



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 2019

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“So, what are your plans for this summer?” Several times over most recently I have been asked this question as well as I have been the one asking this question of others. Embedded in this seemingly benign question is the inferred inference, how do you plan to spend my time? What do you hope to accomplish during this summertime season of the year, when the days are long and hot and the mountains or the ocean is the desired place to be for so many of us who are blessed to live in North Carolina.



THE REV. MILTON C.
WILLIAMS, JR.

However detailed your plans may be for this summer or however casual your approach may seem in planning events and activities, I offer you this for your consideration. In every event and happening, be it a moment of joy or distress, pleasure or discomfort; seek to be fully present in that moment within your body and within your spirit. Do not let one moment of life pass by without entering deeply into that gift of time and space. Make it your aim to celebrate this summer with a robust heart and mind, living and believing that Jesus, our resurrected and ascended Lord is present and wants to be present in every moment of life with you.

With that in mind, as you are lighting the charcoals in your grill (I prefer charcoal over gas), as you are packing the car to head to the lake, ocean or mountains, as you are planning activities for the grandchildren, as you are reimagining all of the wonderful possibilities for your life in the future; in the midst of all of these things and more, know in your heart that Jesus is near. And may that make all the difference.

*Faithfully,
Fr. Milton*



Simplicity • Compassion • Hope

THE REV. DR. ANDREW HARMON (DREW+)

Dear Faithful Franciscans,

As we enter into the heat of the summer, things in our lives seem to slow down a bit. I hope and pray that each of you makes time to rest, relax, reflect, and unplug during the upcoming “Green Season”. While the program year is over for us at St. Francis, there are still many things swirling here. There are mission trips for which to prepare, grounds to keep, sermons to write, parishioners to visit, and a wedding to celebrate (in mid-June!).



THE REV. DR.
ANDREW HARMON

We also are excited to soon roll out the new website and logo for our church community. In an increasingly digital world, websites function as the new curb appeal. For those in our community who are looking for a church home, a website is often the first snapshot of a church. And so, given that our last site update was in 2003, a facelift was long overdue!

Several of us in the office, as well as several vestry members, have been a part of this process. For me it has been eye-opening to see all the multiple timelines, processes, options, and upgrades now available. Each decision made along the way has been in light of who St. Francis Church is and where we are going in the future.

Unlike our current, outgoing website, the new site is on a very user-friendly platform that is easily edited. Not only will the website be launched, but we will also provide educational tutorials for the parish community to get acquainted with the updates and ask questions. I speak for the multiple individuals involved in saying that we are thrilled to unveil what so many have worked on for many hours!

Peace,
Drew+

MS. FELICIA COLE CHILDRENS' & YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy Summer, St. Francis!

I feel like I was just writing about how much I love Spring, and here we are in June! I'm praying for all of our families as we enter into this next season. I hope this Summer is full of quality time, catching up on rest, and exploring activities that bring you joy.

At St. Francis, our Summer is going to be full of activities and options for you family to join! Here's every Summer offering that our Children's and Youth Ministries will be involved in, so be sure to check them out below.



FELICIA COLE

Additionally, we are still in major need of volunteers for Middle School Missions Week and Children's VBS. All adults (not just parents) are invited to lend a hand in serving our amazing children and youth friends!

Children's VBS!

Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love. Learn the jaw-dropping story of the Apostle Paul...straight from Paul himself! In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's immeasurable love today!

Our VBS will take place July 29th-August 2nd with an attendance fee of \$25. Scholarships are available, email Felicia Cole (for more information.

Greensboro Outreach Camp

GSO Outreach Camp will take place July 15th-18th (9am-5:30pm each day) at St. Francis Episcopal Church **and is free of cost!**

This is an exciting opportunity for all youth in the Triad area to come together for a week of leadership building, community service, and spiritual reflection. Each day youth will serve a local non-profit, learn more about our faith, build community with youth from all over the area, and more!

Rising 5th graders and above are invited to join us. If your child is younger than the 5th grade and would like to join, we would love to have them too! We just ask that an older sibling or adult accompany them.

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Middle School Missions Week

Middle School Missions Week takes place Sunday, June 23rd through Wednesday, June 26th. The cost is \$125 per student, and scholarships are available.

Our Middle School mission trip is a local service experience, where our students serve our community. We have served at Greensboro Urban Ministry, Servant Farm, the Interactive Resource Center, Wheels4Hope, and Neighbors Under the Bridge, just to name a few! This local mission experience shows our students the need in our own community and allows us to show the love of Christ to our neighbors right here in Greensboro.

Students also have the chance to "camp out" at St. Francis and be a part of fun events during our time together, in a means of building an even stronger community within our youth group!

Glory Ridge

This year's Glory Ridge dates are Sunday, June 30th-Saturday, July 6th. The cost is \$275 per student.

Glory Ridge is our high school missions trip. We have the opportunity to serve residents of Madison County, one of the poorest counties in our state. Our work projects range from painting rooms, constructing handicap ramps, re-roofing homes, and other general home repair work. We partner with the Community Housing Coalition of Madison County, in an effort to meet the needs of impoverished families in the community. This mission trip strives to truly "Make Work Worship" and live into Christ's calling for each of us.

If you would like more information or to sign up for any of the above camps, just contact me by phone (336-288-4721 ex.104) or email (youth@stfrancisgreensboro.org).

Also, please do prayerfully consider volunteering with us. These incredible children and youth have a way of teaching you just as much as you try to teach them. Spending time with them is truly a gift that I would love for more people to experience!

*Peace to You,
Felicia Cole*

THE REACH FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

June 2019

THANK YOU, ST FRANCIS!

