

# Outreach

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## MISSION TEAM

Springing forth from the Great Commission, St. Francis is responding by inviting youth and adults to go on mission. St. Francis seeks to be a community of faith that goes out into the world to love and serve the Lord. Mission serves to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are looking for youth and adults who feel called to give selflessly to the needs of others to the glory of God.

We are looking for those who are strong in their faith and feel called to share the gospel of Christ through words and actions.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Raleigh Langley or Hannah Warner, 228-1176

## AUNT MARY'S STORYBOOK PROJECT

Each quarter, on a Saturday morning, a group of women volunteers from St. Francis visits the correctional facility in Pewee Valley. Each volunteer helps an inmate to select an age and culturally appropriate book that fits each of her children's experience and needs. The mother then tape - records a personal message, and as if she were physically next to her child, reads the book. Often she will end with a message of love and thanks to the care - giver. The volunteer send the books and tapes to the children on behalf of the mother.

No specific experience is necessary; you will be trained to help select appropriate books and to facilitate the session. In the Aunt Mary's Storybook Project, you will be serving in a very special way.

You will help reassure children with the voice of their mother at a very vulnerable point in their lives. You will also help promote literacy and a positive experience with reading between mother and child. More likely than not, these mothers cannot afford any other gifts for their children.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Laura Crawford at 384-8497 or [olivebranchdesign@insightbb.com](mailto:olivebranchdesign@insightbb.com)

## PRODIGAL MINISTRY

Prodigal Ministries provides intensive and individualized counseling, direction and practical assistance to men leaving prison. The ministries' vision centers on a no-nonsense approach along with Christian ideals to support the men in the re-entry process, so they can resume family responsibilities and lead meaningful lives. The ministry has helped over 100 ex-offenders to make that extremely difficult transition. St. Francis supports the mission and vision of Prodigal Ministries with volunteer mentoring and donations.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Robbie Brown, 893-9504 or [robbie@woodsidereserve.com](mailto:robbie@woodsidereserve.com)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. Francis sponsored its first Habitat House in 2001, and continued to build a house each year since. You don't need any special skill to work with the Habitat Ministry. There are so many aspects to the project that everyone can find a suitable job. You may even learn a new skill, like carpentry, insulation installation, drywall installation, or painting. In fact, many volunteers have felt great satisfaction in learning and accomplishing something so vital while working on one of these houses. If you cannot contribute labor, volunteers are needed to prepare lunch. Everyone is welcome.

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## CABBAGE PATCH CHRISTMAS

This ministry involves the purchase of Christmas presents for a number of Cabbage Patch families followed by a Christmas party for them at The Patch. St. Francis families join Cabbage Patch families in a wonderful celebration, complete with games, craft projects, face painting, food and a special visit from Santa. Year after year St. Francis has shown its spirit of generosity and love with their outpouring of time, energy and resources for this event. This ministry is another example of St. Francis reaching out in Christian love to those in need.

The Cabbage Patch was founded in 1910 and is a non-profit, Christian organization that exists to empower families and children to be self-sufficient by helping them to maximize their spiritual, social, emotional, physical, moral, economic and educational potential. Central to their mission is sharing with those they serve their belief that only through God's help will their lives be changed and continually fulfilled. Cabbage Patch serves 2,000 families each year. In their service area, 40% of the families live in poverty, 60% of households make less than \$25,000 a year and 50% of households are headed by single parent mothers. Because Cabbage Patch, by choice, does not accept government funds and is not a United Way agency, they depend on individuals like us for funds and volunteer services.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Marianne Reutlinger, 417-4557 or [wakereut@aol.com](mailto:wakereut@aol.com).

## CARING FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

St Francis in the Fields is continuing its outreach to our troops serving overseas. As an outgrowth of our last Lenten Project to collect letters, food stuffs and hygiene items needed to boost the moral of our troops, many of whom are serving in austere conditions.

St Francis in the Fields is continuing its outreach to our troops serving overseas. We have developed a specific list of items most needed and care package for each recipient. We collect funds to purchase the desired items to send and are soliciting support from members of the church who would be willing to financially sponsor one or more boxes. If you wish to participate or know someone currently serving in the military that might benefit from this ministry, please contact us at the church office.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Please contact us at the church office or email:

Pete Laventis—[pjlgreek@gmail.com](mailto:pjlgreek@gmail.com)

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME

The parishioners of St. Francis have served the Episcopal Church Home through its Board for many years. Parishioners staff the gift shop, deliver mail to residents and serve as chapel lectors, arrange flowers, provide transportation, organize a Christmas party, bingo, sing-a-longs and the spring benefit luncheon. St. Francis also provides financial support to the scholarship fund to assist residents whose personal funds are depleted. Help elderly people by volunteering time at the home or through donations.

