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Backpack program update

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chairman

Following is provided by the backpack coordinator at the First Baptist Church.

Since the first of the year, three schools have asked for more assistance and increased the number of weekend bags that they receive. We are now up to 200 bags every two weeks, or a total of 400 for the month!

We have been having a team of volunteers come once a month to bag these items, after a shopping trip to Sam's to complete the food items needed.

I just wanted to share the latest and we sincerely appreciate any donations you have given toward this ministry. We are so thankful for your help.

In addition to providing items for the backpacks, cash donations can be made by writing a check to St. Francis and note in the memo line 'backpack program.'



Quarterly blood drive

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chairman

At the blood drive held on Saturday, Feb. 3, St. Francis set a new RECORD for donors with a total of eight!!!!

Jay Hillin, Ken and Lynda Leadford, Janet Pollock, and Fr. Jerry Sneary were joined by Mike and Carlie Maciejewski, and Dennis Power. Two of the donors, Janet and Dennis, received double credit. Janet gave platelets and Dennis gave a double donation so our total do-

nation credit is ten!!!

Thanks to those who took the time Saturday to make the life saving gift. Please consider joining as a contributor next quarter. As Fr. David says "we know you have it in you."



Annual Honduras Night

Manos de Dios Scholarship Fundraising
at **Beto's, Comida Latina**
(8142 Broadway St., San Antonio)
Thursday, April 12
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
More details to come...



The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson and Fr. David welcomed (L to R): Norm Littlefield, Debbie Barnwell, Jennifer Bergmann, and Dennis Power, on Sunday, Feb. 11.



Dear Friends,

One of the under-appreciated benefits of Lent is that we're encouraged and challenged to

slow down. Slowing down gives us the chance to appreciate the process that Lenten disciplines offer us. For folks who've been trained (or who are just naturally inclined) to think of *results* and *finished product*, this is sometimes a jarring adjustment to our emotions, psyche, and even bodies.

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But if we would not squander the energy, or fritter away the life with which we've been blessed by God, then perhaps we could do more than just “stop and smell the flowers” along the way. I believe, and have experienced, how paying attention to the small ways we live, and how we lovingly interact with one another and others, in each and every moment as we breathe, sigh, see, and experience all that we encounter on the way.

It was George Carlin who said, “life is not measured by how many breaths we take, but how many moments take our breath away.” If we would have our breath taken away in wonder and awe, it is imperative that we slow down. It is crucial that we pay attention. It is vital that we take another look. Another saying that illustrates this is by Danish mathematician and poet Piet Hein: “Den Guds klarsyn falder på, seer det store i det små.” *The one upon whom God's vision (or clear-sightedness) rests, sees the great in the small.*

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May our Lenten concentration be the exercise which affords us the clearest sightings of the Kingdom of God.

Fr. David



**2018
Upcoming
events:**

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.



Linda Hillin, St. Francis' Most Honored Woman for 2018

Most honored woman

By [Tricia Jones](#)

Linda Hillin, St. Francis' Most Honored Woman for 2018, was honored at the Commission for Women's Ministries luncheon Thursday, Feb. 22, surrounded by friends from our church family. The Commission invited churches to submit the names of women whose ministries had contributed significantly to their

church family and the St. Francis ECW chose Linda.

From 42 nominees, the name of one woman was drawn to attend Episcopal Church Women's Triennial meeting held in Austin in July, in conjunction with General Convention. Linda's name was drawn. Linda is a charter member of St. Francis and the first president of the ECW. She continues to serve in many ministries in our church. Congratulations Linda!! Most Honored Woman.



Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)

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As I write this article, we are in the season of Lent. I have taken Fr. David's suggestion to look for ways to grow closer to Jesus as my Lenten discipline. Specifically, I continue to reflect on how we can grow our ministries in meaningful ways through 2018. Yes, I have given up sweets ... but you know how that goes. It fades as quickly as my New Year's resolutions.

We have an OK financial start as we begin 2018.

- General Operations ran a deficit this month, due to slightly less than expected contributions. It is early yet, so we will see as we get a few months down the road.
- The Capital Campaign continues to do well. Contributions are on track for this year and well ahead for the three-year campaign. This is important if we are to start construction this year.
- Debt Retirement is on track and doing well.
- The Endowment Fund is also still doing well and grew by 4% in January.

Here is our financial summary as of January 31, 2018.

Operations:

Revenues: Contributions to the General Fund were \$22,496.22, which was \$4,096.38 less than expected.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$26,923.58 which is lower (better) than expected by \$1,493.42.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): We ran a deficit of \$4,427.56. We expected a deficit of \$1884.

Capital:

Capital Campaign: Contributions to the Capital Campaign were \$7,470.53 with total contributions of \$258,132.09.

Debt Retirement: Debt retirement contributions were \$1,539.00. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a total of \$13,866.62.

Endowment Fund: The endowment fund grew by \$2,147.98. The balance is \$53,775.37.

