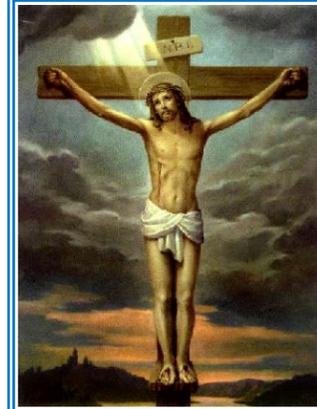


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**Tell me the old, old story, Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.**

These are the words of a much loved mid-nineteenth century English hymn by Katherine Hankey, the daughter of a prosperous banker who was also a devout Anglican Evangelical and friend of the famous abolitionist William Wilberforce. Kate wrote a one hundred verse poem while confined to bed with a lengthy and serious illness in her early thirties. The poem, read a few years later at an international YMCA convention in Montreal, was overheard by the American Dr. William Doane who then composed a melody to which he set the first eight verses of the poem.

The gist of the hymn is that we need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ over and over again because of our sinful and fallen condition, our propensity to forget, and the devilish, inverted pride where we deem ourselves as being hopelessly beyond God's love. The church has us recall "the old, old story" each year in the course of Holy Week at the end of Lent. At its best it is a week when we should set aside time to be in church each day to attend to the reading of the entire passion narratives from the four Gospels.

In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, after that last supper with all his disciples and prior to his arrest, Jesus goes of to the garden of Gethsemane with Peter, James and John. We are told he began to be "exceeding sorrowful unto death". Luke adds in his Gospel, "being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were drops of blood falling down to the ground." We see here the depth and reality of our Lord's suffering. Jesus is daunted by what is to come, even asking if possible that "this cup" would be taken from him. Yet he remains resolute in his obedience to his Father's will. He takes Peter and James and John and asks them to watch with him, and, of course, we know that they fail. Jesus returns to them three times and each time they have fallen asleep.

The next day at the place of the skull, Golgotha, Matthew tells us the soldiers "crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots... And sitting down they watched him there." I find that haunting; they just sat and "watched him there." That is what the church would have us do in Holy Week, to be still and look to Jesus. After the Maundy Thursday rite, the reserved sacrament (the blessed bread and wine which will be used the next day for Good Friday Communion) is taken to the altar of repose in the Chapel of St. Mary. The church invites us to watch with Jesus and pray there in the Lady Chapel as a way of answering for the disciples' inability to watch with Jesus for even one hour. There will be a member of staff in the chapel during this vigil from immediately after the Maundy Thursday service to just before noon the next day and the Good Friday liturgy. There will also be a policeman outside in the parking lot until sunrise for the safety of those who join in the vigil.

Our part is to forgo as much of our usual busyness as we can, so we can be attentive once again to the story of our salvation in Jesus. The passion narratives make it clear that we have no part in this work of salvation: Jesus is alone in agony of prayer in the garden while the three disciples sleep; Jesus is betrayed and arrested and alone again as the disciples desert him; and alone he stands before Caiphias and Pilate. I think the solitary nature of Jesus' offering of himself is even to be understood in the silence with which he responds to their interrogation.

So come then to the church's services of Holy Week and look at the suffering of your Lord and Saviour. Watch him there upon the cross and know the truth "of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love" – for you.

~ Fr. Bright

The Staff of All Souls'

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The Rev. Christopher W. Yoder.....Assist. Rector
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Senior Warden.....Joe Lewallen
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Treasurer.....Jean Hartsuck
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Vestry Members

Aaron Borgan, Newt Brown, Mary FitzSimons,
Bill Fix, Kim Harry, Jayne Henline, Caleb Hill,
Carol Johnson, Steve Knox, Jamie Lathrop, Mike
McPherson, Rene' Patterson, Matthew Paque,
Dan Stuart, Andy Sullivan

All Souls' Committee & Group Meetings

Altar Guild - Third Tuesday, 10:30am - South Lounge
Bible Study - Fr. Petley, Tuesday, 7am-will not meet on April 3 or 10, resumes April 17 - Library
Bible Study - Fr. Yoder, Wednesday, 11am -Parish Hall
Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Second Saturday at 8:30am - Chapel/Parish Hall
Centering Prayer - Every Wednesday 3:30pm-Kennedy Parlor
Daughters of the King - First Wednesday at 6-7pm - South Lounge
ECW - Board Meeting, noon, April 10, Parish Hall and May 1, noon, Fashion Show Luncheon
Grief Share Group Support - Wednesday 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
St. Anne's Guild - Fourth Tuesday at 11:45 - Parish Hall
St. Paul's Guild - Second Tuesday at 5:30pm - South Lounge
Senior Group - April 8, West, after 11am service
Stephen Ministry - Third Tuesday at 6:15pm-South Lounge
Tuesday Morning Prayer & Women's Breakfast - Tuesdays at 9am - Kennedy Parlor, Childcare provided
Vestry - Third Monday at 6pm - South Lounge

**Guild of St. George
Food of the Month**

March
Peanut Butter
April
Cereal of all types

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

CHURCH OFFICE



Good Friday, March 30
Easter Monday, April 2nd
Memorial Day, May 28th

Dear People of All Souls':

Thank you for your kind welcome to our family since we have arrived. We are especially thankful for the welcome receptions and for the many gifts you have blessed us with. We are humbled and deeply grateful for the generosity and hospitality you have shown us since we arrived in OKC. We feel that we are already a part of the All Souls' family. We look forward to getting to know you all individually in the coming years.

