

Fall 2016

Chalice and Songs

News from St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church & Preschool



St. Dunstan's
Episcopal Church

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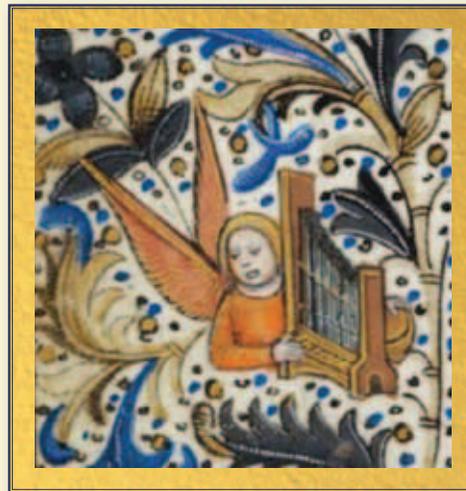
All Saints' Day – Nov. 6th



All Saints' Day will be celebrated on November 6th at all the services.

Not only will we honor the heroic saints of God who championed our faith, but we will remember and honor our personal loved ones. Be sure to list the names of departed family and friends you want recognized and return to the church office by Nov. 2nd. Children are invited to dress up as a favorite saint.

Our Spanish language parishioners will be creating a memorial altar for *Dia de los Muertos*, using small photos of loved ones, candles, foods, and flowers. Bring a small framed photo if you wish to participate before or on Nov. 6th.



ALL SAINTS' DAY EVENSONG

Featuring Gabriel Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *In Paradisum*

Organ Recital Precedes Evensong

Sunday, Nov. 6 • 5:00 pm

Reception to follow



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

❖ CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Mary Ann Hill, Rector

The Rev. Alan Barrow, Deacon

The Rev. Lois H. Gatchell, Deacon

Eliot Glaser, Organist &
Choir Master

Kyleigh Brewer, Parish
Administrator

Lee Ann Kannady, Financial
Administrator

Terry Watts, Parish Chef &
Kitchen Manager

Lacey Adams
Director - St. Dunstan's Preschool

❖ WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday —

Holy Eucharist:

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Misa en Español: 1 p.m.

Weekdays —

Weekly Wed.: Holy Eucharist and
prayers for Healing at 5:30 p.m.

2nd Wed.: Holy Eucharist at
Montereau, 4:00 p.m.

VISION:

*The world transformed
through Christ*



Thank you to everyone who participated
in or donated candy for Trunk-or-Treat.
We served over **600** children this year!

St. Dunstan's Stewardship 2017



*Love our neighbors as ourselves.
Continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
the breaking of the bread and the prayers.
Proclaim by word and example the
Good News of God in Christ.
Strive for justice and peace among all people.
Respect the dignity of every human being.*

Ingathering December 4th

About our Spanish Ministry

At the end of August, four parishioners from our Spanish service - Liz Lazar, Karina Lopez, Jesus Trevino, Maria Trombka - and Mother Mary Ann, plus four Latino members of the Diocese of Oklahoma attended a biennial conference for Episcopal and Lutheran Latinos at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Nuevo Amanecer means 'New Dawn,' and the conference was an opportunity for our members to learn more about The Episcopal Church and various aspects of ministry. Although our trip home was delayed by one of the recent hurricanes, we were still able to say that we had an excellent experience.

Our Spanish service continues to grow. Over the summer, we were averaging about 60 congregants. In recent weeks, Father Heber Papini, who has been supplying as our celebrant, had surgery, so attendance has slowed down a bit. Since Fr. Papini will be retiring and moving back to Brazil in December, this was a good time for Mother Mary Ann to try celebrating the Eucharist in Spanish. We are happy to report that her Spanish has improved a great deal in the past two years. Although we still need help from native speakers in leading the service, it's good to know that we have a back-up plan. We are hopeful that in the coming months, a local Lutheran pastor, Fr. Alvaro Nova Ochoa will be helping out.

In other news, we have recently started offering English classes on Wednesday evenings. The class is being taught by Angela Hock and Lisa Duncan. We are starting off with just a few learners so that we can assess how we can best meet the needs of our community.



