

St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday, May 19, 2023

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



Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

We are so blessed to have had the rain we have had in recent days/weeks. When I drive onto the property each morning, I am in awe of the beauty that the rain has created. And just in time for a special wedding in the Peace Chapel. Wouldn't you agree that a wedding in the Peace Chapel, surrounded by trees and lush grass is an ideal way to begin a life-long journey. On Saturday, surrounded by family and friends, our own Alicia Chai will repeat her recent marriage vows with Greg Copeland. (That's another story) This is the first marriage at St. John's since April 2017. Spring rains - new life! Pray for a clear day on Saturday.

As we rapidly approach the end of the school year, we will see changes in offerings at St. John's. Sunday Schools will have their last sessions on May 28. Following the end of school, there are summer activities to consider - some ideas listed below. Things at St. John's will slow down but behind the scenes, there is a lot going on.

Primarily, we are beginning work on an online member directory. This project is likely to take the summer to complete - with your help and cooperation. See more information below. This project will also offer us the opportunity to update our parish register and list of active communicants as a base for upcoming years.

Plans are in the works for Sunday School offerings and events for the Fall and Winter of 2023 as well. And, the work continues around the church! Have you noticed the changes to the front restrooms? We have John & Vivian Dewar to thank for our beautiful new fixtures, and painters Cherie Tompkins and Glen Fields for brightening the spaces with light/bright paint. Who knows what the next projects will be.

June will be a busy month. Please keep the Carr family in your prayers as Lewis undergoes an open-heart surgery on June 20. Below you will find a link to sign up to take meals for the family. It is an easy way to support the family, if you so choose. There are even recipes if you need ideas.

Next Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday, as well as honor our graduating senior, Thomas Howard. **Please be warned - incense will be used during this service.**

The [bulletin for this Seventh Sunday of Easter](#) is here for your reading pleasure.

Have a blessed week!
Nancy

What's happening at St. John's in May 2023

Please note important dates this week:

Saturday, May 20 Daughters of the King Discernment Class at 10:00 am **in the Library**

Wednesday, May 17 Evening Prayer at 5:30 in Mary Chapel

Saturday, May 27 Daughters of the King Discernment Class at 10:00 am in the Parlor

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day - church office will be closed (HaHa that's a joke - the church office is always closed on Mondays)



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ADULT FORMATION CLASS:

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .
(Each week, we will have some questions to guide our discussion. If you have a chance to consider these before the class, great! If you don't have a chance to look at these, please come anyway and participate in the discussion, or just listen.)

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WEEK ELEVEN (May 21) The 19th century: The Oxford Movement and the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral—

What was the Oxford Movement?
What is the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral?

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School will end with the last class on Sunday, May 28 and will resume in the Fall.



With Lewis Carrs' surgery scheduled in June, Sarah and Fr Nate are going to need our help keeping their sweet family nourished. A friend has set up a webpage that allows us to sign up for a night's meal (and maybe breakfast for the next morning). It is easy and fun to complete - there are even recipes to help you plan. [Click here](#) or on the image to go directly to the page set aside for the Carrs, complete with some dietary needs in the family. The dates run from June 20 (surgery date) through July 14.

Instant **Church Directory™**

Yes, it's TRUE. We have found a great online directory service that will meet all our needs. The directory is password protected - each member will set their own password to access the directory. With the password, each member will be able to access and edit their personal information at any time. AND, the icing on the cake, the directory is downloadable as a PDF and can be printed. So, homebound and members who are not computer savvy will have a directory they can refer to. [Click here](#) to see some of the many features of the directory.

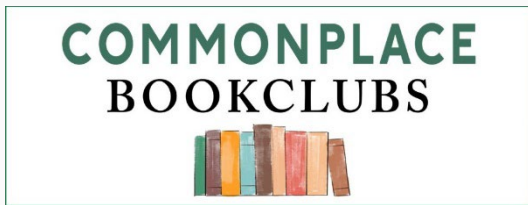
WE NEED HELP to from you!

1. **First, we must gather all personal information from each individual or family to upload to the directory.** Such things as contact info, names of each family member, and birthday and anniversary dates. We have an old spreadsheet of contact information that is in serious need of updating before it can be uploaded. You will find an information form in your bulletin on Sunday that needs to be completed for this purpose. **PLEASE complete the form and drop it in the offering plate;** or take it home and complete it. You can even scan and send it to Nancy if that is easiest. [Click here](#) to access the form to complete at any time.
2. **We will be taking photos of each individual or family for the directory.** We are currently putting together a plan of action so be prepared as we figure out the details so that we can get beautiful professional portraits taken for the directory.

Our goal is to have the directory completed and in your hands (so to speak) by the end of the summer. **Much of this depends on YOU!** If you have questions or concerns about this directory, please contact Nancy. **Participation is optional, and you are free to contribute**

only information you wish to be available to others, but encouraged so that we have a full profile of the congregation on which we can build.

Dreams of Summer Fun - some ideas (with links) for summer activities for children and adults of all ages. If you're curious, just click on one of the logos for information on that program. NOTE: There are a number of summer book club offerings at Commonplace - click the logo to check them out.



St. John's Outreach News and Needs

CAIR is in need of our help! Even though they have closed the resource center here, their work continues. They recently received a \$5000 grant from Mayflower Congregational UCC to purchase diapers and distribute them to Afghan neighbors along with educational

materials on where to obtain free/low-cost diapers in the OKC metro area. How can you help in this effort?

1. **Make a financial donation** to supplement the Mayflower grant. The Mayflower grant will help in their initial goal to provide each child with 100 diapers. Additional funding would allow them to 1) buy newborn and size 1 diapers that The Spero Project can send home with parents for the next 40 new babies born and/or 2) provide each household with 2 packs of wipes to accompany the diapers.
2. **Volunteer** to support Mayflower Congregational UCC in repackaging the diapers purchased in bulk and to help deliver diapers in late-June. Jen will send out a SignUp Genius the last week of May which will be passed on to you in this missive.

A BOOK RELEASE WITH *Father Nathan Carr*

1325 N. WALKER AVENUE
OKC, OK 73103



YOU ARE INVITED
TO A
**BOOK
RELEASE**

The Festive School

AUTHOR
FR. NATHAN CARR

JUNE 13TH
COME AND GO 6-8PM

WITH WORDS FROM THE AUTHOR
AT 7:15PM

COMMONPLACE BOOKS MIDTOWN
1325 N WALKER AVE, OKC, OK 73103



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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.

