



The Franciscan Staff

The Newsletter of the people of
Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church
600 South La Cañada Drive
Green Valley AZ 85614

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Looking Ahead

Summer Jet Sets

Thursday, July 1 at 4:30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

Come and help plan activities for July and August. A great way to get to know your fellow parishioners!

EfM Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, July 6 at Noon and
Tuesday, August 3 at Noon
in the Conference Room.

If you want to learn more about Education for Ministry, plan to attend one of these informational luncheon sessions.

Seekers Book Group

Sessions resume on Thursday,
July 8 at 1 pm in the Vulliamy
Room. The new book for discussion
is John Shelby Spong's *Eternal Life*.

Finance Committee

Thursday, August 5 at 9 am
in the Library.

Social Activities Team

Tuesday, August 10 at 11 am
in the Conference Room.

Vestry

Thursday, August 12 at 9 am
in the Conference Room

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From our Interim Rector . . .

Greetings to all whether here or some place cooler!

I am writing this epistle just before Diana and I begin our vacation. We'll be away from July 5th until August 3rd (I learned years ago to take vacation time all at once – easier that way). In the meantime, Father Tom Leonard will be filling in for me. He's such a gifted preacher and companionate pastor with deep insights into how parishes function. You will be in very good hands, indeed.

Some liturgical notes: We are changing the way we use the Sending Forth Prayer. Up until June 10th, we had a fragmented way of offering this prayer. Now, we are modifying it so that it will blend more fully into the Eucharist, have the priest then the congregation participate, then say the blessing which will "send us on our way." I think you will find it less intrusive, now.

Also, red prayer books are being ordered (a few hundred only due to lack of funds) to replace the "proposed" Prayer Books that were purchased in 1977 and have since fallen on torn paper times, especially in the communion sections. If you would like to make a donation to offset the cost of finishing the task, just write a check to Saint Francis, note it for the Prayer Books and we'll order more.

Additionally we are making large print binder-type prayer books for those who need a larger print than the current prayer books. Should be in the pews sooner than later.

I've been asked to keep my report brief this time as other articles need a little extra space, so let me close by asking you to use a different e-mail should you need to reach us in July:

Use Diana's e-mail to reach us

dimullins@hotmail.com

Have a goodly July.

Faithfully

See you in worship.

The Reverend Edward Mullins,

520-647-9648

Interim Rector of Saint Francis Episcopal Church

Report to the Congregation from the Senior Warden

In the last *Franciscan Staff*, I concentrated on all the “administrative happenings” within Saint Francis. This month I’d like to look at how Saint Francis is doing in the **SPIRITUAL ARENA**.

WORSHIP: How about those fantastic sermons by Fr. Edward Mullins, our alternating Rite 1 and Rite 2 services, our quality music, and getting back to **THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**. I hope you are enjoying the services at Saint Francis as much as I am. I find them organized, educational, and spiritually uplifting. Fr. Edward Mullins will continue to work at fine tuning the presentation of the **WORD**, the **LITURGY**, and the **MUSIC** support. It has been proven that **WORSHIP** is a key attractor of new members.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: We offer a Taizé service in the Chapel on the third Tuesday of the month at 5 pm. This is a soft and restful candlelight service by Deacon Marge Perry with music support by Mary Wright on piano, vocals by Roger Hinterthuer, and Native American flute music by Carl Perry. We will resume this spiritual opportunity in October.

ALPHA PROGRAM: Fr. Mullins and Barbara and Gary LaBarre will lead the Alpha Program this fall. The foundation of Alpha is a set of excellent video presentations followed by a facilitated group discussion. This is an excellent format to share, explore, and learn how to express your personal spirituality. Watch for the announcement of meeting dates and give it a try. The videos are absolutely excellent and I guarantee that you will find them captivating and stimulating.

BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Mullins is working with the Christian Formation Committee to continue Bible Study opportunities this fall. As the leaders and format become finalized, we will share this information.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Fr. Edward Mullins led a five-week Lenten series on Sunday afternoons in the Chapel which were well-received and well-attended.

