



The Messenger

A place for worship and Christian growth in the knowledge and love of God

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on, hold on.

In the Fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus says, 'Abide in me, as I abide in you... I am the vine, you are the branches... Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit... As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you... Abide in my love...'

During the Lenten Supper Program this past Wednesday evening, we listened to a powerful message from our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, about "**The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus Centered Life.**" (*Bishop Michael Curry sermon - General Convention, July 5th, 2018 in Austin Texas*)

Bishop Curry reminds us of Jesus' words... 'How will the world know that you are my disciples? That you love one another...'
Bishop Curry continues, 'Love is the Way. Love is the only Way. Those who follow in the way of Jesus follow in the way of unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial love, and that kind of love can change the world. Yet, the question remains, how can we get to this place of love?'

Bishop Curry recites inspiring lyrics from one of his favorite Gospel hymns: 'I got my hand on the Gospel plow. Wouldn't take nothin' for my journey now. Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on, hold on. **Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on...**'
Even when uncertainty and ambiguity surround us like a storm, Bishop Curry reminds us of the significance of what it means to abide in Jesus.



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While the picture above is intended to add a little humor, this is a powerful image depicting Matthew 14 of what it means to abide in Jesus. The disciples were out on the water in the middle of the night, struggling to keep their boat from sinking; fighting against the wind and the crashing waves when Jesus appears.

I urge you to take note of Jesus' calm presence on the water; hand outstretched to Peter... Peter was on the water walking towards Jesus, until Peter shifts his focus away from Jesus back to the storm, and becomes overwhelmed with fear at the chaos that surrounds him; and Peter begins to sink.

Keep your eyes on the prize, and hold on. If you want to know how to walk through a storm, says Bishop Curry, keep your eyes fixated on Jesus, on his teachings, and on his spirit... Abide with Jesus. Dwell with Jesus. Live in Jesus. Throw yourself into the arms of Jesus and do not look away.

This movement, 'The Way of Love,' is nothing new. The 'Seven Practices for a Jesus Centered Life,' are nothing new. We already have what we need in the tradition of the church and have for centuries. 'Tried, tested, and proved,' as Bishop Curry says. This is about developing and following a rule of life in the love of Christ; a set of spiritual practices to help us find and strengthen a deeper embrace to abide in our loving God.

Fr. Tim +

AT ST. FRANCIS

At St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, our Sunday mornings begin at 9 a.m. with Christian formation for adults in the conference room. Worship is at 10 a.m. with nursery provided. We utilize both Rite One and Rite Two Holy Eucharist, with organ and choir. Refreshments and conversation take place after the service in the Parish Hall. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated at Noon every Wednesday.



ST. FRANCIS ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi for Seniors

No Tai Chi first week of March. Resumes March 11.
Free Tai Chi classes for Seniors is offered in the Atrium Monday and Wednesday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

St. Francis' Readers

Meet the third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Library.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Women of St. Francis (WOSF) Luncheon

Takes place the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. All ladies are invited. Please bring a lunch item to share.

Hospice Card Crafters

Meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. No experience needed.

Monthly Parish Supper

This month's Parish Supper is on April 24. Please see the back page for all the delicious details!

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

Senior Moment Café

Meets Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room.

First Fridays with the Father

Meets 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Great Room (in conjunction with Senior Moment Café)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW meets the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This month's meeting is on April 13. See the announcement on page 5 of this Messenger.

Prayer Shawl Guild

Meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

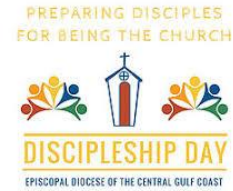
Adult Education

Meets at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sundays.

Children's Education (Sunday School)

Resumes March 10!
Details on next page.

AT ST. FRANCIS



The Way of Love: Evangelism 101

With the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers and the Presiding Bishop's Evangelism Team

Saturday, May 4 -- St. Jude's, Niceville
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free training session includes a host of resources for understanding the Jesus Movement, redefining and reclaiming evangelism, organizing a revival, sharing our stories, walking the neighborhood, improving hospitality and more.

Lunch will be provided. Donations accepted. Registration is required for this free event and everyone is welcome.

Register online at the Diocesan website: www.diocgc.org



ST. FRANCIS DAY CELEBRATION

Our 2019 St. Francis Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 5. Mark your calendars now. The Blessing of the Animals will begin the day followed by our traditional Fish Fry with hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. The cost is \$8 per adult with kids (under 10) eating FREE. There will also be a Bake Sale so you will have plenty of choice baked goods to take home.

