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*Thursday E-News: "This Week at St. Francis"*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,  
PROPER 9, YEAR B**

Both in-person services are offered, as always, and we welcome you to the 8:00  
am for Holy Eucharist Rite I and  
to the 10:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music.

Please join us!

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

On behalf of the Vestry and the Discernment Committee I wish to introduce you to **The Reverend E. Weston Mathews**, the St Francis Episcopal Church, Great Falls, Priest-In-Charge, effective September 2, 2024. Fr Weston (Weston or Fr Weston preferred in that order) is currently serving the congregation at Grace Episcopal Church, The Plains, Va. Weston grew up in Winchester, Va and Warren County, attended St Georges High School in Newport RI. He is a lifelong Episcopalian. Weston graduated from The College of William and Mary with a BA in History in 2004. He then continued his education in Williamsburg receiving a Master of Arts in Education in 2005. He taught at Nelson County High School where he also coached tennis. It was there that he heard his calling and entered the Virginia Theological Seminary where he graduated in 2014.

Weston's clerical experience began as a Seminarian at St. Mark's Episcopal in Capitol Hill. After graduation from Seminary, he was an Assistant Rector for 3 years at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA. Weston participated in all aspects of pastoring a church during his time at the 5,000-member church and in July of 2017 he was called to be Rector at Grace Church.

Weston is married to Loriana Mathews, a Foreign Service Officer. No children, but they do have cats named Camille and Noel.

Weston's first day in the office will be September 3 and his first Sunday leading us in prayer will be September 8. There will be a welcome reception following the 10:00 service for you to meet The Reverend and Mrs E. Weston Mathews.

We give thanks to God for the time, talent, and work of Discernment Committee: Mike Shuler, chair; Kathy Ditmore; Scott Perkins; Joe Reynolds; Cate Riihimaki; and Jack Shafran. The Reverend Shirley Smith Graham, Transition Minister, The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, provided invaluable assistance.

Finally, we give thanks to Fr David Lucey for his service to our Lord and God and to this congregation. We will gather on September 1 for Fr Lucey's final St Francis service at 10:00. Immediately after we will commemorate his service to God with a reception in Millen Hall.

Rick Larson  
Senior Warden

The Vestry will host an Adult Forum **this Sunday, July 7th after the 10:00 AM service, in Millen Hall**, to provide an update on actions taken and planned as well as answer questions such as: “What’s the difference between and Priest-In-Charge and a Priest?”



**ST. FRANCIS  
WOMEN’S GROUP**

Inaugural Tea  
Friday, 21 June 2024

Hosted by Mimi Lawless



## **Seeking Additional Worship Ministers at both 8:00am Rite I & 10:00am Rite II svcs.**

### ***Training provided!***

**LEMs (Lay Eucharist Ministers):** read scripture lessons and the Prayers of the People, administer cup during Communion;

**Chalice Bearers:** administer second cup during Communion, no need to robe up;

**Ushers:** seat attendees, ensure each has an Order of Service, bring up gifts, support Offering and Communion;

**Children's Chapel Leaders & Assistants:** (beginning mid-September)

Please contact the church office if interested in serving in any of these roles. Thank you!



**SAVE THE DATE** To celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on **October 4**, St Francis Episcopal Church is hosting a community event to package 15,120 meals to support **Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger**.

Currently, these nutritious meals will go to school children in communities that experience a lack of access to food in countries such as Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Somaliland, South Africa, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.

We encourage families, community members, and organizations to join us in this fun and meaningful event at St Francis, **Friday evening October 4, 2024**.



Plans are underway for the newly named **St. Francis Fall Marketplace** on **Saturday, October 19, from 9 am until 2 pm.**

If you'd like to help with this event, please contact **Leslie Siegmund** or **Sandy Walker.**



# OFFERINGS FROM ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

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To connect to the website to learn about:

- **worship services,**
- **pastoral care,**
- **fellowship opportunities,**
- **discipleship opportunities, and**
- **Zoom video-conference links!**

[stfrancisgreatfalls.org](http://stfrancisgreatfalls.org)



## Ongoing Activities

**Established videoconferencing capability:**

**Morning & Evening Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00am and 5:00pm, via Zoom.**

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church.

**Established videoconferencing capability:**

**Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 pm**

We hope you can join us again the Fall via Zoom videoconference! PLEASE NOTE: We are on hiatus during the month of August.

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: Kathy Anderson.

**Established videoconferencing capability:**

**Men's Group Meets WEDNESDAYS 8:35am**

Discussing: The Gospel of John.

Join us every WED morning. Questions? Contact Stu Edwards.

**Established videoconferencing capability:**

**St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesday at 5:30pm, each week**

Join us for casual conversation. Grab your favorite beverage and let's reconnect!

Zoom ID: **935 2210 0835**; Passcode: **church**

**Established videoconferencing capability:**

**Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) at 5:00pm**

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to join TABS and participate in interesting discussions.

For further information contact Amelia Logan.

**Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15**

Needed: Volunteers to prepare and deliver Sunday dinners to the Second Story Teen Crisis Center on Gallows Road.

Volunteers work solo or in pairs, according to their wishes. At this time there is still no contact with the staff or the residents.

Dinners are made on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count typically ranges from five to 8. It has been as many as 12. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact Jennifer Murphy.





