



# Through The Back Gate of Saint Francis Church



## November 2008

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth...Enter his gates with thanksgiving. Give thanks to him, bless his name. (Psalm 100)*

The sermon a few Sundays ago began with:

Lord God, we live in disturbing days: Loving God, meet us in our fears and hear our prayer; be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

It is not very often that most Americans are feeling the same thing at the same time, talking about the same thing, worrying about the same thing: the economic challenges of our world today. How are we as Christians to respond to all of this? **One way.** We turn to our faith, we turn to our beliefs as Christians, we turn to God's word.

It is interesting to note that it wasn't until we were at war, the Civil War to be exact, that our Thanksgiving holiday was officially recognized by Congress. It had started in the small Plymouth Colony in 1621 when the English Pilgrims feasted with members of the Wampanoag Indians who brought gifts of food as a gesture of goodwill. The custom grew in various colonies as a means of celebrating the harvest. In 1777, over 100 years later, the Continental Congress proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving after the American Revolution victory at

the Battle of Saratoga. But it was twelve years later that George Washington proclaimed another national day of thanksgiving in honor of the ratification of the Constitution and requested that the congress finally make it an annual event. They declined and it would be another 100 years and the end of a bloody civil war before President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving. The year was 1863. All those years before we could establish an official day of thanksgiving!

And then it took still another 40 years, the early 1900's, before the tradition really caught on. For you see Lincoln's official Thanksgiving was sanctioned in order to bolster the Union's morale. Perhaps that is what it is for us.

Thanksgiving today is full of football, pumpkin pie, and family reunions. But that's not a realistic historical picture of Thanksgiving. It is more often born of adversity and difficult times. So many of the greatest expressions of thanksgiving have occurred under circumstances so debilitating one might wonder why people give thanks. It would seem a more reasonable response would be bitterness and ingratitude.

I am reading an excellent book for the second time by Parker Palmer titled The Promise of Paradox. Jesus came on earth to turn things upside down. Jesus wants us to be

stirred up, to go deeper in our spirituality and love to God.

So many things in life are a paradox. In times of plenty we become indifferent. The smallest gifts are overlooked and unappreciated. We might even regard the basic pleasures of life with contempt. But, let hard times come and the threat that these gifts will be taken from us and we are jolted into sudden recognition and gratitude. May you be jolted and stirred up to truly know who God is in your life. I am always available to talk with you about any disturbance you might encounter.

In all of our crises, God is the only way. Let us all gather together as a community and give thanks to our God on Sunday, November 23 at First United Methodist Church, Rutherfordton.

With all my heart, I pray that no matter what you will never ever lose the gratitude and love that has been bestowed on you through the love of God.

In Christ's love and grace,

*Dee+*

The Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin



## Stewardship of Presence

	8am	10:30am	Total
October 5	35	93	128
October 12	31	83	114
October 19	37	84	121
October 26	33	79	112

## Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
October 5	3917.00	905.00
October 12	2195.00	910.41
October 19	1374.00	567.00
October 26	2960.00	536.00

39 items of food for Yokefellow

There were 199 visits to the web site,  
looking at 320 pages.



# Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

## and Dinner

**First United  
Methodist Church  
Sunday, November 23**

**Community Potluck Dinner: 5:30 pm**

(Turkey and drinks will be provided.  
Please bring dishes to complement a  
traditional Thanksgiving dinner.)

**Community Worship Service: 7:00 pm**

# YOKEFELLOW

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

For November/December  
**DRIED BEANS (1 lb. BAG)**

*Although any non-perishable  
item will be accepted*



**Set Clocks Back 1 Hour on  
Saturday Night, November 1**

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

October 7, 2008

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

1. Josephine Conn opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the September 8, 2008 Vestry Meeting were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was received.
4. The Reverend Dee Ann 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: Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care and Service.
8. Proceeds from The Marketplace, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women, (E.C.W.) amounted to \$1,390.07.
9. The annual offering for Thompson Child & Family Focus will be collected on Sunday, November 23.
10. St. Francis Day School has been thriving with 26 children.
11. A total of 93 parishioners attended Mass on the Grass on September 7.
12. Parishioners can participate in Christmas Cheer sponsored by The Salvation Army by filling sacks and or dressing bears. We have 20 sacks and 30 bears this year.
13. Habitat for Humanity is currently building 5 houses. The capital project to purchase their building, the old Do-It Center in Forest City, is still underway. We will have an opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity at the November 2 Potluck.
14. The St. Francis Relay For Life Team had another great year, raising \$5,762. The county as a whole raised almost \$201,000.
15. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the revised Three Phase Maintenance and Repair Agreement Contract for the Maintenance Sexton.
16. The Diocesan Convention is Thursday, November 13 through Saturday, November 15.
17. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, January 11, 2009 in the Parish House.
18. The meeting closed with prayer.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER



Christmas Cheer, sponsored by The Salvation Army, provides assistance to residents of Rutherford County during the holiday season.

