

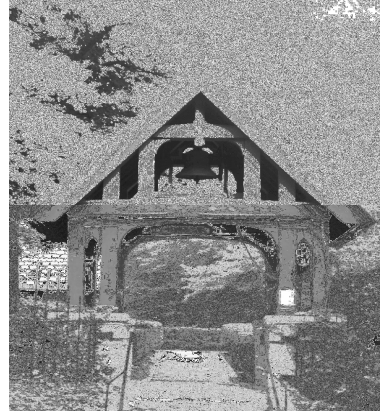
Through the Lych Gate

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*Please join us for Holy Eucharist
on Sundays at
8:00 am and 10:30 am.*

The Vestry

Rob McDaniel, Senior Warden
Linda Bailey, Treasurer

2015

Sally Harbin
Sue Lloyd
Rob McDaniel

2016

Denise Hempstead

2017

Roscoe Conn, Sr.
Gordon Pendarvis
Stephanie Williams

What's in a Name?

Have you ever wondered why our newsletter is called *The Lych Gate*? It's named after our lych gate, the covered structure that marks the entrance to our church yard from Main Street. The term "lych gate" is derived from an Old English word for "corpse," probably because it was the place where a corpse was set down prior to burial, the place where a funeral procession formed before entering the church. Although we don't practice the funeral tradition here at St. Francis, we do see the Lych Gate as the entrance to our church yard, and ultimately to our church. In a similar way, our newsletter is a symbolic entrance to the life of our parish.

Highlights of the Vestry Meeting, June 16, 2015

The Vestry of St. Francis Episcopal Church met on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

- 1) The 2015 Vestry Norms were reviewed.
- 2) The meeting began with prayer, silence, a devotional by Sue Lloyd, personal storytelling, and silent prayer.
- 3) The minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting were approved.
- 4) The May 2015 Finance Report presented by Linda Bailey, Treasurer, was approved.
- 5) The Rector's Report was received.
- 6) The Senior Warden's Report was received.
- 7) The Junior Warden's Report was received.
- 8) The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Stewardship Commission (Finance Committee), Evangelism Commission (Evangelism Committee), and Service Commission (Welcome Table).
- 9) The new sign has been replaced along the roadway at the parish house.
- 10) The Newcomers' Dinner was held on June 4. A total of thirty-eight people were in attendance.
- 11) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to hire Jan Hildebrand to perform the 2015 audit for St. Francis Church since Jim Stewart will be unable to do the audit.
- 12) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to lock the undercroft of the church at the top of the stairs.
- 13) There was discussion on a small piece of property owned by St. Francis Church on Mountain Street.
- 14) There was discussion on SWEEPS and how it works at St. Francis Church.
- 15) The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. with the Prayer of St. Francis.

Highlights of the Vestry Meeting, July 21, 2015

The Vestry of St. Francis Episcopal Church met on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cloister House. The following items were discussed or acted upon.

- 1) The 2015 Vestry Norms were reviewed.
- 2) The meeting began with prayer, silence, a devotional by Sally Harbin, personal storytelling, and silent prayer.
- 3) The minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting were approved.
- 4) The June 2015 Finance Report presented by Linda Bailey, Treasurer, was approved.
- 5) The following SWEEPS Commission Reports were received: Worship Commission (Altar Guild) and Parish Life Commission (Fellowship Committee).
- 6) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase altar

hangings using funds from the Memorial Fund.

7) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to hire A1 Locksmith to install a lock on the top undercroft door and key it to the cloister house key.

8) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to sell the small piece of property owned by St. Francis Church on Mountain Street.

9) Motion was made, seconded, and carried to hire Truman Harris to paint the commons room at a cost of \$1,200. Memorial funds will be used to cover the expense.

10) Jimmy Okpych and Carmen Freeman have resigned from the Vestry.

11) The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Retreats 4 a Retreat

Did you love summer camp as a child with its comfy cabins, hikes, canoeing and campfires, plus good food and great friends?? If so, no matter what your age, you will love Lake Logan, our diocese's retreat and conference center. For more than a decade, Lake Logan and Camp Henry have offered thousands of young and old, recreation and respite from the hectic, high-tech pace of every day life.

The key to Lake Logan's success has been individual and parish support, supplemented by an annual event call Retreats 4 a Retreat. With one exceptional getaway as the object of the grand prize drawing, the event features a silent auction of other "retreats," including beach homes, mountain resorts, in-town offerings and new this year - an Asheville overnight at the Biltmore Inn!

By purchasing one \$75 ticket, you may attend any one of the seven parties to be held simultaneously throughout the diocese on Saturday, August 29 from 6 - 8pm**. During the party, you may bid on any and all silent auction items, plus you will be entered into the drawing for the special getaway -- this year's winner will spend two nights at the Swag, the exceptional and beautiful resort near Waynesville. So buy your tickets today and think which party site suits you best.

