



Through The Back Gate of Saint Francis Church

Summer 2007



FROM THE RECTOR



Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. Luke 6: 38.

WAS THAT A COINCIDENCE ? ... I DON'T THINK-K-K SO-O-O!!

The definition of a coincidence is "the occurrence of events that happen at the same time by accident but seem to have some connection."

Summer is here. A time for relaxing, reflecting and recharging. A time to play more, laugh more and spend more time with family and friends. And a time to really see God in your life. As Christians, many things that happen to us are not coincidences but God working in our lives.

On our recent trip to Italy and Greece, we had so many God-

inspired moments that one of us began saying to the group, "Do you think that was a coincidence?" And we would wag our fingers and respond, "I don't think-k-k so-o-o!"

1. It began on the plane before we even took off on our flight to Venice. Nearby our seats, a young man began having a severe diabetic reaction. A doctor and I helped him and he was beginning to come out of it. We felt that he was going to be all right but the flight officials would not allow him to remain on the plane. He and his two traveling companions had to leave the plane before take-off. From then on we included this young man in our prayers. Two days later, while in Venice, one of us asked, "I wonder what happened to that young man who became ill on the plane?" Just minutes later, as we were walking down the street, we see him! We stopped and spoke and he thanked us for our prayers and concern. Was that a coincidence? I don't think so.

2. Some of us wanted to take a gondola ride while we were in Venice, and we decided to wait until our last night. What we did not realize until it was too late was that the gondoliers don't work on Monday nights. It's the one night a week that they take off. Not to be discouraged, we just knew that we could find one if we looked long enough. Six of us walked and walked and looked and looked.

Finally after an hour of walking and not seeing a single gondola, we turned around to head back to our hotel and there - right in front of us - was one lone gondola coming up the canal! We will never forget that ride. Was that a coincidence? I don't think so.

3. Then there was the Sunday morning in Rome when we were headed to the Anglican Church. Our bus driver had been given the wrong address and was driving around in circles. We were concerned that we were going to be late for the service. Since it was early Sunday morning, there were very few people on the street to ask for directions. After at least fifteen minutes of driving around, one in our group said, "There must be someone we can stop and ask where this church is." And right then we saw a priest walking next to the bus! We stopped the bus and even though this was a Roman Catholic priest he spoke English and guided us to the Anglican Church. We got to the church on time. Was that a coincidence? I don't think so.

4. While we were at the Vatican, among a crowd of at least 1000 other people, a member of our group ended up separated from us. We spent the next hour trying to find that person. And guess what! We found the person in the room containing the world's most highly regarded work of religious artthe Sistine Chapel!

Stewardship of Presence

	8am	11am	6pm	Combined
June 3	36	112		148
June 10	30	87		117
June 17	36	55		91
June 24	34	82		116

Stewardship of Giving

17 items of food for Yokefellow
During this time the web site had 140 visitors
looking at 248 pages.

Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
June 3	4,273.00	802.00
June 10	2,141.00	839.00
June 17	967.00	567.00
June 24	1,223.00	1,025.75

YOKEFELLOW

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

For July - August

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:

286-8467



RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS



BBQ Lunch

Friday, July 6

11:30 am - 2:00 pm
at the Parish House.

Barbecue made by Bob Blanton.

\$6.75 per plate.



ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 14

6:00 - 8:00 pm
at the Parish House.

FROM THE RECTOR

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5. The most incredible time was when we were in Assisi at the original church that St. Francis built, acting on the mission that God gave him: "Francis, go and build my church." Francis took this mandate literally and built a small chapel dedicated to God. Just as we were leaving that church, which is contained inside a cathedral-sized church, we turned the corner of the cloister and saw a beautiful life-sized statue of St. Francis holding a little basket. Sitting inside the basket was a dove and there was another dove sitting on Francis' shoulder. We gasped as we realized the doves were real and alive! Were these coincidences? I don't think so.

Ten o'clock on Wednesday is our healing service and Holy Communion. Each week we also recognize a saint at the service. On June 20, we recognized St. Alban, who lived in the first century and was a Christian martyr. Alban was a pagan and a soldier in the Roman Army. One day he gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing arrest. The two of them spent time together and from their talks and prayers, Alban became a Christian. When the officers came in search of the priest, Alban met them dressed in the priest's cloak. They mistook him for the priest and arrested him. He refused to renounce his faith and was ordered beheaded.