LENTEN PROGRAM: The Christian Formation Committee did a fine job of putting together five speakers for our Wednesday evening soup and spiritual menu during Lent. Many of our Saint Francis membership look forward to our annual Lenten Program.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM): My personal experience with our EfM Program was the most fulfilling thing I have ever done to explore my personal theology. My EfM training has become the foundation for my personal spiritual journey. We are blessed to have two outstanding mentors in Joan Archibald and Anne Charter. The program provides excellent textbooks

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is a Living, Caring and Welcoming
community empowered by the Spirit of
Christ’s Love and sharing that Spirit
with those around us.

and a structure for learning that I found very helpful. Look into EfM, which will restart in September, and you will be glad you did.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: This chapter's key focus is all about "prayer"; the forms of prayer, the timing of prayer, the spirit of prayer, and the power of prayer. Members are stationed in the Chapel during Sunday services during Communion to pray with those seeking assistance. The Prayer Quilt Ministry is also coordinated by DOK. The meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month will resume in October under the leadership of President, Darlene Gregory.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH: Saint Francis is blessed to have a beautiful Labyrinth and Pet Ossuary on the Southeast corner of our property. A non-member of our Parish, Judith Bailey, cares for this area daily because her beloved dog Ferguson is interred there. Judith keeps the area pristine by sweeping, cleaning, raking, watering, and providing new plantings all at her own expense. Enjoy this beautiful restful area for your personal prayers and the unpredictable spiritual experience of walking the labyrinth.

LECTIO DIVINA: This is one of the oldest forms of Christian meditation and offers a time to be still and receive insight from the Holy Spirit. A short reading, often a psalm or Bible passage, is read multiple times; first you concentrate on a key word or phrase that is meaningful to you; then you concentrate on how this word or phrase affects the meaning of what you sense, see, and feel; and then you concentrate on how this word or phrase is impacting on your life. Opportunities are provided for those who wish to share with the group. This group meets from October-June and is led by Deacon Vern Woodlief.

THE PRAYER CHAIN: Deacon Marge Perry and Joan Archibald are the contacts for requests of daily prayer for specific individuals. Saint Francis has a well-organized and active daily prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the chain, please contact either Marge or Joan.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (LEV): Saint Francis has a very active and dedicated group of LEV's under the coordination of Deacon Marge Perry. In addition to taking Communion to our Third Congregation, the LEV's offer Holy Communion at church services at LaHacienda every Sunday at 10:15 am. Members also hold weekly Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at LaJoya Assisted Living.

PASTORAL CARE: Our Pastoral Care Committee holds monthly meetings under the coordination of Deacons Pat Kirk and Marge Perry. Each case of a member of the Parish known to be ill or "shut in" is reviewed for a personal visit by a member of the committee or LEV. The pastoral care services are very relevant to a retired community parish like St. Francis in maintaining contact and communication with our elderly Third Congregation.

FLOWER DELIVERY: Deacon Marge Perry coordinates the delivery of Sunday flowers to four members who are ill or members of the Third

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Kids Corner . . .

Summer Sundays are going well and the car wash was a great success! We held a Family Fun Night on June 25. I am working with Mandy Gardner on getting a Youth Group going on Friday nights in the Fall.

Beth Wunderlich,

Director of Youth and
Young Families Ministries

Letters . . .



Dear Rev. Mullins,

I would like to thank all the congregation of St. Francis for their love, prayers and support. Edie's service was held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (International Falls, Minnesota) on April 23rd. I am looking forward to returning next year and being a part of St. Francis.

With Love,
George Schlieff

. . .

Church Family,

With thanks to all of you. You're simply wonderful. We were all so moved by all the love and support you have given to us.

The Noels

July Preaching Schedule

4	The Rev. Edward Mullins
11	The Rev. Tom Leonard
18	The Rev. Tom Leonard
25	The Rev. Tom Leonard

August Preaching Schedule

1	The Rev. Tom Leonard
8	The Rev. Edward Mullins
15	The Rev. Edward Mullins
22	The Rev. Edward Mullins
29	The Rev. Edward Mullins

Congregation. This is another ministry open to interested volunteers.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Deacon Pat Kirk, Deacon Marge Perry, and Deacon Vern Woodlief share responsibility for visiting hospitalized members of Saint Francis. Their inventory of actions includes administering last rites, praying together, and sharing Holy Communion.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Often members feel a need for some one-on-one spiritual direction. Deacon Vern Woodlief is a member of the Spiritual Directors International and will be pleased to give you names of the five spiritual directors in the Green Valley area. Spiritual direction is frequently very helpful in unlocking the path for continuing one's spiritual journey.

NEEDLEWORK GROUP: A group of women (men are welcome) meet from October to June to work on the Saint Francis kneelers. The project utilizes a variety of needlework skills including counted cross-stitch, knitting, and needlepointing. The setting includes a combination of total silence, soft music, or listening to a reading. The contact of anyone interested in this ministry is Deacon Vern Woodlief.

IN SUMMARY: I am proud of the many opportunities Saint Francis offers to help enrich our individual spiritual journeys. We are fortunate for our clergy, staff, and volunteers who keep these spiritual activities organized, running, and who are always striving to make improvements. Remember to take pride in these programs, take nothing for granted, and express appreciation to those who make these things happen.

