“Find the lost; Heal the broken; Celebrate God’s love for all.”
**St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church**

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The Rev. Josh Weaver, Deacon
Marie Sugrue, Parish Administrator
Charles Nix, Evening Music Coordinator
Pam Harris, Organist
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Kirsten Herzog, Children’s Music Ministry
Pam Early, Nursery Minister

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Happy New Year! As 2020 begins we are seeing great progress on our building project and are truly excited to see it coming together. See page 7 for recent photos.

Additionally, our Children’s Sunday School Program, EYC (our Youth), and Wednesday Bible Study is back after the busy holiday season. For more information on these gatherings as well as other opportunities to come together, look inside this newsletter and remember you’ll also find our weekly announcements at www.sfaec.org.

Feel free to contact us at 423-238-7708, sfaec@comcast.net or check us out on Facebook.

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“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1-2
“Watch for it. We’re about to have our third sunrise this morning.” my friend proclaimed as the sun slid behind cloud cover close to the horizon. Waiting silently, we watched as the sun disappeared, light dimmed, and then, as St. Francis called our star, Brother Sun persistently and brilliantly reappeared above the bank of clouds. Three sunrises in a span of 10 minutes: what an incredible way to start the day.

At the beginning of Advent, we were invited to choose a word or phrase to become our focus in the new year. The word “balance” was one which readily came to mind: balance of time spent in various aspects of life and balance of attitude. Pausing to consider moments in more “proper balance” a recurring theme developed. That recurring theme was that of thanksgiving.

As this new decade begins, the awareness of gratitude, deep gratitude, dominates this day. The great gift of seeing the beginning of a “new trip around the sun” feels particularly sweet after all the challenges and joys of the preceding year. Surviving a serious challenge (for me a health challenge) and being able to continue to serve God in this corner of God’s good vineyard remains both a humbling and invigorating gift. Watching the progress of a longed-for dream becoming a reality brings new excitement every day. Worshiping with and serving with other members of Christ’s body within and without our parish walls brings meaning to each and every day.

With a genuine sense of thanksgiving for whom and for what, do we want to begin this year in thanksgiving to God and to each other?
Reflecting on the past few weeks, I know that I am grateful for all who worked so hard to make this Christmastide and all our worship throughout this time moving and Spirit-filled. Despite the challenge of Christmas Eve coming on the heels of the fourth Sunday in Advent, when we had the wonderful Youth and Children’s play and the amazing set designed and created by the Herzogs, we were able to transform the space again for Christmas Eve.

Throughout the Christmas season, our Nave was beautifully decorated and our music glorious. To all our staff and all our musicians, to all who helped with “greening the Nave”, to all who served at the various services and to all who came to raise their voices in praise to the New Born King: thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you also to the faithful ones who quietly do the work of serving. Each week classes are held, sack packs are filled, this physical corner of God’s good vineyard is tended, and people stretch out hands in care to help further our mission of Find the Lost: Heal the Broken; Celebrate God’s Love for All. So much happens behind the scenes that we must train our eyes and ears to be aware of the many ways those among us are making a difference because of our love of God and love of neighbor.

Most especially thank you to our Great God who loves us so much that the Divine Son came and lived as one of us. In the light of this life changing gift, let our resolution for 2020 be to heed and to dwell into Jesus’ call to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and might, and to love one another as he has loved us.

Lou †
As we enter a new decade, we have so much for which to be thankful. Turn the pages of the newsletter to see and read about much that is happening. We are an active parish that shares our gifts, talents and treasures in a variety of ways.

The Building Project is well under way, and the new Parish Hall addition is almost completely framed. By the time this is read, we expect the trusses will be in place. Each drive up the driveway now reveals new progress as the construction work continues, and the longed-for dream becoming a reality. Added to this, the pledged amount to Forward with Faithful Vision is over $875,000. Thus far, the pledge payments collected have covered our construction bills to this point.

In the midst of the wonderful response to the Building Project, we also have a very generous response to our Annual Campaign. As we go to press, 57 families and individuals have pledged over $223,500. We expect that a few more responses are coming. Please do take time to return your pledge card if you have not had an opportunity to do so.

In the months ahead, as the building is completed, we will have more opportunities to share our space and our many gifts and talents with the wider community. Let our Stewardship focus for 2020 begin with this intentional prayer:

_Holy God, bestower of all our blessings, guide our hearts and thoughts to reflect on all we have received, and then lead us in your wisdom to share our gifts in ways that show our love of you and of our neighbor._ Amen.
We’re making progress!

