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The Rev'd Mother Nancy A. Springer

Mother Nancy

An Invitation

By now, I'm sure you've heard someone at St. Francis speaking about the Enneagram seminar I've done. To enable us all to continue with our Enneagram work, we will have monthly Enneagram group gatherings. Even if you didn't attend one of the seminars, you are invited to join the monthly group. In the monthly gatherings we will learn more about each of the archetypes and how they all work together.

The Enneagram is a spiritual wisdom tool that helps us see who God created us to be. It is not personality typing. Nor is it a label maker, an excuse for our bad behavior, or a weapon to shame others for their bad behavior. It gives us a way to look within ourselves for the purpose of growth and maturity; to answer Jesus' question, "Do you want to be well?" and "What is it you came to see?"

We can find evidence of it in the desert mothers and fathers teachings and writings, although it was never taught as a defined 'system' of spiritual wellness until the twentieth century.

The concepts of the enneagram, the archetypes, if you will, are timeless, a way of articulating our various natures as God created us. We are all hardwired to take in, process, and react to input from the world around us. Our outward and visible responses are a sign of our inner spiritual well being (or not so well being). Using the wisdom of the Enneagram, we can work to understand why we react as we do and learn to shape the way we respond in spiritually and emotionally healthy ways.

The work of the Enneagram is soul work - the intentional and growing awareness of our true and false selves. This work helps us deal with ourselves so we have room for others. The goal of Enneagram work is to enable us to be in healthy relationships with each other. When we discover our true motivations we are better equipped to experience each other with compassion and grace.

Please join us, either on the third Saturday of each month beginning May 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning May 26 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. Bring something to eat to share with the group. I look forward to our continued journey together.

It's the "small things..."

Thank you to everyone who supported the mission to NavajoLand in prayer, and by giving financially, and to those who went and worked:

Fr. David Chalk, Tom & Mary Anne O'Bryant, Tim Wetherington, Bart Levy, Lydia Allen, Kat Catlin, Libby & Dale Templeton, John Stephenson, Joseph Stephenson, Pedro Armendariz, Edgar Duarte, Preston, & Manuel; and to those who were unable to go: Terry Wetherington, Carol & Tom Lee, and Hal Dantone.

New Braunfels Fraternal Order of Eagles Provided Grants to Canyon Lake Resource and Recreation Center and the St. Jude's Ranch for Children

Excerpted from The New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung, April 8, 2022 Edition

The New Braunfels Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) made a $300,000 donation to United Way of Comal County Apr. 7 using some of the profits from the recent sale of Eagles Hall. The Eagles requested $100,000 be given to SJRC Texas, which was formerly known as St. Jude's Ranch for Children, and $100,000 be distributed to the Canyon Lake Community Resource and Recreation

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Treasurer, Mr. Robert Amos

Treasurer's Report

Greetings all,

Our finances at St. Francis by the Lake continue with our Capital Funds doing well and our Operations (General Fund) being significantly challenged. Contributions and expenditures continue to do well. However, our investments are measurably reduced, due to declines in the market. Our cash position continues in good shape due to substantial General Funds surplus from 2021. Below is a summary as of March 2022.

Financial Summary as of March 31, 2022

Operations for 2022 - significantly worse than planned.

Revenues: Total revenue was $52,724.12, which was significantly lower than planned by $15,226.88.

Expenditures: Expenditures were $95,073.85, which was slightly lower than planned by $2,588.15.

Balance (**R** minus **E**): Balance is a deficit of $42,349.73, which is worse than planned by $12,636.73.

The General Fund is still in good shape with a balance of $31,487.34.

Capital - continuing to do well.

Capital Campaign 2020 – 2022: Contributions were $5,826.64 with a balance of $58,182.13. We are continuing making monthly principal payments of $6,060.00 to the Frost Line of Credit.

Debt Retirement: Contributions were $13,174.14. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a balance of $81,056.85.

Endowment Fund - declined slightly.

Total in the fund is $141,599.10.

Our funds:

General Operating	$ 31,487.34
Debt Retirement	$ 81,056.85
Capital Campaign Fund	$ 58,182.13
Endowment Fund	$ 141,599.10

Debt:

Frost Bank - Line of Credit:	$ 18,178.38
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**.

Taters 'n Treasures

By Tricia Jones

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the 2022 Taters-N-Treasures on April 24! It was a fun day with excellent company, fine food and drink, and spectacular treasures. Together with our generous local business donors and enthusiastic St. Francis shoppers, we raised $4,000! After the minimal event expenses are reimbursed, funds will be awarded to outreach organizations and mission projects.

Special thanks goes to the ECW Fundraising and Volunteer planning committee members and the many, many parish hands who helped with setting up and cleaning up; food planning, preparation and serving; making flyers, performing skits and making announcements; decorating; collecting items for the silent auction; and organizing the silent auction. We are also deeply thankful for the local business and parish contributors! Please visit these businesses and let them know we appreciate their donations and their support of our community.

