

*Franciscan*  
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**Shining the Light, Sharing our Love.**

“Whoever loves a brother or sister-lives in the light.” 1 John 2:10

Dear St. Francis Family,

We have been blessed by God with another good year. God has shown Christ’s light through us. As you read the Franciscan you will see that the people of St. Francis have been very involved in our life together and have been generous in sharing their time, talent and treasure. Once again you will see that God is using our space and our people to make a difference in people’s lives. We continue to provide events to gather for fellowship and spiritual growth. We develop our relationships with God and each other. St. Francis continues to be a laboratory where we practice Christ’s command to love each other. All that we do is a response to God’s love for us.

Truly St. Francis is filled with generous hearts. All of this work, weekly Sunday worship, Christian education, children’s ministry, congregational care, outreach, parish life, and the maintenance of St. Francis itself is only possible thanks to parishioner support. We rely on voluntary pledges to make up over 75% of our annual revenue. We have a very small endowment with limited rental income. St. Francis exists because our members pledge generously. They want the Light of Christ to shine brightly for the sake of others. Pledging allows us to make responsible commitments to our clergy and staff and to ensure that we have enough money to maintain our programs and our facilities.

Each year, we make an appeal to St. Francis members to continue to financially support our ministry and mission, both faithfully and generously. It is my hope that you are able to witness in some form or shape the benefits of your pledge and the light we have become for our community and the world. The Vestry and I ask for your continued generous financial support so we can shine the light and share our love in bold, new and exciting ways. During the next four weeks members of St. Francis will share how the light of Christ has blessed their lives through the ministries of St. Francis.

We believe giving of oneself financially unlocks a part of our hearts where God can do incredible work both in us and through us. Please begin to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022 and how you can be a part of Shining Our Light and Sharing Our Love. The world needs the Light of Christ to shine brightly and the love of Christ’s people to accompany them.

Serving with You, Father Jed

*“A Publication of St. Francis Episcopal Church—“Proclaiming the Good News in word and deed.”*



**ST. FRANCIS 2022 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**

# Shining the Light, Sharing our Love

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1 John 2:10

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!**

Make your pledge by Sunday, November 21st!



Beginning on Sunday, October 31 to November 21 we will be spotlighting certain ministries at St. Francis. You'll hear more about each ministry every Sunday to better understand what we are doing at St. Francis. The schedule will be Bible Study on October 31, Tuesday Morning Prayer on

November 7, Care Committee on November 14, and Children and Youth on November 21. Please come and learn more about these wonderful and engaging ministries.

**Bible Study on October 31**

In Bible Study Group we read short passages from the Bible and discuss our own responses to the texts. No one stands as an expert—it's a chance for all of us to explore. We share our personal insights and work to broaden our understanding. It's a nice group—you might want to check it out. Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the library. No homework, no dogma, just exploration.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer on November 14**

Morning Prayer is part of the Daily Offices found in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and typically lasts thirty minutes. We pray the Psalms, read scripture, learn about a saint, pray for the needs and concerns of our lives and give thanks to God.

**Care Team on November 7**

Congregational Care welcomes members and visitors to St. Francis and helps care for all parishioners who become involved in the life of the parish.

**Sunday School and Youth Choir on November 21**

Sunday School currently serves children ages 6 to 13. Sunday School meets during the first half of the 10:30 am service. Children hear lessons, create art, form a youth choir and engage questions of faith. They rejoin their family for worship at The Peace each Sunday. At times the youth share their talents through Christmas Pageants and performances of the Youth Choir.

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>1</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>2</b> <b>Election Day</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> 7:30 am	<b>3</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>4</b> Barbershop Singers 7:00 pm Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> <b>Breakfast Church</b> 9:00 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10:30 am <b>Veteran's Sunday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>8</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>9</b> <b>Zoom Morning</b> <b>Prayer 7:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm Boy Scouts 6 - 7:00 pm <b>Vestry Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>11</b> Barbershop Singers 7:00 pm Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>12</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>13</b> 147th DSO Convention 9:00 am via Zoom	
<b>14</b> <b>Breakfast Church</b> 9:00 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10:30 am <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b> <b>Parish Potluck</b>	<b>15</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>16</b> <b>Zoom Morning</b> <b>Prayer 7:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm Boy Scouts 6 - 7:00 pm <b>Vestry Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	<b>17</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>18</b> Barbershop Singers 7:00 pm Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>19</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> <b>Breakfast Church</b> 9:00 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10:30 am <b>Christ the King &amp;</b> <b>Youth Sunday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>22</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>23</b> <b>Zoom Morning</b> <b>Prayer 7:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm Boy Scouts 6 - 7:00 pm	<b>24</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>25</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> <b>Breakfast Church</b> 9:00 am <b>Sunday School</b> 10:30 am <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>29</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>30</b> <b>Zoom Morning</b> <b>Prayer 7:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm Boy Scouts 6 - 7:00 pm <b>Feast of</b> <b>St Andrew</b> 12:00 pm					

