“Find the lost; Heal the broken; Celebrate God’s love for all.”
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Episcopal Church

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It’s hard to believe that Summer is upon us and that the Celebration of Pentecost is just around the corner! Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, June 9, The Day of Pentecost and our Annual BBQ. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Look inside for more information as well as a variety of other announcements and articles.

Although Summer seems to be a time people take time for both rest and recreation, the doors at St. Francis remain open. Our office hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and our regular Sunday services continue at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm.

You can stay in the loop with all we have going on at www.sfaec.org and also Facebook. If you any have questions, do not hesitate to contact us at (423) 238-7708 or sfaec@comcast.net.

All are welcome here and we hope to see you soon!

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Jesus said, “The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.”

John 14:26
Message from our Rector

The dream began before I realized it. Several years ago, at Diocesan Convention, a photo on display captured the power and the joy of a colleague caught up in the Spirit as he celebrated Baptism and Holy Eucharist with a group of faithful followers in Kondoa, Tanzania. At that time, this had been a well-planned visit to this Diocese in Africa with which a new relationship was building. The movement of the Holy Spirit and the power of connections led to our Diocese entering a formal Companion Diocese with Kondoa over the last two years.

In October, at the annual Clergy Conference, I roomed with a priest who was pondering her third journey to Kondoa in June 2019. As she talked about her previous visits, and marveled at the witness she had experienced with the first group of women being ordained to the Diaconate in the summer of 2018, I felt the tug “to come and see” for myself. After several conversations, and clearance from my doctors, I joined in the arrangements for the June 2019 Pilgrimage.

The day before our first planning meeting for the Pilgrimage, the phone rang and the doctor who had done my recent bronchoscopy shared the unexpected news that they had found a neuroendocrine tumor in my right lung. As it was a slow growing tumor, hope clung that the trip was still within reach.

Hope held fast through pre-operative, surgery, and early post-operative recovery. Three weeks and one day after surgery, during my first return to a Diocesan meeting, my voice continued to be challenged by periodic bouts of coughing. In fact, the challenge was so great that I recused myself from chairing the meeting, and only spoke to matters that were in my specific assignments. After that meeting, our Bishop, Brian Cole, followed me to my car, and both firmly and compassionately told me I was not well enough for the Pilgrimage in 15 days. He had done the Pilgrimage in June 2018 and knew well the physical challenges ahead for me.

Stubbornly (remember God does not do a personality transplant when we are called to follow our Lord) I believed that with hard work at rehabilitation, careful following of doctor’s orders, and the intervening
days to recover, I could make the journey. Phone calls and visits were made to physicians, and the pulmonary therapist advocated for some medical protocol to help me make the Pilgrimage. Trust in my own will power clouded my vision about how God might be at work in the days and weeks ahead.

After fluctuating back and forth as to whether this journey was possible or not, on Wednesday, May 29, I was told by my medical care team, this was not the time to make the journey. It is still a powerful disappointment. However, Bishop Cole’s advice by my car that day has been reiterated by others over and over again, “This is not the only Pilgrimage. It may not look as you envisioned, but God still has a journey ahead for you. Remain prayerful, listen, and watch for what is to come.”

Truth is that this has paralleled our journey at St. Francis as we have dreamed about repairs to our existing building and then adding new space for worship and for our community. Over the years, we have had several Master Plans shared, but we never seemed to be able to go further than the planning stage. Two years ago, we entered intentional and prayerful conversations as we considered where and to what God was calling us. Last December we heard back from our Feasibility Study and learned that there was a significant gap between the projected cost of the most recent Master Plan and the projected dollars we might receive through a Capital Campaign.

Under the leadership of Senior Warden Mike Bowland and with Bishop Cole guiding our January 2019 Vestry Retreat, we prayed and listened for the Holy Spirit leading as we considered revisions to the Master Plan. In a true “Eureka” moment, we considered a different approach where the new construction would be a Parish Hall on the south end of the church building allowing us to make our current worship space a dedicated Nave. Our hope for increased worship space could then be met with an expansion on the east end of the Nave.

We have engaged a building contractor and are working with an architect group who has designed over 600 churches. Within days, we will have renderings of the new building project. Forward with Faithful Vision is about to become a reality for this parish who has been praying and dreaming for years.

Beloved of our Lord Jesus, as individuals and as a community, let us continue to remain prayerful, listen, and watch for what is to come!

Lou †
Congratulations to the Graduates!

