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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Weekly Franciscan

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 27th, 2024

You are welcome to the

8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher
and

10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher
and the St. Francis Choir

Children's Chapel is offered during the Sermon

Coffee Hour Follows Each Service in Millen Hall

[The 10:00 a.m. Service is also live-streamed on YouTube](#)

[View this Sunday's Worship Bulletin](#)

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Job 42:1-6, 10-17](#)

The Response | [Psalm 34:1-8](#)

The Second Reading | [Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

The Gospel Reading | [Mark 10:46-52](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Paula, Trevor, Clara Sue, David, Jessica, Jon, Tracey & David, Grace, Jennie, Sofia & Larry, Valerie, Rick, Debra, Eileen, Cathy, Taylor, Nancy, Bishop Issac, Kelly & Alex, Nancy, Nick & Hilary, Linn, Ellen and Dut. We pray also for Kelsey Pendergraft and Duncan Haight as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

Altar Flowers

Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Cate & Steve Riihimaki in celebration of daughter Grace whose birthday is on 29-OCT and son Dylan whose birthday is on 8-DEC; and by Elizabeth & Joshua Kim in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

NOTE: Please remember to wear your name badges on Sundays this fall to help Father Weston as he learns the names of our parishioners.



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Our Future Is Bright 2025 Stewardship Campaign

This week St. Francis launched its 2025 Stewardship Campaign.

Parishioners should have received letters soliciting pledges late last week.

We are already off to a great start!

Next week, we will share a campaign thermometer update and thank, both digitally and in print, everyone who has made a pledge. Each week, we will provide an update and thank more and more people as the list grows.

Thank you for being enthusiastic about St. Francis's bright future and making a pledge. Pledge packets are always available in the church office and on the welcome table at the church entrance.

Chili Cook-off in Millen Hall to Support Church of the Holy Family in Mills River, NC this Sunday, October 27th at 5:00 pm



Do you like to cook chili? Then cook up your special recipe and be part of this annual competition! Bring your chili in a crockpot -- and an extension cord-- at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27. **Do you like to eat chili?** Then bring family and friends, sample the chilis, and vote for your favorite!

If you aren't bringing chili, please consider bringing drinks (alcoholic or not), salad, cornbread, chips, or a dessert. This event is a fundraiser for Church of the Holy Family in Mills River, NC. (Our former Assistant Rector, Tracey Kelly's Church.) Donations can be made at the door. All ages encouraged to wear your Halloween costumes... especially if you're planning to join Franciscans and the Creche at the Great Falls Village Center Spooktacular, following the Chili Cook-off. (Read more below.)

Questions? **Contact Kevin or Jessica Maxson** at maxson@sword.net

**Come Join St.
Francis Church and
the Creche at the
Great Falls
SPOOKTACULAR
Event!
Sunday, October 27th,
7:00 p.m.
at the Great Falls Village
Green**

Come dressed in a costume and bring your children to Trick or Treat at 7:00 p.m. Join our Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews (a.k.a. "Willy Wonka") and Creche Director, Cristi Leslie (a.k.a. "Minnie Mouse") at the St. Francis & Creche table at this event -- and don't forget to get some candy for yourself!





Thank You for Making the Fall Marketplace a Major Success!

Leslie Siegmund and Sandy Walker thank ALL of the volunteers who gave their time before the Fall Marketplace and who came out to help on Saturday.

What a beautiful day! Great fun and great joy!

It was truly a group effort and a wonderful community event that brought us all together. The marketplace generated approximately **\$10,000** which will benefit the commitments of our church.



Thank You to Sondes Rihan for teaching about the Love of God and Neighbor through Islam in this week's Creche Chapel

On Wednesday, October 23rd during Creche Chapel, we had a special guest co-leading worship with Father Weston. Ms. Sondes taught students, teachers, and Franciscans in attendance about the God and love we share through her faith and culture. We are thankful for Ms. Sondes and her son, Creche student Hyder, for making this Chapel service so special.

