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All Souls' Episcopal Church

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**All Souls' Committee & Group Meetings**

**Altar Guild** - Third Tuesday, 10:30am - Parish Hall  
**Bible Study**- Fr. Petley, Tuesday mornings, 7 - 7:45am, resumes Sept. 26 - Library  
**Bible Study** -Bishop MacPherson, Wednesday mornings 11am - 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  
**Grief Share Group Support** - Every Wednesday at 4pm resumes, Sept 13 - South Lounge  
**Guild of St. George** - Board Mtg, Third Wednesday at 5:30pm - Library  
**Ladies Morning Bible Study** - Every Thursday at 9:30am - South Lounge resumes Sept. 7th  
**Senior Group** - Sept. 17, Cheever's, after 11am service  
**St. Anne's Guild** - 4th Tuesday at 11:45 - Parish Hall, September 26th Luncheon  
**St. Paul's Guild** - 2nd Tuesday at 5:30pm - South Lounge  
**Stephen Ministry** - First and Third Tuesday at 6:15pm - Parish Hall  
**Vestry** - 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm - South Lounge

**Guild of St. George**

**Food of the Month**

**August: Rice, Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese**

**September: Peanut Butter**

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

**Office Closed**

**Labor Day**  
**September 4th**

*Happy Labor Day!*



**Summer Service Schedule**

8:00am Holy Communion  
 10:00am Holy Communion  
 10:00am Children's Chapel/Sunday School  
 5:00pm Holy Communion

**Chapel Services**

Morning Prayer  
 8:30am Monday.-Friday  
 Evening Prayer  
 5:30pm Monday-Friday  
 Holy Communion  
 Wednesday. 7:00am & 10:00am  
 Thursday 5:30pm  
 Sunday 5:00pm

**Fall Schedule Begins September 10th**

8:00am Holy Communion  
 9:15am Holy Communion/Children's Chapel/Sunday School  
 11:00am Holy Communion  
 5:00pm Holy Communion Chapel

**Gathered Together Weekly in His Name**

In the epistle to the Hebrews the author writes, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

Mr. Harris Misner was a devout and honorable parishioner of Christ Church in Lower East Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia. He worked for many years doing physical labor on the harbor front at the oil refinery. When I came to the parish, Harris was retired and in his eighties. His wife was confined to a wheel chair, both her legs amputated due to poor circulation. I took her Holy Communion regularly at their little home on the crest of a hill approached via a quarter mile dirt driveway through their field. He was loving and dutiful in caring for Edna, and when she died he said, "I'm like a boat now that's lost its rudder." Harris was a stalwart witness to the Christian faith, most notably by one simple act - his steady, regular attendance at church every Sunday. It was not unusual in mid-winter for Harris to put on his winter clothes and insulated boots and walk through the unplowed snow to the church, about two miles from his home. Often on such Sundays I would come across him trudging through the snow on the side of the highway *en route* to church - and this was when he was in his late 80s and early 90s! He was a witness and an encouragement (also an indictment) to others in the community.

I have heard Episcopalians say, "One of the things I like about the Episcopal Church is that they don't expect you to be in church every Sunday." This is not the teaching of the Church nor of Holy Scripture. Bishop MacPherson's responds to such a statement with, "It is what God expects of you." In the Table of Feasts, of the Book of Common Prayer (1928, p. 1), is stated: "To be observed in this Church throughout the year - *All Sundays in the year.*" We know Jesus faithfully observed corporate Divine worship on the Sabbath. "As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day..." (Luke 14:16). If our Lord Jesus did this, it should tell us rather emphatically about our need to do so as well.

We take such thought and care for our physical and financial well-being yet we are so casual about the eternal grace of God and our salvation. Jesus puts this in perspective, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Luke 16:26)

Regular Sunday attendance at church is a crucial part of helping us to keep our priorities in right order, dealing with our fears and anxieties, recollecting that there is a love and a holy providence at work in all things, and ensuring that our children benefit from our very good Sunday School program. Jesus tells us that when two or three are gathered together in his name he is with us. As members one of another in his body, we need each other and are encouraged in our shared Christian life, as the exhortation to the Hebrews says.