We are also continuing to look for ways to bring our Spanish and English parishioners together. We will be having another bilingual service on October 30, and both groups will be participating in this year's Trunk-or-Treat. Although we aren't worshipping together on All Saints' Day, we will have a joint project to celebrate All Saints and Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead,



also called All Souls or All the Faithful Departed.) We are encouraging everyone to bring small framed pictures of loved ones that we can display on a special altar. If possible, please include a notecard with the name of the person, how they are related to you, and something special you remember about them.

Perhaps the biggest development in recent months with our Spanish ministry, is that we have approval from Bishop Ed to begin applying for a grant from The Episcopal Church to officially support Spanish Ministry in Tulsa. We had already begun to be recognized by Church-wide staff as a congregation that is planting a community within an existing parish.

At Nuevo Amanecer, Mother Mary Ann was asked to be on a panel of "innovative church plants." She told the 200+ member audience, "Any innovation that is happening is due to the Holy Spirit. What has made this ministry successful so far is that we have an existing congregation that is warm and welcoming, with a long history of embracing others. We also have a dozen Latinos who were already attending our English services or otherwise involved in our church, some for over ten years. They have served as a bridge between the two groups. And the third ingredient that makes this work is a rector who is willing to listen to God's call, even when it takes her out of her comfort zone."

While all of this may not sound like ecclesiastical rocket science, many congregations don't "get" this part of the call of Gospel. Sadly, hospitality, especially between different cultural groups, isn't something that comes naturally in the Episcopal Church. That's why we are earning a reputation for being a special place. At a time when Americans are becoming more and more polarized, it's a blessing that St. Dunstan's is able to serve as a witness that God wants to draw EVERYONE together in the Kingdom. Demos Gracias a Dios! Thanks be to God!

For the Curious, the Doubtful, the Believing

The EfM (Education for Ministry) experience is not for all adults, though all are welcome. For those looking for a safe place to ask their questions, discover the scripture story, see things in new ways, or learn to think and reflect theologically – it's the cat's pajamas.

Fr. Rick Brewer and Mrs. Angela Hock-Brewer will mentor a group beginning in January at Christ Church, 10901 S. Yale. They are trained and experienced mentors of over thirty years each, and are trainers of mentors in this international program that began in 1973 at the School of Theology at the Episcopal University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

For more information, or if you would like to form a Friday morning group with your friends and with others who can become friends, please contact Fr. Rick or Angela as soon as possible: 918-808-9091 or 918-805-7088, rick_brewer@msn.com, angela_hock@msn.com.



FEEDING THE HOMELESS

In June, St. Dunstan's provided a tasty dinner of chicken noodle casserole, salad, and rolls for the Day Center for the Homeless.

Cooking the food were Cindy Bergin, Jeannie Montgomery, and Carolyn Pitcock. John and Penny Pondelik transported the food to the Day Center, and also served there with Darrell and Susanne Miskell, Jinny Confer and son Harrison, and Carolyn. Desserts were provided by Margaret Daley, Lynn Lee, Karen Ravenscroft and Carolyn. Desserts were also provided by Robert and Leslie Peterson. Jay Williams contributed a case of bananas.

On Wednesday, September 14, St. Dunstan's provided a spaghetti dinner for over 100 people. Jeannie Montgomery, Carolyn Pitcock, and Dru Madamba cooked the dinner with desserts given by Pat Barton, Margaret Daley, Lynn Lee, and Jan Madole. Jay Williams donated a case of bananas. The dinner was transported to the Day Center by John Pondelick who served with Jinny Confer and daughter, Blythe, and Carolyn.

Many expressed their thanks, and complimented the cooks by having second and third servings.

— Carolyn Pitcock



Echoes of God

I recently encountered this wonderful meditation by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach:

When God created the world God said, "Let there be light. Let there be fishes. Let there be people." Do you think when God was saying this God spoke in a harsh voice? The truth is God didn't even say it. God sang it. God sang the whole creation into being. Reb Nachmann says, whenever you talk without singing, you are disconnecting yourself from the creation of the world.

I believe this explains why we sing in church. We are getting in tune with God—reflecting God's nature back to God. The Bible stipulates that God created us in the divine image. Singing truly is one of the ways we connect with our Creator and the whole creation. Since God sings creation into being, we are part of God's creation song and naturally harmonize with the other voices in that song.

