

# *St. Francis Episcopal Church*



**Newsletter - August 2011**

# Church News and Announcements

2011 NEWS FOR AUGUST

“Hot as a firecracker” would aptly describe the 4th of July on Dauphin island! But if you think for a minute that the high 90s temperatures would slow this group down – think again! The island sponsored a big, old fashioned picnic in Cadillac Square --- that night a wonderful fireworks show at the public pier that included patriotic music and singing. As usual these weekends, there were several fishing tournaments being held so our island was filled with boats and visitors ---yeah!!!! Because of the terrific drought, no one seemed to have private fireworks, thank goodness. Must say, that I really missed the fireworks exhibition on our bay as it is usually something to behold! Our Camp Mayson was in full swing as were the Russell and Lucas households as family and friends packed the houses, played games, caught up on stories, laughed and then laughed some more! St. Francis again welcomed Roger Porter and his daughter -- what a great sermon on freedom! A funny joke he told – meaning of politicians – poli meaning a group and tic meaning a blood sucking creature... that got a great laugh from the congregation!

Two of our members who could not possibly be enjoying this heat are Paul Opanowitz and Jamie Bogar... these two are hard at it everyday, working on the Stations of the Cross, which are positioned around our property . Their goal is to be finished by July 31st when the bishop comes to dedicate the stations and to confirm new members.. This has been a volunteer job and we cannot thank them enough! Also the pallets of grass that these two planted are growing beautifully, the repainted St. Francis sign looks new and fresh, the storehouse is sporting shelves and a major cleanup...yes, THANK YOU PAUL AND JAMIE!!!

One way to escape the heat is to “get out of dodge”! That is exactly what John and Mary Porter did – boarded a plane for Portland, Oregon to visit her family -- cool air, lack of humidity and breathtaking scenery made this a really nice getaway for them. Marolyn Greene had a packed house for the week after the 4th -- grandchildren from Atlanta – swimming, kayaking, staying cool! Linda Percival left for Philadelphia to bring her mother and her sister back to the island for a visit. This fun DIYer sported a really glowing shiner from one of her projects gone slightly awry... not the ideal way to add color to one’s life! Heard from Mary Ely in New Mexico – she is as cute and fun as ever and looking forward to seeing everyone here in October when she attends her grandson’s wedding! Also heard from Bill and Nancy Boyers – they hope to see us soon and send “hellos” to all of you! Al and Jean Clark are having a fabulous time as we speak on their “getting out of dodge” cruise to the Caribbean -- thank goodness they missed TS Don on the way! Heard from Pam Felice – they are getting settled and acclimated to their new home in Atlanta -- we certainly miss this fun and active family!

The week of the 15th – Dauphin Island Fishing Rodeo -- the island was once again humming as preparations for the rodeo were underway. Fishing has been terrific this summer so a huge turnout is expected. Coincidence or answer to prayer? On Wednesday night Evening Prayer, Linda Percival led us in the Collect asking for rain -- well, God certainly heard those prayers and blessed us with almost 6 inches of rain on the weekend! It didn’t slow the rodeo down as the ADSFR was entered in Guinness book of records as the largest salt water tournament in the world! Congratulations! Those fish liked the rain as large numbers of fish were brought in -- you know what they say about rain on the

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golf course and while fishing! You can safely bet that we are enjoying eating red snapper this summer -- thousands of them out in the Gulf just waiting to get on our plates!

The last week of July found St. Francis members scurrying around – sprucing up for the bishop’s visit on the 31st. Our grounds have taken on a lush and vibrant appearance -- the garden is sporting a lot of new greenery , the purple agapanthas blooming, the purple and white petunias are a sight to behold – as I said the grass looks loved and well tended, the sidewalk and parking areas are appreciated more than ever. A welcoming reception for the newly confirmed was lovely as usual –you know that “southern hospitality” is hard to beat. And that “southern hospitality” was out in force for the bishop’s visit -- the church and parish hall were shiny clean and sporting beautiful flower arrangements. To say that the bishop had a busy morning is putting it mildly---he confirmed and/or received Tommy Watts, Austin Allen, Sarah Porto and Cindy Smith... we also received the transfer of Sharon Young. Welcome to these new members – we are so glad to have you! The bishop then recognized the Sisters of St. Francis – a group that you will be hearing more and more of! At the close of the service, everyone moved to the garden where the Stations of the Cross were blessed and dedicated. These were given in memory of John Stringer and are a lovely addition to our grounds. It was such a pleasure to see Mrs. Stringer and John’s brother, Randy again as we all have loving memories of John. After all of this, everyone was ready for cool and delicious refreshments provided by the ECW. Thank you everyone for your contributions!