Interesting what then happened. Alban's executioner heard his testimony and could not kill him and became a Christian himself. Because of his refusal to behead Alban, he was ordered killed. When the priest heard of the sacrifice Alban had made for him, he rushed to the court in the hope of saving Alban by turning himself in. He was killed also. And so was Alban. Was it a coincidence that Alban met up with the fleeing priest and gave him shelter? I don't think so.

What are some of the "coincidences" that have occurred in your life? Let us know and we will print them in a subsequent issue of Lychgate.

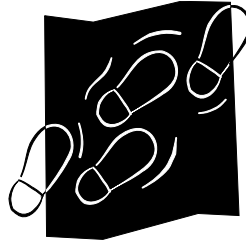
And then you will say also,

WAS THAT A COINCIDENCE? ... I DON'T THINK-K-K SO-O-O!!

Your servant in the Lord,

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Rev. Dee Ann deMontmollin+



LIFE JOURNEYS

Stories of St. Francis Parishioners

Dear Friends in Christ,

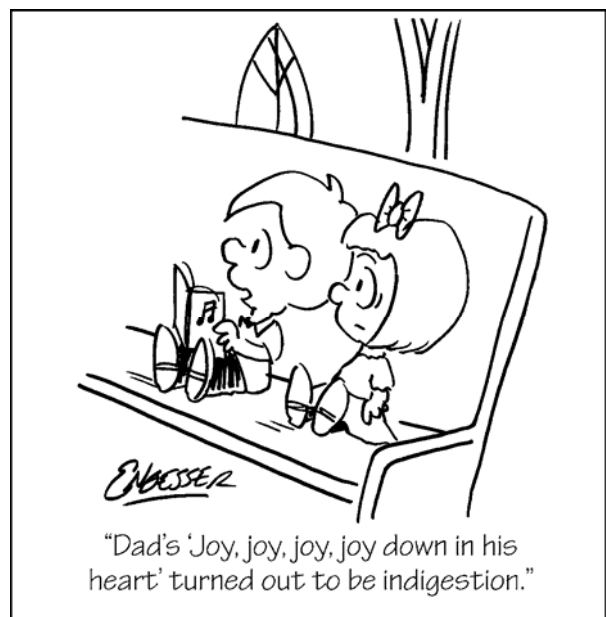
I am writing you about an exciting endeavor that we are undertaking at St. Francis of which we would like you to be a part. We would like to include the story of your life in a small booklet, named Life Journeys, Stories of St. Francis Parishioners.

Would you please consider allowing someone to come visit with you to listen and record the story of your life, especially your spiritual journey? We would then compile the stories in a booklet form so it could always be part of the St. Francis legacy.

Please call the church office at 287-3888 so that we can make an appointment to meet with you. If you remember, we began this project a while ago but would like to publish the booklet this fall.

Thank you and may God bless you richly.

In Christ's love and grace,
The Rev. Dee Ann de Montmollin
and the Life Journey Team



July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>Independence Day Office Closed</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Relay for Life BBQ</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Joyful Noyz Hidden Valley Water Park</p>
<p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Hbst Student Program Monday - Thursday in Parish House</p>						
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:15 AM 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7:07 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Relay for Life Ice Cream Social</p>
<p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Hbst Student Program Monday - Thursday in Parish House</p>						
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM Christian Ed Comm 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>8:00 PM - 8:30 PM NAMI</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
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<p><i>22</i></p> <p>8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn 3:00 PM DOK Swim Meeting</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Farewell Party for Foreign Students</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
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August 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Coffee Hour: 05 - Sherry Campbell & Ruth Henson (9am)</p> <p>Punch on the Lawn: 05 - (Relay for Life Pasta Lunch) 12 - Bud & Anita Quinley 19 - Gerry & Lee Roberts 26 - James & Liz Segers</p>			<p>1 10:00 AM HE Healing Service 10:30 AM St. Gabriel's Soup Kitchen Food Delivery</p>	<p>2 8:45 AM - 11:30 AM Yoga</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn</p> <p>Relay for Life Pasta Lunch & Silent Auction</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM HE Healing Service 10:30 AM St. Gabriel's Soup Kitchen Food Delivery 7:00 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Prison Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:45 AM - 11:30 AM Yoga</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 2:00 PM Joiful Noyz trip to Earth Glaze & Fire/Doc's Ice Cream DOK Board Meeting</p>
<p>12 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM HE Healing Service 10:30 AM St. Gabriel's Soup Kitchen Food Delivery</p>	<p>16 8:45 AM - 11:30 AM Yoga</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>26 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:00 AM HE Rt. II 11:30 AM DOK 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10:00 AM HE Healing Service 10:30 AM St. Gabriel's Soup Kitchen Food Delivery</p>	<p>30 8:45 AM - 11:30 AM Yoga</p>	<p>31</p>	

