



St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church ~ Following Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The Canticle

December 2018

Dear friends,

I am often asked what some of the major cultural differences are that I pick up on moving between the UK (and I don't mean the University of Kentucky) and Louisville. Obviously, we don't celebrate Thanksgiving which for me is such a wonderful holiday, gathering with family and friends, pausing to give thanks for all the blessings we so often take for granted.

In the UK we don't really talk about 'the holidays' as such although most businesses will shut down from the 24th of December until January 2 and although Britain is far more secular than the US we still wish folk "Happy Christmas". Church attendance on Christmas Day still packs out most churches and cathedrals and Her Majesty will address the nation at 3:00 p.m. with a speech in which she often talks about her own personal Christian faith.

Here at St. Francis in the Fields we have so much to give thanks for and so much to look forward to. Our Harvest Festival on December 2 kicks off a month of high activity. Advent will see the introduction of five mid-week services, morning prayer, and mid-week eucharist and compline. I do want to encourage you to come and experience these services for yourself. Christmas will see a full offering of services and even a few twists on the Christmas theme, with both Christmas Eve services being by candlelight and much more besides.

And yes, even the New Year will bring some exciting new opportunities to grow and learn, most especially with the 9-week course by Dave Ramsey 'Financial Peace'.

In the midst of all of this we continue to gear up for the new Rector search and I have included in this Canticle the recently approved process. Tim Root, the newly appointed chairman, will be working hard over the next few months as we begin to look back over the past 20 years and reflect on the lessons we as a parish have learned.

I continue to meet parishioners in my study every day, listening to them, praying with them and thinking through what we need to learn from the past and how we can look to the future. Every Sunday since I have been here there are new faces and attendance continues to steadily climb. There is a buzz and excitement and dare I say, a growing confidence. People are stepping up to give sacrificially, to make time available to help and to invite friends and neighbors.

For me, and I think I can speak on behalf of the entire staff team, it truly is a great joy to serve St. Francis at this time. My wife Lucy will be here with me for our first Louisville Christmas. So, it will be two voices at least wishing you not Happy Holidays but truly a Happy Christmas!

As ever in Christ's service,

The Rev. Simon Barnes
Interim Rector

Advent Mid-Week Liturgies

During this Season of Advent, as we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and as we look ahead in preparation for His second coming, the Ministry Team at St. Francis in the Fields will be offering several options for prayer and reflection. The Offerings include:

- **Morning Prayer**, one of the Daily Offices from the Book of Common Prayer (page 75), will be offered on **Monday** and **Friday** mornings beginning **December 3** at **7:30 a.m.**
- **Compline**, an ancient liturgy of the church, which may include meditative music and candlelight, will be offered on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings beginning **December 4** at **6:30 p.m.**
- A mid-week Holy Eucharist will be offered on **Wednesday** mornings beginning **December 5** at **7:30 a.m.**

All of these services will be held in the Chapel. You may enter the Chapel through the handicap ramp entrance which opens into the small hall between the Church and the Chapel.

Everyone is urged to add one or more of these offerings to your Advent discipline.

Sunday Morning Advent Bible Study

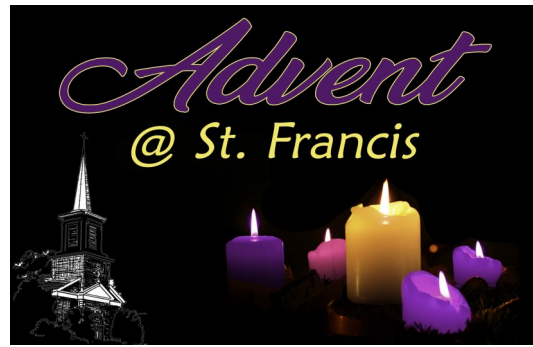
For Young Professionals and Parents! (YPPs)

(20s, 30s, & Young-ish 40s)

Sunday, December 9 and 16 at 10:15 a.m.

Deepen your appreciation of pre-Christmas worship by joining us in the Window Room (downstairs on the left just after coming in the back door) for a group discussion of Advent lectionary readings. We'll have coffee, continental breakfast, Advent candles, and a little pre-holiday music to set the mood.

