“Find the lost; Heal the broken;
Celebrate God’s love for all.”
Holy Eucharist – Sundays at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 5:00 pm
Weekly Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole, Bishop of East Tennessee
The Rev. Louisa Parsons, Rector
The Rev. Josh Weaver, Deacon
Marie Sugrue, Parish Administrator
Charles Nix, Evening Music Coordinator
Kirsten Herzog, Children’s Music Ministry
Pam Early, Nursery Minister

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Lenora Corbin, Clerk
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It’s hard to believe another Christmas Season is ending and a new year has begun. As time somehow appears to gain speed, we hope you’ll stop by St. Francis to take a breath and replenish as we seek God’s hope and peace found in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our regular Sunday services with Holy Communion are at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. and our Wednesday Bible Study resumes Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm. There are many times throughout the year we have additional opportunities to gather in worship, study and fellowship. You can stay in the loop through our weekly email updates, our Facebook page, website, and sign out front.

All are welcome here at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church and we hope to see you in 2019!

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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

*Romans 15:13*
Message from our Rector

What an amazing year we at St. Francis enjoyed in 2018! From joining in the building and dedicating of the first Interfaith Habitat Home in the Chattanooga area to the ordination and welcoming of our new Deacon, Josh Weaver, we have had much to celebrate. Other undertakings on which we embarked were joining with Episcopal Youth from around our area to go on a Mission Trip to Heifer Ranch in June and the addition of summer food box deliveries to several of the families who receive Sack Packs during the school year.

Our campus is being used by more groups as All Saints has become a regular spot for several groups in the wider community to do day retreats, and we have added two nights of Yoga classes at Katie Hall Activity Center. With an incredible outpouring of support, we were able to replace our HVAC unit in the Nave and have funds towards the anticipated future replacement of the HVAC unit for the office/classroom side of the building.

After spending intentional time in 2017 with a series of Cottage Meetings to discuss our parish mission, how we are serving the community, and how we hope to continue reaching out to our neighbors, we entered the Feasibility Study Phase with Episcopal Church Foundation in Fall 2018. On December 9, we heard the results of that Study from Consultant Sarah Leach and have made those results available to the entire parish. Your Vestry will begin 2019 on Retreat with our Bishop Brian Cole to pray and reflect on these results and to look to where the Holy Spirit is leading us in the year ahead.
Now we enter into a New Year filled with hope of exciting opportunities for St. Francis. In October a group from St. Francis attended the Invite, Welcome, Connect Workshop offered by our Diocese. That group is intentionally working on ways we can better engage with many in our growing community who have yet to find a church home. We can all begin helping with these connections by sharing with and inviting others to come and see the only church in the Ooltewah/Collegedale area that offers Holy Communion every week.

In this season of making resolutions for the New Year, let us include a resolution for a deeper commitment to this parish family. God created us as individuals who need one another including the one who was fully human as well as fully Divine, Jesus the Christ. When we gather together, our offerings of worship, of care, and of service are amplified and multiplied by the grace of God. Let us all resolve to live more deeply into our call to: Find the Lost; Heal the Broken; Celebrate God’s Love for All.

May blessings abound for us all in 2019.

Lou †
The St. Francis Annual Vestry Retreat is scheduled for January 11-12. This retreat includes the new class of our Vestry as well as the outgoing class and gives the group an opportunity to talk about the past year and plan for the future, including the recent Feasibility Study.

If anyone in our St. Francis Family has input on the Feasibility Study they’ve not yet shared, but would like to be considered, please contact any member of our Vestry by January 9th.

As we wrap up 2018 and look forward to the new year, we want to thank all who serve this Parish we love. If you’d like to volunteer in one of the ministries we have or if you have questions about the opportunities to serve, please speak to any member of our Vestry, our Rector (Lou Parsons), or simply contact the office at (423) 238-87708 or sfaec@comcast.net.

Happy New Year!
As a thank you gift to the parish of St. Francis
The Rev. Lou Parsons cordially invites you to an

**Epiphany Season Open House**
**Friday, January 25  ♦  6:30 - 8:30 pm**

8321 Georgetown Bay Drive, Ooltewah, TN  37363

RSVP on the Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex, at sfaec@comcast.net, or call (423) 238-7708 .

*(Please no gifts.)*
What a wonderful Nativity Play our Youth and Children performed for the congregation on Sunday, December 16! Under the leadership of our Children’s Music Minister, Kirsten Herzog, the church rang out with the enactment of the story of Jesus’ birth and singing hymns celebrating the Christ Child.
Over the Christmas break, many generous people have brought pet food donations for the Youth to share with one of local shelters. We will be making a trip to deliver these donations in person.