Supporting Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Again this year, St Francis is supporting the Episcopal Mission on the [Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota](#). St. Francis knitters are busy producing hats and scarves. "At least 60% of the homes on Pine Ridge are without water and electricity. Winters can drop to -50 degrees." [American Indian Humanitarian Foundation]



You can help! (1) Knit hats and scarves; (2) Put socks, gloves, and mittens in the Pine Ridge bin at Millen Hall entrance; (3) Donate for warm

clothing via check (memo: Pine Ridge) or PayPal indicating Outreach.

For more information, please contact Mimi
Eldridge meldridge43@gmail.com



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please help [Second Story](#) (a local organization dedicated to youth and their families) provide nutritious Thanksgiving meals to the many needy families

in their programs. There are three ways to help.

Send or bring a \$60 check to St. Francis Church for a Thanksgiving “basket” of food. Please write “Food Drive” on your check.

Use [PayPal-Donate Now](#) to donate \$60. Select Outreach from the optional drop-down list and put “Food Drive” in the memo field.

Assemble a food “basket” to feed six people including all of the items on the list below. Please put the grocery gift card in an envelope marked “Food Drive” and put it in the offering plate or send/give it to the church office. Food “baskets” should be put in the bin in the hall outside Millen Hall. Questions? Contact Ginger Roll at rollginger@icloud.com

Thanksgiving Food List to Feed Six People

- o Safeway or Giant grocery gift card for \$25 (for meat and milk)
- o Macaroni and cheese
- o Cooking oil

- o 4 cans of vegetables (2 types)
- o Dried black beans
- o Rice
- o Maseca (or other brand) masa flour
- o 2 cans of fruit
- o Box of dessert mix

Drive ends Sunday, November 17th

**Sasha
Beresovsky's
Concert:
Saturday,
November
2nd at 4:00
p.m. in Great
Falls home**



There are still seats available, but going fast, for this special concert by our

Organist, Sasha Beresovsky, to be held on Saturday, November 2 at 4:00 pm.

Come and enjoy Sasha's marvelous talent **at Ray and Jennifer Murphy's home in Great Falls**. Sasha's lovely sounds will be followed by a festive reception provided by the Ward and Murphy families.

The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Reserve your spot now. All proceeds will go to Outreach for distribution to the community.

To pay on-line, [click here and choose "Auction Concert" from the drop down box](#) or put a check in the Sunday collection plate with "Auction Concert" in the memo line.

Attendees will be furnished the address and parking instructions prior to the event.



All Saints' Sunday: November 3rd

In preparation for our **All Saints' Sunday Remembrance service at 10:00 a.m. this day**, we ask for digital photos of your dearly departed to be submitted to the parish administrator before Sunday, October 27th. Thank you! admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

An Adult Forum will be held at 11:15 a.m. with St. Francis Vestry & Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews to provide a community update on our progress with the SPAC (Strategic Planning & Action Committee) report and community Q&A, in Millen Hall, directly following worship.



Creche Singers Sunday & Guest

Preacher Sunday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m.

service

Join us at the **10:00 a.m. service** to see and hear the Creche Singers perform during the "Call to Worship." In honor of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th, this service will also feature patriotic hymns.

An Adult Forum will be held at 11:15 a.m. with guest preacher Archdeacon Holly Hanback of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in Millen Hall, directly following worship.



Opera Afternoon in Collaboration with Partners for the Arts

**Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 4 p.m.
St. Francis Episcopal Church**

Frank Conlon serves as both masterful accompanist and avuncular host on this tour of treasured classics of opera and with a quartet of soloists sponsored by Partners for the Arts. This favorite annual event is beloved both by devoted followers of the voice and all listeners captivated by song and story.
[To purchase tickets **CLICK HERE**.](#)





**Saturday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.
Dark Horse Theatre's Calamity Improv &
the Unruly Theatre Project at St. Francis**

These two regional theatre groups are excited to make their Millen Hall debut with St. Francis. Our very own Tommy Maxson has been a part of both of these fun and creative ensembles. One goal of hosting improv like this is to strengthen our relationship to the larger community and celebrate God's gifts of creativity.

