

THE ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Doug Cooper

Have you noticed our coffee hour is getting more crowded and lasting longer? Every Sunday, I see people enjoying each other's company and the goodies people bring for one another. And every Sunday when I see this, I think of a quote from Tertullian who wrote in the second century about the Christians: "It is mainly the deeds of a love so noble that lead many to put a brand upon us. See how they love one another."

One of Father Len's greatest legacies is the group of believers he leaves behind. I see his teaching in the actions of the parish. The strength of a small church without staff is that it requires the church members to step up. I've been to some churches that feel a little bit like a movie theater. The people are there only to observe. Without a doubt, we resemble the early church in this regard. I want to thank everyone who is helping - most of whom are doing it behind the scenes.

As long as I'm thanking people, I want to make sure I thank Father Rogers Meredith for filling in. It is obvious he has a passion for the Gospel. He's a man with a full-time job who has added this to his busy schedule, and we all appreciate him.

We will soon have other priests helping on Sundays. Father Andrew Brummett, who once was a parishioner at St. Francis, will soon be joining us on some Sundays. It will be nice to have him and his large family back. His family should help our attendance numbers on the weeks he joins us. He is currently Head of Upper School for Austin Classical School. The Brummetts recently moved to Pflugerville from Pennsylvania.

Father Chip Harper will also be covering some Sundays at St. Francis. He is a veteran of the Navy and a blacksmith as well as a Priest in our Diocese. He lives in Pontotoc, TX (22 miles NW of Llano) where he oversees a small parish who may join us on the Sundays he serves.

I hope everyone will pray for these men as they bring us God's word and sacrament every week.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

May has five Sundays which means a parish potluck on May 29 after the 11:00 service! Plan to bring something tasty to contribute to the meal.

This is the last newsletter until September, but please note that there is also a 5th Sunday in July.

BISHOP ACKERMAN'S VISIT

Bishop Keith Ackerman is scheduled to visit St. Francis on June 12, Trinity Sunday for a pastoral visit and for confirmation. To celebrate his visit, the St. Polycarp's Men's Group is supplying the meat for the meal. The St. Clare's Guild members will provide the rest of the food. All that is needed is for you to attend the luncheon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

We have now successfully completed another year of Sunday School for our youth. Thanks to the primary teachers Missy Bernard, Doug Cooper, and the substitutes Sue Orr, Adriane Kristo-Reinking and Fr. Rogers Meredith for their very significant contribution to the faith life of our children. Religion classes for our youth are essential for building a foundation for the future. Without it many of our young people would be lost.

Kudos to the parents who made certain their children came to the classes we offer. We can't have a Sunday school program without the youth participation.

Thanks so much to all of you.

THE COFFEE HOUR

More volunteers are always needed with the coffee hour after each service. The sign-up notebook is on the table near the kitchen:

- Make Coffee
- Bring Snacks (either service)
- Clean up after the 11:00 Coffee Hour.

PROMISING LEAK: IS THIS THE END OF ROE?

Anglicans For Life, like many Life-Affirming ministries, was shocked to learn about the unprecedented, leaked draft of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision by Justice Samuel Alito.

Politico, an online news source, published the draft document late on May 2. It indicates a majority of justices support overturning the tragic 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

AFL is cautiously optimistic about the forthcoming, official decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, and as we wait for the final opinion, we will continue to equip churches in the Anglican Communion to provide real support for women facing unplanned pregnancies.

When Roe is ultimately overturned, the legal status of abortion will become a state issue, allowing state legislators to enact laws that will regulate abortion or outlaw it all together.

While abortion supporters believe the loss of access to abortion will predominantly impact women of color and minorities, AFL believes it will create an opportunity for our society to improve policies that provide actual support services related to all stages of motherhood. Abortion, the killing of our children, does not empower women nor does it improve our economic status. Instead, it leaves women with dead babies still living at the poverty level.

While many people on both sides of the abortion debate think the Dobbs case does provide strong arguments to overturn Roe, the truth is the U.S. Supreme Court could decide to invalidate the Mississippi law banning abortions after fifteen weeks. It could also decide to make abortion legal only through the fifteenth week of a pregnancy, or any number of nuanced points in between.

The U.S. Supreme Court has until June 30, 2022, to officially publish their decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, and until their formal announcement, we encourage everyone to keep praying for the Supreme Court Justices, their families, their staff, mothers, and the unborn babies whose lives are at stake.

<https://anglicansforlife.org/2022/05/04/a-promising-leak-is-this-the-end-of-roe/>

RECTOR SEARCH REPORT

The Vestry is hard at work on the search for a new Rector. Meeting at least twice per month to keep the process moving forward, they have hammered out a strategy for interviewing candidates and have compiled a list of questions to ask them. The interview process begins in early June. Senior Warden Doug Cooper is keeping in touch with Bishop Reed, who is helping us identify candidates to consider. Please continue to pray daily for God's grace upon the Vestry, so that His will may prevail in this matter.

