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Of All Souls' Episcopal Church

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Rector's Award For Outstanding Service To Christ and His Church 2016

Every year at the annual parish meeting, it is our pleasure to honor a parishioner, or married couple, whose involvement in the life of our parish is estimable and deserves recognition. Sometimes the recipient has held positions of leadership; sometimes he or she has spearheaded a particular project, organized an important event for our congregation, or initiated a program which was of true benefit to others. But the recognition always involves consistency of Christian worship and witness in the service of Almighty God and his church.

This year's recipient, like so many within the church, is not a "cradle Episcopalian". She began attending All Souls' Church with her husband in July of 2002, and both were confirmed the following Spring. This occasioned great joy from parishioners who were long-standing friends, and also from new acquaintances, who discovered in them grace and kindness of a very Oklahoman sort – genuine, straightforward, completely void of pretense.

Several months after her confirmation she joined the Altar Guild, and for the last thirteen years has been a faithful member, carrying out the myriad of duties of the Guild, and doing so in the spirit of charm and good humor which is her nature. Her husband, a greatly respected physician, died in 2010; since that time her involvement in the church has not abated, but rather increased.

She is a lady of poise and precision who highly values the manner in which all things are conducted in our parish: with dignity, attention to detail, and in the "beauty of holiness". However, over the years she noticed something wanting in our ministry which she took it upon herself to address. She gathered a small group of ladies who put together a proposal to improve the receptions in the parish hall which often take place following funerals. They took an inventory of the church's collection of silver, polished it up, drew up an actual menu of finger sandwiches, cookies, fruit, nuts, mints, punch, and coffee, and began hosting receptions in the fall of 2014. Most important, however, is the spirit with which they enter into their work and the gracious welcome and concern they show for the bereaved families and guests.

The committee is made up of Debbie LeFlore, D'Arline McCubbin, Alice McInnis, Susan Robertson, Janet Selvidge, and Barbara Watson. The lady who initiated and organizes this ministry of hospitality set the tone for it with her own elegance and sincere love of God and his people. She has been described as an "executive by nature with a heart of compassion."

It is then our joy and delight, with deep affection and admiration, to present the *Layman of the Year Award* to Mrs. Phyllis J. Stough.

In Testimony whereof, We the congregation of All Souls' have caused this instrument to have attached to it the seal of our Parish, and the signature of the Rector, at the sixty-ninth Annual Parish Meeting duly convened on the twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

The Staff of All Souls'

The Rev. Patrick E Bright.....Rector
The Rev. Dale A. Petley.....Assoc. Rector
The Rt. Rev. Bruce MacPherson ... Asst. Bishop
The Rev. James Easter.....Deacon
The Rev. Mac Stewart.....Curate
The Rev. John Marlin.....Asst. Priest
The Rev. Charles Blizzard..... Chaplain, Casady
Terry Prather.....Director of Youth Ministries
Alicia Fay.... Coordinator-Children's Education
Ken Casey.....Business Manager
Lucy Covington.....Parish Activity Director
Cindy Cross.....Receptionist
James Hulsey.....Music Intern
Jamie Keith.....CDO Director
Tim Marek.....Assistant Organist
Tammy Mass.....Administrative Assistant
Aymondray Myers..... Sexton
Anna Polk.....Parish Secretary
Dr. Laura van der Windt.....Organist/Choir Dir.
Kim Willison..... Housekeeper

The Vestry

Senior Warden.....Joe Lewallen
Junior Warden.....Ron Bradshaw
Clerk of Vestry.....Jackie Fields
Treasurer.....Jean Hartstuck
Chancellor..... Michael Kirschner

Vestry Members

Russell Crain, Brown Douglas, Susie Kemp, Kendall Phillips, Newt Brown, Kim Harry, Steve Knox, Jamie Lathrop, Dan Stuart, Mary Fitzsimons, Bill Fix, Jayne Henline, Caleb Hill, Andy Sullivan

