

MONEY MATTERS ~ July 2009

Income: \$13,882.14 YTD \$114,364.01

Expenses: \$11,182.62 YTD \$109,704.52

Income and Expenses not reconciled.

And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD. If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. And concerning the tithes of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.
Leviticus 27:30-32

Church Words: What is a *collect*?

A collect is a particular kind of written prayer and is an important part of corporate worship. Everyone can say the prayer together which heightens the sense of community. A collect is structured in three parts: It addresses God, it asks for something from God, and it closes with naming Jesus and describing God's glory (a doxology). Although the word is pronounced COL-lect, it does actually mean to col-LECT, or to sum up the prayers of all the worshippers.

What is the difference between the *nave* and the *sanctuary*?

The central part of a church where the faithful stand or sit during the service is called the *nave*. The *sanctuary* is located several steps above the main-floor level of the nave. The altar is the main focal point of the sanctuary and usually nothing is located therein which detracts from its centrality.

August 2009 Prayer Book Quiz

What are the creeds?

How many creeds does this Church use in its worship?

What is the Athanasian Creed?

What is the Trinity?

Answers to July's Prayer Book Quiz:

What are the Ten Commandments? *The Ten Commandments are the laws given to Moses and the people of Israel.*

What do we learn from these commandments?

We learn our duty to God and our duty to our neighbors.

What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments were given to define our relationship with God and our neighbors.

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

Since we do not fully obey them, we see more clearly our sin and our need for redemption.

Prayer Book, p. 847.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis Annual Sand Gnats Game August 14

Sponsored by the St. Francis Men's Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 6:30. Tickets are \$6, but will be discounted substantially. Sam Steele will be there at 5:30 to hand out tickets near the "will call" ticket counter. Friday night fireworks! Come join the fun! All St. Francis members are welcome.

Get ICEY with us! There will be a "Meet & Greet" Cookout and volleyball game for all interested youth (6th grade and up), volunteers, and parents from 4-6 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran on August 16. Meet at St. Francis at 3:45 to ride over to Redeemer.

Altar Guild will meet with Fr. White at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 23, in the church (nave). All members are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Vicki Schuster at 897-1882 or 236-4279, or e-mail vschuster@gaepiscopal.org.

Daughters of the King will meet at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23, in the church (nave).

Parish Picnic August 30

There will be one service celebrating Rite II at 9:30 a.m. followed by the picnic. Please bring a covered dish. Fried chicken will be provided by St. Francis. Dress is casual. Games will be available for children including a water slide. Please bring towels and/or dry clothes.

Sunday School Kickoff August 30

Parents, we need your commitment to bring your kids to Sunday School! The classes are educational and so much more fun with lots of kids. Sign up in the Parish Hall so that we can get a head count for this year. Contact Jessica Smith for information, 898-1636 or 272-2317.

3-7 year olds ~ Godly Play with Marilyn Williams, Shelley Jenkins, and Robin Horan

Confirmation Class ~ Nancy Meyer & Gordon Taylor
6th grade up ~ Get ICEY ~ Kim Tutan & Jessica Farthing
Elizabeth White will teach Handbells during Children's Chapel at the 10:15 service.

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Upcoming Election of Bishop

Please email, write or tell a Vestry member your choice for bishop. Ballots will also be available in the Sunday bulletin and in the Parish Hall. Please visit <http://www.georgiabishopsearch.org/>. If you do not have a computer, one is available in the church office where you can view the candidates' resumes and videos.

Your votes will be counted on September 6th so that our delegates may be advised of the wishes of the congregation. 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.

Pick up a copy of Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori's address on the General Convention. Copies are available in the Parish Hall and in the Narthex.

ECW Triennial Meeting Report

The Diocese of Georgia Episcopal Church Women funded a trip to the Triennial meeting of the ECW in Anaheim, California, for me, as Diocesan president, and two other officers, from July 7-17, 2009. Triennial is always held in conjunction with the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and our delegates met together with the House of Delegates and the House of Bishops for the opening and closing convention sessions and for the daily Eucharist.