# LOOK AHEAD TO ADVENT SEASON



**Advent Quiet Day hosted by Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Green**

December 4 from 9:00 pm - Noon



**Advent Caroling at Assisted Living Nursing Homes**

**Hill spring and Tapestry (All voices are welcome)**

December 5 leave the church at 12:45 pm till 3:00 pm



**Cookie Decorating Party during Coffee Hour**

December 12



**Hanging of the Greens - After the Liturgy**

December 19



**Blue Christmas**

December 21 at 6:30 pm



**Christmas Eve**

December 24





# November Birthdays

Joe Spangler on November 1

Lisa Spangler on November 19

John Emerson on November 26

Richard Pascoe on November 28

Allison Ferriell on November 29

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

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving everyone!  
Don't forget that the office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and November 26 in celebration of Thanksgiving Day.  
~ Alisha Minamyler,



## Praying the Daily Offices

Join together every Tuesday morning on Zoom to pray Rite I Morning Prayer. On days that include a commemoration we will remember the holy women and holy men who have gone before us in the faith.

All are welcome to join. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86267472666>

Meeting ID: 859 1234 4872

Morning Prayer starts at 7:30 am and typically lasts thirty minutes. The Zoom Link is recurring and can be used weekly. Bulletins will be provided in the Zoom Chat Box but all services can be joined using a Book of Common Prayer.

11/2 - All Souls

11/9 - Margery Kempe & the Mystics

11/16 - Margaret of Scotland

11/23 - Clement of Rome

11/30 - St. Andrew the Apostle



Every Sunday St. Francis holds a Breakfast Church Service at 9:00 am in the Commons. People from around the community come to worship together with us for a playful and engaging 30 minute service designed for busy families to worship together with children of all ages.

If you would like to sign up to host a Breakfast Church Sunday, please find the sign up sheet on the counter in the Commons. This will be a wonderful way to give back to the neighborhood in Springboro.

## The Hardest Question

Join us for coffee hour in November as Rev. Jed reflects for five minutes near the beginning of coffee hour on these hard questions posed by St. Francis parishioners, offering a starting point for understanding from an Episcopal perspective on scripture, tradition and experience.

11/7 - " Why do we seldom mention Satan?"


11/14 - "Why do Episcopal services seem more sad than other denominations other than Roman Catholic?"

11/21 - "Why the repeated, unjust treatment of marginalized communities? Or more simply, why can't people just be kind to one another?"

Don't forget to turn you clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7th.



Please join us for a celebration to honor our Veterans during worship on Sunday, November 7 with guest speaker Raine Dearing, US Army Veteran, Civil Affairs Sergeant. Stay after the service for a special meal during our coffee hour. Please invite all of your Veteran family and friends to this special event!




**147th Diocesan Convention**

St. Francis will be attending the 147th Diocesan Convention coming up on November 13, at 9:00 am via Zoom. Special thanks to Teena Baldrige and Donna Sprowles for volunteering to attend this important event.


The logo for "Proclaiming the Dream" features a heart shape divided into four colored quadrants (orange, yellow, green, blue) with hands reaching towards the center. Above the heart is the text "Proclaiming the Dream" in a curved font, and inside the heart is a smaller circle with the text "Becoming Beloved Community".

**Parish Potluck Time!**

We will be having a potluck immediately after church on Sunday, November 14. Y'all come!

A graphic for a potluck event. It features the word "Potluck" in a large, white, cursive font over a background of a person's face. Below it, the text "BRING A DISH TO PASS" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a wooden platter filled with various appetizers like bread, cheese, and vegetables.

On Sunday, November 21 will be our annual Christ the King Sunday and will also include Youth Sunday this year. The youth of St. Francis will lead in worship and song. All youth are invited to participate. Rev. Nancy will give a special youth sermon that Sunday.