Hill Country Furnishings, 1768 FM 2673, Canyon Lake

The Design Haus; 111 Winding View in River Chase, New Braunfels

King Feed; 768 FM 2673, Canyon Lake

Ace Hardware; 1150 FM 2673, Canyon Lake

Haarschnitt's Men's Grooming; 2327 Gruene Lake Dr, New Braunfels

Southwest Airlines Gift Certificate; Provided by Susan Kelch, Realtor, Premier Hill Country Properties

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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).

Save the Dates

May 14: 9:30 a.m. - Men's Gathering
May 14: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Safeguarding & Family Promise Training in the Great Hall
May 18: 6 p.m. - Potluck Supper
May 20: 2 p.m. - Crafternoon
May 21: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - St. Francis Enneagram Group

Looking Ahead

June 18: 8 a.m.-9 a.m. - Highway Cleanup

Church Periodical Club Report 2022

By Betty Morris

The Church Periodical Club, an affiliated organization of The Episcopal Church was organized in 1888 to provide magazines and books to settlers on the frontier. The CPC now supplies printed materials and those in electronic format such as Prayer Books, Hymnals, Christian instruction materials, etc. in any format to Christian programs around the world that could not otherwise afford them.

Locally, we have supported the Honduras mission by supplying Kindle accounts for the students to access books for their studies. We supplied materials for farmers in Mexico to teach them how to better care for their animals. When the hurricanes devastated the Gulf Coast, we sent donations to the churches there that lost books and electronic programs used in their work. Recently, we paid for books to be sent to Navajoland at the request of a local worker.

The National CPC organization provides grants for people and organizations throughout the world. The National CPC has also supported our Honduras ministry. Each year, they provide grants for each Episcopal Seminary (10 of them) to provide assistance to students for the purchase of materials for their studies. Episcopal seminaries are the most expensive to attend and the purchase of books is an added burden. My role is to contact each seminary to notify them of the grant and then to send the checks to the students selected. The notes I receive express great appreciation for books they can use in their studies or their future ministry. From donations at St. Francis, funds are also sent to the National CPC to fund the seminarian grant and others. St. Francis is a Life Member of the Church Periodical Club.

The red cans around the campus support that ministry and contributions may be made in the collection plate. Donations may be made by cash or check with CPC on the memo line.

Betty A. Morris
Seminarian Grant Chair

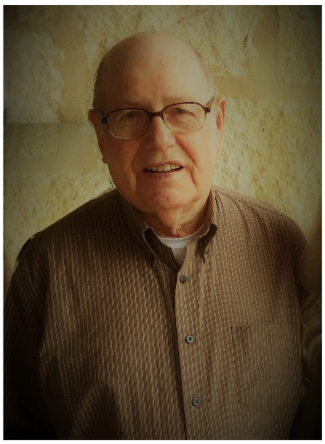
May anniversaries

Marcel & Brenda Klaftenegger	5/6
Fr. David & Julie Chalk	5/14
Frank & Nancy Ingels	5/16
George & Carol Glasby	5/20
Brian & Ann Freiberger	5/27
Dusty Hoecker & Patricia Perea	5/28
Robert & Brenda Amos	5/29
Phil & Lynda Duncan	5/29
Tim & Terri Wetherington	5/30

May birthdays

Casey Benham	5/5
Susan Carvel	5/5
Rick Griffin	5/10
Winnie Benson	5/18
Gloria Glass	5/21
Patricia Perea	5/21
Nancy Springer	5/29
Keren Necaise	5/31

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



J.P. Smith

3,23,1935 — 4,18,2022

Requiescat In Pace

Rest eternal grant to J.P., 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.

Safeguarding God's Children Training

Safeguarding God's Children is a training program that The Episcopal Church requires individuals to complete if the individual is involved with children's ministry in any way.

At St. Francis by the Lake, we believe that anything we do has the potential to include children. The leader-ship of St. Francis requires Vestry members, Community of Hope members, and participants in missions and outreach to complete the training. This includes interaction with families from Family Promise.

The Diocese of West Texas has implemented a new way of providing the training and keeps records of all who have completed the training and when. The training must be repeated every five years. Many individuals in the parish are in need of this training because the validation period has expired or they have never taken the training. You are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in this training opportunity.

The first portion of the training is completed online at your home. Please complete this at your convenience, but no later than **May 10**. The second portion of the training is completed in an in-person group session that is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the Great Hall. Please put this on your calendar now. If you are not able to attend the group session, please contact Linda Hillin for information on completing the second portion.

St. Francis has provided individual's names, addresses, and email addresses to the Diocese of West Texas. Very soon, the Diocese will email you instructions and a link to complete the online training. It should take approximately one hour and you will be required to answer some questions. Please complete this at your convenience, but no later than **May 10**. *The online portion MUST be completed before the group session.*

If you choose not to take the training, please be aware that your participation in many St. Francis ministries and areas of service will be limited. Fr. David, Mtr. Nancy, or Linda Hillin are available to discuss the impact of this decision.

