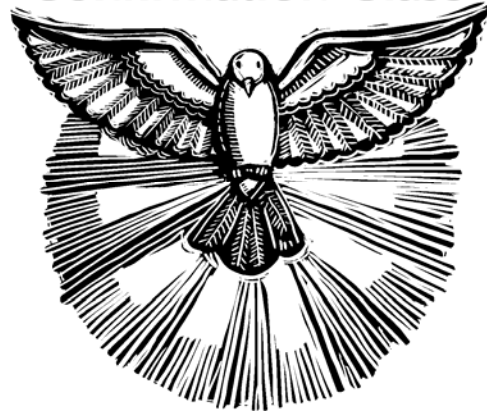
Refer a friend to become a Hospice Volunteer and receive gift certificates redeemable at the Hospice of Rutherford County Retail Shop! *(All referrals must complete the volunteer training and be active in volunteer service in order for certificates to be issued.)*

**Please contact Kim Smith at 245-0095
or JoAnn Faulhaber at 625-0365
for more information.**

INQUIRERS/CONFIRMATION CLASS

This class will continue this fall. We will meet beginning September 9 at 9:45 am at the rectory. Please join us.

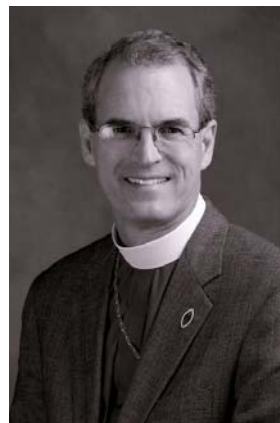
Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY

October 14th



+Bishop Porter Taylor will be with us on Sunday, October 14th. We will have one service at 10:00 am with the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist celebrated. If you are interested in being confirmed into the Episcopal Church, please contact Rev. Dee+ at: 287-3888, ext. 2.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Linda Hensley
2 Susan Keith
4 Mary Shehan
6 June Callahan
6 Hannah Thompson
6 Kathryn Bell
7 William Thompson
7 Katie Bryant
8 Ann Gallant
8 Katherine Hughes
9 Curtis Morgan
10 Elaine Sprouse
12 James Johansen
12 Brett Williams
14 Heather Melvin
16 Roy Morehead
17 Mara Chambers
18 Denise Hempstead
18 David Martin
20 Kathy Coutu
20 Morris Hollified
22 Benjamin King
24 Colin Martin
25 Kimberly Lloyd
26 Bettina Conn
27 Marian Beavers
27 Sandra Middleton
27 Paula McIntosh
27 Tamarah-Jean Hill Blake
28 Judy Scott
30 Reba Beasley
30 Bradley Greenway

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Bud & Anita Quinley
16 Eric & Donna Ojala
27 Warner Stewart & Betty Dickey



THANK YOU

To the congregation of Saint Francis and Rev. Dee,

Thank you so much for the lovely photo of Christ. I will cherish it forever. Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It has been a great help. And thank you for all you all have done for me and my family, we greatly appreciate it.

Thank you again.

Love,
Courtney Conn

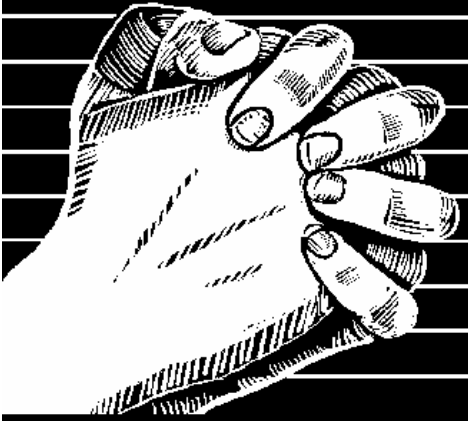
THANK YOU

St. Francis was so gracious to accept being the host school and church for our English study group arriving from Spain in July. In addition to this, numerous host families opened their homes and found very soon that they were all "blessed" beyond anything they had ever experienced or hoped for. God is good. God is good all the time. Stepping out in faith families were touched in such special ways...memories forever. North Carolina has been described as one of the most exciting states to visit through the exchange program.