Next time you stand to sing a hymn then, remember that you are part of this great song of creation and allow God to sing through you. Appreciate all of the other people in our congregation and those in our city, state, country, and world who are also playing their parts in this creation song. Let that song renew you and your love for God and God's creation.

With a song,
Eliot



(Your partner in education adoptee)

Well believe it or not the first quarter of the year is nearly over and students and teachers are taking advantage of a well-deserved fall break! I am sure anyone who was paying attention to the information in the media at the end of the last academic year and subsequent updates throughout the summer, knew we were faced with many financial challenges for the 2016 – 2017 academic year.

Budget short falls are translating into larger classroom sizes (in some rooms over 30 students per room), fewer field trips, fewer teachers' aides and earlier start times (7:30 AM) to accommodate fewer bus routes. Enrollment at Disney is around 765 children and we are plugging along with six fewer staff members compared to last year. As an additional challenge most grades are working with new math and reading curriculum for this year.

With all of this said, it sounds like things are somewhat bleak at our school, but NO! I have the

privilege to work with some of the most hearty, fearless and dedicated individuals ever to receive teaching certification! However, the words **donations** and **volunteers** are magic words and music to every over-worked teacher in the district.

Shortly after the fall break is complete we will be meeting between services to discuss the volunteer opportunities at our school and ask you to consider donating time assisting a classroom teacher, become a child's reading buddy or volunteering in the school library. In addition, I will provide you with information about an on-line program where small and large donations can be made to fund teacher projects for public schools. The process is called **DonorsChoose.org**.

This is an appropriate time to once again thank you for supporting our school with backpacks, supplies and uniforms. Pray for patience, tenacity, understanding and wisdom and consider helping us by donating your precious time. Thanks for all you do for Disney Elementary!

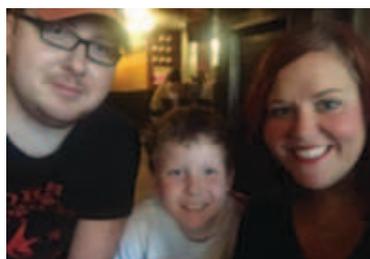
Love and Peace,
Terry Watts
Academic Enrichment
Walt Disney Elementary
Tulsa Public Schools

St. Dunstan's Preschool News

We are settling into our fall semester here at Preschool and it's been a great start so far! This month we are excited to partner with the church for the Trunk-or-Treat event. We have booked two food trucks that will be donating 10% of food sales to the preschool. We are anticipating that this will be a profitable fundraiser for us. We are seeing and hearing that the word is spreading about how great our school is and that is great news! We'd also like to introduce 3 new staff members:



Lacey Adams, our new Director, has been a teacher at the preschool for 6 years. Her commitment and dedication played a large part in her being chosen to fill this role. She and her husband, Mitch, have two girls, Kylee who is 6 and Quinn who is 3. They are very involved in their church, enjoy cooking as a family, playing board games and spending time outside. Lacey enjoys sewing, woodworking and interior design. She has a heart for hospitality, a love for all people and she is very grateful for the opportunity to lead and serve.



Maria Cobb, our new Program Coordinator, previously taught at St. Dunstan's for several years and has returned after spending a few years at Cedar Ridge Elementary in Union. She and her husband, David, recently began attending here at St. Dunstan's with their son Ethan who is 9 years old. Maria is teaching music and movement, taking a lead on fundraisers, and is helping out wherever needed. She has an extensive background in child development, loves working with children, music and art, and socializing with friends and family. She is thrilled to be back at St. Dunstan's and is looking forward to helping the preschool flourish.



Lea Ann Kannady, our new Financial Administrator, will be taking over the books for the church and the preschool. She and her husband Brian have two children, Becca who is 5 and Nate who is 1. She enjoys playing board games and spending time with her family. Before coming to St. Dunstan's she taught kindergarten at McClure Elementary for 7 years and worked in accounting for a local company for 5 years.



SAINT NICHOLAS FESTIVAL

Don't miss the Annual

St. Nicholas Festival – Dec. 4th

9:45 am, in Daniels Hall

Activities for All Ages - Crafts - Stories - Food - Fun!



Grand Pride Meeting

For those of us 55+, Grand Pride is Thursday, November 3, 2016, 11:30 AM in the Labyrinth Room (north end of the building). Doug & Ann Youngdahl are cooking the meat this month. Gary and Maxine Grover volunteered for January. We also need all kinds of salads and desserts. Come for lots of good food and good company! Bring your friends!