If you need to use a parish computer, please contact Linda Hillin by text or telephone at (210) 422-1751, or email at or lindahillin@gmail.com.

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Center. The remaining $100,000 will be designated to other agencies chosen by the UWCC board of directors.

(Note from Maury Meyer: A friend of ours who is a member of the FOE told us that a major contributing factor on the grant to CRRC is the annual Christmas North Pole Village that benefits the children in our community and the surrounding area. Thank you to all of the St. Francis by the Lake members who volunteer in that event each year!)

For the full story, go to https://herald-zeitung.com/community_alert/article_d0a26a7e-b767-11ec-86e3-13b09cd6768a.html?fbclid=IwAR2Pl3CYd2l1crqzYWjKl8m_Ypb1_gNBG3w01ecSZDHTBNGWiv-rnZ-muHU

At the Taters 'n Treasures everyone looked at the auction prizes (from the community), and wrote down their offers.

FEAST brunch

We're off to a good start now that we can gather together. The FEAST groups will be reconfigured to begin again in July. Enjoy one or two more times with your current group in May and June, and look forward to your next one.

FEAST groups are members of St. Francis who gather in a home, a restaurant, a park, or wherever the host chooses. The host decides on a main course and others bring complementary dishes.

Look for more news in the Franciscan. If you are not currently in a group and would like to be in one or have questions, contact Susan Kelch at (915) 241-3150, or Betty Morris at (830) 515-8659.

FEAST group met Saturday, Apr. 30, at Betty Morris' home.

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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

Taters 'n Treasures, *cont from page 2*

Bombshell Beautique Salon, Spa & Boutique; 1642 FM 2673, #9, Canyon Lake
The Beehive Boutique; 1642 FM 2673, #7, Canyon Lake
The Pink Elephant; 7768 FM 2673, Canyon Lake
Landa Park Golf Course; 180 Golf Course Rd, New Braunfels
Turquoise Gem Airbnb; Brenda & Marcel Klaftenegger, Canyon Lake
Mystic Quarry Campground; 13190 FM 306, Canyon Lake
Wildflour Artisan Bakery and Grill; 2000 FM 2673, Canyon Lake
Bird, Dog & Catfish Pet Store; 286 Singing Oaks, Suite 119, Spring Branch
River Crossing Golf Club; 500 River Way, Spring Branch
Lakeside Golf Club; 405 Watts Lane, Canyon Lake
The Foundry Salon; 1320 Hanz Dr, New Braunfels
Nicole Hall, C & G Salon and Spa; 1551 N. Walnut, New Braunfels
Myron's Prime Steakhouse; 136 N. Castell Ave, New Braunfels
Gourmage of Texas, Cheese, Chocolate & Wine; 270 W. San Antonio St, New Braunfels
Rockin R River Rides Camp Huaco Springs; 1405 Gruene Rd, New Braunfels
Brookshire Brothers; 18275 FM 306, Canyon Lake
Reflection Outpost-Sharla Palmer; 14370 Highway 281 N., Spring Branch
Chick's Prime Meat Market; 4400 US 281, Spring Branch
The Good Life Pharmacy; 113 Star Grass, #100, Spring Branch
Ducky's Swimwear & T-Shirts; 272 W. Union Ave, New Braunfels
Gennaro's Trattoria; 10018 Startz Rd., Canyon Lake
Italian Garden; 18220 FM 306, Canyon Lake
Huisache Grill; 303 W. San Antonio St, New Braunfels
Mima's Tacos to Go; 18100 FM 306, #180, Canyon Lake
Ay Chiwawa Mexican Cafe; 403 Singing Oaks, Spring Branch
Sandra's Cantina & Grill; 13100 US 281, Spring Branch
The Reel Restaurant; 1683 W. Hwy 46, #235, New Braunfels
McAdoo's Seafood Company; 196 N. Castell Ave, New Braunfels
Gruene Cottages Concert Tickets; 1950 Hunter Dr, New Braunfels
Missiones de Esperanza Art Collectibles, Virginia Bush; 160 Lorine Dr, #2, Canyon Lake
Sweeties Donuts; 1521 FM 2673, Canyon Lake
Karmic Juju Boutique; 18382 FM 306 #106, Canyon Lake
Spring Creek Gardens; 11355 US-281 N. Spring Branch
Relaxation Station Massage; 1417 FM 2673, Canyon Lake
China King; 20475 Hwy 46. W., Spring Branch
Kimi's Nails; 20475 Hwy 46, #110, Spring Branch
Supercuts; 286 Singing Oaks, Bulverde
Mother's Cookies, made lovingly by Mother Nancy Springer
Ginger Rose: Basket of Blessings; hand decorated pot and plant; handmade jewelry
Beverley Matthewson: Margarita Madness Basket; Vino Veritas Basket; Vases and Willow Tree figurines; Light Path Box
St. Francis Bunco Babes: Wine Collection