May you all be blessed. We are God's eyes, arms, heart and feet. Where God's love is, encouragement, healing and peace will follow.

In His grace and everlasting love,
Sue Langdon, Program Coordinator
Spain/Rutherfordton 2007

PRAYER



REQUESTS

POETS CORNER

An Unclenched Moment
By Ted Loder

Gentle one,
Holy one,
into an unclenched moment,
a deep breath,
a letting go
of heavy experiences,
of shriveling anxieties,
of dead certainties,
that softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light,
and open to the mystery,
I may be found by wholeness,
upheld by the unfathomable,
entranced by the simple,
and filled with the joy
that is you.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Abby Badger,
Reba Beasley,
Jesse Beavers,
Jim Brown,
Eric Browning,
Wanda Byers,
Hilda Callahan,
June Callahan,
Fayette Carpenter,
Michael Carrier,
Rose Lee Crutcher,
Lou Duncan,
Ronald Duncan,
Betty Elliott,
Katie Graham,
Elizabeth Jane
Gricus,
Ron Haines,
Hannah,

Ron Hobson,
Marvin Hoyle,
Bobby Johnson,
Elizabeth Laughter,
Franklyn McIntosh,
Miriel,
Betty Morehead,
Reid, Laurie &
DeWitt Nunn,
Arabella Philbeck,
Beth Philbeck,
Jason Philbeck,
Haley Riney,

Kenneth Scroggs,
Stevie Scroggs,
Vera Scroggs,
Carolyn Smart,
Kay Taylor,
Bonnie Tucker,
Nancy Tucker,
Patricia Westland,
Hilda Wilson,
Leonard Yelton



And Those Serving in the Military...

Ben Blanton,
Jim Boyette,
Cory Bridges,
J. D. Brock,
Forest Buff,
Scotty Clark,
Blake Craft,
Kyle Eller,
Andy Feree,
Branson Garrett,
Jason Hempstead,
Jason Hill,
Patsy Howard,

Robby Howard,
Natahley Infante,
Jason Kallaus,
Seth Keller,
Baxter Keys,
Andrew Kinard,
Tony Laws,
Troy Laws,
Daniel Leech,
Timmy McCaughey,
Joseph McComas,
Drew Melvin,
Dwayne Mote,

Eddie Mote,
Robert Mote,
Alaina Parker,
Michael Parker,
Eric Neely,
Kenneth Queen,
Rory Semelroth,
Chris Sikes,
David Smith,
Jerome Smith,
Emmanuel Spencer,
Christopher Strand,
Kenneth Young

“Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...” Ephesians 6:18

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS AT KANUGA

In July, the Junior Daughters of the King attended the Province IV DOK Summer Retreat at Kanuga. They spent three days praying, worshiping, singing, playing and visiting with Junior Daughters from all over the southeast. The focus of the weekend for all daughters, including the juniors was "What will You have me do?" which is the last line of the Daughters motto. To this end they did Bible study, and prayer time, discussions and role playing. The Juniors mostly did their own worship services over the weekend, however, they joined with the senior daughters for the closing Eucharist at which they read the lessons and presented the prayer requests that had been submitted during the weekend. You will have to ask them (Madeline Demas, Grace Melton and Darby Williams) whether they had a good time or not, however, I know they have continued a correspondence with their new friend from Colorado and on the way to Sunday's breakfast they were all making plans for next year.



MEALS ON WHEELS PET PROJECT



Grace Melton and Madeline Demas delivering pet food to a representative of Meals on Wheels.

