

The Steeple

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Words from the Warden

I am writing this on Monday, September 11th, the 16th anniversary of that horrific day in our history and in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma's destruction of Florida and the Caribbean Islands. It gives me pause when I reflect on how catastrophic events can affect human nature. Isn't it ironic that with all of the dissention in our country lately that it takes a horrendous act of nature, or, in the case of 9/11, of man, to bring everyone together; black and white, rich and poor, sheltered and homeless? Isn't it ironic that events such as we have experienced lately can reset our attitudes and make us realize what really matters in our lives; supporting and reaching out to each other, lending a hand to help. Our differences and opinions, anger and blame are put aside and even through all of the destruction there is hope. It is our nature, I believe, to be good people, to love and do for others and respect and appreciate our differences in all things. I cling to that thought of goodness that is inherent in all of us and pray that this feeling of caring and concern lasts even when things are back to normal. Hopefully, we can recognize that feeling and make it so.

Faithfully yours,
Kathy

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Important Dates To Remember

Safeguarding God's Children, Sept. 21 & 23
St. Crispin's Cook-Off, Sept. 30
Traces of the Trade Screening, Oct. 2
Fr. Steve's First Sunday, Oct. 8

Deacon's Dialogue



A few years ago I was involved with Bridges Out of Poverty. One of our introductory classes spoke to the differences between economic classes. And one of the general characteristics of people struggling to make financial ends meet is that they almost always are in turmoil trying to shift finances to cover the most important, most pressing, required need; they have little opportunity to experience peace.

I get the feeling that so many people in this and other countries are now experiencing similar turmoil. I'm sure some of the unease is financial but I believe that in our current political roiling that people are becoming skeptical of their own place in society, they are worried about their future and the future of their family, and they are leery of the prospects of forming a strong and trusting community.

But, I am heartened. This past weekend I saw and experienced a community of people coming together to work on a common goal. It was sixteen people, mostly from this congregation, gathered to clear some brush and trees.

These people joined together, worked as a single force, ate in communion, and shared themselves with each other. I heard stories of new RVs, recollections from childhood, and travels to other parts of the world. Of course, there were also long discourses about the upcoming football season.

Community it was!! Including a neighbor who, at the end, loaned some tools for cleanup. Yes, we were working toward a shared goal. The brush and the trees came down, and were hauled away. The size of the burn pile was amazing and it will make a spectacular blaze.

As Lauri mentioned last Sunday in her sermon, **Jesus was present and was obvious to everyone who had their eyes open.**

I'm about to embark on another community effort: Kairos. On the first weekend of December a Kairos team will enter the Dick Connor Correctional Facility near Hominy. This will be my second weekend as a member of the clergy group for the weekend. The team will begin preparing and coalescing as a small community this coming Saturday. Of course the team has a common goal and that is to help make Jesus come alive for the men that are inmates at the facility.

My last experience with Kairos moved me to tears at moments. In my mind's eye I can still look back and remember the expressions on these men's faces as they read notes of encouragement, as they jumped with joy while singing about Pharaoh coming after the Israelites, and as some told their stories of broken relationships.

I encourage all men who may be interested in joining me in ministering to this group to contact me soon. And, there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone who would like to help without going "behind the walls". You can expect this topic to come up several times in the next few months. God bless us as we minister to the world and seek Jesus' face in those we encounter.

In Christ's Love.

Rev. Mike

New Women's Prayer and Study Group Being Formed

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Our purpose will be to pray together, to study and discuss together, and to be in fellowship. Our first meeting will be on **Thursday, September 21, at 10:00**. We will meet in the Vestry Room. For more information, please contact Deacon Lauri.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Sep 17, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, Sep 18, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Sep 19, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

Wednesday, Sep 20, 2017

6:00pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep 21, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Safeguarding God's
Children, Vestry Room

Friday, Sep 22, 2017

Saturday, Sep 23, 2017

9:30am Safeguarding God's
Children, Vestry Room
5:00pm Everett Singers
Fundraiser, MH

Sunday, Sep 24, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II

Monday, Sep 25, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons
in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jim, Kris, Max,
John, Samantha, Hugh, Kenny, Bev,
Debra, Diana, Eula, Evelyn, Kim, Millie,
and all members of our armed forces
and their families.

