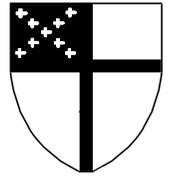




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New F.E.A.S.T. groups forming

By [Betty Morris](#)

New F.E.A.S.T. (Friends Eating And Sharing Together) groups will be announced at the end of June. If you are currently in a F.E.A.S.T. group, you do not need to do anything, but if anything has changed, please email your request to bmorris@gvtc.com. If you mentioned something to me at church, please email me as I may not remember it.

If your contact information has changed, please let me know that too so that group members will find it easy to let you know when they are having a F.E.A.S.T.

If you have not been in a F.E.A.S.T. group and would like more information, I will be glad to visit with you at a church event or call me at (830) 515-8659. We welcome new participants, and for newcomers, it is a great way to get to know your St. Francis family better.

New F.E.A.S.T. groups begin in July and run through December, meeting monthly. The persons listed first on the list will have the first F.E.A.S.T. in July. F.E.A.S.T.s may be held in a home, a picnic area, a restaurant - the hosts choose. The hosts also choose the entrée and other members of the group bring complementary dishes. Neighbors and friends are always welcome. The only rule is that no hard liquor is to be served.

If you have room, please invite Fr. David and Julie Chalk, and family,

and Fr. Gordon, Pam, and Andy Scheible. Also, please let me know as soon as you can about any requests. The new lists will be available on Sunday, June 25. Bon appétit and come and get it, y'all.

Betty Morris



Caregiver Support Group meeting on third Mondays

Please join us this summer at the new Caregiver Support Group now

meeting at St. Francis by the Lake! This group is designed for anyone who finds themselves in a caregiving role, regardless of whether the individual being cared for has dementia. If you watch out for a loved one, regularly help them with tasks which they used to do themselves, attend appointments with them, or otherwise assist them with daily challenges, then you are a caregiver! This group will be an opportunity to share your situation in a safe environment with others who understand the stresses (and joys) that come with caregiving. Meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of the month: the next two will be held

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Josh White and Lizzie Leigh (2017 high school graduates) receive graduation gifts from Betty Morris, the Episcopal Church Women President (ECW) at the 10:30 a.m. service on May 21. Connor Brian is also graduating this year. He was working, and will receive his gift on May 28.



Dear Friends,

In John the Evangelist's version of the Great Commission, Jesus says to His disciples, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (20.21). This is John's summation of Jesus' teaching and equipping the faithful. Jesus has moved from the ministry of the Good Shepherd outward through, as it were, concentric rings: first through the closest of Jesus' followers, the Apostles, then to a larger subset of chosen (the Seventy) among His disciples, and then to those who will become the leaders of the churches. To ensure their faithfulness to this ministry, Jesus promises the Father will send the Holy Spirit.

And so *ministry* was originally meant to be exercised by every faithful (i.e., baptized) person. Together, their identity was realized within the Body of Christ; they worked in concert, as a symphony, with all the other baptized. *Together*, their ministry was realized in evangelism; they were 'ambassadors' and 'representatives' of the Church's total ministry.

"Once, many people served together to minister the love of God in Jesus Christ to each other and to the lost and unattached."

The Church *exists* to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.

The theme of camp, a few summers ago, was entitled "Unpacking the One Man Band." My team and I taught the children about the necessity of each one of them taking an *active* role in the life of the Church. The concept (Unpacking the One Man Band) was relatively simple to describe: every stop on an organ

represents a different musical instrument. Once upon a time, a different person played each one of those instruments and, *together*, they formed a grand orchestra; however, over time each of those instruments has been usurped, parodied, and assigned a place in a box for which one person was responsible. What had been the ministries of many, was commanded by an individual. The same image can be applied to the ministry of the priest/pastor and the baptized (i.e., the laity) in the Church. Once, many people served together to minister the love of God in Jesus Christ to each other and to the lost and unattached. Now the expectation is that an individual should do all of it. I have heard many people say, "*That's her or his job*" (referring to what they imagined the pastor/priest should be doing). Not merely ignorance, it is a sign of two things: *clericalism* that has been taught and learned for far too long, and *spiritual lethargy* on the part of the un-ordained.

The role of the shepherd/pastor/priest is critical for leadership, for vision, for teaching, and for equipping. But the Church must be continually reminded that ***"All baptized Christians are ministers."*** In today's

world one must quickly add that this isn't a rebellious rallying cry for congregationalism run amok. Nor is *individualism* meant. What is at stake is the scriptural and apostolic understanding of every believer's priesthood. As John writes in the Apocalypse (5.10) Jesus has "made us kings and priests to our God..." Just as in worship there should be no "audience" (save the One)—since all play a part and contribute to the whole—so in ministry there can be no spectators (Rev. 7.9); all must use their gifts for the sake of the Kingdom of God.



