



THE CHALICE & TONGS

NEWS FROM ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL
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JULY 2015

Summer At St. Dunstan's



LIVE THE RESURRECTION. PROCLAIM THE HOPE. SERVE ALL PEOPLE.

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
Pam Pretz, Financial Admin
Terry Watts, Parish Chef &
Kitchen Manager
Lauren McGuire, Preschool Dir.

SERVICES

Sunday:
Holy Eucharist at:
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Santa 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
Monterea, 4:00 p.m.
1st Thurs., Holy Eucharist with Grand
Pride

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VISION:
THE WORLD
TRANSFORMED
THROUGH
CHRIST

Rector's Corner

Notes from Mother Mary Ann Hill

Sermon following the massacre in Charleston, June 21, 2015

One of the most beautiful places I've ever been is an aspen grove on Pearl Pass, west of Crested Butte, Colorado. It's like a fairy tale forest; lush and green, without a lot of underbrush other than ferns. The aspen leaves quake and shimmer in the wind, bright green against the white trunks of the trees. I haven't spent a lot of time there, but it's really captured my imagination. But the magical quality of it is not even the best part.

What really fascinates me about the aspen grove is that, while it appears to be made up of individual trees, it's really one giant organism. All the seemingly individual trees are connected by a root system, thousands of years old. Each individual tree, with its different size and markings, is really just a shoot of one growth.

There is an even bigger grove of aspen in Utah. It's called Pando, which is Latin for "I spread." It consists of 47,000 trees, all connected at the root level, all bearing the same genetic markers. This one organism, considered by many to be the largest in the world, weighs an estimated 6,000,000 tons and is at least 80,000 years old.

Like a giant aspen grove, each human being on this planet, no matter our race, religion, nationality, or culture, is connected at the root level. All the hatred we can muster cannot change that fact. We are, each of us, made in the image and likeness of God. We are God's children, and God entered into this human life for every single one of us, no matter how we identify ourselves.

It's human nature to focus on superficial differences. It's easier to focus on things that are on the surface level that we can easily see than what lies deeper. Some try to explain it as a function of the survival instinct, but whatever it is, it is human nature, not God's nature. Individual culture and heritage are important, but no matter how strongly we identify with them, they are not so important as to justify our not seeing each other as human beings, made in God's image.

And yet, it's so easy for us not to recognize one another as just that. You may remember a documentary from 1970, in which a teacher from Iowa, Jane Elliot, divided her class in two based on eye color. On one day the students with blue eyes were instructed to treat the brown-eyed students as second-class citizens. On the next day it was flipped. With just a little encouragement, students who were usually kind and loving easily slid into the kind of bigotry we see in racist adults.

It's also human nature to have a vertical view of the world, to need to have a top and a bottom in society. Twenty years ago there was a wonderful TV show called "I'll Fly Away." Set in the south during the Civil Rights era, it told the story of a white District Attorney and his black maid. The lawyer, played by Sam Waterston, was named Forrest Bedford, after the Civil War general and first Grand Wizard of the KKK, Nathan Bedford Forrest. And Bedford's son's name was Nathan.

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On the cover....

Parishioners of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church gathered together on May 31 to celebrate "St. Dunstan Day" with the church's annual picnic.

Saint Dunstan's Outreach:

Feeding the homeless

St. Dunstan's provides an evening meal at the Day Center, located just west of Denver on Archer, the second Wednesday of each month. On June 10 we served a dinner of chicken noodle casserole, cabbage salad, rolls, and dessert.

Those who helped were Kim Coffey and Carolyn Pitcock who prepared the food; John Pondelik, who transported the meal from St. D's kitchen to the Day Center where he washed the serving pans; and servers Susanne and Darrell Miskell, Mike Riggs, and Carolyn.

Delicious desserts were made by Pat Barton, Margaret Daley, Bonnie Doughan, Kendall Ingle

and Lynn Lee.

As usual, Jay Williams provided a case of bananas, and Emily Runge donated milk. The 103 recipients at the Day Center showed their appreciation by eating all the food with many second and third servings, and expressing their thanks as they went through the line.

Feed the Homeless needs cooks, servers, and dessert makers. You can be on one of the four teams which means doing a specific job only three times a year, or volunteer as a substitute and be on a list to fill in when needed. Contact Anne Craddock if interested in helping (918)742-6361.