I think I can safely speak for all of those who contribute to your St. Francis newsletter each month when I say THANK YOU to everyone who takes the time and effort to either write, email – expressing their gratitude for the newsletter. We do feel that this is an effective way of keeping all of us in the loop of the happenings and goings- on of our people. This is a happy contribution for us and are glad that you are pleased with it! God bless us all –let’s do our best to stay cool during the “dog days” of August. God’s love and peace ---martha

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### Remember in Your Prayers

Carolyn Allender, JoAnn Bailey, Jo Blount, Dick Cobbs,	
Brad Cox, Nancy Cox, John Cruse, Matthew Delaney, Eldon	
Dugan, Glenn Foster,	Marolyn Greene, Caroline
Hall, Ross Havard,	Fr. John Hicks, Samantha
Klein, Alison Lane	Kasten, Sandee Mackinaw,
Martha Mayson, Win	McGowin, Bobbie Meade,
Ann Montgomery,	Marianne Russell, Valbory
Slater, Cindy Smith,	Bill Swinford, Molly
Valentine, Rev.	Thomas Watts, Gabriel
Wilkes, Rev. Ellis	Wilkins, Jan Zirlott.



Those in our armed forces: Stacy Eubanks, John Boone, & Stanley Robinson

## The Vicar's Remarks

Dear People of God,

More Episcopal Dictionary ...

The Bishop having just been with us for Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception, I thought it a good time to remind us of just what a Bishop is all about. First, he is a successor to the Apostles. In other words he is in Apostolic succession.

**Apostolic Succession** - The method whereby the ministry of the Christian Church is held to be derived from the apostles by a continuous succession. It has usually been associated with an assertion that the succession has been maintained by a series of bishops. These bishops have been regarded as succeeding the apostles because:

(1) they perform the function of the apostles; (2) their commission goes back to the apostles; (3) they succeed one another in the same sees, the derivation of which may be traced back to the communion of the apostles; and (4) by some writers because through their consecration to the episcopal office they inherit from the apostles the transmission of the Holy Ghost which empowers them for the performance of their work. The fact of the succession of the ministry from the apostles, and of the apostles from Christ, was strongly emphasized by Clement of Rome before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century; and the necessity for it has been very widely taught within the historic Church.

In the American church there are four kinds of bishops: the Presiding Bishop, the several diocesan bishops, and assisting bishops called coadjutors and suffragans. The Presiding Bishop is the chief administrative officer of the Episcopal Church; he/she is elected by the House of Bishops, subject to the approval or disapproval of the House of Deputies, for a term ending at the General Convention closest to the Presiding Bishop's sixty-eighth birthday. Each diocese has a diocesan bishop, elected by that diocese meeting in convention to be the chief liturgical and administrative officer of the diocese. A diocesan bishop may be assisted by a bishop coadjutor or a bishop suffragan, also elected by diocesan conventions. A bishop coadjutor is elected to replace the diocesan bishop upon retirement. A bishop suffragan is elected to be an assisting bishop only; a bishop suffragan may succeed a diocesan bishop but has to be elected to that position in addition to being elected bishop suffragan. The traditional insignia of the bishop's office include the bishop's throne (or cathedra) in the cathedral, pastoral staff, mitre, pectoral cross, and ring. Bishops may vest in a purple cassock together with a rochet and chimere, or they may wear a white alb together with a cope and mitre. The official title of a bishop is "The Right Reverend."

Pax !

Roy †

## Report from The Vestry - July

The Vestry held its July meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> after the coffee hour in Wilkins Hall.

After the meeting was opened with prayer and called to order, the main business was the inspection and servicing of all the air conditioners. It was found that the one air conditioner in the pipe organ chambers had to be replaced due to its age. The Vestry voted to replace it.

The light in the Narthex has been replaced and provides better lighting in this area.

The whole church and grounds had been spruced up, anticipating the visit of our Bishop on Sunday, July 31. At that time Bishop Duncan will bless our newly installed Stations of the Cross.

Father Roy is holding confirmation classes and he and Ann are providing lunch for the participants. This, too, is in preparation for the Bishop's visit and the confirmation services. Lamona reported for Mary that the ECW was busy planning and preparing for the reception following the services.

As usual Gail gave a detailed report on the budget. She reported that the audit committee is at work examining the books and preparing the audit. Her report was accepted as presented.

Our St. Francis family will be here in force to welcome our Bishop and our new members, I am sure. Then I understand the ladies are also planning to have a pot luck supper in August. You are a busy, active parish who love and serve the Lord and take care of each other.

Mel Lucas, Senior Warden

### ***Editor's Note #2***

***Because of problems with our color printer, the copies you get in a printed form will be in black & white this month... those of you who get it by e-mail will enjoy the full color!***

## Report from the Episcopal Church Women

The ECW monthly meeting was May 9, 2011 with seven ladies present. Attendance for summer meetings is of course affected by vacations, visitors, and those fun summer happenings. However, few in numbers does not equate to lack of action! This small group of dedicated ladies planned the reception to honor Bishop Duncan. The event was lovely! To try to list the names of everyone who participated in making it such a special affair would not be possible – there were so many who organized, brought food, made punch, arranged the room, kept everything flowing and then stayed and cleaned up! The fellowship gave the room warmth- the good kind– not the heat from the outside. Joy Russell could be seen everywhere – taking her wonderful pictures. It was a well-documented occasion. Thanks to everyone!!

