

MONEY MATTERS ~ August 2009

Income: \$12,375.24 YTD \$126,757.50

Expenses: \$12,842.22 YTD \$122,555.74

Income and Expenses not reconciled.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? I St. John 3:17

Church Words:

What is a *thurifer*?

A thurifer is a person who carries a thurible. A thurible is a device, usually suspended on chains, in which incense is burnt. The thurifer is often an acolyte or altar server, but the role may be performed by anyone appointed.

What is a *chasuble*?

The chasuble is the sleeveless outermost vestment worn by the celebrant over the alb (a white, full-length garment) at Holy Eucharist. It may be worn by priest or bishop, but not by a deacon because deacons may administer but do not celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

September 2009 Prayer Book Quiz

What Holy Days occur in September?

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

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

Answers to August's Prayer Book Quiz:

What are the creeds?

The creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God.
How many creeds does this Church use in its worship?
This Church uses two creeds: The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

What is the Athanasian Creed?

The Athanasian Creed is an ancient document proclaiming the nature of the Incarnation and of God as Trinity.

What is the Trinity?

The Trinity is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Retirement Announced ~ Fr. Neal Phelps will retire on October 1, 2009, after a 34-year ordained ministry. He will continue to serve as Canon to the Ordinary on a part-time basis until Bishop Louttit passes the pastoral staff to the next Bishop of Georgia.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

Gnats game a big hit! The Men of St. Francis hosted a night with the Sand Gnats and were treated to a great game on August 14. The weather had been bad all day, but cleared up and we had wonderful weather. Although only ten of our members attended the game, it was very exciting as the Gnats won the game in the last inning, actually with the last batter. With two men on base, catcher Jean Luc Braquiere hit one out of the park. As Steve Westgate said, "That's the way to end a ballgame!" Friday night is fireworks night at the Gnats games, and those were spectacular, too. Thank you, Men of St. Francis.

Genuine e-mail ~ St. Francis office volunteers have an e-mail address, volunteer@sfofi.org. If you receive an email from this address, it is a genuine communication from St. Francis.

Interested in a weekday Scripture Class?

Several people have asked about a weekday Scripture Class. IF there is enough interest in a class, it will be on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Those interested can call Renie at 897-6351 or send an email to her at: witutor@comcast.net.

Sunday School Begins 9/27/09

St. Francis Sunday School classes will begin on September 27 at 9:15 a.m. This includes an adult class led by Serena Nasworthy.

ICEY Events ~ Kim Tutan. 897-6474, for details

9/19 ~ Oyster Shell Harvesting at Skidaway Island Oceanographic Center
9/27 ~ Pool Party at Wilmington Park Pool

Fall Retreats for Young Adults

Young Adult Summit 2009 @ Camp Mikel (October)
Holy Fun @ Honey Creek (November)
More information available in the Parish Hall.

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>

ECW Diocesan Board Meeting, 9/19 at 10:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall

Joint ECW and Men's Club Dinner followed by meetings, 9/24 at 6:00 p.m. A donation of \$5.00 per person towards dinner would be appreciated.

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A Prayer for the Parish of St. Francis:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Francis parishioners have recently received a letter from our Stewardship Chair, Randy Smith. As he outlined, we at St. Francis have many blessings.

Next year will bring new blessings and new challenges. We hope to be able to include in our 2010 budget our full diocesan pledge, funding for a full-year Christian Education director and an increase in pay for the Office Supervisor, as well as replacement of worn-out and end-of-lease office equipment.

Once the Stewardship Campaign is complete, the Finance Committee will use the pledge figures to develop a budget outline for Vestry consideration. Members of the Parish will have several opportunities to review, question, and provide input before the budget is approved by the Vestry. Please return your pledge card by September 30, 2009.

Your time and talents are also valuable assets of St. Francis. Our ministries and programs depend on faithful volunteers and new volunteers are always welcome.

Every woman and man who is a member of St. Francis is also a member of the Episcopal Church Women or Men's Club of St. Francis. These two groups come together for dinner prior to their individual business meetings on the last Thursday of each month. Please take time from your busy schedule to enjoy a simple meal and fellowship. (Nursery available upon notice)

PARISH NEWS ~ October Birthdays

Harrison Curry	10/1
Palmer Jones	10/1
Robert Hill	10/2
Heather Walker	10/2
Vicki Schuster	10/3
Elizabeth Ferrell	10/6
Steven Bath	10/7
Robert MacQuestion	10/7
Kelsey Foster	10/8
Shelley Jenkins	10/8
Arthur Duncan	10/9
Elaine Byrnes	10/10
Sumter Archer	10/14
Chelsea Kiessling	10/19
Robert Brown	10/20
Leighson Estes	10/20
Betty Miller	10/20
Collyn Boyd	10/21
Nancy Franklin	10/21
Terry Barham	10/23
Matthew Miller	10/27
Samuel Miller	10/27
James Bond	10/29
Mary Brooke Sligh	10/30

Rest in Peace:

Betty Jinks, Grandmother of Heather Walker
Marvin Tyson, Father of Linda Gernay

Welcome New Members:

Karen Murrin
Ellen Schoolar
Kimberly and Lowell Roberts

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; 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.

Supply Priests ~ September/October

September 13	Fr. Michael White
September 20	Fr. Jack Ohsiek
September 27	Fr. Jack Ohsiek
October 4	The Rev. Helen White
October 11	Fr. John Anderson

Congratulations to St. Francis member Harold

Littlebird. He had a very successful Art Show in New Mexico and has been invited to sell his pottery and art in the Capital Gallery of the Smithsonian.

The coffee hour after each service encourages fellowship among our parishioners. Coffee and lemonade are furnished by St. Francis. Please sign up to provide simple refreshments (cookies, donuts).

St. Francis's Ministries Need Volunteers:

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

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

St. Francis also needs assistance with its Prayer Shawl and Card Mailing Ministries. Contact Elva in the Church Office, 897-5725.

CALENDAR

9/19	ICEY Oyster Shell Harvesting at Skidaway Island
9/19	10:00 Parish Hall ~ ECW Diocesan Board Meeting
9/24	6:00 p.m. ~ ECW/Men's Club Dinner & Meetings
9/25	6:30 ~ Friendship Dinner at the home of Suzanne & Hap Boyd
9/27	9:15 a.m. Sunday School BEGINS!
9/27	ICEY Pool Party Wilmington Park Pool
9/30	Please return your pledge cards!