

MONEY MATTERS ~ June 2009

Income: \$13,681.26 YTD \$100,481.27

Expenses: \$17,772.27* YTD \$99,177.12

*Includes \$6,000 loan payoff

Every man should give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. Deuteronomy 16:17

Church Words: What's a *credence* table?

A small table standing to the side or back of the altar which holds the sacred vessels used to prepare for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The name derives from the Latin verb "credere" which means to trust or believe in. The name for this table was first used to describe a table used to taste the food to be served to a nobleman to ascertain that the food was not poisoned. If the taster survived, a lord could trust or believe in the food, hence "credence."

July 2009 Prayer Book Quiz

What are the Ten Commandments?

What do we learn from these commandments?

What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?

Since we do not fully obey them, are they useful at all?

Answers to June's Prayer Book Quiz:

What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again.

What are the benefits we receive in the Lord's Supper?

The benefits we receive are the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life.

What is required of us when we come to the Eucharist?

It is required that we should examine our lives, repent of our sins, and be in love and charity with all people. Prayer Book, p.859.

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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

Godley Play is coming back to St. Francis for kindergarten through 2nd graders. We're very excited and want your little ones to attend this very special Sunday School program.

Sunday School Teachers are needed for Godley Play, 3rd through 5th grade and teen classes, and an adult representative for the ICEY program (described below). Please consider participating and/or sharing teaching duties with someone. Contact the Church Office.

Get ICEY with us! All youth, rising 6th grade and up, are invited to join ICEY, Island Christian Ecumenical Youth, this fall. This "cool" group of youth from Wilmington Island churches will meet twice each month for fellowship, learning, and service to our community. The rotating meetings will take place at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Francis Episcopal, and Wilmington Island Presbyterian.

There will be a "Meet & Greet" Cookout and volleyball game for all interested youth, volunteers, and parents from 4-6 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran on August 16.

The group will meet on September 13 from 5-7 p.m. at Wilmington Island Presbyterian to eat, introduce the program, and roll out a T-shirt design contest! Contact Kim Tutan at 897-6474 for more details.

You'll hear more about Confirmation Class and the Handbell Choir as well as all other Christian Education opportunities in a brochure coming soon!

Please provide your email address to the Church Office ASAP. Addresses are only used to send you reminders and news items from St. Francis and are not shared with others.

A brief training session for lectors to become familiar with our new Common Revised Lectionary and Prayers of the People format will be held in August.

About St. Francis's Interim: Fr. Konrad White was born in Savannah and grew up in West Palm Beach. He graduated from Belhaven College, studied at University of the South in Sewanee, and graduated from Nashotah House Seminary. He has served churches in Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, and California, and retired to Savannah in 2008. Konrad is married to the former Elizabeth Jane McGlothlin of Laurel, Mississippi.

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- The Vestry is very pleased to announce that Fr. Konrad White has accepted our call to be our Interim. His duties will begin on August 2nd. Although Fr. White will not have regular office hours at St. Francis, he will be available by appointment and will assume all pastoral duties.
- There will be one service on August 9th at 9:00 a.m. (Rite II) followed by a reception in Hoorstra Hall to welcome Fr. White and his family.
- Mark your calendar for August 30th and the St. Francis Annual Parish Picnic and Fall Kickoff. Dress casually and, kids, bring swimsuits and towels so you can play on the water slide!
- The slate of candidates for the 10th Bishop of our Diocese has been announced and their names and biographical information are available at: <http://www.georgiabishopsearch.org/>
- The 188th Special Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia will be held September 12, 2009, in Dublin, Georgia. St. Francis's delegates are: Hap Boyd, Pat Locklear, and Heather Walker. *Please contact the Vestry members to discuss how you would like the delegates to vote.*
- Please contact Steve Westgate, Junior Warden, or the Church Office if you have anything stored in the attic that needs to be saved; otherwise, it may be thrown away.
- The Archer memorial platform in front of the altar has been secured so it will no longer move or slide.
- Hap Boyd and Steve Westgate removed the obsolete wall-mounted AC unit from Lynes Hall. All AC filters have been replaced thanks to a donation by David Archer.
- Please contact Steve if you would like to donate a partial sheet of 1/2 inch sheetrock.

