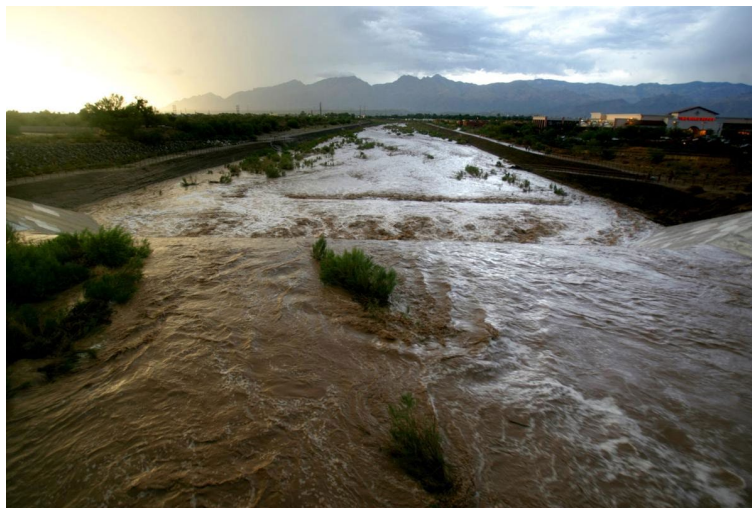




Fab Friday, July 14, 2023

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



As many of you know I lived in Arizona for 35 years before returning to OKC in 2020 to live out my days in retirement, quietly surrounded by family and friends. Ha Ha Ha! There were many reasons that I was hesitant to return to Oklahoma and at the top of the list was HUMIDITY. I hate humidity. It makes me sleepy, cranky and I sure don't like feeling sticky all the time. I feel bloated and hungry, but don't want to eat cause it is just too hot to even eat. I still haven't adjusted back to these extreme waves of humidity. But isn't the city beautiful with all the bright green everywhere!

When I first moved to Arizona to the "but it's a dry heat" desert, I had many adjustments to make as I adapted to the dry air. It was almost a year in Arizona before I experienced my first monsoon season.

I had always thought that monsoons were a tropical weather event so that first year was a real surprise. However, the monsoon season in Arizona makes it feel tropical (humidity of 45% was considered THE WORST), a condition I wasn't expecting.

During the months of July through September, after a hot sunny day, dark clouds would roll in at 5:30ish, drop a bucket of rain, then clear out for the sun to return. The air is cooled and fresh for the evening only to repeat the process the next day. It was cool to watch the clouds over the mountains after the rain and there was most always a rainbow.

Monsoons account for a large portion of the annual precipitation in central and southern Arizona. They can also cause flash flooding, dust storms, and extreme heat. And when we had flash flooding, most of the water ran on down into the washes (see above photo with Tucson mountains in the background) and moments after a rain, the wash would be dry again. Then the frogs would begin to "sing."

If we had a "good" monsoon with rain almost daily, the desert would come alive with wildflowers and desert grasses. If we had a "bad" monsoon season, the coyotes, wildcats, and even bears would come down from the mountains in search of water. The effect of the monsoons are the deciding factor in the success of the agriculture of the state. I loved the monsoons.

So imagine how excited I have been to have Oklahoma monsoons. NOT! Strong winds, thunder and lightening and downpours in the middle of the night are not my idea of a fun monsoon. The storms freak Gracie out and keep me awake half the night.

Just about the time that I am ready to pack up and return to the desert, I look around me at all the new life we are experiencing. The grounds of St. John's are as green as an emerald and the flowers flourish. The golf courses are SO green that they don't look real. My yard is an oasis with knee-high grass (just kidding) and lots of flowers, bees, butterflies and birds. I thank God each morning as I rise to greet the new day and am thrilled by the color - and then I open the door.

Here is your [bulletin for this Sunday](#). Hope to see you in the pews this weekend.

Peace be with you!
Nancy

What's coming up at St. John's

Please note important dates coming up this July:

Remaining Wednesdays in July at 5:30 pm – Evening Prayer in Mary Chapel
Choir is on hiatus until September.

Saturday, July 22, 2:00 pm - Funeral and Internment for Rosemary Boeckman

Sunday, July 23, following service - Bishop's Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 29th, all day - OKC Obedience Training Club Novice Competition

OKFD

CARING FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SINCE 1960

It's time to get rid of all that stuff you've been tripping over. Throughout the month of July, St. John's will be collecting items for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled. The OKFD is a not-for-profit social services organization established in 1960 that provides high-quality and activity-oriented adult day health services for adults with specialized developmental needs in central Oklahoma. They collect used items for resale at their thrift store. Items include clothing, appliances, furniture, household items, etc. Please bring your items on Sunday to be stored in Room 2 of the school building, just inside the double blue doors on the left. Listen for instructions during Lisa's remarks on Sunday morning.

If you need assistance bringing your items from home to St. John's, please contact Deacon Lisa. The OKFD will pick up the items from St. John's during the first week of August.



COMEDY FOR COMPASSION

JULY 28TH @ 6PM | GRACE CHURCH YUKON



**OKC Improv performing at Grace Church (600 N. Mustang Rd. - Yukon)
Friday, July 28th**

to raise money for **Magdalene House** a nonprofit organization that creates a home for women survivors, helping them heal and rebuild their lives. Grace Church will be catering a taco bar for dinner beginning at 6:00pm. Beverages provided by Coop Ale Works. Improv show starts at 7:00pm. *The show is family friendly and accessible for any age. Childcare is available for children 5 and under.*

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)



National Acolyte Festival - a look back to four years ago.

As we prepare for our 7th trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October, we thought it might be fun to re-visit the one four years ago, the last one before Covid shut everything down! 2019 was special, because we were asked to provide one of the readers for the service; our name was one of the 20 drawn to build a column for the Lego replica of the National Cathedral, and the Cathedral showcased us in procession on its webpage that evening! So, with no further ado, enjoy the pictures!

Dog Crate Available

Cynthia Cortright has a medium-sized dog crate that she would like to give away to home with a dog or puppy in need. Contact Cynthia if you are interested.

BC Clark Gives and Gives

Did you know that BC Clark gives back a 3% of sales to women's ministries. We recently received a nice quarterly gift. All you have to do is **ask for, and complete, a Church Coupon next time you make a purchase at BC Clark.** And you don't have to wait for the Anniversary Sale.

Rats – We Have Gnats!

Tuesday morning, I discovered paper plates with food left in a garbage can, and the fruit flies and gnats were swarming. Same in the kitchen. During these warmer days, **we need to be vigilant about making sure that trash with food is removed** from the church following any meeting or event. The Church Administrative Assistant thanks you!

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.

Employment Opportunity:

St. John's is 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. Please contact Nancy if interested.