Gratefully,
Father Chris and Audra and Peter Yoder

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Mother Miriam was such a blessing to everyone who heard her. Her enthusiasm, dedication to serving Christ and her sense of humor were so engaging. At the adult Sunday School she gave an inspiring invitation for all to join her in practicing the Benedictine Rule of Life. The All Souls' Daughters studied the Benedictine Rule Of Life with Suzanne Spradling who spent many years teaching at St. Gregory's Benedictine College in Shawnee. We have been trying to practice this Rule of Life as a group for the past several years. I know in my own life, having a daily routine of reading through the morning scripture and prayer in the prayer book and having a time of prayer before I start the day has given me so much peace. It has increased my ability to trust God with my worries so that I can move through the day without them. We would love to share more information about this Rule of Life and the Daughters with ladies in the church who are interested. We meet once a month for Bible Study and Prayer.

Anyone who is interested is invited to join us for our next meeting, Monday, April 2, 6:00 in the South Lounge. Please contact Vicki Reynolds if you have questions.



Stephen Ministry

*A Ministry of Christ Caring
for People through People*

The Stephen Ministers at All Souls are meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 in the South Lounge. We will have a guest speaker, Jason Franks, a Drug and Alcohol Counselor from Chance to Change (a drug and alcohol treatment center on 50th and Western). He will be giving us information about current drugs and the ways they are being used. He will also talk about his personal struggle with addiction and his recovery process. We'd like to invite all Stephen Ministers to join us for this informative program.

Please call Jim Case, Newt Brown or Vicki Reynolds if you have any questions.

St. Anne's Guild
11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Lunch and Speaker, \$7
Tuesday, March 27

Speaker - Terry Prather, Director of
Children &
Youth Ministries
Tuesday, April 24
Speaker - The Rev. Christopher Yoder,
Assistant Rector



SAVE THE DATE

Bring your family and
come experience
**SHILOH CAMP SPRING
FLING!**
Sunday, April 15th 2pm-4pm
Raindate: Sunday April 22nd

Inflatables, Zipline, Climbing Wall, Fishing,
Hayrides

Holy Week Schedule

Commemorate the holiest week of the year and walk with Jesus as he makes his way to the cross. Enter Jerusalem with Jesus on Palm Sunday. Remember the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. Keep watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Behold Christ crucified on Good Friday. Be led from darkness into light at the Great Vigil of Easter, and rejoice that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

March 25 Palm Sunday Liturgies

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Holy Communion
11:00am Holy Communion
5:00pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

March 30 Good Friday (Office Closed)
8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
*12:00pm Liturgy with Homily
*5:30pm Children's Stations of the Cross
*7:00pm A Meditation on the Passion of Christ

March 26 Holy Monday

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
5:30pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

March 31 The Great Vigil of Easter

*5:30pm Holy Communion and
Baptisms
with choir and brass

March 27 Holy Tuesday

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
5:30pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

April 1 Easter Day

*7:30am Holy Communion
with organ and brass

March 28 Holy Wednesday

7:00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
10:00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
5:30pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

*9:15am Holy Communion
with choir, brass and strings

Easter Egg Hunt
Christian Family Life Center
Immediately following the 9:15am service

March 29 Maundy Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
5:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
*7:00pm Holy Communion &
stripping of the altar
8:00pm The Watch (Chapel)

*11:00am Holy Communion
with choir, brass and strings

*All services are held in the Church unless noted
as being in the Chapel.*

*Nursery Provided

Stations of the Cross

The service of Stations of the Cross are conducted at 12:00p.m. and 5:30 p.m. every Friday of Lent.

Good Friday, March 30, 12 noon
Liturgy/Holy Communion with Homily and Adult Choir, nursery provided.

At 5:30 there will be Children's Stations in the Church with nursery.

Please attend and make this special celebration part of your Lenten activities.



Mark your calendars!
April 13-All Souls' Campout at the CFLC -watch for Details!

April 15 - Blood Drive. 9-12:30 at CFLC

April 19 -Knitting and Stitching Potluck in the Kennedy Parlor, 6pm

May 1 - Noon, ECW Fashion Show and Luncheon with Fashions by **CK and Co.** Tickets are \$40., tickets at the door \$50.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We finished Seamless last Thursday....one of our all time favorites! Sad to see it end, but, we are excited about starting our next study this week, All Things New by Kelly Minter! This is a study on 2 Corinthians.

