

# NOVEMBER 2022

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### NOVEMBER THE PILGRIM PRIEST PONDERES 2023....and Beyond!!

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; NRSV]

<sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. [2 Timothy 4:1-2; RSV]

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I have stated on many occasions, I had three specific goals to accomplish during my time with you:

To define and articulate the WHY of the St. Francis Community.

To define and articulate the Mission of the St. Francis Community to the City of Springboro and beyond.

To define and articulate the qualifications of the next clergy persons(s) who will serve the St. Francis Community after my time with you is ended.

The Mission Statement we have agreed upon in Vestry is:

***“The Mission of Saint Francis Episcopal Church is to proclaim the healing and transformative power of Jesus Christ to a hurting world.”***

Everything we do as a Community of Faith should ultimately be based on our Mission Statement. **Everything.**

As my time with you has increased, I’ve discovered that part of the task that God has given me is to address the ministries and activities of the St. Francis Community in light of our Mission; specifically, what is the BEST allotment of our time, talent, and treasure during this season in our parish’s life, the life of the Episcopal Church, and the life of our Springboro Community – and beyond. As the Preacher reminds us in Ecclesiastes, we find ourselves in different seasons of life at various times. The hardest (at least for me) are the seasons of transitions.

We are in such a season of transitions now. The amount and variety of time, talent, and treasure that we can offer to God, both as individuals and as members of St. Francis, are different than they were even a few short years ago. Here are some of the questions I have started asking, and will continue to ask:

What is the role of the clergy in the life and ministry of St. Francis? What is the best distribution of ministry roles for the next clergy? Will that cleric or clerics be Sunday Supply, part-time, full-time, or shared with other Episcopal congregations among us?

What is the role of the lay Parish Leadership at St. Francis? How many persons should comprise the Vestry (by Diocesan Canon a Vestry [Wardens and Vestry members] can consist of as few as five and as many as fifteen Parish Members). What should their duties and responsibilities be as Vestry Members?

What ministries and activities should we be carrying out as a Parish? Remembering that such ministries and activities are ultimately based on our Mission and on the time, talent and treasure offerings of our members, what current ministries and activities need to be cut back or eliminated? What current ministries and activities need to be combined? What current ministries and activities need to be strengthened? What new ministries and activities do we need to develop?

What ministries and activities in our Parish need to be supported by paid staff, and what roles need to be completely volunteer?

All the above and more need to be evaluated based on our Mission and on the current resources of time, talent and treasure in our Parish!!

Finally, let me be clear that WHAT we do will depend on the time, talent and treasure of our Parish, but WHY we do anything is independent of the season, or the time, talent and treasure available to us. As Paul wrote Timothy, we are to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and example to a hurting world! This is an awesome task, but God will give us the means and desire to carry this out!!

Your fellow Ambassador for Christ, and fellow Steward of God’s gifts to us,  
David+

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 am</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>3</b>  Jazzercise 9:15 am  Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>4</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>NO Sunday Salon</b> <b>Series</b>  <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>7</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>8</b>  Election Day  Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm  <b>Vestry Meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 am</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>10</b>  Jazzercise 9:15 am  Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>11</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>12</b>  148th Diocesan Convention 9:00 am
<b>13</b>  <b>Sunday Salon</b> <b>Series 9:00 am</b>  <b>Veterans Sunday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>14</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>15</b>  Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>16</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 am</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>17</b>  Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>Sunday Salon</b> <b>Series 9:00 am</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>  <b>Luncheon after the</b> <b>service</b>	<b>21</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>22</b>  Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>23</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 am</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>24</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>  Thanksgiving Day	<b>25</b>  <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  <b>Sunday Salon</b> <b>Series 9:00 am</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <b>Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>28</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>29</b>  Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>30</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 am</b>  Jazzercise 4:45 pm			

# November Birthdays

Joe Spangler on November 1

Lisa Spangler on November 19

John Emerson on November 26

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 24 and November 25 in celebration of Thanksgiving Day.  
~ Alisha Minamyer,  
Parish Secretary



## **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.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6th.

## Veterans Day Celebration

Please join us for a celebration to honor our Veterans in our area on Sunday, November 13. Stay after the service for coffee hour. Please invite all of your Veteran family and friends to this special event! An RSVP is not required, but if possible please call the church at (937) 748-2592 to leave your name.



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

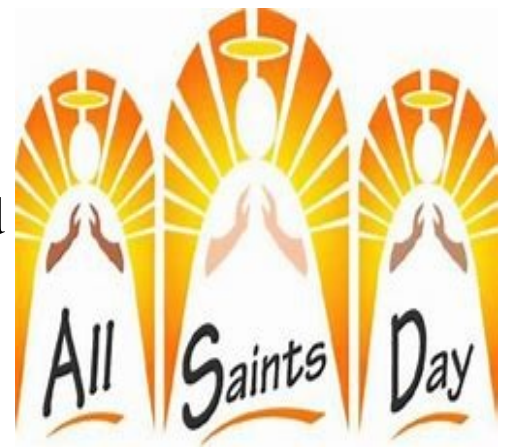
There will be NO Salon Series on Sunday, November 6th.

Fr. David's Salon series will continue to meet at 9:00 am  
in the Library each Sunday morning.

No preparation is required, although it will be  
beneficial to bring your Bible to the Salon Series.

Please come and enjoy our weekly Sunday Salon Series!

