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## WELCOME YOUR 2012 VESTRY

Recently elected at the Annual Meeting were Jim Nolan, Janet Penniman, Jodi Kenworthy, Bob Weatherly, Janet Wood and Dottie Kilpatrick. Remaining on the Vestry will be McGee Lorren, Treasurer; Martha McMahan; and Alice Lane, who has been appointed Senior Warden. Junior Warden and Clerk of the Vestry will be determined at the Vestry retreat, to be held on January 7th.

Thanks to these individuals for offering themselves to lead our parish into a bright future.

If you wish to obtain a full printed copy of the Annual Report for 2011, please see Chris in the parish office.

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### **Vestry:**

Alice Lane	Senior Warden, Administration
Jodi Kenworthy	
Dottie Kilpatrick	
McGee Lorren	Treasurer
Martha McMahan	
Jim Nolan	
Janet Penniman	
Bob Weatherly	
Janet Wood	

### **Staff:**

The Rev. Christiana Olsen	Rector
Chris Miller	Parish Secretary
Bill Lucas	Sexton

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*Please note: the deadline for The Messenger  
is the 20th of each month.*

*Submit articles and photographs  
to Ann Woll at [icongrfx@aol.com](mailto:icongrfx@aol.com)*

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# The Messenger

*A Place for worship and Christian growth in the knowledge and love of God*

*"Every choice you make holds its own secret for redemption."*

I'm not sure I believe in making New Year's resolutions. Somehow they always thwart the actual resolving and improving I'm trying to do. In the end, I wind up more frustrated than determined. Yet, there are things that need re-solving in our lives -- aspects of our personalities that need a little shift, habits or patterns we've gotten into that hinder rather than help, choices we probably need some assistance in making. Knowing there are things to be solved -- in our hearts and minds, in our lives, in our worlds -- doesn't mean we know how to solve them though. Life's mysteries abound!



*From the Rector*

The poem I share with you this month I read several times a year, particularly at the New Year. Alla Bozarth was one of the first ordained women in our Episcopal Church and undoubtedly she lived through moments that felt "unsolvable." Her words help me know that the things I've done or left undone fall along a spectrum of God's grace and that with God, all things are possible. When solving and re-solving don't seem to work, following God's desires for my life through prayer, engaging in daily rhythms, and in facing the past and moving forward into the future are what set me on a grace-filled path toward redemption.

May your new year be bright with possibilities and filled with God's grace and love.

*Christie +*

## *Unsolvable Things*

If you feel your life  
needs solving, try  
three methods -  
**absolve** all that is  
unresolved in the past -  
yourself and others -  
**dissolve** all that is  
absolved and its residue -  
**resolve** anything that remains  
conflicted or incomplete,  
by what means occur to you  
in dreams or while in  
the shower or walking  
in the rain.

If these do not work,  
then live with the mystery  
as originally planned.  
There will surely be,  
as surely as tomorrow,  
a way through or around  
everything.

Pray for protection, then,  
from your own hesitation,  
so that you do not miss  
the moment of Grace  
when it comes to you,  
and pray also to be delivered  
from your own aggression,  
so that you do not kill  
this fragile, vincible Grace  
when it floats over to you  
like a pearl on seafoam.

Then simply keep moving,  
stay alive by moving along  
the rhythms of rest and  
discovery, and be brave  
in any event.  
Every choice you make  
holds its own secret  
for redemption.

*The Reverend Dr. Alla Renée Bozarth*

Worship at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church is at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, with Nursery provided. We utilize both Rite I and Rite II Holy Eucharist, with organ and choir.



Refreshments and conversation take place after the service in the Parish Hall, and Adult Bible Study meets in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at Noon on Wednesdays.

There are a number of small groups that meet regularly at St. Francis. To find out about groups such as Bible study opportunities, AA and other groups, please call the Parish Office at 850-932-2861 weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Episcopal Church Women**

meet quarterly in 2012. Please see Dottie Kilpatrick's note and invitation in this issue.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

#### **PASTORAL MONDAY MEETINGS**

##### **St. Francis Grief Group (SFGG)**

will meet on the first Monday of each month beginning January 2nd in the library at 6:00 p.m.