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY

8:00	01-Jul	08-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul
Usher	Joe Middleton	William McClain	Richard Williams	Jane Cassada	Roy Morehead
Usher	Doug Price	Robert Wall	Mary Gregory	Denise Hempstead	James Brown
Greeter	Denise Hempstead	Sue Lloyd	Sandra Middleton	Dick Wilkins	Martha Wilkins
Reader	Sue Lloyd	Doug Elliott	Denise Hempstead	Joe Middleton	Josef Sibley
Chalicer	Cynthia Ruppe	Denise Hempstead	Josef Sibley	Susan Keith	David D'Alessio
Acolytes					
Sunday School Greeter	Diane Dickerson	Magi King	Anita Quinley	Judy Scott	Kimberly Lloyd
11:00					
Usher	Sam Ayers	Bill Coxe	Bob Blanton	Paul McIntosh	Gordon Scott
Usher	Rebecca Melton	Dorene Chambers	Becky Reger	Paula McIntosh	Judy Scott
Greeter	Eric Truempy	Art Tucker	Beverly Wellborn	Bob Blanton	Paula McIntosh
Oblationer	Anita Quinley	Gordon Scott	Vernon Hoyle	Don Corry	Sam Ayers
Oblationer	Bud Quinley	Judy Scott	Christine Hoyle	Lyn Corry	Vera Scroggs
Yokefellow	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier	Michael Carrier
1st Reader	Susan Keith	Judi Gustafson	Susanne Richardson	Roscoe Conn, Sr.	Paula McIntosh
2nd Reader	Susanne Richardson	Nancy Bole	Ed Richardson	Julie Pittman	Linda Jeanne Harrill
Prayers	Bill Coxe	Ed Goodrich	Barbara Hobson	Roger Hughes	Vernon Hoyle
Chalicer	Dee Ullrich	Ed Richardson	Nancy Bole	Mary Brown	Gerry Roberts
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead	Keely McBrayer
	Keppie D'Alessio	Kathy Demas	Diane Dickerson	Rebecca Melton	Micheale Johansen
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	Susan Keith
					Beverly McKinney
					Denise Hempstead
					Miriam Dixon
					Rebecca Melton
Coffee Hour 8	Linda Bailey				
Punch on the Lawn	Vernon & Christine Hoyle	Susan Keith	Sue Langdon	Paula McIntosh	Bud & Anita Quinley

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

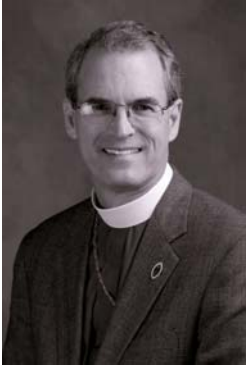
8:00	05-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug
Usher	Josef Sibley	Joe Middleton	Dick Wilkins	Jane Cassada
Usher	Mary Gregory	Sandra Middleton	James Brown	Mary Gregory
Greeter	James Brown	Jane Cassada	Keppie D'Alessio	Sue Lloyd
Reader	Denise Hempstead	Mary Gregory	Miriam Dixon	James Brown
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Oblationer	Bob Blanton	Paul McIntosh	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Gordon Scott
Oblationer	Becky Reger	Paula McIntosh	Carolyn Gardner	Judy Scott
Yokefellow	Paul McIntosh	Paul McIntosh	Paul McIntosh	Paul McIntosh
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Prayers	Paula McIntosh	Ed Goodrich	Roger Hughes	Nancy Bole
Chalicer	Don Corry	Miriam Dixon	Barbara Hobson	Anita Quinley
Nursery	Linda Bailey	Sherry Campbell	Anita Quinley	Denise Hempstead
	Beverly Wellborn	Susan Melvin	Missy Hughes	Sue Lloyd
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
Coffee Hour 8	Sherry Campbell			
	Ruth Henson			
Punch on the Lawn		Bud Quinley	Gerry Roberts	James Segers
		Anita Quinley	Lee Roberts	Liz Segers
Potluck	Relay For Life			

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A WORD FROM THE BISHOP

+G. PORTER TAYLOR - Bishop, Diocese of Western North Carolina

Come Holy Spirit!