Our **funds** as of December 31, 2017:

General Operating:	\$	27,472.22
Debt Retirement:	\$	13,866.62
Building (New Bldg.):	\$	33,952.79
Capital Campaign Funds:	\$	258,132.09
Endowment Fund:	\$	53,775.37

Our **debts** as of January 31, 2018:

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.



Musical notes

By Julie Chalk, Interim Music Director

Churches in the liturgical tradition often face special challenges when planning music during the season of Lent. While we desire to encourage participants to examine their consciences, deepen their faith, and express the importance of Christ's

sacrifice on the cross, all too often Lenten music becomes somber and depressing. Alleluias are gone, as are messages of the joy of the Resurrection and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Lenten music can become a dirge which fails to encourage us or to launch us into the world "to love and serve one another" as we hope to do.

During this season of Lent, I encourage you to pay special attention to the words of the hymns

which have been selected. They often include messages of encouragement, even as we recognize our sinfulness, and the promise of God's help as we strive to be better Christians in the world. The words also challenge us to turn to God for help in our daily struggles, asking for courage, forbearance, patience, wisdom, and comfort. One of my favorite musical prayers comes from the second verse of Hymn

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Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#), ECW President

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

ECW at St Francis is living into this scripture. I experience it day-by-day, along with her enthusiasm, generosity, and joy! Thank you, Lord, for your gifts!

At our February meeting, we heard from Patricia Perea how the love and dedication of the Manos de Dios ministry began 17 years ago and continues today. The ministry started with building relationships, then progressed to buying land and planting a church. Through that early relationship building, needs for education, self-supporting work, medical care, and improvements in quality of life were revealed. Together, step-by-step, the local spiritual leadership, communities, and Manos de Dios have created opportunities which impact individual lives, communities, and the future. Thank you Patricia for your passion and leadership of this ministry!

The March monthly meeting is Thursday, Mar. 8, at the parish hall. We will gather at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy a light brunch provided by our hostesses and at 11:30 a.m. have a program and short business meeting. This month, we have two speakers from our parish: Ms. Winnie Benson will share about the Flower Guild, and Mrs. Keren Necaise will present information about the Columbarium. Hopefully, the weather will permit time to walk the Columbarium after the meeting. ALL women are welcome!

We had a spectacular Taters-N-

Treasures ECW FUNd-raiser Luncheon on Feb. 18. The decorations, food, prizes, fellowship, and singing was a joy to experience. We raised just under \$2,700. After expenses, we will be able to add more than \$2,500 to ECW’s annual budget which awards scholarships to our parish’s high school graduates, purchases gifts for new confirmands, and awards funds to nonprofit organizations that directly support those in need in our community.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the helping hands and to the generous parish supporters!



Address Updates: (Cut and paste into your Directory)

Jennifer Bergmann
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New Braunfels, TX 78132

Dennis and Chrystina Power
88 Calandula St.
Spring Branch, TX 78070

Thomas and Sheila Mulbry
159 Big Sky Dr.
New Braunfels, TX 78132



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.



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 (Mar. 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 (Mar. 8) at 11:00 a.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 Mar. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.

Caregiver Support Group meets every third Monday (Mar. 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, Mar. 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.)



Daylight Savings is Mar. 11.

Don't forget to set your clocks.

Holy Week Schedule

Mar. 25 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - **Palm Sunday** Holy Eucharist

Mar. 26 - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Service

Mar. 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Service

Mar. 28 - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Service

Mar. 29 - 7:00 p.m. - **Maundy Thursday** Holy Eucharist

Mar. 30 - 12 noon - **Stations of the Cross**
7:00 p.m. - **Good Friday** Service (*Mass of the Presanctified*)

Mar. 31 - 9:00 a.m. - **Holy Saturday** Service
7:00 p.m. - **Easter Vigil** Holy Eucharist

Apr. 1 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - **Pascha (Easter Day)** Holy Eucharist

March anniversaries

Ray Ferguson and Tamara Huneau
3/29

March birthdays

Cheree Bauslaugh	3/2
Gabe Jones	3/6
Betty Colley	3/8
Jim Kelch	3/9
Maura Mitchell	3/11
Brian Freiberger	3/12
Harold Simmons	3/15
Pat Smith	3/16
Margo Horner	3/20
J.P. Smith	3/23
Cindy Smith	3/24
Dennis Power	3/26

Mark your calendars

Mar. 7, 14, & 21 - 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper with a program (*in the parish hall.*)

Mar. 17 - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Quiet Day ([See article on p. 7.](#))

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The Annual
Daughters of the King

Quiet Day



***“Be Still and Know that
I Am God”***

Saturday, March 17, 2018

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Daughters of the King welcomes everyone, men and women, to participate on this special day. This retreat offers an opportunity to escape from the usual day to day chaos by providing a quiet environment to restore your body, soul, and spirit; a time to listen to God and to feel His presence and love. “Nothing is more important than what God has to say to us.”

This will be a time for prayer, music, meditation, lectio and a contemplative prayer walk. There will be quiet time for reflection and time for sharing. Most of all, this will be a time to “Be Still”....with God.

