“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
Melissa Howell, Seminarian
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

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Greetings from St. Francis. We’re glad you’re taking a moment to check out our March Issue of The Hoot Newsletter.

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner, March 6, and therefore we’ve included announcements on our special services and other opportunities to gather for reflection and worship during the Lenten Season. All are welcome here at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church and we invite you to join us at any of our services and gatherings.

You’ll also find up-to-date information on our website, www.sfaec.org, as well as our Facebook Page. If you’d like to be included in our weekly email updates, just let us know at (423) 238-7708 or sfaec@comcast.net.

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On behalf of St. Francis and our friends at Samaritan Center, thank you for giving so generously to our Annual Soup Drive. We’re happy to report that we collected 288 items to help feed those in our community.
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

On the week that he returned from visiting Coventry Cathedral in England, our Bishop, Brian Cole, came for his annual visitation with St. Francis parish. It was here that Bishop Cole introduced us and the Diocese to the Diocesan focus of Reconciling All Things in Christ. This call, taken from 2 Corinthians - Chapter 5, was the focus of this year’s Diocesan Convention as we spent time in table conversation and heard from eight different speakers about the work of Reconciliation in their lives.

Inspired by the work of the Community of the Cross of Nails based out of Coventry Cathedral, The Reverend Robert Childers led our parish through a brief history and introduction to the international call of Reconciliation practiced by that community at our Annual Pre-Advent Dinner. At that dinner he shared with us materials from Community Cross of Nails including a liturgy from the Church of England.

Meanwhile, Suzy Baggett decided to engage Christ’s work of reconciliation between God and humankind by exploring the 14 Stations of the Cross in oil painting. Her husband, Curtis, joined with his reflections on each of these Stations. Bill Allen has constructed wooden frames for each of these Stations that will hang in our Nave / Parish Hall throughout the Season of Lent.

This year, we will offer many ways for us as a community to focus on Reconciliation for the Season of Lent. Already the Diocese is posting daily one of the talks of personal experience of Reconciliation. Kat Cantelou, who grew up at St. Francis, is one of the eight speakers featured. You may view those videos on the Episcopal Church in East Tennessee Facebook Page.
Here at St. Francis, we will be using an adaptation of the daily noonday Eucharist used at Coventry Cathedral for our Sunday worship. Every Wednesday, March 13 - April 17, we will walk the Stations of the Cross using Suzy’s oil paintings starting at 6 pm. Throughout the week, Curtis’ meditations will be available in the Narthex so that one can walk and meditate on these Stations.

Each Sunday night, March 10 - April 7 we will have a simple soup supper and conversation around Ways to Pray with or without words, and with action. This study is being led by our Seminarian, Melissa Howell.

For those who appreciate daily meditations, there are copies of Forward Day by Day in the Narthex, or these can be accessed on line at: https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/daily_readings_anytime.php

Episcopal Relief & Development meditations for Lent are also available in the Narthex or can be delivered to your inbox by going to: https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent

Join the practice of daily prayer using Mission St. Clare by app or at: http://www.missionstclare.com/english/

Finally, for those who enjoy lively competition while learning more about the people who have influenced Christianity enough to be specifically remembered by the Church, Forward Day by Day invites us to the 10th Annual Lent Madness at: http://www.lentmadness.org/

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, come and be a part of this intentional Lenten time of worship, prayer and study. Be renewed by the Spirit of Christ who became one with us that we might be one with each other and with God.

Lou †
Stewardship . . .

Here we are mid to late February and based on projections we should be about 8 inches of rain deeper than we were last week. To some of us it is a nuisance going in and out in the weather all day. Getting kids off to school in the morning with rain and flooding. Do we ever take the time to think of the impact it may have on our neighbors?

There may be shut-ins or seniors that have a hard time getting out in this weather. Perhaps we can stop at the store and pick up a few things for them. Or how about the single mom who is trying to run between work, kids at school, and after school activities? Often times we are so busy in our own lives we forget to check on the rest of our extended family or neighbors.

Let’s try to take a few extra minutes and think of one person for whom we could do a small task that may make a big impact on their day. Remember our time here is short and we are here to do God’s will and share the Love of Christ with all we meet.

Stewardship … It’s not a season, it’s a way of life.

Greg Love
Lent 2019

Dear Friends of St. Francis,

Thank you for helping to make St. Francis a place where all persons are encouraged to discover what we love and to share it … even if the efforts are fledgling and hesitant! That would be me daring to play the harp on Sunday evenings for the 5:00 worship service! Not only are any wrong notes cheerfully overlooked as “improvisation”, I received an unexpected Christmas gift! I look forward to using it toward a harp workshop this summer. Thank you for your generosity!

A year ago during the Lenten season, Bill Allen suggested that maybe it was time to “reconsider” painting Stations of the Cross. He offered to make the frames if I would “bring some color.” The seed was planted, watered, and has grown over this past year. As Bill has been building frames and I have been painting images, Curtis has been reflecting with words. Our dreams and efforts have come together to share anew those moments of Jesus’ painful sacrifice, courage and love on that last day of His earthly life.

Thank you for accepting this offering of a new series of 14 framed Stations of the Cross and accompanying reflections. May we all be reminded as we walk these steps with Jesus on His journey that when all hope seems to be lost and darkness overwhelms, we are not alone.

And finally, thank you dear friends of St. Francis for welcoming all who come and for embracing what we dare to dream.

Thanks be to God!
Suzy Baggett
Ms. Kirsten continues to work with our children as they learn new songs and explore the use of percussion instruments. They will be meeting on Sunday, February 24, at 9 am in the Children’s Room to learn about the Lord’s Prayer as well as music.

On Sunday, March 10, during the 10 am service, the children will sing for the congregation. Please be sure to join us for this celebratory offering from our younger members.

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Our next ChattEY gathering is on Sunday, February 24, at St. Paul's Chattanooga from 5 – 7 pm. Lou† will meet anyone who needs a ride from St. Francis at 4:15 pm to drive them and then have them back at church at 7:40 pm.

Looking ahead, we will be gathering after the 10 am service on Sunday March 3 to help prepare the ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday using last year’s palms from Palm Sunday. As we do this, we will talk about possible Lenten projects and practices. We will also set a day for a movie outing in March at that gathering.

Come and be a part of our Youth offerings for grades 6 – 12.
Simple Soup Supper & Lenten Study: “Ways to Pray”

Sundays at 6:00 pm beginning March 10 and running through April 7

Week 1 - March 10  Introduction and Forms of Prayer
Week 2 - March 17  Praying With Scripture
Week 3 - March 24  Praying With the Book of Common Prayer
Week 4 - March 31  Praying Without Words (or With Very Few Words!)
Week 5 - April 7    Praying Through Action, Movement, and Creativity

If you’d like to help provide soup one Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you!
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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.*
March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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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 to include your birthday or anniversary, let us know: sfaec@comcast.net or (423) 238-7708.

Out-to-Lunch Group
Wednesday, March 13 @ 11:30
All are invited! Dutch Treat.

Countryside Cafe
8223 Mahan Gap Rd., Ooltewah

Walk In Love Shoe Collection
March 7 through April 18, 2019

We are accepting donations of New or Nearly New Men’s Walking Shoes (larger sizes are needed), Women’s Walking Shoes, New Socks and other foot care products. These items will be blessed Maundy Thursday, April 18, at the 7:00 p.m. liturgy.

There will be a bin by our front door for donations. For more information, please contact us at (423) 238-7708 or sfaec@comcast.net.

DEADLINE for the April Hoot is March 25. Please email articles to sfaec@comcast.net.