



March 2010

The Hilltop Herald

St. Francis Episcopal Church

Celebrating God's Love with Everyone

Come ye all to the Faire! Your Planning Guild has been working hard for more than a year to make this the best celebration St. Francis Church has ever had.

We have a full day's entertainment planned for the pavilion: madrigal singers from UTSA, UIW, and Jay High School, as well as the Merrie Court Singers and Sally's Garden; the Bedouin Dancers; and our own St. Francis Players doing Hamlet as you've never seen it. The Society for Creative Anachronism will be on hand to provide displays of weaponry, costume, and dancing.

There are vendors and craftspeople scheduled to sell jewelry, costumes, skin-care products, and various other wares. Amy Johnson will have a kitchen area demonstrating cooking in Tudor times. And you can watch a real blacksmith, too.

The Lion and Rose Pub will be on hand with authentic 16th-century food: turkey legs, meat pies, and sausages. There will be a baker with sweets for sale. And in addition to apple cider and lemonade, we'll be selling ale and mead, a medieval honey wine. You'll get a real taste of the period!

Bring the kids, too, because there will be a variety of activities for them, and they'll have fun while they're learning a little history. And all the proceeds from admission fees and booth rentals go to Family Service Association's programs with St. Francis Church.

If you sign up to work at the Faire, admission is free,

Renaissance Faire

Saturday, March 6

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



so put your name on one of the sheets in the narthex. Even if you can't work—or can't attend—please take a few information cards to hand out to your friends and coworkers. And buy a t-shirt! By the way, if you absolutely refuse to wear a costume or can't put one together, you can wear the official t-shirt to work your shift.

And don't forget: on Sunday, March 7, the day after the Faire, there will be only one service, at 10 a.m. We will use *The Ordre for the Administration of the Lordes Supper*, or Holy Communion straight from the 1559 Book of Common Prayer—the version written largely by Thomas Cranmer and authorized by Queen Elizabeth I shortly after she ascended the throne. The Choir of St. Francis-upon-the-hill (also known as the 11:15 choir) will sing the service music and several anthems. It's a different way to celebrate the third Sunday of Lent—and a tribute to the beauty of our Anglican heritage. And you can wear your costume to church to add to the period feeling.

So plan to spend your weekend in the village of St. Francis-upon-the-hill, and bring your friends, too. It will be like nothing our parish has ever seen!

The Planning Guild

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See more at www.RenFaireSFCSA.org.

Easter is April 4 this year, and once again you are invited to the annual Easter Brunch held between the later services. Bring friends and family and enjoy a wonderful meal of ham, potatoes, fruit, and salad. If you can help with the cooking, set-up, or clean-up, contact me or sign up on one of the sheets in the church entry.

—Dawn Neumann, Women of the Church

St. Francis Worship Services

Sundays

7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (contemporary music)
10:15-11:05 a.m.	Christian Formation classes
11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (traditional music)

Wednesdays

noon Holy Eucharist and Healing

See calendar page for special services and changes.