The city of ancient Corinth was much like our own modern-day cities: a melting pot of electrifying cultural experiences to be had, along with the myriad pitfalls of spiritual depravity. Still, Paul wrote to the church of God in Corinth, a wealthy and cosmopolitan commercial center where many people became believers. God's church is meant to thrive in any city and every circumstance in which we find ourselves. Paul's letter is as timely as ever.

With the exception of March 29, (we will be off for Maundy Thursday) we will meet for 8 weeks and learn about Paul's ministry to the people of Corinth and how we can use what he taught them about the love of Christ in our own lives.

There is no cost to join this study other than purchasing your book.

Study books are available at both LifeWay bookstore, here in OKC and on Amazon.

Come join us! Thursday Mornings at 9:30-11:30 at All Souls' Church in the South Lounge on the main floor behind the reception desk.

If you have any questions, call Cindy at 405-843-2507 or email at cindyhazelwood@cox.net



In Memory

Carol S. Soulé - 1/26/18

Alice Hurst - 2/5/18

Michael J. Krywucki - 2/12/18

James T. Dennis - 2/16/18

Mary Ruth Ferguson - 2/22/18

James R. Hull - 2/28/18

ALL SOULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 15th 9am-12:30pm

Christian Family Life Center



Strong *Give blood and get your choice*
Bold *of t-shirt!*
Fearless

Donors will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a Flatsafe Tornado Shelter



UNITED THANK OFFERING
SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

“In everything, give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thessalonians 5:18.

The **United Thank Offering** is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. When we place our donations in the blue **UTO envelopes** found in the pews, we express a visible sign of our thankfulness to God for our many blessings. Our donations, united with those of other thankful people, allow the church to reach out in love to others all over the world. Your contribution is important!

The United Thank Offering is an organization founded by Episcopal Church Women in 1889 to show the strong connection between prayer and action. Grants are made to Episcopal churches throughout the world for new projects and programs, capital needs and development funds. The interest income from the Memorial & Gift Trust fund supports the entire operating budget of the UTO committee. Because of this fund, **every cent you offer in prayer** is granted to help Episcopal missions.

Our youth will receive their blue **UTO boxes** in Sunday School on April 29th. UTO envelopes may also be found in the sanctuary pews on April 29th. Please place donations of thankfulness in a UTO box or envelope as you thank God for His many blessings. Boxes and envelopes should be returned to church on Sunday, May 13th.

ECW invites you to pick up a UTO envelope or box and join the United Thank Offering. Take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a donation in the box or envelope. We are not meant to be passive receivers; rather we are bid to be active participants in God’s work in the world.

Thank you,
Penny McCaleb, ECW



I thought I’d give you a glimpse into the devotions for our ski trip this year. Obviously, I cannot give you the full content in my short article or create here the way by which it will take place organically during each evening...but I can give you

some of the key thoughts.

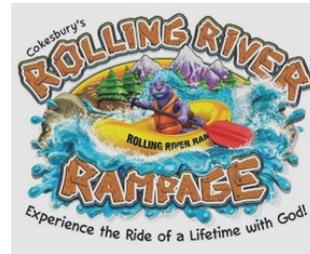
We will be doing three evenings of devotion...”Who Am I”, “Why Am I Here”, and “Where Am I Going”? These are worthy questions to talk about...and they are questions I still find myself asking.

Who Am I? We’ll begin with some writings in Genesis 1 where we read – Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness. So, **God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.** Well also look at Psalm 139 where we read – For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;** your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

Why Am I Here? I’ve always liked this from the Westminster Short Catechism - What is the chief end of man? A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. We’ll have conversation about what this looks like and how it’s lived out. That this is an ongoing decision and commitment to take up our cross DAILY and to follow Jesus Christ. To allow the Lordship of Christ to rule and reign in our hearts. As we read in Joshua 24 - “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**”

~Terry Prather

Children’s Education News



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR “Rolling River Rampage VBS”!!!

Come join us **June 4th – 8th from 9:30-12:00 noon**, at the Christian Family Life Center (potty-trained 4-year-olds through 6th graders AND volunteers!!) **ON-LINE registration begins March 27th at: www.cokesburyvbs.com/allsoulepisopalokc!**

We have numerous volunteer opportunities, both before and during VBS and would **welcome** your assistance! You needn’t have a child or grandchild participating in order to volunteer (*current “Safeguarding God’s Children” certification required). Nursery care will be provided for younger children of VBS volunteers during VBS week! For more information, please contact Erin Heely (theHeelys@gmail.com); Susan Borgan (susanborgan@gmail.com); or Alicia Fay (alfay@allsoulsokc.com). **Buckle up!**

* “Safeguarding” training will be offered twice prior to VBS.

Join us for a VBS “rally”, Sunday, April 22, immediately following Sunday school (11:00 a.m.) in the undercroft large group area!

~Alicia Fay