

September 2010



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Congratulations to Father Tim and Elaine Williams. As many of you already know, Fr. Williams has been called to be the new Rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church in Franklin, Tennessee. He will replace retired Suffragan Bishop, Lucian Lindsey, who has been the Rector for the past several years. Tim and Elaine have been with us just five short years and in that time, Tim has been confirmed as an Anglican and ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood. This is a big move for them and a big step for their future. I would ask that you pray for them as they leave us to begin a new life in Tennessee. Being the Rector of a church is a unique challenge and being the wife of a Rector can be even more challenging sometimes. They will be leaving us early in September. We can only wish them God's greatest blessings.

On August 21, Presiding Bishop William Millsaps consecrated the Reverend Canon Ronald Dent Kuykendall as the new Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the South in the Episcopal Missionary Church. For many years Bishop Kuykendall has been the Rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Gainesville, Florida. He will be leaving St. Andrew's to participate in a healing ministry in Canada for a period of time before he returns to the States to resume his ministry with the EMC. Congratulations to Bishop Kuykendall!

Forty Days for Life

On September 19, representatives of the Austin Coalition for Life and Forty Days for Life will again be at St. Francis to elicit your participation in the fall campaign. Many of you have participated in the past, donating one or more hours a week, to pray in front of an abortion facility here in Austin. This time around, we will be praying in front of three clinics, two on I-35, one north and one south, and one on Anderson Mill Road in north Austin. The campaign starts on Wednesday, September 22 and runs through Sunday, October 31. If you have not participated in the past, please consider doing so this time. It only takes one hour of your time a week, plus the travel time. Of course, if you can do more, please consider that as well. You may ask, "What good does this really do?" Our witness here and around the country has saved a few thousand babies so far. Every time a woman decides not to destroy her baby, we know that our prayers and our witness contributed to that decision. Never underestimate the value of prayer. We can never stop the horror of abortion by ourselves. But if we work with God, he can and will. Sign up day at St. Francis is September 19. You may also signup on line at austincoalitionforlife.org Thanks for your prayers and you witness.

Since it is September, many things will begin again. Sunday School for children, Vestry meetings, adult education. I am thinking about doing a class of some kind this fall. Please let me know what you think might be valuable. Would you like a bible study or a class on the basics of the faith or something else? I don't envision this starting before October and I will try to keep it short so that participants don't lose interest. So please give me your thoughts.

Christian Education for Youth

Sunday school classes begin after the summer break on September 12 at 9:30 am . The class for youth in grades 6 through 12 will meet in the larger meeting room of the Parish House. Children in grades 5 and below will meet in the east room and a nursery will be provided for the youngest children.

The Youth class will begin the year with a unit on heresies. It is a challenge for anyone to be a strong Christian in our society. Many so called "new" takes on God are really reworkings of past heresies. Led by Mike Ready, this unit will look to empower our youth by going through the historical heresies the church, what the modern counterparts are, and how they can wreck the churches.

The elementary age class will spend the fall semester on Old Testament Bible stories. The overview can be divided up into three units: Judges and Kings, A United Kingdom, and Stories from the Exile. The year begins with a study of Hannah, Samuel, and then King Saul all from 1 Samuel as part of the Judges and Kings unit.

The children in the elementary class will attend the first part of the 9:30 church service.

Typically, by 9:45 we are back in the Parish house to begin the lesson. Activities will almost always include the opening prayer, the telling of the Bible story, songs, and activities for readers and nonreaders that reinforce the story. Of course, we will end with joint prayers and a shared snack. I will be teaching this class again.

Although Mike is set to work with the youth for the first part of the year, I am looking for a few people to lead this class later on for 4-6 weeks at a time. The youth are an enjoyable group to work with and are as conversant as a teen can be early in the morning. They are always polite and usually interested in what is being taught. Please prayerfully consider this appeal. If you are a likely candidate to be the leader of this group, please let me know (or I will approach you). Materials and guidance will be offered.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The St. Polycarp of Smyrna's Men's Guild has coordinated the transportation of the members of the Baraka congregation to the Sunday afternoon service for the past year or so. As the members of the Baraka congregation are spread out over town, a couple of drivers are needed each Sunday. A large car is not necessarily needed, some pickups are only one passenger. The routine is each volunteer is assigned a person or family to pickup at around 3:15 and drive to the church. After the service is completed at around 5:15, everyone needs to be taken back home. Volunteers to do either the pickup at 3:15 or the return home at 5:15 will be accepted with two folks being paired up to complete the whole job. Please contact Mike Ready at mready@austin.rr.com or 796-7085 if you are interested.

Annual Ice Cream Social

The 4th Annual Kevin McCommon Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social will be held after the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 12. The members of the St. Polycarp of Smyrna's Men's Guild will cook the hotdog meat and supply the buns and condiments. They are appealing to the congregation to bring ice cream - lots and lots of ice cream. So pull out your ice cream maker or stop by the grocery store to pick up a gallon of interesting ice cream or some toppings of one sort or another. If you are looking to eat something that is of the vegetable type, you are more than welcome to bring enough for others to share. Even though the summer is just about over, the heat continues in Texas well into October. Just about everyone loves hot dogs and ice cream.

Anglicans for Life

There will be a regular meeting of the St. Francis' chapter of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, September 19th. We will meet after the 11:00 service in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome and hope to see you there.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacalone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Fall meeting of the Women of the Church is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th at 10am in the Parish Hall. Please attend and participate in the life of the Parish.



Birthdays:

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| 4 | Judith Bernard |
| 7 | Eileen Cole |
| 15 | Katie Sandlin |
| 19 | Erin and Anna Brummett |
| 20 | Kimberly Norris |
| 22 | Brian Hoard |
| 25 | Sheri Brummett |
| 28 | Marion McIlhaney
Nathan Jensen |

Anniversaries:

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| 5 | Mark and Susan Rambin |
| 6 | Steve & Angie McCown |

Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults

Organist: Paula Blaha

Server: Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate

Newsletter Submissions

Any parishioner that has news of any kind they would like to share with everyone is welcome to send it in writing to Tricia Denslow at 640 B Lakeside Dr., Wimberley, TX 78676 or to her e-mail address (triciadenslow@yahoo.com). If received **by the 20th**, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

St. Francis Anglican Church

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| 1 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 16 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm |
| 2 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm | 19 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> <i>9:30 am and 11:00 am,</i>
Amos 8:4-12, Psalm 138
1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 3 | Games Night, 6:30 PM | 19 | 40 Days for Life Sign-up, Anglicans for Life meeting. |
| 5 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> <i>9:30 am,</i>
<u>Morning Prayer and</u>
<u>Holy Communion,</u> <i>11:00 am,</i>
Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1
Philemon 1-20, Luke 14:25-33 | 20 | Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer, 11:00am |
| 7 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 21 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 8 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | 22 | Transformation Prayer, 7pm |
| 9 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm Church | 23 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 11 | Austin City Prayer Walk, 9:00 am | 26 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> <i>9:30 am and 11:00 am,</i>
Amos 6:1-7, Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:11-19, Luke 16:19-31
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 12 | <u>Holy Communion,</u> <i>9:30 am and 11:00 am,</i>
Exodus 32:1, 7-14, Psalm 51
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 28 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
| 13 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm | 29 | Transformational Prayer, 7pm |
| 14 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 30 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 15 | Transformation Prayer Group, 7:00 pm | | |