



# Through The Arch Gate of Saint Francis Church



## May Edition 2009

FROM THE RECTOR



### Easter continues.....

“Alleluia, Christ is risen!”  
“The Lord is risen indeed,  
Alleluia.”

We have much to celebrate this Easter!

St. Francis is vibrant, strong and growing. We have new young families, many children and lots of newborn! Our youth group comprised of teenagers and headed by Amberleigh and Andrew is active and fun-filled.

Since the very first Sunday Phil and I arrived, each Easter continues to be incredibly spiritual and beautiful. I thank all of you that make that possible.

An important thing to remember is that Easter continues. The joy continues way past Easter day for that is what says we are Christians. Several years ago, I shared with you this story about a place where I will

be for a few weeks this summer. It best describes how Easter is to continue in each of our hearts.

“One of the most favorite things in my family’s life has been to be at a special place in the Florida Keys at about 6:30 in the evening, or whatever time it is suppose to happen. And **it is a happening**. For it is about half-an-hour before that people start gathering to watch the event. Some have anticipated it and have staked their claim at one of the Tiki Huts or on the pier or on the beach in a chaise lounge. Others in their cars, headed elsewhere, are the curious but anxious ones who park their cars and are milling about wondering if it is really worth the wait. Some have brought snacks and a soda or a glass of wine. There are families with young children, couples and singles, young and old. All in anticipation. And then it happens. The beautiful horizon of the Gulf of Mexico changes it’s total look from what it has been all day long. The great big ball of fire, that was created by God so we could have light, slowly starts settling it’s way down for the day. **Another sunset happens**.

“As that glorious ball of fire is slowly descending for the day, I always feel as if God is saying, “May my peace stay with you.” I chuckle to myself for all of us who are waiting for this spectacular event know it happens

every day at this time, yet we act as if it happens but once a year or once in a lifetime.

“When it does happen, it’s different each time. Sometimes there are bands of clouds at the horizon that filter some of the glory and other times the great big ball of fire sizzles it way down into the ocean in full view. It takes less than four minutes from the time the sun touches the edge of the water until it is completely gone.

“When that happens, everyone becomes silent, some are praying. Some raise their glass of wine and toast the day. Some clap in appreciation. And then everyone leaves. **But they leave too soon**.

“I look around and see people with their backs to the magnificent glory of the sky and want to run to get them. I want to tell them to stay. ‘Don’t go. It’s too soon to leave, more is to come.’ For **after** that magnificent sun sets is when the glory truly begins. The sky takes on shades of pinks, golds, silvers, turquoises and lavenders that are so beautiful to see. It is as if the painters Monet and Renoir have gotten together with the sky as their canvas!

“**That is the way Easter is**. Easter continues, just as the sunset continues. The joy of Easter is so

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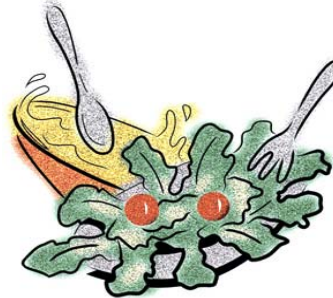
## Stewardship of Presence

	8am	10:30am	Total
April 5	40	95	135
April 12	50	99	149
April 19	39	79	118
April 26	26	82	108

## Stewardship of Giving

	Pledged	Non-Pledged
April 5	\$2280.00	\$ 747.00
April 12	\$6274.00	\$ 652.00
April 19	\$1785.00	\$ 550.00
April 26	N/A	N/A

## Relay For Life Spring Salad Luncheon Silent Auction



The Relay For Life team has moved its Silent Auction to the Spring Salad Luncheon which is Sunday, May 3. Some of the articles we have for auction are tickets to Flat

Rock Playhouse, a night for two at Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, a print of Lake Logan from the Episcopalian artist T Pennington and artwork from members of St. Francis. I hope you will join us after the 10:30 am service for lunch and the auction.