Saint Francis has moved ahead in several administrative areas since my report to you in the last *Franciscan Staff*.

1) The Vestry has approved **UPDATED BY-LAWS** and a new **CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL** thanks to the hard work of Leon Lies, Pat Fisher, Bill Miller, and Carol Lyons.

2) The Vestry has approved an **UPDATED EMPLOYEE STAFF HANDBOOK** thanks to the hard work of the Personnel Committee chaired by Bobbi Tucker.

3) The Vestry has approved the hiring of Kennedy Partners to do a detailed site study and to develop a detailed price proposal to engineer, furnish, and install a **SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM** for Saint Francis. There are major Cash Rebates available for significantly starting installation in 2010. Thanks to you who participated in our "open Parish meeting" on May 20.

4) We have activated our **ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM** under the leadership of Jerry McAllister, Phyllis

Meade, and Dr. James Hayes.

5) The Vestry has approved three goals, of the nine goals recommended by the Long-Range Planning Team, as priority for the balance of 2010 and 2011.

These are:

a) **ST. FRANCIS WILL PROVIDE DIVERSE, STIMULATING, YEAR-ROUND, MULTI-GENERATIONAL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP PARISHIONERS AND THE COMMUNITY PURSUE THEIR JOURNEY IN FAITH.**

b) **ST. FRANCIS WILL BE KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN THE COMMUNITY, WILL PROCLAIM OUR MISSION USING PUBLIC MEDIA, THE INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS OF PARISHIONERS WALK THEIR TALK AND PROGRAM, SERVICE, FACILITY, WORSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.**

c) **ST. FRANCIS WILL GROW BY 30 PERCENT.**

6) Recommended telephone service changes are being reviewed by the staff and Vestry. Fred Keller has completed a detailed telephone service study with three bidders and we are exploring the opportunity to reduce our annual telephone costs.

LET US PRAY: Lord, help us to continue to grow as a congregation driven by a common vision. Thank you for helping us in the healing of our wounds of the past. Continue to strengthen the understanding of your will for Saint Francis and give us the strength and courage to make it happen. We thank you for our many gifts and blessings. Help us to recognize our gifts and to put them to work as your hands in this troubled world. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Carl Perry,
Senior Warden

Solar Project Retainer Fee Plea

Many members of the Parish and the Vestry attended an informational session regarding a solar energy installation for St. Francis. The Vestry voted to further explore our options by having Kennedy Partners work up a detailed site survey and develop a detailed price proposal for installing a Solar System for St. Francis. The cost of having the preliminary study done is \$2,500. Anyone interested in seeing this plan move forward is urged to make a specific special contribution to fund the study. You may do so by writing "solar" on the bottom of your check or by putting cash in a pew envelope and marking "solar" on the envelope.

July Birthdays

- 1 Robert Gregory
Carl Perry
- 2 Lucas Ongley
- 3 Edna Dunn
Glenn Matto
- 4 Aileen Brewer
Karen Packer
Tommy Wunderlich
- 5 Marleen Bell
- 6 Janet Corton
David Dunn
Pinky Jackson
- 7 Leon Adams
Frank McCully
Elaine McElfish
- 9 Larry Smith
- 11 Reagan Walker
- 13 Shirley Gough
Sharon Thornby
Samantha Turberg
- 14 Mike Andersen
Barbara Hook
John Johnstone
Linda Lies
- 16 Bill Evans
Susie Fanning
Danae Michael
- 18 Nancy Helgath
- 19 Barbara Workman
- 20 Dick Heene
Patrick Ongley
- 21 Marlene Heene
James Luffman
- 23 Liz Clouser
Emmet Ridley
- 24 Don Champlin
- 25 Bill Jones
Diana Mullins
- 26 Jan MacLaren
Carol McPhetres
Kaye Tinney

- 27 Penelope Williams
- 30 Phyllis Meade
Jan Titus
- 31 Jean McEachran

July Anniversaries

- 1 Eugene Cech
& Kay Kennard
Alan & Allana Swain
- 2 Loren & Jan
Thompsen
- 7 Harry & Carol Lyons
- 9 Tad & Carolyn Bird
- 10 Henry & Mary Hain
- 14 Philip & Joanne
Whalley
- 19 Stan & Kathy Ravine
- 20 D.J. & Nora Schneider
- 23 Judith & Floyd Parker
- 30 Ed & Nancie
Gustafson