Thanks to ALL who volunteered in any way at the Book Sale to help accomplish this mammoth fundraising effort! From organizing, moving books, to feeding volunteers, to directing traffic, and cashiering, every job you did was much appreciated. A special thanks to Michelle Koehler and Ron Mangrum, our new Book Sale chairs, for taking on this tremendous task. As you know, every penny raised will go toward Outreach in our community and beyond to support those in need. It's a great time to be a Franciscan!

A SIMPLE GESTURE

Want to stamp out hunger in Greensboro? You can help by signing up to participate in A Simple Gesture. All you do is fill out a card and then a green bag will be delivered to your door. Place your specified food donations in the bag on your scheduled pickup day every other month—just six times a year. Volunteers will pick up your bag, leave you a new one, and then you do it all over again. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. Leslie Isakoff, the founder of A Simple Gesture, works with Backpack Beginnings and Out of the Garden Project to make sure that school-aged children and their families have food over the weekends, during holidays, and summer breaks. Together, these agencies and people like us can make a difference in Greensboro! Look for your sign-up card in the pew racks and at the Welcome Table to participate in this great family project! You may turn in your completed cards in the offering plate or at the church office. Questions? Call A Simple Gesture at 336.547.7000 or visit their website at asimplegesturegso.org.

DIRTY CAR?

The men at Malachi House 2 will hand wash your dirty car for a \$10 minimum service on Wendover Ave. across from GTCC!

For more information about outreach at St. Francis, please contact us at outreach@stfrancisgreensboro.org. The Outreach Committee typically meets on the third Monday of the month in the Red Carpet room at 7:00 pm. New members are most welcome.



61ST ANNUAL BOOK SALE





2019 DAY SCHOOL GRADS!





Little Franciscan Summer Camp 2019

Child's name: _____ age as of June 1 _____

Child's name: _____ age as of June 1 _____

Parent's name(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Allergies and/or medical conditions: _____

Emergency contact name and number in the event you cannot be reached:

Please bring a tote bag with a change of clothing daily. A peanut free snack will be supplied. Campers should dress for a mess! Parents should apply sunscreen and insect repellent before coming to school. **Bring a peanut free lunch in an insulated lunch bag.**

The cost for each camp is \$75 per week.
Camps run T,W,TH

Please return this form with full payment to reserve your child's space.

Eligible campers must have completed a three year class and be fully potty trained to attend camp.

Older camp group is geared for rising 4's, Pre-K & Kindergarten.

Camp starts at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm.

_____ June 18-20 **Let's Go on Safari!**
_____ June 25-27 **Books & Cooks**
_____ July 16-18 **Royal Tales (Unicorns & Dragons)**
_____ July 23-25 **Into the Woods**

_____ Total number of camps x \$75 = \$ _____

Eligible campers must have completed a two year class.

"Littlest" Franciscan Group is geared for rising three year olds.

Camp starts at 9:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm

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Refunds for camps requested in writing are honored up to two weeks prior to a scheduled camp less a \$15 fee for each camp. In the event a camp is cancelled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be made.

Emergency Permission Form:

We hereby agree to hold harmless St. Francis Episcopal Church and Day School or anyone acting on behalf of St. Francis, from any and all liability resulting from injury to my child, _____, that may occur at Little Franciscan Summer Camp. I authorize any agent for St. Francis Episcopal Church to admit my child for emergency medical treatment as necessary in the event that such care is needed and I cannot be immediately contacted.

Parent signature: _____

AROUND ST. FRANCIS

A Call to Acolyte Ministry

I don't know if you're aware, but St. Francis has a very active, very involved Acolyte Ministry where youth learn to be leaders in worship.

"A LITTLE HISTORY - The word acolyte is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning companion, follower, attendant, or helper. This ministry has its roots in the Hebrew Scriptures, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest, and Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet. In the early church, we might think of those who carried the light into the dark catacombs, leading others who gathered to worship as the first Christian acolytes." [from "I Serve at God's Altar].

If you are a rising sixth grader, or older, you are invited to explore the ministry of being an Acolyte. We will have a formal training session in August. You will be assigned to a team. Each team has a Team Captain; a youth who knows all the positions and actions and will further help you to learn.

The Acolyte Ministry at St. Francis is a peer ministry; youth helping youth learn about our worship. We have fun together, support each other and serve together. We are currently investigating the possibility of going to the National Acolyte Festival at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., in October.

If you ask Father Milton, he will tell you that out of all the places he is called to celebrate and preach, he loves coming 'home' to our acolytes. Please contact Duana Cisney at dcisney@gmail.com if you or your student wants to learn more about the Acolyte Ministry at St. Francis.

Meals on Wheels Needs You!

Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels meals each day. St. Francis volunteers deliver the first Friday of each month. A route normally has between 8 and 15 clients and takes 1 to 2 hours. to deliver We need help! If you are interested in this ministry and can donate a couple of hours once a month, please contact Jane Woody at (336)855-3884 or ariahere@hotmail.com.

AROUND ST. FRANCIS

Consider Stephen Ministry

Do you know of someone who is experiencing challenges or difficulties in their lives?

There is a ministry in our faith community to help those individuals – Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers have been called to bring Christ's love to people during a time of need through a confidential relationship offering care and support.

They are lay people – Christian men and women – trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation or separation due to military deployment.

If you or someone you know needs support or would like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Andrea Knupp at 336-404-8850 or aknupp5421@gmail.com.

Join the 'Dirty Dozen'

Do you enjoy the solitude and comfort in a garden? Are you prone to poking around the soil, pruning the occasional shrub, pulling weeds with friends? If you feel called to nurture St. Francis' campus a couple of hours a week by adopting a pocket garden, grab a partner and add your name to the sign-up sheet by calling the office at 336-288-4721. Once we have a group of about a dozen, we will let you know more details of how you can help. Many hands make light work! AND we have an expert Master Gardener for consultation!

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The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan

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