## YOKEFELLOW

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

For MAY  
CANNED FRUIT (Except Pineapple)

*Although any non-perishable  
item will be accepted*



**May 31**

*In celebration of the Holy Spirit, you are asked to  
wear red on Pentecost Sunday!*

## In Concert

Sunday, May 3

St. Francis Episcopal Church  
Rutherfordton, NC

4:00 pm

LESLEY BUSH

Minister of Music/Organist

RICHARD KENNEDY

Director

Tryon Presbyterian Church Choir



phenomenal, the victory so decisive, and the implications so awesome how can we not allow the celebration of Easter to continue?"

Easter is the power that enables Christians to be joyful. The gift of the Holy Spirit fills us with power and comfort. Continue to pray, study and worship. I encourage you all to see the gorgeous sunsets that are with us every evening and glorify God by saying:

**"Alleluia, Christ is risen!"  
"The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia."**

This year marks my sixth year with you at St. Francis. I will be taking a sabbatical during the summer months. There is a letter that was written with the help of the vestry that answers almost all the questions about this sabbatical. If you did not pick one up at church, please call the office and we will mail a copy. The one question I continue to hear is: "What are we to do while you are on this sabbatical?"

Know that when any rector is on sabbatical, the church is not in a "holding" position. I encourage you to continue with your ministries and maybe even get involved with a new one. You will find the SWEEPS chart in this Lychgate (page 9) which identifies all the ministries at work here at St. Francis. Any vestry person will help you get involved with a ministry. Just call the office and we will get you connected. This is also a time for you to renew, reflect and refresh yourselves as I will be doing.

I will hold each of you in prayer while I am away. Please pray for me also.

In Christ's love and grace,  
*Dee*

The Rev. Dee Ann de Montmollin+



**DIOCESAN PICNIC  
at  
LAKE LOGAN  
EPISCOPAL CENTER**

**Held in Conjunction with the  
Camp Henry 50th Reunion**

**Saturday, June 20, 2009  
10 am-4 pm**



**Samaritan Breakfast**

**Providing  
Carry-out  
Breakfast Bags**

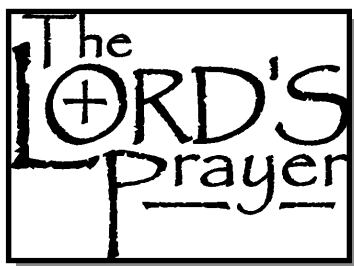
**Thursday Mornings  
6-8 a.m.**

**St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish House  
395 N. Main St., Rutherfordton**

**If you would like to help prepare food for or serve  
food with Samaritan Breakfast, please contact:  
Gerry Roberts, Josephine Conn or Susan Keith.**

## AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS

When we say the Lord's Prayer we may either say "forgive us our sins" or "forgive us our trespasses," however, when we sing it the words we use are "forgive us our debts." This is also how Origen\*



translated these lines from the prayer we were given by Jesus. In his discourse On Prayer, Origen explains each phrase within the Lord's Prayer. In his chapter on "Forgive Us Our Debts"

he explains what our debts are. We think of debts as related to money, but for Origen debts are related to our actions and our speech.

*"We owe therefore in having certain duties not only in giving but also in kind speech and corresponding actions, and indeed we owe a certain disposition towards one another. ... We also have a certain debt toward fellow citizens, and another toward all men in common. He, therefore, who does not do what is a debt to be discharged to brothers remains a debtor for what he has not done. So, too, should we fail in what falls, at the prompting of the charitable spirit of wisdom, to human beings also at our hands, our indebtedness becomes the greater."*

How does that relate to us today?

Let us start within our church. We have a debt to God to help make our worship services as glorious for God as we can, and as uplifting to each other as possible. That means doing what we can to help our services flow easily; it also means everyone taking a part so that the sharing of the service does not fall to just a few people. It also means helping to provide an atmosphere of sharing and companionship before and after services, such as being a host or hostess for Punch on the Lawn as well as other social functions. It means helping each other to study the Word of God and the teachings of those who have come before us in the church. That help might come in the form of teaching a Sunday School class with the added action of helping to build a solid foundation for our children; or it might come from taking part in any of the various opportunities for study both at St.

