“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  
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Charles Nix, Evening Music Coordinator  
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Pam Early, Nursery Minister

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Welcome to the February Issue of the Hoot Newsletter and thank you for taking a few moments to check us out.

Inside are articles and announcements on a variety of topics we think you’ll find of interest. St. Francis offers many opportunities to be involved in our worship, outreach, study, and fellowship activities here at our Church and also within the Diocese.

We keep in touch with our parish and friends through our monthly Hoot Newsletters, our Facebook page, website at www.sfaec.org, weekly emails, Sunday bulletin announcements, and our digital sign out front. If you would like to be included in any of our written communications, please contact us at sfaec@comcast.net or (423) 238-7708.

All are welcome at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church!

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“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. “

1 John 4:16
O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and may also have the grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer p 231)

Just the other day, there was a story on the radio stating: this is the day (January 17) that most people no longer continue on whatever exercise or better lifestyle plan they set for themselves as a New Year’s Resolution for 2019. In fact, January 17 is known in social media as “Ditch New Year’s Resolutions Day”. Some may be faithfully striving to honor goals they set, while others of us are mentally chastising ourselves for the failure to follow through on what we tried to commit to doing. Less than a month into 2019, the ways we have not honored those goals may play louder in our mind than the ways in which we have succeeded.

I confess that my goal to get better control of the mounds of paper that surround me has been less successful than planned. Three days before welcoming the parish to my home, the stacks of articles, professional correspondence and personal correspondence are still overwhelming. The part of the confession asking forgiveness for “what we have left undone” always convicts and at times I fear that I will never improve at this task.

Yet, it is confession which truly helps us when we are “less than” we hope to be. For in confessing our failings, we own our need for help, true help from our God. Sometimes our lack of follow through comes from setting goals that are not the goals on which we ought to be focusing, while other times this breakdown may center in our failing to invite and allow God’s help and guidance. Wherever and whenever we are pondering new practices or improved choices, using the collect for the Sunday closest to July 13 (printed above) is vital.
We, as a congregation entering a new year, have many ways we serve God and neighbor. While we continue to look out to the wider community to address needs, we also want to be looking at ways to invite others into this community as part of our service to others. Each of us can use the prayer above as a daily prayer, not only in our individual lives but also in our corporate life as the St. Francis of Assisi parish family. Let this be our guiding prayer throughout 2019.

May our Loving God grant us wisdom and insight to know what we ought to do, and the grace and strength to accomplish the goals into which our Lord is leading us.

Lou ♠

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Pancake Supper - Chief Cook Needed

For over a decade, Kathy Landstreet, with the help of her husband, Dentzel, has faithfully organized and led a great group of cooks and servers for our Annual Pancake Supper the night before Ash Wednesday. We are truly blessed by her leadership and wonderful cooking skills she shares so generously with us. This year, Kathy has asked to focus on the Annual Agape Meal, a part of our Maundy Thursday offering, and is stepping away from doing the Pancake Supper.

At this moment, we have no one to lead this offering for St. Francis which would take place this year on Tuesday, March 5. Please prayerfully consider if you are so called to step in or if there is another person we might ask to lead this important offering to our parish and community. Time is of the essence.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Kathy & Dentzel, for all your faithful service!
Our Annual Soup Drive has begun and runs through February 3.

We are collecting non-perishable soup to help stock the food pantry at Samaritan Center.

Thank you!

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Notes from the January 2019 Vestry Meeting:

- The Vestry had a productive retreat with our Bishop and out of this retreat came an exciting alternative about our building and it’s going back to the planning committee for review. The proposed alternative offers a more realistic cost estimate. More details to come in the next thirty days.

- We elected new officers as follows:
  
  Sr. Warden - Mike Bowland  
  Jr. Warden - Joan Rose  
  Treasurer - Sheila Crane  
  Clerk - Lenora Corbin

- The Finance Committee is developing the 2019 budget. If you have not yet turned in your pledge form, please consider doing so as we finalize our budget.