Financial Report

Finances for the month of April 2015:

	Budgeted	Actual	Net
Pledges	\$29,219.00	\$30,412.00	\$1,193.00
Other Income	\$5,203.00	\$2,835.00	\$(2,368.00)
Expenses	\$35,532.75	\$40,489.87	\$4,957.12

TOTAL For the month of April 2015: \$7,242.87 more expenses than income

Year to Date through April 2015:

	Budgeted	Actual	Net
Pledges	\$116,884.00	\$120,641.67	\$3,757.67
Other Income	\$17,801.00	\$12,197.14	\$(5,603.86)
Expenses	\$148,625.00	\$152,117.06	\$3,492.06

TOTAL For 2015 \$ 19,278.25 more expenses than income

Why Your Child Should Be a Dunstan Chorister

By Eliot Glaser
Organist & Choir Master

Many of us who grew up in or attend musical churches probably haven't given a second thought to where the musicians who sing in our choirs come from.

Once upon a time in the US of A, everybody learned to sing in school. Those days, of course, are long gone.

Singing in our schools, if taught at all, is restricted to those enrolled in choir or theater classes. From firsthand experience, I know that many in choir classes are only there to secure fine arts credit and learn as little as possible about singing.

All this means that if we are to have church choirs in the future, we need to take a more active role in planting and growing them ourselves.

To this end, St. Dunstan's will begin a choristers program this fall for children entering third through eighth grades.

As an affiliate of the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCM), we have access to and will use the highly acclaimed choral training program "Voice for Life" comprised of workbooks, songbooks, certificates, and medals all designed to raise healthy and competent choir members.

We will meet early Wednesday evenings for about an hour and hope eventually to have the choristers sing in worship on an occasional basis. Please help get the word out and let me know the names of potential choristers so we can begin planning. An informational meeting will be held in mid- August.

Musically yours,
Eliot

St. Dunstan Outreach

This summer we will be asking for donations for Disney Elementary School. The money will be used to buy backpacks with school supplies inside and school uniforms.

The cost of each of these will be about \$15.00 to \$20.00 each, but we are requesting donations of ANY amount.

We have had summer drives for Disney for the past three or four summers. St. Dunstan parishioners Terry Watts, a teacher at Disney, and Louis Galluzzi, the former principal, have helped us become aware of the needs of

the student body as well as bringing their wonderful students to sing for Grand Pride.

Look for the display in the narthex, and there will be reminders in the "Bell" through the month of August. Checks can be made payable to St. Dunstan with "Disney" in the memo line.

Thank You,
The Outreach Ministry

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The deadline for the August 2015 Chalice and Tongs newsletter is July 15. Let us know any awards or accomplishments you or a family member may have earned. Please turn in submissions to the church office or email chalice@stduntulsa.org

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDING BISHOP-ELECT



The Rt Revd Michael Curry, bishop diocesan of the Diocese of North Carolina has been elected by the House of Bishops to be the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The House of Deputies has confirmed the election. +Michael will be the first African American Presiding Bishop.

Bishop Curry was the rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland, when he was elected on February 11, 2000, to be the 11th bishop of North Carolina. He was ordained and consecrated on June 17, 2000.

EDUCATION

- D.D., honoris causa, Sewanee, The University of the South
- D.D., honoris causa, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
- D.D., honoris causa, Virginia Theological Seminary
- D.D., honoris causa, Episcopal Divinity School
- Continuing Studies, The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, The Ecumenical Institute of St. Mary's Seminary, and Institute of Christian Jewish Studies
- M.Div., Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
- B.A., with High Honors, Hobart and William Smith College

EXPERIENCE

- 2000 – Present Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of North Carolina
- 1988 – 2000 Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland
- 1982 – 1988 Rector, St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church, Lincoln Heights, Ohio
- 1982 – 1988 Chaplain, Bethany School
- 1978 – 1982 Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

I pray for a Church passionately committed to making disciples who follow in the way of Jesus of Nazareth in the Episcopal tradition and who in so doing participate in the realization of the dream of God for this world. A church like that will really be a house of prayer for all people. The face of a church like that will reflect the faces of all the peoples of our lands in all our wondrous God-given variety. A church like that will be truly catholic. A church like that will bear witness by its very life to the unconquerable love of God we know in Jesus. That church will proclaim the word of God with power, evangelize as much by listening as by sharing, embody hospitality with authenticity, serve, witness and prophesy deliverance in our local and global societies. The discipleship of a church like that will truly follow the way of Jesus of Nazareth and make a transformative difference in this world. That's the church I pray for.

+Michael

This information was gathered from Episcopal News Service and the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

St. Dunstan Day Picnic



On May 31, 2015 Parishioners at St. Dunstan's gathered to worship and picnic together on a rare dry day in an otherwise very rainy May!

This was our first picnic with our Spanish language congregation, and we were so excited to share this special event with our new Brothers and Sisters.