Invite friends – it's not exclusive to St. Francis members! Hope to see you!



Advent Speakers on Wednesday Nights

Beginning **December 5**, we welcome world-renowned speakers during Advent. Join us for dinner at **6:00 p.m.** and lecture at **6:30 p.m.** in **Graves Hall** followed by dessert and coffee reception. Childcare is provided.



Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: William F. Cook, III

Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southern Seminary

Prior to coming to Southern Seminary, Mr. Cook was associate professor of New Testament and chair of the theology division at Florida Baptist Theological College, where he taught for nine years. He is the author of several articles and numerous book reviews as well as a commentary titled *John: Jesus Christ is God*. Mr. Cook has served as a pastor and interim pastor in Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida, and he is a popular Bible conference preacher. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society. Mr. Cook currently serves as the Lead Pastor at Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, KY.



Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Martha Kaster

After receiving her BA from Franklin & Marshall College in 1990, Rev. Kaster worked for the Fellowship of Christian in Universities and Schools (FOCUS) for 8 years before going into the discernment process with the Diocese of Central Florida. She was the lay chaplain at St. Edward's Episcopal School for 2 years before attending Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (TESM). She received a MDiv from TSM in 2006 and was hired as the Assistant Priest at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Des Moines, and was also direct commissioned into the US Army in order to become a Chaplain—fully accessioned as a Chaplain in the Iowa Army National Guard in January 2009. She was deployed to Afghanistan as a Battalion Chaplain for the Infantry from 2010-11 and later was installed as the Rector of St. Luke's. She continues to serve in the parish as well as the Brigade Chaplain for the 2/34th Infantry Brigade Combat Team within the Iowa National Guard.



Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Richard Gwathmey

Mr. Gwathmey attended the University of Virginia for college and law school, after which he practiced law in New York City. There he encountered the ministry of FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools), a para-church ministry primarily to teenagers in independent schools in the Northeast. He left the practice of law and went to work for FOCUS in 1978, holding various positions on and off until 2016. It was at FOCUS that he met Simon Barnes (who became his boss). Mr. Gwathmey is a friend of Simon's and was best man in Simon and Lucy's wedding.

Christmas ★ Services

Sunday, December 23 ~ Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I, Advent IV

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service

Choral Repertoire: Poston, Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
Niles, I wonder as I wander
Rutter, There Is a Flower
Susa, The Shepherds Sing

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Monday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Nativity Pageant

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 p.m. Choral Concert and Festival Eucharist

Choral Repertoire: Handel, Pastoral Symphony (Messiah)
Gabrieli, Hodie Christus natus est
Charpentier, Song of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ
Holst, Christmas Day
Willan, Hodie Christus natus est
Haydn, Missa brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo

Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Choral Repertoire: Niles, I wonder as I wander

Sunday, December 30 ~ First Sunday after Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 am Nursery Ministry Opens

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Choral Repertoire: Pepping, Oh, rejoice, ye Christians, loudly

Sunday, January, 6 ~ Feast of the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 am Nursery Ministry Opens

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Choral Repertoire: Mendelssohn, Behold a star
Willan, Missa brevis in E
5:00 p.m. Recital and Choral Evensong

December Schedule

Harvest Festival

Sunday, December 2
10:00 a.m.

We'll worship together, enjoy a pot-luck lunch (bring a side dish or dessert to share and we'll supply the meat), and children's activities. We will be collecting food, cleaning supplies and boots for the children at The David School, Christmas presents for The Cabbage Patch and coats, hats, and gloves for the Loaves & Fishes Ministry. See the display in the narthex with all the information you need.

Services & Holy Eucharist

Sundays, December 9 and 16
at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Adult Education at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Mondays & Wednesdays, December 3-19
at 7:30 a.m.

Compline

Tuesday & Thursdays, December 4-20
6:30 p.m.

Mid-week Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19
at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday Nights

December 5, 12, 19
6:00—7:45 p.m.

Optional Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Advent Speakers at 6:30 p.m.*

Children & Youth Classes at 6:30 p.m.

*See details on Advent Speakers on page 2

Tuesday Bible Study

through December 11
9:30—11:30 a.m.