WALKING THROUGH THE HURT OF THE HOLIDAYS

Grief Support with Deacon Cindy Ritter
Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All who have experienced a loss are welcome.

For people who are grieving, the holidays arrive with a new set of demands and challenges. Friends and family seem to be saying, "Put aside your sadness and come celebrate with us." Grief is hard work that requires time and energy. As we grieve the death of someone dear or the loss of a relationship, we may not feel like bright lights, lively parties, and endless rounds of carols. This holiday season, we invite you to give yourself a gift of time. Spend a peaceful morning sharing with others who understand.

- Discuss tips for planning and dealing with grief during the holidays
- Walk the beautiful indoor labyrinth at St. Dunstan's as a path of prayer and meditation to release emotions and connect with God.
- Find permission and acceptance to experience your own feelings and needs.

Brunch will be served. Please RSVP to Deacon Cindy Ritter, Silkriter@cox.net or 918 698-8346 or sign up on the bulletin board in the Nathex/Lobby.



Canon José is now Bishop José!

Our own former Canon to the Ordinary (aka the Bishop's Right Hand Person) was consecrated Bishop of Western North Carolina on Saturday, October 1. Congratulations Bishop José!!!

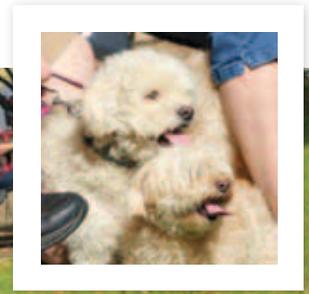


Cycle Club

Do you like riding a bike? St. Dunstan's Bike Club – everyone is welcome to come along for the ride! The Club meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Riverparks parking lot at 41st and Riverside. Contact: Liz Lazar (918)896-1595, or Omar Cisneros (918) 409-8714.

PET BLESSING - 2016

Photos by Heather Sleightholm



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2016



A Festival of Nine
LESSONS AND CAROLS
for Advent



Sunday,
Dec. 11th
5:00 pm

Presented by
St. Dunstan's
Episcopal
Church Choir
and
Choral Scholars

Reception to Follow



Prison Ministry Update

St. Dunstan's prison ministry is expanding into a women's facility. I am very delighted to let you know that our very own Beth Davidson has taken the MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy) training and is preparing to take this program into a women's facility. Please take some time to offer Beth your prayers and support just as you have done for me. By the way, I have just started two more MRT groups of inmates at Dick Conner Correctional Center. You can support our prison ministry by sponsoring the program for an inmate for only \$35.00. The money goes to purchase a program workbook for each inmate as well as paper and pens. The program takes about 12 to 16 weeks to complete and the outcome measurements for those who have taken the program are amazing. 65 to 75 percent of those who do not take MRT will be re-incarcerated. Only 19 to 23 percent of those who take MRT will be re-incarcerated. Your sponsorship helps to reunite families and promote good citizenship. Please make out checks to St. Dunstan's Church and in the memo line write Prison Ministry. Thank you for all your prayers and support. — Deacon Alan

SAT., DEC. 3RD



Arts & Crafts Sale
Dec. 3, Starting at 10 am

St. Nicholas
Cafe

featuring

Soups and Sandwiches
with Beverages and Desserts
by Chef Terry Watts



Pottery • Art Prints • Jewelry • Christmas Ornaments • Cards • Fine Art • And more!

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MATTHEW

Episcopal Relief & Development urges prayers for communities in the Caribbean and along the US East Coast that are dealing with the impact of Hurricane Matthew.

Please donate to the Hurricane Matthew Response Fund and visit the organization's website for more information about relief and recovery efforts.

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-matthew-response>



Clergy Renewal Grant

You may have heard by now that St. Dunstan's has been awarded a clergy renewal grant from the Lilly Endowment. After two attempts, a lot of hard work, and patience, we have been given the funding to pay for a clergy sabbatical next summer. Unlike an academic sabbatical, this is only for 3-4 months, and will be scheduled to start in late April or early to mid May. The grant we received was for almost \$29,000. It will pay for supply clergy, extra office help, travel and study for me, and programming for the parish.

