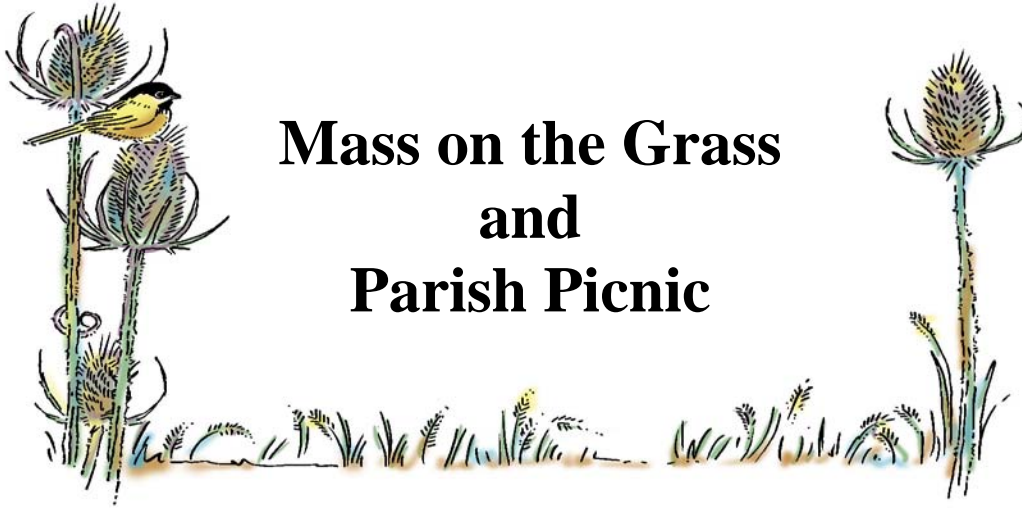




Through The Arch Gate of Saint Francis Church



September 2009



Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic

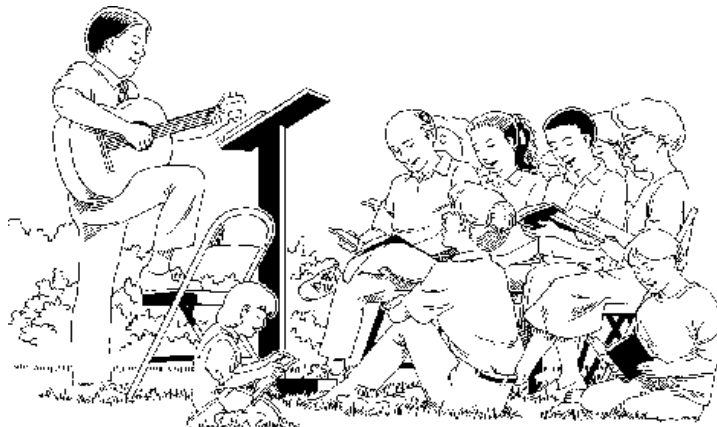
**Sunday, September 6
Kiwaniis Park
10:00 am**

Be sure to bring the following:

- Chairs for your family
- A salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Beverages, chicken, meat and cheese tray, bread and utensils will be provided.

Fun and games for all!



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry of St. Francis Church met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. Bill Coxe opened the meeting with a devotional.
2. The minutes of the April 13 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: Stewardship Commission (Stewardship Committee), Evangelism Commission (Evangelism Committee), Education Commission (Christian Education Committee, Episcopal Church Women), Service Commission (Outreach-Samaritan Breakfast).
8. Upcoming Events:
 - Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 31.
 - M&M Conference, June 6 at 1st Baptist Church, Asheville, NC.
 - Stewardship Campaign Ministry Fair, June 14 following services.
 - Mary Haines Memorial Service, June 14, 3:00 pm.
 - Diocesan Picnic at Lake Logan Center, June 20 10-4pm.
 - Harry Potter VBS, June 22-26.
 - One worship service in August at 9:00 am.
9. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Stewardship of Presence

	<u>9am</u>
August 2	67
August 9	100
August 16	85
August 23	93
August 30	N/A

Stewardship of Giving

	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Non-Pledged</u>
August 2	\$1465.50	\$ 269.00
August 9	\$1295.16	\$ 202.00
August 16	\$4976.00	\$ 649.00
August 23	\$2,020.50	\$ 210.00
August 30	N/A	N/A