A new and exciting feature this year is an "Arts & Crafts" Bazaar. We will rent tables in the Parish Hall and tent space outside. The cost per table or 10'X10' exhibit space is \$25 and three spaces have already been rented! If you know anyone that makes and sells arts and crafts, please tell them to call Beth Cyr at 850-449-1444 for additional details on exhibit space. All are welcome.

Our Bazaar opens a whole new avenue of interest in attending our St. Francis Day celebration. It also offers a reasonably priced opportunity for artists and artisans to introduce their work to the community. As we draw nearer to October 5, we will provide regular updates on the Bazaar to our St. Francis community and to the people of Gulf Breeze. Our celebration this year will raise the bar for future years!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SCRIPTURE

April 2019

(Complete worship assistant schedule for Palm Sunday through Saturday Easter Vigil shown on insert)

April 7
*Fifth Sunday
In Lent*

April 14
Palm Sunday

April 21
Easter

April 28
*Second Sunday
In Easter*

May 5
*Third Sunday
In Easter*

SCRIPTURE

Joshua
43:16-21
Psalm
126
Philippians
3:4b-14
John
12:1-8

Isaiah
50:4-9a
Psalm
31:9-16
Philippians
2:5-11
Luke
23:1-49

Isaiah
76:17-25
Psalm
118:1-2, 14-24
Acts
10:34-43
John
20:1-18

Acts
5:26-32
Psalm
150
Revelation
1:4-8
John
20:19-31

Acts
9:1-6
Psalm
30
Revelation
5:11-14
John
21:1-19

John Boden
Averette Culver

John Griffing
David Stratford

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Averette Culver
John Griffing

Jane Ellis
John Boden

John Boden
Diane Petoskey

ACOLYTES

David Stratford
Barbara MacNeil
Nancy Storey
Hannah Grimley

Finn Youberg
Nathan Lucas
Averette Culver
Nathan Lucas

David Stratford
Leon Mayberry
Amy Reyes
Hannah Grimley

John Griffing
Barbara MacNeil
Averette Culver
Nathan Lucas

Finn Youberg
Mark MacNeil
Nancy Storey
Hannah Grimley

Ann Woll
Tricia Briska
Alice Lane

Virginia MacKinnon
Kim Grimley
Flash Gordon

LECTORS / INTERCESSORS

Hannah Grimley
Jack Grimley
Kim Grimley

Kim Grimley
Brad Wilson
Susan Drinkwater

Bob Brownlie
Tricia Briska
Cathy Griffing

Chip Wood
Janet Wood

Freida Palmer
Carol Stark

USHERS/GREETERS

Flash Gordon
Leo Cyr

Mike Lane
Alice Lane

Flash Gordon
Leo Cyr

Patsy May
Tricia Briska

Rosemary Spain
Lucy Daniel

OBLATIONERS

Janet Penniman
Ann Merrifield

Betty Neville
Carol Stark

Patsy May
Tricia Briska

Alice Davis

Angie Dufort

NURSERY MINISTRY

Sarah Backus

Lindsey Hutto

Erin Currie

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

ALTAR GUILD

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

1st Sunday

Team 11
E. Currie
A. Dufort
S. Gilchrist
A. Lane
J. & L. Youberg

Team 1
S. Backus
M. McMahon
A. Merrifield
F. Palmer
J. Penniman

COFFEE HOUR

**Easter
Brunch**
Please See
Sign-Up Sheet

Team 2
C. Boden
B. Cyr
J. Holmes
G. McDaniel
P. Wilson

Team 4
B. Allen, D. Arnold
L. Brown.
L. Daniel
J. Gibson
C. Stark

**We are happy to reimburse Coffee Hour expenses.
Please submit your receipts to the office for reimbursement,
or we can apply to your account as a non-cash, tax-deductible contribution.**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~ April 2019

Refer to insert for Palm Sunday – Saturday Easter Vigil Worship Assistant Schedule