The logo for "Christ the King Sunday" features the words "Christ the King" in a stylized, golden font with a crown above "King", and "SUNDAY" in a simple, black, sans-serif font below. The logo for "Youth Sunday" features the word "Youth" in a large, purple, stylized font with a crown above it, and "SUNDAY" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below, flanked by two green stars.



## **Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle**

Tuesday, November 30 at Noon

Join us in the sanctuary for this simple Noonday celebration of Eucharist on the Feast of St. Andrew

Most biographical notes on this Apostle begin "Andrew was Simon Peter's brother," and he is so described in the Gospels. Identifying Andrew as Peter's brother makes it easy to know who he is, but it also makes it easy to overlook the fact of Andrew's own special gift to the company of Christ. The Gospel according to John tells how Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, was one of two disciples who followed Jesus after John had pointed him out, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:29). Andrew and the other disciple went with Jesus and stayed with him, and Andrew's first act afterward was to find his brother and bring him to Jesus. We might call Andrew the first missionary in the company of disciples. The Gospel of Matthew records Jesus' calling Andrew and others from occupation as fisherman, and their immediate response to his call. Andrew was also the disciple who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus for the feeding of the multitude.

## **2021 St. Francis Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry**

Each month for Ingathering Sunday, there will be certain items that need to be collected. For the month of November please collect canned goods, box potatoes, gravy and other dry foods for needy families in the Springboro area for Thanksgiving Day Dinner and place them in the Ingathering baskets in the Foyer.

## **2021 ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS**

St. Francis is working with FLOC again this year to bring Christmas to more than 1800 children. In most instances the gifts provided by FLOC will be the only presents these children will receive. FLOC (For Love of Children) is a totally volunteer organization, providing support for children throughout the Greater Dayton Area who may be abused or neglected; children in foster care; and children in need of specialized community resources. Parishioner Beth Mann is the volunteer President of FLOC.

Among FLOC's many and varied programs is their annual Christmas For Kids program. This year St. Francis will be collecting toys. Please place the TOYS in the FLOC box which will be located in the Commons. The toys should be NEW and UNWRAPPED. NO EDIBLE GIFTS such as cookies or candy should be placed in the box. The box will be here through December 12. If you have any questions about this ministry, please talk to Mary Harris (937) 672-7993 or Betsy Hoobler (937) 748-1840.





On Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 am to Noon St. Francis will be having an Advent Quiet Day, hosted by Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Green. Coffee and light breakfast foods will be provided. What to bring: A journal for writing reflections. Comfortable clothes for a brief walk in the Memorial Garden (weather allowing).

To sign up please call the office at 937-748-2592 or email to *parish-sec@saintfran.org*. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex.



Decorate Cookies December 12!  
We will be decorating Christmas cookies during coffee hour on December 12. Cookies, frosting and sprinkles supplied. Join the fun and plan on taking some home.

