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Greetings, parishioners and friends of Saint Francis Church. As we glide into May, it's the perfect time to celebrate the miracle of creation and joy our God has created which we get to enjoy. The following song is by Saint Francis of Assisi.

Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon

Most High, all powerful all-good Lord.
All praise is Yours,
all glory, all honor and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High,
do they belong, and no mortal lips
are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor.
Of you Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through Sister Moon and the stars.
In the heavens you have made them
bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through Brothers Wind and Air.
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which You cherish all that You have made.

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Praised be You, my Lord,
through Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night.
And he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister, Mother Earth
who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord
through those who grant pardon
for love of You and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace.
By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord
through Sister Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,
and serve Him with great humility.

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	2 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	3 <u>NO Bible Study</u> 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	4 Alanon 7:30 pm	5 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	6
7 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	8 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	9 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	10 <u>NO Bible Study</u> 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	11 Alanon 7:30 pm	12 Jazzercise 4:45 pm	13
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28 Sunday School 10:30 am Day of Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	29 Memorial Day Jazzercise 4:45 pm	30 Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	31 Bible Study 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm			

May Birthdays

Jeff Baldrige on May 1

Barb Pascoe on May 9

Ron Thomas on May 10

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



Fr. David will be on vacation from April 16 - May 13. If there are pastoral emergencies, please let contact the office. Sunday services during Fr. David's absence will be as follows:

April 30 - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (The Rev'd. Canon Gregory P. Hinton, Celebrant and Preacher).

May 7 - Holy Eucharist, Rite II (The Rev'd. Canon Gregory P. Hinton, Celebrant and Preacher).



St. Francis would like to memorialize your loved ones and friends who passed away, whether veterans or civilians, with small flags in the front yard for Memorial Day in May.

If you would like to contribute flags for the people you would like to celebrate, fill out the memorial form on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate by **May 25**. If you have any questions, contact Mary Harris at (937) 672-7993.



Please look for jars around the church to throw your loose change in. 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 May will help to pay for flowers and plants around the church.

The Congregational Care & Membership Corner

We have developed a weekly call register to stay in touch with our members who do not regularly come to church. This register is in the Narthex. Every Sunday, we will request volunteers to select and call just one member, different than the one they called the previous Sunday. Please tell them uplifting stories, ask if they need help, and let us know in the comments section.

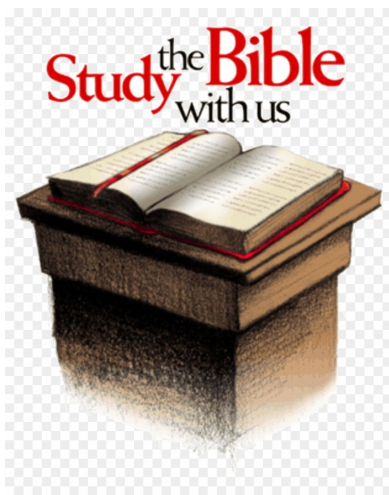


How About Helping with Church Maintenance?

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.



The Salon Series will be on hiatus through Pentecost Sunday (May 28). We will resume on Trinity Sunday (June 4) and meet through the summer. Any questions, contact Fr. David.

Butterfly Garden Event

**Canterbury Court Annual
Butterfly Garden Event
Friday, May 19, 2023 –
Gardening is from
9:00 am - 11:00 am**

You can help in one of two ways; by helping with weeding and planting on May 19 or by donating sun-loving perennials or annuals by May 19. You can drop off flowers Monday – Thursday (May 16 – 19 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm) at the garage by the butterfly garden, bring them to a staff, or bring them on Friday morning.

Please RSVP to Terry Ramirez by phone (937) 859-7490 ext #108 or by e-mail at tramirez@erslife.org if you would like to volunteer. Lunch will be provided following gardening. We are planning to have Pizza and would love you to stay if you are able.

Please bring your own garden tools to use. We will be meeting by the butterfly garden, which is by the garage. Parking is available in the parking lot to the West side of Canterbury Court where our resident garden plots are located. You can also park on the street by the garage. If you have any questions you can contact us by phone at (937) 859-1106 ext 108, or e-mail Terry at tramirez@erslife.org. Thanks for your time, talents, and continued partnership with Canterbury Court.

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

A Summer of Revitalization at Procter Center

Nineteen volunteers gathered at Procter Center on Saturday to prepare the buildings and grounds for this year’s campers, retreaters, and farm market shoppers. The camp and conference center’s spring cleanup day is an annual tradition, but this year, it set the stage for a different kind of summer season.

When longtime Procter executive director Amy Boyd resigned last fall to accept a job in her home state of New Hampshire, Bishop Wayne Smith asked two diocesan staff members—the Rev. Jason Oden, canon for formation, and the Rev. David Getreu, canon for finance and budget—to step in as Procter’s co-interim directors. Together with Robin Kimbler, Procter’s longtime operations director, they are charged with repairing and revitalizing the facility and transforming its camp program into a linchpin of the diocese’s Christian formation efforts.

For the Rev. Derrick Fetz, priest at the Northern Miami Valley Episcopal Cluster and a Procter board member, this summer camp season represents a return to Procter’s mission as a center for the diocese and a place to instill core values of love, inclusion and joy in young Episcopalians.

“In the context of all the fun-filled activities that make Procter a desirable camping experience for all ages and through worship and devotions, our campers will learn more about and celebrate their sacred worth as beloved children of God,” Fetz said. “They will explore how God has made them unique and how they can be a positive influence on others to make the world better. We hope the young people will grow excited about following Jesus.”

Summer camps, [now open for registration](#), include a day camp and overnight camps for tweens, middle schoolers, and high school students. Two “silver camps” will offer adults ages 55 and up an opportunity to relax, participate in outdoor activities, and reflect on the Christian commitment to care for creation. And two family camps will welcome parents, grandparents and kids for four days of multigenerational programs and outdoor activities.

Procter will hold an [open house and spring craft show](#) this Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oden says that the event offers an opportunity for families to get reacquainted with Procter, meet the staff, and sample camp activities.

“We want everyone in the diocese to feel like Procter is for them—a place to learn, love and become part of the Beloved Community that God longs for us to be,” Oden said. “This is the summer to return to Procter.”

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Even as summer camp gets underway, the board is working hard to create a sustainable plan for the center's future to present to the diocese's next bishop, Dr. Lissa Barker, a member of both the diocese's Standing Committee and Procter's board, said. Together with Oden and Getreu, Procter's board members are involved in a planning process led by consultants from [Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers](#). With a facilities assessment commissioned by Getreu in hand, they are also working with the diocese's trustees to identify sources of funding that can be used to address deferred maintenance.

"The whole energy around Procter is revitalization, a deep love for the place, and a desire to invigorate the potential that Procter has for Beloved Community," Barker said. "This summer, Procter is going to have a great program and great staff. It's a great place to be now, and we are working on ways to fulfill its potential far into the future."



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Gathering Times

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

Prayer May

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.

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