Wednesday, April 3	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Don Johnson	Lector: Bob Menzer
Sunday, April 7	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite One	
Wednesday, April 10	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: David Stratford	Lector: Kim Grimley
Sunday, April 14	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite Two	
Monday, April 15	12:00 p.m.	Holy Monday Holy Eucharist Rite One Chalice: David Stratford	Lector: Kim Grimley
Tuesday, April 16	12:00 p.m.	Holy Tuesday: Holy Eucharist Rite One Chalice: Don Johnson	Lector: D Thompson
Wednesday, April 17	12:00 p.m.	Holy Wednesday: Holy Eucharist Rite One Chalice: Averette Culver	Lector: Bob Menzer
Thursday, April 18	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist Rite Two	
	7:00 p.m. thru 12:00 p.m.	Watch at the Altar of Repose Friday, April 19	
Friday, April 19	12:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.	Good Friday Holy Eucharist Rite Two	
Saturday, April 20	7:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Holy Eucharist Rite Two	
Sunday, April 21	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite Two	
Wednesday, April 24	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: Averette Culver	Lector: D. Thompson
Sunday, April 28	10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite Two	
Wednesday, May 1	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Chalice: John Griffing	Lector: Bob Menzer
Sunday, May 5	10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite One	

PRAYER LIST

April Birthdays: 4/3 Tricia Briska, 4/5: Brenda Lawrence, 4/6 Lonnie Lorren, 4/9 Matt Wood, Carol Boden, 4/10 Nicole Ellis, 4/11 Norman Richards, 4/14 Sara Lee Menzer, 4/16 Judy Holmes, 4/17 Gordon Gibson, 4/18 Janet Wood, 4/19 Sterling Miller, Reagan Caruso, 4/23 Stephen Crume, 4/24 Danny Mickelson, 4/25 Allen Penniman, 4/26 Beth Cyr, 4/28 Greg Leavitt, 4/29 Jim Arnold, Mary Poss, 4/30 David Macy

April Anniversaries: 4/18 Jay & Julie Smith, Tim & Sarah Backus, 4/25: Bud & Mary Newbill

Pray for Healing: Lonnie Barlow, Stephen Barona, Katherine Bishop, Alan Bunt, Martha Bunt, Tammy Cantrell, Penny Carter, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Paul Considine, Sky Currie, Marzell Ellis, Shirley Fisher, Ed Gilchrist, Bob Gomolka, Phyllis Ham, Clauzell Holloway, Mary Howard, Josephina Jimenez, Olivia Keene, Nicole Kostic, Coley & Greg Leavitt, Cindy Massey, Liza McKee, Nathan & Noah, Edward Nimnicht, Camelia Noblin, Bob Ogden, Jessica Ogden, K.K. Owen, Ella Rasmussen, Leon Starr, Mary Stine, Carol Trimble, Josh Wiggins, Pat Wilson, Jay Wyrosdick

Pray for the Departed: Danny Bryan, Melany Turner, Michael Christoforo, Ted Arey, Connor Wood

Pray for Active Duty Military: Martin Bunt, Michael Christiansen, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Daniel Lane, Bryan Lucas, Kenneth Marshall, Tyler Mathews, Shane Murtha, Anthony Olson, Josh Payne, Dylan Price, Jason Pritchett, Ryan Schuler, Karri Styron, T.J. Teicher, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski



Please help us fill our Easter Eggs for the Annual St. Francis Easter Egg Hunt after church on Sunday, April 21. Donations can be left in the office. Thank you!

NOAH'S NURSERY

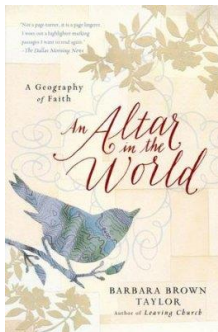


Birth-Kindergarten (age 0-5) meets in the nursery during the church service. "Busy Bags" are in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those children attending church.

April Nursery Assistants

9:45 a.m. til Communion

April 7	Alice Davis
April 14	Angie Dufort
April 21	Sarah Backus
April 28	Lindsey Hutto
May 5	Erin Currie



Our St. Francis Readers have chosen *AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD* by Barbara Brown Taylor for our April 15 meeting. We will meet in the library at 11:00 a.m. The author, who is an Episcopal priest, presently teaches world religions in a Georgia college, describes 18 practices of which she says "...helps me live with my longing for More." She is known and renowned for her sermons as well as for her writing and teaching. All who have read the book have felt it very inspirational.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN ED HAS RESUMED!

All K-5th grade children who wish to participate in children's education will follow a second crucifer from the church during the sequence hymn and prior to the reading of the Gospel on Sundays to children's christian ed. Children will return to the church prior to communion.



