

MONEY MATTERS ~ December 2009

Income	\$23,749.39	\$190,019.42
Expenses	\$16,200.20	\$178,461.11

Thanks to St. Francis parishioners, we have 99 pledges totaling \$173,380.

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Matthew 10:8.

Church Words:

Deacon: Assists bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

Acolytes: Lay persons who assist the bishops, priests, deacons, and other lay ministers, and assist the congregation by acting as examples of when to do what in the service.

Crucifer: One who carries the cross in a religious procession.

Answers to January's church words:

Frankincense: C. Gum resin

Seraphim: C. Highest order of angels

Incarnate: C. Given a human form

December 2009 Prayer Book Quiz

What days are observed by "special acts of discipline and self-denial"?

What three terms are used in the Psalms with reference to God?

What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel?

Answers to December's Prayer Book Quiz:

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

Order of Worship for the Evening, p.143

What are the four types of recitation of the Psalter?

Direct, antiphonal, responsorial, and responsive, p.582

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

3-year cycle for Sundays, 2-year cycle for Daily Office, p.888 and p.934

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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!

2010 Sign up Charts for Flowers, Sacristy Candle and refreshments are now on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Sign up early to insure your special day, anniversary, birthday or memorial.

St. Francis Soup Ministry: Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheet located in the Parish Hall next to the coffee machine. Contact Renie, 897-6351.

ICEY NEWS: January 24, 2010, from 3-5:30 p.m. @ Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church, a photo scavenger hunt. January 31, 1:00 p.m., mission outreach project @ Oatland Island.

Friendship Group: No dinner group in January.

Altar Guild: Volunteers needed. Contact Vicki Schuster, 897-1882 or 236-4279.

A big "thank you" from Jessica Smith to all who participated in the Christmas Pageant. The kids looked great! Big hugs to Robin Horan, Shelley Jenkins, Kim and Angel Garcia, and Dawn Brown.

Happening #84 is coming up February 19-21, 2010. We would love to send as many of our kids as possible. Please let Jessica Smith know if you are interested, 272-2317 or 898-1636.

ECW/Mens Dinner: January 28th at 6:30. Cara Larimer, Registered Dietitian, from Nutrition Services at St. Joseph's, will speak about food labels and how to read them. A \$5 donation towards dinner is appreciated.

African Arts and Crafts in the Parish Hall from February 7-14.

The 189th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia will be held at the DeSoto Hilton Hotel in Savannah on **February 4-6, 2010.**

ST. FRANCIS FOCUS ~ January 2010

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on January 31 following the 10:15 a.m. service. This is an opportunity for parishioners to elect new vestry members, express expectations for the direction and growth of St. Francis, and talk to vestry members. It's also a great time for fellowship as our 8:00 and 10:15 folks can become reacquainted and lunch together! Fried chicken will be provided by St. Francis; please bring a covered dish to share. Included in this newsletter are the pictures and biographies of the three vestry candidates who have expressed their willingness to serve the parish. A vestry retreat is planned for late February.

Delegates to the 189th Diocesan Convention to be held here in Savannah February 4-6 will also be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. Two delegate seats and three alternates are open to the congregation for election. The third delegate seat will be the Senior Warden or an appointed designee. Those who desire to be a delegate or alternate must be a "Member in Good Standing" in the Parish of St. Francis. **Please sign the nomination sheet in the Parish Hall.**

Nominations will close on January 24th. After parish standing is confirmed, the ballots will be printed and made available at the Parish Meeting. The two persons with the highest number of votes will become our delegates. The next three persons in order of number of votes will become our alternates.

Volunteers for our various ministries are always needed and welcomed at St. Francis. Right now, we are in urgent need of someone to assist our Christian Education Director Jessica Smith with the ICEY Program for middle/high school participants. Please contact Jessica, 898-1636, or the Church Office, 897-5725.

Parish News

February Birthdays

Marilyn MacQueston	02/01
Gordon Cowart	02/05
Macguire Reilley	02/06
Herschel Siebert	02/07
Drew Beasley	02/07
Randy Dutson	02/12
Charles Nunnally	02/13
John Nasworthy	02/14
Amy Estes	02/14
Allyson Eurek	02/14
Margaret Siebert	02/16
Jessica Farthing	02/16
Maria Lum	02/16
Wincy Harden	02/17
Ernest Schuster	02/19
Jeff Whitlow	02/19
Pat Lynch	02/21
Glenn Miller	02/24
Cindy Whitaker	02/24
Lillian Sterling	02/25
Mary Ellen Butler	02/25
Sandra Sanders	02/26
Ann Duke	02/28

Baptism: Landen Martin Conner, January 10, 2010, son of Ashlie Barnes

Rest in Peace: Bruce Weaver, husband of Shirley, father of Vicki Kennedy; Kayla, niece of Glenn and Sandy Miller; Barbara, mother of Ann Warth

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.

Almighty and Eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee, and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Annual Parish Meeting January 31, 2010 after the 10:15 service. Meeting, voting for new Vestry members followed by lunch. Please bring a covered dish; fried chicken will provided by the church.

Calendar

1/24	3-5:30 p.m. ICEY@ WIPC
1/28	6:30 p.m. ECW/Mens Dinner
1/31	11:30 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting
1/31	1:00 p.m. ICEY Mission Outreach Program @ Oatland Island

Holy Days

1/18	Confession of St. Peter
1/25	Conversion of St. Paul
2/2	The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

1/13/10 Presiding Bishop urges prayers, support for Haiti

The people of Haiti have suffered a devastating earthquake, and it is already clear that many have died and many more are injured. Even under "normal" circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people. The nation is the poorest in the western hemisphere, and this latest disaster will set back many recent efforts at development. I urge your prayers for those who have died, been injured, and are searching for loved ones -- and I urge your concrete and immediate prayers in the form of contributions to Episcopal Relief and Development, who are already working with the Diocese of Haiti to send aid where it is most needed.

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church

Become a fan of the Episcopal Church on Facebook ~ Follow the church, have your say

As of August 2009, the 2.2 million-member Episcopal Church had 6,950 Facebook fans, and another 841 people follow the Episcopal Church on Twitter, the social network/micro-blogging online instant messenger. The Episcopal Church created a Facebook presence in early 2009 and began sending "tweets" via Twitter in April. Initially the Facebook page saw a huge spike in fans, but adding new fans now trends toward gradual growth.