YOKEFELLOW

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

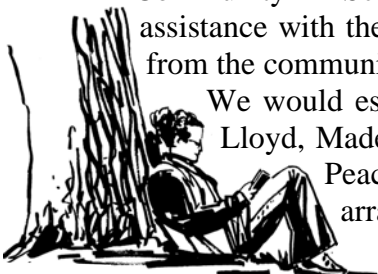
**For September
Peanut Butter**

*Although any non-perishable
item will be accepted*

Summer Reading Program

Over the last six weeks of the summer, before school started back up, St. Francis in cooperation with Community In Schools held a Summer Reading Program to assist Elementary students who need assistance with their reading skills. We would like to thank those students, both from St. Francis and from the community, who chose to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the start of school.

We would especially like to thank all of the volunteers who came to assist these students: Sue Lloyd, Madeline Demas, Susanna Richardson and Dagmar, Dee Ullrich and Hubble, and Carol Peacock. Thanks to Mary Brown, from Community In Schools, and Susan Keith for arranging and organizing this program.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Susan Keith
6 Andrew Kirton
8 Ann Gallant
10 Elaine Sprouse
12 Brett Williams
14 Ayden Kirton
18 Denise Hempstead
18 David Martin
24 Colin Martin
25 Kimberly Lloyd
26 Bettina Conn
27 Marian Beavers
27 Sandra Middleton
27 Paula McIntosh
28 Judy Scott
30 Reba Beasley
30 Brad Greenway

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Bud & Anita Quinley

Samaritan Breakfast

At this time Samaritan Breakfast is providing 40-50 breakfast bags each Thursday morning. Most of these go to Grace of God Mission where we are greeted with folks eager to assist us in bringing the bags into the building and ready to distribute the bags to those who are waiting. In addition to Grace of God we have another facility that picks up several bags each week and a couple of other individuals who pick up bags. We will provide one or many breakfast bags to anyone who comes to pick them up. We do ask that if a facility wants to pick up a number of bags that they let us know in advance so that we can be sure to have enough eggs and fruit on hand to accommodate them.

We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to get up early Thursday morning to assist us in preparing these meals. We also welcome all donations of fresh fruit, eggs and bread.

If you can help us with Samaritan Breakfast please contact Gerry Roberts, Susan Keith or Josephine Conn.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is planning some great fun activities for the fall and winter. We need your help. First, we are planning an All Saints Eve Celebration



on Saturday, October 1. Mark your calendars. We need all the volunteers we can get! We need volunteers to set up and decorate, help man the games and clean up. We need

homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, etc., 2 liter drinks, individual wrapped candy, a galvanized tub, a couple bales of hay, 3 darts, rubber (or plastic) ducks, and a large appliance box.

Please dress as your favorite saint. There will be a costume contest.

This year's Advent event should be quite memorable. We are planning to have A Night of Christmas Memories, an idea borrowed from Lesley Bush, our parish administrator. Please think about your family's absolute favorite finger food, write up the recipe along with any pertinent notes like, "We always have this on Christmas morning" and mail it to the church marked CEC. Then, plan to bring it to the Advent Event, Sunday, November 29. We expect this to be a very special night for all.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8 a.m.	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	
Usher		Kathy Demas	Mary Gregory	Denise Hempstead	
Usher		Sandra Middleton	Dick Wilkins	Richard Williams	
Greeter	Mass on	Doug Elliott	Sue Lloyd	Betty Morehead	
1 st Lesson	The Grass	James Brown	Mary Gregory	Doug Elliott	
2 nd Lesson	Parish	Denise Hempstead	Richard Williams	Susan Keith	
Chalicer	Picnic	Cindy Ruppe	Bob Blanton	Anita Quinley	
10:30 a.m.	10:00 am				
Usher	James Brown	Bob Blanton	Don Corry	Bill Coxe	
Usher	Richard Gill	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Lyn Corry	Vernon Hoyle	
Greeter	Keppie D'Alessio, Linda Jeanne Harrill	Christine Hoyle	Larry Lester	Susan Lester	
Presenters of Bread and Wine		Susan Keith Paula McIntosh	Beverly McKinney Linda Jeanne Harrill	Lee Roberts Vera Scroggs	
Yokefellow		Michael Carrier	Blue Pittman	Michael Carrier	
1 st Lesson	Linda Bailey	Nancy Bole	Roscoe Conn, Sr.	Richard Gill	
2 nd Lesson	Bill Coxe	Judi Gustafson	Vernon Hoyle	Roger Hughes	
Prayers of the People	Paula McIntosh	Anita Quinley	Julie Pittman	Becky Reger	
Chalicer	Denise Hempstead	Don Corry	David Lloyd, Jr.	Gerry Roberts	
Nursery		Sherry Campbell Grace Melton	Anita Quinley Missy Hughes	Denise Hempstead Beverly Wellborn	
Acolytes		Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	
Coffee Hour 8 a.m.					
Punch on the Lawn		Kathy Demas	Carletta Pittman	Susan Keith	