ST. FRANCIS' ECW ELECTS OFFICERS

At the March 2019 meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), the following women were elected to two-year terms as: Co-Presidents Beth Cyr & Gay McDaniel; Co-Vice Presidents Carol Boden & Judy Holmes; Treasurer Janet Wood; Secretary Mary Jo Mann. The ECW Vestry Liaison is Helen Laucella. The ECW meets the second Saturday of each month. All women of St. Francis are welcome. The next meeting is Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m.. in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments are served.



WOMEN'S FUN LUNCH DAY

We are having a Women's Fun Lunch Day on May 11, 2019 after the 9:00 a.m. ECW Meeting! The Fun Lunch starts at 10:30 a.m. Paint a flower pot and enjoy a delicious lunch box with Jo's Chicken Salad, sesame seed bread, fresh fruit and bread pudding. This is a wonderful way to become better acquainted with your fellow parishioners.

All women are invited, and the cost is \$15.00. To sign up call Beth at 449-1444 or Gay at 450-1437.

DO YOU KNOW CATHY PETERMAN?



I and my twin Sister, Christine, were born in Pensacola; where she still lives. We were baptized at the Greek church in May 1934, but after the priest died, my family and I began worshipping at Christ Church, Pensacola, where I was confirmed and later married.

From 1955-1960, I lived in Gainesville, Florida while my husband, Pete, earned a degree in architecture. I had previously worked numerous jobs but while in Gainesville, I earned a degree in P.H.T. (Pushing Husband Through!). Our son, Brad, was born in 1960 in Winter Haven, Florida.

After my divorce in 1963, I moved to Gulf Breeze where my brother Dimitri Constantine and his wife and daughter lived. In those days for local mail to reach me, one only had to write my name and the city and state (no street name, number or zip code) on an envelope for mail to reach me. From 1964-1990 (26 years), I worked for the City of Gulf Breeze.

I became a member of St. Francis in 1964; 55 years ago! Some of my close friendships have been with Alice Davis, Rita Bogan, Steve Hogg's (Helen Laucella's father) parents and Jean & Dick MacNeil. Jean and Dick are Brad's godparents. I served on the Altar Guild with Sarah Gray, Mary Smart and Martha Bunt and joined the choir around 1974.

I remember an unusual Christmas Eve in 1978 when the temperature was only 17 degrees. I came to St. Francis at 10 p.m. to sing with the choir prior to the midnight candlelight service and I was also the only minister that showed up to assist Fr. Mark Di Cristina at the Altar. After the service, I cleaned the altar and prepared for the Christmas service the following day. Fr. Mark helped me by vacuuming the church! On the way home, I saw that half the lights were out on Pensacola Beach (where I had built a home and lived for 30 years). I turned around and stayed with friends in Gulf Breeze that sub-freezing Christmas Eve and didn't get to bed until 2 a.m.!

Last summer, I and eleven other family members traveled to Greece to visit with cousins; some of whom I had never met. From Athens, we took a two-hour bus ride and then a four-hour ride on a Ferry from Athens to Skopelos Island where my father was born and the location for the movie *Mama Mia!* starring Meryl Streep and Amanda Seyfried. I swam in the crystal clear, blue Aegean Sea where the beaches are covered with beautiful, multi-colored pebbles instead of sand.

The photo above is of a post card from 1955 when I was one of the Maids of Paper during the Fiesta of Five Flags Celebration. All the beauty queens were wearing paper bathing suits made by St. Regis Paper Mill as a promotional gimmick.

I like to quote an old saying "Don't regret growing old; it's a privilege denied to many." I feel very blessed. Thanks be to God!

ECW OUTREACH TO WOMEN VETERANS



St. Francis's ECW has created bounteous baskets of household and kitchen supplies for women veterans who will be leaving the Pathways for Change Cox Clinton Residence to set up their own apartments.

What is the Pathways for Change Clinton Cox Residence? Pathways for Change works with women veterans to successfully help them move through the intricacies of transitioning from military service back to civilian life. Clients spend a few months at the Clinton Cox Residence where they are offered services to help them determine the best option for permanent housing, save money, research options in the work world or the educational world. Each veteran pays 30% of her monthly income as rent and receives her own suite with bathroom, and all utilities and Wi-Fi are included. A community kitchen, living room, and laundry room are shared by all veterans. The program is recognized by the VA as a GPD grant recipient.



