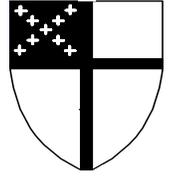




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## Community of Hope (COH) Classes start Sep. 12

By [Julie Chalk](#), [Tricia Jones](#), and [Velda Vukoder](#)

We are very excited to again be able to offer the Community of Hope (COH) training series to our St. Francis community! Last fall the series trained over 15 participants in pastoral care skills, which they have been using to care for those in need, as well as to enhance their ministries. The purpose of this article is to provide some information about the schedule, structure, and content of the classes, and to help you as you pray, discern, and decide whether to participate.

The COH training is a series of modules designed to teach us how to be lay pastoral visitors and/or to use pastoral skills in ministries in

which we are already involved. Classes include subjects such as: developing a pastoral identity, listening skills, prayer and meditation as it applies to our ministry, family systems, pastoral care for the grieving and aging, and discerning and using our spiritual gifts. We will also have two half-day retreats at locations away from St. Francis. The classes will consist of speakers and videos on the material as well as class discussion.

Aside from learning about these topics and applying them to our ministries, perhaps the thing that makes COH most unique is its foundation on Benedictine Spirituality, including its focus on community, sharing God's love, and pastoral listening (rather than problem solving or giving advice.) During each session we will read from the Rule of St. Benedict and learn how to use

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## Save the date

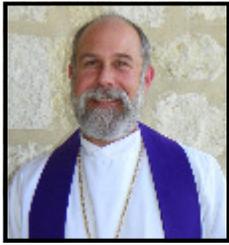
By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

Saturday, Sep. 24, is the date for a five and 10K run and a one mile walk fundraiser for CRRC (Canyon Lake Resource and Recreation Center.) The event will start and end at the CRRC Pavilion on the South Dam Access Road. In addition to awards for the age group winners, there will be an award for the church with the most participants. So, mark your calendars and dust off your jogging/walking shoes to support the CRRC building program.

Race details are at [www.athleteguild.com](http://www.athleteguild.com) and search for Race to the Pantry or call Bernie Frey at (210) 863-7866.



The Borderline Singers performed a free-will giving concert for St. Francis by the Lake's outreach ministries on Saturday, May 14. The group also provided the music for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service on May 15. Glad to have the group visit St. Francis again, thank you!



**Dear friends,**

The original version of *the Paradoxical Commandments* was written by Kent Keith in 1968 while he was a student at Harvard. In 1997, he found out that this version of his *commandments* was posted on a wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. *Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. *Be kind anyway.*

If you are faithful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. *Be faithful anyway.*

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. *Be honest and sincere anyway.*

What you spend years creating, others can destroy overnight. *Create anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. *Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today will often be forgotten. *Do good anyway.*

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. *Give your best anyway.*

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. *It was never between you and them anyway.*

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While the Roman Catholics call this season that we’re beginning “Ordinary Time,” in the Episcopal Church we often call it the Green Season (that’s the color we use now

until Advent.) This is half of our year, and so it *should* be ordinary and it’s about growth as well. Isn’t that the way we’re to be ordinarily? Right!

But there are set-backs—there are things that happen, and there are personalities—and there are all kinds of “reasons” we use to distract and deter us from moving forward. I’m going to print a copy of Mother Teresa’s version of the paradoxical commandments and post it and keep it before me. I encourage, I ask you to do the same. Let’s remind ourselves that, because of Jesus Christ, we can do it anyway. That’s who we are in Christ.

May you enjoy this blessed, growing, ordinary time that’s before us.

Faithfully,  
Fr. David

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### **Community ...** (Cont’d from page 1)

the resources in our own Book of Common Prayer.

We will be holding the classes at St. Francis on **Monday evenings** from **6 – 8:30 pm, starting Sep. 12, 2016 through Nov. 14.** Our two off-campus retreats will be on **Saturday, Oct. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 12.** The expectation is that you will attend every session; however, if you have to miss, you will read the material and watch the appropriate video(s) in order to keep up with the class. We will be commissioned into ministry by our priest and church family after the course ends in November. When the course is complete, participants will be asked to attend monthly Circle of Care meetings to continue their fellowship and learning as they engage in their ministries.