August Birthdays

- 1 Jean Sames
Harriet Ward
Madeline Williams
Joy Appavoo
- 2 Ivy Jakel
Brandie Turberg
- 3 Stanley Gregory
Nancy Ryan
- 5 George Gwinn
- 6 Virginia Biondi
Wayne Brown
- 8 Bob Coffman
Nilo Larriva
Dorothy Randell
- 9 Eugene Cech
Fred Stine
Beth Aycock
- 10 Kenneth Huszar
Stephanie Huszar
Edith McCully

- 11 Carol Hinterthuer
Edward Mullins
- 13 Geri Ellingson
- 14 Pat Valandry
- 16 Dorothy Blakely
Douglas Brown
Malcolm Nason
- 18 Joan Archibald
Esther Nisbet
- 19 Ray Colony
Darlene Gregory
Ian Gunderson
Max Mayes
- 22 Wilfred Files
Grace Johnson
Don Richards
- 24 Jay Clore
Nancy Enzie
- 25 Lorraine Bothwell
Richard Tinney
- 26 Ian Barta
David Blackburn
- 27 Vaughn Lewis
Billie Wasmuth
- 28 Grace Clish
Barbara Proft
- 29 Dorothy Bowers
Susan McCracken
Mike Kerns
- 30 Augustine Howell
William Cockrell

August Anniversaries

- 1 Dolph & Geri Ellingson
Keith & Barbara
Workman
- 4 Roger & Penelope
Williams
- 5 Bob & Chris Benight
Jack & Kathy Rider

- 6 Donald & Beverly
Krumwiede
Milton & Sarah Tober
- 7 Tom & Jean
McEachran
- 9 Al & Brenda Quick
Larry & Marsha
Wilbur
- 10 Harold & Anne
Gillespie
Bill & Nancy Symons
- 12 Norman & Pat Fisher
- 13 Pat & Nancy Ryan
- 14 Dick & Peggy Brown
- 17 Robert & Sharon
Thornby
Thomas & Gloria Tye
- 18 Neil & Mary Messick
Robert & Katherine
Vint
- 19 Neil & Nancy
Helgath
- 20 Charles & Kathleen
Grier
- 23 Marvin & Lorraine
Bothwell
- 25 Ed & Millie Roach
- 27 Bill & Nancy
McGibbon
- 28 Bob & Vi Greene
Carl & Marge Perry
Joanne Maynard &
Joe Hunter
- 30 Frank & Phebe
Anderson
Gerry & Marilyn
Smith
- 31 Roger & Barbara
Miller

Phone System Matching Funds Offered

The St. Francis Vestry has voted to update our ailing phone system. Soon you will no longer have to call in and ask the receptionist not to answer the phone so you can leave a message for a clergy or staff member. It will cost \$8,000 for the new equipment purchase and installation. Once the equipment is paid for we will begin seeing a \$2,000 a year savings in our annual phone bill. Doing the simple math, that means at the end of approximately 4 years we will begin seeing an overall savings in our phone costs and we will have had the benefit of a state of the art phone system all that time.

St. Francis has received an anonymous matching funds gift of \$4,000 to purchase the equipment outright to help make this change occur immediately. By paying for the equipment up front or in the first year of service, we can realize a savings of nearly \$3,000 in financing costs. If you think saving money while enjoying the benefits of a state of the art phone service is a good idea, then the Vestry would ask you to help take advantage of the matching funds gift. You can write a check and designate it for "phone system matching funds" or use a pew envelope and on the outside designate it as "phone system matching funds".

July 2010

Thursday, July 1

4:30p -Summer Jet Sets – PH

Friday, July 2

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, July 3

11:00a -Bridge – PH

Sunday, July 4

8:00a -Holy Eucharist II

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist II

Monday, July 5

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 6

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

12:00p -EfM Lunch – Cf R

Wednesday, July 7

9:00a -Holy Eucharist I – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, July 8

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, July 9

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, July 10

No Parish Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 11

8:00a -Holy Eucharist I

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist I

Monday, July 12

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 13

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Wednesday, July 14

9:00a -Holy Eucharist II – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, July 15

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, July 16

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, July 17

11:30a -BCSSG – Cf R

Sunday, July 18

8:00a -Holy Eucharist II

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist II

Monday, July 19

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 20

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Wednesday, July 21

9:00a -Holy Eucharist I – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, July 22

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, July 23

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, July 24

No Parish Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 25

8:00a -Holy Eucharist I

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist II

Monday, July 26

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 27

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Wednesday, July 28

9:00a -Holy Eucharist II – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, July 29

