

# FRANCISCAN - SEPTEMBER 2019

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Dear Friends,

I was both humbled and very happy to be asked by Stephan Graham to continue my Sunday Supply services at St. Francis until the end of the year. Molly and I love the congregation and all of the ministries you do . . . both on Sundays and throughout the week. Just a few thoughts about the coming weeks:

\* The Summer Sunday Salon Series has been a wonderful time to gather as an informal group before worship and to discuss the history and evolution of the Book of Common Prayer. Stephan has asked me if I would continue the Salon series this Fall on topics of Anglican worship . . . or any other topic! I am very glad to do so!! To allow choir members to continue to participate, we will move the start of the Sunday Salon to 9:00 AM, concluding at 9:45 AM when the choir will leave us to practice. I will be available until 10:15 AM for further discussion with any who wish to talk with the priest in an informal setting. The earlier start of the Salon will begin on September 8.

\* Speaking of Sunday, September 8, we will worship God using Rite I in the Book of Common Prayer. Rite I has preserved the language of the Cranmer tradition of the Prayer Book (think Elizabethan language) while following the structural format of the Rite II services. This "one shot" service marks the beginning of the Program Year.

\* On Sunday, September 15, we will begin using Prayer A for the Eucharistic Prayer.

\* It is encouraged that congregations write their own Prayers of the People, following the rubrics (directions) on page 359 of the BCP. I'd like to explore doing this in the Salon time.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me or Stephan Graham. My email address is [revdabb@aol.com](mailto:revdabb@aol.com), and my cell phone number is 513-310-0127.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve among you. See you in church!

Your brother in Christ, David+

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Salon Series 9:00 am</p> <p>Summer Performing Arts Program</p> <p>Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Labor Day</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Jazzercise 5:30 pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:00 pm &amp; 7:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 am</p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Jazzercise 5:30 pm</p> <p>Barbershop Singers 7:00 pm</p> <p>Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Jazzercise 7:00 am &amp; 9:15 am</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Salon Series 9:00 am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p>Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Jazzercise 5:30 pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:00 pm &amp; 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 am</p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Jazzercise 5:30 pm</p> <p>Barbershop Singers 7:00 pm</p> <p>Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Jazzercise 7:00 am &amp; 9:15 am</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>Salon Series 9:00 am</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Healing Service</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>Jazzercise 4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</p>					



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Glass

9/27



# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Steve and Kate Hamilton 9/4

Jeffrey and Teena Baldrige 9/12

David and Virginia Culp 9/

If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.



## ADOPT -A- BILLS

are available for support of various ministries and events here at St. Francis. Please place your check along with the adopt-a-bill slip in the offering.

*With Heartfelt Appreciation  
Dear Priest*



*May the LORD reward what you have done!  
May you receive a full reward from the LORD.*

*...Ruth 2:12*

Thank you to The Rev. Frank A. Edmands for his serving as Continuing Clergy Leader the last several years. His service was very much appreciated here at St. Francis. He will be missed!

## SUPPLY CLERGY UPDATE



The Rev. David Bailey has graciously decided to continue to bless us with his presence for the Sunday services as our Supply Clergy for the rest of the year.

St. Francis is currently talking to the Diocese to create a long term solution for next year. Please come and continue to support St. Francis while we are in this transition period.

## Outreach Ministry Jars

Please look for jars around the church to throw your loose change in. They will be located on the table in the foyer, near the coffee pots in the kitchen, and on the table during coffee hour. These will benefit any needy families in Springboro for Thanksgiving Day Dinner, for the month of September.



## SUNDAY SALON SERIES: WORSHIP

The Rev. David Bailey will continue to do a very informal introduction to the Book of Common Prayer. We will be looking at the various historical versions of Common Prayer as well as the current (1979) version. We will also be looking at the elements that are essential in order for worship to glorify God and present the Good News of Jesus Christ, as well exploring the history of the English language and the shift from oral communication to written communication to electronic communication in American culture.

Beginning on Sunday, **September 8** the Sunday Series will start at **9:00 am** before worship to allow choir members to continue to participate.

## Outreach Ministry Program

Each month for Ingathering Sunday, there will be certain items that need to be collected.

For the month of September, please collect canned goods, fresh vegetables, and turkey for needy families in the Springboro area for Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Place them in the Ingathering baskets in the Foyer. Please donate!

## ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Every year when I put out that blank SPAP sign-up sheet, I say a prayer and try not to fret - too much. That roughly 12 weeks seems daunting at the beginning. Oh, me of little faith!

I approach people to share their gifts with the congregation, and honestly it doesn't take too much persuading. St. Francis folk are willing to give of their best to the most important audience, of one: our God.

Thank you to ALL who participated. The Summer Performing Arts Program is unique to this parish and it is an outward and visible sign of the love for each other and our Lord that fills our church family.

Donna Sprowles, Choir Director



## VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

**FOR:** The Adult Choir!

**HOW MANY:** All comers!

**REQUIREMENTS:** A desire to serve God and our parish in the Music Ministry. NO experience or music reading required!

**WHEN:** Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.!

**AGES:** High School to infinity...!

**BENEFITS:** Snazzy black & white outfits provided, preferred seating, first crack at Coffee Hour goodies on the way to the choir room after worship, earn jewels for your crown in heaven (subject to Executive approval)!