We have a new supply of COOK BOOKS! Wimberly Hory's classic cookbook was reordered and is now back in stock. You need to check this out if you do not have a copy –all of Wimberly's famous recipes can be found in this one book. If you (or your mother, grandmother, friend, etc.) do not have a copy now is your chance! We have them for sale in Wilkins Hall (signed copies) and they can also be found at other places on the island! It is not too early to begin thinking about holiday gifts!

**Mark your Calendars!**  
**Pot-Luck Dinner**  
**August 27, 2011**  
**Wilkins Hall -6:00**

On from one special event to the next one! Our annual Summer Pot-Luck Dinner is scheduled for the last Saturday in August! We Episcopalians know how to have a good time and enjoy the fellowship of our community! Everyone bring your favorite dish, bring you friends, and join the fun! If you have any questions please call Lamona Lucas (861-3762) or Wimberly Hory (861-8292). Please spread the word!

The next ECW Meeting is August 8, 10:00 – Wilkins Hall. We hope to see you there!

Mary Porter  
ECW President

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling*  
*1Peter 4:8-9*

## SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

About a year ago eight ladies from St. Francis started a period of study and discernment in anticipation of becoming members of the newly formed Episcopal Community. The Episcopal Community is still in its developmental stages. It is organized as a community of Episcopal women who have a desire to grow spiritually and live out their Baptismal Covenant together. It is led by a national Circle of Leadership. The Presiding Bishop named our Bishop Duncan to be the National Chaplain.

Over the year these eight women prayed, studied and opened their hearts and lives to each other. The closeness that they have achieved and their bond of love resulted in naming their circle The Sisters of St. Francis. They have become true sisters.

In May, at a ceremony at Beckwith, Bishop Duncan installed The Sisters of St. Francis as a Circle of The Episcopal Community. The Sisters are dedicated to supporting one another in living out our Baptismal Covenant through prayer, sharing, study, spiritual growth and service. They met with Father Roy to discuss their function in the Parish and he gave them all support and encouragement.

A second group of St. Francis ladies are reviewing the materials and deciding if they want to begin the study to become members of The Episcopal Community. The Sisters request your prayers and support as they find ways to serve. THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS: Lamona Lucas, Martha Mayson, Judy Bogar, Julia Willis, Dana Fleming, Jean Clark, and Mary Porter. MARKED AS CHRIST'S OWN FOREVER.



## The Stations of the Cross

A message of Thanks from your Junior Warden, Paul Opanowitz.

I would like to thank several people who were responsible for the Stations of the Cross at Saint Francis Episcopal Church.

Thank you Father Roy for the concept of the Stations and selecting me to lead the project. I remember praying the Stations of the Cross as a young Catholic boy and now, 60 years later, I am building the Stations as the Junior Warden of my church.

Thank you Gail for your patience and tolerance with me during this time; and for driving me all over Mobile to procure materials.

Thank you Judy Bogar for providing your home as a place to build the frames of the stations. We made a lot of noise with power tools, made a big mess and it took a long time.

A big thank you to Jamie Bogar. We would not have the beautiful stations without Jamie's skills with a circular saw and belt sander and his willingness to share these skills and his time with Saint Francis. Jamie and I built a great friendship along the way as we constantly reminded each other that our work was for Saint Francis.



# Calendar for 2011

## Holy Eucharist Rite II @ 10:30 am

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>Reader</b>	Kathryn Carver	Cindy Smith	Jean Clark	John Porter
<b>Chalice</b>	Lamona Lucas	Blanche Emerson	Linda Percival	Mary Porter
<b>Ushers</b>	Walt & Marcia Hayes	Mel Lucas & Wimberly Hory	Al Clark & Stella Anderson	Mack & Joy Russell
<b>Refreshments</b>	Marcia Hayes	Dana Fleming	Judy Bogar	Diane Hall

## Wednesday Evening Prayer Service @ 5:00 pm *Litany for the Gulf of Mexico*

August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Mary Porter	Lamona Lucas	Linda Percival	Blanche Emerson	Mary Porter

## Sunday School

Adult @ 9:30 am Except last Sunday of the month

## Choir Practice Sunday @ 9:45 am

### *Dates to Remember*

<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>August 14 @ 11:45 am</b>
<b>ECW Meeting</b>	<b>August 8 @ 10:00 am</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>August 28 @ 9:00 am</b>

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Francis Episcopal Church  
in Island, July 31, 2011