Potluck Lunch at 11:30 (on Dec. 11)

Watch for more information for Winter Bible Study beginning January 15, 2019



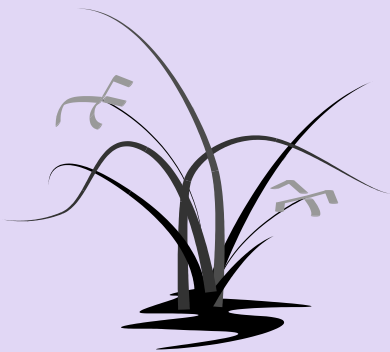
Hands & Hearts Needed

Metro Christian Legal Aid will hold an Expungement Clinic, **Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at Loaves & Fishes Ministry, 500 E. Caldwell St. (40203). This will be the first in a series of legal clinics to be held at Loaves & Fishes on the third Saturday of each month. Regular monthly clinics will provide clients with free legal counseling on civil legal issues. Volunteers are needed in January and for future clinics for the following work:

- to greet clients,
- to help with paperwork,
- to input data,
- to provide legal counsel,
- to provide spiritual counsel, and to provide with clients.

Metro Christian Legal Aid is a 501(c)3 organization that exists to show the love of God to our neighbors by providing Christ-centered legal aid and education, and to advance access to justice in the community. MCLA is opening the clinic in partnership with St. Francis and Loaves & Fishes, Inc.

Anyone interested in volunteering with this life-changing ministry should contact Matt Doane at matt.doane@mcla.org, or call MCLA at (502) 715-9039.



The process for calling the next Rector of St. Francis in the Fields

by The Rev. Simon Barnes, Interim Rector

Recognizing that the parish has not gone through a true Rector search in its entire 70-plus year history and reflecting the current climate that exists in the church family with regard to the prior administration, the following process has now been approved by the Bishop of Kentucky (together with the Canon to the Ordinary) and the Bishop of Central Florida, and by unanimous vote of the Vestry.

- * While it is normal within canons of the Diocese for the terms of office for the Vestry to be suspended for the full term of the interim, in recognition that the process and therefore the interim may extend over a year; it is agreed that the Vestry terms of office be suspended for only one year. That normal Vestry elections and terms of office are reinstated after that period.
- * That the discernment committee be constituted in the following way: Chairman, either the Senior or Junior Warden to be chosen between themselves. Tim Root was chosen and unanimously approved by the Vestry. Vestry membership, two members duly elected by closed ballot. Congregational membership, four members duly elected by closed ballot (one of whom should be between 16 and 18 years of age). Staff membership, one member excluding interim staff, duly elected by closed ballot (yet to be confirmed by Bishop's office).
- * That the chosen Chairman (Tim Root) and others of his choosing work (in conjunction with the Canon to the Ordinary) to determine when the process of parish discernment and reflection on the past, including a time of listening and reflective profiling, is complete. At such a time the election of members of the committee from each constituent part shall be called and the committee duly formed.
- * Once the committee is formed and the work underway, a strict code of confidentiality will be maintained regarding all aspects of the committee work. The interim Rector acting as Chaplain will offer the sole communication channel to the Vestry and parish.
- * When a candidate has been unanimously approved (by closed ballot) of the discernment committee the candidate will be presented to the Bishop of Kentucky (and as a courtesy the Bishop of Central Florida) for approval.
- * Once approved the Vestry will be presented with the candidate for approval and once approved staff and then congregation will be informed as to the name of the person chosen to lead the parish as the new Rector.
- * The Interim Rector will remain in post until such time as determined by the Vestry as necessary depending on the length of lead time needed for the new Rector to take office.



Search Process Update

by Tim Root, Junior Warden & Search Committee Chair

What a great fall season it has been at St. Francis in the Fields! Over the past couple of months we have started up new Sunday school and Wednesday night programming, youth group activities have been in full swing, Bible study is back, we have enjoyed fantastic music and much, much more. We have welcomed Fr. Simon Barnes, as our Interim Rector and Bishop Russell Jacobus as our Interim Associate Rector and Bishop-in-Residence, as well as their lovely wives Lucy Barnes and Jerrie Jacobus.