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT
 AND THEN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
 BY THURSDAY 12:00 NOON. 828-287-3888 (Ext. 4)**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Psalm 146	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept. 13	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 116:1-8	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sept. 20	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 54	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sept. 27	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50



**Saturday, September 26, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

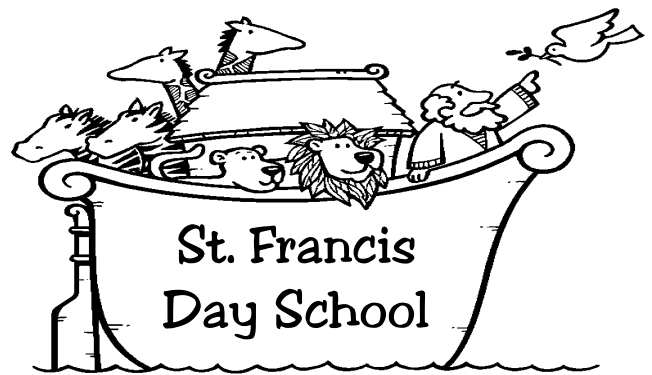
**Saint Francis Church
Parish House
395 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC**

“Sharing Our Best”

*The Book Store
Fancy Frocks
The Garden
Kitchen K cupboard
Krafty Korner
The Pantry
The Toy Chest
Treasures from the Attic*

**Sponsored by
Episcopal Church Women**

Times for collection of items to be donated:
Wednesday, September 23 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Thursday, September 24 - 1:30 - 5:00 pm
Friday, September 25 (Setup) - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



The Dayschool needs your help with the following donations:

- Construction paper
- Any color poster board
- Craft foam sheets
- Glue sticks
- Peanut butter
- Vanilla wafers
- Cookies
- Juice mixes
- Gold fish crackers
- Cheese crackers
- Popcorn
- Pretzels
- Graham crackers
- Apple sauce

Bring donated items to the Parish House and place in box marked “Dayschool” beside the office door. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERN LIST:

Reba Beasley,
Julie Boulay,
Kathie Burgin,
Wanda Byers,
Michael Carrier,
Brian Champlin,
Cindy,
Cason Coop,
Mackenzie Coop,
Karen Crisp,
Michael D'Alessio,
Marie Davis,
Doris DeMillo,
Diane,
Cape Dickerson,
Betty Dickey,
Ron Dodson,
Betty Elliott,

Carolyn Gardner,
Larry Gardner,
Ernestine Gold,
Ed Goodrich,
Sharon Henson,
Ron Hobson,
Becky Huntley,
Momsie Hyde,
Jacob,
Joyce Jaynes,
Morris Jones,
Amy Lee,
Mandy McBrayer,
Mark,
Olive Mistretta,
Ackie Okpych,
Marley Penland,
Gloria Rains,

Haley Riney,
Robert,
Catherine Royal,
Mike Ryon,
Stevie Scroggs,
Austin Sherer,
Don Shuford Family,
Julie Sibley,
Doug Stamey,
Kay Taylor,
Keith Toney,
Ann Watson,
Dieter Weber,
Jack Welch,
Dick Wilkins,
Hilda Wilson.



And Those Serving in the Military...