Members of our parish have the opportunity to help this year by filling a large stocking and/or dressing a bear. We have 20 large stockings to fill and 30 bears to dress. **NO DOLLS ARE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR.**

Stockings and bears can be found in the narthex of the church. A sign-up sheet is provided. Please indicate your name and the date you take your stocking and/or bear. When items are returned, please indicate the date you return the items.

**ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 30.**

If you have questions, please call Linda Bailey.



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 2	<b>The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Day</b>	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 9	<b>The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 16	<b>The Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-8, 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 23	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov. 30	<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

# A Psalm for Autumn

Oh praise the Lord, All creation!  
Praise the Lord for the feast of color  
spread out before us.  
What a wondrous time of year is Autumn,  
as we leave the heat and noise of summer  
and look toward the frost and quietness of winter.  
As we complain of raking the leaves  
let us give thanks for the color palette  
used to paint the vistas before us.  
As we bring in our harvests  
it is time to give thanks for the bounty of this earth  
time to remember those with less bountiful environments.  
As we make our jellies and jams and pies  
let us remember the rest of creation  
with the squirrels storing nuts and the bears preparing dens.  
Just as the oaks drop their nuts  
ready to spring to life in the Spring  
just as the animals prepare dens and nests  
ready to bring forth new life in the Spring  
let us look in to ourselves to be about those things  
that will ready us to spring forth in a new life in Christ.  
Oh praise the Lord, all creation!  
Sing praise to the Lord  
for the blessings we have received.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Betty Dickey
- 2 Josef Sibley
- 3 Donna Ojala
- 4 Sarah Strand
- 4 Bill Coxe
- 5 Vera Scroggs
- 5 David D'Alessio
- 7 Margaret Ingram
- 8 Robert Wall
- 8 Stephanie Williams
- 8 Ann Coxe
- 13 Mary Brown
- 16 Roscoe Conn, Jr.
- 17 Johanna Quinley
- 18 Capability Dickerson
- 21 Michael Carrier
- 22 Johnathan Jones
- 22 Dorothy Goodrich
- 23 Gail Revis
- 25 Roger Smith
- 26 Jim Campbell
- 26 Liz Segers
- 29 Betty Morehead

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 John & Susan Keith
- 9 Dickinson & Judith Gustafson
- 21 Robert & Ann Crummie
- 24 Roger & Missy Hughes
- 27 Jesse & Beverly McKinney



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (E.C.W.)

Thanks to all who supported The Marketplace by bringing items to be sold, giving time and talents to help setup, work during the sale and clean up, and by shopping on the day of the sale. Proceeds were \$1,390.04.

The purpose of Episcopal Church Women is to unite women in a program of **worship, study, service, and fellowship** which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and lead them into service for the Church in the **parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.** We meet three times a year. Our last meeting of the year will be at the home of Sue Lloyd at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6. The program will be on **worship.** If you wish to carpool from the parish house, please call Linda Bailey,

### Episcopal Church Women (E.C.W.)

**December 6, 2008**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Home of Sue Lloyd**

**117 Fairway Drive,**

**Rutherfordton, NC**

**Program: What is worship?**

# THOMPSON ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

November 23, 2008



Thompson Child & Family Focus impacts the lives of over 2,000 children each year, through programs that embrace treatment, education and care.

A little girl or boy walks through the doors of Thompson – desperate, alone and afraid – only to emerge a few months later, secure in the knowledge that she or he is, indeed, valuable, worthy and loved within the Dream of God.

The magic number for these children is “20”. Seems insignificant, but it’s really just the opposite.

If EACH adult communicant in North Carolina’s Episcopal churches gives just \$20 to the Thompson Thanksgiving Offering, we could raise \$1.4 million for the children God calls us to serve.

Look for the bright orange envelope on Sunday, November 23, 2008, and fill it with the incredible power of “20’s”!

The logo for the Altar Guild, featuring the text "Altar Guild" in a large, black, serif font. The word "Altar" is on the left, "Guild" is on the right, and a chalice is positioned between them. Below the text is a shield-shaped emblem with a white cross on a black background. The entire logo is enclosed in a decorative border of small, repeating icons.

