

The Vicar's Message

Dear People of God,

As we draw close to the end of the Easter Season and enter the Pentecost Season of the Church, we need to remind ourselves of the duties of a Christian believer which we see clearly in Romans 12: 9-19:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another

with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal,

be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation,

be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those

who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be

haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil,

but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends

upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to

the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Reuters news agency carried a story about someone who blew up his kitchen because he and some friends were hiding fireworks from the police who had been called by neighbors for disturbing them and the man and his friends hid the fireworks in the oven and then forgot about them. And you guessed it! They turned on the oven to cook some lasagna ..."It blew the kitchen all apart," said the authorities afterward. "The walls were all blown out, the oven flew through one of the walls."

I read that story and thought about people who have "hurts" that they have stuffed deep down inside of themselves - just like the fireworks stuffed in the oven and then....stand back!

Don't hold on to anger. Anger kills! It kills the mind, body, and spirit. As Romans says, "do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

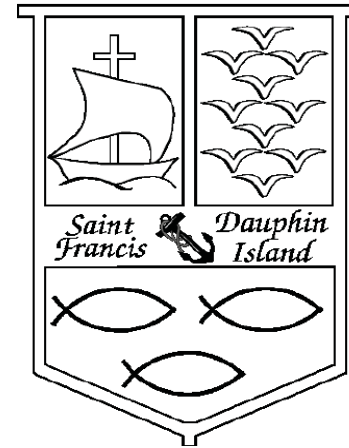
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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

ECW News

The ECW met April 12, 2010.

The group discussed the upcoming Arts and Crafts Show which is to be held April 17, 2010. Dena McKee brought us up to date on the vendors and monies we have received for Wilmer Hall.

Lamona Lucas reported on her visit to the Daughters of the King meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pensacola. This was a meeting of 15 leaders loyal to the Episcopal Church trying to re-establish the DOK which has been negatively affected by the splinter group. The Bishop, who was present, stated that no group would be allowed within the Episcopal Church if they were willing to ever sue the Church. The Daughters of the King is an order in which solemn commitments are made and duties carried out. For those interested, Lamona will take requests for the booklets about the DOK.

Linda Miller will chair the May meeting. After the summer recess, the meetings will resume in September.

Theo Hawkins

Remember in your Prayers:

Ross Havard, Susan Newlin Bernstein, Glenn Foster, Caroline Hall, Clifford Kircus, Glay Maggard, Mitch Bowman, Marolyn Greene, Helen Wilson, Hetty Cunningham, Frank Hawkins, John Cruse, Hap Myers, Marianne Russell, Tommy Gaillard, Sullins Arendall, Vicki Wright, Mary Hutchinson, Carolyn Allender and those in our armed forces, especially John Boone and Stanley Robinson.



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Church News & Announcements

News for May

Well, April came strolling in just like a lady –no big winds or storms! God’s sun felt so very good to our chilled bones ---- some tans were showing up, smiles all around! We’re all watching these “brown” tropicals for signs of green ---- holding our breath on this one! However, in contrast, the causeway onto the island is just covered with brilliant crimson clover and pink buttercups --- island azaleas are absolutely eye-popping, yellow Lady Banks roses climbing into trees right along with that beautiful English primrose... Easter at St. Francis was a real celebration ---- chairs down the aisle, children of all ages, smiles from everyone and the gorgeous Easter lilies adorning the sanctuary! Once again, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the ECW’s reception with “milk and honey” punch, sandwiches, cake and , of course, the proverbial stuffed eggs! Linda Percival quite enjoyed her first experience with these eggs... just ask her and the two of you will share a grand laugh! (It’s a southern thing!)

A few days after Easter, the marvelous migratory birds began appearing --- a very welcome “cold” front came in bringing rain and wind and thus the birds --- so says John Porter! It is quite the sight to look out our window and see the ground literally hopping with Indigo Buntings! Some marvelous warblers, a Painted Bunting or two, tanagers all mingle to make us praise God for his wonderful sense of creation and color! Wish all of you could be here to share this!

We are so proud of Katheryn Carver for putting forth her idea for the Gumbo Cook-off & Silent Auction at the Isle Dauphine on the 10th of April. The DI Chamber and the Women’s Club got behind her and put on a VERY successful event! The island showed its best that day with warm weather, breezes, fun people (lots of them) ---- congratulations to all!