All Saint's Sunday is on Sunday, November 6 with a dedication of newly planted trees for the departed following the service. If you would like loved one's or friend's names to be included on the list of those that have passed away and want them to be read as we celebrate, please contact the church office at (937) 748-2592 or [parishsec@saintfran.org](mailto:parishsec@saintfran.org).



You can also find a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



## 148th Diocesan Convention

St. Francis will be attending the 148th Diocesan Convention coming up on November 19, at 9:00 am either in-person at Christ Church Cathedral or remotely via Zoom. ANYONE can register to attend via Zoom at [www.dsoconvention.org](http://www.dsoconvention.org).

Fr. David Bailey and Stephan Graham has already registered as Zoom attendees for this important event.

## Outreach Ministry Jars

St. Francis is collection donations for the **Thanksgiving Food Drive** in the month of November. All donations will go to the **Franklin Food Pantry**.

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.



# *Thanksgiving*

## FOR FRANKLIN FOOD PANTRY

Please Help Feed Those in Need this Holiday Season

All Donations Will Be Accepted

**till November 23rd**

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Yams

Marshmallows

Canned Beans

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Canned Soups

Stuffing Mix

Broth (Chicken and Beef)

Cans or Jars of Gravy

Pie Crust and Pie Filling

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Canned Meat

(Tuna and Chicken)

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Macaroni and Cheese

Sugar and Flour

Muffin/ Cake/ Brownie Mix

Apple Sauce

Cereal

Jell-O

Pudding Mix

100% Fruit Juice

(Family Size Bottles)

**This is a suggested shopping list  
of donations you can give.**

# WHITE CHRISTMAS at LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATER



Join in the Holiday fun and see White Christmas at La Comedia Dinner Theater on Thursday evening, December 15. Tickets are \$47.00 and include both dinner and the play.

Sign up with Ginny Culp (937 408-2893 or [vculp@sprynet.com](mailto:vculp@sprynet.com)) and turn in your money by Sunday, December 14.



The Holidays are rapidly approaching, and that means it's time For the Love of Children (FLOC's) Christmas Drive. **This year St. Francis will be holding a gift card drive from now until Sunday, December 11th to collect gift cards for families in need, it's one of their favorite gifts!** Please give all donations to Mary Harris or the church office.

Christmas for Kids is one of their biggest fundraisers. They serve thousands of children Christmas joy. Children attending two local area schools, and those represented through Montgomery County Children's Services are given the chance to have their own presents from Santa with your help. Every donation we receive helps a child that will go without in one way or another. Holiday giving is truly a magical time for children and that's what we hope to provide every year with Christmas for Kids. Make your gift today and help us put a smile on each of our student's faces this season!



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

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## From the Bishop Nominating Committee: Focus Groups

The **Bishop Nominating Committee** met for the first time at a retreat at the Procter Center on October 7 and 8, where we were commissioned and charged with beginning the process of choosing a new bishop for our diocese.

We have many steps to take in the **process**, and our first announcement is to ask members of the diocese to **register** for one or more of a series of focus groups, listed below, that will take place in October and November. During these focus groups, you will have a chance to share with us your concerns and hopes for the new bishop.

Ten focus groups will be held in person and six will be held virtually, via Zoom. One Zoom session and one in-person session will be conducted in Spanish. Some of the Zoom sessions will focus on the hopes and concerns of specific groups within our diocese, but there are two general "Zoom for anyone" sessions. Any member of the diocese may choose to attend any session.

These focus groups are important to our search process. We need to hear from you so that we can better discern what qualities are needed in our next bishop.

Please join us in praying for the search for the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio:

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the witness of your whole church in his name. We thank you for your Holy Spirit, empowering us for ministry. So guide the hearts and minds of all those who shall choose a bishop in this diocese and those who will respond to the call, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people. May our discernment transform our spirits and draw us closer to you, Almighty God. **Amen**.*

The Bishop Nominating Committee

Ms. Cathy Bagot  
Mr. Mark Conrad  
Ms. Catherine Duffy  
The Rev. Jason Emerson  
The Rev. George Glazier  
The Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin (Chair)  
Mr. Thomas Jones  
Ms. Miriam McKenney

Mr. Wendell Mulford  
The Rev. Joshua Nelson  
Mr. Michael Newman  
The Rev. Benjamin Speare-Hardy  
Ms. Hannah Teetor  
The Very Rev. Owen Thompson  
Mr. Gayland Trim  
Chaplain: The Rev. Sallie Schisler

**In-Person Focus Groups** - Please register to attend a focus group using the [online form](https://form.jotform.com/222913730555051) at <https://form.jotform.com/222913730555051>

**Zoom Focus Groups** - Registration for Zoom focus groups is not required, but is encouraged. Please register using the [online form](https://form.jotform.com/222913730555051) at <https://form.jotform.com/222913730555051>

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## Gathering Times

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

## Prayer for November

Lord our God, rule over us in strength, and grant us your light. Let your Spirit be with us to confirm what has already taken place in our hearts, so that we have joy and trust even under all the strain and stress of this life. Strengthen our faith for the future, our faith in everything good, for however hidden the good may be, it must at last come to the light. May we and all the world bring praise and honor to you. Amen.

## Staff

**Priest-in-Charge** - The Rev. Dr. David Bailey  
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**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, Mary Harris, Virginia Culp, and Tom Phillips.

