“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
Compline (Evening Prayer) - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Weekly Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

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The Rev. Josh Weaver, Deacon
Melissa Howell, Seminarian
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Maggie Lee, Youth Intern
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There is much to be thankful for here at St. Francis. As we begin construction on our expansion, we give thanks for all who put forth time, energy, and financial resources to make this vision a reality.

We also give thanks for this place of worship where we seek to connect with God, one another and the people around us. St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church is truly grateful to serve this community we call home.

Inside this issue you’ll find important announcements and a few articles you may find of interest. And don’t forget, you can catch up with us at www.sfaec.org as well as our Facebook page. You may also contact us at (423) 238-7708 and sfaec@comcast.net. We hope to see you soon!

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“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2
What an amazing month we have enjoyed together at St. Francis. On September 29th, our Bishop, Brian Cole, joined us to celebrate and welcome six new members into the Body of Christ here at the corner of Ooltewah-Georgetown and Providence Roads. We then went out to break ground and celebrate the amazing response we have had to our Forward with Faithful Vision Campaign for our building project. (Please see page 7 for the latest update on our Campaign). Thanks to the gracious hospitality of our Vestry, we enjoyed a wonderful party at Katie Hall Activity Center at the end of this busy morning.

As it happened, the groundbreaking was a little more challenging than we anticipated. Due to the drought and because we carefully stayed outside the bounds of the playground, all the eight shovels could extract were a few puffs of dust from the parched earth. In a matter of minutes, the children were much more successful in their enactment of the groundbreaking. Quickly descending on the golden shovels and hardhats left behind by the adults, they stepped onto the playground and gleefully lifted shovelful after shovelful of loose mulch. Ah, the wisdom of our younger members!

The next week was filled with more activity as we prepared for and then welcomed over 200 guests and their furry companions to our campus for our signature Blessing of the Animals. Led by Joan Rose, so many people worked faithfully to offer this special day of outreach to our community. These words sent in an e-mail thank you to our congregation remind us of how this yearly offering is making a true difference in the lives of others:

“Today, because of the love you and your congregation showed, I felt God's love and peace surround me. What a feeling! I just feel so energized and inspired. With His help, I plan to find a local church where I can continue to strengthen my faith with the help of others, instead of trying to "go it alone" as I have been trying to do...Again, many thanks for welcoming us all with open arms and being so gracious. You all truly are a blessing to us and to the community, both 2 and 4-legged. The simple words "thank you" really don't adequately express our gratitude. Much love and prayers to you all.”

The following week, our seminarian Melissa Howell preached a sermon that challenged and inspired us to examine our own thoughts around healing. In this sermon, Melissa made an apt observation differentiating the act of healing from a pronouncement of being cured. It was particularly timely in a week that involved Home Communion taken to two local communities for retired residents, and with many of our own congregation facing health challenges.
This past Sunday, we celebrated 10 years together at St. Francis. Bishop Brian Cole called to compliment the congregation for its thoughtful and intentional approach to the carefully planned celebration. He was so appreciative of being included by the invitation to add his own personal note to the amazing photo album covering our years together compiled by Jeannie Snyder.

In the midst of all our activity, I am reminded again and again of the faithfulness, the generosity, and the deep commitment to serve God and to serve neighbor this community exhibits day in and day out. You truly live as our patron saint encouraged: Preach the Gospel at all times, and only when necessary use words.

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Words do fail to express my profound and abiding gratitude for the incredible and touching celebration of our 10 years in ministry together. The planning and careful work so many of you contributed truly did make Sunday, October 20, spectacular.

I continue to marvel at the many details of the day from the carefully prepared fruit/vegetable tray with carrot and pepper palm trees and dolphins formed from bananas and blueberries, to the cheese “ball” in the shape of a pineapple with pecans mimicking the outer skin, to the many Hawaiian dishes such as Kalua pork and pasta/potato salad. To be able to celebrate Holy Eucharist with the congregation decked in leis while personally surrounded by a stunning double orchid lei, and with two beautiful bouquets of fresh Hawaiian flowers gracing the Nave was awe-inspiring. The amazing book of photography from the past 10 years, the framed Aloha tribute, the gorgeous hand carved olive wood pen, the delicious Kona coffee, and the moving song written and performed by Sarah Tullock are gifts that I will always treasure. All this, and a cake, too! What a glorious celebration.