The COH training requires a \$40 fee to pay for our materials and supplies. Each participant will re-

ceive a binder with materials and resources for every module, as well as a copy of *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister. Scholarship assistance will be available, if needed, to help cover this cost.

We are very excited for this opportunity at St. Francis by the Lake, and we hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us on this journey! Please feel free to contact any of us by phone or email if you have any questions, or feel free to speak with past participants. If you would like to join us, please let one of us know as soon as possible, so that we can start to assemble our materials and include you in future communications. In addition, there is an application that we will need for you to complete. We look forward to the blessings which God has in store for us as we seek to minister in His love to our broken world.

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## **Upcoming events:**

**Oct. 6-9, 2016:** Cursillo weekend #273 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

**Nov. 3-6, 2016:** Cursillo weekend #274 at Camp Capers.





## Treasurer's report

By [Micheline Ellas](#)  
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Financial activities through the first four months of 2016 continue to show mixed results in the management of expected revenues and expenditures. As previously reported in the January Franciscan, the Vestry approved a 2016 budget which reflected needs in excess of expected revenues of \$47,085. The April 2016 month-end actual revenues for the General Fund fell short of the budgeted projection by \$2,087; and was 39% less than in the same period in 2015. Year-to-Date revenues in the General Fund of \$77,025 fell short of the budgeted projection by \$2,275 and was 27% less than in the same period in 2015. The April 2016 month-end expenditures for the General Fund of \$26,041 exceeded the budgeted projection by \$2,742 and was 27% higher than in the same period in 2015. Year-to-Date expenditures for the General Fund of \$100,777 exceeded the budgeted projection by \$303 but was 14% higher than in the same period in 2015.

Activities to help increase revenue continue. As previously reported, certain St. Francis bank accounts were closed with the balances consolidated into the Church's interest bearing accounts at Prosperity Bank in order to take advantage of a more favorable interest rate environment. Since then, an additional internet-based bank account was opened in order to take advantage of a substantial improvement in the interest rate environment. Interest income from investment in the first month since opening was 4.5 times greater than the previous month. An additional internet-based bank account was opened for monies supporting

the Honduras Ministry. Funding of the account began in May and interest revenue is expected to be earned at a rate more than 5 times greater than that at Security State on its money market deposit accounts.

Cash assets at Prosperity Bank and Security State are being managed much more tightly as targeted balances are in place. Requests for checks are processed by close of business only on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week: this process allows for excess funds to be invested for longer periods of time before being used to fund the various operating needs of St. Francis and its ministries.

We continue to seek opportunities to reduce expenses. For example, an analysis of the GVTC expenses resulted in the Church removing its fax line in favor of using the scanning technology available on its copier. In addition, a review of the PEC expenditures resulted in a request to this vendor for an energy audit. The audit was performed and a report is in preparation for consideration by the Church.

Our available **Funds** as of April 30, 2016:

General Operating:	\$ 53,033
Debt Retirement:	\$ -16
Building (New Bldg.):	\$ 38,288

Our **Debts** as of April 30, 2016:

Crump Note:	\$ 50,000
Rectory Note:	\$ 0



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

By [Valeska McHugh](#),  
ECW President

A wonderful year is now behind me. My board members were exemplary and they were my helpmates. I appreciated all the help from the ECW members. Programs for every realm

of life were presented by so many wonderfully qualified speakers, on topics of memory care to caring for others. The support of the congregation through the *Have A Heart Donate for a Child* and our very successful garage sale made our year successful one. It is through giving that we receive and truly our efforts were appreciated by all the wonderful programs to which we were able to give money. Many of these were doubled through the S.A. Big Give. Thanks to all for this rewarding year!

At the meeting, Ronnie discussed the meaning behind the ECW logo. The intermingled symbols have truly beautiful meanings.