I write you to give you words of encouragement. I assume some of you have read about the conflicts in the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, and I wonder if some of you have become perplexed and perhaps even disheartened. Jesus' prayer for his followers is that we "become one as he and the Father are one." How far we seem from that. It is true that we have divisions in the Episcopal Church and the wider church. It is true that we often seem far from being one.

I write you to take heart. The church has always been in turmoil because human beings are involved and because change is intrinsic not just to being alive but to being faithful. God is always doing a new thing, and, therefore, part of being a disciple of Jesus is to be periodically disoriented and part of being the church is to disagree.

We may believe our job is to get back to the safe place of the past. However, the faithful response is to ask God where God would have us go. Let's remember that Jesus was always on the move and he sent the disciples out to be on the move as well. Of course, we must stay true to our foundations and core beliefs, but each time we feel the ground shaking, we need to ask ourselves if the Holy Spirit is blowing us out of our comfortable places into a faithful newness.

Therefore, in a very paradoxical way, I am heartened by our circumstances

because I now believe that we have come to the end of what we can achieve by ourselves. The gulf between the demands of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church seem insurmountable. We are seeking a legislative solution as is right and proper. However, I wonder if the only solution to be found is by surrendering our dilemma and our agenda and our wills wholly to God.

I think we have come to what seems to be a dead end. We are like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid facing the river on one side and the Bolivian army on the other. The only act to take is to jump into the hands of the living God.

I do not mean a passivity. On the contrary, I mean a very active life of prayer and petition. We must rely on the Holy Spirit with all our heart, soul, and mind. When we come to a limit of what we can do, then we have to turn to God and pray fervently for only what God can do.

I am reminded of a story from the Desert Fathers:

One of the brethren had been insulted by another and he wanted to take revenge. He came to Abba Sisoës and told him what had taken place, saying, "I am going to get even, Father." But the elder besought him to leave the affair in the hands of God. "No," said the brother, "I will not give up until I have made that fellow pay for what he said." Then the elder stood up and began to pray in these terms: "O God, Thou art no longer necessary to us, and we no longer need Thee to take care of us since, as this brother says, we both can and will avenge ourselves." At this point the brother promised to give up his idea of revenge.

We must give up our need to win or be right or achieve a certain end not just in this current dispute but in all of our lives. We are not to lead Jesus but to follow him. Therefore, we are to pray for him to lead us where he wants us to go and then have the grace and the courage to take the first step.

In this season after Pentecost, we must continue to pray, "Come, Holy Spirit." It is only by the Holy Spirit that we will find a way to honor our diversity and yet be in communion. When the Spirit blows, the world and the church are renewed because God's people go to a deeper level of relationship with God in Christ. We desperately need to open ourselves to this holy wind in this day.

The test before us is not who wins. The test is whether we can be a witness to the world of Christ's work of reconciliation. As your bishop, I ask you to pray for the Church and for everyone in the Anglican Communion. I ask you to pray for Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, all the Primates of the 38 Provinces, our Presiding Bishop, Katherine, and all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers. I ask you to pray that we will be open to the Spirit.

Most of all, I ask that you remain faithful. Frank Griswold, the 25th Presiding Bishop, said, "it is unfaithful to believe there are irreconcilable differences." It is unfaithful because it means we no longer believe in what the Holy Spirit can do and think only in terms of what we can do.

Jesus' prayer is that we are one even as he and the Father are one. If it is his will, then it will be so.



THE MARKETPLACE

Saturday, September 29

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

Parish House

“Sharing Our Best”

What is The Marketplace?

The Marketplace is a way of sharing our best with the community and members of our parish. It is an opportunity to participate in ministry.

Why do we want to have The Marketplace?

