



St. Francis Episcopal Church

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October 2019

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS

Dear Faithful Franciscans,

October is our month! Or, better, the month of Francis, our patron saint. The first Sunday of October, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. That day, our parish will beam: three Sunday services and our annual Blessing of the Animals.

As many of you, I continue to reflect on what it means to live in the spirit of St. Francis. Recently, I picked up *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints* (a compendium of saints and prayers put out by The Episcopal Church), and flipped to the article detailing Francis. Reading a synopsis of his life, I was again struck by his joy and devotion, his inexhaustible charity toward all those with whom he came into contact.

But I also was reminded of how few of Francis's writings survive. Unlike so many other paragons of virtue and faithfulness in the history of the Church, we have very little from Francis's own pen. One that has survived, however, is his "Canticle of the Sun," a soaring song praising God and God's wondrous creation. It begins:

Most, High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee
And serve in great humility

The Franciscan



THE REV. DR.
ANDREW HARMON

As proud bearers of the *Hymnal 1982*, we carry these beautiful words and the truth they embody. We are blessed to be stewards of stanzas like these that can aid in our recollection of the grandeur of God when our world seems turned in on itself. We have concrete examples of lives like Francis' which testify to the outpouring of praise and blessing. And we are given these centuries-old reminders to serve God and our neighbors with great humility in the process.

Throughout this month's Franciscan, you'll find multiple ways to get involved in the work and ministry of a place that seeks to embody Francis's spirit. Whether it is through participating in Adult Formation opportunities, volunteering with our Children and Youth Ministries, or helping out at the Sanctuary House BBQ and Brunswick Stew Fall Fundraiser (which we are hosting on Oct. 17), there is ample opportunity to serve in humility and gratitude.

Peace,
Drew+

**ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

3506 LAWNDALE DRIVE, GSO, NC 27408

**Blessing of the
Animals**



**Sunday, October 6, 2019
3:30pm**

**ALL SOCIALE PETS AND THEIR HUMANS ARE WELCOME, AS WE CELEBRATE
THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.**

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Andrea's Go Fetch! Pet Sitting, HorsePower, PNK Canine Rescue,
Ed-Zoo-Tainment, NC Pet Partners, SPCA of the Triad, Conservators' Center
Greensboro, Lucky's Pet Resort, Bingo Pet Hospice, Merit Pit Bull Rescue

**SUNDAYS THIS FALL
9:15A-10:15A**

**ST. FRANCIS CHURCH
PARISH HALL**

FAITH AND ART

A FORUM SERIES EXPLORING THE WAYS IN WHICH FAITH HAS IMPACTED AND CONTINUES TO IMPACT ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

~~SEPT 15: ANNE KIEFABER~~

~~PAINTER & HISTORIAN (PT. 1)~~

~~SEPT 22: ANNE KIEFABER~~

~~PAINTER & HISTORIAN (PT. 2)~~

~~SEPT 29: JAMES BARNHILL~~

~~SCULPTOR & PROFESSOR~~

OCT 13: ROYMIECO CARTER

PROFESSOR & GALLERY DIRECTOR

OCT 20: MINTA PHILLIPS

RETIRED PHYSICIAN & PAINTER

OCT 27: MELISSA MOSS

ICONOGRAPHER & HISTORIAN

NOV 10: SAMUEL MOSS

INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR

Ms. FELICIA COLE CHILDRENS' & YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy Fall!

It's been an exciting month of kicking off our Children & Youth programs! Don't get me wrong, I love Summer and the time it brings for trips, planning, and re-grouping. However, our "program year" activities bring a flurry of small, important moments with our children and youth. Whether it's watching our smallest parish members get excited for their Sunday School lesson or getting to share a meal with our youth during EYC, these are moments I've missed.

Speaking of EYC, we've kicked off our Fall by starting a new Enneagram series! The lessons are based on the book *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* by Ian

Morgan Cron & Suzanne Stabile. The Enneagram is a "forced choice" test, the questions are designed to help you discover your underlying personality traits. These personality traits point to reoccurring themes in our lives or ways of approaching situations. These traits and approaches generally fall into one of nine different "Enneagram Types". For example, I took the quiz and found out I'm Type Two: The Helper. Type Two's are generally interpersonal, caring, and people-pleasing (and trust me, I can't begin to tell you how painfully accurate that is).