Beverly Matthewson was the perfect hostess for the last meeting of the 2015-2016 year, at which we celebrated our previous presidents. The tables were adorned with flowers and the table settings were truly celebratory. We watched a slide presentation of the past presidents done by Linda Hillin and her creativity took us on a walk down memory lane with precious moments. I wish all could have been there to join in the festivities!

We passed out our financial report showing donations to community organizations which helped others.

The donations for *My Joy for Today* and *Willow Tree Angel* were received with many thanks.

Our summer birthdays will be celebrated on July 14 at Linda Hillin's. Check the *e-news*.

Wisdom is a blessing—walk in it; joy is a gift—be generous with it; prayer is a privilege—act on it; love is a miracle—be God's messenger. God be with you, Betty Morris, our 2016-2017 President, in your coming year.

I will now sign out,  
Your Servant,  
Valeska McHugh

## Transcript of Sr. Warden's talk in worship, 29 May

By [Jeanne Slupik](#), Sr. Warden of the Vestry

Good morning! I am Jeanne Slupik, your Senior Warden. We, the Vestry, thought this service would be an excellent opportunity to bring the parish up to date on our accomplishments and pending actions. On the housekeeping side, we have replaced the railroad ties on the far side of the parking lot, and coordinated with PEC to repair the three outside lights on the poles: they now work. We also arranged for a PEC representative to walk through our grounds and buildings as an energy conservation courtesy check to ensure we are using our resources as efficiently as possible. We met with county engineer's road department to have the giant reed removed from the new entrance - that will unfortunately be an ongoing effort - but it is better! We have a bid pending to place large boulders along Spring Mountain Road by the old entrance to prevent folks from driving on the grass to take a short cut

to Jones Hall or the church parking lot. And we are in the midst of obtaining bids for new kneelers for the Altar and for repair work on the north side of the church.

Our Treasurer, Micheline Ellas, has done more than due diligence in her efforts to reduce costs and save us money. The parish was able to pay off the debt on the rectory earlier than expected and she has moved our money to accounts with much better interest rates. The good news is, we have an excellent credit history - this church pays its debts.

Last Sunday, we invited the Ministry Leaders to join us for a light lunch and receive an update on the new proposed Ministry and Outreach Building and the proposed Capital Campaign. Since Maury Meyer's briefing to you last fall, we have had the parishioner interviews conducted by the diocese and received their report. There is no doubt we need a new facility, but it must be one we can afford and meets our needs. It is time for us and our ministries to be able to do more of our fair share in this community: such as offer alternate housing for the *Family Promise* families, share Vacation Bible School, be a resource as

an emergency shelter if needed, or offer diocesan youth groups a place to camp so they can tube the river or play in the lake.

June will be a busy month for the Building Planning Committee as they meet with the potential builders and develop the two final bids. Bob Amos, who has taken the lead on the Capital Campaign, has coordinated for the Vestry to meet in June with two Capital Campaign consultants who will brief us on their proposals.

We have not made any final decisions, but we are moving in that direction. The vestry will be again asking for input from the ministry leaders once we have more concrete information. Please do not hesitate to ask questions now - your idea may be the one we never thought of! It is now time to shift our focus from what we CAN'T do to doing our fair share. Our parishioners and our ministries are wonderful, caring, and busy, and deserve a building we can call "home."

If you have questions, I will be available after the service. As always, God Bless you and thank you for your time.



(L to R): Betty Morris, Lin Boudreaux, Mary K. Chittenden, Lynn Zimmermann, and Lynda Leadford were the 2016-2017 ECW officers installed on Sunday, May 8. (See the ECW article on page 3.)



## Needs for CRRC food pantry

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

shampoo,  
conditioner,  
shower gels,  
dish soap,  
hand soap, and

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

*All contributions are appreciated.*

## What's happening

### Daughters of the King (DOK)

will meet at Genaro's Trattoria in Startzville on June 22 at 1:00 p.m. This is the DOK's end of year luncheon. The group starts back up again after the summer break and returns on Sep. 22.

### Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

will be on summer break. The group will have the ECW birthday celebration for the women's summer birthdays at 1:00 p.m. on July 14 at Linda Hillin.