I will be spending 5-6 weeks in Scotland and England, visiting places associated with Celtic Christianity and especially with St. Dunstan. While I am away, there will be a book study of Fr. Daniel's book *Dunstan: Jewel of the English* and the children will have a VBS celebrating him.

Receiving this grant is an honor for St. Dunstan's and also a blessing in that we won't have to spend the money we have been setting aside for a sabbatical. I am very grateful to Kirk Brewer, Bill Young, and Senior Warden Skip Eller for all of the work that went into this proposal, as well as editing help from Meg Carson, Sharon Irvine, and other office volunteers. Our parish administrator Kyleigh Brewer facilitated getting all of the paperwork together and mailed. I hope you will join me in thanking them! Below is a copy of the press release that the Lilly Endowment put out last week.

Christian Theological Seminary Announces 146 Congregations Awarded Lilly Endowment 2016 National Clergy Renewal Program Grants

Oct 03, 2016

Christian Theological Seminary, in its role of administering the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program, has awarded grants to 146 congregations located in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The 2016 program allows congregations to support their pastors with the gift of extended time away from ministerial duties and responsibilities. Pastors use the respite from congregational leadership for reflection and renewal, which often includes travel, scholarly research and immersive experiences with different cultures and traditions.

Congregations awarded the National Clergy Renewal Program grants nominated their pastors to receive this honor. Pastors in the 2016 program represent a diverse group that includes Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and nondenominational congregations. In consultation with their congregations, the pastors determine how they will use the grants to replenish, restore and renew their ministries. Travel to domestic and international destinations and journeys into nature are popular activities for grant recipients. One pastor will investigate the origins of the Reformation during the commemoration of its 500th anniversary, while another pastor will visit his ancestral land of Korea in order to consider how preaching there is affecting the growth of churches.

In addition to travel as a form of renewal, some pastors will use their time away from congregational leadership to engage in new spiritual disciplines, focus on time with loved ones and study topics that renew their excitement for preaching and congregational leadership.

Since Lilly Endowment introduced the National Clergy Renewal Program grants in 2000, more than 2,300 congregations across the nation have participated in the program. Congregations in the 2016 program received grants totaling more than \$6 million. The grants recognize the tremendous amount of energy, time and leadership that pastors invest in their congregations.

"Lilly Endowment intends for this program to enable pastors to live for a while at a different pace and in a new environment, in Sabbath time and space," said Dr. Christopher L. Coble, the Endowment's

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vice president for religion. "We can think of no better way to honor these hardworking, faithful men and women than to help them experience personal growth and spiritual renewal in ways that they themselves design and find meaningful. We regularly hear that these renewal experiences are transformative for pastors, their families and their congregations."

Christian congregations were invited to apply for program grants of up to \$50,000. The application process was participatory in nature, involving congregations and their pastors in the design and development of the renewal experience. Up to \$15,000 of the grant could be allocated to fund interim pastoral leadership, as well as renewal activities within the congregation. Pastors were encouraged to include their families in the renewal activities.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Saler, director of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, noted that the National Clergy Renewal Program leverages the reciprocal dynamics of support, trust and encouragement reflective of healthy congregations. "The program is designed to respect the innate human need for times of service and replenishment. It provides a means for congregations to express appreciation for their leaders' service and respect for his or her health and energy for continued ministry," Saler said.

Christian Theological Seminary's Center for Pastoral Excellence was selected in 2012 to administer the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs. "At a time when society is experiencing unprecedented levels of change at ever increasing speeds, it is rewarding to offer programs that recognize the value of retreat and renewal," Saler said. "We are honored and privileged to work with Lilly Endowment in its support of congregational leaders." †



On the Calendar

Mark your calendars...you won't want to miss these important events:

- All Saints' Day / Dia de los Muertos** Sunday, November 6
- All Saints' Day Evensong and Reception** Sunday, November 6, 5 pm
- Saint Nicholas Market and Cafe** Saturday, December 3, 10 am to 3 pm
- Saint Nicholas Festival** Sunday, December 4, 9:45 am
- Advent Lessons and Carols** Sunday, December 11, 5 pm
- Greening of the Church & Taco Dinner** Sunday, December 18, 4 pm
- Living Nativity** Sunday, December 18, 4 pm
- Christmas Eve Services** Saturday, December 24, 7 pm and 10:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service** Sunday, December 25, 11 am