##### **St. Francis Caregivers Group**

meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

#### **MONTHLY TAIZÉ SERVICE**

We know this meditative service has been meaningful. However, we will not be offering the service on the last Saturday of the month after all. We will have them during Lent though.

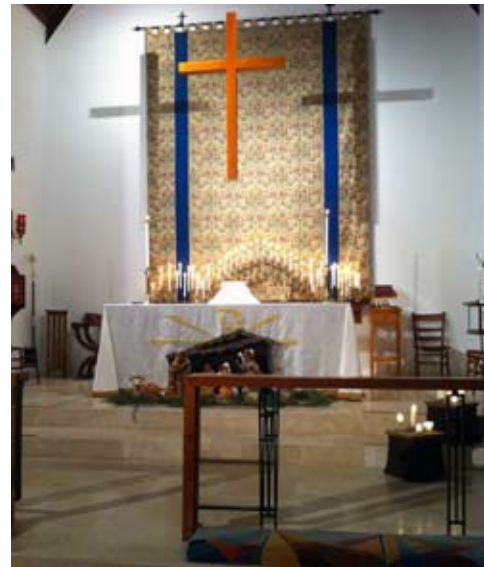
#### **2012 PLEDGES**

**So far, we've received 50 of the 125 pledge cards mailed out.** Your pledge is an affirmation of your commitment to give back a portion of the gifts that he has given to you. Please prayerfully consider what that portion will be and return your pledge card with joy.

**2012 Pledge cards and envelopes are available for pick up** on the hall table. If you've submitted your pledge card and requested envelopes, please pick up your box as soon as possible. Your boxes will be kept for about a month before being recycled.

## **EPIPHANY ON JANUARY 6TH**

**We will celebrate The Epiphany on Friday, January 6th with a Feast of Lights Service at 6:00 p.m.**



Immediately following will be our "Epiphany Party" when we will burn the dried Christmas greens and share lots of munchies and punch. Topping off the celebration will be the cutting of the King's Cake. The person that finds the baby in the cake will be crowned King or Queen of Epiphany.

#### **A NOTE FROM THE PARKERS**

Dear St Francis Parishioners,

Jane and I want to thank each and every one of you for the love and compassion shown to us in our time of need. It has been overwhelming. From flowers, to balloons, to cards, to hand holding, to calls, to housing, to food, all lovingly prepared and given with the spirit that makes our St. Francis the special place it is. Your interest in the path that Jane and I must travel has helped us find our way. Without each of you, our walk would be much harder. Know that we feel the wonderful power of all your prayers, and know also, that we have experienced God's loving care through Christie and the many hours she has spent with Jane and I.

Our love to all of you,

Lynn and Jane

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - JANUARY 2012

### January 1st

The Holy Name of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ

### January 8th

1st Sunday after Epiphany  
The Baptism of Our Lord

### January 15th

2nd Sunday  
after Epiphany

### January 22nd

3rd Sunday  
after Epiphany

### January 29th

4th Sunday  
after Epiphany

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Neil Merrifield  
Greg MacLeod