Each of us has different abilities, gifts and talents to share with each other. Many times we miss the opportunity of working together and discovering how uniquely God has created each of us. The Marketplace is an opportunity to do this.

Episcopal Church Women include ministries in our budget that are not included in the 2007 Budget for St. Francis Church. We have various fundraisers during the year to support these ministries. This is an opportunity for men, women and children of the parish to contribute by sharing their abilities, gifts and talents.

We will have the opportunity to welcome the community to our parish.

It will be a fun project!

What can you do?

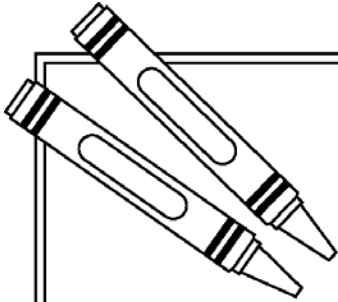
Start now by thinking seriously about what you might contribute. Do you do wood- work? Are you a seamstress? Do you do embroidery? Are you a potter? Are you an artist? Do you enjoy baking? Do you do candlewicking? Do you like to make candy?

Do you like to work on craft projects? Could you help set up on Friday, September 28? Could you work on Saturday, September 29? These are only a few of the possibilities.

Treasures from the Attic will be a part of The Marketplace. Do you have something that is precious to you, but you are not using it? You may not have the “right person” to whom you wish to give the article. An item like this would be a wonderful item for *Treasures from the Attic*. Suggestions for pricing such items will be requested.

Plan now to be a part of The Marketplace!

Be sure to mark your calendar for a day of shopping on Saturday, September 29!



Just for **KIDS**

THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Skipping stones, rock climbing and hiking are all fun summer activities. What do they all have in common? Rocks! Look at Psalm 18:2 to see the strength in the ONE rock we can depend upon.

Search the puzzle for the **BOLD** words from Psalm 18:2, and circle them. The words **MY** and **ROCK** only need to be found once.

"The LORD is MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS and MY DELIVERER; MY GOD is MY ROCK, in whom I TAKE REFUGE. HE is MY SHIELD and the HORN of MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD."

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GOD ROCKS.

THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Try this fun summer craft that transforms rocks into beautiful waxy jewels! This craft can remind you that "there is no Rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

What you need:

- Smooth flat rocks
- Aluminum foil
- Oven mitt
- Newspapers
- Old crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Black permanent marker (optional)*
- An adult to help



What you do:

1. Clean off the rocks.
2. With an adult's help, set the oven to 225 degrees and bake your rocks for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. While the rocks bake, remove the paper wrappers from the old crayons.
4. With an adult's help, use an oven mitt to remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. The rocks will be VERY HOT, so be careful!
5. Draw on the stones with the crayons. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For a swirl effect, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color, and continue to swirl the color around with the end of the crayon.
6. *After the rock cools, use the marker to write "God Rocks," "The LORD is my Rock" or "My God is my Rock."

Footprints IN THE SAND



Try this craft at the beach, at the park or in your own sandbox at home. It will remind you whose footprints we should follow.

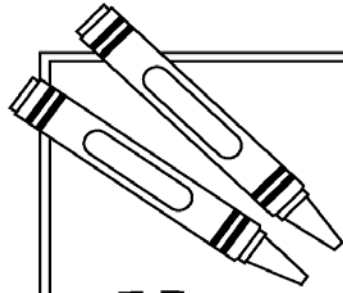
What you need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Sand (beach, park or sandbox)
- Small shells (optional)
- Water
- Small bowl
- Stick, toothpick or skewer (optional)



What you do:

1. Find some moist sand by digging down a little.
2. With a bare foot, make a footprint in the sand.
3. (Optional) Place shells face down on the toe imprints as toenails.
4. Follow the plaster of Paris directions for mixing the dry plaster with water in bowl.
5. Fill the footprint with the plaster and smooth the surface.
6. (Optional) Using a stick, toothpick or skewer, write "Direct my footsteps" (Psalm 119:133) or "Follow Me" (John 10:27).
7. When dry, place the foot in your garden, yard or room.
8. Remember to turn the foot over to remind yourself of whose footprints we should follow, and that we are never alone.