A great group of willing ladies showed up on Thursday, 15th, to chop, chop, chop ---- preparing the makings of all of that chicken salad . This could have been a huge amount of work, but, indeed, willing and able hands turned this into a fun and productive experience... Wimberly, Blanche, Linda(s) Miller and Percival, Julie and Stephanie Willis, Pam Felice, Marcia Hayes, Stella, Theo, Joan, Lamona, Mel and I thought we had made enough salad for an army --- turns out that we could have easily sold that much again! We had a grand crowd of people! God in heaven definitely smiled on St. Francis as the 60 vendors enjoyed absolutely gor-

geous weather and the famed St. Francis hospitality. Merrill MacPhearson showed up to lend his organizational expertise and muscles on Saturday and boy, was it appreciated! And talk about appreciated --- artist Dena McKee once again did the planning, the “gathering” of artists, and then the laying out of the vendor’s sites! HUGE job and we thank her SO SO much! She was also involved with the AOS meeting that weekend! Busy busy girl! Her well known “hootchie bird watchers” features none other than Eugenia Carey! The Porters were also hosting birders, the meeting and such ---The grounds, the breezeway and the parish hall was covered with colorful exhibits --- this is such a friendly and fun atmosphere --do wish that all of you could have been there to enjoy!!! I do think that this activity shows St. Francis at its best! Look for Joy Russell’s photos on our web site – stfrancisdi.com! Joy and Mack are doing such a great job as photographers for our many events! WE thank them!!! I just pray that I haven’t left anyone out of this --- so many worked so very hard and diligently and I am sorry if I left you out!

We are also enjoying having another set of newlyweds --- John Braswell and Tabitha Price were married on the 11th of this month ---the church and parish hall were beautifully decorated and the entire occasion was special! Congratulations to them!!!!

We once again enjoyed Mel’s delicious breakfast on the 25th ---Mel plans, buys, cooks it all and we THANK him! (Lamona’s cheese grits – yum!) Mary and John Porter missed this breakfast as they were touring the lowcountry in South Carolina ----what a great trip!

This has surely been a beautiful and busy spring for us ----don’t we just wish we could parcel out this weather to go into July and August! The colors of the flowers, the sky, the cool evenings, breezes to keep one’s A/C turned off and the windows wide open, the songs of the many birds, the first “brags” of fish showing up, beach goers enjoying themselves, yellow school buses in the park, the loving songs of the sea gulls, ---oh and I must say that the majority of St. Francis landscaping survived and is flashing new green growth! --- all signs to me that God is smiling on our island and our people! Hoping that all is well with you! Lets all reach out and give someone a hand, a pat on the back, a smile ---those random acts of kindness... martha

Sundays May	
Adult Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Children’s Sunday School @ 9:30am Choir Practice @ 9:45am Holy Eucharist Rite II @ 10:30AM 1st Lesson - Julia Willis 2nd Lesson - Blanche Emerson Ushers - Mel & Lamona Lucas Refreshments - Eugenia Carey	2
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Dates to Remember:
May 9 - Vestry Meeting @ 11:45am
May 11- ECW Meeting @ 10:00am
May 30 - Men’s Breakfast @ 9:00am

From the Vestry

The Vestry met on April 11 with the following present: Father Elam, Mel Lucas, Senior Warden, Julia Willis, Junior Warden, John Porter, Dana Fleming, Martha Mayson, Secretary and Theo Hawkins and Lamona Lucas representing ECW. Father Elam opened with prayer.

Mel reported that he had talked with a representative of the Methodist Church about the channeling of water onto our property due to the elevation of the Methodist’s property. He followed up with the Town Mayor and the Building Inspector. The town has done some work on the north end of the property.

Julia reported that Mr. Braswell had the grounds sprayed and placed crystals around so that the bugs would not bother his wedding guests and we will benefit a lot from them at our Arts and Craft Festival.

Julia reported on an estimate for repairing the front parking area. We will get at least one more estimate. More to come.

Julia reported that her committee met to update the church guidelines and recommended the following: 1. Flowers and plants in the columbarium will be in pots only and not in the ground. 2. Wedding guidelines were amended so that no flowers are to be placed on the organ. 3. Dana Fleming is to act as Flower Guild Chairman. 4. Discussions of charges for the use of Wilkins Hall for non-spiritual events. John Porter recommended that we not charge but rather consider it an investment in the community and our church family. It will be considered as outreach. This was agreeable to the Vestry. They did add that there must be one member of the church present and that member will be responsible. Dana suggested that the basket for food items for the Bay Area Food Bank be placed in the hall and that members and guests could donate food items. Donations are, of course, accepted and appreciated.

Lamona was asked to attend a meeting about the Daughters of the King in Pensacola at Trinity. A group has met to hear the results and will be following up on this. The Bishop has recommended that members join a new organization called the Episcopal Community.

The Vestry will be meeting all day on May 15 with an outside consultant on a five year plan for St. Francis. Your prayers for this effort will be appreciated. Thank you.

Mel, Senior Warden