For the last 10 years, my daily prayers have included ones of deep thanksgiving to God for this opportunity to serve with you at St. Francis. How blessed I am to be here alongside each of you! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Lou †
All Saints Sunday - November 3, 2019

If you have a loved one who has died and would like their name included in the liturgy on All Saints Sunday, please let us know by signing up in the Narthex or email us at sfaec@comcast.net. You can also call us at (423) 238-7708.

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 3 @ 2:00 am
Set your clocks back one hour.

Annual Parish Meeting & Vestry Elections

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.
Refreshments provided

Bios on all candidates will be sent out prior to the meeting as well as last year’s meeting minutes. We need all parishioners to attend if possible.

See you then!
STEWARDSHIP

On Sunday, September 29, our Bishop, Brian Cole, began his sermon with an incredible revelation. He reminded us of his pledge card to our Forward with Faithful Vision campaign in which he and his wife, Susan Weatherford, personally pledged $2,700 over 3 years. This pledge was in addition to the $3,000 gift he sent from the Bishop 21st Century Fund. He continued by explaining that as he drove down that morning, he thought about all the work St. Francis was doing and the exciting work ahead for us. As he drove, he came to a decision: He and Susan were going to raise their pledge by another $900, bringing their total gift to our campaign to $3,600. All this was in addition to the $3,000 we had already received from his 21st Century Fund.

The announcement of this generous pledge started a running request for the new “Tot” as more pledge cards came in that day. The excitement created by his generous gift to us has helped us now to raise a pledged “Tot” of $853,556 from 68 pledge cards. We have over $200,000 in hand from that pledged amount to begin our building project. What a remarkable and bighearted response this is!

We are humbled and touched by this response. At the same time, we know that Forward with Faithful Vision was specifically for the building project. As we wrap up the Capital Campaign, we must remember that our Annual Campaign still needs our support. In the weeks ahead, you will receive a pledge card for the Annual Campaign and we will gather those pledge cards on Sunday, November 17.

As you pray about your pledge for the Annual Campaign for 2020, please consider matching your annual pledge for this year. Our Annual Campaign enables us to continue our many ministry offerings as well as “keep the lights on.” It is our Annual Campaign that supports the work of our church as we continue our focus to: Find the Lost; Heal the Broken; Celebrate God’s Love for All.
September 29th, The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole, Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, joined us as welcomed six new members to the Church. What a beautiful and joy-filled day!
Afterward, we celebrated our Forward with Faithful Vision Groundbreaking. Construction to begin soon!
The deadline to register for Happening is Sunday, October 27!

Happening is a spiritual awakening and renewal weekend where high school youth have a face-to-face encounter with Christ through Christian community. This is done through a series of talks, given by youth about their experiences in faith and in life. Each talk is followed by small-group discussion and activities, including lots of fun songs and games, and worship through liturgies that youth may or may not have experienced before. We come together for praise, for reconciliation, for healing. Of course, there are a few fun surprises throughout the weekend as well!

Happening is open to all youth grades 9-12.
Register here: https://www.etnyouth.org/registration

Sunday, Nov. 24, we’ll gather with the youth of St. Martin’s to pack Thanksgiving Boxes for families of Metropolitan Ministries (MetMin). In the meantime, we need to collect the things that will go in the boxes. If you can help, please refer to the list of requested items on the next page and bring items to the Youth Room.

If you have questions or would like to support these ministries in any way, contact Rebecca Brewer at becca9628@gmail.com.
Thanksgiving Boxes for Metmin!

WE ARE PACKING THANKSGIVING BOXES FOR THE FAMILIES OF METMIN AND NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Roasting pans
Gravy
Stuffing Mix
Mac & Cheese
Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans
Corn
Peas
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Tea Mix
Monetary Donations*

*We will be purchasing perishable items like turkey, desserts, and bread closer to box packing day

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA BREWER AT BECCA9628@GMAIL.COM
Blessing of Animals

We have all heard the phrase “it takes a village” and Blessing of Animals at St. Francis certainly exemplifies that phrase. It takes many hands and hearts to make The Annual Blessing of Animals special to so many.

