

MONEY MATTERS ~ September 2009

Income: \$14,588.01 YTD \$137,791.93
Expenses: \$12,243.86 YTD \$134,799.60
Income and Expenses not reconciled.

Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God. Nehemiah 10:32.

Church Word:

Stole: A stole is a long, narrow strip of cloth worn by clergy as an emblem of ordination. The priest's stole is worn around the neck with the ends crossed in front or allowed to hang straight down. The color is usually determined by the liturgical color of the season. The particular sacrament being conferred sometimes guides color selection: red for ordinations and white for weddings.

October 2009 Prayer Book Quiz

What is confirmation?

In which canticle appointed in Morning Prayer are whales, birds, and beasts of the wild called upon to praise the Lord?

How many forms of The Prayers of the People are shown in the Book of Common Prayer?

Answers to September's Prayer Book Quiz:

What Holy Days occur in September?

- 9/14 Holy Cross Day
- 9/21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 9/29 Saint Michael and All Angels

We are now in the Season After Pentecost. What season came before and what season will follow?

Easter Season came before; Advent will follow.

What is another name for the Ten Commandments which can be found in the Book of Common Prayer?

The Decalogue.

Great institutions are built by bequests. Remember St. Francis in your will.

2009 is the last year for persons 70½ to move monies from a qualified fund (IRA, 401(k), etc.) directly to a charitable institution without having to pay tax on the proceeds. The mandatory required minimum distribution will go back into effect in 2010. **If you are interested in making such a gift to St. Francis, please contact a member of the Vestry.**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

Welcome home, Fr. Konrad and Elizabeth! Fr. White will celebrate both services on October 18.

St. Francis Men's Club will hold its annual Boston Butt Sale in December. Cook days will be December 17 and 18, and the butts will be available for pickup on December 19. Donations of clean oak or hickory firewood are needed. Please contact samsteele@comcast.net.

ECW and Men's Club will hold a joint dinner on Thursday, October 22, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5 towards the dinner costs is much appreciated. The speaker will be Officer Matt Stow with SCCMPD, Islands Precinct. If you need a ride, please call the Church Office by the 21st.

Sunday School: We had a wonderful turnout for both children's and adult Sunday School classes. Jessica Smith will have special treats for those that have perfect attendance! There are activity bags and Rite II Children's Eucharistic booklets found at the rear of the Church. Please return after church.

St. Francis Handbell Choir will start October 18th during the 10:15 service. Following the Collect, the children will process to the front of the church for a prayer and leave with Elizabeth White. They will return during the Peace.

The Scripture Class will begin on Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. Our focus this year will be on the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This year we are in Year B of the three year cycle of readings. In Advent, the new year for the church, Year C will be used. During that three-year cycle the church reaches into most of the scriptures in the Hebrew (Old) and Christian (New) Testaments.

Sunday is Local Fellowship Night Buffet at Dolphin Reef Oceanfront Restaurant at Tybee. Bring your current church bulletin to the restaurant and receive a special price \$18 for adults (normally \$29) and \$10 for children 4-12 (normally 14). **They will donate 10% of total revenues collected to the participating churches.** The bulletin is the way of tracking the amount of the donations the churches will receive based on the participation of their members.

Acolytes needed: Please contact Nancy Meyer, 897-5628.

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ECW UTO Fall Ingathering

The Episcopal Church Women's fall ingathering for the United Thank Offering will take place at all services on the weekend of November 1, 2009. The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

If you have a Blue Box, please convert coins to bills or a check made out to UTO. Children may bring their coins. If you do not have a Blue Box, please consider taking one from the table in the back of the church. It can serve as a gentle reminder for the whole family to give thanks each day for our many blessings.

Your offering will be sent, along with those from nearly every other Episcopal parish in the United States, to the Executive Council of UTO. Grants are made annually in support of programs within Anglican provinces and dioceses throughout the world in response to requests which are carefully screened and must meet rigid criteria. Every penny collected is available to use for grants. All expenses are paid through a trust fund set up by ECW.

