



# The Franciscan



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## St. Francis Book Club

Teresa St. John

In striving to follow Bishop Desmond Tutu's admonition that "There can be no reconciliation without proper confrontation," the St. Francis Book Club is reading books that raise issues, lead to discussion, and promote deeper understanding. Selections address issues of economics, race, heritage, sociology, and reconciliation.

**Discussions will be held the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.**

*Discussion Date: March 5, 2018*

**Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone**, by Brené Brown, Sept. 12, 2017.  
(Beware, the paperback copy on Amazon takes weeks to ship.)

*Discussion Date: April 2, 2018*

**Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion**, by Gregory Boyle, Feb. 22, 2011.

*Discussion Date: May 7, 2018*

**Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic**, by Sam Quinones, Apr. 5, 2016.

*Discussion Date: June 4, 2018*

**The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-**

**blindness**, by Michelle Alexander, Jan. 16, 2012.

*Discussion Date: July 2, 2018*

**Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis**, by J. D. Vance, June 28, 2016.

*Discussion Date: August 6, 2018*

**Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI**, by David Grann, Apr. 18, 2017.

*Discussion Date: September 10, 2018 (The first Monday is Labor Day.)*

**A World of Three Zeros: The New Economics of Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emissions**, by Muhammad Yunus, Sept. 26, 2017

If you're interested in joining, call or text Teresa St. John at (281) 389-1843, or email her at [stjohn.teresa@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohn.teresa@yahoo.com).



A Gathering of Men was invited to the home of Mike and Carlie Maciejewski Saturday, Jan. 13. Thank you Mike for hosting.



### Dear Friends,

I'm in Oklahoma right now, at a conference of Episcopalian leaders in Indigenous Ministries. I am truly humbled and blessed to be among these people who have come from Alaska, Hawaii, the Midwest, the Southwest, and the Pacific Rim. We also have the Bishop of the Māori Anglican Church in Aotearoa [New Zealand.] We are hearing of their struggles and difficulties and their triumphs and victories. And, in and among the conversations and presentations, there is talk about "how do we do ministry?" Having grown up under one of the foremost theologians in congregational development and ministry leadership in the Church, it's amazing to hear and discuss the similarities between what they are doing and what we are doing.

***"...we're pursuing a model of pastoral oversight based on the ministry of the whole church; that is, how lay and ordained persons serve together."***

In different ways and for quite some time now, I've been trying to explain and model the way we pursue ministry at St. Francis. When described programmatically, we're pursuing a model of *pastoral oversight based on the ministry of the whole church*; that is, how lay and ordained persons *serve together*. Our model has components that provide both a comprehensive program of education and formation (e.g., Community of Hope, the various training sessions for acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, and Eucharistic visitors, plus weekly Bible Studies,) and of vocation (i.e., of answering God's call; e.g., Cursillo, DOK, Vestry, etc.)

At the heart of Total Ministry is the faithful understanding of what it means to be "The Church." This understanding is biblical, and it is also thoroughly Anglican. It is the belief that *through baptism all Christians* are gifted for mission and ministry within and for the Church.

***"Total Ministry is about every human being's involvement in the sanctification of Creation."***

This model of Total Ministry originated with the Apostle Paul, who conceived of the Church as a "body with many limbs and organs" [see Eph. 4:4; Rom 12:4 &5; 1 Cor. 12:12f.] In baptism, all those joined to Christ's Body become the "priesthood of all believers." In other words, we take part in Christ's ministry of gathering and offering back to God the gifts of life and joy that are given to us. Every person intercedes, on behalf of the whole creation, in the redeemed, restored ministry that Christ Jesus took up after Adam and Eve walked away from it. Total Ministry is about every human being's involvement in the sanctification of Creation.

Bishop Tom Ray (Northern Michigan) was one of many who re-discovered that "Baptism is the transformational event." He understands that "[baptism is] what changes you. But we have taken all the solemnity of baptism and squeezed and squeezed and squeezed everything out of it, and put it onto ordination, so that now ordination means everything and baptism means very little. That is a prescription for paralysis and territorialism."

I like to call that paralysis and territorialism *the one-man-band*. We've taken every gift, every instrument within a community, and jammed them all into a box at which one person sits. After a few generations

of that, no one in the village remembers how to play, and we have fewer and fewer who are willing to sit at the box. It's time to empty the box and share: it's time to unpack the one-man-band. What were once the gifts, skills, and abilities that the Holy Spirit bestowed on a community to do the work God wanted done there, were now left to a hired professional—who was usually imported. One parish/one priest not only short circuits the corporate, incarnational model of the Church, it also seriously ham-strings the kind, the quantity, and the quality of ministry that could be shared if all were enfranchised. Total Ministry restores the importance of baptism in servant leadership. In Total Ministry the whole community of the baptized is working together.