Herb Woll  
Jane Ellis

John Griffing  
Debra Simons

Bob Ogden  
McGee Lorren

Neil Merrifield  
Greg MacLeod

### EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR

Debra Simons

Bob Ogden

Greg MacLeod

David Stratford

Debra Simons

### ACOLYTES

John Griffing  
Nancy Storey  
Debra Simons

Matt Wood  
Elizabeth Kenworthy  
Martha McMahan

Greg MacLeod  
Shelby Smith  
Tricia Briska

Lonnie Lorren  
Sage Bullock  
Kelsey Gallagher

John Griffing  
Nancy Storey  
Debra Simons

### SCRIPTURE

Numbers  
6: 22-27

Genesis  
1: 1-5

1 Samuel  
3: 1-10, (11-20)

Jonah  
3: 1-5, 10

Deuteronomy  
18: 15-20

Psalms  
8

Psalms  
29

Psalms  
139: 1-5, 12-17

Psalms  
62: 6-14

Psalms  
111

Galatians  
4:4-7

Acts  
19: 1-7

1 Corinthians  
6: 12-20

1 Corinthians  
7: 29-31

1 Corinthians  
8: 1-13

Luke  
2: 15-21

Mark  
1: 4-11

John  
1: -43-51

Mark  
1: 14-20

Mark  
1: 21-28

### LECTORS INTERCESSORS

Ann Woll  
Bob Ogden

Tricia Briska  
Jim Nolan

Carolyn Martin  
Pat Rooney

Ann Woll  
Cathy Griffing

Nancy Storey  
Susan Drinkwater

### USHERS

Leon Mayberry  
Louise Mayberry

Brad Braddock  
Betty Braddock

Herb Woll  
Ann Woll

Warner Stark  
Carol Stark

Jim Arnold  
Diane Arnold

### OBLATIONERS /GREETERS/NEWCOMER MINISTRY

Mike Lane  
Alice Lane

Otto Prochaska  
Libby Prochaska

Leon Mayberry  
Louise Mayberry

Chip Wood  
Janet Wood

Herb Woll  
Ann Woll

### NURSERY MINISTRY

Joy McLaurine

Bob Ogden

Elizabeth Kenworthy

B.J. Holman

Joy McLaurine

### PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

Bob Weatherly  
David Stratford

McGee Lorren  
Dorothy Moore

Bob Ogden  
Bob Weatherly

David Stratford  
Dorothy Morre

McGee Lorren  
Bob Ogden

### ALTAR GUILD

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

1st Sunday

### HOSPITALITY

TBD

The Poynters

The Newbills

The Lanes

The Nolans

If you (or your child) are scheduled to serve, but are unable to,  
**PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE IN ADVANCE,**  
then inform the office so the Sunday service leaflet will be correct.  
Thank you.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2012

<b>Sunday, January 1st</b>	<b>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Sung)</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 4th</b>	<b>12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Chalice: David Stratford Lector: Ann Woll
<b>Sunday, January 8th</b>	<b>The First Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>The Baptism of Our Lord</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 11th</b>	<b>12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Chalice: Dorothy Moore Lector: David Stratford
<b>Sunday, January 15th</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 18th</b>	<b>The Confession of Saint Peter</b> <b>12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Chalice: John Griffing Lector: Alice Lane
<b>Sunday, January 22nd</b>	<b>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 25th</b>	<b>The Conversion of Saint Paul</b> <b>12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II</b> Chalice: David Stratford Lector: David Stratford
<b>Sunday, January 29th</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>

[VIEW CHURCH ACTIVITIES BY DATE ONLINE - go to  
calendar.yahoo.com/stfrangb1@bellsouth.net](http://calendar.yahoo.com/stfrangb1@bellsouth.net)

**Pray for Healing:** Mary Jane Aured, Elena Bogan, Renee Brewton, Jim Brumfield, Julie Clark, Earl Culver, Joe Damario, Nell Davis, Bob Etheridge, Donna Fassett, Mark Higley, Mary Hogg, Dan Labrador, Tom Lucas, Edith MacLeod, Jean MacNeil, Cline May, Clyde Meador, Everett Layton Miller, Esther Moore, George Morgan, Barbara Ogden, Roger Palmer, Kirk Pennewell, David Poss, Goldie Reeves, Ruth Saunders, Betty Ann Smith, Herman Spoto, George Touart, Frances Van Hoene, Manny Villar, Ryan Waker, Ginger Watson

**Pray for Cancer Fighters:** Diana Adams, Bruce Barney, Jean Blackmon, John Burr, Jr., Armand Caruso, Dimitri Constantine, Nicholas DiCarlo, Earl Culver, Patrick Dorsey, Donna Fassett, Marty Fehr, Mary Hebert, Ruth Anne Holman, Kim Lyons, Maureen McCain, Carol Miller, Peggy Morrison, Adrian Nelson, Greg Pecenka, Jane Parker, Needra Powell, Joe Reynes, Sr., Billie Rosenberg, Colgate "Gate" Salomon, Lynda Sizemore, Ruth Straubinger, Ashley Thompson, Jackie Wade, Fred Wilie, Josh Zajac