Aside from great food, games and treats, there was also a mariachi band on hand to provide music and entertainment. A new tradition seems to have been created! It was an amazing afternoon that we all enjoyed!

May 31 2015



In one episode, the teenaged Nathan asked his best friend, a boy from the wrong side of the tracks, someone who would have been called white trash, “Why do you hate them so much?” His friend answered “Because if they weren’t on the bottom, we would be.”

Why does there have to be a bottom? Yes, I know Utopian societies don’t work. The Shakers are almost extinct and most attempts at forming utopian societies have resulted in museums at best. Communism doesn’t work. I get that. But why, why does there have to be a bottom that is so low? Why does the disparity between the haves and have-nots have to be so big and ever-expanding?

Racism has been with us as a country since the very beginning. Slavery started very early in our history and continued long after it was abolished in England. One hundred fifty years after the end of the Civil War, we are still haunted by slavery, and racism still dogs us.

One of the difficulties with dismantling racism is that it’s something that most white people find very hard to discuss. We, and I include myself in this statement, get defensive. We are good people. We try to be kind and do the right thing. And sometimes we get tired of hearing about it.

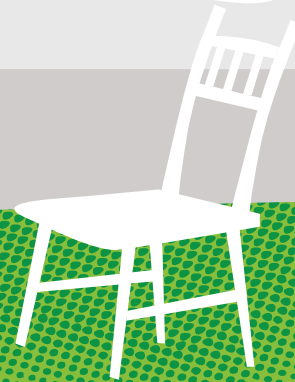
The idea of white privilege is something that we have an especially hard time with, given that many of us don’t feel that we come from a particularly privileged background. Perhaps we had working class parents. Maybe we’ve had our own employment issues, or our children weren’t able to get into their top choice colleges.

One way to begin to understand this issue, is to realize that we are not automatically DISadvantaged because of our race. I will never know what it’s like to be profiled while shopping in a department store or driving in an all-white neighborhood because of how I look. If I had a teenaged son, I wouldn’t have to be fearful that he might be mistaken for a criminal every time he left the house, just because of the pigment of his skin. I’ve never been denied a job interview based on how my name sounds to a person reading the application, but these things happen all the time in our country, over a decade into the 21st century.

So is there any hope for us? The young man who massacred those pastors and parishioners last week wore pro-apartheid patches on his jacket. The struggle against apartheid brought us some of the most Christ-like responses to oppression and racial division that our world has ever known. One of the best sources of hope that we can find is Desmond Tutu, the retired Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town.

Bishop Tutu tells the story of a simple act of kindness and respect that proved to be a watershed moment in his life. “The biggest defining moment in my life was when I saw Trevor Huddleston (an Anglican monk and priest) and I was maybe nine or so. I didn’t know it was Trevor Huddleston, but I saw this tall, white priest in a black cassock doff his hat to my mother who was a domestic worker. I didn’t know then that it would have affected me so much, but it was something that was really - it blew your mind that a white man would doff his hat. And subsequently I discovered, of course, that this was quite consistent with his theology that every person is of significance, of infinite value because they are created in the image of God. And the passion with which he opposed apartheid and any other injustice is something that I sought then to emulate.”

Bishop Tutu has written extensively about *Ubuntu*. *Ubuntu* is a philosophical idea from the southern region of Africa that means recognizing and sharing in common humanity with each other. Bishop Tutu has said this about *Ubuntu*: “A person with *Ubuntu* is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, based from a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed. *Ubuntu* speaks particularly about the fact that you can’t exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness. You can’t be human all by yourself, and when you have this quality – *Ubuntu* – you are known for your generosity.” We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole World. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity. Jesus taught that loving our neighbor is one of the two greatest commandments, along with loving God with our whole being. Loving our neighbor as ourselves is not just about doing for our neighbor what we would like to have done. It also means loving our neighbor as if he or she is one of us – *as if he or she is one with us*.” This idea of *Ubuntu* means exactly that. And this is why *Ubuntu* reminds me of the aspen grove. We are all individual trees, and yet we are all connected, deeply, at the root level. We must stay conscious of the humanity of those we encounter, wherever we find ourselves. Everyone in our path is made in the image of God, is a child of God, and skin deep differences are not greater than the things we have in common. We must love as we have been loved. Be the tree, but never forget that you are also the forest.