Please come with your fellow parishioners to church Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for the 10:00 a.m. service and then for the Parish Kick-Off at the Christian Family Life Center with lunch, family activities, and an opportunity to learn about and join in the ministries of your church. May we all make this an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to a strong, regular participation for our good individually, for the good of others in the grace of our Lord, and all to the glory of God.

~Fr. Bright

## Library News

For your end of summer reading pleasure, you may wish to consider one of these recent additions to the parish library.

**Anglican/Episcopal:** Cranmer's Selected Writings – Carl S. Meyer, Guarding the Holy Fire: The Evangelicalism of John R.W. Stott, J.I. Packer, and Alister McGrath – Roger Steer

**Bible Study:** Through the Bible through the Year – John Stott

**Biography:** George Whitefield- J.R Andrews, There Is A God: How the world's most notorious atheist changed his mind – Anthony Flew and Roy Abraham Varghase, Jeremy Taylor-Edmund Gosse, J.I. Packer: An Evangelical Life-Leland Ryken

**Fiction:** Come Rain or Come Shine – Jan Karon

**Marriage and Family:** Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood: Practical Parenting from Birth to Six Years- Jim Fay and Charles Fay, The Christian Husband – Bob Lepine

We also subscribe to several magazines that you may want to check out. These include The Anglican Digest, First Things and The Living Church. (Other titles will soon be added.)

Finally, a special thank you goes to Father Petley and Father Marlin for the donation of books from their libraries to the parish library. (Some of these books are still being processed but will be on the shelves soon.)

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](mailto:phillip1552@msn.com).



## Stephens Ministry

The Stephens Ministry was founded by Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D. He was Pastoring a church in St Louis and realized he needed help with visiting parishioners in need. He developed the "Stephen Series", a one-to-one caring lay Ministry and trained members of the church to use these tools to help others. His organization draws its name from St. Stephen. Since the days of the Apostles, caring Ministry has been a hallmark of the Christian Faith Community. Stephen is first mentioned in Acts as one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to distribute food and charitable aid to poorer members in the early church.

Reverend Haugk believed that Christianity was not a spectator sport. He envisioned that everyone in the Christian community would be engaged in some service to Christ and His Church. Stephen Ministers serve others by living out Galatians 6:2, *Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Lines from "The Servant Song", by Richard Gilland describe what a Stephen Minister does, *"I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrows, til we've seen this journey through."* The Stephens Ministry gives Christians a practical way to live out John 13:34, *"love each other as I have loved you."*

If you would like to know more about having a Stephen's Minister visit with you please contact Jim Case, Vicki Reynolds, or Newt Brown.

## H.E.R.O.E.S. Care A new outreach program for All Souls'

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care (**H**omefront **E**nabling **R**elationships, **O**pportunities, and **E**mpowerment through **S**upport) is a program to provide support to military families in the communities where they live. This program is run through churches with established Stephen Ministry programs such as the one at All Souls'. This tandem program operates with many of the same principles as Stephen Ministry, but it does have some distinct differences in the target population, the way in which care is provided, and the resources caregivers have at their disposal to aid the families in need. Most of the care giving is done through telephone contact since many of the families may not be in the local area. Also, caregivers have access to a wide range of financial and material support resources available to aid families in addition to providing emotional and spiritual support. Families of National Guard and Reserves members who traditionally do not live close to military installations are a particular focus of this program.

The opportunity to serve in this exciting new outreach program is open to anyone who has completed the 50 hour Stephen Ministry training program regardless if you're currently an active Stephen Minister or not.

If you'd like additional information please contact Jeanne or Dean Jackson.



This summer while on vacation I had several moments of 'remembering' as I reflected on my life...where I've been, where I am and where I'm going. One of those reflections that was deeply significant was remembering the time I felt called to Youth Ministry.

To be clear...there was a very specific time and place where I sensed God calling me to Youth Ministry. I doubted God would call me because I couldn't identify with most of those I knew in ministry. I didn't feel 'good enough' for God to use so I ran. I thought I could outrun God and this call on my life. But as you might guess...I didn't outrun God!