Francis and within the diocese (such as the upcoming Mission and Ministry Conference). It also means providing support to those within our Parish that have special needs, such as providing transportation for someone who cannot drive or taking food to a family during a family crises.

Outside the church we have a responsibility to assist those in greater need than ourselves. We do this in a variety of ways – supporting Yokefellow both financially and with our sharing of food, supporting Grace of God Rescue Mission and St. Gabriel's Soup Kitchen. We do this by helping to feed the hungry through the Samaritan Breakfast.

We also have a responsibility for Evangelism. We do this by how we act and react to the people we encounter on the street, in the stores and in the office. We do this through The Brotherhood of St. Andrews Prison Ministry. We also do this by supporting those people who have a call to the mission field and have taken up a challenge in going to the various parts of the world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

And yes, we still have a financial indebtedness. We have a responsibility to ourselves and each other to keep our church doors open and support the people who give of themselves to keep our church functioning, specifically our employees and contract workers. This financial indebtedness is fulfilled by making a pledge of support to St. Francis and meeting that pledge. We also have to understand, particularly during this time of economic distress in our country, that some of our members are not as able to meet their commitment as when they made it. We have members who are no longer employed or whose income has been seriously reduced since the time they made their pledge. We have an indebtedness to each other at this time. That indebtedness can be met by those who are able, giving a bit beyond their pledge so that our parish does not fall short of its responsibilities because of the hardships that some of its members are suffering at this time.

How will you be a good steward for St. Francis?

\* Early third century theologian

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Momsie Hyde
- 3 Miriam Dixon
- 3 Ellese Johansen
- 3 Sydney Johansen
- 3 Makayla Gill
- 5 Paul McIntosh
- 10 Leah King
- 11 Phil de Montmollin
- 12 Barbara Hobson
- 15 Tony Pillsbury
- 16 Alex Spence
- 17 Dana Parkes
- 20 Lisa Moore
- 25 Thomas Strand
- 25 Josephine Conn
- 25 Magi King
- 28 Ann Watson
- 29 David Lloyd
- 30 Rebecca Reger

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Roscoe & Josephine Conn
- 16 David & Keppie D'Alessio

## Training for Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will begin training for women interested in becoming a DOK. The Daughters of the King is a religious order for women in the Episcopal Church. Each member undertakes a Rule of Life, pledging herself to a lifelong program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women, and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. If you would like to explore being a Daughter of the King, come to the first training class or contact any DOK. The training will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on May 19th. Anita Quinley and Susan Keith will be leading the training, although many of the existing Daughters will be present at the training sessions.



**Wanted:  
Dog Food**

Please pick up a bag of dog food the next time you are in the grocery store, and then leave it in the blue box at the back of the church or outside the parish office.

The Junior Daughters will repack this food and deliver it to Meals on Wheels, so that their recipients with pets will get food for their pets.



## Mother's Day Offering

Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community is located at 1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, N.C. This retirement home with health facilities owned and operated by the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Western North Carolina was established in May 1955. Accommodations are available from self-care in rooms, cottages or apartments, to a skilled nursing care facility. Admission preference is given to Episcopalians of the Diocese of Western North Carolina; however, members of all faiths are accepted on a quota basis. Since Deerfield does not accept government support of any kind, persons entering this retirement community must initially be financially capable of self-support. However, some residents have exhausted their funds. Deerfield does not want any of its residents to have to leave this retirement community for lack of funds. With much foresight, the Deerfield Residency Fund was established many years ago in an attempt to make sure that those who choose this retirement community can be supported should they outlive their financial resources.