During Lent we usually take long, deep, introspective looks into ourselves to discover how we might become more as God made us to be. Living into the model of ministry I've just outlined is one of the paths I would suggest you explore. I look forward to continuing to discuss and share this with you.

Faithfully,  
Fr. David



**Mar. 15-18:** Cursillo weekend #278 at Camp Capers. Lay Rector is Rosine Carter, and Spiritual Director is the Rev. Lisa Mason.

**May 3 - 6:** Cursillo weekend #279 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

**Sept. 27 - 30:** Cursillo weekend #280 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

**Nov. 8-11:** Cursillo weekend #281 at Camp Capers.



## Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)

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Happy 2018. I hope each of you had a very joyful and peaceful Christmas season. We are now in the season of Epiphany; the season when we recognize and celebrate the revelation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the world. This is a time for study and learning. I encourage you to take part in the many opportunities at St. Francis by the Lake for learning about and growing closer to Jesus.

Financially we have closed out 2017 and have started 2018. I reported details of our year end 2017 financial condition at the annual meeting. Please refer to the hand out from the meeting for details. Here is a quick summary.

St. Francis by the Lake had a good and solid year in 2017.

Operations achieved a deficit of \$13,891.62, which was 60 percent better than expected.

Debt Retirement had contributions of \$12,740.00, which was 82 percent better than expected.

The Capital Campaign is well ahead of schedule with \$250,661.56 in total contributions. We are 1/3 of the way through the campaign with over half already received.

The Endowment fund grew by over 17 percent to \$51,627.39. This is a superior result by any measure.

Thank you all for your faithfulness throughout 2017.

Here is our financial summary as of December 31, 2017.

### Operations:

Revenues: Year-end revenue contributions in the General Fund are \$252,910.09 (7% better than expectations).

Expenditures: Year-end expenditures were \$266,801.71 (3% lower than budget).

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): While we have a year-end deficit of \$13,891.62, it is \$24,268 better than budgeted. As a reminder, we hope to balance annual spending with annual contributions. When we experience a deficit, we cover it from prior years surplus in the General Fund. After covering our 2017 deficit, the General Fund is still in good condition and contains \$31,899.78.

### Capital:

Capital Campaign: Year-end contributions to the Capital Campaign are \$146,065.36, with total contributions of \$250,661.56.

Debt Retirement: Year-end contributions to debt retirement total \$12,740.00, which is 82 percent better than expected. We paid the annual payment on the church building on time in October. The total remaining balance on the loan is \$30,000.

### Endowment Fund:

The endowment fund balance is \$51,627.39 and grew by over 17 percent. This is a significant increase.

Our funds on hand as of December 31, 2017:

General Operating:	\$	31,899.78
Debt Retirement:	\$	12,327.62
Building (New Bldg.):	\$	33,631.70
Capital Campaign Funds:	\$	250,661.56
Endowment Fund:	\$	51,627.39

Our debts as of December 31, 2017:

Church mortgage balance: \$ 30,000

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at [treasure@gvtc.com](mailto:treasure@gvtc.com).



## Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#) ECW President

"Life is a gift. Unwrap it and live it fully!" This is just one of the messages shared by Valeska McHugh, ECW Chaplain and speaker at our January ECW meeting. Thank you, Valeska, for your "pearls of wisdom" to ponder and inspire us as we strive to live each day deeper in love with Christ and in communion with humanity. Many thanks also to Beverley Matthewson for inviting us into her home, to our hostesses Linda Harkness, Susan Kelch, and Carlie Maciejewski, and to all the women who were present.

The next ECW meeting is Thursday, Feb. 8, at the parish hall. Please come at 11:00 a.m. for brunch provided by our hostesses Brenda Klaftenegger, Lynda Leadford, and Betty Morris. The program and business meeting start at 11:30 a.m. We are excited to have Patricia Perea talk with us about Manos de Dios and the Honduras ministry.

Plan now to have a FUN time with all our parish friends on Sunday, Feb. 18, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. ECW is hosting "Taters-n-Treasures" a baked potato and salad luncheon and silent auction of spectacular prizes.

Each ticket is \$10. You are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance on the next two Sundays after worship. Your ticket buys a large, hot baked potato with your choice of trimmings, fresh salad, home-made dressings, home-made dessert, and beverages.



## Reaching up... Reaching out

**Lord, what do you want to do through me?**

*This is our parish. The time is now. Pray for our Capital Campaign and our Stewardship Campaign and ask God's guidance in how you are to join in the vision.*

*The floor plan of the Outreach and Ministry Center is available in the Narthex.*

While we are visiting and eating, you can bid on a variety of silent auction prizes. Soon there will be more information on the spectacular prizes that have been generously donated.