As we prepare to kick off the fall I want to share with you how much joy and energy I found in remembering those times of feeling called. There is a certain steadfastness and stick-to-itiveness that a true and deep calling give that's important. There will be times, seasons of doubting, frustration, difficulty, trials and the like. It's that deep sense of being called that provide the foundation and framework to 'keep the faith' and to 'stay the course'. The actual thought I had during one of my times of reflection, and I hope not to offend anyone here, is how I've allowed the minutia of life and getting fatigued by church planning, planning some more, interpersonal relationship issues, meetings, too many meetings, fatigue, stress, depression, frustration, doubt, the constant grind of what can we do to get more people involved, what's wrong with me, why don't more people come, what's the key to church growth, where are all the youth, second guessing and on and on to absolutely rob me of that joy and clarity of what God has called me to. It comes down to where the focus is.

This focus is in remember what God called me to...to minister to youth. To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. To help our youth continuing growing as disciples of Jesus Christ and to walk with them on their journey of faith. It was very clear on that day back in 1992 when I landed my first full time Youth Ministry job. I was driving down Memorial road asking God for clarity and direction.

This scripture came to mind almost as though I could reach out and touch the words. They are found in the Gospel of Matthew 7:24-27. "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

I'm thankful to God for taking me back to the place of His call on my life to Youth Ministry. And I'm thankful that despite all that each of deal with on a day to day basis...the minutia... He remains faithful. He will give us all that we need to accomplish those things He call us to...it's His work and He will bring it to completion. I feel that thru these summer reflections and remembering God's call on my life and the joy that it ultimately brought...I've also had the joy of my salvation restored.

Terry Prather

## Christian Education News



We are busily preparing for the upcoming Sunday school year, trying to ensure that we have the supplies, books, teachers, all things shiny and ready to greet a brand new "year"! On August 1, Oklahoma City Public Schools began *their* brand new year! While the teachers, too, were busily preparing their classrooms, ensuring they had the supplies they needed was somewhat of a challenge. This is where we come in, for one of the schools. **WNH Elementary** is and has been one of our "mission projects" for the past two years. Through children's Sunday school chapel offerings and our annual bake sale (and miscellaneous specifically designated offerings), we assist the teachers with classroom supply needs. We are still in the process of doing so, and have quite a way to go... Pictured above are some of the supplies we have purchased, which include markers, crayons, glue sticks, flashcards, colored copy paper, gift cards, and many other teacher "wish list" items. Your purchase of "goodies" at our "Sweet Treats" bake sale during **the Parish Kick-off on August 27<sup>th</sup>** supports this mission or *you may make a donation directly to the church and indicate "WNH Mission Project" in the memo.* Either way, we (the WNH teachers and I) are very grateful for assistance!

**"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16**

Our academic year begins with the fall schedule on September 10<sup>th</sup>! Godly Play is the class for our *combined* Pre-K (3's/4's)/Kindergarteners. We began using this curriculum last fall; it was very well received and has been a wonderful addition to our children's program. We still have hopes of, eventually, transitioning our elementary classes to Godly Play, as well. For the coming year, our first through fifth grade classes will enter a "Year of Faith" with "Workshop Zone" rotation. We will explore the lives of faith heroes of the Bible, with our inaugural unit being "Joshua: Courageous Faith". While recently preparing for the Godly Play lesson on the Creation, the words for the final day really resonated with me:

**"On the seventh day, God rested and gave us the gift of a day to rest—to remember the great gifts of all the other days."**

Before the school year spirals into crazy busyness and numerous other activities vie for your attention, I hope you will make an effort to "keep holy the Sabbath-day" and reflect on all that God has done!

Alicia Fay



Hi everybody! As announced in the Diocesan Newsletter don't forget to mark your calendars and register for the **St. Crispin's Cook-Off**, Saturday, Sept. 30th,

10am - 2:30pm, 36302 St. Highway, Wewoka, organized by our region's own Sean Eckberg, and Tom Dahlman is in charge of team recruitment. See link below for more details. Hope to see you there!

~Fr. David Stock

<https://birdeasepro.com/stcrispinscookoff>

### Invite a friend to church.

Invite a friend to meet the living Christ Jesus in God's Word written, in the Divine Sacraments of the church, and in the grace of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies the Body of Christ.



### The Daughters of the King

Our power is in prayer. The All Souls Daughters focus on our mission of praying for others both inside and outside of our All Souls Community. We have placed a prayer box in the front of St. Mary's Chapel where people can place their confidential prayer requests. The Daughters commit to praying daily for these requests that we receive.

