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THE PILGRIM PRIEST PONDERES

WHY

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to be back among you, now as Priest in Charge. My expectation is that I will be at St. Francis from now until October 2023, when I will celebrate my 72nd birthday, and enter a more “retired retirement”. Until that time I plan to be among you as pastor and priest. I will be celebrating the Eucharist, visiting shut ins, teaching on Sundays and other days, and strengthening the community ties that Fr. Jed started during his time among you.

Our Bishop Provisional (Wayne Smith) reminds all of us that clergy are always interims, whether for several months, several years or several decades. Clergy come and go, but it is the congregation that remains. I’ll have a lot more to say about that in the months to come.

I know that my time with you will be relatively short, and I have outlined to the Wardens and Vestry what my goals will be for St. Francis. My hope is that all of us will work on these goals together.

My first goal is to articulate with you the WHY of St. Francis. To help us with this goal I am using and recommending the book *Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action* by Simon Sinek. The book focuses on the question of why any organization exists; in our case, the WHY of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Springboro. I will be asking WHY of just about everything, so be prepared! After articulating a clear understanding of WHY we will move to the HOW, and finally the WHAT of St. Francis. More on that later!!

My second goal is to articulate with you the importance of St. Francis to Springboro and the surrounding communities, indeed to the county, state, nation and world! More on that later as well!

My third goal is to articulate with you the talents, passions and experiences that St. Francis will need in its next “interim” cleric, hopefully one who will be your “interim” for many years to come!! These qualities will be congruent with the WHY, HOW and WHAT of the first goal, as well as the importance of St. Francis defined in the second goal.

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These three goals are Bold, Holy and Audacious, and there is no way that we will be able to accomplish them without the Grace of God given us in Jesus Christ. I ask for your prayers that all of us together can accomplish these goals!

A few final comments. First, what should you call me? I've been referred to as Fr. David Bailey, Dr. David Bailey (Ph.D. in Chemistry), Rev'd. David Bailey, the Rev'd. Dr. David Bailey, Pastor David Bailey, and probably a few more that I have forgotten!

I will answer to any of the above, but I prefer David. That's how God addresses me.

My email address is fr.david@saintfran.org. My cell phone number is 513-310-0127. There is a story behind me using the moniker "Pilgrim Priest" which you will all hear in time!

My official start date is March 1, 2022, but I am periodically in the office until then so that I can hit the ground running. I am available for pastoral emergencies starting now.

Again, I am elated to be back among you for this "interim" period of joint ministry!

"Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. AMEN. "[Ephesians 3:20-21]

Your fellow Ambassador for Christ, David+



Breakfast Church

— A place for the hangry —

A special thanks to everyone who helped make Breakfast Church possible, from Altar Guild to the Grahams donation of an altar table, and Donna Sprowles faithful service setting up the meal. Breakfast Church ran for 12 weeks, from Labor Day through Christ the King Sunday. God was praised, kids danced and communion was served.

The Oduahs and Dearing families were the main families who attended. There were often attendees who didn't have kids, but enjoyed attending an earlier service than 10:30 am and were enlivened by the presence and participation of children in worship. Ultimately Breakfast Church didn't gain the regular attendees needed to sustain the service, but it gave a new opportunity for our parish to invite people to St. Francis and gave us experience practicing new forms of Episcopal worship.

Our scriptures speak to the truth that wherever two or three are gathered, Christ is present and the Spirit is moving. We give thanks for the opportunity we had for a season to experience Christ's presence and the movement of the spirit in a new way.

God Bless, Fr. Jed Dearing

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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PRIEST IN CHARGE

St. Francis would like to celebrate the wonderful news that the Rev. Dr. David Bailey will be rejoining us as our new Priest-in-Charge starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2. His first Sunday will be on March 6 to kick off the Lenten Season.

Please come out and welcome him in person as he celebrates the liturgy with us. We would like to give him a warm welcome!



SUPPLY CLERGY

St. Francis will have new Supply Priests for the next month before our new Priest-in-Charge joins us. For any pastoral concerns or Eucharistic visits please contact Stephan Graham, Senior Warden at 937-681-8690. The dates are as follows:



February 6 - Rev. Terri Thornton

February 13 - Rev. Terri Thornton

February 20 - Rev. Elaine Silverstrim

February 27 - Rev. Elaine Silverstrim



February Birthdays

Chinonso Oduah on February 7

Charlotte Bradley on February 9

Andrea Fedchenko on February 12

Tori Hamilton on February 27

If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.

How About Helping with Church Maintenance?

David Culp is inviting people to come and help out around the church building.

Maintenance days will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to Noon.

There are several projects that need to be updated around the church, and any help would be very much appreciated.

Please contact David if you are interested.



ADOPT -A- BILLS

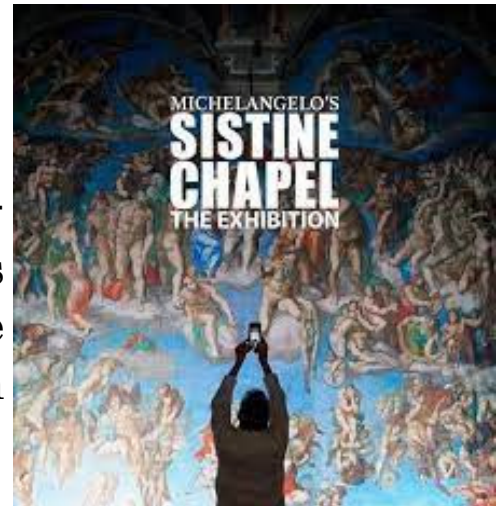
are available for support of various ministries and events here at St. Francis. Please place your check along with the adopt-a-bill slip in the offering.

ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Mark your calendars on Sunday, February 20 following the 10:30 am Liturgy there will be St. Francis' Annual Meeting. During this annual meeting Delegates will be chosen, new Vestry Members will be announced, and a presentation of the budget and finances will be given. As well as a list of brief reports from all Ministry Chair persons. All Ministry Leaders should submit their reports from 2021 into the office by February 17.

Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel at Fairfield Mall

See museum-quality, life-sized reproductions of Michelangelo's stunning frescoes from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican displayed at the Fairfield Mall in Beavercreek.



The masterpieces are placed on walls for an incredible up-close view. This opportunity will last only until February 13. See it while you can! Tickets are available Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, and Sundays 11:00 am – 5:30 pm. The cost is \$19.00 for adults, \$13.30 for youth, discounts for seniors, students, military and family bundles available.

Tickets are on sale now at sistinechapelexhibit.com/dayton.

Shrove Tuesday Fat Tuesday/ Mardi Gras Get-Together!!!

Wind down for the beginning of Lent at our Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Dinner on Tuesday, March 1.

It will be at the church at 5:30 pm that evening. Costumes encouraged.



St. Francis will have its annual Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, March 2. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, Christians gather to begin the journey towards the Cross and the Resurrection with the Ash Wednesday service.

Imposition of ashes will be offered in a safe manner during two in-person services:

Noon: Traditional Rite I Mass without music

6:00 pm: Traditional Rite II Mass with instrumental music
(Streamed online)

LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATER



Winning five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *The Music Man*, premiered on Broadway in 1957. This delightful American musical will be presented at La Comedia Dinner Theater in spring.

If enough people sign up, Saint Francis Episcopal Church can attend on the evening of Thursday, May 5th at a discount of about 30%. Tickets for dinner and the play will be \$49 each for adults and \$40 for children. We need at least 20 people, and can add more if seats continue to be available.

Sign up with Ginny Culp as soon as you can—(937) 409-2893 or vculp@sprynet.com, and then make payment to Saint Francis Episcopal church by Sunday, March 27.

FOYER GROUPS

Get to know other parishioners better and enjoy the company of a dinner companions by signing up for a Foyer Group that will meet a few times in the spring.

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“It’s our connection to God and each other that gives meaning to our lives.”

Public hearings on proposed legislation begin online in February

All Episcopalians, and all members of the public, are invited to register to attend or testify at online hearings on resolutions being considered for the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

These open hearings will begin in February and are **posted to the General Convention's Virtual Binder** as they are scheduled.

This is the first time that all Episcopalians can actively participate in the legislative process of General Convention. Previously, Legislative Committee hearings took place on site in the days prior to the start of General Convention and thus attendance was limited to their diocesan deputation or others who could take the time to travel to the location and testify in-person.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies took the unprecedented steps to open the legislative process to online meetings and hearings months in advance of General Convention. For more on how the President of the House of Deputies was able to grant this provision and how the House’s Rules of Order allow for this, please see **this article** on the House of Deputies website.

How to register and participate

All participants, whether to testify or to observe a meeting, must register in advance. Please see the **Legislative Committee Calendar** for a list of all meetings currently scheduled. Additional hearings will continue to be posted as Committees schedule them with the General Convention Office. Some hearings will not yet have resolutions listed, but those will be added to the calendar listing once the Committee makes a final decision and notifies the General Convention Office. When viewing the details for the meeting, please note the Committee name and number along with the date and time of the hearing and then use the following link to register: **<https://generalconvention.org/lc-meetings>**

There are two types of Legislative Committee meetings, deliberation and hearing. Only the ones listed “Video - Open Hearing” are available for members of the public to testify. Members of the public can opt to attend and observe hearings, but will not have the option of speaking unless they change their registration to testify prior to the meeting. If the meeting is listed as “Video - Ctte Deliberation Only - No Testimony”, members of the public are invited to request to observe the meeting.

What about in-person legislative hearings in Baltimore?

In-person legislative hearings will still take place in Baltimore to meet the requirements of the House of Deputies Rules of Order (see **HOD VIII.B**). There is no such requirement for Legislative Committees for the House of Bishops, but they will still have the option of hosting in-person hearings.

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM - BIBLE STUDY

PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

LORD OUR GOD, WE THANK YOU THAT WE MAY BE YOUR CHILDREN AND MAY BE LED BY YOUR HAND. GIVE US PATIENCE AND FAITH, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR WAY ON EARTH SEEMS DIFFICULT AND LIFE IS FULL OF GRIEF AND HARDSHIP. PROTECT US ON ALL OUR WAYS. IN YOUR WORK WE REJOICE, AND WE WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU EVERY DAY. AMEN.

STAFF

Senior Warden - Stephan Graham

Junior Warden - David Culp

Vestry Clerk - Virginia Culp

Financial Secretary - Sue Starner

Parish Secretary - Alisha Minamyer

Organist - Diana Graham

Sunday School Director - Jenny Catalan

Vestry Members - Stephan Graham, David

Culp, Jenny Catalan, Barb Roy, Chuck

Oduah, Jack Emerson, Mary Harris, Ron Thomas, Kimmie Patti, and

Virginia Culp.