The Residency Fund is primarily supported by an offering in Remembrance or in Honor of one's parents, and is collected each year from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

If you wish to contribute to the Residency Fund, please make your check payable to St. Francis Church and designate it for Deerfield Residency Fund. Envelopes are provided in each pew.




### Mother's Day Brunch

All women in the church from age 1 to 100 are invited to the Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at the Parish House.  
R.S.V.P. Parish Office 287-3888

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

May 3	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
May 10	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:24-30	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 17	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 24	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 31	The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## 2009 MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Coffee Hour Hostess:</b> May 3 (9 am) Mary Gregory</p> <p><b>Punch on the Lawn:</b> May 10 Mary Gregory; May 17 Richard &amp; Donna Gill; May 24 Dana Parkes; May 31 Christian Ed.</p> <p><b>Potluck: May 3</b> Relay for Life Salad Luncheon/Auction</p>					1 7:30 AM AA	2
3 8:00 AM HE Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:30 AM HE Rite II 10:30 AM Baptism 12:30 PM Relay For Life Salad Luncheon 4:00 PM Choral Concert	4 9:00 AM Day School 6:30 PM NAMI  <b>Vestry Reports Due</b>	5 7:30 AM AA	6 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 9:00 AM Day School 10:00 AM Healing Service Rite II	7 6:00 AM -8:00 AM Samaritan Breakfast 5:30 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM EFM	8 7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Day School	9 10:00 AM Mother's Day Brunch
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24 8:00 AM HE Rite I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 12:00 PM Punch on the Lawn	25 6:30 PM NAMI  <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	26 7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Yoga 6:30 PM DOK Training	27 7:00 AM Men's Study Group 9:00 AM Day School 10:00 AM Healing Service Rite II	28 6:00 AM -8:00 AM Samaritan Breakfast 6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Brotherhood Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM EFM	29 7:30 AM AA 9:00 AM Day School 10:30 AM Day School Graduation	30
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## SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

395 North Main Street

PO Box 46

Rutherfordton, North Carolina 28139

The Rev. Dee Ann de Montmollin  
*Rector*

May 1, 2009

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

I have agreed to serve again as chairman of the Every Member Canvass. Your Stewardship Committee met in March to begin planning the 2009 campaign. Our objective is to contact the entire parish membership during July and August. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for completion.

The 2009 campaign will be conducted in much the same way as the 2008 Every Member Canvass. That is to say, it is our goal to call on each family personally at a time convenient for them. To do this, we will enlist people from the parish to serve as canvassers.

The purpose of the Every Member Canvass is not just to raise financial support for St. Francis Church for the coming year. It is an opportunity to discuss the church and its programs, to swap ideas and if necessary to address problems within the church family. It is also an opportunity to get to know each other better. Where appropriate, any comments, suggestions, etc. will be passed to the vestry.

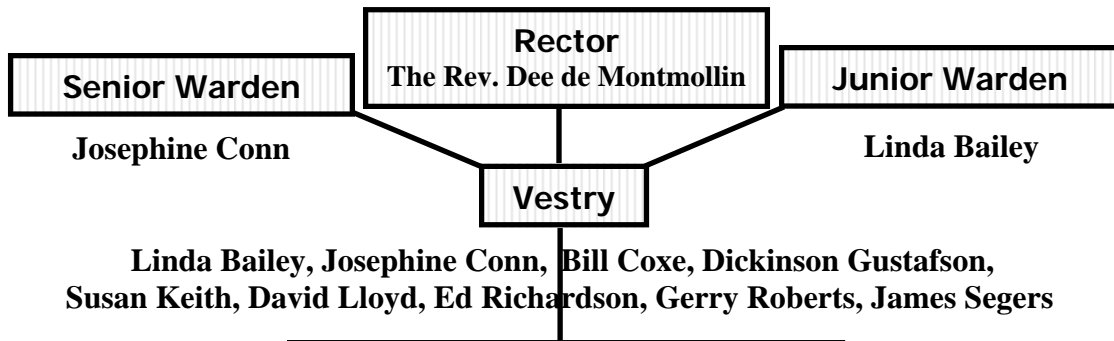
Each canvasser will bring with him/her a pledge card and a list of opportunities for service within St. Francis Church. Please prayerfully consider how you can return some of your treasure (time, talent and money) to God's work. What you decide will be strictly confidential. I will request that canvassers not call on the same families that they contacted in 2008.