It was quite an experience to take communion with 8,000 people, to have youth choirs lead 8,000 voices in singing traditional hymns as well as spirituals, to hear our Presiding Bishop's sermon, and to see such diversity from dioceses worldwide. The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke at the ECW Triennial, as did Bishop Schori, who put a specially designed gold cross in the hand of each woman present.

I am so grateful to have been present at Triennial and so humbled by the experience of seeing what a diverse and all-inclusive church we are. I think I sometimes forget that we are not just St. Francis (although we're pretty wonderful) but part of a huge body of worshippers. ~ CeCile Steele

PARISH NEWS ~ September Birthdays

Karen Collins	9/1
Jack Rozek	9/1
Rachel Kiene	9/2
William Tumlin	9/3
Wendy Bath	9/4
Pat Howard	9/4
Duane Eurek	9/6
Heather Handy	9/7
Dexter Truax	9/9
Ann Carroll	9/12
Angus McTeer	9/12
D.W. Tomhave	9/13
Jay Bowen	9/15
Tim Boyd	9/15
Doris Ward	9/15
Tania Bowen	9/16
Randy Cornwell	9/16
Donna Jones	9/19
Marion Saulsbury	9/21
Cynthia Murray	9/22
Reagen Helle	9/23
Carolyn Ball	9/24
Patrick Byrnes Jr.	9/26
Susan Smith	9/27
Beth Ferencsik	9/28
Kate Ferencsik	9/29
Billy Lucas	9/29
David Ferencsik	9/30
Dale Jones	9/30

9/30

Rest in Peace:

**Margaret Blank (mother of Katherine Ferrell)
Waizmann Rogers, (husband of Judi Rogers)
Robert Weaver (father of Wendy Bath)**

Almighty God, whose hand hast guided and sustained thy Church throughout many generations, Accept our praise for this parish church; Bless all who serve within its walls, and strengthen the hands of those who seek to assure its future; Make it a constant witness to thy glory and a place of peace and joy for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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

Refreshments, Sanctuary Candles, and Altar

Flowers Please sign up to donate refreshments. The coffee hour after each service encourages fellowship among our parishioners. Coffee and lemonade are furnished by St. Francis. Refreshments need not be elaborate. Cookies or donuts, something very simple is just fine!

Celebrate a birthday, wedding anniversary, baptism, marriage or other special occasion; remember a loved one or offer thanksgiving by donating flowers or a sanctuary candle. The cost of the candle is \$15 and offsets costs for the Altar Guild. Flowers are \$35 a vase and are prepared by the St. Francis Flower Guild.

Invite a friend or family to join you in making a contribution of refreshments, sanctuary candle, or altar flowers.

Volunteers are needed for these ministries:

Acolytes: Nancy Meyer, 897-5628

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Glenn Miller, 897-3948

Ushers & Greeters: Gordon Taylor, 897-9839

Lectors: Renie Muhvich, 897-6351

Altar Guild: Vicki Schuster, 897-1882

Flower Guild: Sue Avery, 897-1850

Inner City Night Shelter: Mary Ellen Butler, 786-9785

Soup Ministry: Renie Muhvich, 897-6351

Meals-on-Wheels: Sue Avery, 897-1850

ECW: Teri Sandford, 897-0031 or

Susan Smith, 897-3177

St. Francis Men's Club: Sam Steele, 897-7342

Stewardship: Randy Smith, 897-2059

Friendship Dinners: Serena Nasworthy, 897-3060

Newcomers: Rebecca Yocum, 706-271-8433

CALENDAR

Aug 14 ~ 6:30 St. Francis Annual Sand Gnats Game

Aug 16 ~ ICEY meeting at Redeemer Lutheran 4-6 p.m.

Aug 23 ~ 9:15 a.m. Altar Guild meeting with Fr. White

Aug 23 ~ 4:00 p.m. DOK Meeting

Aug 28 ~ 6:30 p.m. Friendship Dinner at the home of John & Serena Nasworthy

Aug 30 ~ Parish Picnic & Sunday School Kickoff