Our first EYC was spent walking our youth through the Enneagram Quiz and discussing all the possible types. The following weeks are being spent focusing on each type individually and what their personality type might wrestle with or thrive in, spiritually. Then we do an activity that demonstrates a way that the week's Enneagram Type can participate in self-care. The hope is that through a season of self-discovery, our youth will have the opportunity to get to know themselves, their peers, and their walk with Jesus on a deeper level.

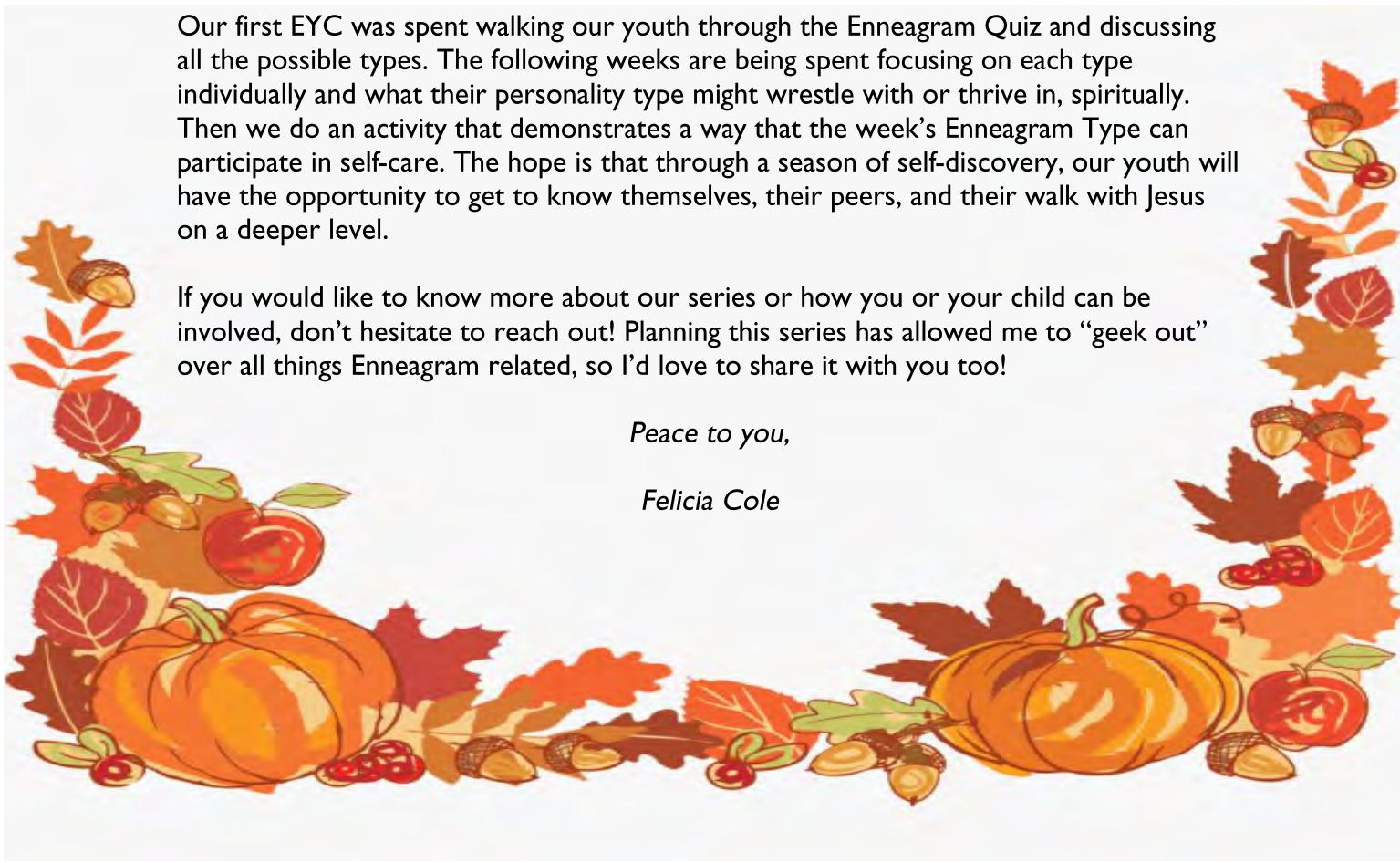
If you would like to know more about our series or how you or your child can be involved, don't hesitate to reach out! Planning this series has allowed me to "geek out" over all things Enneagram related, so I'd love to share it with you too!