The current economic recession creates many challenges for the church in general and specific ones for our parish. It also presents opportunities for us at St. Francis to practice God's commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind....Love your neighbor as yourself."

Please welcome the canvasser when he/she calls to arrange a meeting. It will take only a few minutes of your time.

Thank you,  
Gordon Scott  
Chairman  
2009 Every Member Canvass

# SWEEPS Chart - 2009



## S W E E P S Commissions

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b> Oversight: <b>Linda Bailey</b> Liaison: <b>Josephine Conn</b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b> Oversight: <b>Ed Richardson</b> Liaison: <b>Dickinson Gustafson</b>	<b><u>Evangelism</u></b> Oversight: <b>James Segers</b> Liaison: <b>Susan Keith</b>	<b><u>Education</u></b> Oversight: <b>Ed Richardson</b> Liaison: <b>Gerry Roberts</b>	<b><u>Pastoral Care</u></b> Oversight: <b>Linda Bailey</b> Liaison: <b>Bill Coxe</b>	<b><u>Service</u></b> Oversight: <b>James Segers</b> Liaison: <b>David Lloyd</b>
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Administrative Comm. <b>Josephine Conn</b> Nursery - <b>Linda Bailey</b>	Worship Committee <b>Dickinson Gustafson</b>	Evangelism Committee <b>James Segers</b>	Christian Education Committee <b>Liz Segers</b> <b>Anita Quinley</b>	Calling Committee <b>Ann Watson</b>	<u>Inreach</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis Comm. <b>Sue Lloyd</b></li> <li>• Hospital Visits</li> <li>• Transportation <b>Nancy Bole</b></li> </ul>
Building and Grounds Committee <b>Linda Bailey</b>	Acolytes <b>David Lloyd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bread and Salt</li> <li>• Greeter</li> <li>• Lych Gate Bulletin Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Education</li> <li>• Bible Studies</li> <li>• Vacation Bible School</li> </ul>	Fellowship Committee <b>Bill Coxe</b> <b>David Lloyd</b>	<u>Outreach</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Cheer <b>Linda Bailey</b></li> <li>• Habitat for Humanity <b>Dick Wilkins</b></li> <li>• Grace of God Rescue/Gail's House</li> <li>• Hospice <b>Jesse McKinney</b></li> <li>• Relay For Life <b>Nancy Bole</b></li> <li>• Soup Kitchen</li> <li>• Samaritan's Breakfast <b>Susan Keith</b></li> <li>• Yokefellow <b>Bill Coxe</b> <b>Blue Pittman</b></li> <li>• Angel Tree <b>Liz Segers</b></li> </ul>
Finance Committee <b>Rob Bole</b>	Altar Guild <b>Judy Scott</b> <b>Christine Hoyle</b>	Missy Hughes <b>Amberleigh Kirton</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newcomer's Dinner</li> </ul>	Day School <b>Vera Scroggs</b> <b>Beverly McKinney</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee Hour</li> <li>• Potluck</li> <li>• Punch on the Lawn</li> <li>• Parish Picnic</li> <li>• Pancake Supper</li> </ul>	Parish Nurse Program
Stewardship Comm. <b>Susan Keith</b> Stewardship Campaign <b>Gordon Scott</b>	Lay Eucharistic Ministers <b>Rector</b>	Daughters of the King <b>Christine Hoyle</b> <b>Betty Dickey</b>	Episcopal Church Women <b>Linda Bailey</b>	Tape Ministry <b>Denise Hempstead</b> <b>Susan Keith</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>Anita Quinley</b>
Nominating Comm. <b>Josephine Conn</b> <b>Dick Wilkins</b>	Lay Readers <b>Rector</b>	Junior Daughters of the King <b>Susan Keith</b>	Episcopal Young Church People <b>Amberleigh Kirton</b>	Senior Activities Ministry <b>Becky Reger</b> <b>Bob Blanton</b>	Education for Ministry (EFM) <b>Gerry Roberts</b> <b>Ed Richardson</b>
Outgoing Vestry Class of 2009 <b>Linda Bailey</b> <b>Ed Richardson</b> <b>James Segers</b>	Worship Volunteers Coordinator <b>Nancy Bole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chalice Bearer</li> <li>• Lector</li> <li>• Oblationers</li> <li>• Usher</li> </ul>	Brotherhood of St. Andrew <b>Roger Hughes</b>	Education for Ministry (EFM) <b>Gerry Roberts</b> <b>Ed Richardson</b>	Administration <b>Lesley Bush</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Volunteer</li> <li>• Newsletter Mailing</li> <li>• Web Site <b>Susan Keith</b></li> <li>• Registrar <b>Linda Bailey</b></li> </ul>	Visitors <b>Nancy Bole</b>
Music <b>Johnathan Jones</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Choir</li> <li>• Handchimes</li> </ul>	Missionary Liaison <b>Vicki Dury</b>	Visitors <b>Nancy Bole</b>	Education for Ministry (EFM) <b>Gerry Roberts</b> <b>Ed Richardson</b>	Administration <b>Lesley Bush</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Volunteer</li> <li>• Newsletter Mailing</li> <li>• Web Site <b>Susan Keith</b></li> <li>• Registrar <b>Linda Bailey</b></li> </ul>	Visitors <b>Nancy Bole</b>