As we have moved together through the interim transition period, God has truly blessed us. Our church family has come together and offered up prayers, enjoyed fellowship and given a tremendous outpouring of time, talent and treasure. We are truly witnessing the Holy Spirit at work. I want each of you to know how much I appreciate your prayers, comments and support throughout the transition period and ask for your continued prayers as the search process takes shape.

Speaking of the search process...the search process will involve everyone: the Congregation, the Vestry, the Staff and the Search Committee. The process will include a profile of St. Francis in the Fields, which will be in two parts. Part A will be a "looking back" and Part B will be "looking forward". Part A has started with the conversations that Fr. Barnes has been conducting and the Vestry has participated in a discussion/exercise of looking back at our recent and long-term history. The next item related to looking back will be to engage the staff and the full congregation. Our hope is to engage the full congregation with a survey by the end of the year. After all of this is completed, we will move to the process of selecting the full Search Committee. Detailed information on committee member selection will be communicated to everyone at a later date. After the committee is in place, work will begin on Part B / "looking forward". The looking forward process will also involve a wide range of engagement with everyone. When both parts of our profile are completed it will be added to information about our church programs, staff, facilities, etc. and the solicitation of candidates will begin. Please know that throughout the entirety of the search process, it will be the goal of the search committee to communicate and update everyone as regularly as we are able to.

With all of us working together, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will move into an exciting future and continue the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praying you and your families have a safe and blessed Christmas season.

Tim Root

Junior Warden/Search Committee Chair



Israel Pilgrimage 2018 by Donna Burdette

On October 31, more than 25 members of St. Francis in the Fields, plus several others, set off on a pilgrimage to Israel. After a few flights, we arrived in Tel Aviv on Thursday, November 1 and began a 10 day life-changing adventure.

This was a study-pilgrimage. Scripture was tied into every place we went. There are too many places to mention, but some of the highlights included exploring the desert region of the Negev, where we visited a Bedouin camp and rode camels, swimming (floating) in the Dead Sea, riding a cable car to Masada (Herod the Great's fortress palace in the desert), Baptisms (reaffirming) in the Sea of Galilee, along with visiting and learning all about the cities of Capernaum,

Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem, and everywhere in between.

In Jerusalem, we were at the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Holocaust Museum, and were invited to sing at St. Anne's Church. The Western Wall was a prayerful time with each of us adding our own prayers to all those prayers previously written out and placed within the Wall. This was a very spiritual and emotional experience for everyone. On the last day of the trip, while in Jerusalem, we attended a beautiful service at Christ Church and then played the tourist and shopped in the Old City where many of us learned the art of bargaining. We ate dinner at a modern Jerusalem restaurant and then prepared for our trip home.

We all agreed that the Bible would definitely become more alive as we had now been to so many of the places we've been studying and reading about. It was most comforting, encouraging and uplifting for all of us to know you were praying for us and our safety while on this trip. We were blessed with good travel weather and good health, in addition to open minds for receiving all that we had been taught. I can't encourage you enough to take this trip if you ever have the chance.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew members take fieldtrip to the Backside at Churchill Downs

On a Monday evening in November, after the Breeder's Cup weekend at Churchill Downs, the St. Francis Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew worked together to serve a meal. Horseracing tracks are places where you can find the wealthiest of the wealthy and the poorest of the poor. There are hundreds of very important jobs taking care of these million-dollar horses. The backside workers live in college-type dorm rooms around the barns and are up before the sun cleaning and mucking stalls, hot walking the horses and any other menial tasks. There are many things to do, and these folks get paid near nothing, and when the racing is done at one track they move on to the next either in Louisiana, Florida, California, or any track where they can find work. Many are married and have children.

The offering the Brotherhood was able to do last month was a hot meal—and plenty of it. They were served fried chicken, green beans, baked beans, potato salad and a pile of cookies. All were fed and the remainder went to our church partner, Loaves & Fishes, Inc. Curtis and his volunteers in turn prepared meals for the homeless, just like they do every week.

The whole experience of feeding the workers at the Backside will be repeated twice each calendar year by our chapter, as we have done for the last 12 years. We love serving and it is very rewarding to see the happy faces enjoying their meal. This year, there were more people to be fed, due to the proximity of the Breeders Cup events.

