



St. Francis Episcopal Church

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Winter 2020

The Franciscan

EMBRACING A REIMAGINED FRANCISCAN

My Shetland Sheepdog, Mackie MacGus, hates change. A fresh blanket. A new bed. A piece of furniture where there was once an open space. A concrete basketball court where there once was dirt. Like the rest of us creatures of habit, anything new puts him off, makes him anxious or frustrated. And like the rest of us, he avoids what is new. Or he runs circles around it and barks until he gets used to it and comes to appreciate the positive aspects of whatever is new.

You are probably wondering by now where I am headed with all this talk of change and canines. Doggone it, are more changes coming to St. Francis' publications? Haven't we had enough for the time being? So, out with it: Yes, changes are coming to *The Franciscan*. Big changes. And, I hope, good ones.

In short, we plan on putting out fewer but more engaging *Franciscans*. Instead of monthly, we will publish them quarterly. What does this mean for you? Your *Franciscan* will become less of a rehash of dates and events you have already seen in our weekly Email Express and Sunday announcements, and more of a fun, informative look at the people and workings of St. Francis. That means deeper stories about church initiatives and profiles of the people behind those initiatives. As with all worthwhile endeavors, more time to prepare *The Franciscan* means a better publication.

We won't publish again until early April, so look for a fresh spring redesign! More issues will follow in summer and fall. We welcome your ideas for stories and profiles. Send us your ideas now at our dedicated communications address,

announcements@stfrancisgreensboro.org.

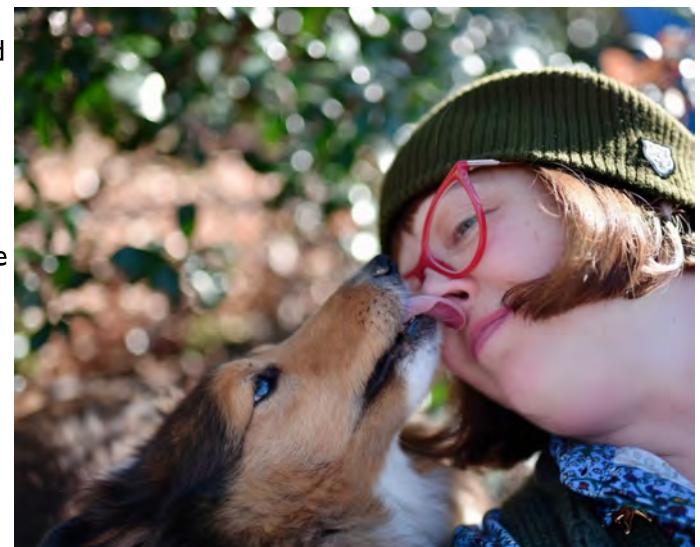
Be sure to put "Franciscan Idea" in the subject line of your email. If you want to write about a special St. Francis program or person, we welcome your articles too. And you will be glad to know that many aspects of your *Franciscan* will not change. You will still see articles from Fr. Milton and Fr. Drew as well as updates from the Day School, Children's and Youth Ministry, and your vestry.

We hope you won't feel too anxious or frustrated about the revamped *Franciscan*. And we certainly hope you won't run circles around it and bark like my Mackie MacGus! I look forward to making it a better publication and to elevating it to new level of engagement for our congregation. As Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". Now is the season for a more vital *Franciscan*, so let's all embrace the change.

*In Faith,
Michelle*



MICHELLE HINES
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



FR. DREW HARMON ASSISTANT RECTOR

Dear Faithful Franciscans,

A blessed season of Epiphany to you all! As we've heard over the past couple of weeks, Epiphany is that season in which we hear about the multiple ways in which God has been revealed in Jesus Christ. We began the season following the star, the brilliance of that great light, that led the magi to the holy family. The next week we were with John and his open-air congregation on the banks of the River Jordan as Jesus was willingly baptized and revealed to the crowds as the beloved of God.