**Pray for the Departed:** Bill Ford, Tony Laverentz, Mark Wiseman

**Celebrating birthdays in January:** Cindy Ready (1/1), Tiffani Bullock, Betty Ann Smith (1/4), Jane Karr (1/5), Dorothy Patterson (1/7), Meredith Brososky (1/10), Brad Braddock, Kim Patterson, Jennie Smith (1/11), Bettina Hoeft, Eric Schurger (1/12) Deborah Stratford (1/13), Chris Lively (1/15), Steve Jimenez (1/19), Mary Smart (1/20), Michael Henderson, Louise Mayberry, Sage Rooney-Bullock, B.J. Jimenez (1/29), Bob Stratford (1/30)

**Celebrating anniversaries in January:** Bill King (1/9), Bob & Barbara Odgen (1/24), Warner & Carol Stark (1/26), Ace & Kathy Cannon (1/29)

## FATHER NOAH'S NURSERY

Birth-Kindergarten meets in the nursery during the church service.

"Busy Bags" are in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those children attending church.



### January Nursery Assistants:

**January 1st** - Joy McLaurine

**January 8th** - Bob Ogden

**January 15th** - Elizabeth Kenworthy

**January 22nd** - B.J. Holman

**January 29th** - Joy McLaurine

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

SAVE THE DATE AND GET TICKETS NOW!



To benefit Boy Scout Troop 11  
Friday, February 10th • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church Gym

**\$7 PER PERSON**

**Includes salad, spaghetti & meat sauce,  
breadsticks, dessert & beverage.**

**Vegetarian meals available.**

**Dine in or take out.**

Come bring your Valentine for a delicious home-made Spaghetti Dinner served by candlelight. Troop 11 is having their annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for Summer Camp. Matthew Kenworthy and Reddon McLaurine will be some of the scouts serving dinner by candlelight.

This event is amazing to see!! The food and atmosphere is something you will not forget.

Come support these two scouts as they earn money toward summer camp. Tickets can be purchased from Matthew or Reddon as well as Jodi Kenworthy or Joy McLaurine. Tickets are also available with Chris at the office during the week. You may also make a donation towards their camp account.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE VILLAS



*The gang sings for Miss Esther.*



*Steve and Mary Hogg enjoy the carols.*



*Spencer lifts his voice.*



*The St. Francis Youth Group ends the evening with a pizza party.*

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN AND OTHER GROUPS

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*From Dottie Kilpatrick, ECW President* - **ECW will have an important membership meeting on Wednesday, January 11th, at 10:00 a.m. Please make every effort to attend. Your vote and voice will be important in shaping the St. Francis ECW in 2012.** Remember all women members of St. Francis are automatically members of the ECW. Bring a pot luck lunch dish to share.

### A NOTE TO ALL ACOLYTES

The beautiful, new red cassocks and white cottas, given through the generosity of Averette Mull from the David Mull Memorial Fund along with an accompanying gift from the St. Francis ECW, are now in use. Each cassock and cotta was custom ordered to fit our individual acolytes, and have now been reorganized. These have been paired and labeled with the individual's name, and hung in alphabetical order in the vesting area.

Please make every effort to button and properly hang your cotta and cassock after each use. These gifts are precious: remember that wearing and caring for them is a memorial to a long-time faithful parish member and the ladies in our ECW.

### ASPECIAL NOTE TO THOSE WHO WEAR AND SHARE THE WHITE ALBS

Recently a volunteer took home an alb, removed several stains, repaired the ripped hem, laundered and ironed it, then quietly returned it. This volunteer is not a worship assistant but did this as an act of love and respect. Please know that no formal ministry exists for the care of these vestments. When wearing them, if you notice it needs some care, please take the time to make it fresh and ready for another worship assistant to wear. **Important:** No food or drink is allowed in the vesting area: please leave your coffee in the Parish Hall.

### FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Need a quiet place to go after all the hustle-bustle of the holidays? There is one at St Francis of Assisi Church. Our library is a good place to read or meditate. It is located in the hallway by the youth room. There are many books to browse through. The majority of the books are in the 200 religion section of the Dewey decimal system. There are some fiction books and children's books too. If anyone needs help you can let me know.

The library committee would really like to know what we can do to make the library resources more accessible to you. We are trying to find out what the library can do to improve its service to the parishioners. We distributed a survey at the annual meeting and got a good response, but we want everyone to have an opportunity to respond. Please pick up a survey in the office if you haven't already filled one out.

*- submitted by Nancy Storey, Volunteer Librarian*

### ST. FRANCIS TREASURER'S REPORT

As of the end of November 2011 - submitted by McGee Lorren, Treasurer

	MTD	YTD
Revenue	\$14,747.	\$240,787.
Expenses	(\$22,859.)	(\$278,239.)
	(\$8,112.)	(\$37,452.)
	<b>Pledges</b>	<b>Pledges</b>
	<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>Budgeted YTD</b>
	\$208,052.	\$213,565.

*You can see that we are still behind budget in pledges and open plate for the year through November, although we are only down 2.5%. I want to thank all of you who have turned in your pledge for 2012 and encourage the rest of you to submit yours this month. May you enjoy a blessed 2012!*

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## FROM THE FAMILY OF FARRELL ALLEN

The family members of Farrell J. Allen want to take this opportunity to thank so many people who helped during his unexpected illness and death. To the Rector we would like to say, "Thank you, Mother Christie, for your long visit at Farrell's bedside; the spiritual care, prayers and last rights." We feel the prayers played a large part in his becoming conscious enough to say goodbye to his beloved family. You helped the family so much while we were holding what we already knew to be a death watch. Needless to say your direction of the Celebration of life was magnificent and the grave side service was wonderful as well.

We want to thank Cathy Griffing and the wonderful choir for all the beautiful music. The music and hymns were Farrell's favorite. We know he could hear them from his wonderful place in heaven.

We want to thank Alice Lane, for the beautiful flowers both on the altar and in Parish Hall. There were many visitors at the hospital both from personal friends and the Church family. Thank you Mike and Alice Lane and Brad, Betty and Holly Braddock for coming to Farrell's bedside.

The family is especially grateful to Suzie Gilchrist and the Episcopal Church Women. Thank you so much for the reception following the Celebration of Life for Farrell. You performed a miracle. Words are inadequate to express the gratitude of the family. We felt supported and cared for at a time we needed it more than any time in our lives. You were all wonderful.

The tears we shed are a tribute to a wonderful man, husband, father and grandfather not pity for us. In Christ's love,

Betty Archer Allen

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Changes/Corrections/Additions to St. Francis Parish Directory: 11/01/11 – 12/31/11

Cell phone change for Debra Simons:  
(850) 218-5950



Happy New Year!

I must begin by thanking the Adult Choir for their hard work in preparation for the Lessons and Carols program as well as for the service music for Advent and Christmas. They were challenged with learning some new and difficult music and they did an excellent job. I hope you were able to hear some of this music and experience a true sense of worship as they sang.

As I wrote in my report for the Annual Meeting, we have some goals and challenges for 2012. We need more voices – particularly males. Our prayer is to exceed 20 choir members during 2012. We hope to reach out to parish members who play musical instruments and include them as musical guests from time to time.

Please let me or one of the choir members know if you are interested in joining the choir. We would be happy for you to come "check it out" before you make the commitment.

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace,  
Cathy Griffing, Organist/Choirmaster*

## O2 - Outreach Opportunities

Thank you St. Francis parishioners for the opportunity to serve as the Outreach Vestry Member.

But most of all thank you for your unending generosity and caring for others. We at St. Francis have been so blessed with talent and treasure. Our ability to care for those who need our help is great but the heart of this parish is always caring always loving and giving.

So keep reaching out to those around you. I wish you all a New Year filled with good health and many Outreach Opportunities.

*Martha McMahon*