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Amazing Songs

Express your joy in singing among yourselves psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts for the ears of God! Ephesians 5:12 (J.B. Phillips Translation)

Singing on Sunday
At St. Francis we have a congregation that loves to sing. We use a mix of hymns and contemporary worship songs. We have also begun writing some of our own worship songs and service music. All of that is great! We have been learning together how to offer God a sacrifice of praise. We have been seeing how Jesus is "enthroned on the praises" of his people (see Psalm 22:3). It is always a very wonderful time with God together.

Amazing Songs
I had a thought the other day. Wouldn't it be amazing if all the songs we sing on a particular Sunday were written by people from St. Francis? What would it be like to sing more "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" that God prompted us to write? It might be a very rich and powerful way the Spirit of God is forming us in St. Francis? I wonder if sometime this year we might have our first Sunday service with all original St. Francis worship songs. That would be amazing! Let's ask God for the capacity to do just that.

Interesting?
Does this idea catch your attention? Are you feeling a "prompt" to try it. Let me know. Send me an email and we can start thinking about how to encourage budding songwriters to grow and improve in their songwriting.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, January 27, 2019 Worship at 10:00am

Sunday, February 4, 2019 Worship at 10:00am.

Congratulations to Diane Montgomery and Richard Walker who were elected to the vestry committee at our Annual Meeting last Sunday!

The first Sunday of each month, after church, Karen & Chris Webber will be collecting donated food from the Food Lion in Centerville and taking it

to the food pantry. This would be an ideal time for anyone in the church to bring in their own donations!! The food pantry is in dire need of cereal, canned soups, and canned vegetables (not generally things donated by grocery stores). If this is something you would like to contribute to, just bring it to church and we would make sure it was delivered to the food pantry.

Please help us in the fun sharing our favorite recipes, in the form of a St. Francis cookbook. Please bring your recipes to the pot luck each month, and give to Libby or Karen. You can also email to lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com.

Centerville Circle of Prayer
Broadview Mini Storage; Elliot Cooke, manager. The presence of God in the community and a strong business community.

The Diocese of Virginia
For the people of Vauters, Loretto; Christ Church, Spotsylvania; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; and All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion
For the people of Llandaff (Wales) The Rt Revd June Osborne (Diocesan Bishop); St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (England) The Rt Revd Martin Seeley (Diocesan Bishop)St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (England) The Rt Revd Michael Harrison; St Helena (Southern Africa) Vacant (Diocesan Bishop)

Grace and Pace,

John Maher

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