THE REV. DR. ANDREW HARMON

WHY EPISCOPAL? Rediscovering Faith and Practice



During this season, each of us is invited to reflect on how God has been disclosed to the world, but also to open our eyes

and minds to where God is currently revealed in our midst. This might be easier said than done in our current moment that seems saturated with divisiveness and fear and anxiety. What I have found helpful in seeing how God is to return to the source, the foundational elements of faith and prayer and practice that have formed people of faith for centuries.

FEBRUARY 9: **SHAPED AS PEOPLE OF GOD: THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

FEBRUARY 16: **LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD: WORSHIP**

FEBRUARY 23: **SPIRITUAL GYMNASTICS: LITURGY**

MARCH 8: **OUTWARD AND VISIBLE SIGNS: SACRAMENTS**

MARCH 15: **WALKING IN LOVE: DISCIPLESHIP**

MARCH 22: **TELL IT OUT: WITNESS AND ETHICS**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE PARISH HALL
SUNDAYS, 9:15AM - 10:15AM**

In fact, this desire to get to the root of who we are is, in no small part, what animates our "*Why Episcopal?*" adult education series. Each session of *Why Episcopal?* is given over to investigating bedrock aspects of our shared faith and practice (Scripture, Creeds, Worship, Sacraments, etc.). What we've discovered together is that each session really has been the tip of a huge iceberg; there is so much more to say on each of these topics than the allotted hour.

I'll only speak for myself and say that I have seen God at work during these gatherings. I look out and see those who have been here for decades and those who have been here for six months. I see people from any and all sorts of backgrounds coming together to discuss what we hold in common, rather than what separates us. I have loved your questions and contributions, your wonderings and frustrations. Your desire for collaborative exploration and your shared spiritual curiosity are sure testimonies to the Spirit's moving in this place.

The *Why Episcopal?* series continues throughout this season and into the season of Lent, in preparation for our bishop's visitation on **March 29**. We gather at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings for an hour in the Parish Hall. Please know that each of you, whether you have attended every session or not, whether you are new to the Episcopal Church or not, is welcome. Come and see.

Peace,
Drew+

**THURSDAYS
IN LENT
5:30P-7:00P
PARISH HALL**

**WITH THE REV.
DR. BROOKS
GRAEBNER**

DIOCESAN
HISTORIOGRAPHER

**STRIVING FOR JUSTICE IN
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH:
SIGNIFICANT DATES IN
OUR HISTORY**

Abolishing Pew Rents: Confronting Issues of Equity, Wealth, & Class in Episcopal Congregations	October 1853
	November 1918
Love, Power, and Justice: Embracing the Black Power Movement & Encountering White Backlash	September 1967
	January 1977
Home and Abroad: The Battle for Gay Rights in the Episcopal Church & the Anglican Communion	August 2003
	November 2019

**Stony the Road We Trod:
The Challenge for Ministry
Among African Americans
in the Jim Crow South**

**From Jim Crow to Jane
Crow: Women's Ordination
& the Struggle for Gender
Equality**

**Righting these Wrongs:
Making Amends,
Confronting Sexual
Misconduct & Abuse of
Power**



Ms. FELICIA COLE CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Franciscans,

I hope everyone is continuing to enjoy their Winter and staying warm! As we write and publish our last monthly Franciscan, change is in the air in more ways than one. I invite you to stay tuned to St. Francis communications over the next couple of months for some exciting changes that are coming to

our Children's Programming. I won't say much more for now as we continue to plan and work, but I have a feeling our Parish will be a fan of our new setup.



FELICIA COLE

Another exciting change is our Confirmation group this year! In recent years we've had smaller groups of youth on Confirmation Sunday, each one just as important and valued as the next. However, this year's class is a full one with about ten students! It has been exciting, fun, and a little challenging, to adjust to a larger group. But we are having a great time figuring it



all out together. Our youth are working hard to learn important history and church traditions, and may I say, they are doing a fantastic job.

If you know any of our current Confirmands, make sure to give them a pat on the back because they are earning it. Then make sure you join us in church on **March 29** as we're visited by Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple and our friends are officially confirmed into the church.