There will be a meeting of the  
Altar Guild Members following the  
10:30 am service on  
Sunday, November 23

## Updates on our Missionaries



On October 5th we celebrated our patron Saint Francis. We were also blessed to have Amber Smith (Poland) visit. Amber spoke at Miriam Dixon's Sunday School class and also gave a talk and video presentation at the pot luck luncheon that followed the 10:30 Eucharist.

The dedication Amber has to her work as a missionary is admirable. She shared that there is much to learn when going into a new country, beyond mastering a new language (Polish). Amber spends her time teaching English and establishing new friendships in her new home. Friendships are very important to trust and the social structure of any sort of fellowship. The number of towns with only one church was surprising. With this in mind, a summer camp was put on this past summer with hopes of establishing friendship through fellowship. A coffeehouse is in the works to hopefully maintain and strengthen friendships.

Amber is happy to have some time back in the United States but says she misses her friends and new home in Poland. This year she will be with her family for Christmas before she heads back to Poland in January.

The Renzema's (appointees to SE Asia) spent their summer vacation camping and are looking forward to selling their home. This must be accomplished before they can leave for Asia. With the economy as it currently is, they desperately need our prayers.

Let us keep all of the missionaries in our prayers.

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses:</u></b></p> <p><b>Nov. 2</b> (9 am) Sue Lloyd  <b>Nov. 16</b> (11:45 am) Gerry &amp; Lee Roberts/Magi &amp; Leah King</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Potluck: Nov. 2</u></b></p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Bill Coxe, Linda Bailey, Susan Keith, Betty Dickey/<b>Program:</b> Habitat for Humanity</p>						<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">1</p> <p>Set Clocks Back 1 Hour</p>
						<p><b>All Saints' Day</b></p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">2</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM HE Rite II 11:45 AM Habitat Potluck</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">3</p> <p>9:00 AM Dayschool 4:00 PM Girl Scouts Vestry Reports Due</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">4</p> <p>7:30 AM AA</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">5</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Prayer Bkfst 9:00 AM Dayschool 10:00 AM Healing Service 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">6</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">7</p> <p>7:30 AM AA</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">8</p>
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<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">23</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">24</p> <p>9:00 AM Dayschool</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">25</p> <p>7:30 AM AA</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">26</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Prayer Bkfst 10:00 AM Healing Service 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">27</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">28</p> <p>7:30 AM AA Office Closed</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">29</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">30</p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p>						

## STEWARDSHIP

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. (1 John 3:17-18, NRSV)*

In a recent lesson we heard, "Give to God the things that are God's." Our rector reminded us that the things that are God's are ourselves. We belong to God. God created us. All that we have is from God and all that we do should be returned to God. It is in response to this that the Finance Committee and your Vestry experience our challenge each year.

Your Finance Committee is busily looking at the bottom line of the financial end of your commitment, and also looking at what the costs are for keeping St. Francis involved in the level of stewardship that it has become accustomed. The expenses that your Parish incurs are not just the utility bills and salaries, but also its corporate response to ministry and response to God.

Stewardship is not about the dollars so much as it is about the "sense". The sense of how we can best act out our faith through *our actions and true caring* (1 John 3:18, NCV) to our parish family and to the community in which we live. It is not just about our financial giving, but also about how we act out our faith. St. Francis operates not just on the dollars, but on the lives and activities of the people. Just as the Finance Committee is working on the budget for next year, the Stewardship Committee will be working on the actions of the people of St. Francis through their commitment of time and talents.

By now everyone should have turned in their cards identifying their commitment to St. Francis for next year. If you have not, there are additional pledge cards in the Parish Office which you can pick up or have mailed to you. Just as we show our faith by how we live and act in the world, in times of uncertainty we must act out our faith by meeting the commitments we have already made to St. Francis.

## THE TOP OF THE HILL GANG



We will be going to THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL November 8th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday and also at the Pot Luck on November 1. Anyone who is interested in going may carpool with us. Age is not a factor here, just interest and a desire for a wonderful time. Cost is \$16.00 for under sixties, \$14.00 for children and \$15.00 for those over sixty.

See Becky Reger for more information.

**ALSO:** If you are interested in going to Alaska on a cruise/land tour in July of 2009, see Becky Reger. We have a great time when we go. Come join us.



*Thank You*

**Thank you to all who helped with the dedication of Bishop Ronald Haines Meditation Garden:**

**Linda Bailey**

**Charles Pickard**

**The Daughters of the King**



The Fellowship Committee is beginning to compile the Pot Luck schedule for 2009.

Any group that will be hosting a Pot Luck for a special cause, for example, Habitat for Humanity or Relay for Life, should fill out a request for the date desired.

The request form is attached below. Please complete your request for your date no later than first of December, 2008.