### Scripture Study Group

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

### Vestry Meeting - 2nd Sunday (June 12) at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

### Adult Sunday School

meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

### Youth Sunday School

meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the youth room (last room in the portables.) Topics explored are related to the Gospel reading and how they relate to each of our lives.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday (June 18) of each month. Check the *Good News* for the location.

### Evening Study Class

meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

### Scrapbook and Craft Night

meets Fridays, June 10 and 29, at Linda Hillin's home at 6:00 p.m.

### St. Jude's Ranch

- We celebrate the Eucharist with the children on first Sundays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Bulverde.

### Al-Anon

meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall. (See flyer attached to the kiosk in the Narthex.)

Circle of Care meets every fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

## June/July birthdays

Shirley Duren	6/4
Bella Huneau	6/7
Sterling Wehner	6/9
Chitt Chittenden	6/10
Josie Loria	6/15
Ken Patla	6/15
Bette Wehner	6/16
Reagan Pollock	6/17
ValRae Lenius-Torres	6/18
Donna Lewis	6/21
Emma Brian	6/23
Pennie Curry	6/23
Judy McClendon	6/27
Tatiana Hoecker	6/28
Chris Benham	6/30

Ruth Hemphill	7/4
Karen Rodgers	7/5
Cille Hardy	7/8
Emily Hopkins	7/8
Mary Wenzel	7/10
Gay Helm	7/17
Lyn Jones	7/17
Dorris Marlow	7/17
Ann Wilson	7/17
Chuck Schwakhofer	7/18
Tom Meyer	7/20
Gina Wilson	7/20
Dale Calvert	7/27
Lynn Zimmermann	7/27
Bob Amos	7/28
Devon Rodgers	7/29
Clare Villarreal	7/29
Paula Garrison	7/30
Kelsie Kirk	7/30

## June/July anniversaries

Glenn and Karen Rodgers	6/1
Abel and Clare Villarreal	6/4
Hollis and Candace Fitch	6/17
John and Ginger Rose	6/17

Kevin and Valeska McHugh	6/18
Dale and Lyn Jones	6/26
Phil and Emily Hopkins	6/27
Don and Kay Stackhouse	6/30

Robert and Lynda McNab	7/1
Robbie and Natalie White	7/1
Ken and Lynda Leadford	7/2
Douglas and Valerie Kirk	7/8
Larry and Mary Wenzel	7/10
Michael and Staci Brian	7/11
Bernie and Judy Frey	7/14
Gloria and Dwain Glass	7/14
J. P. and Cindy Smith	7/17
Ed Brown and Patricia Doyal	7/18
Burnham Jones and Betty Colley	7/18

## Mark your calendars

**June 25** - 7:00 p.m. - 5th Annual Party for the Pantry at the CRRC Rec. Center

**June 27 - July 1** - 8:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School with St. Andrew Lutheran Church and Cross Trail Ministry will be held at St. Andrew. ([See article on page 6.](#))

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## This year's summer camp

By [Lynda McNab](#)

Together with St. Andrew Lutheran Church, St. Francis is planning an exciting opportunity for Christian growth for youth in kindergarten through fifth grade. Day Camp 2016 will be held June 27 to July 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew, 7420 FM 2673 in Startzville.

This summer's theme is **"Saints and Super Heroes."** Each action-packed day will include games, Bible stories, worship, songs, crafts, lunch, snacks, puppets and more. On Monday, Campers will explore their God-given gifts and find ways to share their gifts to glorify God. Tuesday's focus will be on recognizing how it can be difficult to be Christian in a secular world. Wednesday's Bible study will help campers acknowledge that we are simultaneously saints and sinners. On Thursday, we will look at the importance of faithful friends and a faith community. Finally, on Friday our Bible study will help campers realize that God calls each of us as everyday saints with everyday missions and will encourage them to think of concrete ways they can discern, follow, and live their mission now. What an exciting week!

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### Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Night at the Missions

- DWTX College Missioner, Caroline Garcia, will sing the National Anthem.
- Kids come in your team hat and jersey and stand on the field during the National Anthem. (Be at the Corona Cantina by 6:30.)



