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The Rev'd Mother Nancy A. Springer



Mother Nancy

I've been with St. Francis long enough that I'm sure most, if not all of you, have heard me say "normal is just a setting on the washing machine." Although we will probably never be able to say we are done with COVID19, we do appear to be entering a time when we have the virus somewhat under control. For now anyway (as always, we hold these statements lightly knowing this virus, and its impact on our community, will continue to change). And as we enter this new movement, we are doing more and more, gathered as the community of St. Francis, finding our new normalcy, as we follow Jesus.

In his first letter to the church in Corinth, Paul writes: "There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good... [We] are the body of Christ, and parts of each other." (Read the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians.)

Each and every one of us is wanted and needed and necessary to 'complete' (i.e., to fill out) our community. We especially have a great need to fill the various roles necessary to enable all of us

to worship together on Sundays, Holy Days, and other times. We have asked and some have stepped up: and we are so very, very grateful. And we still have a need for others to help.

If you have heard the requests and not responded, I offer an invitation to consider why you hesitate. Do you hear yourself saying, "I don't have anything to offer." Or "No one has asked me." Or "I'm afraid I'll not be as good as others."

Or "What if I make a mistake in front of the whole church?"

Or "I don't want to commit because I might not want to be there on a particular day."

Or "It's always just the same people so I won't be accepted."

Or "I see the same folks each week and I don't want to serve all the time."

Or "Way back when my feelings got hurt by someone when I was serving and I don't want that to happen again."

Everyone has something to offer. I'll say it again: *we are all needed and wanted and necessary*. We will do all we can to accommodate each of our unique abilities so that you can participate in what you feel called to. We provide guidance and training for all roles and tasks without judgement or comparison. The more folks who are willing to do a particular task, the less often each person has to do it.

Consider all of the roles that enable our gathered, corporate worship: greeters, ushers, acolytes,

readers, altar guild, flower guild, choir, eucharistic ministers, and audio/visual. And we cannot not ignore the **vital** role of the congregation. Everyone who is with us participates; we do not worship passively. The more folks we have willing to DO worship ministry tasks, the more we are *all* better able to BE worshippers of God.

So: How would you like to participate? Talk with someone you see in a ministry role, and ask how it fulfills them and deepens their relationship with God. Sunday worship is not the goal of our faith; but it is one of the ways we are shaped to *live* our faith.

Perhaps the most important task, that often goes unspoken, is to pray for those who participate in the ministries that enable and equip us to gather in worship. Please add to your daily prayers those who are serving the coming Sunday or Holy Day.

We are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

God's peace,
Mtr. Nancy+

It's the "small things..."

Beloved and dear friends,

There's so much happening in our faith community at this time... it positively staggers my mind!

The involvement of people in the BibleProject; the depth of feelings expressed—and the quality of soup and bread offered—in our Lenten program; the sharing in our migrant ministry—both food prep and the distributing; the many ideas brought forth for improving our "campus"; the people who brought food, or

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Treasurer,
Mr. Robert
Amos

Greetings all,

Treasurer's Report

Our finances at St. Francis by the Lake continue with our Capital Funds doing well and our Operations (General Fund) being significantly challenged, as expected. Contributions and expenditures are doing well. However, our investments are measurably reduced, due to declines in the market. I expect this decline to continue through the first quarter. Our cash situation is in good shape due to substantial General Funds surplus from 2021. Below is a summary as of February 28, 2022.

Financial Summary as of February 28 , 2022

Operations for 2022 - significantly worse than planned.

Revenues: Total revenue was \$53,670.33. Other Revenue (Investments) was <\$25,712.74>. Revenue from other sources was \$5,224.16. Total Revenue was \$33,181.75 which is less than planned by \$13,860.25.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$60,198.82 which is lower (better) than planned by \$3,212.18.

Balance (R minus E): Balance is a deficit of \$27,017.07 which is worse than planned by \$10,648.07.

The General Fund is still in good shape with a balance of \$46,895.88. This is due to a significant balance from 2021 which carried over into 2022.

Capital - continuing to do well.

Capital Campaign 2020 – 2022 contributions were \$4,754.44 with a balance of \$63,191.92. We continue to make monthly principal payments of \$6,060.00 to the Frost Line of Credit.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$9,231.38. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a balance of \$77,117.91.

Endowment Fund - declined due to market conditions.

Total in the fund is \$141,841.98.

Our funds:

General Operating	\$ 46,895.88
Debt Retirement	\$ 77,117.91
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 63,191.92
Endowment Fund	\$ 141,841.98

Debt:

Frost Bank - Line of Credit:	\$ 24,238.38
Crump Foundation:	\$ 405,000.00



If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss your pledge or make another contribution, please feel free to contact me at treasure@gvtc.com.

ECW brings back “Taters ‘n’ Treasures”

Back by popular demand, the ECW will once again host the “Taters ‘n’ Treasures”

fundraiser on Sunday, Apr. 24, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be a Baked Potato luncheon (with toppings, brisket, salad, dessert, and a beverage) for just \$10, and a Silent Auction. There will be door prizes as

well. Tickets may be purchased after services on Apr. 10, 17, & 24.

The Silent Auction will include gift certificates to Southwest Airlines, Myron’s Steakhouse, McAdoos, golf at River Crossing, wine, gift baskets, and much more.

