

St. Francis Newsletter, October 31, 2024



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Weekly Franciscan

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 3rd, 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 | [Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

The Response | [Psalm 24](#)

The Second Reading | [Revelation 21:1-6a](#)

The Gospel Reading | [John 11:32-44](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Art, Barbara, Steve, Dave, and Catherine; Lynda, Melissa, Paula, Trevor, Clara Sue, David, Jessica, Jon, Tracey & David, Grace, Jeanne, Sofia & Larry, Debra, Taylor, 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 the people of St. Francis in honor of all the saints.



All Saints Sunday: November 3rd

8:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday spoken word service:

During this quiet and reflective service of Holy Eucharist in the Rite I tradition, we remember the saints and reaffirm the vows we make as Christians through our baptismal covenant.

10:00 a.m. All Saints Sunday service with special music from the St. Francis choir:

A special and moving moment in the life of St. Francis has been our celebration of All Saints Sunday which has included special music and the viewing of slides of those having died in recent years.

In the past two years this liturgy has been shaped around the music of **Requiem by John Rutter**. This beautiful music has embellished the liturgy and the showing of slides of our loved ones in a most poignant and meaningful way. We will have this experience again on All Saints Sunday, November 3rd at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. The music, composed for choir, soprano soloist, organ, harp, flute, oboe, cello, and tympany has become one of the most performed requiems in the repertoire. Plan to attend this service to reflect upon and honor all who have come before us and to celebrate the life of our community.

11:15 a.m. Adult Forum and Community Q&A with St. Francis Vestry & Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews in Millen Hall

The St. Francis Vestry & Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews will provide a community update on our progress with the SPAC (Strategic Planning & Action Committee) report and will facilitate community Q&A, in Millen Hall, directly following worship.

**COMPULSIVELY LATE CHURCH GOERS:
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS SUN., NOV. 3rd at 2:00 am**

TURN BACK YOUR
CLOCK ON SATURDAY
NIGHT TO AVOID
THE *HORROR* OF
ARRIVING EARLY
TO CHURCH.



"OH
CRUD,
I'M THE
FIRST
ONE
HERE!"



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Help to Make the Future of St. Francis Bright!

Pledging for 2025 Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Campaign for 2025 has begun! The goal for 2025 pledges is \$600,000! **We have received pledges from 19 households totaling \$160,500.00; 26% of our goal.** Add your light to brighten our future by sending in your pledge today. Pledge cards and letters were mailed to all households last week. If you did not receive one, please send an email to treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org and one will be

sent to you.

These Franciscans have already pledged. How about You?

Kathy & Dana Anderson

Dut & Carolyn Brown

Lynda Davis

Brenda & Chris Giragosian

Val & Bruce Goddard

Lisa & Joe Hawke

Elizabeth & Joshua Kim

Loriana & Weston Mathews

Jeffrey Pan

Larry & Reyna Pratt

Molly & Joe Reynolds

Leslie Siegmund & Jack Mathias

Judy Stocks

Sandy & John Walker

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

2024 Chili Cook-off is a Great Success!

This past Sunday evening, a grand time was had by all with plenty of chilis, fixin's and sides, and lots of costumes.

Congratulations to Sharon Callaway whose chili placed first in the contest! Many participants also made their way to the Spooktacular at the Great Falls Village.

Thank you to Jessica and Kevin Maxson for coordinating this fun and tasty event, which this year benefitted the Church of the Holy Family in Mills River, NC (our former assistant rector, Tracey Kelly's church), recovering from last month's storm from Hurricane Helene.



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



You can still 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, and all proceeds will go to Outreach to support needs in North Carolina, Second Story, and the Ezo Diocese.

To pay on-line, [click here and choose "Auction Concert" from the drop down box](#) or you may call or email Jennifer Murphy jenniferomurphy@gmail.com 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.



**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 bith 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.



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

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



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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 registration form [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. The Kerygma Study selected for Advent: "The Light Will Shine."

This study consists of five lessons and we would like to finish by December 12 before the Holidays. On the 12th, we will conclude with an in person meeting at Katie's Coffeehouse in Great Falls at 9:00 a.m.

11/07, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 1. Watchful Expectancy

11/14, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 2. John The Baptizer

11/21, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 3. The fulfillment of all promises

Thanksgiving (no Bible Study this day)

12/05, 8:30 a.m. Zoom: Lesson 4. The Dawning of Day

12/12, 9:00 a.m. in person at Katie's Coffeehouse in Great Falls at 9:00

a.m.: Lesson 5. Shine, Jesus, Shine: Epiphany Day

For further information contact Amelia Logan at ameliavinteriors@gmail.com

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

Zoom ID: 836 1505 5434; Passcode: TABS24

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 stfranciscgreatfalls.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

Rick Larson, Senior Warden

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