This continuing effort, has been a heart-warming one for us to participate in. The food, and the camaraderie that is present, has been extremely well received by the workers, as well as the staff of Christ Chapel in the Backside itself.

This event was WELL SUPERVISED by Joyce Rutherford.

Save these dates in 2019 ...

- ⇒ Women's Epiphany Dinner ... Tuesday, January 8
- ⇒ Raleigh Langley's Ordination to Priesthood ... Sunday, March 3
- ⇒ Ash Wednesday, March 6
- ⇒ Palm Sunday, April 14
- ⇒ Easter Sunday, 21
- ⇒ Confirmation Service ... Sunday, May 19



Left to Right: George Rojan, Hugh Hill, Bob Lawrence, Bob Rutherford, David Harris, Doug Knopp, Curtis Taylor, Edgar Eaves, Joyce Rutherford, David Keller, Josh Wainwright



Left to Right: Geoff Brandreth, Pat Day, John Jones, Bob Lawrence

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church

General Fund Financial Statement Summary

September 2018

	2018 Actual MTD	2018 Budgeted MTD		2018 Actual YTD	2018 Budgeted YTD
Revenues:			Revenues:		
Pledges	\$63,378	\$107,643	Pledges	\$904,076	\$946,072
Total Revenues	\$64,658	\$114,643	Total Revenues	\$991,336	\$1,013,572
Expenses:			Expenses:		
Total Work Outside Parish	\$11,458	\$11,458	Total Work Outside Parish	\$111,125	\$111,125
Total Staff & Clergy	\$37,218	\$40,005	Total Staff & Clergy	\$648,947	\$656,017
Total Education Ministry	\$16,834	\$17,089	Total Education Ministry	\$124,576	\$153,797
Total Worship/Music Ministry	\$17,085	\$15,217	Total Worship/Music Ministry	\$140,837	\$136,950
Total Property Expense	\$18,782	\$29,432	Total Property Expense	\$217,040	\$272,891
Total Expenses	\$107,087	\$114,013	Total Expenses	\$1,246,904	\$1,338,093
Net Income	(\$42,428)	\$630	Net Income	(\$255,568)	(\$324,522)

*Please contact George Vieth or Kelly Davidson with any questions or comments.

**This summary is for informational purposes only. While the numbers represented are believed to be accurate, this summary is not the official record or accounting of the income/expenses of St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church.

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Giving gifts to St. Francis in the form of stock or securities?

Our stock gift instructions have been revised. Please contact Kelly Davidson for current stock gift instructions at kellyd@sfitf.org.

The Altar Guild is looking for new members

The basic duties of the Altar Guild are to prepare the necessary things for celebration of the Eucharist and any of the other sacraments and the offices of the church. All preparations for Sunday are performed by six rotating teams that are headed by Team Captains. When the teams meet on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., they follow the Altar Guild Manual, which is very detailed with easy-to-follow pictures. Duties include preparing the wine and wafers, setting the altar, using correct hanging, placing numbers on hymn boards and putting out service leaflets. Each team member signs up for a time on Sunday to reset and clean up after services. The Altar Guild also sets up the Altar for weddings, funerals and baptisms. This is a very rewarding Ministry! New training class coming soon. Please contact Laura King 893-5441 or Barbara Tracy 228-1811.



The Children's Ministry at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church provides programming for children ages birth through 6th grade and their parents. For information or details about any of our offerings, please contact Jennifer Grady, Children's Minister, at 228-1176, ext. 5098 or Jenniferg@sfidf.org

Nativity Pageant

Christmas is such a beautiful time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! We hope that your children are able to join in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant! This year we will have one pageant at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Alison will be directing this year's pageant, so if you have any questions, please email, call or feel free to talk to them in person.

Please note that for most of the younger cast (angels, shepherds and sheep) you need to be at rehearsals on the Saturday and Sunday before Christmas Eve.

Pageant Rehearsal Schedule - Please note that two of the major rehearsals are on Saturday and Sunday before Christmas Eve!