If you have a prayer request, contact our
Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma
Blackburn 918-333-7902 or
TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office
at 918-336-1212 or

office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4
weeks. If there is need for continued prayers,
please let us know.)

COOKIES, ANYONE?

Effective Immediately, for all of you
that have signed up to bring goodies
to coffee hour after the 10:30
service, the Fellowship Committee
requests that from now on we just
serve **COOKIES!!** The time and
effort everyone has put into coffee
hour treats has been much
appreciated but the committee has
decided to keep it simple with just
cookies. A normal coffee hour
would need 4-5 dozen cookies,
homemade or store bought, it
doesn't matter. Thank you in
advance to everyone who has
already signed up and those who
can't wait to do so!!

In Sympathy

Daitrone Kennedy passed away on
Sept. 10 in New Orleans from
complications of hernia surgery. His
service will be on Sept. 23. Daitrone,
his wife Synthia and her mother
Dorothy Wallace came to Bartlesville
after Katrina. Synthia wants to let
everyone know that St. Luke's is still
part of their family and in their
hearts. You may send cards to:

2420 General Ogden

New Orleans, LA 70118

Donations in Daitrone's memory can
be sent to:

American Diabetes Assoc.

P.O. Box 15829

Arlington, VA 22215

Responding to the Hurricanes

As you know, our brothers and sisters now need our help. Our support of
Episcopal Relief and Development is a tangible, practical, effective and reliable
way to do that, not just in the short term, but for the long haul. You can send a
donation to assist those in need to:

Episcopal Relief & Development.

P.O. Box 7058

Merrifield VA 22116-7058



An Encouraging Word About Hymn Singing!

The music we sing each Sunday is selected with careful
attention to the lessons (the Lectionary) appointed for that
day. Our primary hymnal, *The Hymnal 1982*, is filled with a wealth of hymn texts
that speak to most every spiritual need while also being an excellent teaching tool
for lessons in faith living.

Following are short excerpts from hymns we will sing this coming Sunday.
Look for these powerful texts as you SING these hymns! You might like to look up
the complete hymn texts before coming to church. They make excellent
meditation texts.

Hymn numbers from which these texts are taken: 435, 674, 316, 347.
And, no, the texts are not listed in that order. Seek and ye shall find!

- (1) "...strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted...hold fast
the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil..."
- (2) "How can pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs
and will not let old bitterness depart?"
- (3) "In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that
is not true..."
- (4) "Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is
past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here
with us ..."

New Parish Secretary

Robyn Crow has joined the office staff as our new Parish Secretary! She has had
experience in this position before so hopefully, Bob Wesneski, our present
interim secretary, shouldn't have too much difficulty training her.
Please stop by and introduce yourself to her if you happen to be at the church.

St. Crispin's Cook-Off

Barbeque competition, games, music,
t-shirts, face painting and more.

September 30th, 10:00am-2:30pm

Adults:\$15 Kids (5-12) \$7 Kids 5 and
under: Free

Traces of the Trade

Screening of this film, a documentary
about slavery in America followed by a
conversation on race and healing.

October 2nd, 6:00pm-9:00pm (FREE)

St. John's, 4200 South Atlanta Pl, Tulsa

Thank You from the Freebern's

We are so grateful for the work many of you did in clearing the overgrowth on
our property last Saturday. It was an immense help and very much appreciated.
You truly were doing ministry.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Doug and Connie Freebern

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 17, 2017 through September 24, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes

September 17

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen, Charlie Olsen, Madelyn Stuart

September 24

No Acolytes Scheduled

Layreaders

September 17

8:00am

Darian Kedy, Jeff Birk

10:30am

Jim Warring, Penny Williams

September 24

8:00am

Judy Currey, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Nick Conner, Bob Wesneski

Nursery Volunteers

September 17

Barbara Todd

September 24

Diana Crawford

October 1

Erin Perry

Hugh & Virginia

Meal Preparation

September 13

Steve & Cheryl Van Aken

September 15

Mike & Lauri Watkins

September 18

Dennis & Debbie Mueggenborg

September 20

Karl & Jenny Franks

September 22

Marsha Tibbits

Scripture Lessons for

September 17

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114;

