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“WHAT (OR WHOM) ARE YOU LOOKING FOR??”

Recently Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, Surgeon General of the United States, issued an Advisory entitled “Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation” (2023). The document is 82 pages long and can be found here:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf>

The Advisory provides solid research into why Americans of all backgrounds, races, genders, socioeconomic status, etc., are finding themselves more isolated than ever from meaningful relationships and community. This may surprise many who read this, because of the explosive growth in social media and web based communication resources over the last two decades, but to paraphrase an old cigarette slogan, “we are interacting more, but enjoying it less”. The lack of meaningful, deep, connection with others has led to a number of health and economic issues, including early death.

In short, people in our country are yearning for meaningful, deep, connections in their lives, but are not finding places where such relationships can be developed.

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But wait, you may ask, isn't the Church a place where these meaningful, deep relationships are meant to be found and developed? After all, aren't we as Christians commanded by Jesus to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
[Matthew 22:37-40].

Or put another way, aren't we created by God to have meaningful, deep, relationships with God and with our fellow human beings? Isn't that who we aspire to be as Christians here at St. Francis?

Sadly, for many lonely people, the Christian Community is the last place they will look for the remedy to loneliness and isolation. For some, their experience with the Church has been one where they have felt rejection, isolation, or avoidance. Others have heard of these stories of rejection and don't want to experience the pain their friends and acquaintances have felt.

So what are we to do as Christians? How do we, at St. Francis, invite the lonely and isolated into lifegiving relationships with God, with us and with each other?

Stay tuned for the July Newsletter! In the meantime, read Dr. Murthy's Advisory.

Your fellow Witness and Ambassador for Christ,

David+

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Alanon 7:30 pm	2 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	3
4 Salon Series 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	5 Jazzercise 9:15 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	6 Jazzercise 9:15 am Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	7 Jazzercise 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	8 Jazzercise 9:15 am Alanon 7:30 pm	9 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	10 Church Workday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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June Anniversaries

June Birthdays

Don & Jacqui Parker on June 13

Eric & Allison Ferriell on June 16

Mike & Pam Kock on June 26

Michael & Kathi Oaks on June 27

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

Barb Roy on June 3

Kathi Oaks on June 9

Austin Spangler on June 22

Janice Helms on June 24

Christopher Kock on June 30



On Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm we will be having a church work day to help beautify Saint Francis with some lawn, garden, and possibly some inside maintenance. Please consider helping (even just for part of the time) do what we can on our beautifully large property. Feel free to bring lawn and garden tools or your favorite home maintenance items. Bring/donate a package of trash bags.



We've discovered that mail may have been taken from the church mailbox and a check was fraudulently cashed. If you or your bank recently mailed a check to St. Francis, please contact Sue (937) 748-2592 or parishtreas@saintfran.org to verify it was received. Thank you! The Vestry has decided to remedy this issue by installing a locking mailbox as soon as possible.

Sunday School will continue through to the first or second week of June, and then will be on hiatus for the summer. We look forward to seeing you again closer to the fall. Special thanks to Jenny Catalan for all her hard work in teaching St. Francis children this year!



The Salon Series has been on hiatus. We will resume on Trinity Sunday (June 4) and meet through the summer. No previous knowledge of the Gospel is necessary, but it will be helpful to bring your Bible to our discussions.



T-shirts advertising/promoting St Francis will be available for purchase. They are a darker gray with a cross and St Francis on the front and St Francis mission statement on the back. The price depends on how many purchase so for now we will put the price at \$25.00 and refund people of the price lowers due to bulk pricing. (The price is that because the shirts are multi color print, front and. back print, and the softer material.) Allison Ferriell will be taking orders and money **June 4-25**. Please let her know if you have questions. More details to come.

How About Helping with Church Maintenance?

David Culp is inviting people to come and help around the church building. Maintenance days will be on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 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.



Please look for jars around the church to throw in your loose change. They will be located on the table in the Foyer, near the coffee pots in the kitchen, and on the table during coffee hour. The donations for June will help to pay for flowers and plants around the church.