*Photos taken Jan. 6, 2020.*
2020 Diocesan Convention
The Episcopal Diocese of East TN

February 7 - 8, 2020
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Chattanooga, TN

“Reconciling All Things in Christ: Broken and Mending”

This year, instead of pre-convention meetings, the Diocese is publishing a series of videos to orient delegates to diocesan convention. The first video came out Jan. 7. You can view this video and future diocesan videos at:

https://vimeo.com/383357961

For details on the convention itself, please go to:

https://www.dioceseconvention.org/

Collaborative Art Project for the 2020 Convention

You are invited to collaborate in an art project for the 2020 Diocesan Convention illustrating the convention theme: Reconciling All Things in Christ: Broken and Mending. You’ll find more information at:

http://www.dioceseconvention.org/art/

Interested? Please contact Curt Hodge by Jan. 15 at (423) 593-4265 or curt@flowersbygilandcurt.com. Works are not limited to paintings and photography and can also be stitchwork, quilt or other forms of art.
Our Diocese is looking for Volunteers for the Convention

There are two volunteer roles they are filling:

**Tellers/Runners:**

These volunteers will be assigned as a runner to bring things to and from delegations in the nave and the diocesan convention staff who will be stationed in an adjacent room. There will be a LOT of standing and walking in this role. Good attention to detail and observational skills are key for this role. We’ll be signing up at least 18 volunteers to be tellers, although we hope to have a few additional who can act as subs when tellers need a break!

**Microphone Runners:**

These volunteers will walk around the nave with wireless mics for delegates who have a question or comment. For this role, we need folks who are comfortable with basic technology (turning the wireless mics on and off, as needed), and with walking around to pass the mic. Since delegates will be sitting in pews, this will need a certain amount of flexible problem-solving and a good sense of humor! We need at least 4 microphone runners, although again if we have a few more volunteers than that, then we can give volunteers more breaks, etc.

If you’re interested, sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C49AFAF2EABFB6-diocesan

Or contact Nicole Seiferth at: 423-821-1583 or at nicole@gslookout.com.
As we begin the new year, we are looking at new possibilities for the structure of our youth program in hopes of strengthening and building our community and program. We will have two meetings for youth AND parents to discuss the needs and wants of our community:

Sunday, January 12, at 11:30 am, at St. Martin’s
Sunday, January 19, at 11:30 am, at St. Francis

We will have pizza at both. If you are unable to attend, please let me know so that I can still get your input and best form of contact.

Next on our ChattEY calendar:

High Point Climbing Gym Lock-in
Friday, February 7th
All 6th-12th graders are invited!

Cost is $25 per person (includes pizza &climbing)
Drop off at 10:00 pm and pick up at 6:00 am -- following our 5:15 am Eucharist at High Point

Youth are more than welcome to come to the Diocesan Convention at St. Paul’s from High Point Saturday morning so that parents can come a little later for pick up.

Please take note of the ETNyouth News for upcoming events in the diocese. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Rebecca Brewer
becca9628@gmail.com
423-571-1615
A huge thanks to our Youth and Children for the wonderful Nativity Play last month. We also want to thank our Children’s Music Minister, Kirsten Herzog, as well as Irma Herzog for the beautiful Nativity setting, and all parents and other parishioners who helped with preparations.
Christmas Poinsettias
*Given in Memory and Thanksgiving*

Bagli Family
Malcolm Bowden
Dexter & Elaine Cantelou
Lenora Corbin
Dan & Shelia Crane
Jean & Doug Crockett
Charles Curle
Tom Daugherty, Beverly Roberts, and Tye
George & Jane Diamantis
Josh & Ellen Dobbs
Betty Ewing
Judy Graham
Don & Ellen Hartsfield
Irma Herzog
Diane Honeycutt
June Hudson

In thanksgiving for friends & family
Family & friends
Thanksgiving for family & friends
Leonard & Helen Bennett
Willard & Alma Lee
Thanksgiving of family
Thanksgiving for family & friends
Charles Anthony Curle and my family
Joyce
In loving memory of Valerie Bowden
Thanksgiving for our many blessings, especially our Becca
In memory of C. Ralph Ewing, Jr. and C. Ralph Ewing, III
Robert A. Graham
In memory of our parents: Bill & Ruby and Dick & Ardis
Thanksgiving for family
In memory of Jerry Honeycutt;
In honor of Hazel Honeycutt
In memory of Kaye Willis and
Wallace Hudson
Christmas Poinsettias