Corpus Christi Hooks  
vs  
San Antonio Missions  
Monday, June 20th  
7:05 pm  
Wolff Stadium, San Antonio



Tickets will be available for pick-up at the church you listed below by June 16th.

**Order by June 8, 2016**

<p><b>FORMER MISSIONS IN THE BIG LEAGUES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Latos</li> <li>• Jedd Gyorko</li> <li>• Chase Headley</li> <li>• Adrian Beltré</li> <li>• Adam Jones</li> <li>• Felix Hernandez</li> <li>• Rafael Soriano</li> <li>• Nick Hundley</li> </ul>	<p>Name: _____ Phone # _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Church: _____ City: _____</p> <p># of Game Tickets _____ \$9.00 Each (2 &amp; under are free)</p> <p># of Hot Dog, Soda and Chips Vouchers _____ \$6.00 Each</p> <p>Total \$ _____</p>
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Please mail completed order form with check (payable to DWTX) to:  
Diocese of West Texas, PO Box 6885, San Antonio, TX 78209 Attn: Leigh Saunders

**Dear clergy & church office staff,**  
The annual diocesan Episcopal Night at the Ballpark in San Antonio will be on Monday, June 20, at Wolff Stadium at 7:05 p.m. Game tickets are \$9, and a voucher for a hot dog, soda, and chips may be purchased for an additional \$6 each. Our very own Diocesan College Missioner, Caroline Garcia, will sing the National Anthem, and kids can stand on the field wearing their team hats and jerseys during the singing of the anthem (please be at the Corona Cantina by 6:30 p.m.)

Ticket orders must be submitted to the diocesan office by June 8. Remit with payment to: DWTX, P.O. Box 6885, San Antonio, TX 78209, Attn: Leigh Saunders.

Tickets will be available for pick-

up at the church listed on the order form by June 16. The flyer/order form is attached.

The annual diocesan Episcopal Night at the Ballpark in Corpus Christi will be on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Whataburger Field at 7:05 p.m. Ticket information will be available soon; save the date for now.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Blessings,  
Leigh

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## Newly elected officers of the St. Francis ECW



(L to R): Lynda Leadford, ECW Treasurer; Lin Boudreaux, Vice President; Tricia Jones, Recording Secretary; Betty Morris, ECW President; and Lyn Zimmermann, Corresponding Secretary.

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## Pentecost Potluck Picnic Held in the parish hall on Sunday, May 15, after the 10:30 a.m. service



The main course of brisket and sausage was provided by St. Francis and parishioners brought all the sides.

**This year's ...** (Cont'd from page 6)

Day Camp is offered in partnership with Cross Trails Ministry. Camp staff, together with volunteers from our congregation, will lead the experience. **Volunteers** are needed to help with registration and to help lead groups of children from one activity to another. We also need kitchen staff to help with preparing and serving lunch and snacks.

You too can be a Superhero. Spread the word to young people who will want to participate. Volunteer!! Pray for this important outreach ministry!

Registration and volunteer information will be available next week. To get on the list now, contact Lynda McNab at (832) 876-8031 or [lmcnab@gvtc.com](mailto:lmcnab@gvtc.com).



Past ECW Presidents were celebrated and honored at the ECW meeting on Thursday, May 12. (L to R): Lyn Jones, Linda Hillin, Valeska McHugh, and Maury Meyer. The women got to wear their tiaras for the day.

**5th Annual Party for the Pantry  
Benefiting the CRRC Food Pantry**

**Saturday, June 25,  
7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.**

**At the CRRC REC CENTER  
Below the Dam**

**Back by demand – The Mo-Dels  
Playing the best of our favorite  
music... swing, the Rat Pack, 50's,  
Motown, blues, old rock 'n roll,  
jazz, disco, and country**

**Cash Beer & Wine Bar with soft  
drinks**

**Tickets available at CRRC: Thrift  
Store & Rec. Center**

**\$25/person pre-sale; \$30/pp at door  
Reserved tables for six: \$192.00  
includes table cheese tray and one  
drink ticket per person**

**For more info: CRRC Main Office  
(830) 964-2324**

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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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