



The Song of Saint Francis



Saint Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, Salter Path, NC June, 2024

Parish Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Weekly Activities

Prayer Shawl-Wed, 10 a.m.

Celtic Eucharist Service-Wed, noon

"Be Still and Know" Prayer Group-Tues, 10 a.m.

Other Activities

*Tues, June 4, 11:00 a.m.-Meals on Wheels Cook Date

*Sat, June 8, 10:00 a.m.-Labyrinth Walk with Amanda Todd

*Wed, June 12, 10:30 a.m.-Poetry Class

*Sat, June 15, 8 a.m.-Men's Fellowship Breakfast

*Tues, June 18, 11:00 a.m.-Meals on Wheels Cook Date

*Tues, July 30 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Blood Drive



One late summer afternoon sitting on the beach I watched what appeared to be a packed carload of very pale adults and children, alight from travel a distance of many miles inland, still dressed for traveling those many miles, run shrieking down to the water's edge, one by one slowing down or speeding up the closer they got, until each one stopped abruptly, and suddenly speechless before the immensity of the ocean, and the lap of the surf, and the light sparkling on the water.

I felt privileged to have been privy to their wonderment.

It can be so easy to take for granted living by the ocean, with fresh air blowing off the water, light bouncing and reflecting off the clouds and the water.

In much the same way it can be easy to take for granted the gift of faith and the knowledge that I am a beloved child of God.

This I learned in church and were I to forget it, my continuing life in the Church would remind and reassure me of that unconditional love.

The transformative experience of this love is at the heart of the gospel of Jesus and at the heart of who we are as the Body of Christ.



Religious wars, persecutions, church schisms, have all been fought and carried out in the name of Jesus. Just as many ships have been wrecked and sunk to the bottom of the sea. But the sea remains, the tide ebbs and flows, the waves roll on, And the love of God continues to pour down upon us all, in abundance, like the wind off the water and the light all around. What we do with it is matter of most sober consideration, like that of a captain embarking on a voyage to distant lands.

Many a life has been transformed by an encounter with the vastness of the ocean, and many a life has been transformed by love made manifest in those who witness to and stand in awe before the immensity of it.

May we never take for granted the beauty of the sky, the sea and all God's creatures that live therein,
Nor the deep mystery of the love that gave us all our Being.

Mary+



Vestry View
June 2024

Procrastination...

The dictionary definition is that procrastination is the action of delaying or postponing something.

I have known for over a month that I was to write the Vestry View for June. Here I am the night before beginning the assignment....

Why do I/we procrastinate?

And it's not just "assignments". It's everyday living. I need to clean out that closet, but think I will wait until next week. I need to get my spring flowers bought and into pots on my patio, but think I will wait until next week.

Procrastination....part of the human condition?

Even things we know to be good for us, we put off.....which brings me to the Vestry View assignment, my first one since becoming the Vestry Class of 2026. In the few years I have been off the vestry, I had forgotten the weight of the responsibility one feels to help make this the best of places.

St. Francis is a manifestation of all that is good in our community. We are a loving and caring family who look out for one another. We are a "volunteer" family. Things get done because so many step up each and every day.

There are so many opportunities to help and be a part of this family:

Torch bearer
Crucifer
Lector
Prayers for the People
Bell Ringer
Greeter
Videographer
Audio
Choir
Tuesday Prayer Group
Wednesday Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday Celtic Eucharist
Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast
Meals on Wheels
Altar Guild
Labyrinth
Art Gallery
Coffee Hour



....just to name a few!

The St. Francis family has taught me that giving and participating offers so much more than I ever thought possible.

So back to my procrastination! I lived on this island for three years before I joined my brother one Sunday at St. Francis! I look back and regret all the time I missed! So, my message is find something you "think" you will love doing at St. Francis! Don't wait another minute.

Pam Ball



Towel and Basin

By Deacon Robin

Summer is here! The traffic is heavy, the restaurants are full, the grocery stores cannot stay stocked, Trinity Center is rocking, and the days are sunny and warm. The beautiful weather and long sunlit days remind us of God's blessings and the joy of living by the sea. What a great time to be involved in outreach at St. Francis by the Sea!



As we celebrated Trinity Sunday on May 26, we remembered the good work that happens just down the street at Trinity Center, which welcomes campers and participants in Sound to Sea all summer. The items we collected to support them were warmly received by their counselors. **Thank you for helping others in the name of Christ.**

We often have youngsters visiting us in the summer months, so the Outreach team is creating bags with crayons, paper, books, and other small items to engage our young visitors. If you see a family with young children, invite them to use one of the bags during their visit. **Thank you for**

welcoming others to worship with us.

Martha's Mission Cupboard in Morehead City is busy during the summer. We are serving more families than ever before. Each month, I will include a list of items that are always needed, and your contributions are welcome. Just leave items on the Meals Ministry Team table, and I will deliver them. This month, the list includes tuna packets, packaged rice meals, instant coffee, and Hamburger Helper. **Thank you for feeding the hungry among us.**



In July, we will begin our healthy snack collection to support Carteret Preschool. Many of the children served at Carteret Preschool are NC PreK students. NC PreK is a needs based program for four year-olds who meet one or more of the following risk factors:

Income at or below 75% of the state median income level

Identified developmental disability

Limited English proficiency (LEP)

An educational need indicated from an approved developmental screening or an existing Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

A chronic health condition as indicated by the diagnosis from a professional health care provider

Children who are the dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, that was on active duty within the past 18 months, injured while serving, or killed while serving

At this link, you can see some of the good work that happens for these precious children: <https://carteretcountycpc.ss19.sharpschool.com/> Their staff is so grateful for our support.