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew

18:21-35

Music for September 17

#435 "At the Name of Jesus"

#674 "Forgive Our Sins as You

Forgave"

GATHER #342 "I Will Take the

Cup of Life"

#316 "This is the Hour of

Banquet and Song"

#347 "Go Forth For God"

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour

September 17

Green Family

September 24

Young Disciples

October 1

Volunteers Needed

To volunteer see the sign-up sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puvey45@gmail.com

Sunday Plate Counter

September 17

Steve Clark

September 24

Jim Grillot

October 1

Amy Borg

Greeters

September 17

8:00am

Monica Martin

10:30am

Carol Murphy

September 24

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim & Nancy

Warring

St. Luke's Bookstore

The Bookstore is open Sundays between the two services and after the 10:30 service. All proceeds from sales go to St. Luke's Outreach Projects.

***To volunteer**, contact Connie Freebern

connie.freebern@yahoo.com

918-914-1155

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you would like printed in *The Steeple* to the church office no later than Tuesdays at 10am.
Thank you!

Ushers

September 17

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

September 24

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Robert Babcock

10:30am

Max McCreary, Jim Grillot

Children's Chapel

September 17

Blair and Chad Ellis

September 24

Erin and Travis Perry

October 1

Robert Tedstrom, Heather Boyle

Agape Mission

Thursday, September 28

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson, Glenda

Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen

Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir

Petrovich

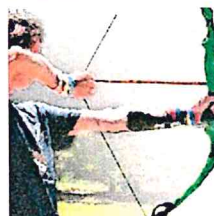
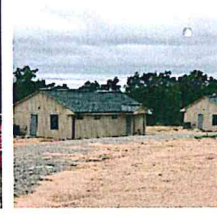
Bereavement Committee

Team 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy



September 30th

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**St. Crispin's Camp and Conference Center
36302 State Highway 9
Wewoka, OK 74884**

We want you to come help us celebrate the amazing growth happening at our beloved St. Crispin's!

Adults: \$15

Kids (5-12): \$7

Kids 5 and under: FREE

This fun-filled event designed for the whole family, will feature a friendly barbecue competition between various teams across the state, games, music, t-shirts, face painting, and more! All the proceeds from this event will be used to purchase furnishings for the NEW Summer Camp Welcome Center and Offices!

**Want to attend but feel like it is too far to drive in the day of the event?
St. Crispin's has Lodge rooms available to rent!**

We hope you'll come and share in the celebration!

Register to Attend • Sign-up to compete in the Cook-Off • Lodging Information
www.birdeasepro.com/stcrispinscookoff

*Questions? Contact the Rev. Sean Ekberg at seanekberg@gmail.com or
the Rev. Tom Dahlman at taddahlman@gmail.com*

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma presents

Traces of the Trade

A Story from the Deep North

Both events are open to the public

October 2nd: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. John's

4200 South Atlanta Place

Tulsa, OK 74105

October 5th: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Augustine of Canterbury

14700 North May Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73134

A moving documentary that unearths a hidden legacy of slavery in America

"It's about all of us, where we are, and how we got here"



Traces of the Trade traces a journey by Katrina Browne, the filmmaker, and nine of her cousins into the dark past of the slave trade which enriched their white New England family. Dain Perry, one of the nine cousins, and his wife, Constance, will screen the film and facilitate a conversation on race, reconciliation and healing.

Come, listen, learn, and allow yourself to experience the journey

"A far-reaching personal documentary examination of the slave trade. . . . The implications of the film are devastating."

- Stephen Holden, *The New York Times*

"An incredibly well executed and powerful film. It tackles an important discussion about race that most people would rather ignore. . ."

- Jessica Mosby, *The Women's International Perspective*

"Traces of the Trade moves seamlessly from a personal historical narrative to highlighting contemporary truths. . . . [It] is a serious and moving film that not only reveals the roots of our racial divide but also provides examples of actions taken to repair it."

- Dedrick Muhammad, *Sojourners Magazine*