Musical notes (Cont'd from page 3)

#594: “From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise; grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.” A message of transformation pops up in one of our Lenten hymns (#149): “So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to Your way of love,” as well as a plea for the comfort of God’s presence: “whate’er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee” (#574.) When we notice the words, we may be surprised at the overall strength of their message as well as how well they apply to our daily lives and needs.

I would like to commend the choir and congregation during this time of transition in the music program. I am privileged to be helping out by serving as the Interim Music Director and welcome anyone who sings or plays an instrument to join our music ministry. The choir will not be practicing on Thursday evenings for the foreseeable future, but will be learning their music on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. in the music room. Please call (830-226-7273) or email me jfrchalk@gmail.com if you have questions. No matter what you think of your own voice, God loves to hear you sing! (And so do I!)



Spring Women’s gathering at Camp Capers

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

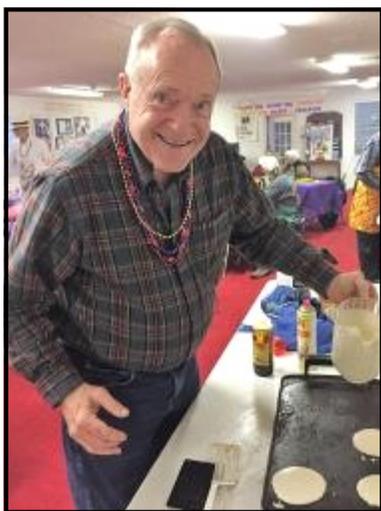
The [Commission for Women’s Ministry](#) ((C4WM) works to foster active communication, spiritual enrichment, and education among women of the Episcopal Church with Christ as the center) presents the Spring Women’s Gathering at Camp Capers Friday-Sunday, Apr. 27-29, this year entitled “Finding Joy as Spiritual Practice.” Leaders for the weekend are the women of Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs. At the gathering, women will focus on joy itself as a spiritual practice and consider the joy already present in current spiritual practices, such as prayer, journaling, and exercise, just to name a few.

The cost includes all meals and materials and is \$165 for the weekend in a cabin or \$245 for the weekend in the lodge, double occupancy. Follow the link above to register online; and scholarships are available. If you have any questions, contact Marjorie George at marjorie.george@dwtx.org.

Thank you to all those who cooked, served, and cleaned for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.



Chuck Davenport



Frank Smith



Dale Calvert (left) and Jim Kelch



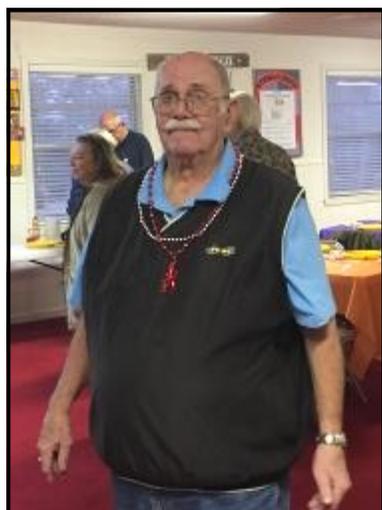
Art Hoecker (left) and Ray Ferguson



Marcel Klaftegger



Brian and Ann Freiberger



Dave LaCombe



Dennis Power



Jay Hillin

Bishop's Spring Retreat at Camp Capers

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

Bishop's Spring Retreat: Focused on creativity, the arts, and a life in the Spirit, The Good, the True, the Beautiful retreat will welcome the Rev. Becca Stevens back to the diocese, as well as her husband, Marcus Hummon, to Camp Capers, Friday-Sunday, Apr. 13-15. All are invited to retreat for a weekend of creative activities that will lead to the culmination of worship centered on the Walk to Emmaus (*Luke 24:13-53*), and being in the presence of Christ.

Becca, founder of Thistle Farms, and Marcus, a Grammy award-winning songwriter and artist, will lead plenary sessions, as well as workshops. Other workshops will be offered, as well, with topics such as collage making, lettering, pottery, creative writing and journaling, photography, cooking, and music. There will be time for rest and reflection and guided time together for nature walks, star gazing, and a bonfire.

Registration and cost information to come at www.dwtx.org/events; but save the date now for this first Bishop's Spring Retreat that is sure to be a treat for all who attend.

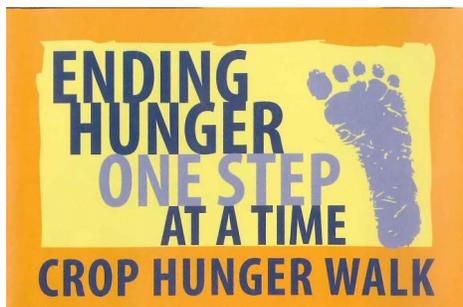


(L to R): Cary Corbin, Brenda Klaftegger, and Becki Nichols were three of many who helped with the ECW potato fundraiser *Taters-N-Treasurers*, which raised just under \$2,700. ([See article on p. 4.](#))

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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.



Mar. 10, 2018
Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Walk: 8:30 a.m.
Meet at the Hidden Valley Sports Park, below the CRRC recreation center.