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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FROM THE RECTOR

Word was received early this month of the death on December 30 of Lyttleton B. P. Gould, Jr, most recently living in Essex, New Jersey. With his death another chapter closes in the earliest history of St Francis, and in the educational communities of three fine independent schools in the mid-Atlantic.

Lytt and his wife, Sis, were among the founders of this parish. In 1955, the first organizational meeting of Episcopalians interested in a church in the Potomac wilds of Montgomery County was held in their home. In time, Lytt was named first Junior Warden, serving simultaneously as first director of the Sunday school. Sis was the first chair of the altar guild. Together they were genuine pioneers.

At that time, Lytt was on the faculty of Landon School, which he joined in 1946. Beginning in 1948 he served as Middle School head for a decade. He left Landon and St Francis to become Head of School at the Far Hills Country Day School in Far Hills, New Jersey. During his tenure, that school enjoyed remarkable growth and development. When Lytt was named a Distinguished Alumni, he joined fellow Far Hills students Christie Todd Whitman, Steve Forbes, and Frederica van Stade, all of whom were students during his tenure. The citation described him as a "gentle, warm, empathetic man and a beloved educator. People like working with Lytt; he is a consummate teacher, and he always glows with respect for the individual. . . a visionary Head."

That vision led him to his next venture. In 1963, he left Far Hills to found the Purnell School in Bernardsville, New Jersey. His motivation came from the realization that a different kind of educational opportunity for what he called "salt of the earth girls" was needed, and he set out to build it. He and Sis welcomed

the inaugural class of 18 girls in the fall of 1965. Today the Purnell School boasts 1,200 alumnae around the world. The story of the school, its philosophy and founding, makes for interesting reading. It can be found on the web at www.purnell.org.

Thinking back to St Francis for a moment, it is worth remembering the visionary grace of those founders of this parish. The story bears repeating: In the 1952, Mike McConihe and a few others approached Bishop Angus Dun with an offer of the land whereon St Francis sits today. The Bishop declined their initial offer. His reason was that since the diocese had congregations in Poolesville and in Bethesda, there was no need for another church along River Road. In defense of the Bishop, no one could have foreseen the growth of Montgomery County in those days. What is ironic is that nationally, the Episcopal Church was at the apogee of congregational development when the offer was first made. It took Bishop Dun, and with him Bishop William Creighton, two years to have second thoughts, and to accept the offer of land. The rest, as they say, is history.

Imagine the privileges that Lytt and Sis Gould enjoyed. They were instrumental in founding a church and in helping to provide for the two hallmarks of a faithful congregation: worship and Christian education. Lytt gave St Francis a handsome chalice and paten as memorials to his father; we will use that set on January 31, the Sunday of our annual meeting. With Sis, Lytt Gould left legacies not only at St Francis, but at three superb schools in the mid-Atlantic region. There is no grander privilege than those, and no richer legacy ever.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry has offered the following report for the Annual Meeting January 31, 2010:

For election to a full-term as Junior Warden,
Steve Wilson;

for election to 3 year terms on the Vestry,
Gary Bachman (incumbent),
Bob Jannotta,
Lee Anne Jillings, and
George Maroulis (incumbent);

and for election as Delegate to Diocesan Convention,
Susan Dolan.

Nominations by petition are invited. Such nominations must be in writing, and each petition must carry the signatures of ten parishioners in good standing.

Please submit these to the Rector. The deadline for petitions is January 17, 2010.

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

Several parishioners have commented that we've changed the offering envelope numbers this year. We changed our system for envelopes to make it more efficient. They are now in the narthex where you can pick them up when you come to service. Now that we have adopted this system, we should not need to repeat the process for many years to come.

This change will not affect the recording of your donations in any way. That is associated with your name and will remain intact.



Please start using your 2010 (Purple edged) envelopes and discard any older envelopes you may have. If you did not receive your envelopes, please contact the office at 301-365-2055 and they will be in the narthex the following Sunday.

LOAVES & FISHES

We would like to invite you to participate in one of St. Francis Church's volunteer opportunities. It occurs just four times this year, and is a rewarding and enjoyable opportunity to serve others in need.

In 1968 St. Stephen's started the Loaves and Fishes hot meal program to serve the needs of the Mt. Pleasant community. Most Washington area food programs serve meals only on weekdays so Loaves and Fishes fills the gap by serving meals on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays. The program is supported by area churches and volunteer organizations from around the DC area.

St. Francis is committed to the months that have a fifth Sunday. **The dates in 2010** for food preparation and food service are: **January 30, 31; May 29, 30; August 28, 29; and October 30, 31.**

Additionally, Loaves and Fishes is interested in volunteers who could commit to the Monday federal holidays for food preparation on site and food service. These dates are: Martin Luther King Day January 18th; Washington's Birthday, February 15th; Memorial Day May 31st; Independence Day, Monday July 5th; Labor Day September 6th; and Columbus Day October 11th. Please contact Laurel Bahar at 301-299-5067 or at laurelbahar@gmail.com.

Thank you to volunteers Roy Day, Lynne Astrich, Mary Sexton, Nancy Hoke, Chris LeClair, and Stefan Day who prepared the special Loaves and Fishes casserole on Saturday, November 28. Thank you also to Jane Lincoln, Alan Van Egmond, Marjorie Van Egmond, George Stosur, and Carol Thedford who met at St. Francis to transport food and supplies to St. Stephen's for food service.