This FUNd-raiser supports ECW's annual budget which awards scholarships to our parish's high school graduates, purchases gifts for new confirmants, and awards funds to nonprofit organizations that directly support those in need in our community.

There are several committees that are preparing for this FUNd-raiser. If you would like to help with food, prizes, or promotions, or anywhere there's a need, please contact me.

"With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love." *Ephesians 4:2.*

## Address Updates: (Cut and paste into your Directory)

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## Practical Exercise Class At Saint Francis by the Lake

Class instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

**Instructor:** Jeanne Slupik

**When:** Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Parish hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

**Cost:** Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

**Come join us!**



## Needs for the CRRC food pantry

Our local food pantry continues to be in need of the following items:

plastic grocery bags;

toilet paper;

cereal;

spaghetti;

laundry detergent;

shampoo;

conditioner;

shower gels;

dish soap;

hand soap;

baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable and cloth diapers); and

toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss.

*(When visiting the dentist each patient is usually given a small bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. As each of us has our semi-annual checkups, please consider bringing those to church for the CRRC donation box. Thanks to Betty Morris for that suggestion.)*

*All contributions are appreciated.*

## What's happening

**Daughters of the King (DOK)** is on the fourth Wednesday of every month (Feb. 28) at 12:30 p.m. The group will meet in the parish hall after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** meets on the second Thursday of the month (Feb. 8) at 11:00 p.m., in the parish hall. ([See article, p. 4.](#))

**Scripture Study Group** is an informal study that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the parish hall, followed by Eucharist.

**Vestry** meets the second Sunday of each month. The group will meet on Feb. 18, after the ECW fundraiser.

**Adult Sunday School** meets most Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group decides at their meeting where the next get-together will take place.

**Evening Study Class** meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

**Al-Anon** meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

**Caregiver Support Group** meets every third Monday (Feb. 19) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**COH Circle of Care** will meet on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 12:15 p.m., in the parish hall.

**Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat** meets each month on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. On beautiful

grounds, the time is for contemplative silence and fellowship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several women from St. Francis that would be glad to have you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)

## February anniversaries

Fr. Gordon and Pam Scheible	2/18
Paul and Judy McClendon	2/21
Dale and Libby Templeton	2/23
Brian and Stacey Benham	2/26

## February birthdays

Sandra Goad	2/1
T.W. Jackson	2/1
Andy Scheible	2/2
Robbie White	2/2
Brenda Smith	2/4
Judy Reese	2/11
Valerie Kirk	2/12
Marcel Klaftenegger	2/14
Art Hoecker	2/18
Jay Hillin	2/20
Jo Conchado	2/21
Connor Brian	2/24

## Mark your calendars

**Feb. 3** - 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Canyon Lake Community Blood Drive

**Feb. 3** - 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - LEM training

**Feb. 5** - 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - *Family Promise* at St. Andrew Lutheran Church - St. Francis will prepare evening meal, and have family support time. (*This event is Feb. 4 - 10.*)

**Feb. 10** - 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Lector training

**Feb. 11** - Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson visitation at St. Francis.

**Feb. 18** - 12:15 p.m. - ECW Potato Luncheon ([See article, p. 4.](#))

**Feb. 22-24** - 114th Diocesan Council in San Marcos. The theme is "The Word is very near to You." *Deuteronomy 30:14.*

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## **Mark your calendars**

**Daughters of  
the King  
(DOK)**

**Quiet Day**



**Saturday, Mar. 17**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Look for more information in next month's *Franciscan*.



## **Presiding Bishop Curry to visit Har- vey-affected areas**

From *Weekly ENEWS from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas*

It is with gratitude that we share the news of an upcoming visit from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to tour the areas of our diocese affected by Hurricane Harvey. Bishop Curry will arrive in San Antonio on Tuesday, Feb. 27, and he will spend the entire day on Wednesday, Feb. 28, traveling around the Coastal Bend, and the Eastern Convocation with Bishop David Reed, Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Jennifer Wickham (Bishop's Deputy for Disaster Recovery,) and others to see the churches and sites of the devastation. He returns home on Thursday, Mar. 1.

Earlier in January the Presiding Bishop traveled to Houston, Florida, and Puerto Rico to visit other hurricane-affected areas, but he was unable to make it to our diocese during this trip. Bishop Reed said, "I am

incredibly grateful for his time in February - two nights and one full day. He is coming to be with us only because he wants to, and because he wants us to know that we are remembered by Episcopalians around the country during this long-term

recovery."