It's an exciting time in a lot of our ministries, and I can't wait to share more with you soon!

Peace to you,
Felicia Cole



REGISTER NOW FOR THE DAY SCHOOL



St. Francis
Episcopal Church
The Day School

Child's full name: _____

Child's birthday: _____ *Must be class age by 8/31/20.

Check one: _____ male _____ female

Check Your Choice	Class Name	Days	9:00-12:00 (Drop in Lunch Bunch is \$5/day)	9:00-1:00 (Lunch Bunch Included)
	Twos	T/Th	\$198	\$222
	Twos	M/W/F	\$234	\$267
	Threes	T/Th	\$198	\$222
	Threes	M/W/F	\$234	\$267
	Pre-K Fours	M-Th	\$262	\$308
	Pre-K Fives	M-F	\$304 *See below	\$360 *See below

*Pre-K Fives need to be 5 by 1/1/21 and/or have Director approval.

Parent names: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

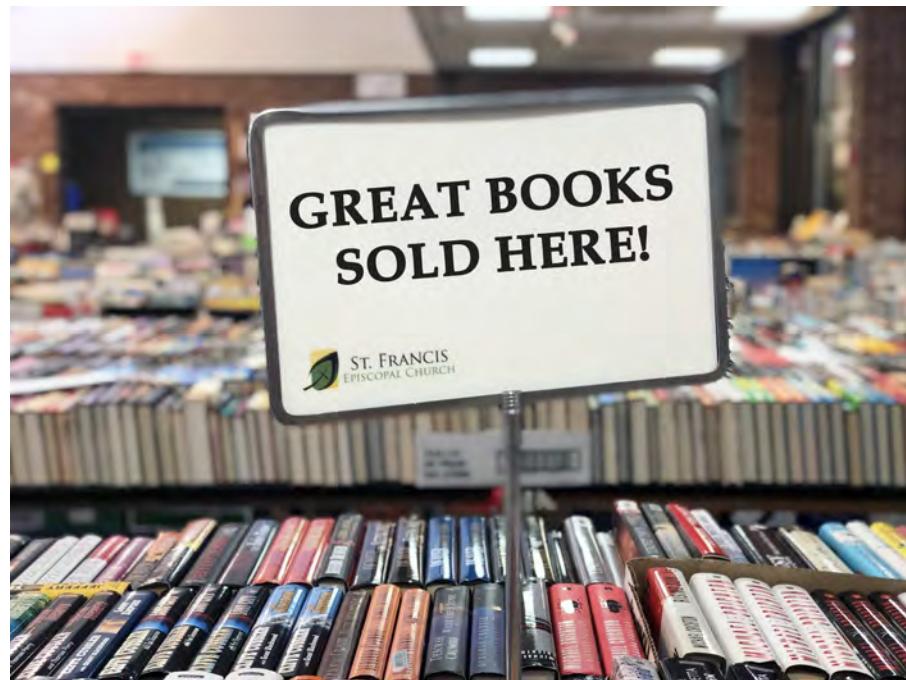
Email address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

The registration fee of \$75 is due in full at the time of registration. This completed form and the registration fee will hold your child's place for the 2020/2021 school year. Please note that teacher and class placements are based upon enrollment. The registration fee is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to **St. Francis Day School** and our mailing address is 3506 Lawndale Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408.

**If your child has an IEP or IFSP, please attach a copy with this form.
The completed enrollment forms and May 2021 tuition are due by May 1, 2020.**

REFERRED BY: _____



62ND ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS BOOK SALE

Our 62nd Annual St Francis Book Sale will be held April 23- 25, and it will be here before you know it! This is your opportunity to make a tax deductible donation AND give directly to Outreach at St. Francis.