**Members of the Parish (the congregation) all of whom are ministers of the church.**

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**John** Abrams,  
**Basil**,  
**Reba** Beasley,  
**Sean** Beasley,  
**Julie** Boulay,  
**Bev** Bruce,  
**Jerry** Budde,  
**Wanda** Byers,  
**Michael** Carrier,  
**Steve** Clark,  
**Earl** Conn,  
**Karen** Crisp,  
**David**,  
**Diane**,  
**Betty** Dickey,  
**Bettie** Dury,  
**Sally** Eddaich,  
**Betty** Elliott,  
**Carolyn** Gardner,  
**Larry** Gardner,  
**Ernestine** Gold,  
**Ed** Goodrich,

**Amanda** Greenway,  
**Gregory**,  
**Alma John**,  
**Helen**,  
**Ron** Hobson,  
**Nico** Holliday,  
**Becky** Huntley,  
**Jacob**,  
**Joyce** Jaynes,  
**Ashley** Jones,  
**Heather** Leigh,  
**Bob** Lucas,  
**Mandy** McBrayer,  
**Glen** Melton,  
**Olive** Mistretta,  
**Nathaniel**,  
**Ackie** Okpych,  
**Quinn**,  
**Gail** Revis,  
**Becky** Richards,  
**Haley** Riney,  
**Ronnie**,

**Catherine** Royal,  
**Austin** Sherer,  
**Stevie** Scroggs,  
**Julie** Sibley,  
**Robbie** Smith,  
**Tami** Smith,  
**John** Stevens,  
**Warner** Stewart,  
**Kay** Taylor,  
**Ron** Thomas,  
**Howard** Thompson,  
**Ann Marie** Usher,  
**Ann** Watson,  
**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,  
**Blake** Craft,  
**Jamie** Culbreath,  
**Andy** Feree,  
**Branson** Garrett,  
**Devon** Glass,  
**Jeffery** Hardin,  
**Tony** Hartman,  
**Brad** Hicks,  
**Patsy** Howard,

**Robby** Howard,  
**Ian**,  
**Jason** Kallaus,  
**Baxter** Keys,  
**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,  
**Kenneth** Young



