

MONEY MATTERS ~ November 2009

Income: \$15,338.02 YTD \$167,255.48
Expenses: \$15,119.31 YTD \$162,021.57
Income and Expenses not reconciled.

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:15,16.

Do you know the meaning of these church words?
(answers in January)

Frankincense:

- A. Dried flower petals
- B. Lamp oil
- C. Gum resin

Seraphim:

- A. Biblical scrolls
- B. Ceremonial candles
- C. Highest order of angels

Incarnate:

- A. snow-white
- B. occurring on 12/24
- C. given a human form

December 2009 Prayer Book Quiz

Where in the BCP are instructions given for lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath?

What are the four types of recitation of the Psalter?

What periods of time are covered by the Lectionary for Sundays and the Daily Office Lectionary?

Answers to November's Prayer Book Quiz:

What are the Scripture citations for the 4 sentences used during Holy Eucharist Rite I when we are asked to hear the Word of God?

p.332, Matthew 11:28; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 John 2:1-2

Which service begins with the officiant saying, "The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end"? p.127, Compline

Mary's Song of Praise, *Magnificat*, found in Morning Prayer, comes from which Gospel? p.91, Luke 1:46

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*Great institutions are built by bequests.
Please remember St. Francis in your will.*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

Please remember to pick up your pledge envelopes in the narthex on Sundays or in the office during the week!

St. Francis Soup Ministry: Our first noon meal of soup, cornbread and dessert was delivered on December 3. The team met and will continue to meet at 11:00 on almost every Tuesday between now and the middle of March. Susie Stubbs, 'Cile Steele, Harold and Marsha Littlebird, and Renie made and delivered the "first edition" of this ministry. The crew/team for Dec. 8 was Sue and Bill Avery, Pat Jensen, Renie Muhvich and Harold and Marsha helped with delivery.

Please volunteer to work in this very local ministry. The sign-up sheets are on the door to the Meals on Wheels pantry. Call Renie at 897-6351 if you need more information. Thank you, soup ministers!

St. Francis Men's Club: Cookers are needed for Dec. 17 and 18. Also needed are donations of clean oak or hickory firewood. **If you have ordered a Boston butt, please remember to pick it up at the church on Saturday, Dec. 19.** To volunteer to cook or donate firewood, please contact samsteele@comcast.net.

ECW and Men's Club: There will be no December meeting.

Sunday School News: No Sunday School December 27th and January 3rd.

ICEY NEWS: Sunday, December 20 @ 2:00 pm Ice Skating. Meet at the rink; call Jessica Smith for directions, Tel: 272-2317.

Friendship Group: There will be no December get-together.

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Vestry Nominations Needed

If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Vestry of St. Francis, please contact the Church Office or any member of the Vestry.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 31st, 2010, and three Vestry members will be elected by those in attendance. To be eligible for election, you must be a confirmed adult in good standing, at least 18 years of age, and a member of St. Francis.

A member in good standing is defined as:

A baptized member who has received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and is faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

Each person chosen Vestry Member shall subscribe to the following declaration and promise: *I do believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrine, worship, and discipline of the Episcopal Church; and I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of Vestry Member of St. Francis Church in Chatham County, according to my best knowledge and skill.*

A Gentle Reminder

We have just completed a stewardship campaign to develop our 2010 budget. Many thanks to all parishioners for your support of the community and ministries of St. Francis. Sustaining the planned budget is dependent upon your fulfillment of your yearly pledge. During 2009, many families have experienced layoffs and financial difficulties. If you are able to complete your 2009 pledge, please send it by December 31, 2009.

Parish News

January Birthdays

Manning Bath	1/1
Charlotte Dixon	1/3
Chandra Franklin	1/6
Elizabeth McIntosh	1/6
Daniel Hix	1/7
Thad Welch Jr.	1/7
Katherine Kennickell	1/9
Marsha Littlebird	1/9
Caleb Smith	1/9
Jonathan Bowen	1/10
Rachel Bowen	1/10
Lauren Simmons	1/10
Ginny Tremblay	1/10
Konrad White	1/10
Margaret Archer	1/12
Ashley Simmons	1/12
Sydney Brown	1/13
Katie Lum	1/13
Kim Tutan	1/13
Kenneth Meyer	1/14
Clarence Taylor	1/14
John Ferrell	1/15
Windee Helle	1/16
Nancy Meyer	1/17
Darris Plumb	1/17
Therese Sandford	1/18
Curtis Smith	1/20
Christopher Ohmer	1/21
Thomas Owens	1/22
Sally Osteen	1/23
Judy Taylor	1/27
Zack Cornwell	1/31
Dylan Hix	1/31

Congratulations: Teri Sandford on the birth (11/13) of her grandson Pierce.

Congratulations: Allison & Dale Jones on the birth (12/10) of Turner Martin Jones, grandson of Vicki & Ernest Schuster.

Welcome to St. Francis: Sara Jane Imahori

Rest in Peace: 11/5/09, Cornelia Adamson, a long-time member of St. Francis.

Please advise the Church Office of births, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries, as well as names of family members or friends who are service members so they may be added to our prayers.

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There will be ONE service on Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist (Rite II) and Children's Pageant .

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Calendar

12/19	Pick up Boston Butts at St. Francis.
12/20	ICEY Ice Skating @ 2:00 p.m.
12/24	Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00 p.m.
12/25	No service.
12/27	Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Holy Days

12/21	St. Thomas
12/26	St. Stephen
12/27	St. John
12/28	Holy Innocents
1/1	The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
1/6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ



**O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.**

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**