All proceeds benefit CRRC, CLASS, Crisis Center of

Comal County, Homes for our Troops, Family Promise, and other local, community organizations.

Bring a friend, bring your neighbor, and come enjoy a fun event that benefits our community.

CRRC's Pantry Needs

For April:

If you would like to contribute, please put your contributions in the "CRRC Box" in the Ministry & Outreach Center:

Toilet paper
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Shampoo & Body wash
Applesauce (canned or bottled)
Canned fruit of any kind
Canned Ravioli-type items
Canned Chicken & Canned Tuna
Oatmeal & hot cereal (canisters preferred)
Spaghetti sauce (canned or bottled).



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visited with, or stayed overnight for our Family Promise guests; parishioners venturing out once again and returning to Sunday worship; and I would be terribly remiss to not include the faithful and, oftentimes, extremely generous stewardship that continues to be exercised...

Given more space, I could go on; but I hope you see my point, get my drift, and understand the implications: truly "it takes a village," or in our case (as Mtr Nancy shared in her article) it takes the whole body to do the things, to *be the people*, to serve and share in the ministry that, **together**, is ours in Christ Jesus.

To riff on another passage from the Corinthians correspondence, "the many parts make up one whole body," and then there's this: "God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of



you is a part of it." (1 Cor 12.12-27)

I hope you see how my article supplements, augments, and capitalizes on Mtr. Nancy's article about participating in worship, answering God's call, and contributing to the ministry of the body of Christ—which is St. Francis by the Lake.

As the African proverb says: "if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." **Together** is how we go far.

May the Lord bless and guide, guard and keep, and manifestly magnify the ministry that is His among us.

This comes with love and myriad prayers of blessing for each and all of you.
fr david

Save the Dates

Apr 6: 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Supper & conclusion of our Lenten study
Apr 9: 9:00 a.m. - Enneagram Encore
Apr 10: 11:45 a.m. - Vestry
Apr 10-16: **Holy Week**
Sun: Palm Sunday
Mon: *the Eucharist, Explained*, Part I
Tues: *the Eucharist, Explained*, Part II
Wed: Taizé Tenebrae
Thur: Maundy Thurs Seder
Fri: Noon: Stations of the Cross
7pm: Good Fri Liturgy
Sat: 10am *Holy Saturday Remembrance*
7pm: **The Great Paschal Vigil**

Apr 17: **Resurrection Sunday!**
Worship @ 8am & 10am

Apr 22-May 2: Navajoland Mission

Looking Ahead

May: Crop Walk

April anniversaries

Tom & MaryAnne O'Bryant 4/19
Chuck & Azile Davenport 4/24

April birthdays

Lynda Leadford 4/6
John Rose 4/10
Burnham Jones 4/20
John McBride 4/24
Larry Bosenbark 4/27
Mike Maciejewski 4/27
Brian Benham 4/29

For more information about what's happening, please see the *Good News* email sent at the beginning of each week.



Peggy Kelsey

11,16,'47 — 03,24,'22

Requiescat In Pace

Rest eternal grant to Peggie, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Diocese of West Texas
"We are a Missionary People"



"Reaching up Reaching out"
Growing Something Eternal!

Our mission is to learn all we can, in order to live as best we can, that we might share the love of God the Father, revealed through the Word of God the Son, by the power of God the Holy Spirit with... everyone! We strive to be welcoming, hospitable, and we hope you will consider making St. Francis by the Lake your parish and your spiritual home. Please take time to browse through our website for information about our parish family, as well as about the Episcopal Church. We'd like to extend our invitation to you: "Come as you are; leave better." Also, if you encounter something that's not clear, please give us a call and allow us to try and explain. Many thanks!

fr. david

We're on the Web!!
www.saintfrancisbythelake.org

New Braunfels MLK Association, Inc.

Non-Traditional \$2,000 Scholarship Opportunity!

If you are over 25 years old, reside in New Braunfels or Comal County, and intend to go to a technical or vocational school to acquire skills to become more financially independent, please consider applying for the 2022 NB MLK Association Non-Traditional Scholarship!

Go to www.nbmlk.com and click "Apply Now" at the top of the page!

Due April 30, 2022 and will be awarded before May 31, 2022

Email info@nbmlk.com with any questions!



Dear Friends,

Do you know someone 25 years old or older, who resides in the City of New Braunfels or Comal County and intends to go to a technical/vocational school to acquire skills to become more financially independent? How about suggesting they apply for the 2022 Non-Traditional

\$2,000 Scholarship? The deadline is midnight, Apr. 30, and the scholarship recipients will be announced before May 31.

All they need to do is to go to www.nbmlk.com and click on the "Apply Now" button. Easy! Or, they go can to <https://form.jotform.com/81485242626156> and apply online. If you

Hello friends and family, St. Francis is again participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS (Church World Services). CROP Walks help families struggling with hunger. Please join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who are in need and create greater food

have questions, please send them to info@nbmlk.com.

Thank you! (Would you please share this message with anyone you think might be interested?)

Kristi Morris



security in communities around the world.

This year we are honoring and giving thanks for the life and witness of Bernie Frey, who inspired so many of us to fight HUNGER and choose KINDNESS.

Will you consider joining our St. Francis team this year? You can either walk with us in Canyon Lake (sometime in May, date TBD) and/or make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1000.