LENTEN SUPPER AND PROGRAM:

Last Two Suppers: April 3 & 10

5:30 p.m. Evening prayer, 6 p.m. Light Supper,

6:30 p.m. Speaker Begins

Please call the office for more information.

Fr. Tim is presenting at the April 3 supper and Bishop Russell Kendrick is presenting at the April 10 supper. Learn how to be a part of the Episcopal Church's branch of the Jesus movement. Learn how we can abide in Christ and live the way of His love.



2019 TAIZÉ IN THE ATRIUM LENTEN SERIES

For the sixth consecutive year, the St. Francis Taizé Ensemble will present a Taizé service during Lent. The services are on April 6 and 13. Taizé is held in the Atrium at 5 p.m. on Saturday evenings. This form of worship encourages contemplative thought by alternating brief interludes of music, repetitive prayer, silence and meditation. Taizé is intended to be brief (30 minutes) and deeply inspirational.

The service draws its strength from the simple, powerful phrases used to aid in meditation. The music is unpretentious. The songs resemble chants more than complex songs. This simplicity allows participants to focus on the spiritual meaning of the music. The services will feature the St. Francis Taizé Ensemble led by Cathy Griffing and guest musicians from our parish and the community.

Taizé is held in the church Atrium which looks out on the serenely beautiful Gardens of St. Clare, which enhance the spiritual effect of the service. When the service ends, attendees leave with a sense renewal and revitalization.



Please join us on Friday's during Lent (remaining services are on April 5 & 12) at 5:30 p.m. as we "walk" the stations of the cross in the church with meditation, reflection, readings and prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

	2/19	YTD	YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
Pledged Offerings	\$18,351	\$42,302	\$37,922	\$227,532
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 1,426	\$ 3,656	\$ 4,300	\$ 25,800
Previous Year Pledge	\$ -0-	\$ 600	-0-	-0-
Other Income	\$ 2,550	\$ 3,221	\$ 2,992	17,950
Total Income	\$22,327	\$49,779	\$ 45,284	\$271,282
Expenses	\$24,154	\$ 44,434	\$ 46,021	\$276,126
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 1,827)	\$ 5,345	(\$ (807)	(\$ 4,844)
Non-budgeted Income/Expense	(\$ 505)	(\$ 48)	\$ 1,550	\$ 9,300
Total Net Income	(\$ 2,332)	\$ 5,297	(\$ 74)	(\$ 444)
Support of Diocese	\$ 1,582	\$ 3,725	\$3,378	\$ 20,267
Checking/Savings/Investments	\$35,760 (includes \$18,580 ECW funds)			
Endowment Fund	\$217,069 (statement balance as of 02/28/19)			

February's total income is \$22,327 and expenses are \$24,659 resulting in **\$2,332** negative net income.

February's pledge offerings are \$18,351, which is **\$610** under budget and open plate offerings are \$1,426 which is **\$724** under budget. For the first two months of 2019, expenses are \$44,434, which is \$1,587 under budget.

The February financial statements are posted on the bulletin board for your review. If you would like a copy, please ask Chris in the office.

Leon J. Mayberry, Treasurer



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 PARISH SUPPER

Our guest speaker will be Professor Lisa H. Sims from Pensacola State College. Prof. Sims' topic is "Stone Age Solutions to Modern Problems: Lessons from our Ancestors for Handling Stress". From human genesis until less than 10,000 years ago, all humans lived in hunting-gathering bands. Today's modern lifestyle is so different from the original lifestyle blue-print that feelings of extreme fatigue, isolation, and even extreme loneliness are commonplace. Prof. Sims will look into our distant past for solutions to relieve our stress and anxiety.

The entrées are your choice of: Chicken Enchilada with Vegetable Medley; Salisbury Steak (Mashed Potatoes); and, Vegetarian Spinach Enchilada. Each entrée will be served with Sensational Salad and bread, and the dessert is Fudge Brownies. Tea and lemonade are available. The price is \$8.00 per person. You may bring wine to the Parish Supper if you wish.

Tickets will be available in the Parish Office from April 15 to April 22, or in the Atrium before and after services on Sunday, April 14 and 21.

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YOUR 2019 VESTRY

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John Boden

Kim Girylyuk

Kim Grimley

John Petoskey

Rosemary Spain

Carol Stark

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McGee Lorren, Financial Consultant

St. Francis' Staff

The Rev. Tim Backus, Rector

Cathy Griffing, Organist and Choirmaster

Bill Lucas, Sexton

Chris Miller, Parish Administrator