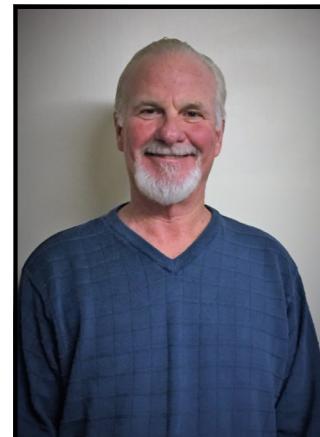
The schedule for Wednesday, Feb. 28, is still under consideration. Should opportunities arise for more general gatherings with the Presiding Bishop during his time here, we will communicate those to the diocese.

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## **Welcome 2018 new vestry members!**



**Debbie Barnwell**



**Jim Kelch**

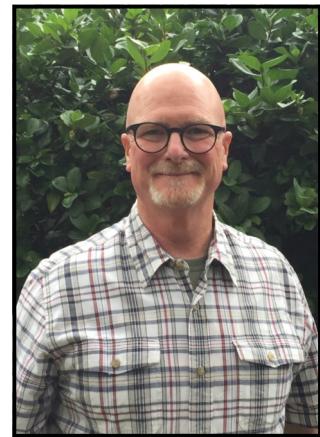


**Mike Maciejewski**

## **The 2018 Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, & Clerk to the vestry**



**Sr. Warden, Linda Bosenbark**



**Jr. Warden, Chris Mitchell**



**Clerk, Don Stackhouse**



## Community of Hope ministries at St. Francis



The members of Community of Hope go through a licensed training program in preparation to be lay chaplains (also known as lay pastoral caregivers.) We make an annual covenant to serve St. Francis by the Lake and the world through our personal ministries and gifts. Foremost in ministry is being a listening, non-judging presence who respects confidences and strives to see the face of Christ in everyone. At St Francis, we are blessed to have lay chaplains serve in a wide variety of situations, such as:

home visits,  
lay Eucharist visits,  
hospital visits,  
rehabilitation facility visits,  
hospice visits,  
skilled nursing facilities,  
transportation,  
prayer shawls,  
mission trips,  
healing prayer,  
ministering to animals and also  
with animals,  
mentoring children and youth,  
Family Promise,  
Caregiver's Support Group,  
(leadership and helping with care  
receivers,) and  
“we've missed you” telephone calls,  
and bereavement remembrance  
contacts.

These are only some of the ways we try to be a listening presence to others and to bring the light of Christ to the world.

If you would like to visit with a lay chaplain, please contact Tricia Jones, Julie Chalk, or Fr. David.



Fr. David re-affirmed the following persons as Community of Hope “Lay Pastoral Caregivers” for St. Francis by the Lake: Becky Averyt, Linda Bosenbark, Julie Chalk, Mary K. Chittenden, Jo Conchado, Gloria Glass, Linda Harkness, Linda Hillin, Valerie Kirk, Beverley Mathewson, Betty Morris, Becki Nichols, Don Stackhouse, Libby Templeton, and Tricia Jones. Included, but not present were: Lin Boudreaux, Patricia Doyal, Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer, Velda Vukoder, and Lynn Zimmermann. (See article on this page.)



(L to R): Linda Hillin, Azile Davenport, Beverley Mathewson, Valeska McHugh, Carlie Maciejewski, Lynda Leadford, Becki Nichols, Lin Boudreaux, Brenda Klaftenegger, Susan Kelch, Jo Conchado, Kay Stackhouse, Tricia Jones, and Linda Harkness attended the ECW meeting at the home of Beverley Mathewson on Thursday, Jan. 11. ([See article on p. 4.](#))

*In loving memory*

Virginia Marylin Goetter  
Sept. 24, 1924 - Dec. 17, 2017

*In loving memory*

Daniel Johnston  
Dec. 1, 1918 - Dec. 29, 2017



Fr. David thanked Brad Mount (left picture,) and Jay Hillin (right picture) with a gift for their years on the vestry. Fr. David also thanked the third outgoing vestry member, Tamara Huneau, who was not there for the Annual Parish Meeting. She will receive her gift at a later date. Thank you Brad, Jay, and Tamara for serving on St. Francis' vestry.



## Canyon Lake community blood drive

**Saturday, Feb. 3  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

## The third annual Abundant Living Retreat: Celebrate the Journey

From *Weekly ENEWS from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas*

The retreat will be held at Mustang Island Conference Center Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 12-14. This conference is an opportunity for older adults to have a fun-filled retreat, and to reflect on living fully into the golden years. Experts will guide participants in reflection and activities. Delicious meals will be provided by Kathy and her crew. The cost for the retreat is \$245 for double occupancy and \$315 for single occupancy. A day rate of \$90 is available for those who live close to the conference center. Contact Lynn Corby, (361) 749-1800.

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### Our Mission Statement

As Children of God we, at St. Francis by the Lake, are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities, and the world.

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