**EXTRA BENEFITS:** Joy and fellowship!

**HOW TO JOIN:** Just show up at rehearsal!

**CONTACT:** Donna Sprowles, Choir Director, [dsproles@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dsproles@cinci.rr.com).

Thank you!

## Sunday School

Sunday, September 8 is the return of Sunday School. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Catalan at (513) 777-4525.



# READING BETWEEN THE LINES

By Donna Sprowles, Choir Director

This is a new article that you will see every month in the Franciscan. It came out of a suggestion at a Vestry meeting. So I looked up some reference books on hymns and each month I will choose a familiar hymn and give you some background on the composer, the lyricist, the period in which it was written, etc. I hope you find this informative and interesting.

From the earliest days of the Church, singing of hymns has been an important part of Christian worship. In the book of Acts we see Paul and Silas, "praying and singing hymns to God" while chained in the Philippian jail. But the tradition of singing in worship is far older even than this. Moses and his sister, Miriam, led the people of Israel in song after their miraculous escape through the Red Sea. And there's also King David, the writer of numerous psalms, which would provide the fertile ground for English hymnody.

For many centuries, singing hymns was an important way of teaching scripture to the people as most were illiterate. And, it is a way for all of us to communicate with God using more than just words. Music comes from the heart. They who sing pray twice!

The hymn I'd like to feature this month is "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing ", in the Hymnal 1982, #686, is sung to the tune Nettleton which was written in 1813 and a part of A Repository Of Sacred Music, Part II. The words were written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790). Robert had always been "prone to wander", as he writes in verse three. He was apprenticed to a barber at age 14 but showed little aptitude and less interest. Then still a teen, he went to a religious meeting, intending to ridicule it but instead was converted and entered the ministry. He wrote this hymn at age 23 while serving in the Calvinistic Methodist Church in Norfolk, England. Late in life, Robinson did stray from the faith. Once, in a stage-coach, he was seated next to a woman who was reading a hymnal. She showed him "Come Thou Fount" and exclaimed how wonderful it was. He tried unsuccessfully to change the subject. He finally said, "Madam, I am the unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds to enjoy the feelings I had then." Interesting, and sad, perhaps prophetic that in verse two he writes of Jesus seeking him as he wandered from the fold of God. But as we sing this hymn, may we pray Robinson's words at the end of verse three, "Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it: Seal it for Thy courts above".

These articles from here on won't be as lengthy! In this first one, I just wanted to give you a bit of background. Next month, the Feast Of St. Francis is on October 4th, so a hymn with words written by St. Francis of Assisi will be featured.

## UNLOCKING THE PRISON DOOR

Are you living in a prison where the bars are made of bitterness and resentment? Is the door firmly locked so that you will remain a prisoner?

Do you know there is a way out? Someone holds the key to that door and that person could give you your freedom.

The key is held by Jesus, our loving and merciful Lord and Savior. That door will be unlocked by Him when you accept the way that He has provided for your freedom. That way to freedom is FORGIVENESS.

Forgiveness is a choice you make when you decide that you are tired of embracing these bars of bitterness and resentment that are holding you prisoner; when you decide that that person who hurt you so badly can no longer stand in your way.

Do you know that when you continue to hold bitterness and resentment toward that person that you are allowing them to control you? They are controlling your emotions, your anger, your thoughts, perhaps even your physical health.

True heartfelt forgiveness can release all of that for you. But, you say, he/she hurt you really badly. Of course they did, you cannot change what actually happened. But you CAN change how you think and feel about it with the help of Jesus' helping you forgive.

You can start by going in prayer to Jesus and saying, "Jesus I want to forgive (Name) for the hurt he/she caused me". If you don't feel forgiving tell Jesus that. "I don't feel forgiving at this time, but I want to, so I ask Your help so that I may finally be able to freely forgive him/her."

Eventually that feeling will be evident to you and you will know that you are released. Jesus has taken His key and unlocked that door and let you walk free out of that prison.

Thank you Jesus for your marvelous gift of forgiveness.

Mary Martin, Parish Health Ministry

## PARISH HEALTH SKIN CANCER

Skin cancer is becoming so prevalent that I felt I needed to bring it to your attention. There are a few different types, so I've pinned a few pamphlets on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall Foyer.

Friends, these things can come up unexpectedly and can grow rapidly. I found what looked like a large wart on my shoulder. When I went to my family doctor, he just looked at it and said he was referring me to a dermatologist. Within two weeks it was removed. I thought there would only be 4 or 5 stitches, but it turned out to be over 30! I was concerned enough to make Jeff go and get a full scan, too. There is another one of us in our congregation who has had a similar situation, Kathy Oaks. She too, has had hers removed. Kathy and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Skin cancer can happen to ANYONE! If left untreated it can get into bones and cause all kinds of havoc that you probably don't want to know about. Please take this seriously and look over the brochures. They have various pictures to give you an idea of what to look for.

Healthy wishes, Teena Baldrige

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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday School ..... 10:30 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II .....10:30 am

**WEDNESDAY CLASSES**

Bible Study.....10:30 am