For more information, [please visit the Dark Horse Theatre website.](#)

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, and soon through the Dark Horse Theatre online ticket platform.

[To learn more about the Unruly Theatre Project, please visit their website.](#) (the) Unruly Improv is The Alden Theatre's professional teen improv company dedicated to bringing comedic performances to the community. Members audition to be in the company and are paid for each performance or workshop they do for the community.

The Women's Group of St. Francis

Fall Marketplace - Let's give a BIG THANK YOU to Janet Durfee for heading up the rummage sale portion of the Fall Marketplace on behalf of the Women's Group. Coordinating volunteers and the donations, sorting, pricing, and selling was a massive effort. Janet handled it with ease. Thank you again Janet and all volunteers!

Friday Coffee - Meet for coffee and good conversation every Friday at Starbucks in the Great Falls Village from 10:00am - Noon. Annette and Susan will be there this week.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Annette Bellino annette.bellino@verizon.net or Susan Kawmy suekaw6@gmail.com



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Langley High School Seeks Career Day Volunteers: THU-21-NOV at 9:30 a.m.

Can you spare two hours to talk to Langley High School students about your career? Langley's annual **Career Connections** is on **Thursday, November 21 from 9:30-11:30am**. This is a great event for students to hear from seasoned professionals about their career path and advice for high school students. Several parents or community members are needed. Complete the [2024 Career Connections Registration Form](#) or contact langleycareerconnection@gmail.com with any questions ASAP.

Ongoing Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church where we regularly pray for one another and our mission in the world.

[Click here to connect to Morning Prayer via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 968 1679 4908; Passcode: church

Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

We hope you can join us via Zoom videoconference.

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: Kathy Anderson, 703-476-9065 or kquinnanderson@gmail.com .

[Click here to connect to Contemplative Prayer via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 998 1159 6134; Passcode: church

Men's Group: Wednesdays 8:35 a.m.

Discussing: a six-week course on the book of Genesis entitled: *The Genesis Story: Reading Biblical Narratives*. Join us every Wednesday morning via Zoom. Questions?

Contact Stu Edwards at elchivogoat@cs.com

[Click here to connect to the Men's Group via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 922 8116 0056; Passcode: church

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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

[Click here to connect to the St. Francis Social Hour.](#)

Zoom ID: 935 2210 0835; Passcode: church

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join and participate in interesting discussions. For further information contact Amelia Logan

at ameliavinteriors@gmail.com

[Click here to connect to the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study.](#)

Zoom ID: 884 6847 1928; Passcode: not needed

Women's Group Coffee on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to NOON at Starbucks in Great Falls

The St. Francis Women's Group has an open invitation to meet at the Starbucks in Great Falls every Friday morning. Please join us.

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15 p.m.

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.

Dinners are made on the first, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count for a meal typically ranges from five to eight persons. It has been as many as twelve. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact Jennifer Murphy at jenniferomurphy@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or if you have any questions.



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Learn more about our life at St. Francis

through our new website stfrancisgreatfalls.org:

- worship services including daily Morning Prayer
- community concerts
- pastoral care
- Creche preschool ministries
- local and international outreach events
- fellowship opportunities
- Bible studies and small group opportunities including Contemplative Prayer

Emergency Pastoral Number: 703.759.2082 x 102

Do you have a news item you would like to share through the Weekly Franciscan? Or do you have a photo from life at St. Francis you would like to submit? We welcome and rely on your participation.

admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

Clergy and Staff

the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Priest-in-Charge

Mr. Larry Vote, Music Director

Mr. Sasha Beresovsky, Organist

Ms. Cristi Leslie, Creche Preschool Director

Mr. Dominic Pelegrin, Sexton

Ms. Rita Arteaga, Nursery Attendant

Ms. Lynn Fallon, Parish Administrator

2024 Vestry Members

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