- ◆ Sunday, December 9: 3:00-4:00 Read through with all principal cast and Ms. Jennifer
- ◆ Sunday, December 16: 3:00-4:00. principal cast, big shepherds, big angels in the Church.
- ◆ Saturday, December 22: 2:30-4:00. Everyone! All cast rehearsal with organist, practice in Church with Ms. Alison, Ms. Jennifer.
- ◆ Sunday, December 23: 2:30-4:00. All cast rehearsal – with Organist and Father Simon

We have a new offering this year, we are having an **Angel Choir** that will sing during the pageant. **If your child would like to be an Angel, they will need to come to Angel Choir practice on Wednesday evenings in December in order to participate.** The Angel Choir will practice on Wednesday evenings, December 5, 12, and 19 from 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Build-a-Bed – Building Dreams One Bed at a Time!

On September 23, St. Francis in the Fields hosted a “Build-A-Bed” event in Graves Hall. It was an amazing event where people of all ages came together to build beds for children in Jefferson County that do not have a place to sleep. The Saturday before the event we had members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and youth from our church gathering in the courtyard to sand the wood so no child would get a splinter. The noise from the power sanders was like a beehive on steroids! Amazingly, a job we thought would take hours was completed in an hour and a half!

The next day we had over 100 people gather after church services to assemble the beds. After enjoying a lovely luncheon donated by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Daughters of the King, Ben Langley gave us instructions and prayed. Our motto was, “Team-work makes the Build a Bed Dream Work!” We had 5 teams of 10 volunteers working together on assembling beds, we had 30 people decorating bed slates with inspirational messages, and we had 2 wrap stations and a loading crew. In a few short hours we built 30 beds for school-aged children our community.

The next day we were able to deliver the donations of the beds and a “bedtime bag” which had a pillow, a set of sheets, a homemade quilt, a blanket, a teddy bear, a bedtime story, new toothpaste and toothbrush, and a wall-art decoration to the participating schools.

Thank you to all the people who donated their time, talent and treasure to make our Build a Bed project a blessing to our community!

Collecting donations of Travel Sized Toiletries

This Christmas season we are collecting donations of travel sized shampoo, hand lotion, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes to make hygiene bags to hand out to the homeless population at Loaves and Fishes. We will gather donations until Christmas Eve – so please bring what you can! The donation bin is on the lower level near the elevator. The children have already begun assembling these “blessing bags,” and have decorated them with stickers as well as written notes of encouragement. Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Christ in our community!



We will continue offering our **Mother's Day Out** program at St. Francis this winter! If you need a few hours a week to yourself, our wonderful, experienced teachers will watch your children for you! We offer MDO on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$25 per week. We accept children 8 weeks old through pre-k. We still have a few spots open in this terrific program! If you are interested in more

information, please contact Jennifer Grady at jenniferg@sfidf.org or by phone 228-1176 ext. 5098.



Children's Chapel

What exactly do we do in Children's Chapel? Every Sunday we meet during the 9:00am and 11:15 a.m. worship service for Children's Chapel. The 9:00 service meets in the Davenport Chapel and we have a great time learning about God's word, learning the Lord's Prayer and singing! Children 3 and up are always welcome to join us!

During the 11:15 service, we follow Ms. Jennifer downstairs and learn about the week's lesson, enjoy a snack and work on a coloring sheet.

Nursery News

Each Sunday our experienced teachers and volunteers will love and nurture your child while you get to enjoy the worship service and adult education hour. Our nursery opens 15 minutes before the 9:00 a.m. worship service and remains open until after the 11:15 a.m. service.

Special Holiday Hours for the Nursery:

December 24 – No nursery during the Nativity Pageant, it is a family-friendly event.

December 25 – Nursery will be open at 9:45 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. service.

Sunday School

Sunday School will take short break over Christmas. There will not be Sunday School on December 23, December 30 or January 6.

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child!

If you are interested in volunteering for our Children's Ministry – we are looking for people who could help our children during Sunday School hour as a substitute teacher and in our nursery program. Please contact Jennifer Grady or Alison Kemper if you are interested.



We're having a blast at **Kids Cooking Club**. So far we have learned how to make homemade cinnamon rolls and tie-dyed cupcakes. If anyone would like the recipes for this, please let me know!

Our next cooking club will meet **January 13** and we will be learning how to make banana bread with chocolate chips. We meet in the kitchen by

Graves Hall at 6pm. Please email Jennifer Grady at jenniferg@sfitf.org to reserve a spot before January 10th.