Dustin Arledge,
Ben Blanton,
Jim Boyette,
Cory Bridges,
J. D. Brock,
Steve Browning,
Forest Buff,
Scotty Clark,
Bill Cowan,
Blake Craft,
Jamie Culbreath,
Jason Curl,
Andy Feree,
Branson Garrett,
Devon Glass,
Jeffery Hardin,

Tony Hartman,
Jason Hempstead,
Brad Hicks,
Patsy Howard,
Robby Howard,
Morris Jones,
Jason Kallaus,
Andrew Kinard,
Troy Laws,
Daniel Leech,
Benjamin Lucas,
Joseph McComas,
Matt McLane,
Drew Melvin,
Eric Neely,
Michael Parker,

Nina Paulino,
Kenneth Queen,
Rory Semelroth,
Jcee Shaver,
Christopher Smith,
David Smith,
Emmanuel Spencer,
Christopher Strand,
Devin Swinkey,
Anthony Tricarico,
Nick Turner,
Eric Velasquez,
Joseph Watson,
Jack Welsh,
Kenneth Young

FALL UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

September 27

The United Offering began as a dream shared by two women, Mrs. Richard Soule of Massachusetts and Miss Julia Emery, National Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.



STEWARDSHIP IS ...

Stewards are ...

the people who come together on a Saturday to spruce up our church yard and buildings.

Stewards are

the people you never see who come on Saturday to set the church up for services and stay late on Sunday to clean up the altar.

Stewards are ...

the people who donate flowers for the altar and the people who give up a part of their Saturday to arrange those flowers.

Stewards are ...

the people who come early on Sunday so that they can stand at the front door of the church to offer a warm hello to friend and visitor alike.

Stewards are ...

the people who on Sunday morning help you to find a pew, to provide you with a bulletin and to carry our offerings to the altar.

Stewards are ...

the people who are willing to share their voices by reading the lessons and leading the People in the Prayers.

Stewards are ...

the people who are willing to lead us as they lift their voices in making a "joyful noise unto the Lord."

Stewards are ...

the youth and adults who are willing to serve at the altar on Sunday morning.

Stewards are ...

those people who honor the need for fellowship by bringing snacks and beverages for after church through Punch on the Lawn, Coffee Hour and Potlucks.

Stewards are ...

those people who study, both young and old, and those who lead our study groups.

Stewards are ...

those who can share with our parish family by taking members food when needed or taking communion to someone who cannot make it to church or even giving someone a ride to church, the doctor or other needs.

Stewards are ...

those who reach out into the local community providing food to the hungry helping to build homes sharing the Gospel with prisoners.

Stewards are ...

those who reach out to the unknown through saving soup labels for Thompson's and pop tops for the Shriner's Children.

In other words,

Stewards are the souls of St. Francis

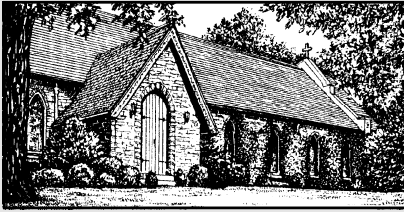
who share their gifts and talents

who share their precious time

and even who share the bounty that God has bestowed on them by giving back to God a portion of that bounty.

By now everyone should have been contacted by someone from the Every Member Canvass team. Please look over the many wonderful ministry areas and opportunities for sharing your gifts and talents carefully and see where we should look to find you next year, then fill out the Time and Talent Pledge card and turn it in to the office. At the same time, please prayerfully consider your tithe as you complete your financial pledge for 2010 and turn that in to the Parish office. If you have not been contacted as part of the Every Member Canvass, please let the Parish Administrator know.

Stewardship Chair



Through The Back Gate

A Monthly
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Jesus Christ

The People of God

The Right Reverend G. Porter Taylor

The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin

Johnathan Jones

Amberleigh Richardson

Lesley Bush

Cindy Hill

The Head

The Ministers

Bishop

Rector

Minister of Music

Youth Director

Parish Administrator

Financial Manager

The Vestry

Josephine Conn, Senior Warden

Linda Bailey, Junior Warden

Rob Bole, Treasurer

2009

Linda Bailey

Ed Richardson

James Segers

2010

Josephine Conn

Susan Keith

David Lloyd

2011

Bill Cox

Dick Gustafson

Gerry Roberts

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

Our Missionaries:

*Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali
- China*

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

Russ & Heidi Smith - Chili

Lynn Coulthard - Durgapur

Julie & Eric Renzema - S.E. Asia



CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, September 12

(If there is rain, the workday will be
moved to September 19)

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A signup sheet for the
workday can be found in
the narthex of the church.

Lots of hands are
needed!!!

The purpose of St. Francis Episcopal Church is to function as a Christian family in which all are nurtured in Jesus Christ through Scripture, sacrament, prayer, and love, enabling us to proclaim God's love joyfully and witness to His power.

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