All Souls' Committee & Group Meetings

Altar Guild - 3rd Tuesday, 10:30am-Gallery
Bible Study-Fr. Petley, Tuesday mornings 7 - 7:45am -Library
Bible Study -Bishop MacPherson, Wednesday mornings 11am -Library
Bread of Life Study - Every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of each month, 6pm Parish Hall
Brotherhood of St. Andrew - 2nd Saturday at 8:30am - Chapel/Parish Hall
Daughters of the King - First Wednesday at 6-7pm - South Lounge
ECW - Board Mtg, Tuesday, April 11, noon -PH
Grief Share Group Support - Wednesdays at 4pm - South Lounge
Guild of St. George - Board Mtg. Third Wednesday at 5:30pm - Library
Ladies Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 9:30am-South Lounge
Senior Group - March 19th, Dot Wo, 6161 N. May after 11am service
St. Anne's Guild - 4th Tuesday at 11:45 - Parish Hall
St. Paul's Guild - 2nd Tuesday at 5:30pm - South Lounge
Stephen Ministry - First and Third Tuesday at 6:15pm - Parish Hall
Vestry - Third Monday at 6pm - South Lounge

Guild of St. George Food of the Month

February - Rice, pasta, macaroni & cheese

March - Peanut butter

In addition to food items, donations of full size toiletry items such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and deodorant are needed.

TIME CHANGE!

Remember to set your clocks
forward 1 hour on
Saturday night, March 11th

Childrens Day Out
All Souls' Episcopal Church

NO CHILDREN'S DAY OUT
March 13 & 16
(Spring Break)

God's Ultimate Valentine

For some people, February's media focus on Valentine's Day is a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or other life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love--God's "ultimate Valentine"--back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you! To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister or how you can become a Stephen Minister, talk with any of our clergy or with one of our Stephen Leaders: Newt Brown, Vicki Reynolds, Jim Case, Jeanne Jackson, or Dean Jackson.



Mark your calendars now to be part of the SUPER fun at Hero Central Vacation Bible School!

Come soar with us June 5th – 9th from 9:30-12:00 noon, at the Christian Family Life Center, where (potty-trained) 4-year-olds through 6th graders will learn that God's heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, hope and **POWER!**

On-line registration begins March 31st! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities both before and during VBS; we would **welcome** your assistance! (Nursery care will be provided for younger children of VBS volunteers during that week!)

If you have questions or would like to assist, please contact Erin Heely (theHeelys@gmail.com); Susan Borgan (susanborgan@gmail.com); or Alicia Fay (alfay@allsoulsockc.com). **Power up!**

Children's Education News

.During our February unit of children's Sunday school for first through fifth graders, "The Body of Christ: Vessels of Grace", we have been discussing the important role each and every person has in the Body of Christ/Church. Paul uses the example of the relationship between the parts of the human body to illustrate how all the members of the Church are designed by God and gifted by the Holy Spirit to work together to accomplish God's plans on the earth. In one of our workshops, the children talked about various machines, including an electric mixer. They noted the different parts of the electric mixer, to include the cord and plug, which bring electricity to the motor, which makes the beaters rotate and mix whatever happens to be in the bowl. Some of the questions for the children to ponder included: "Is one part of the mixer more important than any other?" "Would the mixer work as well if it didn't have the motor to turn the beaters?" "If it didn't have beaters, would it even be a machine that mixed things up?" The conclusion was that each part of the mixer is necessary and important for the mixer to execute the role for which it was created! In one of the other workshops, the children are being introduced to a spiritual gifts inventory. They will discuss the findings, and put a "name" to (identify) the various gifts, be given examples for each, and offered ways the gifts can be used to serve others. With Lent upon us, this information might be helpful in directing us as we venture to be more charitable with our time by taking something "on" (as opposed to, or in addition to "giving something up")!

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10
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Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning March 8th through April 5, following our communal meal, as children in Kindergarten through 5th grades will participate in the Lenten "Godly Play" lessons. Nursery will be provided for children in Pre-K and younger.

~Alicia Fay



Every Tuesday morning we have staff meeting in the South Lounge. We begin with devotion, go over the calendar, church schedule and check in with one another.

Recently, it was Fr. Bright's go at leading the devotion and he read from the third chapter of Colossians. It happens to be one of my favorite passages...and it took me back in time to when I spoke at Casady Chapel.

I'm going to cheat a little here and use the Message...it's a paraphrase that I use when studying scripture along with these translations, KJV, NIV and ESV.

3 1-2 So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective.

3-4 Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

5-8 And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

9-11 Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

12-14 So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

~Terry Prather



ECW Lenten Quiet Day Tuesday, March 21



The ECW Lenten Quiet Day will be on Tuesday, March 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Lunch will be provided, so it is requested that those planning to attend register in advance. Our speaker this year is Fr. Andrew Petiprin. He is the Rector of St. Mary of the Angels Church in Orlando, FL. He became rector in 2011. He grew up in Orlando and Spent three years as a French and German Teacher before going to seminary. Father Andrew was a British Marshall Scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford from 2001 to 2002, and it was during this time that he began to hear God's call to the priesthood. He trained for ordination at Yale and was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in 2010.