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## NORTON HOSPITAL WOMAN'S BOARD

The mission of the Woman's Board is to provide needed services to Norton Hospital through a strong cadre of volunteers who engage in a variety of projects and duties and to increase public understanding of their mission and role. Adults in any age group, who are looking for a lay ministry which is interesting, challenging, and personally satisfying, can find their niche in one of the services of the Norton's Woman's Board. Men and women gift shop volunteers are urgently needed for day, night, and weekend hours. Other services needing volunteers are mail delivery, ICU waiting area, prime time representatives, patient representatives, and publicity.

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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

St Francis in the Fields is the sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 109 and Cub Scout Pack 109 which are part of the Lincoln Heritage Council of Scouting in the Kentuckiana area. The young people who in engage in these programs are provided life changing skills that enable them to mature as good citizens who embody the scout ethos. The clergy at St. Francis are supportive of the programs and provide age appropriate spiritual instruction following curriculum provide through the Boy Scouts of America.

These programs are open to the youth of our parish whether they are a member of our Troop 109, Pack 109 or members of a troop or pack located somewhere else in the community. Boys are eligible to start in Boy Scouts at age 11 or *if they have finished the 5<sup>th</sup> grade*. If you have a young person interested in scouting or you would like to volunteer or assist with the programs here at St. Francis please contact the person below for more information.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Louis Fowler, 228-1256 or [loufowler@iolky.com](mailto:loufowler@iolky.com)

## CUB SCOUTS

St Francis in the Fields is the sponsor for Boy Scout Troop 109 and Cub Scout Pack 109 which are part of the Lincoln Heritage Council of Scouting in the Kentuckiana area <http://www.lhcbbsa.org/>. The young people who in engage in these programs are provided life changing skills that enable them to mature as good citizens who embody the scout ethos. The clergy at St. Francis are supportive of the programs and provide age appropriate spiritual instruction following curriculum provide through the Boy Scouts of America. These programs are open to the youth of our parish whether they are a member of our Troop 109, Pack 109 or members of a troop or pack located somewhere else in the community.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Jon Paris, 228-3743, or [jparis@strategic.aero](mailto:jparis@strategic.aero)

## MUSIC ACADEMY

The Academy of Music at St. Francis in the Fields offers excellent musical instruction with a faculty of highly trained musicians who are committed to teaching. Instruction is offered through private lessons, monthly performance classes, recitals, and master classes. The Academy teaches piano, violin, voice, guitar, and flute.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Nancy Albrink or Eleanor Borus at: 228-1157, or by e-mail at: [academyofmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:academyofmusic@bellsouth.net).

## ST. TIMOTHY'S ON BARNES MOUNTAIN

This Appalachian Mission serves the people of Barnes Mountain in Estill County, Kentucky. The people of St. Timothy's have established clothing and food banks, a summer day camp, Girl Scouts and craft activities that meet the needs of their mountain community. Over the past several years, St. Francis has funded several projects including construction of an education center and financial aid support for their summer camping program. Currently, St. Francis hosts an annual craft fair in the Narthex, selling hand made crafts and foods made by members of the St. Francis community and local artist from Barnes Mountain. The fair is held on the third Sunday during the month of November. St. Francis also holds a food drive and toy collection, during the season of Advent, for the community of Barnes Mountain as well. Both, food baskets and gifts are distributed during the Christmas season.

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## LOAVES AND FISHES

If you have ever wondered where extra food from Costco goes ask Curtis Taylor. Over 4 years ago Curtis noticed that there was always extra food leftover from the events right here at St. Francis. Moved by the needs he saw of homeless individuals living downtown Curtis began a ministry whereby he took our own extra food and fed whoever would come to the trunk of his car. This ministry has now grown to the point where much of the canned goods are donated by local entities; however, the areas of food pick-up, food preparation, serving and clean-up are in need of people who are willing to fulfill the call to feed the hungry. There is an ongoing need to purchase meats, condiments and serving supplies. Your tax deductible donations are always needed and appreciated. Please make out your checks to St. Francis in the Fields and write "Loaves and Fishes" on the memo line and give to Carol Brady, Parish Bookkeeper.

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## ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### THE YOKED MINISTRY WITH ST. PETER'S CHURCH

In the fall of 2006 a desire to create more opportunities for doing Christ's work led to the formation of a yoked relationship between St. Francis and St. Peter's, an Episcopal parish in southwestern Jefferson County. In January 2007 the relationship between the two parishes became official when both Vestries approved the Yoke for Mission and Ministry. St. Francis has blessed St. Peter's with financial help in their time of new growth and development. Both parishes have enjoyed pulpit exchanges between the rectors, and the St Francis Field Hands have shared their talents with St. Peter's congregation.

## PROJECT ELI

### CABLE BAPTIST

In 2008 St. Francis was introduced to a program called Project E.L.I. (Everyone Loves Inncity) established by the Rev. Kevin Crosby of St. Stephen Baptist Church in downtown Louisville. Rev. Crosby's dream is to reach out to every youth through youth ministry programs and outreach to the community. St. Francis has partnered with Cable Baptist in order to provide for a youth ministry program that would do just that. Our youth have visited Cable Baptist to participate in their Wednesday night program and the youth of Cable Baptist have come here to sing and perform for our Wednesday night crowd.