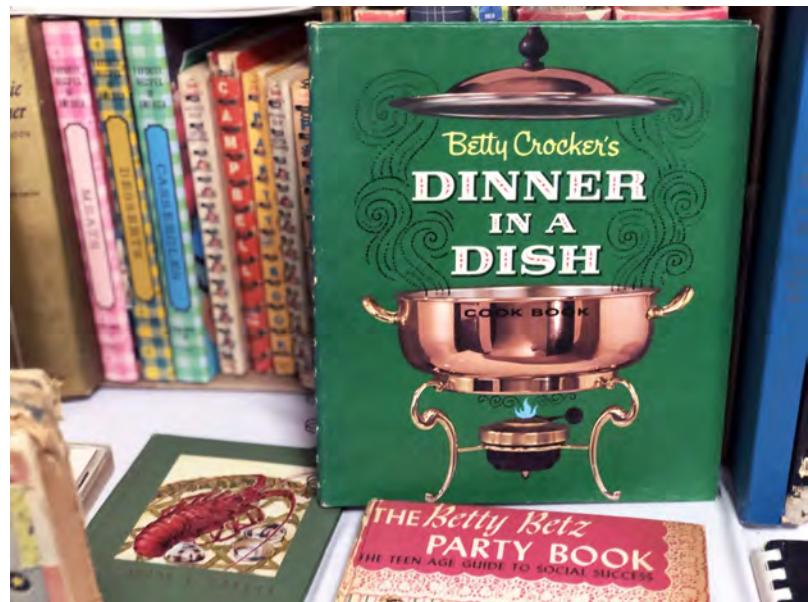
Become a Sponsor and help make the Book Sale a great success! As a Business Sponsor, your company's name will be showcased in print and media advertising, and your support will be seen by thousands of customers who attend the three-day

event. Or become an Individual Sponsor and honor a loved one on a Dedication Board that will be displayed during the sale. All of the proceeds from the sale are given back to organizations in our community.

Just print the Sponsor Form on Page 8 of this booklet and fill it out. The Sponsor Form must be completed and turned in along with your donation.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Ron Mangrum/ronald.w.mangrum@gmail.com/336-908-9848

Michelle Koehler/koehlem1@hotmail.com/ 336-405-6723



St. Francis 62nd Annual Book Sale Sponsorship Opportunity

Please help make the 62nd Annual St Francis Book Sale a success by becoming a sponsor! This is a wonderful opportunity to get the word out about your business while also supporting local charitable organizations in our community.

All of the proceeds from the sale are given back to our community. Sponsorships help defer Book Sale expenses, such as advertising and set-up costs. Sponsorship levels are as follows:

Title Sponsor - \$2000

Company Name on T-Shirt as Title Sponsor worn by over 100 volunteers

Company Name listed as Title Sponsor on Book Sale Banner

Thanked as Title sponsor in Television, Radio, Interviews, and Social Media

Company Name on bookmarks given to each customer at the Book Sale

Gift Certificate in the amount of \$75 for purchases at sale

Dr. Seuss Sponsor - \$1000

Special recognition given in Children's area of the Book Sale for all 3 days of the sale

Company Name on T-Shirt worn by over 100 volunteers

Company Name listed as Dr. Seuss Sponsor on Book Sale Banner, Promotional Flyers and Social Media

Company Name on bookmarks given to each customer at the Book Sale

Gift Certificate in the amount of \$50 for purchases at sale

Platinum Sponsor - \$750

Company Name on T-Shirt worn by over 100 volunteers

Company Name listed as Platinum on Book Sale Banner, Promotional Flyers and Social Media

Company Name on bookmarks given to each customer at the Book Sale

Gift Certificate in the amount of \$30 for purchases at sale

Gold Sponsor - \$500

Company Name on T-Shirt worn by over 100 volunteers

Company Name listed as Gold Sponsor on Book Sale Banner and Social Media

Company Name on bookmarks given to each customer at the Book Sale

Silver Sponsor - \$250

Name listed on Book Sale Banner as Silver Sponsor

Name listed on Social Media and Church Newsletter

Bronze Sponsor - \$100

Name listed on Social Media and Church Newsletter

Individual Sponsor - \$50

This allows individuals to honor or memorialize loved ones and special occasions. The Sponsor will provide a one line commemoration which will be printed and placed on the Dedication Board outside the Book Sale Venue.