LET US KEEP THE FEAST

Food and Fellowship
in the Church
and the Bible

ST. DUNSTAN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUG. 3 - 6 — FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Notes & Announcements

Volunteers needed for VBS

Planning is underway for the 2015 VBS at St. Dunstons, which will take place August 3rd - 6th, 9am - noon each day. Volunteers are needed to put on this year's camp, which includes coming up with activities, creating a curriculum, sourcing art supplies and running the camp. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, including Episcopossee age volunteers.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kyleigh Brewer at kyleigh@stduntulsa.org. We will have an organizational meeting Monday, July 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Dinner and a Movie!

Dinner and a Movie is in full swing this summer! Each Wednesday you are welcome to join us in Daniel's Hall for a wonderful meal, followed by a movie.

You are welcome to eat with us and stay for the movie, or just come for the show! More information to follow in the newsletter ad and at Stduntulsa.org.

Be sure to reserve your spot for dinner by at least Tuesday at noon!

Christian Formation out for the summer

All Christian formation classes will be on summer break for the summer. Classes will resume in the fall for all ages!

Youth Leader's Gathering and Training

Friday, July 10 until Saturday, July 11

The Diocese is offering its first Youth Leader's Gathering and Training event in five years! We will gather July 10th (with check-in beginning at 5:00 p.m.) through July 11th (with check-out at 3:00 p.m.) at St. Crispin's.

Lost Dishes

Please look on the table in the Narthex to collect your left or forgotten dishes.

OUTREACH Backpack Project

We are asking for donations in ANY amount for Disney Elementary School. The money will be used to purchase backpacks with school supplies inside for the beginning of school, and for school uniforms for kids in need. Please make checks payable to St. Dunstan's with "Disney" in the memo line. Thank you, The Outreach Ministry.

Education for Ministry

Contact Angela, 918-805-7088, 918-712-9341 or Rick, 918-808-9091 by phone, for information about the four-year adult theological education opportunity. Commitment is one year at a time. It will begin in September. Enroll by August 1st to hold a space. Contact them by email at angela_hock@msn.com or rick_brewer@msn.com.

Safeguarding God's Children Training

There will be a training at Christ Church, 12:00 p.m. on July 12. Please call the office at 918-492-7140 to let Kyleigh know if you want to attend.

Help Wanted for our Podcast

It's been a few years since we have had a podcast of our sermons available on our website. We have the equipment to record sermons, but we need someone (or more than one someone) who would like to upload the podcast on a weekly basis. We can provide the software and hardware if you have the time to help us with this ministry.

Notes & Announcements

Summer Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Office is closed on Fridays. In case of an emergency, please call Kyleigh or Mother Mary Ann on their cell phones.

Vacation 'To Go Kit'

There are vacation 'to go kits' full of things for your little ones to do while on vacation. The kit includes weekly lessons from the lectionary page and a flat Jesus and flat St. Dunstan for the family to take photos with. Pick up the kit in the Narthex, on the table to the left, as you enter the South end of the building.

The Rest of Us

Women 40's - 60's will meet on Thursday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information

Water Damage in the Christian Formation Center

May was the rainiest month in recorded weather history in Oklahoma. During that time, we discovered water damage in the small side room (aka the Blue/Beige/EFM Room/Classroom B). Since then, that part of the building has been inspected and we have discovered that a total 75% of that addition has suffered long-time water damage over many years, and will require extensive restoration. We are working with the Church Insurance Company and construction/remediation experts. We will keep the parish up-to-date as more information becomes available. We hope that the space will be fully functional by the beginning of the fall program year. Thank you to Kyleigh Brewer for tirelessly communicating between all parties involved and to our wardens Jack Montgomery, Steve Langley, Daniel Rew, and Skip Eller.



Meet our New Financial Administrator Pam Pretz

Pam has been at St. Dunstan's for almost four years and was confirmed two years ago. She is a CPA who recently retired from Magellan Midstream Partners. She has worked for other local companies and has been the Comptroller of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Hospice of Green Country, and was the membership accountant for the Tulsa Jewish Community Center. If you need to reach her, her email is accounting@stdun-tulsa.org. For pledge questions, you can also contact Kyleigh Brewer.

We are blessed to have Pam join our staff!

DINNER AND A MOVIE

June 17: Mrs. Doubtfire

June 24: Murphy's Romance

July 1: The 100 Foot Journey

July 8: "42" (The Jackie Robinson Story)

July 15: The Man Who Knew Too Much

July 22: While You Were Sleeping
(Christmas in July)

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Summer 2015 — Wednesday Nights
Worship Service 5:30 pm • Dinner at 6
Make Reservations by Noon Tuesday

DINNER & A MOVIE

GOOD FOOD!

GOOD MOVIES!

Fellowship & Fun!

Adults- \$8 Children under 6- \$3
Childcare Available