Upcoming events:

Oct. 5-8: Cursillo weekend #276 at Mustang Island Conference Center. Lay Rector is Donald Greer (St. Luke's, San Antonio;) and Spiritual Director is the Rt. Rev. David Reed.

Nov. 2-5: Cursillo weekend #277 at Camp Capers. Lay Rector is Andrea Bielefeld, and Spiritual Director is the Rev. Ripp Hardaway.

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



(L to R): Betty Morris, Linda Hillin, Julie Chalk, Linda Bosenbark, and Tommie Helen Woollven attended the Spring Women's Gathering at Camp Capers Apr. 28 - 30. The women are standing behind the altar for friendship offerings.



Treasurer's report

By [Micheline Ellas](#)
Email: treasure@gvtc.com

As previously reported at the Annual Parish meeting, the Vestry approved a 2017 budget which reflected needs in excess of expected total revenues of \$39,159. During the budget meetings conducted in late 2016, the Budget Committee was able to reduce certain expenditures while also recognizing that substantial growth must occur to sustain the on-going cost of general operations.

Financial activities through the first four months of 2017 showed improvement in the management of expected revenues and expenditures. The April 2017 month-end actual revenues for the General Fund fell short of the budgeted projection by \$70 but were 17% more than in the same period in 2016. Year-to-Date revenues in the General Fund of \$90,575 exceeded the budgeted projection by \$5,549 and were 5% higher than in the same period in 2016. The April 2017 month-end expenditures for the General Fund of \$23,100 exceeded the budgeted projection by \$923 and were 13% lower than in the same period in 2016. Year-to-Date expenditures for the General Fund of \$91,995 were less than the budgeted projection by \$2,556 and were 7% less than in the same period in 2016.

Activities to help increase revenues continue. As previously reported, cash assets supporting St. Francis are now invested with two financial institutions, Capital One and Ever-Bank, where the interest rate environment is much more favorable to the Church. A program of laddering of certificates of deposit is now in place which is designed to bring more income to St. Francis. Interest income

from the relationships is used to support the new building project costs. Cash assets at Prosperity Bank continue to be managed much more tightly as a targeted balance is in place and requests for checks will be processed by the close of business only on Tuesday and Friday 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.

A new revenue stream was added to St. Francis beginning in January with the introduction of a gentle exercise program hosted by Jeanne Slupik. This popular class is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings and the donations received are used to supplement the general operating costs of St. Francis. Thus far, \$619 in previously unbudgeted miscellaneous revenue has been received. St. Francis also receives funds from Amazon based on purchases made through its charitable giving program hosted on-line at www.smile.amazon.com. Please consider using this method of benefitting the church when purchasing products on-line from Amazon.com.

We continue to seek opportunities to reduce expenses. Any parishioner who has a cost savings idea is encouraged to contact the St. Francis Treasurer at www.treasurer@gvtc.com.

Our Funds as of April 30, 2017:

General Operating:	\$ 42,592
Debt Retirement:	\$ 9,730
Building (New Bldg.):	\$ 30,469
Capital Campaign Funds Collected:	\$ 145,009

Our Debts as of April 30, 2017:

Crump Note:	\$ 40,000
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Episcopal Church Women celebrate

By [Betty Morris](#), ECW President

To celebrate the end of a successful year of ministry, the ECW held a salad luncheon at the home of Brenda Smith on May 11. New officers were introduced and the distribution of funds from the Twice-Blessed Rummage Sale in the fall were announced.

New officers are: Tricia Jones, President; Brenda Klaftenegger, Vice-President; Susan Kelch, Treasurer; Carlie Maciejewski, Recording Secretary; Azile Davenport, Corresponding Secretary; and Valeska McHugh, Chaplain. The traditional tiara was awarded to outgoing President, Betty Morris. New officers will be installed at the 10:30 a.m. service on June 25.

Thank you notes for ECW support of the students in Honduras were read, along with a letter from Erika Espinoza, who is in charge of the small business enterprise through Manos de Dios.

There are three high school students at St. Francis who will graduate and receive checks from ECW: Connor Brian, Lizzie Leigh and Josh White. Lizzie and Josh received their checks at the 10:30 a.m. service on May 21. Connor was working and he will receive his check on May 28.