Just for **KIDS**

Unique CREATIONS

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)



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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

Lectionary Readings for July

July 1	Proper 8	Psalm 145:1-9	Deuteronomy 10:17-21	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Matthew 5:43-48
July 8	Proper 9	Psalm 66:1-8	Isaiah 66:10-16	Galatians 6:14-18	Luke 10:1-12, 16-20
July 15	Proper 10	Psalm 25:3-9	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 22	Proper 11	Psalm 15	Genesis 18:1-14	Colossians 1:21-29	Luke 10:38-42
July 29	Proper 12	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 34:1-16	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13

Lectionary Readings for August

August 5	Proper 13	Psalm 99:5-9	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Peter 1:13-21	Luke 9:28-36
August 12	Proper 14	Psalm 33:1-11	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 19	Proper 15	Psalm 82	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 12:1-7,11-14	Luke 12:49-56
August 26	Proper 16	Psalm 46	Isaiah 28:14-22	Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29	Luke 13:22-30



On Pentecost Sunday, balloons representing the Holy Spirit, were released following the worship services! Attached to the balloons was information about St. Francis Episcopal Church. Two people called the church office later that week with these comments:

"I was so surprised to walk outside and find this balloon from Rutherfordton. My husband's family is from Rutherfordton and we were just saying that we should drive over to do some research on his family history. Wasn't that ironic?"

Thelma & Dean Toney

Morganton, NC

"I wanted to call and let you know I found your balloon. I hope I can come visit sometime!"

Teresa Morris

Union Mills, NC

HOSPICE INVENTORY



1. MY PRAYERS
2. MY CLOSETS
3. MY PANTRY
4. MY GOD GIVEN TIME

Place your donations for Hospice of Rutherford County in the red bucket by the front door of the church. For volunteer training, call: 245-0096

CURSILLO

Want to grow in God's grace? Put in a reservation for September 5-9, Cursillo at Lake Logan. Plan to be in perfect harmony for your time in His Kingdom on earth.

See Parish Bulletin Board for details
or call Gail Revis at:
286-0677



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TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Ministry & Mission Conference
Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Prefer to be called _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Email _____ Parish _____
 City of Parish _____

Please indicate your workshop preferences by indicating both a first and second choice. If your first choice is the full-day workshop, you may choose two half-day workshops for your second choice. Since all workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, you may be randomly assigned to an open workshop if you do not indicate your preferences for alternative choices.

ONE Full-Day Workshop
 First Choice: Workshop # _____

Special Needs
 If you have special concerns or requirements, please describe them below. A conference staff member will call you to discuss your needs.

OR
 TWO Half-Day Workshops
 Morning Workshop
 First Choice: Workshop # _____
 Second Choice: Workshop # _____

AND
 Afternoon Workshop
 First Choice: Workshop # _____
 Second Choice: Workshop # _____

I request a vegetarian lunch.
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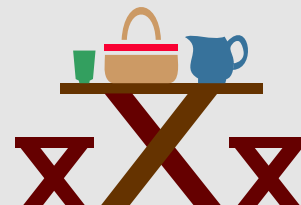
Return this registration form to your church office before
July 13 (\$20) or August 10 (\$25).
 Registrations are not accepted after August 10!

This booklet and forms are available at www.diocesewnc.org.
 Click one of the following: Programs: Christian Formation:
 Ministry & Mission Conference OR August Calendar (click August 25)
 OR News/Registrations (click Registration Information).



Parish Picnic and "Mass on the Grass"

Sunday, September 2
 Kiwanis Park
 11:00 AM



JULY BIRTHDAYS

02 George Elliott
02 Michael Johansen
02 Sue Langdon
04 Geraldine Roberts
05 Jerry Morgan
06 Kathy Demas
06 Eric Riberdy
07 Marilyn Corry
08 Boston Zoey Conn
08 Linda Jeanne Harrill
08 Chuck Langdon
09 Darlene Campbell
09 Jaylen Gill
10 Linda Sutton
13 Hilda Wilson
14 Kay Taylor
15 Jim King
16 Timothy Pittman
17 Ernestine Gold
21 Rick Melton
23 Gregory Trostle
25 Elizabeth Jane Chownyk
27 Diana Spence

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

01 Reid & Jill Crummie
01 Robert & Linda Hensley
06 Pete & Diane Dickerson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