On Sunday, January 13, 5:00-7:00 pm, St. Peter’s Youth Group has invited us to join them for a service project at Calasted Foundation, 3701 Cherryton Dr, Chattanooga, TN 37411. Calasted Foundation is a non-profit assisted living facility for low-income older adults. We will serve dinner and spend time with the residents.

Our Youth are also invited to participate in an Interfaith Youth Event at Mizpah Congregation on Sunday, January 27, 12:30–2:15 pm. A pizza lunch will be provided for all who are able to come. Organizers are hoping that Youth from the many denominations represented in our area will be part of this special offering and conversation. Watch for more details in our Friday’s e-mails and Sunday announcements.

Looking forward to an exciting start to 2019 with you all,

Lou ♠

Congratulations to Jackson Love for receiving the 2018 Governor’s Volunteer Star Award for Hamilton County!

Jackson started volunteering at the Humane Educational Society in January 2018 and has been a regular there ever since. He can be found walking dogs, working with them in the play yards, and volunteering at numerous events.

“What makes Jackson unique is he always has a smile on his face and is happy to help with whatever is needed. Even if that means poop scooping or unloading donations. He is simply a joy to work with and just an impressive young man!”

Jackson will receive his award on February 10 in Franklin, TN. We’re so proud of you, Jackson!
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Christmas Poinsettias
Given in Memory and Thanksgiving

Mary Beth Hudson          Kaye Willis
Rocky Hudson              Wallace Hudson
Dentzel & Kathy Landstreet In honor of our parents
Ross & Patti Malone       In thanksgiving for family & friends
Ché A. Mason              Dorothy L. Sims and Mary E. Mason
Suzanne McKenzie          In loving memory of Anna & Thomas McKenzie, Tom McKenzie, Charles and John Park
Gay & Sandy Moore         In thanksgiving for Lou Parsons
                           In thanksgiving for Bryan, Melanie, Cecilia, & Matt
Carol Morton              Our parents
Elaine Peters-Gannon      In thanksgiving for my children, family and friends
Lou Parsons               In thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, and people of St. Francis
Wally & Shelia Reynolds   Finding the right church
Nancy Socha               For St. Francis
Marie Sugrue              In thanksgiving for my parents, Chuck & Betsy Carpenter
Erik Zeliski              Patricia Zeliski
Below is a note sent out to those who partnered with Metropolitan Ministries in the past year, including St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church.

I wanted to thank each of you for your love and commitment to our clients.

Collectively, you have supported 1,082 households:

- 1,571 adults
- 704 children
- 1236 boxes of food

You have invested over 2,000 hours of your time.

Thank you again and God bless you,
Craig Kellogg

1112 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37404
www.met-min.org
Stewardship

Thank you to the 55 families and parishioners who responded to our 2019 Pledge Drive! So far we’ve received a 5% increase in pledge commitments over 2018 for which we are truly grateful.

We’re hoping to wrap up our Pledge Drive as soon as possible so that we can set our budget for the year. If you have not yet sent us your 2019 Commitment Card, please do so as soon as possible. You may drop it by the church or mail it confidentially to the attention of our Treasurer, Shelia Crane.

“We give thanks to God for all of you.”
1Thessalonians 1:2

Out-to-Lunch Group
Wednesday, January 9 @ 11:30 a.m.
All are invited! Dutch Treat.

The Chop House is located at 2011 Gunbarrel Rd.

Please sign-up in the Narthex by Jan. 7.
Questions? Contact Nancy Socha at 423-910-0558.
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*All Nations Seventh-Day Adventist Congregation will be using our Church and classrooms on Saturday this weekend from 10:00 to 1:00.*
Birthdays & Anniversaries

**January:**

1- Gary Morton  
3- Chris Armstrong  
8 – Marcia Birdsall  
11- David Rose  
14- Jeff Wilson, Bill & Pat Allen’s Anniversary  
16- Curtis Baggett  
18- Tim Parkes  
21 - John Croteau  
24- Ed & Becky McCoy’s Anniversary  
27 – Joe Greenwell  
28 - Dexter Cantelou  
31- Arline Caliger

**February:**

3 - Gordon Moore  
4 - Jeff Pursley  
8 - Irma Herzog  
16 - Pat Asendorf  
17 - Gerald Sniff  
20 - Lenora Corbin  
23 - Elaine Peters-Gannon  
25 - John Du Ban  
26- Cindy Morgan

*If you’d like us to include your birthday and/or anniversary, please let us know: sfaec@comcast.net or (423) 238-7708.*
Our Annual Soup Drive begins January 6 leading up to the Super Bowl Game February 3. We will be collecting non-perishable soup to help stock the food pantry at Samaritan Center.

Please bring in canned or dried soup January 6 through February 3. Thank you!

DEADLINE for the February Hoot is January 21. Please email articles to sfaec@comcast.net.