The Junior Daughters of the King have combined their love of animals with their call to serve in their project of providing pet meals for the people of Rutherford County that are recipients of Meals on Wheels. The accompanying letter is an example of the reports we have heard of the response to this program. We have been informed that it is time to re-supply the Meals on Wheels office with more pet food. Please bring in bags of dry cat and dog food for us to repackage. We have been asked to package the food in an approximate two-week supply package, so we could really use donations of gallon re-sealable bags. If everyone who has a dog or cat, or loves dogs or cats, would pick up one extra bag of food each month and/or one box of gallon bags, we could meet this need easily.

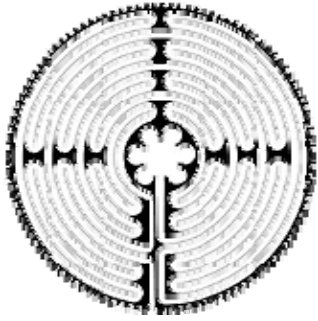
Letter:

Dear Grace,

On behalf of my precious {name} I want to thank you for the dog food you provided for her today and for days to come. What a nice thing you have done and I want you to know that both she and I appreciate your kindness. I was very surprised (and pleased!) when it came with my meal today. You are well on your way to your Bronze award! God bless you dear child and know you are appreciated.

{signed}

THE CHURCH YARD IS GROWING A LABYRINTH



The church yard is a bit torn up right now while it is in the process of growing a labyrinth. You have heard numerous times in the past about the

labyrinth that the Daughters of the King were trying to get in place at St. Francis. The work has finally begun. When you have a chance take a look at the church yard going toward the Rectory. It may look a mess at first, but if you look closely you will see the fine and meticulous work of our folks who are laying the paving stones. Vicki and Joe Drury and Ann Lattimore have a real gift for lining the pavers up and setting them in place. Tom Lattimore really has the hang of cutting the edges of the trenches that need to be dug. Rebecca Melton and the young ladies of our parish, Grace and Caroline Melton, Darby and Brett Williams, have brought the work of digging out the trenches to an art form. There were several other people working on August 18th when we first broke ground including some of the boy scouts from the troop that St. Francis sponsors. We will be continuing to work on this until it is done, so keep an eye out for the changes that will occur from week to week. We will be working most every Saturday from 8-11 and from 5 to dark, until the labyrinth is done. You may also see some of us working out there many weekday evenings. There is much work to be done yet. We need to finish cutting the edges of the trenches, we need to dig out the trenches which involves using a narrow shovel to get most of the dirt out of the trenches and then going back with a trowel to make sure that the trenches are deep enough and wide enough, then we have to line up the pavers and verify the spacing of them and then set them using dirt and sand. We also need people to empty buckets of dirt as we fill them, fill buckets with sand as we empty



"Placing the center point - the most important task in building a labyrinth"



"Setting the cornerstone - the second most important task. From this point all other stones will be aligned."

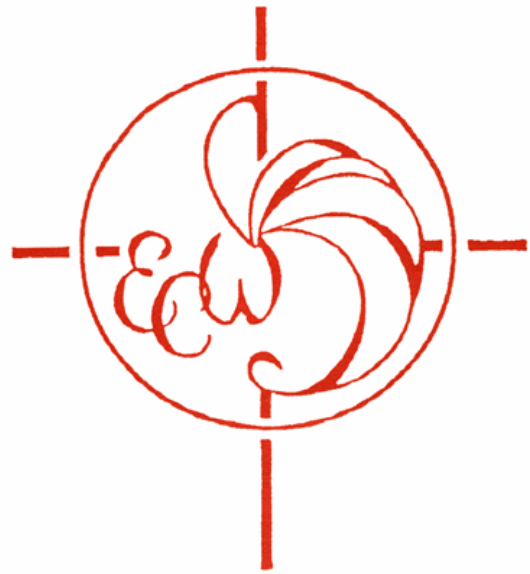
them, and move pavers from the pile to where we are working. If you think you would like to join in this project, come join us any Saturday that you have available, either the morning shift or the evening shift.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