Peace to you,

Felicia Cole



FELICIA COLE





FROM THE DAY SCHOOL



LITTLE PATRIOTS

These preschoolers showed their pride in their country with a special parade on



FROM THE DAY SCHOOL



Featured in the December 2018 edition of ***Our State*** magazine

- Established in 1985
- All products freshly made in the WS bakery
- Most products keep in the freezer up to 1 year
- Chicken pies, spaghetti, brownie & vegetarian options available

As a child, Desty McEwan's father called her Pumpkin.

When she got married, the name became Mrs. Pumpkin.

When she opened her bakery, she already knew what to call it.



Just say YES to

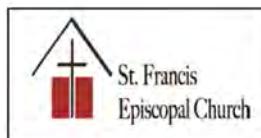


Fundraiser success!!

Making Dinner (and fundraising) “AS EASY AS PIE!”



- ✓ No high pressure sales! Just buy dinner and earn \$\$\$
- ✓ Easy and delicious way to treat a friend, neighbor, client or family
- ✓ Let's all work together!
- ✓ Make checks payable to: **St Francis Day School**



Profits from this fundraiser will help purchase:

Classroom Supplies

CHICKEN PIES ARE BACK!

Back by popular demand! The Day School will sell Mrs. Pumpkin's chicken pies. Sale starts Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 13. Orders delivered Oct. 21.

Order your pies now! Just print the **ORDER FORM**, or pick up a form at church, and return it to the day school or the church office with payment by Oct. 13.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!

STEWARSHIP UPDATE

STEVEN & JANICE SUND, CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” First Peter 4:10

Each of us at St. Francis has received God’s varied grace in the form of gifts from God. Afterall, we have nothing that God has not given to us. Therefore, whatever we have been given is an opportunity to serve others. Using God’s gifts to serve each other is being a good steward.

Merriam Webster defines stewardship as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. By this definition, we are all stewards of St. Francis. It is our responsibility to care for this building, the people that worship and work in it, and to extend our resources into the larger community.



STEVEN & JANICE SUND

Our experience is that the returns received from volunteering of our time and talent are immeasurable. We feel giving back to the community using St. Francis as the conduit, provides this outlet.

As you have heard in the last few weeks, the common theme of those that have given testimonials is one of security, comfort and personal growth within the church family. We believe that part of the reward of supporting St. Francis financially is the feeling of gratification that you are helping others in our church and in the Greensboro area, and are pleasing God. To keep St. Francis thriving and an important influence in the community, our programs and outreach need to be supported with your time, talent, and treasure.

Think about what you can contribute in the form of your time, talent, and treasure to keep St. Francis the spiritual anchor in your life.

LEGACY GIVING

The Legacy Giving Committee has been actively working to carry out the mission of the St. Francis Endowment Fund. This mission is to enhance and expand the life of the parish, add to the beauty and long life of our buildings and grounds, and further develop our parish community both internally and through outreach into our community.

What was probably my favorite part of having the Legacy gift was money didn't have to such a huge stress-factor during planning. We wanted to able to "do things big this year" and bring in children from all over the community, and we did just that! The majority of children signed up were either Day School students or families who saw our online advertising. I think VBS is such a fun way for families to experience St. Francis. -- Felicia Cole, Childrens' & Youth Ministry

To that end we have made two gifts so far this year:

- ꝝ A gift of \$2,000 was made to facilitate the very successful parenting class led by Father Drew in the Spring.
- ꝝ A gift of \$1,000 was given to buy enrichment and visual items for our Vacation Bible School.

2020 ISRAEL TRIP

FUEL YOUR SOUL FOR TRAVEL
*take the St. Francis Greensboro
Pilgrimage to Israel*
Nov. 2-11, 2020

[CLICK HERE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION](#)

REGISTER NOW FOR
LENTEN RETREAT

North Greensboro Mission Partners: We're starting to make plans for our Lenten retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center (in the Mountains, near Boone) **March 27-29, 2020**. We stay at the Mission House (holds about 20.) The cost (including six meals) is \$158 per person, with half deposit due **Nov. 28, 2019**. Some scholarship help will be available. Contact [Mary K. Wakeman](#) (336-404-3109) for details.