1:00p Seekers Book – VR

Friday, July 30

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, July 31

No Parish Events Scheduled

August 2010

Sunday, August 1

8:00a -Holy Eucharist II

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist II

Monday, August 2

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 3

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

12:00p -EfM Lunch – Cf R

Wednesday, August 4

9:00a -Holy Eucharist I – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, August 5

9:00a -Finance Cmte – L

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, August 6

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, August 7

No Parish Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 8

8:00a -Holy Eucharist I

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist I

Monday, August 9

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 10

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

11:00a -Social Activities – Cf R

Wednesday, August 11

9:00a -Holy Eucharist II – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, August 12

9:00a -Vestry – Cf R

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, August 13

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, August 14

No Parish Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 15

8:00a -Holy Eucharist II

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist II

Monday, August 16

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 17

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Wednesday, August 18

9:00a -Holy Eucharist I – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, August 19

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, August 20

8:00a -Bulletins – L

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11:30a -BCSSG – Cf R

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8:00a -Holy Eucharist I

10:00a -Church School – CR

10:00a -Holy Eucharist II

Monday, August 23

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 24

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Wednesday, August 25

9:00a -Holy Eucharist II – Cpl

2:00p -Handbells – Loft

Thursday, August 26

1:00p -Seekers Book – VR

Friday, August 27

8:00a -Bulletins – L

9:00a -Handbells – Loft

Saturday, August 28

No Parish Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 29

8:00a -Holy Eucharist II
10:00a -Church School – CR
10:00a -Holy Eucharist I

Monday, August 30

No Parish Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 31

9:00a -Staff Meeting – L

Legend

Cf R - Conference Room; L - Library;
VR - Vulliamy Room; PH - Parish
Hall; MR - Meditation Room; CR -
Classroom; Cpl - Chapel; MG -
Memorial Garden; Ctyd - Courtyard;
Lby-Labyrinth

2010 Parish Statistics

DEATHS

Walter Dryburgh
Myra Barr
Helen E. Stern
Mary Burt-Schaefer
Michael Walters
James Thomson

Parish Statistics continued

Janey Rivett
Edie Schlieff
Muriel Walker
Donna Roloson
Gerald Frank Bowers
Johnny Noel
TRANSFERS IN
David & Edna Dunn
Gary & Barbara LaBarre
Sandra Lou Blum
Clifford & Ruth Ann Platt
Ralph & Shirley Ambruster
Johnny, Marilyn, Tiffany &
Nathaniel Noel
Gary & Connie Anderson
Jack & Nancy Gardner
Roger & Margaret Ward
TRANSFERS OUT
Donald & Janice Mounce
Susanne Reed
Victor Stevens-Rosenberg
Mary Diana Ritz Norman
Renee O'Neill

Reserving Meeting Time & Space at St. Francis

Individuals wishing to reserve meeting space at St. Francis and/or discuss room set-ups should make those arrangements through Parish Administrator, Vern Woodlief. It is **essential** your meeting be logged into the Master Calendar. If you need it, be sure to ask for 'set-up' and 'clean-up' time as part of your booking.

One week prior to your event, please inventory the pantry next to the kitchen and let Vern know if there are enough supplies to meet your needs. A Parishioner usually shops for us twice a month. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

The further ahead you can make such arrangements, the better.

Getting Your Meeting into Parish Publications

Sunday Bulletin notices should be given to Parish Administrator Vern Woodlief by noon the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish the notice to appear in the Bulletin. Notices should be in written form and forwarded via computer whenever possible.

Franciscan Staff material should be given to the Parish Administrator **NO LATER THAN** the 15th of the month preceeding publication.

Address Changes

Please let us know if your e-mail address, zip code or telephone number changes. Get in touch with Rae Turberg in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

Stewardship Notes

My name is Jerry McAllister and I have accepted the job as your Stewardship Chairman for this year. Since I believe that a stewardship campaign should be a year-round activity, I asked to have a small article in the monthly *Franciscan Staff*.

Two of your Vestry members, Phyllis Meade and James Hayes, have graciously offered to help in this campaign. The three of us will be asking the Vestry, the Clergy and many of you to help. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

The goal of this year's campaign is to help each of us grow in our relationship with God through the proper use of the time, talent, and treasure God has entrusted to us.

When I think of stewardship, I think of all the wonderful things God has given me. I have a wonderful life, had a great job and was able to accumulate enough money to retire and live here in Green Valley. In the summer I live in an equally special place on the Canadian border in Minnesota. Everyone reading this article can probably feel the same way about his or her existence. Now the stewardship question we should continually ask ourselves is: How can I best use these gifts to further God's Kingdom.

In closing, here is the Collect from The Book of Common Prayer for the stewardship of creation: *O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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