There is an ecumenical Women's Prayer Breakfast that meets on Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the Carolina Cafe in Spindale. These women meet every week to lift up in prayer people and situations from their lives and the world

around them. If you would like to join them and add your prayers to theirs or would like more information about this gathering, please talk with the members of St. Francis who are already a part of this group - Sandra Middleton, Marian Beavers, Martha Wilkins, Susan Keith.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Next meeting will be
Saturday, November 10

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

*Everything You Ever Wanted to Know
About Daughters of the King,
But Were Afraid to Ask!*

Women, have you heard that name and wondered what it was? Have you heard us talking about the DOK or the Junior DOK and wondered just what we are referring to? Or, do you have some idea of what the DOK is and think you would like to be a part of it? Now is your opportunity to have all your questions answered and then some. The September DOK meeting will be held on September 23 (4th Sunday) at 12:30 in the Parish House. This will be an informational meeting for women who would like to know more about the Daughters of the King or who think they would like to join this organization. If you are potentially interested in the Daughters, but cannot attend this meeting, please speak with either Susan Keith or Dee+.

PRAYER REQUESTS

You may have noticed the blue box in the back of the church near the Altar of Repose. This is a new means of getting prayer requests to the Daughters of the King. By having the box present, anyone coming into the church at any time can request prayers from the Daughters. The box is locked to assure everyone that these requests will be kept in complete confidence and not discussed. You may also have noticed the new blue Prayer Request cards in the pew racks. These are newly designed prayer request cards. They have been printed on blue paper as a reminder that these requests will go to the Daughters of the King. Any prayer request turned into the Daughters is prayed for on a regular basis by each of the Daughters of the King. The box will be checked a couple of times a week for requests. Whenever requests are taken out of the box they will be prayed for at that time and then put on the prayer list so that all of the Daughters can pray for those requests. If you have not noticed the box, look for it the next time you are in the church.

***Parish Picnic
and
“Mass on the Grass”***

**Sunday, September 2
Kiwanis Park**

**Beginning with the service at
10:00 AM**

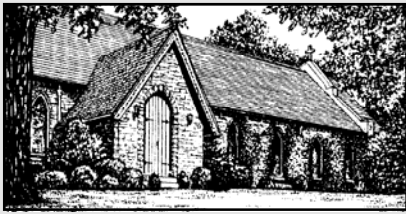
**Good Food, Fun and
Games**

**Be sure to bring the
following:**

- Chairs for your family
- Your favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert.

***Beverages, chicken, ham,
and utensils will be
provided.***





Through The Back Gate

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2007

Roscoe Conn, Sr.

Paul McIntosh

Dick Wilkins

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2009

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The Vestry meets the second Monday of every month.

Our Missionaries:

Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali

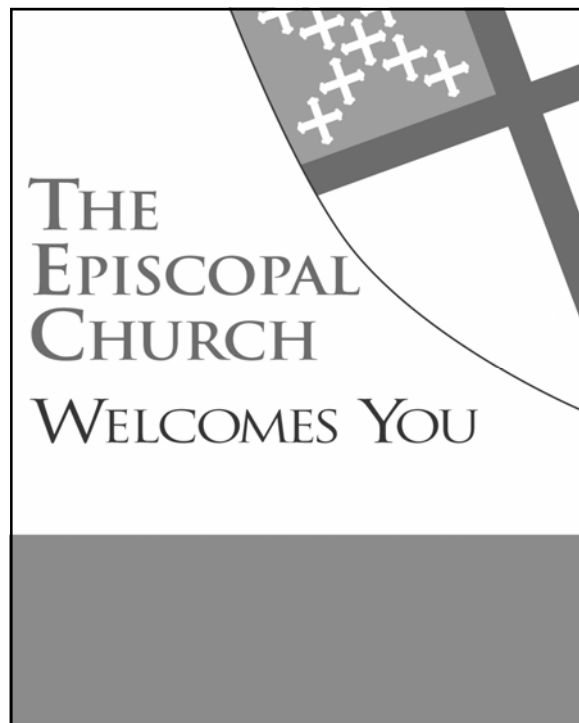
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