Fr. Petiprin has a passion for teaching the Bible and leading liturgy. He and his wife Amber are the parents of two young children: a son, Alexander, and a daughter, Aimee. Father Andrew enjoys writing and is a regular contributor to the Living Church magazine and their Covenant Blog. He will preach at services March 18th and 19th. His topic for the Quiet Day will be *Finding Faith in Doctrine*, and will reflect on how having the right ideas about who God is provide for better human flourishing.

The Quiet Day schedule is:

8:30 am	Morning Prayer
9:15 am	First Address - Father
10:00 am	Holy Communion
11:15 am	Second Address - Son
12:00 pm	Angelus and Noonday Prayers <i>(followed by lunch in the Parish Hall)</i>
1:15 pm	Third Address - Holy Spirit
2:30 pm	Closing Prayers



Daughters of the King

I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will you have me to do? This is the Motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King and a spiritual path the Daughters commit themselves to following daily.

There are hundreds of Daughters around the world who dedicate themselves to prayer, a daily walk with Christ and to sharing His love with others. The All Souls Chapter of the Daughters meets the first Wednesday of each month.

If you are interested in becoming a Daughter please contact Vicki Reynolds or Deborah Thompson.

Guild of St. George is in need of toiletry items including soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and toilet tissue. You can bring your donated items to the Parish Hall and place in baskets Provided at South wall.

Library News

As Ash Wednesday and Lent approach you may want to consider a seasonal reading or devotional from our Lent/Easter section such as, *A Time to Turn: Anglican Readings for Lent and Easter Week* by Christopher Webber or, perhaps, something regarding prayer or the Spiritual Disciplines such as *Prayer: Finding the Hearts True Home* by Richard J. Foster. (Browse both our Prayer and Devotional sections for other titles.) Below are some new additions to the Parish Library:

Anglican/Episcopal:

Anglicanism – Paul Elmer More and Frank Leslie Cross

Christology:

Jesus: A Theography – Leonard Sweet and Frank Viola

Church in Society:

Evil and the Justice of God– N.T. Wright

Fiction:

Son of Laughter–Fredrick Buechner

Marriage and Family:

Why Christian Kids Rebel– Tim Kimmel

(More books coming. Thank you to those of you who have made donations!)

If you have questions or suggestions concerning the library or books you wish to donate to the library, please contact Phillip Parker at phillip1552@msn.com.

Have You Found Your Place at All Souls'? A Spiritual Gifts Inventory may give you the answer.



Habitat for Humanity

Everyone here has special abilities given to them as believers to fulfill the mission of the Church.



Mobile Meals



Office Volunteers

The purpose of identifying your Spiritual Gifts is to assist you in better understanding the role God has created you for and know specifically how you can contribute as you serve in an All Souls' ministry. By taking the Spiritual Gifts Inventory in March, you will learn more about your ability to serve in and through our church. Let's find out together!

iPhone Users' Group

Whether it's your first iPhone or your seventh, this users' group is a great way to learn about new features and pick up helpful tips and tricks.

We meet most Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Kennedy Parlor. Bring your phone, your questions and your passwords so you can join us as we download apps, edit photos, use the calendar, learn about Siri and maps, and more! Watch the church bulletin, and join our email list to make sure you don't miss a single class!

We also need people who are good with the iPhone and like to teach others how to use theirs. If you are willing to serve as a "helper" during the sessions, please let us know!

Next meeting is February 28, 2017, 10:00 am!

Questions? Contact Lucy Covington or Pam Troup.

We have also had requests to start an Android Users' group. If you are interested, please contact Lucy!



COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE
Study
Beginning March 2, the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study group will begin a study by **Adam Hamilton**, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, titled :

"24 Hours That Changed the World"

Through this study during Lent we will relive the one day in history that changed everything and experience and understand the significance of Jesus' final hours. Questions will be distributed at the meetings, beginning on the 2nd. The group is open to any woman and meets at 9:30 on Thursdays in the South Lounge.

Contact Cindy Hazelwood or Kelly Krahl, should you have questions.

Special Lenten Study Program Bishop MacPherson Wednesday mornings

In keeping with the Wednesday morning Bible study program that Bishop MacPherson has provided over the past 3-1/2 years, a special Lenten study program will be offered this year. The program, designed specifically for Lent, and entitled *The Meaning of the Cross* will be a six week offering drawing upon Scripture. The class is open to all and will embrace the gifts, lessons, marks, blessings, words and glory of the Cross, leading us from Ash Wednesday on our journey to the empty tomb of Easter.