Please Contact for further information:

Ron Mangrum ronald.w.mangrum@gmail.com 336-908-9848

Michelle Koehler koehlem1@hotmail.com 336-4056723

For Silver Sponsors and higher, your Donation and Sponsorship form must be received by 3/15/2020 to be included on t-shirts and banners. All other Sponsorships are due by 4/19/2020.

All sponsorship donations are tax-deductible

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2020 BOOK SALE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Company or Individual as it should be displayed:

Individual Sponsor - 1 line commemoration to be displayed on Dedication Board:

At any level, those wishing to honor or memorialize loved ones/special occasions may provide a 1-line commemoration which will be displayed on the Dedication Board.

Sponsorship Levels

<u> </u> \$2000	Title Sponsor
<u> </u> \$1000	Dr. Seuss Sponsor
<u> </u> \$750	Platinum Sponsor
<u> </u> \$500	Gold Sponsor
<u> </u> \$250	Silver Sponsor
<u> </u> \$100	Bronze Sponsor
<u> </u> \$50	Individual Sponsor

****Please make checks payable to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 3506 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408. The completed Sponsorship form and your Donation **MUST** be submitted together. IF YOU ARE DROPPING THE DONATION AND FORM OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, PLEASE PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE ATTENTION OF RON MANGRUM OR MICHELLE KOEHLER.**

Business Sponsorships due by 3/15/2020; Individual Sponsorships due by 4/19/2020

LEGACY GIVING UPDATE



This past year we have truly seen faith in action.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to supplement the activities and experiences of our Parish community life which are not part of our annual budget. Over the past year the Legacy Giving Committee recommended, and the Vestry approved, several gifts, all of which enhance our St. Francis experience.

In Christian Formation we honored a request from Fr. Drew to fund the materials for his very successful Parenting Class in the spring, and we supplemented the needs of the Vacation Bible School with a small gift. The request for support for the Women's Ministry retreat was also enthusiastically approved.

It seems that the acolytes were in need of extra robes. The Endowment income seemed a fitting source for that much needed addition to our most valued acolyte program.

Finally, to assist in bringing our parish presentations, meetings, and other uses for visual technology into the modern age, the committee approved a request for funding of two TV's, mounts, and a cart. We will now be able to hook up our laptops to the screens for visual impact, and let's not forget – use less paper for committee meetings.

In all, the committee disbursed \$5,165. I trust we will all agree these funds went a very long way to touch many people in our parish in worship, learning, and those small needs, which often go a very long way to making our St. Francis parish the very special community it is.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS

Feb. 25	Shrove Tuesday	Pancake Meal 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	Services@ 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., noon, & 7 p.m.
Feb. 27	Lenten Program Begins	Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.- 7p.m. (Parish Hall)
March 29	Confirmation and visit from Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple	
April 5	Palm Sunday	Services@ 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.
April 9	Maundy Thursday	Service@ 7 p.m.
April 10	Good Friday	Service@ noon
April 11	Holy Saturday	Service@ 8 p.m.
April 12	The Sunday of the Resurrection	Services@ 7 a.m., 9 a.m., & 11 a.m.

THE REACH

FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE

THE BARNABAS NETWORK: RECYCLING FURNITURE, RESTORING LIVES

The Barnabas Network provides basic home furnishings at no cost to qualified families and individuals on the path to self-sufficiency. Their clients are transitioning out of homelessness, recovering from a major setback, fleeing abuse or violence, or overcoming severe poverty. The furniture is donated by individuals, businesses, and civic and faith organizations.