★ Brennan Bagli, son of Sue & Deris Bagli, graduated from the Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences, High School

★ Carrie Bailey Glenn, daughter of Laura Glenn, graduated from Kapiolani Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree

★ Kristen Alana Glenn, daughter of Laura Glenn, graduated from Kapiolani Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree

★ Clay Hall, son of Stacy & Andy Hall, graduated from North Carolina State with a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering

★ Raylan Norfleet, great grandson of Pat & Bill Allen, graduated from Kindergarten to First Grade

★ Alexandria Harnett Purdom, daughter of Kelly Harnett Zeliski, graduated from Ooltewah Elementary

★ Cailin Sniff, granddaughter of Gerry & Lola Sniff, graduated from Texas Lutheran High School

*We are most happy Josh survived his first Holy Week!*
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 7:00 PM  
at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

Join us August 22 at 7pm for our second quarterly SING at St. Francis: “Trees on Either Hand.” We will explore hand-me-down songs and rounds from various cultures with a focus on how we hear and sing in community.

Come one, come all! All ages are welcome and no musical training is necessary to participate in a SING. This is an experiential gathering fit for any and everyone.
Forward with Faithful Vision: Building Campaign

After many years of dreaming, praying, and preparing, we are ready to begin raising funds for St. Francis’ building campaign, **Forward with Faithful Vision**. Based on your feedback through our discernment and feasibility work, we will repair our building’s exterior, expand our existing nave, and build a new parish hall space. We look forward to sharing the building plans with you in a matter of weeks. It is an exciting time for our church!

Please save three dates on your calendar as we make preparations for this work behind-the-scenes over the next month:

- Our Campaign Consultant, Sarah Leach from the Episcopal Church Foundation, will be with us for worship and a volunteer training on Sunday, June 23.

- We will celebrate the official launch of the **Forward with Faithful Vision Campaign** with a brunch following the 10am service on August 11. All are welcome and encouraged to partake!

- We will celebrate the end of the campaign with festivities at each service on September 15.

If you would like to volunteer to help solicit pledges or help plan one of the celebration events, or if you have questions about the **Forward with Faithful Vision Campaign**, please reach out to our Campaign Chair, Deris Bagli, or me.

Lou †
The St. Francis Vestry met on Monday, May 20.

- The Vestry is grateful to Lenora Corbin for her many years of service as Clerk for the Vestry. She is stepping down in June. We are asking for anyone interested in being the Clerk to speak with a member of the Vestry.

- The building design continues to be refined. It is expected that we will have something to view soon.

- Deris Bagli continues to build the team for the Capital Campaign. If you would like to help, please let Deris know. Also, Sarah Leach of the Episcopal Church Foundation will be with us on June 23 for planning our Capital Campaign.

- Our Annual Pentecost BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, June 9, following the 1:00 service.

The next Vestry Meeting is June 17 at 6:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.
Annual Pentecost Barbeque
Sunday, June 9, 2019
Following the 10:00 Service

All are invited to attend our annual celebration of Pentecost. Remember to wear red! Sign-up for sides, etc. is now out.

If you’d like to join the pit crew as they smoke the meat, you’ll find them behind All Saints House on Saturday, June 8. A friendly reminder that the Low Country Boil now takes place in the fall and we’ll keep you posted on those details.

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From the House of Yoga

At St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Ooltewah, we are grateful for our beautiful and welcoming campus where we gather to worship. Among our many blessings is a small house we call Katie Hall. Here we gather with friends and our community for various celebrations and make lasting memories. Occasionally in this space something crazy happens, like … Chihuahua Yoga!
Vacation Bible School

July 19-20 for Children ages 3-10

Friday, July 19, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 20, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

There is no charge and it is open to the community.

For more information, contact us at 423-238-7708 or sfaec@comcast.net.

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Out-to-Lunch Group — Dutch Treat
Wednesday, June 12, 11:30 a.m.

Boathouse
Rotisserie & Raw Bar
1459 Riverside Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37406

Please sign up in the Narthex by June 10.

For more information, contact Miriam Zwitter at 423-653-7700.
Birthdays & Anniversaries

June:

1 - Tom & Mary Drake’s Anniversary
3 - Lynn Armstrong
5 - Tracey Parkes
6 - Lennis Du Ban
7 - Curtis & Suzy Baggett’s Anniversary
8 - Lola Sniff
9 - Larry Hartman
10 - Lou Parsons
12 - Ken Harmon
15 - Perry Scruggs, Wanda Bramblett
16 - Mary-Hannah Daugherty, Ellen Hartsfield
18 - Erica Eberle Morgan
21 - Andy Hall, Natalie Wilson
25 - John & Gerry Rouser’s Anniversary
27 - Marie Sugrue
28 - Joan Rose

July:

9 - Parker Cantelou
Ross & Patti Malone's Anniversary
14 - Gavin Bowden Blanchard
18 - Martha Cummings, Dan & Shelia Crane’s Anniversary
Tim & Tracey Parkes’ Anniversary
24 - Zoë Kiser, Jacob Rouser
27 - Cherie Haggard
31 - Stacy Hall

If you’d like to include your birthday or anniversary, let us know at sfaec@comcast.net or (423) 238-7708.
# ROTA for June 2019

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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.
Come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

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8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

And join us for our Annual Pentecost BBQ
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