## 2009 Potluck Request Form

Please complete this form if you wish to reserve a Potluck Sunday for your Ministry area or organization.

Ministry area: \_\_\_\_\_

Month desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

This to be a potluck

We will supply food

Check one:

We will supply servers/clean-up

We will need servers/clean-up

Comments: (Please note any special information that we need in order to plan for this)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date submitted

(Please complete this request and turn in to Fellowship Committee Chair (Josephine Conn) or the Parish Office no later than December 1, 2008. After that date, the Sunday you desire may no longer be available).

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Reba** Beasley,  
**Julie** Boulay,  
**Wanda** Byers,  
**Michael** Carrier,  
**Stephen** Clark,  
**Betty** Elliott,  
**Carolyn** Gardner,  
**Ernestine** Gold,  
**Dorothy** Goodrich,  
**Ron** Hobson,

**Becky** Huntley,  
**Joyce** Jaynes,  
**Tony** Lowery,  
**Glen** Melton,  
**Milton**,  
**Olive** Mistretta,  
**Betty** Morehead,  
**Wreston** Morgan,  
**Haley** Riney,  
**Bobbie** Rowland,

**Darwin** Royal,  
**Wallace** Schneider,  
**Stevie** Scroggs,  
**Bill** Smith,  
**Warner** Stewart,  
**Kay** Taylor,  
**David** Trulove,  
**Diane** Tucker,  
**Hilda** Wilson

### *And Those Serving in the Military...*

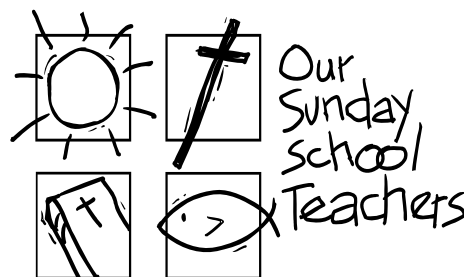
**Dustin** Arledge,  
**Justin** Bailey,  
**Ben** Blanton,  
**Jim** Boyette,  
**Cory** Bridges,  
**J. D.** Brock,  
**Steve** Browning,  
**Forest** Buff,  
**Scotty** Clark,  
**Blake** Craft,  
**Andy** Feree,  
**Branson** Garrett,  
**Jeffery** Hardin,  
**Brad** Hicks,  
**Patsy** Howard,

**Robby** Howard,  
**Ian**,  
**Jason** Kallaus,  
**Seth** Keller,  
**Susan** Keophila,  
**Baxter** Keys,  
**Andrew** Kinard,  
**Troy** Laws,  
**Daniel** Leech,  
**Joseph** McComas,  
**Drew** Melvin,  
**Eric** Neely,  
**Mike & Bobbie**  
Nelson,  
**Michael** Parker,

**Nina** Paulino,  
**Kenneth** Queen,  
**Rory** Semelroth,  
**Jcee** Shaver,  
**David** Smith,  
**Emmanuel** Spencer,  
**Christopher** Strand,  
**Devin** Swinkey,  
**Anthony** Tricarico,  
**Joseph** Watson,  
**Kenneth** Young

## Sunday School Appreciation Sunday

November 23 will be appreciation Sunday for 2007-2008 Sunday School Teachers. If you would like to write a special card for your teacher, you may place the card in the marked box located beside the office door. Be sure you have the teacher's name on the envelope. These will be given to the teachers along with a special gift from Christian Education Committee after a very short program.



### Count Your Blessings

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses.*

*Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes.*

*Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.*

*Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.*

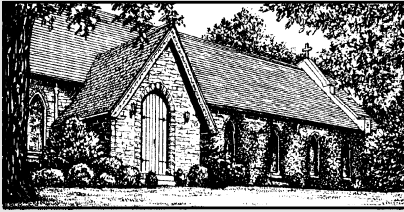
*Count your health instead of your wealth;  
Count on God instead of yourself.*