You can help by donating your cast-off furniture, mattresses, bedding, and housewares. Clients are pre-qualified by one of more than 200 agencies including churches, schools, and social service agencies. Barnabas makes an appointment for clients to come pick out their own furniture from their warehouse stock. A family can find everything they need to start a new life in a new home. Barnabas provides mattresses, box springs, bed frames, armchairs, sofas or loveseats, dining tables and chairs, chests of drawers, small tables, pots and pans, clean bedding, linens, tableware, washers/dryers, stoves/refrigerators, small appliances, lamps, and towels.

Call 336-370-4002 to arrange a pick-up in Guilford County. For more information, please visit their website at thebarnabasnetwork.org.

MORE OUTREACH NEWS

At the January meeting the Outreach Committee voted to continue our biannual support of Greensboro Urban Ministry's **Tuesday Morning Episcopal Breakfast**.

A portion of the St. Francis Day School's Holiday Market book sale proceeds was donated to the Day School.

Also, the committee voted to sponsor St. Francis' community partner **Sanctuary House** for their spring fundraiser, **Musical Moods**, which will be held on **Saturday, March 28**, at 7 p.m. at the Greensboro Country Club. Mark your calendars for this fun event and silent auction that supports mental wellness in Greensboro. Look for ticket information at sanctuaryhousegso.com.

Don't forget to place your groceries for **A Simple Gesture** on your porch on your scheduled dates. Please do NOT take bags to the church office if you forget. You may call the ASG office at **336-547-7000** and they will collect your bag. Thank you for supporting this important mission to end hunger in Guilford County!



DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
BEGINS
SUNDAY
MARCH 8!

Java, Juice & Jesus

Friday: March 6, 2020, 5:30pm - 8:45pm

join us!

St. Francis Women's Evening Retreat:
Chaos, Faith and Hearing the Voice of God
The Rev. Sally Johnston



The Reverend Sally V. Johnston

Theme: Chaos, Faith and Hearing the Voice of God

Join the women of St. Francis on Friday, March 6th for a wonderful evening of dinner and fellowship. The busyness and constant demands of our lives can eat away at our spiritual health as well as our physical health. Just as proper diet and exercise keep our bodies healthy, there are spiritual disciplines that help keep our faith healthy. We'll explore ways that faith gets out of shape and prayer wells run dry, prompting us to take on new disciplines and spiritual exercises for renewal, strength and beloved closeness to God. Can you hear God whispering to you above the chaos, calling you to your next best self?

Speaker: The Reverend Sally Johnston is a native of Charlotte, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and holds a Master's in Public Administration from California State University. Prior to ordination she spent over 20 years in the non-profit sector, human resources and the banking industry. Upon completion of her MDiv and ordination she served as a parish priest in Charlotte and Columbia, SC, retiring and returning to NC in 2016. Since then she has served in part-time interim roles in various parishes while developing her other ministries of retreat, discernment, congregational vitality and community action. She is currently an assisting priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. Sally and her husband Harold Newfield have 3 adult children and 1 grandchild living in Atlanta, California and Montreal and 3 four-footed children still living at home on Lake Norman near Mooresville, NC. A sabbatical in 2013 allowed her to walk the Camino de Santiago across Spain which she will happily talk about at the slightest prompting.

RSVP: February 28, 2020

Agenda:

5:30pm - 6:00pm	Gathering
6:00pm - 6:45pm	Session 1
6:45pm - 7:30pm	Meal
7:30pm - 8:30pm	Session 2
8:30pm - 8:45pm	Compline

Where:

St. Francis Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
3506 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408
Phone: (336) 288-4721

Cost: \$30

Please submit with your Registration Form. Checks payable to St. Francis Church with Women's Retreat in the memo line

Bless others: Every woman needs the opportunity to participate and scholarships will be offered. Please prayerfully consider any size contribution for these scholarships.

Registration:

Participant Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Scholarship money is available. Please contact Linda Allgood at 336-288-4721 or linda@stfrancisgreensboro.org.

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C H U R C H**

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Coppole, 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

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Director of Children and Youth Ministry: Felicia Cole

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Membership Coordinator: Mark Hamby

Bookkeeper: Blair Barnett

Facilities Coordinator: Morgan Adams

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