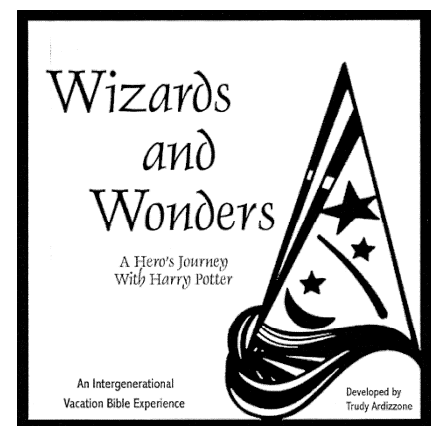
The May Menu for Angel Food is available on the table outside the Parish office. If you wish to pay for your order by check please place your order by Sunday, May 3. The deadline for placing an order for May is Sunday May 10. You should plan to pick up your order on Saturday May 16 at 11:00 a.m. You might want to bring a cooler in which to place your frozen foods. If you have questions or wish to place an order please see Mary Gregory, Anita Quinley or Susan Keith.

## Vacation Bible School

*“Wizards and Wonders:  
A Hero’s Journey with  
Harry Potter”*

June 22-26

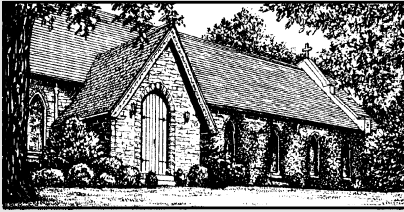
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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY

8 a.m.	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<b>Usher</b>	Dick Wilkins	Richard Williams	James Brown	Kathy Demas	Youth
<b>Usher</b>	Denise Hempstead	Bill McClain	Joe Sibley	Dick Wilkins	Youth
<b>Greeter</b>	Martha Wilkins	Keppie D'Alessio	Kathy Demas	Doug Elliott	Youth
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Linda Bailey	James Brown	Doug Elliot	Mary Gregory	Youth
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Sandra Middleton	Sue Lloyd	Richard Williams	Linda Bailey	Youth
<b>Chalicer</b>	Cindy Ruppe	Joe Sibley	Denise Hempstead	David D'Alessio	Terry Demas
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>					
<b>Usher</b>	Vernon Hoyle	Susan Keith	Paula McIntosh	Beverly McKinney	Youth
<b>Usher</b>	Christine Hoyle	Richard Gill	Sam Ayers	Linda Jeanne Harrill	Youth
<b>Greeter</b>	Betty Dickey	Beverly Wellborn	Larry Lester	Susan Lester	Youth
<b>Presenters of Bread and Wine</b>	James & Liz Segers	Don & Lyn Corry	Bob & Becky Blanton	Susan Keith Paula McIntosh	Youth
<b>Yokefellow</b>	Bill Coxe	Michael Carrier	Blue Pittman	Lee Roberts	Youth
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Susanne Richardson	Lee Roberts	Dee Ulrich	Bob Blanton	Youth
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Bill Coxe	Nancy Bole	Richard Gill	Judi Gustafson	Youth
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Roger Hughes	Paula McIntosh	Julie Pittman	Anita Quinley	Youth
<b>Chalicer</b>	Dee Ulrich	Bob Blanton	Mary Brown	Don Corry	Youth
<b>Nursery</b>	Denise Hempstead, Kathy Demas	Sherry Campbell Caroline Melton	Anita Quinley Stephanie Henderson	Linda Bailey James Segers	Keely McBrayer Sue Lloyd
<b>Acolytes</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2	Adults/Youth
<b>Coffee Hour 8 a.m.</b>	Mary Gregory				
<b>Potluck</b>	Relay For Life Team				

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



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Newsletter of  
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<i>Jesus Christ</i>	The Head
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<i>Amberleigh Richardson</i>	Youth Director
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### 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  
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**On Youth Sunday, May 31st  
we will recognize these graduates.**

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.