PARISH NEWS ~ August Birthdays

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| Thomas Dennard, IV | 8/3 |
| Laurence Tremblay | 8/3 |
| Tim Kiene | 8/4 |
| Mac Farthing | 8/5 |
| Carl Poythress Jr. | 8/5 |
| Ashley Barnes | 8/6 |
| John Rauers | 8/7 |
| Arthur Hagan II | 8/8 |
| Thomson Reilley | 8/9 |
| Linda Drake | 8/11 |
| Tibby Llewellyn | 8/12 |
| Alice Eldredge | 8/15 |
| Susan McLester | 8/15 |
| Shannon Beasley | 8/16 |
| David Archer | 8/17 |
| Susan Hill | 8/21 |
| Mildred Lucre | 8/23 |
| Shirley Weaver | 8/24 |
| Carolyn Dennard | 8/26 |
| Karen Gibson | 8/26 |
| Heather Miller | 8/28 |
| Waizmann Rogers | 8/28 |
| Vivian Poythress | 8/31 |

Congratulations to Jessica and Michael Smith on the birth of their son Elliott Michael Born June 25, 2009, weighing 6 lb 14 oz and 20" in length.

Congratulations to Patricia Kiessling on the marriage of her son, Nicholas Garrett, to Brandi Renee.

Welcome new members: Carol Blanck, Vicki Kennedy, Lauren Bush, and Ella Dene Adams.

Pastoral concerns: Please contact the Church Office at 897-5725 or Dan Drake, Senior Warden, at 897-3936.

A Prayer for the Unemployed:

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please also pray for our military families and friends.

UPDATE ON MINISTRIES

St. Francis continues to collect personal products for the **Women's Unit at the Inner City Night Shelter**. The box is located under the bulletin board on the right wall as you enter Hoorstra Hall.

Please use the sign-up sheets in Hoorstra Hall to **donate refreshments, a sanctuary candle, and/or flowers** to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one.

If you are interested in joining a **Meals-on-Wheels** team or starting a team of your own, please contact the Church Office at 897-5725 or Sue Avery at 897-1850. This is a very satisfying and rewarding ministry.

Volunteers needed for **cleanup on Johnny Mercer Boulevard**, our St. Francis Adopted Highway. Contact the Church Office.

Due to new health standards at **Ronald McDonald House**, St. Francis will no longer be performing this ministry. All food brought must be prepared commercially, cooked and/or baked by licensed caterers, or prepared in the RMcDH kitchen. To volunteer in other ways, call 356-5520.

St. Francis will host the **Interfaith Hospitality Network** for the last time the week of July 19-26. The Vestry made the difficult decision to discontinue IHN due to the lack of space created by moving the church offices back into Lynes Hall and utilizing the other rooms for Christian Education. St. Francis continues to support Meals-on-Wheels, Inner City Night Shelter and the Women's Shelter, St. Francis Soup Ministry, and youth and EFM programs. Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and AA also hold meetings at St. Francis on a weekly basis.

CALENDAR

July 18 ~ 6:30 Friendship Dinner at the home of Charlotte Dixon, 604 Leaning Oaks Drive. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert!

July 19-26 ~ Interfaith Hospitality Network
Aug. 3 ~ 7 p.m. Vestry Meeting, Sid Daniel room
Aug. 9 ~ 9 a.m. Service & Reception for Fr. White and family

Aug. 16 ~ 4-6 p.m. ICEY "Meet & Greet" Cookout at Redeemer Lutheran

Aug. 30 ~ Annual Parish Picnic, Fall Kickoff