The sessions will be held at 11:00 o'clock every Wednesday beginning March 1, 2017 and concluding about 11:45 a.m. (Although this first session is on Ash Wednesday, parishioners are enabled to attend either the 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Liturgy.)

Following Easter we will embark upon a study of The Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Questions may be directed to Bishop MacPherson at 405.657.0530 or dbm3wla@aol.com.



St. Anne's Guild

Last month, instead of Father Stewart, we enjoyed Bishop MacPherson as our speaker.

A donation in memory of **Sue Karim** and **Mary Louise Frederickson** from the St. Anne's Guild has been made to purchase "manipulatives" for the Godly Play program with Children's Sunday School.

Bring a dish and join us for a Potluck in the Parish Hall at 11:45 Tuesday, February 28th – Mardi Gras
Our speaker will be Fr. Mac.



Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts –

You may have an All Souls' t-shirt in your drawer at home which says, "We Have A Place for You – All Souls' Episcopal Church". It is a great slogan, but what does it actually mean? Not simply that we have room in a pew for you. Place is not just a building or location. Place is the knowledge that you have a purpose, you belong and have a role.

We have just had our 69th Annual Parish Meeting. Inevitably every year some parishioners will remark to me that they had no idea how many activities take place within the life of our congregation. We are truly blessed with numerous opportunities to serve God and his people in our parish. God has a purpose for each of us. Tim Keller writes, "Every human being has talents and aptitudes to do work that serves the human

community, but Christians have both natural talents as people in God's image and spiritual gifts as new creatures in Christ. This means Christians not only must determine how their talents equip them for a certain range of work, but also how their gifts equip them for a certain range of ministry in Christ's name."

Parishioners who wish to know their purpose and identify where they should or could serve *at* and *through* All Souls' Church, will have an opportunity this spring. We will ask you to take a simple Spiritual Gifts inventory to identify what gifts God has given each of us for ministry.

St. Paul, in his first letter to the church in Corinth, wrote, "Now concerning, spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed." (1 Cor 12:1) The reality is that few of us have identified our spiritual gifts and "our place" to use them. Wouldn't you like to be informed? Aren't you curious? The results of the inventory will be specific to you. Each report will be a customized identification of your God-given spiritual gifts and recommendations as to where you can put these gifts to use.

Here is how it will work:

Fr. Stewart preached about Spiritual Gifts last Sunday. Please visit www.allsoulsokc.com to read his sermon if you missed it.

The Spiritual Gifts inventory will be online beginning March 19th and available through April 8th.

The inventory will also be available in hardcopy at the church office.

On Sunday, April 30th, inventory results will be available. If you can't pick them up that day, they will remain in the church office for pick up during the week.

I hope you will participate in this important inventory both for your own blessing and for that of our entire congregation, the body of Christ.

~ Fr. Bright

Lenten Wednesday Nights beginning March 8th

Potluck Dinners - 6:00pm

Speaker - 6:45pm

March 8th—Lecture I ~ TBD

Host: Vestry

A-E Dessert; F-L Main Course;

M-R Salad; S-Z Vegetable

March 15th—Lecture II ~ TBD

Host: Altar Guild

A-E Main Course; F-L Salad;

M-R Vegetable; S-Z Dessert

March 22nd—Lecture III ~ Fr. Andrew Petiprin, Rector of St. Mary of the Angels Church

Orlando, Florida

Host: ECW

A-E Salad; F-L Vegetable;

M-R Dessert; S-Z Main Course

March 29th—Lecture IV ~ The Revd Canon Paul Jeffries

Host: Ushers

A-E Vegetable; F-L Dessert;

M-R Main Course; S-Z Salad

April 5th—Lecture V ~ Carrie Willard, speaker and writer, Mockingbird Ministries

Host: Youth Group

A-E Dessert; F-L Main Course;

M-R Salad; S-Z Vegetable

Potluck Dinner Schedule: For each of the dates, please bring items according to the first letter of your last name. The dish should serve 8-10 people. The Church provides serving utensils.

Nursery is provided for children Pre-K and under. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grades will participate in the Lenten "Godly Play" lessons. Youth activities will take place in the CFCL if renovations are complete. If not, they will meet in the South Lounge. Please encourage other families to join you for the Lenten series.