

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE
SANCTUARY

9:30-10:10 Youth & Adult Formation

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II,
Year A & Children's Church

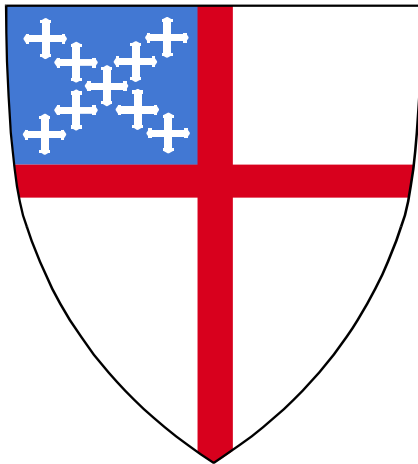
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St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Boiling Springs, SC

The Witness

October 2026 issue



Father Dave's Corner



Dear friends,

This month we are talking a lot about stewardship. Some of you may be wondering, "Why don't they just use plain English and calling it *fundraising*?" It's a fair question, since money can seem to be what's most on church leaders' minds when we talk about stewardship. But that word points to something bigger. It expresses a reality of our relationship with God and God's creation. To be a steward means: to be responsible for managing someone else's property. We are all stewards in God's service because all that we are and all that we have comes from God. So when we talk about stewardship, we are talking about how our relationship with God enters into the way we live our daily lives. It's a time for taking a clear, honest look at how we're using God's gifts of time, money, and energy. That's an important spiritual exercise because assessing how we use those gifts can give each of us a pretty good picture of how we're actually living our lives each day. So this stewardship season is something more than a fundraising campaign, or an effort to recruit volunteers. It's call to discipleship. A priest who was one of my teachers put it this way: "To ask someone to give is to ask them to be in communion. To be transformed. To become more completely the disciples they are called to be."

Fr. Dave Rodrick

The Sunday Gospel Readings for October 2026

October 4 - Matthew 21:33-46 Proper 22

October 11 - Matthew 22:1-14 Proper 23

October 18 - Matthew 22:15-22 Proper 24

October 25 - Matthew 22:34-46 Proper 25

The Holy Day Readings for October 2026

October 19 - The Feast of St. Luke (transferred) -
Luke 4:14-21

October 23 - The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem -
Matthew 13:54-58 Proper 24

October 28 - The Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude -
John 15:17-27 Proper 25





From The Deacon's Den

The Rev. Deacon Janet Atkins

Autumn is undoubtedly my favorite season of the year. While spring is the time for enjoying the work I've accomplished in my garden, I love watching the changes in color that autumn provides. For me, it is a time to slow down. To sit by the fire. To do crafts. To enjoy my company of friends. The season of frenetic work - whether it involves teaching, medicine, raising children, office work, or any other number of vocations - has its own ebb and flow, and like the plants in my garden, I am grateful for the slowing down of life, the chance to hide away for a season, and to do only the things that contribute to my well-being. **Robert Frost**, a famous American poet of the 20th Century describes the process this way:

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower; But
only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf. So
Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day. Nothing
gold can stay.

Whatever memories we carry of the past, deeds we may or may not have done, we remember them appropriately *as the past*. Living in the present, not allowing the past to consume us or to make us feel guilty, breathing deeply of fresh air and letting cooler weather calm us is also a part of a holy and faithful life. This time is the season of harvest. Remember Jesus's words in Matthew 6:34: "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." I pray your autumn holds cool evenings by the fire, a time to walk in the woods, or drive through the mountains, but most of all a time when worry and troubles subside, and you can sit with Jesus in the joy of knowing his words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Janet Atkins

Websites and emails you may need -

The National Episcopal Church (TEC) - <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

St. Margaret's - <https://stmargaretsepiscopal.org>

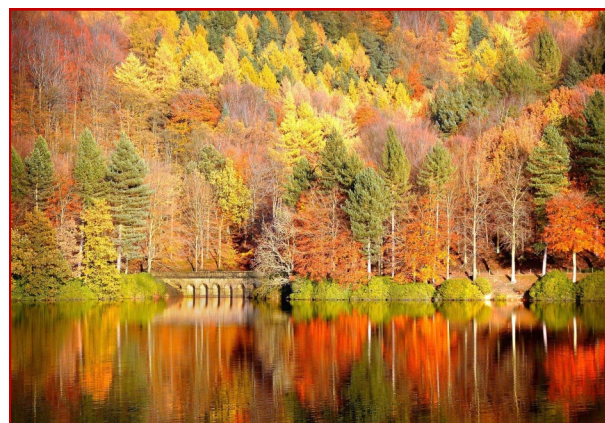
The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina - <https://www.edusc.org/>

The Daughters of the King© - <https://www.doknational.org/>

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October Feast Days and Holy Days and the Liturgical Seasons of Eastertide, Sunday of Pentecost, and Ordinary Time

Liturgical holy days using white hangings are seasons and feasts of immense joy and triumph, symbolizing purity, glory, and the light of Christ. These colors are specifically used during the high seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as on other major feasts that celebrate events in the life of Jesus, such as Advent, the Epiphany, and the Transfiguration. The color of Ordinary Time is **Green**.