We have been encouraged to present our requests, by Paul in his letter to the Philippians. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

We invite any women at All Souls' who may be interested in joining with us to pray for others to contact Vicki Reynolds or Suzanne Spradling.

### Annual Parish Kick-Off & Tailgate Sunday, August 27th Following the 10am Worship Service Christian Family Life Center Food Fun Fellowship Burgers, Dogs, Chicken

**Moon Bounce and Obstacle Course for Kids**  
Sign up with Terry Prather at  
[tp@allsoulsokc.com](mailto:tp@allsoulsokc.com) to bring a side dish.



### Alpha

Begins Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. There are eleven sessions and each session looks at a different question that people may have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk or video and good conversation. Register by calling the church office at 842-1461. Childcare is available upon **request**.

### In The Hospital?

If you are (or are going to be) in the hospital, please have someone call the Church office (842-1461) and let us know.

We do call the hospitals daily, but their lists are not always complete and we are no longer able to obtain patient information unless we know the patient's name in advance. So, please make special effort to let either the clergy or the Church know of your admittance.

**YOUTH CHOIR CLUB FUN & FAQ**  
**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 3:30-5:15PM WITH VESTING AND PIZZA!**

**What is Choir Club?**

Choir Club is a fun and inviting time to play games, have a snack (or two), do homework with a couple of college-aged folks in a tech-free zone! We meet downstairs in the east/west hallway AKA THE UNDERCROFT in the PURPLE ROOM from 3:30-5:15pm during the choir season. Choir Club is open to all choir singers. You are invited to drop off your chorister(s) at 3:30pm and pick them up at 5:15pm.

**Why should my child join a youth choir at All Souls?**

- We offer the opportunity for children to learn firsthand about serving God with their time and talents.
- We encourage believers in their walk with Jesus Christ through the ministry of music.
- Great hymns of the Church from ancient times to our times are learned and sung.
- We augment their Christian education by learning about the church year. Scripture, prayer and praise that have been sung are remembered best.
- Children who sing in choirs develop poise and confidence. We have seen this time and time again and it is a joy to witness!
- We train them to sing. Learning to sing with others is a skill that is most rewarding. The human voice is a musical instrument to be treasured.
- Singers will have the opportunity to sing with other musicians including the Adult Choir and members of the OKC Philharmonic.
- To quote St. Augustine, "He who sings, prays twice."
- To quote Russell Westbrook, "Why not?"

**How many youth choirs do we have at All Souls?**

Two: Minisingers—Grades K-2 and Mastersingers—Grades 3-up

**When/where do the youth choirs meet?**

Wednesday afternoons beginning September 6. Minisingers 4:00-4:30pm and Mastersingers 4:30-5:15pm. This year we begin with Vesting and Pizza for all at our first rehearsal day. The Choir Room is located in the north/south hallway across from the yellow room nursery.

**When do the youth choirs sing in church?**

Usually once per month at the 9:15am Sunday service. A schedule detailing these dates is available at the beginning of the year.

**What do choir members wear when they sing in church?**

We wear choir vestments or robes. We will be fitted for our vestments and shown the vesting rooms on the first day of our rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6. The robing or vesting rooms are located in the east/west hallway near the flex room.

**What is the time commitment?**

Our weekly rehearsals are ½ hour for Minisingers and 45 minutes for Mastersingers. We sing approximately monthly at the 9:15am service. The Sunday, December 17 Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is sung twice at 9:15 and 11:00 and Mastersingers are expected to sing both services. The time commitment is small compared to the rewards for the choristers and our congregation.

**Does my child need to attend every rehearsal?**

It's important to be regular in attendance at choir rehearsals. Remember, we're honing a skill and developing teamwork and cooperation. We are also preparing to sing in church services including the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Things work best when we're all prepared and confident. If a rehearsal must be missed, we ask that you let us know.

**How much musical knowledge is expected for my child to join a choir?**

Most children can sing and we build on that by teaching the basics of rhythm, reading notes and other foundations of music. All are welcome regardless of musical experience.

Come and discover the richness of choir music in our great tradition! It's a unique experience that will enrich you and your family's faith journey through the church year. Hope to see you at Vesting and Pizza on Wednesday, September 6 beginning at 3:30pm.



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