The distribution of funds from the Rummage Sale was as follows: \$1,075, Communities in Schools; \$300, Good Samaritan Center, San Antonio; \$35, Church Periodical Club; \$175, Honduras Scholarship Fund; \$70, Southeast Mexico Veterinary Fund; \$220, scholarships for

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Thank you

From Tommie Helen Woollven

Dear Friends at St. Francis,

It is with joy and sadness that I share my plans for the future with you. Sunday, June 4, 2017, will be my last Sunday to be a member of this community. I have made a decision to move to Fredericksburg, Virginia, to be closer to my children and grandchildren. I ask for your prayers during this transition. I will be in Germany for the summer with my youngest daughter and family. I will begin life in Fredericksburg in September, living close to my eldest daughter and family. Please know that you are always welcome in my home in Fredericksburg, should you be in Virginia.

Thank you for supporting me in my faith journey these past 12 years with your hospitality, your friendship, and your love during the most difficult losses of my life. You were there as Christ at the death of my husband, Larry, comforting and encouraging me as I grieved. Then, when I became sick, you visited me in the hospital and prayed for me, nurturing me back to good health. Through your faith, my own faith has been strengthened. Praise be to God! You gave me opportunities to serve in the church which made me feel an integral part of this community. This year I had the privilege of attending Community of Hope training sessions which have given me new confidence to see possibilities of service to Christ wherever I am. My focus will be to join St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg and become involved.

You remain in my heart, dear friends. God bless our journeys in Christ.

Peace,
Tommie Helen Woollven

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Gentle
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!



Caregiver ... (Cont'd from page 1)

on **Monday, June 19, and Monday, July 17, 2017, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, in the parish hall.

Community of Hope members have expressed willingness to stay with your loved one if necessary, so that you may attend the meeting. Please feel free to call Julie Chalk, facilitator, at (830) 226-7273 if you have questions or would like someone to stay with your loved one so that you may attend.



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.



Needs for the CRRC food pantry

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

toilet paper,
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

a 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 (June 28, and July 26) 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 Thursday, July 13, at 2:00 p.m., at Beverley Matthewson's home. ([See article, p. 3.](#))

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 June 18 (due to a scheduling conflict,) and July 9, 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.

Caregiver Support Group meets every third Monday (June 19 and July 17) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

COH Circle of Care will attend a COH Conference on June 2 - 4. Circle of Care will meet on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the parish hall. In July, the group will be back on their regular schedule, and meet on Sunday, July 2, at 12:15 p.m., in the parish hall.

Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat meets each month on the second Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. The

grounds are beautiful, and 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 for more information.)

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
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 and 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
Phil and Emily Hopkins	6/27
Don and Kay Stackhouse	6/30

Robbie and Natalie White	7/1
Ken and Lynda Leadford	7/2
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 4 - Pentecost Picnic on church grounds (after 10:30 a.m. service)

June 10 - 9:00 a.m. St. Francis Trekkers

June 19 (& July 17) - 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Caregiver Support Group ([See article, pg. 1.](#))

July 30 - 9:30 a.m. - *All Together Now* service followed by a Potluck Brunch in the parish hall

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And the color is ...

By [Maury Meyer](#), Building Committee Chair

Cool Marsh Green! By a large margin! A total of 36 parishioners voted on the colors: 29 were for the Cool Marsh Green, two voted for Cool Palm Green, one for Cool Desert Beige, and four for Cool Shell Gray.

Thanks to all who participated!

Update on the New Ministry and Outreach Center

By [Maury Meyer](#), Building Committee Chair

Parishioners have been asking me recently “When are we going to break ground for the new building?” I wish I had a definite answer for all of you, but I don’t. All I can do is assure you that although the wheels of progress are grinding slowly, they are still grinding.

In February, after agreeing on the last tweaks to the “final” floorplan, the Building Committee received the first Statement of Work, with estimated costs, from Wunderlich Builders. We had quite a few questions about the details and costs, and worked repeatedly with the builder to resolve those issues by mid-April.

Meanwhile, in mid-March, after the Diocesan Convention was over, we sent a letter to Bishop Gary Lillibridge requesting Diocesan review and approval of our building effort, along with the drawings of the floorplan, elevation, and footprint; all relevant documentation; and the Statement of Work, with the estimated costs. I received a response back in mid-April that they received the letter but not the corresponding plans, and they also included a series

of questions about the Capital Campaign and our financial plans to fully fund the building. I sent the building plan documents again by email to Kirk Mason on May 2, and included the new documentation of the issues in the Statement of Work that were discussed and resolved. I had not received a response by mid-May, so I sent an email asking for a simple response that he had received all the documents. Kirk sent me an immediate response that he had received my email, and he asked for some additional financial information.

