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The logo for St. Francis features a large white 'S' on the left. A red cross is superimposed over the right side of the 'S'. The cross has a sunburst or halo effect around its top and right arms. To the right of the 'S' and cross, the word 'Francis' is written in a large, white, serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark blue background.

St Francis



July 9, 2014

SLOW

*As for what was sown on good soil . . .
Matthew 13:23*

Why Was Jesus In So Much Trouble All The Time?

One of the main reasons he was in so much trouble with so many people is that He moved so slow. The Jews of the day kept the picture of the Messiah from the Old Testament in their minds. This was supposed to be someone who would powerfully and suddenly conquer any of the enemies of Israel and bring the nation into the rightful place of leading the world. From the beginning Jesus took messianic titles but did not move quickly at all to get Israel out of the Roman Empire. In fact, as you know, Jesus did not do anything to overcome any of the Roman oppression of that day. It was all very disappointing. Even Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, raised questions about whether or not Jesus was the promised messiah.

Is Jesus In Trouble With You?

Are you sometimes disappointed with Jesus not answering you when you feel you need it? Do you want to see Jesus do more than what he seems to be doing now? Does that mean you will ignore him, quit church, make your own spiritual practices, or generally be disappointed with God? Or, can you die to all of that and see what comes from the way Jesus does things today? Can you wait on the crop that comes from good soil? What is Jesus asking you to do about that?

Coming Attractions

Saturday, July 12, 2014 Blessing of the Animals 10:00am-11:30am at My Manakin Market

Sunday, July 13, 2014 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 6:00pm Experimental Wednesday

Sunday, July 20, 2014 worship at 10:00am (Doug Burgoine, guest)

FURRY FRIENDS ADOPTION DAY

Join us for a fun day at the market where we'll be celebrating our furry friends! Bring your favorite pooch or other small animal (or farm animal!) for a Blessing of the Animals (and their masters) from 10:00-11:30 with The Rev. John F. Maher, Jr., Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Manakin. Goochland County Animal Control will be there with some dogs available for adoption, and Debbie with Mid-Atlantic Springer English Spaniel Rescue will also have a few pups looking for their forever homes. 2SpeakDogs will be demonstrating "Understanding Placement, How to communicate to your pup through body language and energy", too! And of course, Pawsome Pet treats will be there with a variety of healthy homemade treats, including a frozen treat to cool your friend down at the market (also available for take home). Don't miss this fun and exciting event!

Experimental Wednesdays

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00pm, at St. Francis Episcopal Church
June 4-September 3

The Seven Signs in the Gospel of John

Read each story once/day for a week before the Wednesday it is scheduled

Read with these questions in mind:

What does this story say to you about people?

What does this story say to you about Jesus?

What does this story have to say about you

Who needs to hear this story?

July 16
August 6

The Feeding of the 5,000
Jesus Walks on the Water

John 6:5-14
John 6:16-35

August 20	Jesus Heals a Man Morn Blind	John 9:1-41
September 3	The Resurrection of Lazarus	John 11:17-46

Who needs to hear about this gathering? Bring them along!

Advance Notice for the New Member Class

On October 12, 2014 Bishop Gullick will be with us to preside, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. Those of you who are new to St. Francis are invited to pray about becoming a formal member at that time.

It means taking my very engaging new member class. There are four topics which you study at home:

1. What is the Church?
2. What is the Episcopal Church?
3. What is St. Francis Episcopal Church?
4. What does Jesus want me to do about His Church?

Late in September all who have taken this course will come together for one very rich and encouraging session. Let me know if you are interested. I will be distributing the material for the four sessions to interested people in August. BTW-if you have been a long time member you are still invited to take part in this!! Let me know.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For CD's Barbecue that business would increase in this location.

Diocese of Virginia

For all baptized in their daily life and work.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all the boards of supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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