Tuesday Morning Episcopal Breakfast at
Greensboro Urban Ministry
Join us to serve Hot Breakfast
for 125-150 guests on Tuesdays.
Volunteer 6:30-7:45 a.m. any
Tuesday.
Contact Eddie & Joan Bass for more

info: bassecov@gmail.com

Contribute \$1.54 per meal per person.

Checks to Greensboro Urban Ministry marked
Episcopal Tuesday breakfast.

THE REACH

FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE

October is a busy month if you are a volunteer at St. Francis! Here are the happenings and how to get involved! Your contribution of time and talents are a vital part of our stewardship at SF!

Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, Oct. 6

If you don't have a pet who needs blessing, join us! Have fun, get some exercise walking with fellow Franciscans to fight hunger in our community! The walk is a 5K (3.1 miles) and begins and ends at the Greensboro Coliseum. Registration and entertainment begin at 1:30 p.m., and the walk begins at 2:30 p.m.

Donate or register to walk at <https://greatergreensborocropwalk.org/>.

To be part of St. Francis' team, visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/greensboronc/william>.

2nd Annual Sanctuary House BBQ & Brunswick Stew Fall Fundraiser

Thursday, Oct. 17, 4-8 p.m.

Join us as we partner with Sanctuary House to end the stigma of mental illness!

Enjoy excellent food, live music inside provided by High Cotton (Lisa Dames and Shawn Patch), A Sweet Success Desserts! Drive-thru service, take-out, and dine-in are available. Order online ahead of time at SanctuaryHouseGSO.com.

All proceeds benefit Sanctuary House. To volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Millie Ronemus at millieronemus@gmail.com. We need runners, kitchen helpers, dining room help, and traffic directors. To learn more about Sanctuary House, visit SanctuaryHouseGSO.com.

Fall Food Drive Needs You!

Mark your calendar for Greensboro Urban Ministry's Fall Food Drive, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, at the Harris Teeter on Lawndale. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Two-hour shifts are available. Please grab a Franciscan friend and staff a shift to HELP FILL THE FOOD PANTRY! The more the merrier! Go to the [SignUpGenius](http://SignUpGenius.com) to sign up!

Help victims of Hurricane Dorian

Episcopal Relief and Development is hard at work in the Bahamas. Donate to the Hurricane Relief Fund at <http://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/>.

Mark your calendars for Shea's Chase, a 5K walk/run to benefit mental health

Saturday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m., Revolution Mill

Benefits the Mental Health Association of Greensboro

Go to <https://www.sheaschase.com> to sign up. Join Team Ronemus! You can walk, run, or cheer on the participants!

There will be a band, food, and refreshments following the run.

Questions? Contact Millie Ronemus at millieronemus@gmail.com.

Outreach Updates:

The Outreach Commission has funded additional Day School scholarships, Hope Academy to help support the creation of an official kitchen for their school, a "day of health" for the Mustard Seed Community Health Clinic, funded and provided lunches for Community Housing Solutions' *Paint the Town* Housing Blitz, and funded and coordinated volunteers to serve at Church of the Holy Spirit's Tuesday Community Dinners.

We continue to hold mission reserve funds from Book Sale proceeds for the good work being done by our community partners, Sanctuary House and Community Housing Solutions. Please pray for us and these ministries. Contact us with questions or comments at outreach@stfrancisgreensboro.org.

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A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop

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

P A R I S H S T A F F

Rector: The Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.

Assistant Rector: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon

Choir Director: Sam Doyle

Junior Choir Director: Jane Woody

Assistant Choir Director: Benita McFarland

St. Francis Day School Director: Kit Hargett

Parish Administrator: Linda Allgood

Communications Coordinator: Michelle Hines

Director of Children and Youth Ministry: Felicia Cole

Book Sale Manager and

Membership Coordinator: Mark Hamby

Bookkeeper: Blair Barnett

Facilities Coordinator: Morgan Adams

Sexton: Bo Edwards

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