Crossroads on Wednesday Nights

We are having a blast in Crossroads on Wednesday nights! We begin the evening with a catered meal starting at 5:45 p.m. We start our Crossroads program at 6:30 p.m. downstairs. Each week we have an interactive Bible Lesson, prayer time, and fun activities and games! We will be looking at some Christmas lessons during the time of Advent. In January we will have lessons from the perspective of the animals of the Bible! It is a great time! Come and join us.



Safeguarding God's Children is a training program in abuse awareness. It is required by the Diocese of Kentucky to be completed every two years by clergy, staff members, Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, Vestry members and others who work with or around minors in our church. In addition, it is recommended to all parents as a way to raise their awareness of this growing problem in our society. All training is now on-line! If you are interested in learning more, contact Jennifer Grady at 228-1176, ext. 5098 or jenniferg@sfitf.org.



Youth Ministry

Together Forever

Romans 12:5

Look at the world around us. It seems like there is more division than there is unity. Some division is kind of silly. Some is life changing. Into this landscape, the Gospel speaks a profound truth: in Christ, we are united. We are together.

Join us this year as we come together explore what it looks like to be united in Christ and to each other forever.

EYC ... is for youth 9-12 grades ~ Middlers ... is for youth in 7th and 8th grade

Questions? Contact Raleigh Langley, Minister with Youth, 228-1176, ext. 3262 or Raleighstf@aol.com or Libby Garfield, Associate Youth Minister at ecgarfield@gmail.com

Advent Mission to David, Kentucky!

A group of over 30 youth and adults will drive down to David, KY, this Advent season to hold a community-wide Christmas party! Santa Claus will arrive on a fire engine so that the children of David can sit on his lap and share their Christmas secrets. They will also get their pictures taken and coats will be delivered so that they can stay warm all winter long. If you are a mission participant, we are leaving on **Friday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m.** and return on **Saturday, December 8, around 5:00 p.m.** This will be a great opportunity for you, along with your family, to prepare for Christmas. The cost will be \$25, plus money for two meals on the road and a Parent Consent Form.

Youth Sunday Night Live: Games and “Minute to Win It” ... Sunday, December 2 ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Christmas Edition!)

Join us in the Vicarage as Libby and Raleigh lead another fun-filled night of Christmas games that will center on the season! Between the *Minute to Win It* Christmas-style challenges, we will enjoy some group-building games designed to put the ho-ho-holy back into Christmas! We will also share a home-cooked meal together and hear a devotion at the end of the night.



Christmas Wrapping Party & Games ... Sunday, December 9 ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us in the Vicarage for our first ever Youth Wrapping Party! We will spend some time wrapping gifts for our family members and friends, then move on to play some wild and crazy games that celebrate the season! Make sure to bring plenty of presents to wrap, along with your wrapping paper of choice and tape. Dinner will be served and friends are welcome to join. Merry Christmas!

Youth Christmas Caroling ... Saturday, December 16 ~ 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The EYC and Middlers will come together at the Vicarage for a fun evening of singing. We will go Christmas caroling at the Episcopal Church home and have a devotional that points the way to Christ. This is a great way to get our hearts ready for the gift of Jesus. We will also enjoy a delicious dinner. As always, friends are more than welcome.

Youth Lock-In ... Friday, December 21 ~ 9:00 p.m.

A fun, full night of exciting activities will be held at the Vicarage and around town! We will meet in the Vicarage at 9:00 p.m. before heading out to bowl, eat a meal at Steak & Shake, and enjoy a movie together in someone's home before winding up the night back at the Vicarage. The cost is only \$15 and will cover the cost of our bowling and activities. Please bring extra cash for your midnight snack at Steak & Shake. You must sign up before Sunday, December 16 so that we can plan. Please sign up with Raleigh or Libby soon. Friends are welcome! Please bring appropriate DVDs and snacks to share.



Save the Date: 25th Annual Youth Ski Trip Saturday, January 13 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Join us as we spend all day on the slopes at Paoli Peaks laughing and having exhilarating fun! We'll meet at the Vicarage at 8:00 a.m. and return by 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$50—this includes your ticket, ski or snow board rental, and transportation. You will also need some cash for lunch and dinner on the way home. On-site ski instructions, however, are free. Sign up with Raleigh or Libby before Sunday, January 8.