Given in Memory and Thanksgiving

Dentzel & Kathy Landstreet
For the joy of family

Ross & Patti Malone
In thanksgiving for family and friends

Karen Martin
Gladys Willene Martin

Suzanne McKenzie
In loving memory of Anna & Thomas McKenzie, Tom McKenzie, Charles & John Park

Lisa Mezzetti
In memory of Richard & Winnie Mastroianni and Tom Mezzetti, Sr.

Sandy & Gay Moore
For the many blessings of life, especially for Bryan and Matt

Carol & Gary Morton
Thanksgiving for our children

Todd & Cindy Osborne
Memory of JoAnn Schuh, Ray & Bertha Schuh, Joe & Minnie Sol

Gale Reed
All those loved and lost

Wally & Shelia Reynolds
The work of the Vestry and Building Committee

David & Joan Rose
Thanksgiving of the Cox & Rose Families

Maureen Scott
In loving memory of Tom

Nancy Socha
Thanksgiving for children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

The Tisdales
In thanksgiving for Harold & Julia Tisdale and in memory of parents, aunts, and uncles departed from us
In celebration of the Epiphany Season and as a thank you gift to the people of St. Francis, Our Rector, Lou Parsons, invites you to an

**Open House on Friday**  
**January 24, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**  
8321 Georgetown Bay Dr., Ooltewah

*No gifts please* - this is Lou’s gift to you.

**RSVP in the Narthex or at sfaec@comcast.net**

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**Looking ahead . . .**

February 25 - Shrove Tuesday

February 26 - Ash Wednesday  
*Services at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm*  
*“Ashes to Go” - Weather Permitting*

Deadline for our next Newsletter is Monday, February 17
Our Annual Soup Drive has begun!

Now through the Super Bowl Game, Feb. 2, St. Francis is collecting non-perishable soup to help stock the food pantry at Samaritan Center.

Please bring in canned or dried soup Now through February 2. Thank you!
Men’s Breakfast - Dutch Treat
Thursday, Jan. 16, 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.

Lunch Pals
First Tuesday of the Month
Join us Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the Library at St. Francis. Simply bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship and good conversation.

All are welcome!

Out-to-Lunch Group
Wednesday, February 12 @ 11:30 am
All are invited! Dutch Treat.

Located at 6108 Artesian Circle, Ooltewah, TN
Please sign up in the Narthex.
MetMin METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

years of help & hope

2019 YEAR-END GUEST BOOK

11,463 Individuals Impacted

4,874 Households
6,980 Adults
4,483 Children

Seek justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly.
Micah 6:8

Volunteers gave 4,526 hours of their time, saving $115,096 in overhead costs!

Hats off to our amazing partners who help us connect guests with supportive services! 10,513 guests received wrap-around services this year.

DURING 2019, METMIN HELPED

- 2,294 people with housing costs
- 1,354 people with water and sewer bills
- 2,838 people with electric bills
- 4,970 people with food costs
- 574 people with other emergency costs

Looking ahead... to our new location!
The Impact Hub, located on Rossville Blvd., doubles our current space and includes room for up to 7 other great non-profits. Stay tuned for more!
Birthdays & Anniversaries

January:
1 - Gary Morton
2 - June Hudson
3 - Chris Armstrong
8 - Marcia Birdsall
11 - David Rose
14 - Jeff Wilson, Bill & Pat Allen’s Anniversary
16 - Curtis Baggett
18 - Tim Parkes
19 - Annie Powell
21 - John Croteau
24 - Ed & Becky McCoy’s Anniversary
27 - Joe Greenwell
28 - Dexter Cantelou
31 - Arline Caliger

February:
3 - Gordon Moore
4 - Jeff Pursley, Daniel Zeliski
8 - Irma Herzog
11 - Jan Hayes
15 - Lisa & Tom Mezzetti’s Anniversary
16 - Pat Asendorf
17 - Gerald Sniff
19 - Alex Purdom
20 - Lenora Corbin
23 - Elaine Peters Gannon
25 - John Du Ban
26 - Cindy Morgan
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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.*
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