- The next Vestry Meeting is Feb. 25 at 6:15 pm. All are welcome.
Several weeks ago, our youth put out a call requesting food donations for the homeless animals at the Humane Educational Society in Chattanooga. January 20th, we gathered the large pile of dog and cat food donated by the generous members of our congregation and were off to the shelter. We had our picture made with Director, Bob Citrillo, and we took a tour of the facility, interacting with some of the MANY animals along our way. We learned about the mission of the shelter and how we can help.

Volunteerism at the shelter is crucial as staff are small in number and there are literally hundreds of animals, some with serious medical issues. We now know that spaying and neutering our animals help reduce the euthanasia rate (over one million pets nationwide every year). We also learned that there are many perfectly healthy and affectionate animals available for adoption at the shelter.

We are grateful for this opportunity to see how the homeless animals in our area live until they find their forever homes and we were able to meet many of the kind humans who care for them.
Brochures can be found in the Narthex or visit www.stpaulschatt.org/faith-formation/thorne-sparkman/
STEWARDSHIP

The last few months has shown a wide array of giving by the church community. With Christmas arriving on a Tuesday, we opened our doors for worship on three straight days. I’m sure Lou will be eager to wait a few years for that to happen again!

We had our annual stewardship campaign and number of pledges AND dollars pledged exceeded 2018. Our Vestry is currently using this information to develop a sound budget for the coming year that will enable us to continue our good work.

Based on commitments provided, the Vestry and Planning Committee are able to begin work on the next step in our physical growth plan. And last Sunday our youth volunteered and brought your donations down to the Humane Educational Society.

2019 is going to be an eventful year as we continue to give back to our community and help spread the good word through our actions. Thank you for all you do, big and small, out front and behind the scenes, to support our work. It takes everyone to make St. Francis great.

Deris Bagli
Out-to-Lunch Group
Wednesday, February 13 @ 11:30 a.m.
All are invited! Dutch Treat.

Located at 2084 Hamilton Place Blvd.

Please sign-up in the Narthex by Feb. 11.
Questions? Contact Nancy at 423-910-0558.

Lunch Pals
1st Tuesday of Every Month @ 12:30
St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

Bring your lunch and join the group for fellowship and good conversation.

All are welcome!
Your financial support helped MetMin impact 1,251 more people this year.

During 2018, MetMin impacted:

- 2,217 people with housing costs
- 1,330 people with water and sewer bills
- 2,830 people with electric bills
- 4,784 people with food costs
- 678 people with other emergency costs

Volunteers gave at least 5,216 hours of their time, saving $125,194 in overhead costs!

1,687 more people received supportive services this year and MetMin added 6 new on-site community partners.

Hospitality and Hope

Before we provide services, MetMin addresses our guests' most immediate need: hunger. Thanks to Panera Bread's Dough Nation program, we serve our guests a light breakfast every morning. Panera donated $15,216 in pastries and breads this year!

We're also grateful to the churches who generously provide breakfast Christmas parties in December and warm breakfasts during the year.

Learn how you can help at Met-Min.org
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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

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

March:
3 - Becky Woodeson Pelfrey
5 - Gerry Rouser
7 - Kirill Sniff
10 - Linda Swift
11 - Abby Worlen
12 - Dan Crane
13 - Melissa Howell, JoAnn Sawyer
14 - Jeannie Snyder, Paul Williams
16 - Sue Bagli
18 - Paul Johnson III
19 - Malcolm Bowden, Lucretia Callen
21 - Gary & Carol Morton’s Anniversary
24 - Bo Armstrong
27 - Kevin & Linda Sneary’s Anniversary
30 - Clay Hall, Peter Ceren
31 - Bill Allen, Hannah Bagli

If you’d like us to include your birthday and/or anniversary, please let us know: sfaec@comcast.net or (423) 238-7708.
March 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday Services
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Ashes-To-Go
8:00 to 8:45 am & 3:15 to 4:00 pm

The Rev. Lou Parsons will be down by our sign weather permitting

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Please email articles to sfaec@comcast.net.