UPCOMING WOMEN OF ST FRANCIS (WSF) EVENTS

Annual WSF Meeting—1/14/10, 7:30 pm in Kincaid Library. Every woman in St Francis Church is invited to come and participate.

You will learn about the events planned for this winter and spring, meet our new House Tour Chairs, and elect these fine candidates:

Officers:

Carol Jarvis, President

Karen Schneider and Libby Rubin,
Vice Presidents of Programs

Anne Baker,
Vice President of Membership

Barbara Heywood, Secretary

Carol Thedford, Treasurer,

Committee Chairs:

Laurel Bahar and Carol Tutera
Co-chairs, 2010 House Tour

Beth Higgins and Mary Ashworth
Co-chairs, 2010 Thrift Sale

Fran Baker
Chair, House Tour Oversight

Rosemary MacDonald,
Chair, Outreach Funding



We are composing a "**Home for the Holidays**" **supplement of recipes** for the previously published St. Francis cookbook. We are looking for favorite family dishes enjoyed at family reunions, holidays, and other special celebrations. We would appreciate more entrees, vegetables and one-pot meal recipes. You can submit yours by putting them in the Women of St. Francis mailbox by February 1.

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JOY AND CONCERN

We welcome into the household of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Hugh Kenneth Sidey, son of Ted and Tammy Sidey, and Carrington Gene Faulkner, daughter of Brent and Joanne Faulkner.



Please pray for Roger Vogelsinger, who died January 8th.

WSF Events continued



Save this date - Sunday, Feb. 21, 3-5 PM to meet Josiah Rengers, our seminarian, and his bride-to-be in Kincaid library for a wedding shower. Singles or couples, all are invited!



Are you cleaning closets in the New Year? **Think Thrift Sale**—the collection begins the week of March 21. The sale will be on Friday and Saturday, **March 26th and 27th**. Mary Ashworth and Beth Higgins are the co-chairs.



We would like to organize a few informal **Potluck Dinners for our newer members** and are looking for people who would like to host a small gathering in their homes during February or March. These get-togethers will help our newer members feel more a part of our St Francis family and provide a pleasant evening for all the participants during the cold and dreary winter months.

If you would like to host a dinner or to help organize a gathering at someone else's home, please call Carol Jarvis (301-299-4296) or sent her an e-mail at Jarvis.carol@gmail.com and let her know.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Many of us are facing the dilemma of staying in our own homes, moving to a retirement facility, or living with our children or other family members and we know that finances have a great influence on our decisions.

On Thursday, January 21st, we will meet in St Francis Hall at 12 noon for our usual program of a brief social hour, lunch and the presentation. Lunch will be \$10.00. Wine will be available for an additional charge. Make your reservation by calling Christine in the Church office (301-365-2055).

Mary Anne Buckley , a Care Manager from ESM CARES, the geriatric care management service of Episcopal Senior Ministries, will be one presenter. ESM CARES provides counsel and professional guidance to older adults and their families and will develop a personalized care plan to match each individual's needs with available resources.

The second presenter will be our own Fran Baker, a realtor with Washington Fine Properties. Fran, in her role as a professional realtor, is sometimes asked about retirement facilities and she will share her detailed knowledge of them including financial structures and services.

You will have ample time for questions at the end of the presentations.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a very interesting and informative event.

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

The book club is meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month (1/28/10) at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. This month we will be reading and discussing *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. This title was enthusiastically recommended to us by one of our members.

Do come and join us! Even if you haven't read the book, you might find yourself inspired to do so. It has happened before! We hope the following review of *Cutting for Stone* will pique your interest.

"Any doubts you might harbor about a 534-page first novel by a physician in his 50s will be allayed in the first few pages of this marvelous book. ... The narrative begins as a nun on staff at a charity hospital in Ethiopia dies giving birth to twin boys. No one on staff had known she was pregnant, least of all her surgeon lover, who promptly decamps. Just when you think you're holding a grim epic of abandonment, Verghese changes keys, launching a buoyant tale of family happiness. [The] newborns are adopted by Hema, the hospital's gynecologist, and her physician husband Ghosh.... Verghese has the rare gift of showing his characters in different lights as the story evolves, from tragedy to comedy to melodrama, with an ending that is part Dickens, part Grey's Anatomy. ... The doctor in him sees the luminous beauty of the physician's calling; the artist recognizes that there remain wounds no surgeon can mend. 'Where silk and steel fail, story must succeed,' Marion muses.' This one does."

–Jennifer Reese, *Entertainment Weekly*;

COMING UP AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

For more information, please visit our website at www.stfrancispotomac.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Morning Prayer
Sunday School and Adult Education Hour
11:15 am Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30 pm St. Nicholas Training Choir
5:30 pm St. Clare Girl Choir
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft
7:30 Vestry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Rector's Bible Study
5:30 pm Jr. High Bible Study

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

12:00 pm Senior Lunch in St Frances Hall
5:00 pm *Sounds* Deadline for **1/31/10**
5:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study
7:30 pm St Francis Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
Sunday School and Adult Education Hour
11:15 am Morning Prayer



The Scripture appointed for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

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