06 Casey & Jacqui McEntire
10 Phil & Dee de Montmollin
10 Tom & Diane Tucker
11 Joseph & Sandra Middleton
19 William & Stephanie Williams
24 Don & Lyn Corry
28 Jim & Sherry Campbell
29 Rob & Nancy Bole

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 Pete Dickerson
02 Beverly Wellborn
03 Kevin Melvin
03 Wayne Simpson
04 Alex Dominguez
06 M. Lloyd
06 Peter Moore
06 Pamela Steen
09 Nancy Beckmann
11 Kelli Segers
13 Andre Dominguez
14 Ronald Haines
15 Ronald Chownyk
16 Troy Melvin
18 Shirley Riexinger
19 Aaron Carpenter
19 Ned Harbin
19 Charles Pickard
19 Darby Williams
20 Joyce Jaynes
20 Ronnie Martin
22 Rebecca Melton
22 Susan Melvin
24 Sherry Campbell
24 Arthur King
24 R.B. McBrayer
26 Lydia Bennett
27 Caroline Hoyle
29 Gordon Pendarvis



We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes

Romans 8:26



“I am the true vine ...”



John 15:1

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Reba Beasley,
Jesse Beavers,
Eric Browning,
Wanda Byers,
Michael Carrier,
Kendall Copeland,
Rose Lee Crutcher,
Betty Elliott,
Katie Graham,
Ron Haines,
Hannah,
Ron Hobson,
Marvin Hoyle,
Dan Jones,
Martha Jones,
Pete Lee,
Jacqueline Lemon,
Franklyn McIntosh,
Miriell,

Betty Morehead,
Reid, Laurie &
DeWitt Nunn,
Justin Perez,
Haley Riney,
Stevie Scroggs,
Vera Scroggs,
Kay Taylor,
Ann Thompson,
Ruth Thompson,
Nancy Tucker,

Patricia Westland,
Hilda Wilson



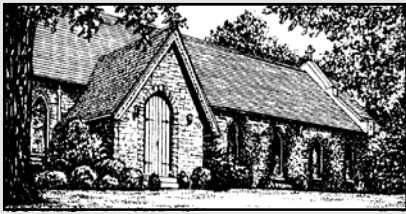
And Those Serving in the Military...

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



Through The Back Gate

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<i>The People of God</i>	The Ministers
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<i>The Reverend Dee Ann de Montmollin</i>	Rector
<i>Johnathan Jones</i>	Minister of Music
<i>Lesley Bush</i>	Parish Administrator

The Vestry

Paul McIntosh, Senior Warden

Don Corry, Junior Warden

Rob Bole, Treasurer

2007

Roscoe Conn, Sr.

Paul McIntosh

Dick Wilkins

2008

Marian Beavers

Don Corry

Nancy Tucker

2009

Linda Bailey

Ed Richardson

James Segers

The Vestry meets the second Monday of every month.

Our Missionaries:

Jim & Jennifer Bowers - Mali

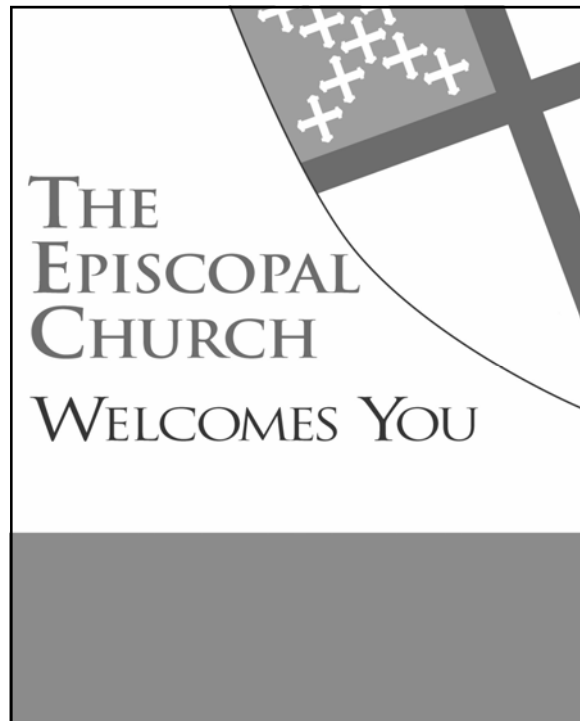
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