November 18th, 2019

This Week at St. Francis

Information about church events and happenings for this week and future weeks can always be found on our website and Facebook page using the links below!

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If you would like to hear more information about Saint Francis by the Sea, please send an email stfrancisbts@gmail.com or call 252-240-2388 to be added to our communications list!

Prayers of the People

Special Needs: Joe Ragland, Kellie and Beth (daughters of Joe Ragland), Pat A., Hannah, Kim Smith, Tanner, Oscar, Kerry, Lee, Vicky Hanner, Bette, Betty, Millie, Jack Callahan

Those Who Have Died: Joe Beam

For all the Blessings in This Life: the birth of Stella Kay, U.S. Foreign Service Officers, Dylan on his 4th birthday

Happy birthday to: Karen Yoder (17th), Dona Styron (19th), Francesca Styron (19th)

This Week’s Events & Announcements

Christian Education Class; The Bible and Beyond Tuesday, November 19th, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Please join us for an ongoing small group series led by The Rev. Chris Carlin covering the New Testament! The weekly discussions will include bible study and discussion on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. We meet upstairs in the chapel.
Celtic Eucharist, 12:00pm - **Wednesday, November 20th** (weekly)

Yoga with Cheryl LeClair, 1:15pm - **Wednesday, November 20th** (weekly)

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**Outreach Holiday Season On-Going Efforts**

**Winter Warmth Drive!**

Between **November 1st and January 5th**, we are collecting **new** (either handmade or store-bought) men’s, women’s and children’s warm hats, scarves, gloves and gently used winter coats as part of our Winter Warmth Drive. Our goal is to collect 100 items which we will distribute to those in need of warmth this winter. Items will be given to patrons of Hope Mission on January 11th.

**St. Francis Angel Tree Campaign**

The children on our St. Francis Angel Tree are students at Carteret County Pre-Kindergarten. There are 60 children ranging in age between 3-5 years old. Many of these students are socially, economically or academically at-risk or in-need. The Pre-K program allows them to enter regular kindergarten socially or academically on par with other children in the county. Individual angels on the tree represent each student for you to select and buy a gift for. There is one angel for each child. Adoption procedures are depicted below.

Your **WRAPPED** gifts should be returned to St Francis by **Thursday, December 12th**. In addition to the gifts that you purchase for these children, we are asking parishioners to fill the basket under the tree with snacks and school supplies for the school. Let’s help to make Christmas extra special for these special children!

On **Thursday, December 12th beginning at 5:30pm**, we will set up the potluck, return and sort the gifts and enjoy fellowship with a potluck supper followed by a simple Christmas carol sing-along. **A sign-up sheet for the pot-luck is posted on the church office window.**

**The evening’s festivities include:**
- **5:30-6:00** gift return and pot-luck dinner set up
- **6-6:30** potluck supper
- **6:30-7:30** Christmas Caroling

If you have any questions about the angel tree, gift return or pot-luck, please see Denise Throckmorton, Patty Gares, or Geraline Castle, or Craig Everett regarding the sing-along.

**Adoption procedure:**
- Pick an angel from the tree.
- Purchase the requested item (**PLEASE WRAP YOUR GIFT**); affix the angel gift tag to the package. If clothing or shoes, please include gift receipt in case the item does not fit.
- All gifts, snacks, or school supplies are due back to St. Francis on **Thursday, December 12th**, when we will have our Angel Tree potluck supper.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, November 26th** - Christian Education Class, 5:30pm

**Sunday, December 1st** - Art Gallery Opening featuring works by our parish family, after service

**Tuesday, December 3rd** - Christian Education Class, 5:30pm

**December 7th** - Carolina East Singers Christmas Concert, 4:00pm

**December 8th** - Carolina East Singers Christmas Concert, 4:00pm

**December 12th** - Angel Tree Potluck and Sing Along
Amazon Smile: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1792200
St. Francis was issued a $23.67 donation from the Amazon Smile Foundation for program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2019. While that may seem like a small amount, every little bit helps and we know the program works! Please log into your Amazon account using smile.amazon.com and choose St. Francis by the Sea when shopping!

**Sunday school for youth is held every Sunday at 9:30am!** Please pass the word and we look forward to ministering to our St. Francis youth every week!

**We encourage you to walk our Labyrinth,** located east (right) of the building, past the Memorial Gardens. For more information about labyrinths, please visit the Labyrinth page of our website at https://stfrancisbythesea.ecdio.org/5labyrinth.html

**Attention visiting singers:** While you are visiting at the beach, please join us and sing in our choir. Rehearsals are Fridays from 4:30-6 p.m. We also rehearse on Sundays, one hour before the service beginning a 10 a.m. We are a “walk-on” choir so know you are welcomed to sing with us anytime.

**Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist** - You are cordially invited to join us for our mid-week Holy Eucharist beginning at 12 noon each Wednesday in our chapel. This is a wonderful time of beautiful liturgy, reflective readings with thoughtful discussions. Please join us!

**Wednesday Yoga with Cheryl LeClair** – All are welcome to a gentle, all-level, accessible-to-everyone weekly class held at 1:15pm every Wednesday upstairs in the St. Francis chapel. This class is taught by Cheryl LeClair and focuses on flexibility and balance. The fee per class is $12, payable to Cheryl LeClair.

Books for Sale!
"**The Word of Love: Preaching in the Ministry of Stephen Elkins-Williams**“. This book, which features an enthusiastic Prologue by Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, as well as a cover portrait of Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill by Raleigh artist, Kyle Highsmith, contains 80 selected sermons from the past three decades. The books are located in the Parish Hall for $20.

**SFBTS Cookbooks** are located in the Parish Hall for $30 each and make great gifts!

**St. Francis by the Sea Volunteer Opportunities**

**Martha’s Mission:** Martha’s Mission in MHC is looking for volunteers to deliver fresh fruits & vegetables donated by Publix in Emerald Isle to the Martha’s Mission food bank facility. They need people to make delivery on weekdays (M, W or F). Please contact Betsy Randall for details (betsyrandall@hotmail.com or 252-626-5455).
Family Promise in Morehead City is in dire need of volunteers. You can volunteer for as little or much time as your schedule allows. Volunteers are needed to answer phones, help guests fill out forms, take and sort donations, craft or read to after school children. Additionally, there are openings on the Family Promise Board of Trustees. They will especially benefit from people with experience in IT, communications, finance, and event planning. Please see Denise Throckmorton if you are interested in volunteering.

Carteret Landing is a state-of-the-art assisted living and memory care community just minutes from Carteret Health Care’s newly expanded hospital in Morehead City. As a licensed assisted living community, they provide assistance with the activities of daily living & medication management to seniors 55 and older and those with Alzheimer’s and related dementias at varying stages of cognitive impairment. They are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with group activities such as bingo, cards, arts and crafts, etc. If you are interested, please contact Laura Ortman, Carteret Landing’s Social Director, at lortman@ridgecare.com or 252-773-0980.

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