Retreats 4 a Retreat Party Sites

South Asheville - at the home of Gay Coleman

North Asheville - at the home of Ross and Amanda Franklin

Wilkesboro - at the home of Susan Whittington

Hendersonville - at the home of Gene and Sallie Carr

Highlands - at the home of Paula Dodson

Burnsville - at the home of Jim and Margie Haaga

Hickory - at the home of David and Pat Jones

Tickets may be purchased from your parish representative or by going online to the diocese's website, www.diocesewnc.org and follow the directions to buy tickets. For more information, please call Michelle Robinson at 828 301-9962. See you on Saturday, August 29!

The Bishop's Search Committee invites you to

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Please join us over the next two months for some Holy Conversation, to share your thoughts about the diocese and who our next bishop might be. Your input will be an important part of the profile being developed for those who feel the Holy Spirit is calling them to be the next Bishop of Western North Carolina.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING and.....

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Tuesday, August 11 7:00 pm St. Matthias, Asheville

Thursday, August 13 12:00 pm Grace, Morganton

Wednesday, August 19 6:00 pm Ascension, Hickory

Thursday, August 27 12:00 pm Trinity, Asheville

Saturday, August 29 11:30 am St. John's, Sylva

Tuesday, September 1 1:00 pm Redeemer, Shelby

2:00 pm Lake Logan Conf. Ctr.

6:30 pm Redeemer, Shelby

Tuesday, September 8 5:30 pm Valle Crucis Conf. Ctr.

Wednesday, September 9 6:30 pm Calvary, Fletcher

Thursday, September 10 1:00 pm Valle Crucis Conf. Ctr.

7:00 pm St. Peter by the Lake, Denver

Tuesday, September 15 5:30 pm St. Agnes, Franklin

For Clergy Only

Thursday, September 3 2:00 pm Lake Logan Conf. Ctr.

Tuesday, September 8 1:00 pm Valle Crucis Conf. Ctr.

Saturday, September 19 2:00 pm St. James, Blk Mtn (Deacons)



THE BISHOP'S SEARCH COMMITTEE...
INVITES YOU TO TAKE OUR
DIOCESAN SURVEY

The Search Committee for our next bishop will make available a survey, which we encourage every member of our diocese to take. Called Landscape, it will be available beginning August 19 through September 9. The survey can be completed in about 20 minutes.

Your input is critical to the Search Committee. It will help us develop a Profile of our diocese that will inform prospective candidates. It will also tell us about ourselves and our ministry at this transitional moment, and provide valuable perspectives on where we ought to invest our energy in the future.

Printed copies will be available in each church office for those without access to a computer. If you do not have a computer you may ask a tech savvy friend to help you if needed. The web link for the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/landscapedofwnc>

... and will be available starting August 19th.

"Consider ECW"

We have heard your voices and the change is here.

*Save the Date-September 24th-2015 9am-2pm

Come join us and meet the Rev. Lauren Winner, author (a native of Asheville) will speak and share stories on culture spirituality. Cost is \$35.00 for Program & Lunch.

Location: Asheville Event Centre
991 Sweeten Creek Rd.
Asheville NC 28803.



For Registration please go to
www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org

Lauren is one the leading authors today on faith and spirituality. Visit her website at
www.laurenwinner.net

Lauren will do a book-signing for her books which will be on sale at the event. Books include Wearing God, Girl Meets God, Mudhouse Sabbath, Real Sex: The Naked Truth about Chasity, A Cheerful and Comfortable Faith, Still.

*Proceeds benefit WOW (women helping women scholarship program).

Bring your friends the event is open to the public!
Hope to see you there.

"Hammering for Heroes"

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity will be holding its very first "Hammering for Heros" build which will honor and memorialize heroes of 9/11. The event will start with a program which all branches of the military will be a part, as well as local police and fire departments. The Rev. Tim Marsh, minister at First Baptist Rutherfordton and Habitat Board member, will speak on the tragedy of 9/11 and have a time of prayer and remembrance.

There will be opportunities for all age groups. Ages 5-10 will do crafts and make cards for deployed troops. Ages 11-15 will do yard work for seniors. Ages 16 and up will be working on one of two projects for local veterans.

If you would like to be a part of "Hammering for Heros" please call Shelia at 245-0176 or Kim at 248-3178 at the Habitat office.

Happy Birthday!

Beverly Welborn	2
Kevin Melvin	3
George Hooper	6
Bradley Lloyd	6
Powell Okpych	11
Dickinson Gustafson	14
Allison Ross	16
Joe Dury	17
Ned Harbin	19
Charles Pickard	19
Darby Williams	19
Rebecca Melton	22
Sherry Campbell	24
Paula Steive	26
Judyth Patterson	26
Christine Hoyle	27
Charles Sabolovic	27
Gordon Pendarvis	29
Alejandra Perez	30
Katy Hunt	31

Happy Anniversary!

David & Kimberly Lloyd	6
Larry & Lynn Lundervold	6
John & Barbara Rectenwald	14
Richard & Stephanie Williams	19
Don & Marilyn Corry	24
Kevin Park & Olivia Williams	24
Jim & Sherry Campbell	28
Rob & Nancy Bole	29
Dennis & Mary Lou Streelman	29

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