FAREWELL TO OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Betty Lin Gallardo who completed her Doctor of Musical Arts program in collaborative piano from UT-Austin. She now has the title of Dr.!

Betty has decided to move to Dallas while she searches for a permanent position. June 26 will be her last Sunday to play organ for us.

Plan to stay after the service on the 26th for a special reception honoring her.

Betty started as Music Director November 3, 2019 and has been a wonderful asset to our church for the past 2+ years. Thank you, Betty!

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

We continue to collect items for the Trotter House (a pregnancy resource center) and for Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

Trotter House accepts:

- Diapers, bottles, teething, new or gently used clothing and toys
- Monetary donations can be made at: <https://www.betterunite.com/TrotterHouse-alwayson>
- For more information go to: <https://www.trotterhouse.org/>

Mobile Loaves and Fishes accepts:

- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, almost any hygiene item)
- New or gently used clothing for adults and children
- New item - small wash rags
- Monetary donations can be made at: <https://give.mlf.org/give/138838/#!/donation/checkout>
- For more information, go to <https://mlf.org/>.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

All the adult education opportunities continue during the summer. You are welcome to join any of these groups.

1. **Catechism Class** on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Will be discussing the Lord's Prayer through the summer.
2. **Bible Study on Tuesdays** from 7:00 to 8:15 via Zoom. Currently on Proverbs and will move to another book when finished.
3. **Lectionary Bible Study #1.** On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Steve and Angie McCown's home in south Austin from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
4. **Lectionary Bible Study #2.** On the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. up in the youth Sunday School classroom. Lunch is included.

Email info@stfrancisaustin.org if you are interested.

ST. FRANCIS ANGLICANS FOR LIFE UPDATES

Charlotte Ready

The Texas Alliance for Life 28th Annual Walk for Life is June 18.

Texas Alliance for Life protects all innocent human beings' fundamental right to life. They promote respect for their value and dignity from the moment of conception until natural death. 80% of the proceeds support pro-life education, defending pro-life policies in the courts, and promoting the Choose Life license plate to support infant adoption. 20% of the proceeds promote compassionate alternatives to abortion through grants.

St. Francis now has a team in this walk: **Anglicans Defending Life!** Team captain is Doug Cooper (with Cesiah) and Jim Britt has joined the team. [Here is Jim Britt's page](#) and here is [Doug Cooper's page](#).. Both are collecting pledges at church as well. (Hint: Online is much easier.)

Trotter House

St Francis has long supported Trotter House, a pregnancy resource center, and has an ongoing collection of diapers, wipes, bottles, teething toys and other baby items. Trotter House has had a significant increase in clients since the Texas heartbeat law has taken effect, so is always in need of

these items. In addition, following the leak from the Supreme Court re: Roe vs Wade, their Rio Grande facility on west campus was vandalized by a bunch of pro-choice protesters. So, prayers for the safety of their staff and clients would be welcomed. Any additional support would be helpful too. Our chapter of Anglicans for Life is still working on planning a baby shower for the benefit of Trotter House. The date will be announced, and we would appreciate any help/ suggestions in planning this event.

Anglicans for Life has several resources and links to opportunities

- 1) *I am just like you flash cards* depicting the womb development of a child appropriate for children. Check them out on their website. <https://anglicansforlife.org/im-just-like-you/>

Several of us here at St Francis have purchased them. They are very nice and are well done.

- 2) The organization HER PLAN is working on a national directory of assistance providers per state.

Her PLAN (Her Pregnancy and Life Assistance Network) facilitates collaboration between assistance providers and their communities to empower women and families through comprehensive medical, social, and material support. Check out their web site. <https://herplan.org/>

- 3) HATS FROM THE HEART. They provide knitted or crocheted hats to impoverished families with newborns in foreign countries. (Can use any yarn or pattern that you want.). Contact Charlotte Ready if interested.
- 4) The national Anglicans for Life manages the [Anglican Adoption Fund](#) which helps families with the expenses involved in the process of adopting children. Applications as well as donations are welcomed.

FR. ROGERS MEREDITH

Short Bio

Until the Vestry calls a new rector, the services at St. Francis will be conducted by a supply Priest. Fr. Rogers is delighted to be able to serve St. Francis in this role as one of the supply Priests.

Fr. Rogers Meredith is a native Austinite, having grown up in the Crestview neighborhood in north central Austin where he attended parochial and public schools before beginning his life-long career as a carpenter.

While in his late 30s, Fr. Rogers met and married Marlene at Dayspring Chapel here in Austin. This is where he first discerned the call to ministry. In 1999,

they began his training and ministry in the Reformed Church which included seminary in Toronto and stints as Pastor in Oklahoma and northwest Colorado where Naomi was born and joined the family.