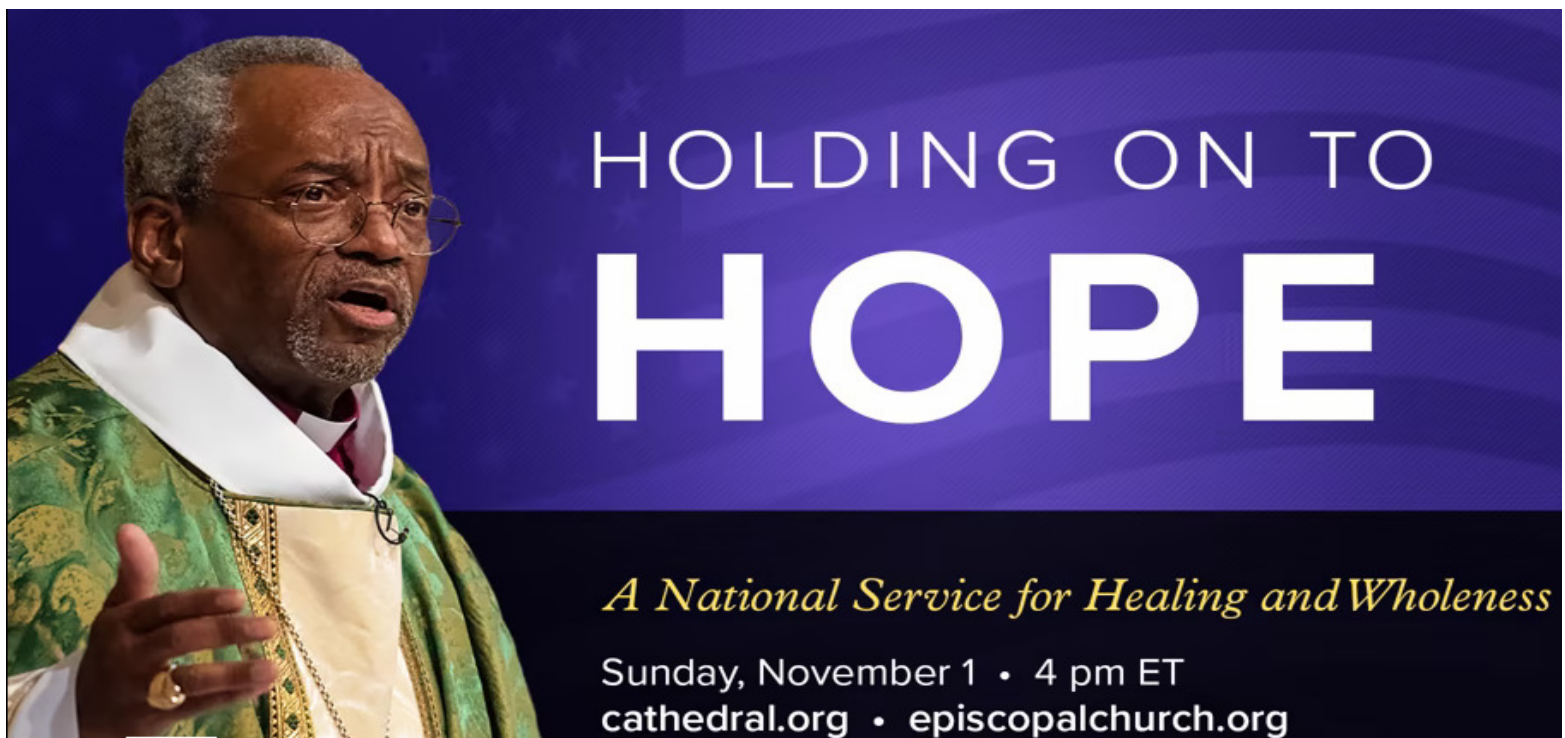
St. Francis will be holding a Blue Christmas service, co-hosted with St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Lebanon, on Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30 pm. Our service for Blue Christmas is a time when we can, with others acknowledge the "blue" feelings we have at Christmas time, the reasons for them, and offer them to God. We come seeking comfort that we are not alone, we come with our hearts full of hope and we invite our great sign of hope, Emmanuel, God-with-us, to break through the darkness of our lives.



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

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## **Holding on to Hope** **A National Service for Healing and Wholeness**



Many of us may find ourselves closer to All Saint’s day this year than we have in years past. We are likely to know someone who has died in the past 12 months and in some cases we are grieving the loss of many loved ones and those we’ve known through the ripple effect of the pandemic.

We may be living in the liminal space where we hold loved ones close and feel connected to a spiritual life, while also having our feet on the ground in our everyday lives.

In 2020 The National Cathedral held an All Saint's Day Services titled, *Holding on to Hope*. May you feel embraced by Bishop Curry's sermon and the accompanying service. You can watch it at <https://vimeo.com/473550719>

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## **WORSHIP TIMES**

**SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM - BREAKFAST CHURCH**

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

**SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TUESDAYS AT 7:30 AM - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM - BIBLE STUDY**

## **PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER**

**LOVING GOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING POWER AND WORK IN OUR LIVES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, FOR THE TRUTH OF HIS WORD AND THE EXAMPLE OF HIS LIFE. REPLENISH OUR SPIRITS WITH NEW STRENGTH AND PREPARE US TO MEET EACH DAY WITH RENEWED GRATITUDE AND JOY. AMEN.**

## **STAFF**

**Clergy Resident - The Rev. Jed J. Dearing**

**Senior Warden - Stephan Graham**

**Junior Warden - Joe Spangler**

**Vestry Clerk - Virginia Culp**

**Financial Secretary - Sue Starner**

**Parish Secretary - Alisha Minamyer**

**Organist - Diana Graham**

**Sunday School Director - Jenny Catalan**

**Vestry Members - Stephan Graham, Jenny Catalan, Barb Roy, Chuck Oduah, Jack Emerson, Mary Harris, Ron Thomas, Kimmie Patti, and Virginia Culp.**