Our four-legged friends and their people were out in force for the activities. There were regular visitors and many new faces with their pawed friends. At best count we had approximately 200 people and 100+ pets attend. This year we welcomed several new animal related vendors to the event, many of whom have already asked to be included next year. (That’s a pretty good indication that they liked us and our event!)

A big thank you to those who ... helped recruit vendors, prepared printed materials, handed out posters and brochures, found us a golf cart to use, invited friends, stuffed pet goodie bags, helped set up, helped tear down on Sunday, inflated balloons, helped place all of the signage, shopped for the food supplies and cooked hot dogs, distributed popcorn, welcomed guests at the registration table, provided great pet portraits, baked treats for the animals, drove the golf cart, helped guests find a parking spot, made sure the pet watering stations were filled, played just the right song at just the right time, played the carillon bells, worked with the children to create beautiful crafts, painted faces, took amazing photos of the event, blessed the animals and last but certainly not least; scooped up after the pets!

Many thanks to everyone for making this Blessing of Animals one of our best!

Joan Rose
Lunch Pals
First Tuesday of the Month

Join us Nov. 5 at 12:30 pm in the Library here at St. Francis. Simply bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship and good conversation.

Out to Lunch Gathering - Dutch Treat
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11:30 am

ACROPOLIS MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

2213 Hamilton Place Blvd. (By Hamilton Place Mall)

Sign up in the Narthex.
Questions? Call Miriam @ 423-653-7700.

Men’s Breakfast - Dutch Treat
Thursday, Nov. 21, 8:00 am
Cracker Barrel in Ooltewah

Please sign up in the Narthex.
Questions? Contact Norm at 423-315-3520.

Men’s Breakfast meets the third Thursday each month at Cracker Barrel in Ooltewah.
Join us for our next Community SING “The Table of Thanks”

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

We will be seated in the round for this SING as we share familiar and familial songs of thanks and hope.

All are welcome!
Bring your family, friends and neighbors.
Young Adults:

“Vocare” is a form of a Latin word meaning “to call.” The Vocare weekend is a renewal weekend addressed to young adults in the time when they face many serious decisions that set the direction for much of their adult life.

A Vocare weekend is a FREE weekend December 13-15 for young adults in the 20-30 age group staffed by young adults and a few clergy. This weekend follows a series of talks and discussions to help us to grow in awareness of being called by God and to help one another in answering this call.

Besides talks and discussions, we will pray, eat, sing, and play together. There will be time for rest and quiet thinking alone, along with some time for talking with our spiritual directors. Register here https://www.dioet.org/vocare/

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Brewer at becca9628@gmail.com.
Our Christmas Outreach Project will be “Santas for Seniors” again this year. Gift bags and tags will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 10 and gifts should be delivered to St. Francis no later than December 8.

Questions? Contact Kathy Landstreet.

Grateful Gobbler Thanksgiving Day 5K

For details & registration: www.GratefulGobbler.org
November
Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - Wyatt Skye Keene
3 - Nicholas Daugherty
5 - Mike Bowland
6 - Donna & John Croteau’s Anniversary
  7 - Patti Malone
11 - Jeannie Greenwell, Lisa Mezzetti
  12 - Bill Barger
15 - Suzy Baggett
19 - Talib Malone
22 - Alana McMurray
  Joan & Gordon Moore’s Anniversary
27 - Lola & Gerald Sniff’s Anniversary

If you’d like to include your birthday
and/or anniversary, please let us know at
sfaec@comcast.net or (423) 238-7708.
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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.
Community Thanksgiving Celebration  
Tuesday, November 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Collegedale Commons — Founders Hall  
4950 Swinyar Drive, Ooltewah, TN

The East Hamilton Ministerial Association invites all to an interdenominational service featuring music, a Thanksgiving homily, fellowship, and refreshments.

We will be collecting nonperishable food items at this service to support the Samaritan Center.

We hope you’ll plan to join us and give thanks to the Lord!