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**THE PILGRIM PRIEST PONDERES  
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

*It shall be the duty of Rectors or Priests-in-Charge to ensure that all persons in their charge are instructed concerning Christian stewardship, including:*

- (i) reverence for the creation and the right use of God's gifts;*
- (ii) generous and consistent offering of time, talent, and treasure for the mission and ministry of the Church at home and abroad;*
- (iii) the biblical standard of the tithe for financial stewardship; and*
- (iv) the responsibility of all persons to make a will as prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer.*

[Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, Canon III.9.6 (b)(2)]

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earlier this year I taught on the need of all members of St. Francis (and regular visitors) ...*to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.* [Book of Common Prayer, pg. 445]

In this Pondering, I want to consider (briefly), the role of financial stewardship in the life of Christians.

First, giving financially to St. Francis Episcopal Church is a *spiritual discipline* to help both the giver and the Parish grow in our ability to fulfill our Mission and Vision. I cannot emphasize too strongly that indicating each year what we plan to give to support our Mission and Vision is – like prayer, worship, Bible Study, etc. – primarily a *spiritual discipline*, NOT a means of “balancing the budget”!

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

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Second, *preparing* a signed “Estimate of Giving” card and submitting the same as an offering is an *act of Worship*.

Third, the Estimate of Giving is NOT a contract, but an endorsement of what each member and/or family has prayerfully considered and discerned what God is calling them to give.

Fourth, the Tithes (10%) has been the standard in the Christian tradition for determining what to give. This is NOT a requirement in the Episcopal Church, but a valuable tool for determining your Estimate of Giving.

Fifth, how do you determine your Estimate of Giving? Here’s my suggestion – and one that Molly and I will follow:

- a) Find your 2021 Income Tax Return.
- b) Go to line 9 (Total Income). Write that number down.
- c) Look up your pledged support to St. Francis for 2022 (if you can’t find it, contact Sue Starner at [parishtreas@saintfran.org](mailto:parishtreas@saintfran.org)).
- d) Take a deep breath.
- e) What percent of your total income is represented by your pledged support? Are you satisfied with this? If not, prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by \$10/week.

There have been times for Molly and me when we have been able to pledge our Estimate of Giving based on our gross incomes. There have been other times when we increased our pledge due to increases in our income throughout the year. Correspondingly, there have been times when we have had to drastically reduce our pledge because of financial hardships, retirements, etc. When these happen to you, it is good to notify Sue Starner.

The year 2021 was such a transition year for the Baileys. I can tell you that our Giving for Molly’s parish was 5% of our combined gross income. Our discussion for the year 2023 will be how to prudently raise our Estimate of Giving back to 10% over a period of years.

More later. I will be working with the Vestry and preaching on Stewardship throughout the month of February.

Blessings!

Your fellow Ambassador for Christ,  
David+

# OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>A Blessing of God's Creatures</b> <b>11:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>3</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>4</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>6</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>10</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>11</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm <b>Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>13</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>17</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>18</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>19</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>20</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>21</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am</b> <b>Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>24</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>25</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30 am</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>27</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>28</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>29</b> <b>Trunk or Treat 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Sunday Salon Series 9:00 am</b> <b>All Saint's Sunday Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</b>	<b>31</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm					

## October Birthdays

Rev. David Bailey on October 4

Steve Hamilton on October 8

Gene Bradley on October 16

Mark Willmarth on October 20

Anya Catalan on October 23

## October

### Anniversaries

Walter and Andrea Fedchenko on  
October 2



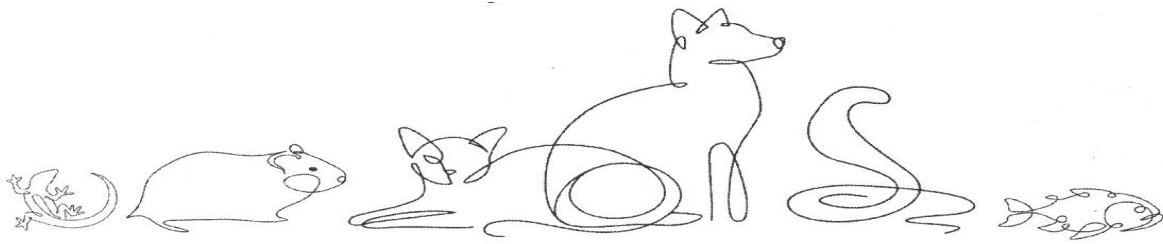
***If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.***

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

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!



## The Blessing of God's Creatures

Due to a sudden illness, the Blessing of the Pets will be cancelled for Saturday, October 1st.