In 2014, the Meredith family returned to Texas and took up residence in Bertram - a town situated in the Hill Country NW of Austin. Fr. Rogers then began the Anglican Church portion of his ministry by attending St. Philip's Anglican Church (Anglican Catholic Church) where he was ordained to the Diaconate and then later to the Priesthood at an ACC Synod Convention.

As an Anglican Priest, he has served at two continuing Anglican parishes: St. Andrew's (ACC) of Round Rock as Curate and at St. Chad's (Anglican Province of America) of San Antonio as Assistant Priest. Earlier this year, he was received as Priest into our Diocese by Bishop Ryan Reed. He and his family are members of St. Francis.

Fr. Rogers' interests include gardening, reading and traveling with his family. He also enjoys driving around the Hill Country with their Border Collie, Molly. He owns and operates a successful carpentry business, Trinity Carpentry LLC. Their home in Bertram is adorned, both inside and out, with several cats.

SUMMER ANNIVERSARIES

June

- 9 Mike and Charlotte Ready
- 14 Pete and Judy Reinhart
- 29 Lavanna and Jimmy Martin

July

- 2 Kevin and Patricia Burnette
- 17 David and Kimberly Norris

August

- 5 Jim and Amy Crandell
- 22 Bill and Marilynn Palmer
- 25 Randy and Sandy Scheer
- 28 John and Eileen Goodrich

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

June

- 9 Fielder Dowding
- 13 Lonnie Griffin
- 15 Charlotte Ready
- 18 Nancy Critchfield-Jones, RobinRuth Alexander
- 22 Avery & Bailey Montalvo

July

- 2 Claude Bernard
- 7 Roy Jones

- 8 Sue Orr
- 9 Madeleine Hatley
- 12 Christina Hatley
- 14 Susan Rambin
- 27 Harriet Bernard
- 30 Claire Ducker

August

- 3 Larry Cole
- 9 Susan Jones
- 10 Leanne Read, Tibet Pollard
- 15 Judy Reinhart
- 18 Phoebe Hughes
- 19 Pete Reinhart
- 24 Franklin Hunt, Fr. Rogers Meredith
- 27 Tessa Arce
- 28 Keith Harrell

SUMMER CALENDAR

Sundays

9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nursery is provided.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed and recorded. Healing prayers at the altar rail following the service

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice (until June 12)

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed with healing prayers after the service.

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Bible Study online via Zoom.

Wednesdays

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Catechism class via Zoom

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom

1st Saturday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Prayers for the Nation in person in the fellowship hall

2nd and 4th Fridays

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study in person at the McCowns' house.

2nd & 4th Sundays (except June 12)

~12:45 - 2 p.m. Luncheon and Lectionary Bible study in person at the church.

2nd and 4th Mondays

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

3rd Monday

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Readers of First Things group online meeting. Contact Karl Stephan at kdstephan@txstate.edu to join the online meeting via Zoom or come in person to the fellowship hall.

3rd Friday

Noon Mothers' Prayer Group in the Fellowship area

4th Friday

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Make Ready Team in-person at St. Louis Catholic Church, Social Ministries Building

5:30 p.m. Food Truck Run, in-person, starts at St. Louis Catholic Church

5th Sunday, July 31

~12:15 p.m. 5th Sunday Potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email info@stfrancisaustin.org

READINGS FOR THE SUMMER

6/5 Pentecost (link to readings)

- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm 104:25-37
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
- John 20:19-23

6/12 Trinity Sunday (link to readings)

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Revelation 4:1-11
- John 16:5-15

6/19 1 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Zechariah 12:8-10, 13:1
- Psalm 63:1-8
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 9:18-24

6/26 2 after Trinity (link to readings)

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

7/3 3 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Isaiah 66:10-16
- Psalm 66:1-8
- Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18
- Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

7/10 4 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Deuteronomy 30:9-14
- Psalm 25:3-9
- Colossians 1:1-14
- Luke 10:25-37

7/17 5 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Genesis 18:1-14
- Psalm 15
- Colossians 1:21-29
- Luke 10:38-42

7/24 6 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Genesis 18:20-33
- Psalm 138
- Colossians 2:6-15
- Luke 11:1-13

7/31 7 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Ecclesiastes 1:12-14; 2:18-23
- Psalm 49:1-11
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 12:13-21

8/7 8 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Genesis 15:1-6
- Psalm 33:12-15, 18-22
- Hebrews 11:1-16
- Luke 12:32-40

8/14 9 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Jeremiah 23:23-29
- Psalm 82
- Hebrews 12:1-14
- Luke 12:49-56

8/21 10 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Isaiah 28:14-22
- Psalm 46
- Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29
- Luke 13:22-30

8/28 11 after Trinity (link to readings)

- Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18
- Psalm 112
- Hebrews 13:1-8
- Luke 14:1, 7-14

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary](#) for the lessons. We are in Year C.
- The text read at the service is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on [LectionaryPage.net](#).
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are generally from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the psalm is chanted during the 11:00 service. The pointing is based on the Cathedral Psalter and is available on our website.



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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.