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
8:00 am					
Usher	Richard Williams	Richard Williams	Richard Williams	Richard Williams	Richard Williams
Usher	Denise Hempstead	Denise Hempstead	Denise Hempstead	Denise Hempstead	Denise Hempstead
Greeter	Keppie D'Alessio	Doug Elliott	Dick Wilkins	Sue Lloyd	Martha Wilkins
Reader	Marian Beavers	Sue Lloyd	Mary Anne Hamilton	Doug Elliot	Mary Gregory
Chalicer	David D'Alessio	Joe Sibley	Cynthia Ruppe	Bob Blanton	Susan Keith
Coffee Hour	Sue Lloyd				
10:30 am					
Usher	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Linda Jeanne Harrill
Usher	Paula McIntosh	Paula McIntosh	Paula McIntosh	Paula McIntosh	Paula McIntosh
Greeter	Bob Blanton	Don Corry	Becky Reger	Beverly McKinney	Eric Trumpey
Presenter	Rebecca Melton	Rebecca Melton	Rebecca Melton	Rebecca Melton	Rebecca Melton
Presenter	Susan Keith	Susan Keith	Susan Keith	Susan Keith	Susan Keith
Yokefellow	Michael Carrier	Eric Trumpey	Michael Carrier	Eric Trumpey	Michael Carrier
1st Reader	Anita Quinley	Becky Reger	Susanne Richardson	Ed Richardson	Dee Ullrich
2nd Reader	Nancy Bole	Bob Blanton	Roscoe Conn, Sr.	Bill Coxe	Judi Gustafson
Prayers	Vernon Hoyle	Barbara Hobson	Miriam Dixon	Nancy Bole	Anita Quinley
Chalicer	Dee Ullrich	Ed Richardson	Barbara Hobson	Miriam Dixon	Bob Blanton
Nursery	Linda Bailey Kathy Demas	Sherry Campbell Diane Dickerson	Anita Quinley Beverly McKinney	Denise Hempstead James Segers	Keely McBrayer Edwards/Bill Coxe
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	Adult Team
Coffee Hour			(10:30am) Gerry & Lee Roberts/ Magi & Leah King		
Potluck	Bill Coxe, Linda Bailey, Susan Keith, Betty Dickey				

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT  
AND **THEN** CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THURSDAY 12:00 NOON. 828-287-3888



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A Monthly  
Newsletter of  
**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
*The Episcopal Church of Rutherfordton*  
*Established 1842*

408 North Main Street  
P. O. Box 46  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

**Church Office: 287-3888**

Service Times: Extension 1

Rector: Extension 2

Dayschool/Kitchen: Extension 3

Parish Administrator: Ext. 4

Music Director: Extension 5

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[www.stfranchischurch.org](http://www.stfranchischurch.org)

<i>Jesus Christ</i>	The Head
<i>The People of God</i>	The Ministers
<i>The Right Reverend G. Porter Taylor</i>	Bishop
<i>The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmolin</i>	Rector
<i>Johnathan Jones</i>	Minister of Music
<i>Amberleigh Richardson</i>	Youth Director
<i>Lesley Bush</i>	Parish Administrator
<i>Cindy Hill</i>	Financial Manager

### The Vestry

*Linda Bailey, Senior Warden*

*Don Corry, Junior Warden*

*Rob Bole, Treasurer*

### 2008

*Marian Beavers*

*Don Corry*

*Bill Coxse*

### 2009

*Linda Bailey*

*Ed Richardson*

*James Segers*

### 2010

*Josephine Conn*

*Susan Keith*

*David Lloyd*

*The Vestry meets at 6:00 pm  
on the second Monday of every month.*

### Our Missionaries:

*Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali  
- China*

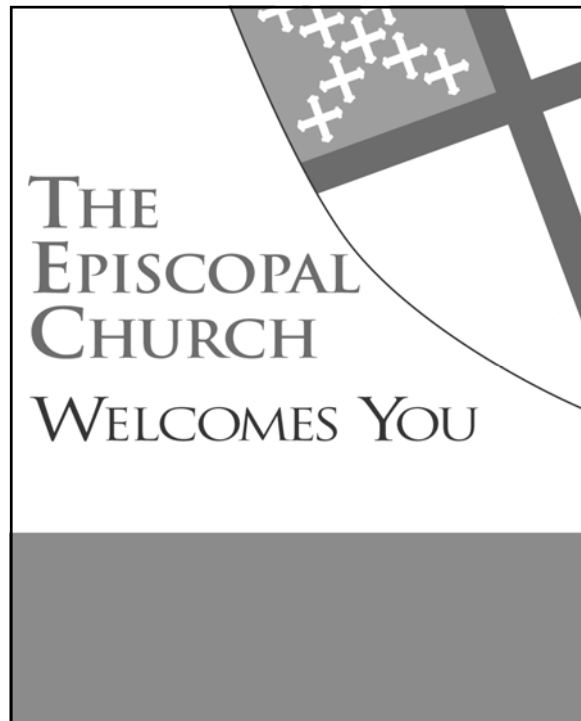
*John and Zopbi Wilson - Hungary  
Amber Smith - Poland*

*Russ & Heidi Smith - Chili*

*Lynn Coulthard - Durgapur*

*Julie & Eric Renzema - S.E. Asia*

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