"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." - *Canticle of the Creatures*

### Outreach Ministry Jars

St. Francis is collection donations for **local animal shelters** in the month of October. 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.







*St. Francis Episcopal Church's*

*Thanksgiving*

**FOOD DRIVE!**





**OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31**

*Please help us fight hunger by donating  
non-perishable food items to help benefit  
those in need!*



**DROP OFF LOCATION :**

225 N. Main Street  
Springboro, OH 45066  
(937) 748-2592



All donations will go to Franklin  
Community Assistant Center



## Trunk or Treat

St. Francis will be having a “Trunk or Treat” event during this October Fest /Halloween season on Saturday, October 29 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. We will need at least 12 participants that will bring their cars and open their trunks with an assortment of candies. Greater than 12 participants are very desirable. Please contact Chuck Oduah at 937-434-2582 or [oduah@yahoo.com](mailto:oduah@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. We look forward to having as many participants as possible.

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

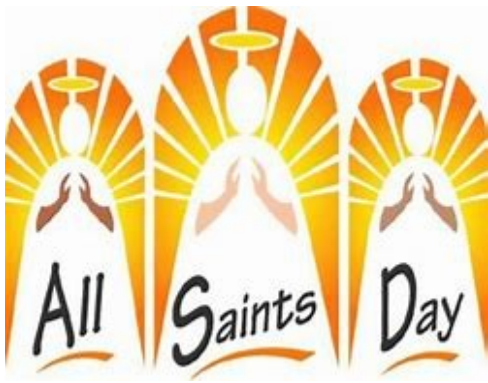
**Saturday, October 29**

St. Francis Episcopal Church Springboro  
225 N. Main St.  
(next to Domino's & Page's Flooring)

**All Are Welcome!**







All Saint's Sunday is on Sunday, October 30. 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.

## Veterans Day Celebration

Please join us for a celebration to honor our Veterans in our area on Sunday, November 6. 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.



Boy Scout Troop 50 would like to invite St. Francis to a presentation by the Cincinnati Zoo, Birds of Prey.

It will be held at Cinday Academy at 11 Sycamore Creek Dr., Springboro, OH 45066 on October 24 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

If you would like to attend, please let the office know at 937-748-2592 or [parishsec@saintfran.org](mailto:parishsec@saintfran.org). Please come and enjoy!



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

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**From the Standing Committee:  
Nominating Committee Members Announced**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

For nearly a month, the Standing Committee has been engaged in the prayerful work of selecting the members of the Bishop Nominating Committee. From 26 applicants, all of whom offered considerable gifts and skills, we have selected a committee of 15 members, and have also appointed a chaplain. The group represents the rich diversity of our diocese, and we are grateful to each person who has agreed to serve. You can find the Nominating Committee’s roster on the new bishop search website at <https://southernohiobishop.org/>, along with news updates, the timeline for the search, and other information about the process of seeking our next bishop. We are also glad to announce that the Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin, rector of St. John’s, Worthington, has accepted our invitation to chair the Nominating Committee. She will convene the committee’s retreat at Procter Center on October 7 and 8, when the committee will organize for business and assign other leadership positions and responsibilities. Throughout its work, the Nominating Committee will confer with consultant Anne Schmidt, who is providing experienced assistance to our search process.

Between now and next June, the Nominating Committee will be responsible for composing and circulating the diocesan profile; receiving applications for the position of bishop diocesan; and discerning the most appropriate candidates for the office. While the committee’s work will be conducted confidentially, we will provide periodic updates about its progress. In particular, you can expect to hear more later this fall about how to offer the Nominating Committee input as it creates the diocesan profile.

In the meantime, we ask you to pray for the members of the Nominating Committee; for those whom they will discern to be our candidates for bishop; and for continued healing for our Standing Committee’s president, Canon Scott Gunn.

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Yours faithfully,

Dr. James Allsop, vice-president  
Dr. Elizabeth Barker  
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Cook  
Mr. Barry Feist  
The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, secretary  
*The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio*

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## **Gathering Times**

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

## **Prayer for October**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for this new month of October. Thank You for the gift of life, the gift of health, the gift of salvation, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus name. O Lord, in this month, I seek Your wisdom to live and relate with others in my community, office, and family. Help me to be a solution to the needs around me. Amen.

## **Staff**

**Priest-in-Charge** - The Rev. Dr. David Bailey  
*fr.david@saintfran.org* - (513) 310-0127

**Senior Warden** - Stephan Graham

**Junior Warden** - David Culp

**Vestry Clerk** - Virginia Culp

**Financial Secretary** - Sue Starner

**Parish Secretary** - Alisha Minamyler

**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.