As part of the Liturgy news article -

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - October 23 (Red)



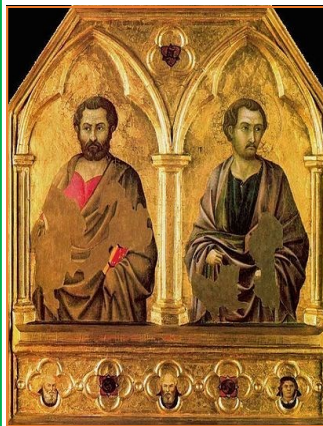
The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem, also known as St. James the Just, is celebrated primarily on October 23 in the Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions, as well as on May 3 in the Roman Catholic Church. This liturgical feast honors the early leader who presided as the first Bishop of Jerusalem and served as a central figure in the early Christian community. Distinct from James the son of Zebedee, he is traditioned to be the author of the Epistle of James and a key leader during the historic Council of Jerusalem. The day commemorates his piety, his pivotal role in composing the ancient Divine Liturgy of St. James, and his steadfast guidance during times of intense persecution. It also honors his martyrdom, as tradition records he was killed for his unwavering faith in Christ in the 1st century. Today, worshipers observe this feast through dedicated liturgical readings that emphasize living an active, practical faith and honoring the foundations of the early Church.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST - October 19 Transferred (Red)

The Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist is celebrated annually on October 18 in Western Christian traditions, as well as in the Eastern Orthodox Church. As the traditional author of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke plays a central role in documenting the life of Jesus Christ and the growth of the early Church. Historical tradition holds that he was a companion to the Apostle Paul and practiced as a physician, which leads many congregations to hold special healing services or pray for medical workers on his feast day. In Christian art and liturgy, he is frequently represented by a winged ox, a symbol of sacrifice, strength, and service. The feast day honors his contributions as an historian and theologian who highlighted Christ's compassion toward the poor, women, and marginalized groups. Today, worshipers commemorate his legacy through scripture readings, prayers for healers, and calls to live out the gospel with mercy and generosity.



THE FEAST DAY OF ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE - October 28 (Red)



The Feast Day of St. Simon and St. Jude, commemorated together on October 28 in Western Christian traditions, honors two of the original twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. Often celebrated jointly because tradition holds they preached the Gospel and were martyred together in Persia, their feast highlights their shared commitment to the early Church. St. Simon, known as "the Zealot," represents passionate dedication to the faith, while St. Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, is widely venerated as the patron saint of lost causes and desperate situations. Liturgical celebrations on this day feature red vestments and special prayers symbolizing their martyrdom and courage under persecution. In many communities, worshipers gather to seek St. Jude's powerful intercession for seemingly hopeless circumstances and to draw inspiration from St. Simon's fiery zeal. Today, the feast serves as an enduring reminder of steadfast loyalty to Christ's teachings.

If you would like to dedicate altar flowers to honor or remember a special person or day, just use an envelope in the Narthex ("Altar Flowers") - for a donation of \$35. Should you want to light the candle by the Tabernacle to honor or remember a special person for a month, use the envelope ("Eternity Candle") - for a donation of \$10.

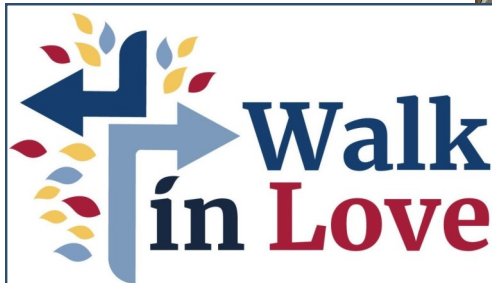
Karen Michelin, Interim Liturgy Liaison



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated annually on October 4 to honor the life and legacy of the beloved 13th-century Italian saint. St. Francis famously abandoned a life of wealth and privilege to embrace radical poverty, founding the Franciscan religious order. Revered as the patron saint of animals and the environment, he saw all of nature as a direct reflection of God's love and called creatures his "brothers" and "sisters". To honor his devotion to creation, many churches hold an annual "Blessing of the Animals" service around his feast day, inviting people to bring their pets for a special prayer. The day also commemorates his commitment to peace, humility, and serving the poor and marginalized. Ultimately, the feast serves as a global reminder to practice compassion, live simply, and care for the earth.



