

**St. John's**  
**Episcopal Church**  
Oklahoma City, OK

## **Fab Friday, September 1, 2023**

EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK (AND MORE)



Are you watching the news, and especially the weather, these days? It's all the rage. Just turn on a news program and you will see extreme heat, extreme tropical storms, and extreme fires with extreme winds.

I don't turn it on very often, but today I heard the broadcasters say "It's the last weekend of the summer." In the old days, when I was a wee tike, that was kind of true because we always started school the week after Labor Day and we (kids) did consider Labor Day to be the end of summer. But today, the schools open in early to mid-August. So, what the heck are they talking about?

The last day of summer this year is officially September 23. Now, that raises another question. In past years it has been on September 21 and others September 22. So I ask you again, what's up with this?

So, how do you gauge the end of summer? Is it dependent on the weather? If so, it definitely isn't the end of summer here, or anywhere for that matter. Is it based on the beginning of school? Hickman's Music School opens next week but that's the only one I know of that waits until September.

Is it dependent on the old song, "See you in September?" I loved that song! But again, I say no. So, I ask you, how do YOU determine that summer is over?

While you ponder that question, feel free to peruse the [Sunday bulletin](#). Have a splendid Labor Day weekend, stay cool and hydrated. (Because, after all, it is still summer!)

Peace be with you!  
Nancy

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## What's coming up at St. John's

Please note important dates coming up this September:

**Sunday, September 3** – Labor Day Sunday

**Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 pm** – First Wednesday Eucharist

**Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 pm** – Choir practice begins

**Sunday, September 10** – Commissioning for Daughters of the King during service

**Sunday, September 10, after church** - Back to School and Ministry Fiesta on the Lawn -  
Tacos, Snow Cones, Smores, bouncy house and  
lots of information about our many ministries

**Sunday, September 17, 9:15 am** - Sunday School resumes (see detail below)

**Wednesdays, September 13, 20 and 27, 5:30 pm** – Evening Prayer

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**Storymakers for Children** - with Sarah Carr in the Parish Hall

**Youth Bible Studies** - with Babette Patton in Library

**New Episcopalians and Confirmation Class** -

with Fr. Nate in WD Hall

**Adult Formation - Year A Lectionary Study** -

with Fr. Willie and Steve Orwig in the Parlor

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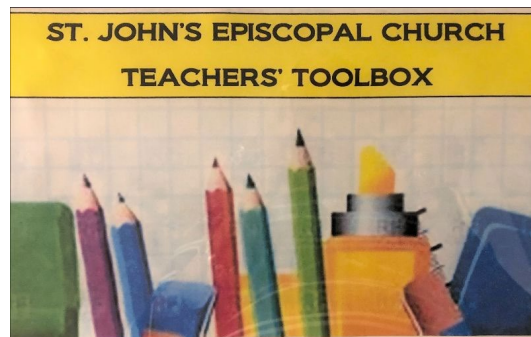
**Are you wondering what happens after your photos are taken for the directory?** Well, the next step is to upload all the photos and information gathered so that each person or family will have an individual listing in our new online directory. The beauty of this app (program in my language) is that you will have an ID and password all your own that allows you to change information on your profile at any time. When the directory goes live, soon I hope, you will receive information on how to access your profile. For some of you, this may be a bit tricky. I am available to walk you through the process when the time comes.

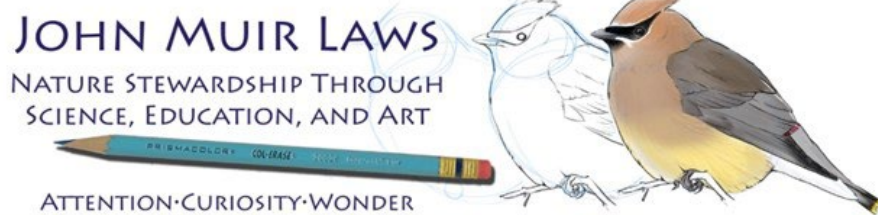
Another handy feature is that the directory will be easy to convert to a PDF for printing for the many in our parish who may want a hard copy. They will be printed for you individually upon request and not distributed congregation wide.

Between the new super sound system and live streaming from the Nave and a new online directory, we are moving on up!

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**Schools are back in session and teachers need supplies once again. August needs for Teacher's Toolbox** include Play-Doh, Kleenex, Crayola crayons, highlighters, and colored pencils.





### **An Invitation for you from Beverly Bradley.**

I don't know whether or not anyone besides me is interested in this. Nevertheless, I'm taking the chance that several people may be. I discovered this man, and what he does, through a book I checked out from the library multiple times. I tried to buy it, but it was out of print. And then the night of Father Nate's book signing, there it was at Commonplace books! (Great store, by the way!). Needless to say, I bought it. Then in doing more research, I discovered there are LOTS of people who do "nature journaling."

So many, that even through Covid they've been having annual conferences. This year it's being done by Zoom online rather than in person, and I've signed up for it. I'm thinking about connecting my computer to the TV in the John Ryan Parlor. Why? A. it's a bigger screen, and B. there might be

some other people interested in checking it out. I may end up by myself, but that's ok. I won't have to be anxious about not sketching very well. 😊.

If you'd like to know more about John or Nature Journaling, or the conference, talk with me, or Google it. You can email me at [beverlybradley60@mac.com](mailto:beverlybradley60@mac.com) or call or text me at 405-830-9007.

Enjoy, Beverly Bradley



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## Sunday, October 1 God in Action

You're Invited!  
Blessing and Tour of the  
Hickman Music School and  
Summit Christian School

Following the regular Sunday  
service!

Prepare to be Amazed!

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### Employment Opportunity:

St. John's is once again looking to hire a nursery worker who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church

training will be required. Do you know a good child care worker that might want to pick up some extra money? Please contact Nancy if interested.

**New St. John's Security Measures:**

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

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