Activities Summary

On April 15th, the Vestry met with Joseph Kovitch from the Diocese. We spent the morning and afternoon discussing the hopes and powers of St. Francis as a member of the Springboro community.

We also worked with Simon Sinek and Tim Soerens' sources on how to utilize the congregation's strengths and voices.

The Vestry broke into teams and toured Springboro, connecting with local community members. Vestry is going to discuss how to bring this adventure to the congregation!

On May 20th, members of the vestry and other members of the congregation followed up with Joseph and members of other community churches (St. Mary's in Waynesville and St. Christopher's in Fairborn) in a town hall pilot session. The town hall featured sharing of passion, relevance, energy, and ideas for the next steps.



We could use your help!
How about signing up to do coffee hour some Sunday? All you need to do is a little setting up and putting away and to bring a plate of cookies or muf-

fins or whatever you like. The sign-up sheet is on the freezer in the kitchen. Any questions, talk to Ginny Culp:

Fall Rummage Sale

St. Francis would like to hold a Rummage Sale sometime this Fall. If there is enough interest from the Congregation and Community, then we will finalize a date and time for the event.



If you would like to be involved in this Community Outreach or would like to donate any items, please contact Mary Harris at (937) 672-7993 or Allison Ferriell at (937) 430-5201.

We hope you can be apart of reaching out and connecting with our community! All donations will go to our Outreach Fund.



The Springboro Juneteenth Jubilee is a family-friendly community celebration being held on **June 15-17, 2023**, honoring the important day in our nation's history, June 19, 1865, when we all truly became free. On this day, the last slaves in Galveston, Texas were finally told of their freedom, nearly two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation had abolished slavery. This will be a celebration of our shared history, freedom, and continued commitment to equity and inclusion for all.

They will kick off the weekend on Thursday, June 15th, with a community blood drive hosted by Community Blood Center. On Friday June 16th, Sinclair College will host a Juneteenth community symposium on the topic of "Family Matters" followed by a Night of Jazz with Friends at the Jubilee Dinner. On Saturday, June 17th, they will celebrate with live music, food trucks, local vendors, and more at North Park Amphitheatre. You can also experience an Underground Railroad tour or sign up to play in our 3-on-3 basketball tournament--early registration open now!

Attend all six or choose your favorites! All are welcome!

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



Episcopal News Service

The Episcopal Church’s Office of Public Affairs released the [following statement](#) on May 30 with information about medical care Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is receiving for internal bleeding and an irregular heartbeat.

Over Memorial Day weekend, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was admitted to the hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he underwent testing for internal bleeding and a heart condition. He has been discharged and will be monitored while working on a reduced schedule from home.

Curry’s internal bleeding is under control, and additional test results are expected later this week. He has been receiving treatment for atrial fibrillation (AFib), which was detected in an annual physical. While in the hospital, Curry experienced two other episodes of irregular heartbeat, and he will wear a heart monitor to determine what further treatment is necessary.

Until he is cleared for air travel by his medical team, Curry will remain in Raleigh, resting and working from home on a reduced schedule. As more information becomes available regarding Curry’s health and schedule, his staff will provide updates.

Please pray for a full and speedy recovery—and for Curry’s medical team as they identify the best course of treatment.

INTRODUCING THE 25th RECTOR OF TRINITY ON CAPITOL SQUARE

The Rev'd. Jed Dearing has been elected Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus Ohio! Fr. Jed's tenure as Rector officially begins on July 1, 2023.

Jed was ordained in 2020 in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. After completing his Master of Divinity at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Jed served as Clergy in Residence at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Springboro. Jed has served as Associate Rector at Trinity since January of 2022 where he has shared in liturgical leadership and formation while leading initiatives to grow community, strengthen outreach, build Diocesan partnerships and expand worshipping opportunities.

More information may be found at Trinity Episcopal Church | MEET THE NEW RECTOR (trinitycolumbus.org).

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Gathering Times

Sundays at 9:00 am - Sunday Salon (Discussion Group for All)

Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Bible Study

Prayer June

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sunday School - Jenny Catalan

Vestry Members - Tom Phillips, Jacqui Parker, Allison Ferriell, Beth Phillips, Virginia Culp, and Diana Ledford.