Join us this Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm
for the Blessing of the Animals! Bring your special
pets in person or in a picture
and they will be blessed!!!



October 24 is the end of our 2027 Stewardship Campaign! Many of you have already turned in your Pledge cards and your Time and Talent cards, and thank you!

The Stewardship Team



The Walk in Love Celebration Dinner

Saturday, October 24 at 6 pm

Celebrating the 2027 Fall

Stewardship Campaign

Sign up sheets in the Connector



ECW News from Peggy Finley -

The ECW group met after church on Sunday, September 20th. We had a lively group who participated in our discussions about our upcoming holiday bazaar – Saturday, November 7, 2026, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We introduced our new ECW Coordinator for 2027, Pam Terwilliger! She is excited to work with this wonderful group of ladies and has some ideas brewing already! Our next ECW meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at 9 a.m. at the Peach Blossom! Please join us!

Peggy Finley



The Episcopal
Church Women



TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST 5-7PM

**ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4180 SC-9
BOILING SPRINGS, SC
OUR FRIENDS THE LONG EARED
AMBASSADORS AND THE BOILING
SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL
BE JOINING US AGAIN THIS YEAR!**





Saint Margaret's Holiday Bazaar

Coming November 7th, 9 am-2 pm

4180 Highway Nine, Boiling Springs, SC

864-578-3238





DAUGHTERS OF THE KING® (DOK) SISTERS OF THE PEARL CHAPTER



On Sunday, September 13, 2026, we held a Service of Admission to welcome 6 new members! The new members are: Debbie Bullock, Gina Casper, Christel Gilbert, Barb Key, Kathy Locke, & Pam Terwillegger.

In the Connector next to the Ladies' bathroom there is a DOK bulletin board with Prayer Request cards that can be inserted into an envelope. These prayers are kept confidential and do not become a part of the Church Prayer List unless you let us know to do that.



Current members of the Sisters of the Pearl Chapter of DOK are: Debbie Bullard, Gina Casper, Kim Corners, Kay DePalma, Christel Gilbert, Barb Key, Kathy Locke, Rita Long, Karen Michelin, Cynde Payne, Beth Richardson, Carole Rowell, Pam Terwileger & Brenda Vinson. Deacon Janet Atkins is our Chaplain.

From your Senior Warden, Carole Rowell

The Jesus Prayer

Lord, Jesus Christ. Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner.

It's short Easy to remember....



I first learned about this prayer when I went to an Episcopal Bible study at the Chautauqua Institute in 2009. I spent many years saying it occasionally Then stopped. A couple of weeks ago I read a daily devotional where the author said this is her "go to prayer."

She might say it a hundred times during the night when she couldn't sleep. Or it might just pop into her head at a stressful or a joyful time.

You may want to try saying it when you first wake up – and add something that you are grateful for. You can Google it or check out YouTube to see LOTS of ways it can be incorporated into your life. Try something new in your prayer life.



Readings for October

October 4 - 19 Pentecost & the 25th week of Ordinary Time - Psalm 19 or Psalm 80:7-14; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 or Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46 - Proper 22

October 11 - 20 Pentecost & the 26th week of Ordinary Time - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 or Psalm 23; Exodus 32:1-14 or Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 - Proper 23

October 18 - 21 Pentecost & the 27th week of Ordinary Time - Psalm 99 or Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22 - Proper 24

October 25 - 22 Pentecost & the 28th week of Ordinary Time - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 or Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Matthew 22:34-46

Feast Days for October

October 19 - The Feast of St. Luke - Psalm 147; Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14; 2 Timothy 4:5-13; Luke 4:14-21

October 23 - The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem - Psalm 1; Acts 15:12-22a; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58 (Proper 24)

October 28 - The Feast Day of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles - Psalm 119:89-96; Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Ephesians 2:13-22; John 15:17-27 (Proper 25)





Prayer for October

Thank you! Father, thank you for all that you have done for us. Let others see your work in us and understand that you can do a great thing in them as well. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

The Vestry Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board by the kitchen each month!