Endowment Committee Formed

St. Francis of the Islands now has an endowment committee. The members are: Tom Bateski, Steve Estes, Jim Hardin, Renie Muhvich, and Ernest Schuster.

What is an endowment? An endowment is defined as a gift of money or income producing property, to a public organization (including churches, universities, hospitals, etc.), given for a specific purpose (such as research, development, spreading the gospel, etc.). Generally, the endowment asset is kept intact and only the income generated by it is consumed.

We will periodically provide information regarding endowments through the newsletter and Sunday bulletin. Feel free to ask any committee member questions regarding the endowment. If we do not have the answer, we will get the correct information to you.

PARISH NEWS ~ November Birthdays

Myrtice Haskell	11/1
Angel Garcia	11/2
Beth Westgate	11/2
Raymond Retzer	11/3
Jon Llewellyn	11/4
Elizabeth McTeer	11/5
Renie Muhvich	11/5
Joseph Whitaker	11/5
James Ferencsik	11/9
Jacob Boyd	11/10
Elizabeth Whitaker	11/10
Ed Meyer	11/11
Debbie Rauers	11/13
Skye Cornwell	11/16
Dene Adams	11/18
Gordon Taylor	11/20
John Hamilton	11/22
Rebecca Nichols	11/22
Luann Whitlow	11/23
Robin Horan	11/24
Neil Johnson	11/24
Mary Locklear	11/24
Richard Mitchell	11/26
Pete Pearson	11/26
Steve Westgate	11/26
Carolyn Hall	11/27
Matthew Cowart	11/28
Bruce Riner Jr.	11/29

Rest in Peace:

Estelle Cureton, mother of Rosemary Kilpatrick
Charlie Siebert, brother of Herschel Siebert

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech thee so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled, that they may enact such laws as shall please thee, to the glory of thy Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please advise the Church Office of births, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries so that we may share your news with other parishioners. Please also provide the name of your family members or friends who are service members so that we may pray for their safety.

ICEY is collecting food staples for Second Harvest. A box is in the Parish Hall to collect non-perishables. ICEY kids will be going to Second Harvest Saturday October 24 from 9-12. (Bring water and snacks for yourself.) St. Francis will host on November 1st and will provide dinner and a speaker. Kim Tutan, 897-6474.

Visit the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia Youth website for information about upcoming events, including **New Beginnings 10/30-11/1**: <http://www.edogy.org/home.html>

Holy Fun: Camp for Big Kids! College students and young adults aged 18-29 are invited to a fall retreat at Honey Creek, Friday, Nov. 6- Sunday, Nov. 8. For more information and to register, Call the Rev. Helen White at 912-925-6517 or www.georgia.anglican.org.

On behalf of Episcopal church women in the Diocese of Georgia, President CeCile Steele has sent a letter of congratulations and support to Bishop-Elect Scott Benhase.

Thanks for donating to the Women's Unit at the Inner City Night Shelter! The collection is ongoing, so please remember to drop off your travel shampoos, etc., throughout the year. We deliver the goodies on the first Saturday of every month.

Please sign up to provide simple refreshments following either service. Space is available to sign up for donations of flowers and sacristy candles.

The Friendship Group will meet for dinner at the home of John & Serena Nasworthy on Friday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert.

CALENDAR

- 10/18 Handbell choir begins practice
 - 10/22 6 p.m. ECW & Men's Club Dinner & Meetings
 - 10/23 6:30 p.m. Friendship Dinner @ Nasworthy
 - 10/24 ICEY to Second Harvest
 - 10/30 New Beginnings @ Honey Creek
 - 11/1 All Saints Day
 - 11/1 ICEY @ St. Francis
 - 11/6 Holy Fun @ Honey Creek
 - 11/7 Inner City Night Shelter
- Holy Days**
- 10/19 Saint Luke the Evangelist
 - 10/23 Satin James of Jerusalem
 - 10/28 Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
 - 11/1 All Souls' Day