

MONEY MATTERS ~ October 2009

Income: \$14,105.15 YTD \$151,849.76
Expenses: \$12,292.03 YTD \$147,114.60
Income and Expenses not reconciled.

Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds; for riches do not last forever, nor a crown for all generations. Proverbs 27:24.

Church Words:

Nave: The central part of the church where the faithful sit or stand is called the "nave." The name derives from the Latin "navis" meaning "ship," possibly because one of the earliest symbols of the church was a ship.

Narthex: In Classical Greek, this word meant "a large funnel." As the language expanded over time, narthex came to mean a porch or portico, presumably because people "funneled" through it to gain entry to a building. Over time the narthex came to be any vestibule opening into a nave.

November 2009 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?

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

Mary's Song of Praise, *Magnificat*, found in Morning Prayer, comes from which Gospel?

**Answers to October's Prayer Book Quiz:
What is confirmation?**

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

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

A Song of Creation, *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*, pp.88-89.

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

Six, pp.383-393.

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Please remember St. Francis in your will.***

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS ECW's United Thank Offering raised \$368.49.

Thank you for your contributions!

St. Francis Men's Club: Don't forget the Boston Butt Sale coming in December! Butts will be available for pickup on 12/19/09. Donations of clean oak or hickory firewood are needed. Contact samsteele@comcast.net.

ECW and Men's Club: Thursday, November 12th, 6:00 pm. Join us for dinner (donation of \$5 per person appreciated to defray the costs of meal.) Our speaker will be Frank Williams from Youth Challenge. Call the office if you need a ride.

The 2010 sign-up sheet for flowers, sacristy candles, and refreshments will be in the Parish Hall on November 29th (1st Advent). Sign up early to celebrate your anniversary, birthday or memorial.

Sunday School: The Adult Class has finished reading and discussing *The Shack* by William Paul Young, "where tragedy confronts eternity." To borrow a copy, contact the office. We'll now be reading *Dangerous Wonder* by Michael Yaconnelli. Please join us at 9:15 for a lively discussion group!

Winter Blast @ Honey Creek: 12/18-12/20/09
An opportunity for high school youth to gather in fellowship with their peers in a Christian environment. <http://www.edogy.org/home.html>

Celebrate Thanksgiving, November 26, 5:00 pm, at St. Francis. Family style, all welcome. Bring a side dish, turkey provided. Call the office, 897-5725, for reservations.

ICEY: 11/15 3 p.m. Meet at St. Francis, cleanup at Rails on Trails, back to St. Francis for pizza dinner. Jessica Smith, 898-1636.

Friendship Group Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Nov. 20, at the home of Katherine & Tom Owens. All are welcome. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert.

Nursery Workers: Please thank Devin Horan and Katie Lum, 2 very responsible young ladies, for the great job they do in the church nursery.

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Bring Your Gold Envelope to Church November 29

During this Thanksgiving season, as we reflect on our many blessings, let us count our youth as one of our cherished blessings.

The Episcopal Youth and Children's Services is a committee of the Diocese of Georgia that benefits the youth in our Diocese. It assists young people who have financial needs with college or vocational school tuition grants, medical problems or emergencies as well as scholarships to the Diocesan camp at Honey Creek. For the year 2009, EYCS granted over \$67,000 to further our youth. This is only possible by the generous giving of the people of our Diocese.

Hopefully, each of you has received a gold envelope in the mail. We encourage you to bring the envelope with your gift to church on Sunday November 29th and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Proposed 2010 Budget

The Finance Committee met on November 4 to develop the Proposed 2010 Church Budget. This document should be available for Parish review the 22nd and 29th of November and 6th of December. The final budget recommendation will be presented for approval at the December 2009 regular Vestry meeting.

St. Francis Soup Ministry

The Soup Ministry is one ministry of the Women of St. Francis and the members of the parish. A quart of soup, a dessert, and a muffin or cornbread is delivered to those who are elderly, ill or home-bound.

This year we will make and deliver these weekly noonday meals on Tuesdays, immediately following the Lectionary Scripture Class. If you received soup last year, you are on the list for this year. Should you wish to be added to the delivery routes, please call Renie at 897-6351 or the church office at 897-5725.

This ministry always needs those who can bake, make soup, or do the deliveries. There will be sign-up sheet in the parish hall for those who wish to contribute to this nutritious parish endeavor. If you have questions, please call Renie.

PARISH NEWS ~ December Birthdays

Sandy Miller	12/1
Layton Truax Jr.	12/1
Corey Meyer	12/4
Blake Handy	12/5
Meredith Harden	12/6
Rose Keever	12/6
Susie Stubbs	12/8
Thomas Bateski	12/12
Marceline Miller	12/13
Sue Avery	12/14
Randall Dutson III	12/14
Randy Smith	12/14
Carol Woodcroft	12/15
Hoot Gibson	12/16
Robert Jenkins	12/16
Charles Kilpatrick	12/16
Sara Piechota	12/16
Lynda Lum	12/17
Zachary Archer	12/18
Joseph Snead	12/18
Elizabeth Farthing	12/20
Tony Harden	12/21
Ammie Tremblay	12/23
Jessica Smith	12/25
Terri Eureka	12/26
Michael Rowland	12/27
Steven Estes	12/28
Pat Jensen	12/29
Katherine Owens	12/30

Baptism: Elliott Michael Smith, baptized November 8, 2009, son of Jessica and Michael Smith.

Congratulations: Ashley Barnes on the birth of her son, Landen Martin Barnes.

Congratulations: Elizabeth Buck, formerly McTeer, on her marriage to Guy Buck and on the birth of grandson, Landen Martin Barnes.

O gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest, that men and women everywhere may give thee thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Advent Liturgy: The Worship Committee met with Fr. White and the following are the usual Advent procedures and included are some new offerings:

- The "Gloria" and Alleluias are not traditionally used during this season.
- The color purple will be used as Fr. White has two specially made chasubles he will wear.
- The bulletin will be simplified to titles and page numbers, thus making use of the Book of Common Prayer in worship. A number of the present style bulletin will still be available.
- There will be one service on Christmas Eve, 5:00 PM. (Rite II)

Christmas Pageant: All children who would like to participate, meet in the church on Dec. 6 at 9:15 to begin rehearsals. Costume fittings on Dec. 20. Questions? Call Jessica Smith, 898-1636.

CALENDAR

11/12 6 p.m.	ECW & Men's Club Dinner & Meetings
11/14	Inner City Night Shelter
11/15 3 p.m.	ICEY Meet at St. Francis, pizza dinner
11/20 6:30 p.m.	Friendship Dinner @ Owens.
11/26 5:00	Thanksgiving Dinner
11/29	EYCS Collection
12/6 9:15 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Holy Days

11/30 Saint Andrew the Apostle

Episcopalians pick five strategic goals for future

Last January, the Episcopal Church's Executive Council established a strategic planning committee to draft a 10-year strategic vision. Close to 6,700 clergy and laity responded. Of that total, 5,222 respondents were lay people. Of the 1,475 ordained respondents 42 were bishops, 1,249 priests, and 184 deacons.

The five areas called "very important" by a clear majority of respondents were, in descending order: reaching youth and young adults; evangelism/proclaiming the good news of Christ; worship, music and liturgy; leadership; and strengthening congregations.

The six least important areas, in descending order were: multicultural inclusion; advocacy and social justice; stewardship; clarity of denominational mission; planting new churches and communities of faith; and church administration, coordination and structure.

Download survey results here:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/strategicplan/>