Solid Rock

Please join us Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the Vicarage for 7th through 12th grades. This is a great way for us to explore our faith in a fun way through discussions, movies and activities. We will have lively discussions as we journey together through life. If you would like to join us for dinner, we'll meet in the Vicarage at 5:45 to head over to Graves Hall for dinner. The price of the meal is \$5.

Solid Rock ends in December with a night out looking at lights and eating dinner out on **December 12**. Please bring money for your dinner.

On **December 19**, we will have a special Solid Rock, during which we will reflect on the Christmas story. Time will be spent reading the story, reflecting on its meaning, and quietly discussing as a group.

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School in the Vicarage at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School is a time when we learn more about how we can be faithful in this world today. Join us as we learn how to love God with all our hearts and make a difference in our world.

Youth Senate

We will have a Youth Senate Meeting on **Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Vicarage. We will use this time to reflect on the past year and look forward at the calendar for 2019.

Youth Purpose Statement

The purpose of the St. Francis Youth Group is to develop strong bonds with each other while pursuing our journey with Christ. We fulfill this through outreach, Bible Study, and by simply having a good time.

Kroger Cards: They really do work!

Thank you for all of you who have enrolled in our Kroger Plus Card reward fundraiser. This is a labor-free, expense-free fundraiser. Once enrolled, all you have to do is use your Kroger Card when you purchase your groceries and St. Francis Missions makes money to help others. Each dollar raised goes directly to the projects in David, KY and the Dominican Republic. If you haven't enrolled, please take the time to enroll. This is how ... *Enrollment must be processed through Kroger secure website at: www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Log in or create an account. If you are creating an account for the first time, you need your Kroger Plus Card number (this is the card you scan at the register to get the discount). *Once you are in your account, click on Community and then Community Rewards. When you are prompted to add an organization, our church code is **MP065**.

Mission Outreach Summer 2019

The Mission Planning Team is excited to announce two opportunities for you to serve during the summer of 2019. A team of adults and youth (7th-12th grades) will travel to David, KY, from June 9 to 14 to participate in a Vacation Bible School for the community and work projects around the David School. The cost for this mission is \$350, with a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 and a completed application. There is limited space.

Adults and youth (9th-12th grades) will travel to the Dominican Republic June 22 through June 30 to serve through work projects and VBS in the communities of Samangola and San Rafael. Cost for this mission is \$1000 with a nonrefundable deposit of \$300.

We will begin accepting applications on December 16th. To secure your spot each application **MUST** be complete and **INCLUDE** the nonrefundable deposit. Applications are available at https://www.stfrancisinthefields.org/youth_forms.

Acolyte Schedule for December

The Sundays you are assigned to serve are listed on the schedule below. Team leaders please organize and pray with your team 20 minutes ahead of the service. It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you will be unable to Acolyte at your scheduled time. **Alex Auerbach will be the acolyte at the 8:00 a.m. service.**

December 2	10:00	Stephen Root, Caroline Mercer, Chris Paris, Luke Russo, Maggie Battcher, Clara Juckett, Max Brown
December 9	9:00	Richard Gregor, Caroline Brown, Hollings Ruml, Jack Kuster, Quentin Proud
	11:15	Macy Fugitte, Henry Starks, Bennett Crain, Emma Langley, Brinly Hardy
December 16	9:00	Trinton Rasey, Ellie Kemper, Gus Boden, Ashby Howard, Max Brown
	11:15	Olivia Zimmerman, Julia Deters, Raphael Melo, Clay Bockhorst, Olivia Melo
December 23	10:00	Stephen Root, Cutter Jones, Caroline Mercer, Chris Paris, Luke Russo
December 24	8:00p	**Volunteers Needed
	10:30p	**Volunteers Needed
December 25	10:00	Kate Marquardt, Maggie Battcher, Clara Juckett, Cade Jaggers, Max Brown



**Happy
Birthday**

Clara Juckett	December 4
Raleigh Langley	December 10
Taylor Utter	December 13
Rachel Thebert	December 16
Grace Lawler	December 18
Luke Russo	December 20
Reid Varda	December 28



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