I am working with Janet Pollock, Bob Amos, and Micheline Ellas to

answer all the financial questions and provide our financial plans to the Diocese for their review. I have also stressed to all involved that we need to move forward while mortgage rates are still low, and that building costs are not locked in until we have a signed contract. I know this is a long process, and I am as anxious as anyone to see the actual building begin to happen. During June and July, I will include any progress in the *Good News*. Please keep the Building Committee in your prayers as we continue our work to make our new Ministry and Outreach Center a reality.



(L to R) Brenda Amos, Janet Pollock, Linda Bosenbark, Candace Fitch, Lynn Zimmermann, Julie Chalk, Tommie Helen Woollven, and Linda Hillin enjoyed a DOK luncheon at Brenda’s home on Saturday, May 20. It was a great and enjoyable get together, thank you!



Looking for Kause, hosted by Kay Stackhouse with the help of her friends Hae Kyong Taylor, and Gyu Yong Hwang, was a great success. Everyone had a great time with great food! ([See article, p. 8.](#))

Honduras Night at Beto's ... Great success!

By [Patricia Perea](#)

We had a wonderful night at Beto's. We had a great turnout and it seems like everybody had a good time, enjoying the great food, margaritas, the live music, and great company. It was amazing to see the generosity of so many people that were willing to make donations, buy tickets, and/or buy items from our ladies from Nueva Esperanza who worked very hard to get us all of those items to sell at Beto's.

The preliminary numbers look like we were able to raise close to \$11,000 for our Manos scholarship program plus \$750 for the ladies that work in the sewing co-op. All of these numbers are after expenses. We are still waiting to see how much Beto's is going to donate to our cause, as they have done in the past.

Our Manos Scholarship program in Honduras is growing and thriving. We are very excited that this year we have reached a record number of 16 college students plus 47 students in grades 7-12. The money that we were able to raise with our fifth annual Honduras Night at Beto's will help sponsor four college students and another four high school students. These scholarships are a blessing not only to the students, but to their families as well. We are truly witnessing a transformation in the community.

Thanks again to ALL of you who helped us sell and/or buy tickets, make or get donations, invite people or attend to the event. I think that this year's Honduras Night has been the best one so far. It will be a big challenge to beat this next year.



The Power of the Padres: Fr. Allan Conkling, Fr. Jerry Sneary, and Fr. David Chalk



Chitt Chittenden, and Kevin and Valeska McHugh



Betty Morris



Patricia Perea, Mo Simmons, Tricia Jones, and Janet Pollock



Tommie Helen Woollven, and Jay and Linda Hillin



The newly elected ECW officers (L to R): Valeska McHugh, Chaplain; Azile Davenport, Corresponding Secretary; Carlie Maciejewski, Recording Secretary; Tricia Jones, President; Susan Kelch, Treasurer; and Brenda Klaftegger, Vice-President (not pictured.)

Kooking for a Kause, Korean Style, with Kay

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chairman

Kay Stackhouse was a guest chef on Tuesday, May 23, in the St. Francis parish hall. She demonstrated how to prepare Bugogi wrapped in lettuce leaves, Korean style spicy cucumber salad, and vegetable pancakes. Candace Fitch coordinated the event as a fundraiser for the Hospitality Committee to buy necessary items for Sunday morning fellowship and new air-pots (for coffee service,) and coffee pots for the new kitchen.

Following the demonstration, 21 people were served that meal by Kay with the assistance of Hae Kyong Taylor, and Gyu Yong Hwang.



(L to R): Hae Kyong Taylor, Kay Stackhouse, and Gyu Yong Hwang prepared a delicious meal for those who attended. (See article on this page.) Thank you!

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St. Francis women to attend Cursillo, Council, Gatherings, etc.; \$560, Rector's Discretionary Fund; \$190, Family Promise; \$135, Canyon Lake Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC) General Fund; \$700, new building furnishings; \$140, Canyon Lake Animal Shelter; \$300, Capital Campaign; and \$100, CRRC expansion fund. These funds were raised through the efforts of everyone at St. Francis and we appreciate the time, talent, and prayers that made this successful.

Salads were then served, and May birthdays were celebrated with a cake. This was the last official meeting of the year, but summer birthdays will be celebrated on July 13 at the home of Beverley Matthewson. Look for an announcement in the *Good News*.

Betty A. Morris,
President

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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.



Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Stinson at (210) 834-7888, or stinson.ServiceU@gmail.com

Location: TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas (20955 Tejas Trail West, San Antonio, TX 78257)

Description: annual gathering of diocesan leadership to share, learn, and grow; held at TMI.