Here's a sneak preview of their list for those who want to shop early.

Goldfish
Cheez-its
Whales
Mandarin orange cups
Nabs (especially the Ritz ones and the Captain Wafer kind)
Vanilla Wafers
Go gurts
Pretzels
Animal crackers
Graham crackers
Popcorn
Chocolate chip chewy granola bars
Small bottles of water
Fruit and gummy snacks
Uncrustables (will keep in freezer)
Saltine crackers
Small cans of ginger ale (for when students are nauseated)



Thank you for serving needy children in our community.



The Meals Ministry Team convenes twice in June to prepare meals for Meals on Wheels recipients. On June 4, the menu includes ham, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, and dessert. On June 18, we will prepare hash brown casserole with sausage and vegetables and muffins. Join us at 11:00 AM either day to be part of this effort. Don't forget to share the ***Love Meals*** with anyone who would enjoy having a meal; they're on the top shelf of the freezer in the upstairs kitchen and available to anyone. **Thank you for feeding the hungry in our community.**

As you read this, Terry and I will be enjoying a trip to Poland followed by a journey through Greece with our children. Many thanks to those who are handling our church/outreach responsibilities in our absence. We are thankful for this opportunity to make memories with our family, and we look forward to seeing you all upon our return!



Don't Forget about our THIRD Blood Drive!

We have already scheduled a third drive here at the church – on **Tuesday, July 30 from 10AM-3PM**, and we will again be reaching out for volunteers soon. The online link below is live and ready for you to schedule your appointment, and we already have eight donors signed up for this upcoming drive!! Book now to give you the best chance of getting the appointment time you wish. You may also schedule by phone at **1-800 RED CROSS**. Please share this link with your friends and encourage them to also donate at our blood drive on July 30.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&ed=07%2F30%2F2024&order=DATE&range=50&sd=07%2F30%2F2024&zipSponsor=28557>

Thanks for your donation on July 30! See you there!



Lay Ministry Schedule

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	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lector	Mary Kurek	Jami Turner	Kelly Sheeks	Dale Elks	Romaine Riddle
Prayers	Kathy Driver	Jean Turner	Elizabeth Sheeks	Kay Brackins	Marian Goetzinger
Altar Guild	Betsy Randall	Frances Jenkins	Elizabeth Sheeks	Jean Smith	Laura Leslie
Chalice	Martha Edwards Marian Goetzinger	Frances Jenkins Kelly Sheeks	Penn Perry Heather Perry	Scott Shelton Libba Shelton	Marion Morris Terry Smith
Crucifer	Scott Shelton	Bill Blanchard	Marion Youngblood	Stover Morris	Larry Castle
Torch Bearer	Marion Youngblood Sarah Haigwood	Stover Morris Tim Owens	Marian Goetzinger Terry Smith	Sarah Criddle Kay Brackins	Tim Owens Mary Kurek
Audio	Stover Morris	Larry Castle	Stover Morris	Larry Castle	Stover Morris
Video	John Clarke	Skip Kemp	John Clarke	Skip Kemp	John Clark
Coffee Hour	Pam Ball	Ann/George Grigg	Daughters of The King	Ginny Maxwell Gay Lea	Carol/Jim Holland
Vestry of the Day	Kay Brackins	Dale Elks	Pat Jones	Pam Ball	Sharon Birmingham



June Birthdays

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Eric Ellis-3
Stephen Elkins-Williams-9
Marion Morris-9
Jamie Turner-10

Harold O'Briant-14
Jean Smith - 20
Mary Hartman-23
Mary Kurek - 26

* If you don't see your name above and would like to be added to our birthday list, please email or call the church office.

Art and Music Ministries



Our choir rehearses each Wednesday, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., and again on Sundays, at 9:15 a.m. prior to the beginning of our 10 a.m. Worship Service. We are always looking for additional choir members. Please join us at any time with no musical audition. All are welcome!





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Worship Service begins at 10 a.m. , casual dress welcome
Sunday school for ages 6-12 begins at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery is not available at this time.

If unable to attend, please visit <https://stfrancisbythesea.org/live> at 10 a.m. to view our worship service online or visit our website at www.stfrancisbythesea.org for additional information and viewing options.

St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church is a parish in the Diocese of East Carolina
The Right Reverend Robert Skirving, Bishop

Interim Supply Priest

The Rev. Mary Ogus

Priest in Residence

The Rev. Chris Carlin

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Robin Smith

Vergers

Tim Bradford, Marion Morris

Parish Administrator

Ann Grigg

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Sexton

George Grigg

Vestry Class of 2024

Stover Morris, Senior Warden

Elizabeth Sheeks

Scott Shelton, Junior Warden

Vestry Class of 2025

Kay Brackins

Dale Elks

Pat Jones

Vestry Class of 2026

Pam Ball

Sharon Birmingham

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