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Church Office 864-578-3238

**The deadline for the next newsletter:
October 24.**

**The deadline for the weekly bulletin:
Wednesdays.**

**The church calendar will be included
in the newsletter each month.**



Parish Prayer List

For those in our prayers - For the Family of Lee Birdsong Menzoff, Melissa, Sara, Jacob Woolen, Chris Wolfe, Dawn Sundblade, Ed Killian, Bob Butscher, Mike Brewington, Ashlee Collins, Shane Richardson, Chris, Riley, Nancy Morrell, Paige Witt, Debbie Zickefoose, Larry Dyches, Rebecca Bosselman, Lujuanna Clayton, Julie Fox, Brian Moss, Pam Lapish, Justin Bullock, Dorothy Crite, Nanci Shrout, Roland & Diane Royal, Rick Cutler, Kay Moore, Jimmie Hord, Raymond Radleigh, Laina Corn, Janet, Adrienne Fowler, Rick and Kristie Marshall and Family, Madelynn LoConte, Roxie Hunter Young and Family, Sylvia, John Kolinchak, J. T. Morgan, Ronnie & Penny Melton, Angie Lowe, Catherine Durrah, Jean Michelin, Sandy Hugins, Diane & Al Chulick, Sally Price, Clint Schaum, Ed Medford, Monica Horne, Jennifer Broadway, Dennis Sentell, Lawson, Jamie Z, Linda Sentell.

For those serving in the armed forces - Megan, Matt, Jesse, Arthur, Dustin Z.



Your Vestry

Carole Rowell, Sr. Warden

Michelle Smith, Treasurer

Karen Michelin (Interim), Liturgy

Diane Meketa, Youth

Rita Long

Dave Collins, Honorary Sexton

David Grayshock, Jr. Warden

Peggy Finley, Clerk & ECW

Richard Alexander, Stewardship

Marguerite Holm

Betty McAbee



INFORMATION PAGE



Amanda Hines	10/01
Nancy Morrell	10/06
Wendi Lively	10/17
Matt Alexander	10/18
Paula Lively	10/18
Christel Gilbert	10/19
Kathy Langley	10/23
Michael Methvin	10/23
Diane Royal	10/27
Emree Belknap	10/28
Maddie Iovimig	10/28
Nancy Fodi	10/29
Dickie Watters	10/30

Happy birthday to you!



HAPPY Anniversary



Raymond & Jane Rhinehart	10/4 (45)
Ron & Bark Key	10/08 (26)
Nolan Cartier & Sharon Donahue	10/09
Adam & Brittany Carter	10/26 (7)



Worship Team Schedule for October 2026

Oct. 4 - C/C - Becky Weisner 2nd Chalice - Lee Plumblee
 Altar - Brenna Bedenbaugh Lectors - Adam Carter, Ann Diem
 Greeters - Debbie Bullock, Dickie Watters
 Prayer Leader - Michelle Smith Ushers - Rickey & Christel Gilbert
 Tech - Paul Hines Tellers - Richard Alexander, Jim McAbee
 EV - Carole Rowell CC #1 - Diane Meketa, Susan Lancaster
 PC - Will Hawkins

Oct. 11 - C/C - Will Hawkins 2nd Chalice - Lee Plumblee
 Altar - Will Hawkins Lectors - Jane Rhinehart, Dickie Watters
 Greeters - Brenna Bedenbaugh, Cindy Bell
 Prayer Leader - Carole Rowell Ushers - Dewey & Karen Michelin
 Tech - Larry Owens Tellers - Dave Collins, Patricia Lee
 EV - None PC - None CC #2 - April Alexander, Janice Ownbey

Oct. 18 - C/C - Carole Rowell 2nd Chalice - Lee Plumblee
 Altar - Karen Michelin Greeters - Debbie Bullock, Will Hawkins
 Lectors - Tonya Ebenboeck, Michelle Smith Tech - David Grayshock
 Ushers - Stan & Cynde Payne Tellers - Maggie Holm, Jeffrey Morgan
 Prayer Leader - Rita Long EV - None
 CC #3 - Diane Meketa, Melissa Woolen PC - None

Oct. 25 - C/C - Dewey Michelin 2nd Chalice - Lee Plumblee
 Altar - Sharon Landon Lectors - Kathy Locke, Dick Locke
 Greeters - Will Hawkins, Karen Michelin
 Ushers - Ann Diem, Diane Meketa Tech - Cindy Collins
 Tellers - Richard Alexander, Jim McAbee Prayer Leader - Rita Long
 EV - None PC - None CC #4 - April Alexander

Links to keep St. Margaret's connected:

Website: <https://stmargaretsepiscopal.org>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoYcQtchHjs>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/smecbs/>

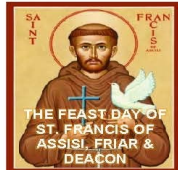
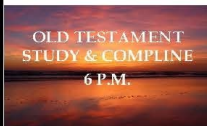
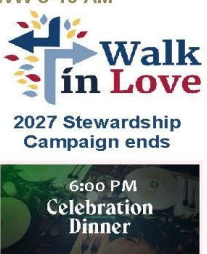
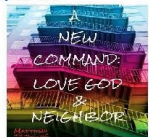
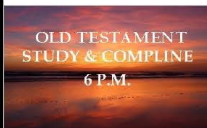
Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina: <https://www.edusc.org/>

The Lectionary Page: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

The Book Of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

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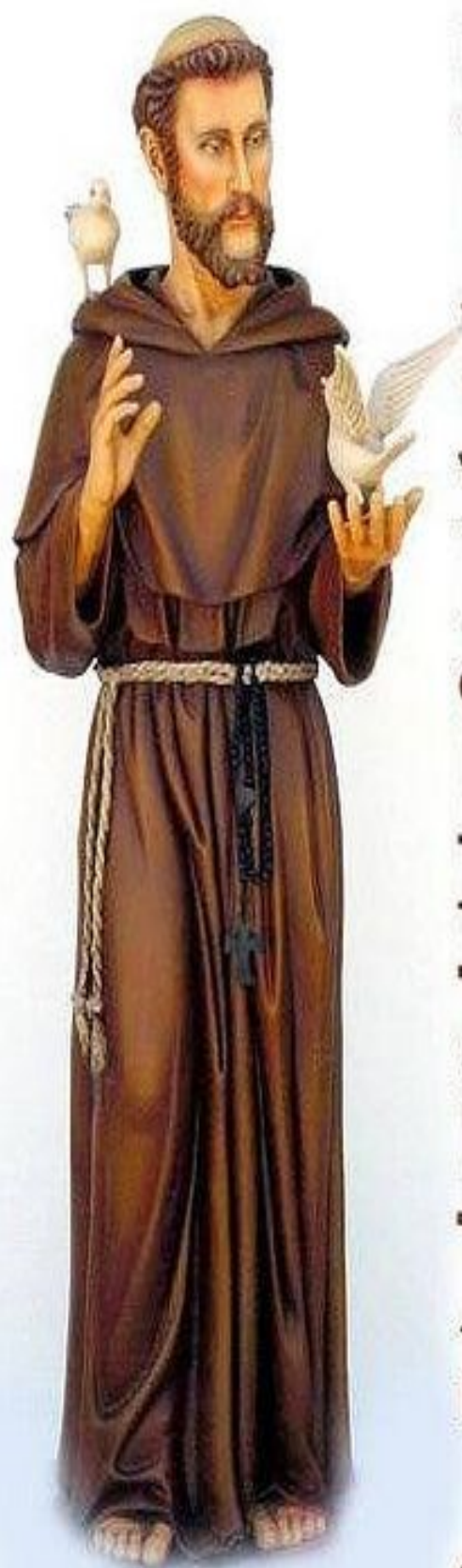
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Color Codes:					25 Ordinary Time	1	2	3
Green - Special Scheduled Events Black - Regular Monthly/Weekly Events Red - Days off or Holidays Purple - Funerals Tan - Building Use by others (paid) Blue - Sunday/Other Day Worship Services or Special Days							Grace off NA 5:30-7:30 PM Thank a person who shows grace.	WW 8-10 AM
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Pentecost								
Adult Formation 9:30 AM C.C. & Holy Eucharist Rite II Year A 10:30 AM Proper 22 Blessing of the Animals 3 pm 		Fr. Dave off Choir 5 PM 26th Week of Ordinary Time		WW 9-11 AM NA 5:30-7:30 PM Grounds for Faith Small Group Class 10:30 am Crossroads Coffee House 	7:00 PM 	Sugar Ridge HOA Meeting 7-8:30 PM	Grace off NA 5:30-7:30 PM 	WW 8-10 AM Men's Breakfast Peach Blossom Diner 8 AM
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Birthdays		Anniversaries
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Maddie Loving	10/28	
Nancy Fodi	10/29	
Dickie Watters	10/30	







**LORD, MAKE ME AN
INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE.
WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
LET ME SOW LOVE,
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.
O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT
I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE,
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND,
TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE.
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
IT IS IN PARDONING
THAT WE ARE PARDONED,
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE
BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI