



2023 Annual Report

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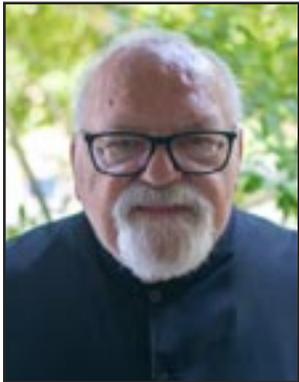
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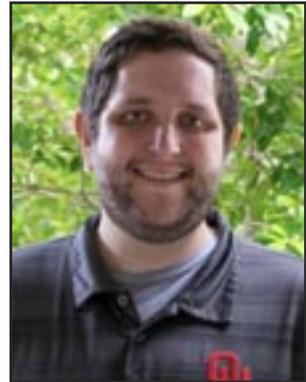
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2024 Annual Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order with Opening Prayer The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson, Rector
Concensus vote of Labeth Nall as Secretary for the 2024 Annual Meeting The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson, Rector
2023 Annual Meeting Minutes The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson, Rector
Treasurer's Report Financials for 2023 & Budget for 2024 Sally Cumpton Treasurer
Introduction & Election of Vestry Candidates Jill Daugherty, Senior Warden
Introduction of Vestry Officers The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson, Rector
Nominations & Election of Diocesan Delegates Jill Daugherty, Senior Warden
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Vestry Election Results Jill Daugherty, Senior Warden
Closing Prayer The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson, Rector



Some members of the Landscape Committee





From the Rector

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Once again, it's time for yearly reports and the annual parish meeting. It's a bittersweet occasion for me as this is my last one. I won't miss the meetings and reports, but I will

miss the people. While it's still four and one-half months before my retirement, I want to say that my time with you has been special. There is, of course, much more to say, but I'll save that for later.

Let's look back at the work and ministry we accomplished in 2023.

Worship and Music

Music is vital to Christian worship, and I am very fortunate to work alongside a group of such talented men and women. Our choir is now directed by Bob Pfau and Susan Yeager, his volunteer assistant. The choir's growth is remarkable and is a joy to hear.

After several months of substitute organists, St. Philip's welcomed a new musician this past year. Leen Latorre began in the summer. He will be with us while working on his Master of Music in Organ degree at O.U.

This year, acolytes served at both services. There is a crucifer at the 8:00 a.m. service and a crucifer and two torch bearers at the 10:30 service. Randy Simmons continues his fine work training and scheduling the acolytes. We also have three parishioners assisting me as a subdeacon—Jane Ann Bramlett, Kyle Craighead, and Randy Simmons. Their service has been a tremendous help during worship. The position, especially valuable in the absence of a deacon, does not require ordination or authorization by the bishop.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors bring worship to Ardmore Village every Sunday. Thank you to Randy Simmons, Laurel McCulloh, and Kyle Craighead for graciously ministering to this community.

St. Philip's is fortunate to have several lectors and chalicists volunteer at both services. Kay Watson, with Bonnie Watson's help, organizes these groups to serve each Sunday.

Dorothy Hudson organizes our altar flower list and Mike Vanway our list of ushers for all services. Special thanks to both of them for their contributions.

Worship attendance has continued to grow since the pandemic. The 8:00 a.m. Sunday service has grown substantially to an average of about 20 per week. Our 10:30 service is attended by about 75-90 people each week. The Wednesday noon Mass is informal and regularly attended by four to eight parishioners.

Altar Guild

Joan White very capably led the Altar Guild again this year. The Altar Guild teams work for two weeks in a row preparing the church for Sunday and Wednesday Mass as well as for other services, like funerals. Joan is always looking for new members. This ministry is open to adult men and women and high-school-age students. It is an excellent ministry for newcomers to learn about items used during the Eucharist and their meaning.

Outreach Ministries

St. Philip's continued to serve Sunday Lunch on the last Sunday of the month throughout the year. Lee Miller, E. C. Goodman, Bob Wallin-Noyes & Matt Wells faithfully provide this every month. In 2023, the Foster Children's Christmas Gift program, supervised by Joan Clark, provided Christmas gifts for over 75 children. Lesa Price began coordinating our participation at the Ardmore Soup Kitchen, while Stan Kittrell, Page Worsham, Louis Hope, and Mike Vanway organized volunteers for the Food and Resource Center. St. Philip's also shared our space with O.U.T. Ministries for feeding the hungry. My thanks to all of them.

Christian Formation

The Youth Group and Children's Sunday School are growing under the direction of John Putnam. Adult Education opportunities included The Group, a Wednesday morning study program. It meets via Zoom with Susan Habeck very ably assisting Mary Ann Wilkes. Susan also coordinates the St. Philip's Prayer list. The Monday/Wednesday Night Study Group, led by the rector, reads and discusses a variety of books. The Friends Sunday School meets at 9:15 on Sundays, with Bob Hare facilitating the group in person and on Zoom.

Staff

In other changes, our parish secretary, Kathy Franklin retired last April. I am grateful for her service. We welcomed Crystal Cortés as her replacement. My thanks also to Sharon Winter, who also retired, for her years of service as our bookkeeper. I want to thank the rest of the staff for their work: sexton Matt Wells, office volunteer Dee Smith, and Ashly Ross, our new nursery attendant. Thanks to Jane Volkema, who works remotely from Michigan, maintaining the website and producing the bulletins and other publications such as this Annual Report book.

Other Thanks

I am grateful to everyone in our congregation for supporting one another through prayer and service. Joan Clark and the Inreach Committee have done a great job arranging our monthly (mostly) potluck lunches and other social and pastoral activities. Also to Lee White who arranges our Hospitality dinners for funerals and special occasions.

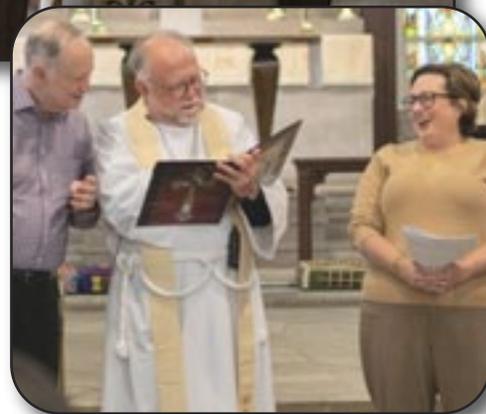
St. Philip's has a passionate group of people in our Landscape Committee. They provide a much needed service to our Parish, which would otherwise have to be contracted out. Our Men's Group, headed by John Sjulín and Mike Vanway for helping people in the community with projects.

I am grateful for the work of our Vestry and look forward to welcoming new members. My sincere gratitude for their service. Our wardens have a special direct working relationship with the rector. Thank you to Jill Daugherty as senior warden and John Sjulín as Junior Warden for their faithfulness in this ministry.

Conclusion

I invite you to read through the Annual Meeting reports carefully. They reflect the many ways that our members are sharing in the ministry of Christ's church and deepening our connections to God, to creation, and to one another. We are truly rooted in faith, growing in hope, and reaching out in love.

L. Mike



2023 Annual Meeting Minutes



Annual Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2023 | 12:00 pm | Conducted In Person

St Philip's Episcopal Church

1. Fr. Mike Stephenson, Rector, called the meeting to order with the Opening Prayer at 11:58 a.m.
2. Fr. Stephenson called for a Consensus vote of Labeth Nall as Secretary for the 2023 Annual Meeting. The vote approved Labeth Nall as secretary for the 2023 Annual Meeting.
3. 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
Fr. Stephenson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes and none were noted. Motion by Bob Wallin-Noyes and second by Kyle Craighead. Approved.
4. Treasurer's Report
Jeff Moen, outgoing Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, including a Summary of the 2022 financials and the 2023 Budget. In describing our 2022 year, Jeff indicated we were on track and were only \$3000 short of what we anticipated. St. Philip's has a deficit budget and has done that for a number of years.

The 2023 Budget includes general unrestricted and designated restricted account. Current year pledges are \$248,760. With the addition of Givers of Record (Don't make a pledge, but consistently donate the same amount week after week) and Loose Plate, the Total Operating Amount is set at \$395,018. The different funds we have are not liquid; more information will be presented later in the report. The combined total of the operating amount and the funds is \$564,509. Total Operating Expenses are projected at \$541,264 with a deficit of (\$79,857).

The Hollingsworth Fund is unrestricted and we can use this fund for budget deficits. The Gwen Taft Fund is restricted and can only be used for youth education events. The Memorial Fund is unrestricted with the interest available to the vestry and is generally used for capitol repairs. The corpus of the fund is restricted but the available interest can be spent for capital repairs. The Bourland Fund is restricted to scholarships for St. Philip's youth.

Fr. Stephenson asked if there were any questions to the Treasurer's Report and none were noted. Motion by Lee Miller and second by John Sjulín. Approved.

5. Introduction and Election of Vestry Candidates.
Jill Daugherty, Senior Warden, introduced the Vestry candidates: Jody Barlow, Jane Ann Bramlett, Leah Colclasure and Cortes. There are three openings and four candidates. Members should mark three candidates; the fourth candidate after the vote will be an alternate in case one of those elected has to step down. Results will be announced later in the meeting.
6. Introduction of the Vestry
Fr. Stephenson thanked Amanda Jackson-Willy for her excellent work during her term as Interim Sr. Warden. He also recognized Jeff Moen's work as treasurer for the past three years. Jill Daugherty, Sr. Warden since August, and John Sjulín, Jr. Warden have already contributed so much as Vestry Officers. Fr. Stephenson appointed Sally Cumpston as Interim Treasurer. At such time as she becomes a member of the church, she will become Treasurer.

7. Nominations and Election of Diocesan Delegates

Jill Daugherty announced four members had volunteered to attend the Diocesan Annual Meeting: Jane Ann Bramlett, Amanda Jackson-Willy, Randy Simmons and Jill Daugherty. Motion to elect nominees by Jody Barlow and second by Paige Worsham. Approved.

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Stevenson complimented the parish on its continuing support of programs in the church. He said we're about the same size as the Broken Arrow parish, but pay half as much to staff as they do because we have so many volunteers. Fr. Stevenson mentioned we have crossed the bridge from the isolating days of the pandemic

L. Labeth Nall

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Vestry Secretary

2023 Sacraments of the Church

Baptisms

None

Confirmation and Receptions

None

Marriage

None

Burial

Judy Daugherty Bacon ~ Floyd Ben Forbes
Robert "Bob" Raymond Newcomer ~ Richard Stephen Simms



2023 Financials

St Philip's Episcopal Church
Annual Report

Sally Cumpton, Treasurer

OPERATING FUND BUDGET

Account Name	Budget 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Support and Revenue			
Operating Fund Income			
Current Year Pledges	297,000	261,673	263,164
Givers of Record	70,000	125,620	66,389
Loose Plate	5,250	5,380	5,220
Contributed Support-Unrestricted	372,250	392,673	334,773
Contributed Support-Designated			
Worship	4,300	3,570	3,530
Discretionary Funds	9,281	9,281	2,580
Music	-	-	375
Parish Life	1,286	1,046	2,135
Outreach	6,954	6,954	4,570
Other Designated Gifts	418	(1,127)	10,195
Contributed Support-Designated	22,240	19,724	23,385
Oil/Gas Royalties	4,535	4,534	5,114
Total Operating Fund Income	399,024	416,931	363,272
Expenses			
Personnel	272,600	256,535	263,073
Search and Relocation	20,000	-	
Diocesan Assessment	62,398	60,104	51,857
Administration	67,048	70,129	51,411
Worship	13,104	12,754	11,087
Music	5,167	13,717	14,271
Christian Formation	2,900	2,997	44
Rector Discretionary Expense	9,281	16,463	11,151
Outreach	18,250	12,639	14,072
Parish Life	6,837	5,675	6,521
Property	99,658	100,767	97,965
Total Operating Fund Expenses	577,243	551,780	521,451
Operating Fund Surplus/(Deficit)*	(577,243)	(134,849)	(158,180)



*In previous years, the Vestry has voted to move the amounts below into the Operating Fund and expects to do so again in 2024

Bourland Fund Administrative Fee	15,000
Memorial Fund	39,000
Hollingsworth Fund	50,000
Total	104,000

ENDOWMENT FUNDS BUDGET

Account Name	Budget* 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Revenue and Support			
Gwen Taft Income			
Gwen Taft - Dividends	9,627	9,627	16,065
Gwen Taft - Interest	194	194	4
Gwen Taft - MV Gain (Loss)	-	71,094	(116,581)
Total Gwen Taft Fund Income	9,821	80,915	(100,512)
Hollingsworth Fund Income			
Hollingsworth - Dividends	3,586	3,585	6,136
Hollingsworth - Interest	99	99	4
Hollingsworth - MV Gain (Loss)	-	22,184	(51,054)
Hollingsworth Oil & Gas Royalties	40	76	-
Total Hollingsworth Fund Income	3,725	25,944	(44,914)
Memorial Trust Income			
Memorial Trust - Dividends	13,829	13,829	25,237
Memorial Trust - Interest	192	192	6
Memorial Trust - MV Gain (Loss)	-	115,767	(194,413)
Memorial Trust Oil & Gas Royalties	1	1	-
Total Mem. Trust Fund Income	14,023	129,789	(169,170)
Bourland Fund Income			
McLish Property	14,400	14,400	14,400
Bourland - Dividends	71,484	71,484	109,037
Bourland - Interest	510	510	15
Bourland - MV Gain (Loss)	-	457,596	(771,798)
Bourland Oil & Gas Royalties	-	-	-
Total Bourland Fund Income	86,394	543,990	(648,347)
Total Support	113,962	780,638	(962,942)
Expenses			
Bourland Fund Expenses			
McLish Property	5,026	6,088	3,637
Scholarships	85,000	45,500	42,000
Trust Fund Fees - Bourland	6,329	6,202	6,188
Investment Management	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Bourland Fund Expenses	100,355	61,790	55,825



Hollingsworth Fund Expenses

Trust Fund Fees	100	107	140
Total Hollingsworth Fund Expenses	100	107	140

Gwen Taft Fund Expenses

Choral Scholars - Taft	7,500	11,195	9,471
Camp and Other Scholarships	600	250	1,650
Curricula - Youth	-	45	562
Curricula-Children	-	-	273
Youth Activities	3,270	559	2,685
Taft Fund Fees	325	324	329
Total Gwen Taft Fund Expenses	11,695	12,373	14,970

Memorial Trust Fund Expenses

Memorial Trust Fund Fees	580	539	556
Total Mem. Trust Fund Expenses	580	539	556

Total Expenses **112,730** **74,808** **71,491**

Total Surplus/(Deficit) **1,232** **705,830** **(1,034,433)**

* Does not include market value adjustments.



*Adult Education
Groups*



Senior Warden

Jill Daugherty

When I look back on the last year in the life of our parish, I see a church that is welcoming, growing, compassionate, and full of vitality. Not a week goes by that I don't witness one of our parishioners reflecting the love of Jesus. From feeding our neighbors at Sunday Lunch, purchasing Christmas gifts for foster children, collecting comfort items for veterans, volunteering at the Ardmore Soup Kitchen or the Food & Resource Center, lifting one another up in the Friends Sunday School class, or helping out with our youth. Every day, parishioners at St. Philip's are acting as the hands and feet of Jesus and it inspires me.

We are also coming up on a season of change in the life of our church. Our dear Father Mike announced he will be retiring at the end of June. I know for me personally, this comes with sadness. Fr. Mike showed great compassion to me and my family after the loss of my Dad and my Grandmother. He guided our church through an historic global pandemic and I credit his leadership for keeping us together as a congregation through those challenges. I witness the kindness and welcome he extends to people in need spiritually. I ask that you pray for Fr. Mike as he transitions to the next phase in his life. He has been such a blessing to our church family.

I humbly ask each of you to spend time in prayer for the next chapter in the life of St. Philip's. Pray for the discernment and wisdom of our search committee and vestry as they seek to call a new rector to serve our parish. I'd also ask that you pray for the Holy Spirit to light the path for the person who will become our next rector.

Acts 2:42 says *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer."* I want to extend my gratitude to each of you who make our parish strong with your devotion,

time, giving, and presence. If you're looking to get involved in one of our ministries, we have a place for you. If it's been a while since you've come to worship, we're saving you a seat.

Junior Warden

John Sjulín

As junior warden, the main focus of responsibilities are on the building and grounds. With a church, there is always something that need attention or fixing.

A couple major repair projects done in 2023.

1. Replacement of flooring in Canterbury Room
2. Placement of new gutter and downspouts around southeast door to courtyard solved long time ceiling leaks.

Work starts next week on makeover of the kitchen door. This includes major repair of the door frame and new lock.

As I stated in last year's report: just like your homes, our church home continues to age and with age come repairs, replacements and improvements. I will continue to address these issues as they arise. If you notice something that isn't working — or becomes "wonky" — please let me know.

Adult Christian Education

The Group

The Group is a Christian study group that is open to all. It meets on Wednesdays at 10:30-12 noon on Zoom. In the meetings we watch a video and discuss it afterward. We have fellowship time and maintain a prayer request list.

If you are interested please text or call Mary Ann Wilkes at 580-504-1683 or email Susan Habeck at smkhabeck@gmail.com.

The Friends Class

The Friends Class is an adult Sunday School class. 2023 was our first full year at St. Philip's, and it was a great year! We had social activities that included a Christmas party, a hamburger fry in the summer, a men's dinner each month, and a women's luncheon, also monthly. We supported missions both locally and worldwide as well as provided monetary support for local foster children year-round and especially during back-to-school and Christmas time. Class members volunteered at the Regional Food Bank and the Soup Kitchen. We will typically have from twenty to thirty in attendance each Sunday. We use the International Lesson Series, a Bible-based source used around the world. Our teacher is Bob Hare. He is a retired Plainview High School teacher with a religion degree from Oklahoma City University. New members are always welcome to join our study as well as our loving fellowship. We currently meet in the Library in-person and on Zoom at 9:15 Sunday mornings. To request a ZOOM invite; email: friends.stpa@outlook.com

Monday Evening Book Group

This session we have been reading and discussing the book Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ by Debie Thomas. Fr. Mike facilitates the classes in person and on zoom.

This year the book study was moved from Wednesday evenings to Monday. By switching to Mondays, book study will no longer overlap choir rehearsal, giving choir members the opportunity to attend.

Altar Guild

Joan White,
Altar Guild Director

In the Episcopal Church, aesthetics matter. Our churches are known for their beauty, both

in terms of architecture and exterior design as well as what we present on the inside, where the surroundings in which worship takes place have their own meaning. In fact, we believe God intends these elements as what I often call "a visible sermon."

This is particularly true of the ministry of the altar guild, which deals with using various objects and elements to create a sacred space for worship, specifically Communion — the altar guild's tasks have a profound impact on the life of the church. The beauty of altar guild work has true theological value. It says something about how we care for what we do as well as how we care for people. It tells us that every detail has significance and every task is important.

The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer,
Bishop of Central Florida, Province IV

In 2023 we continued the choice of common cup or individual cups for wine. We have added a number of new members to the guild and are having fun teaching them.

Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors have offer the Holy Communion service at Ardmore Lodge on Sundays at 1 p.m. This requires the Altar Guild to pack the communion kit for that service.

Anyone interested in joining can speak to me or any member of the altar guild. This ministry is open to men and women as well as teens and young adults.

Acolytes, Subdeacons

Randy Simmons,
Acolyte Master

This past year saw the Acolyte Corps gain eight additional members between all 3 of

the Rutledge's, Sam Parker, the two Langley Sisters at 10:30, Michael Lytkowski who joins his brother and sister at the 8:00 Service allowing for a full team on their Sunday's at 8:00 and Jose Cortes. We did lose Dylan Moen and Emily Noguera to College. This brings the total number to 20 with an additional 2 as back up.

Randy Simmons continues to train and schedule the acolytes. Last year the role of Subdeacon was added and is considered a "minor order" — which means the persons in this role are not ordained. Those serving as Subdeacon are Jane Ann Bramlett, Kyle Craighead and Randy Simmons. If you would like to be trained for this ministry, see Fr. Mike or Randy as this role falls under the Acolyte Corps. LEV's

Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) has been added again. They go to Ardmore Village Lodge and take Communion and from the Sunday Lectionary Readings as group participation, each Sunday at 1:00 PM following Sunday 10:30 Mass. There are anywhere between 3 to 12 people on any given Sunday. Anyone is welcome to attend. LEV's also when requested take the Sacraments to Parishioners who are at home due to illness or Nursing Homes. The LEVs are Randy Simmons, Laurel McCulloh and Kyle Craighead. If anyone is interested in serving as an LEV contact Fr. Mike or Randy Simmons and they will get you trained and scheduled.

Community Action

Lee Miller

Community Outreach has been busy this year. We have continued with serving the disadvantaged once each month. Each month numbers have fluctuated, but the past 2 we have been really busy. This past month we served 85-100 and had many new faces. Outcasts for Christ are still serving from our Parish Hall each Sunday we don't serve.

In November we passed out Goodie Bags to our guests that included toiletries, hats, gloves.

In December we learned that Ardmore Veterans Center was not going to get soft drinks for the residents. We had a great POP drive and took them approximately 900 cans of assorted flavors.

Our new Friends Class has been working thru the Care Portal to help needy families with various needs. We are so happy they are joining in with helping out.

These things are only possible because of the support of the entire church.

Thanks for your help.

In-Reach Committee

Joan Clark

Since 2022 the In-Reach Committee has been working to create opportunities for our Church community to come together. The signature In-Reach events are the monthly potlucks where parishioners can enjoy some great food and fellowship. Generally held on the second Sunday of the month the potlucks are powered by dedicated Committee members and the amazing volunteers who so generously contribute dishes. The Committee has recently had the opportunity to expand their own culinary skills by providing vegetarian alternatives at each potluck. If you have a dietary restriction that is stopping you from joining us each month, please reach out and let us know...we want you to be there!

Coordinating special events like the Annual Meeting luncheon, Mardi Gras dinner and dancing, Easter Sunday brunch, Mother's Day tea party, and August's Bee Cool event were particular "foodie" highlights in 2023.

In-Reach also hosted two community nights. The first was our Family Movie Night in the Parish Hall with plenty of popcorn, cozy chairs, comfy bean bags and blankets, and

the second a fun family game night! In the coming year the Committee hopes to host more community events, so let us know your suggestions!

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to In-Reach meals and activities in 2023, in particular the great In-Reach team – Amanda Jackson, Labeth Nall, Leah Simmons, and Page Worsham and our two specialty chefs Larry Core of Jakes' Joint and the parish's own Martin Behan! A couple of Committee members stepped down in 2023, Kathy Fraklin and Frelyn Loughridge, and we definitely miss their energy. If you'd like to join an active and joyful Committee, please let me know...our Committee meetings take place at Dew Drop Inn!

Lay Readers & Chalicists

Kay Watson & Bonnie Watson

*"The word of the Lord."
"The blood of Christ,
the cup of Salvation."*

Two phrases we hear every Sunday.

The first, is when the lector completes the re-reading from the Old Testament and the Epistle. The second sentence is when you are offered the chalice from the chalicist.

Sharing God's Word and offering the Holy Sacrament is not a ministry to be taken lightly. We would like to thank the lectors and chalicists for their dedication and reverence for this ministry.

If you would like to become a lector or chalicist, let us know and we can set up a time for training.

Kay: cw7540@outlook.com or
Bonnie: bonniewatson2016@gmail.com

St. Philip's lectors and chalicists

8 a.m.

Guy Bacon; Mike Vanway; Charles Spaulding; Vicki Broaddrick; Leah Colclasure; Jeff Colclasure; Emily

Nogueira; Sheryl Ellis; Frelyn Loughridge; Tamara Lytkowski; Josie Lytkowski; Will Lytkowski; Lys Hulse; Cathy Nogueira.

10:30 a.m.

Amanda Willy; Kyle Craighead; Laurel McCulloh; Kay Watson; Bonnie Watson; Joan Clark; Jane Ann Bramlett; Jose Cortes; Jill Daugherty; Pam Kimbrough; Elizabeth Gaylor; Lys Hulse; Charles Spaulding; Susan Yeager; Lisa Wells; Rachel Langley; Dee Smith; Sharon Claytor.

Men's Group & Landscape Committee

John Sjulín

These two self-funded groups, overlap on certain projects.

1. Placement of a new wall and door at a parishioner's house.
2. Tree trimming and yard work at a couple locations.
3. Placement of extensive handicap ramp at a residence.
4. Several other small projects.

Landscape Committee

1. Constant pruning of our many shrubs and bushes
2. Flower beds get new annuals and bulbs planted to go with the perennials we placed a few years ago.
3. Special attention to courtyard and columbarium area.
4. Replacement of shrubs when needed.

Music Ministry

Bob Pfau, Choral Director

One of the most visible ministries at St. Philip's is the music program. Each Sunday, and on additional holy days, there is organ and choral music. The choir works each week not only to sing anthems with text that are pertinent to the lessons of the day, but they also lead the congregation in hymns and sung responses. The music is chosen, first and foremost, with attention to the lectionary readings prescribed for the day, and then, to be true to our Anglican heritage, presenting the best of the historic Anglican tradition as well as music of more recent sources.

St. Philip's Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the music room at 6:30 p.m. and at a Sunday morning warm up in the Chancel at 10 a.m.

Leen Latoree, Organist

In May of 2023 I graduated from Seton Hill University with a Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music. The following semester, I began my Master of Music in Organ, and began work at St. Philip's. Since I was fourteen, I have felt called to the profession of music ministry, and throughout high school I worked as a substitute organist. This is my first position as a principal organist, and I could not have picked a better place to work as a church organist.

Our historic organ is a beautiful Aeolian-Skinner, and lends itself exceedingly well to the functional nature of liturgical music. The organ has a crisp sound that fits our acoustic perfectly, and thus lends itself well to leading our congregation in hymnody. In addition, our organ is versatile in that it lends itself to a variety of literature, giving me plenty of options for preludes and postludes each Sunday.

If anyone has any questions about the organ,

I would be thrilled to answer your questions or even provide a demonstration! Just come up and ask me after the service.

Youth Group & Sunday School

John Putnam, Youth Director
& Sunday School Coordinator

Children's Sunday School

Our Sunday School class has moved forward thanks to the passion of our teachers, Amanda Willey and Joan Clark. In 2023 we got creative with different ways to tell our sacred stories, utilizing both Godly Play and Weaving God's Promises. This has helped us meet the needs of our students and their families. We've also introduced new stories thanks to Weaving God's Promises. This has included going through the Gospel of John for the first time in Sunday School, meeting characters like the woman at the well and Nicodemus.

Youth Group

Youth Group continues to be the most fun ministry at St. Philip's. In 2023 we did escape rooms, trampolined, bowled, and went to St. Crispin's for Summer Camp and the High School Ignite Retreat. A highlight of our year was getting an honorable mention for our Frankenstein themed scarecrow in the Create Ardmore competition. Our students also served as CITs at camp and served meals at Sunday Lunch at the end of each month – an extremely valuable part of our program, as we get to serve those in need as Christ taught us. We also prayed for one another and studied our holy scriptures. Last year we spent our time in the Gospels, and as we move into 2024, we'll be journeying through the Hebrew Bible as we learn how these sacred stories are still relevant to us today.

Bourland Scholarship



St. Philip's
The Episcopal Church in Ardmore
516 McLish Street
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Members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church,

Since the last Annual Meeting of the Parish the Bourland Scholarship has disbursed \$45,500 in scholarships.

For the Spring 2023 semester the committee approved four Scholarship recipients, a total of \$14,000 in scholarship awards;

Landri McClure
Ethan Moen
Ashton Ross
Trevor Seely

In May, Landri McClure graduated from OSU. Landri graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Landri is now pursuing a Masters in Speech Pathology.

For the Fall 2023 semester the committee approved nine Scholarships. All previous recipients were eligible for another administration of the scholarship as long as they maintained a 2.5 GPA and continued to be enrolled in a fulltime program. In Fall there were five new scholarship recipients and one student who returned to study and the Bourland after a three-year pause. A total of \$31,500 in scholarship awards was disbursed. The recipients were;

Stephen A. Bilsbury
Dalton Elmer
Ethan Moen
Dylan Moen
Grace Morgan
Emily Nogueira
Ashton Ross
Alistair Ross
Trevor Seely

Three students decided to either continue to take time away from full-time study or did not seek an administration of the scholarship in 2023. Each of these students remains eligible for continuing support in the future.

In 2024, Lynda Campbell and Gene Litteken will complete their terms on the Committee. Both Lynda and Gene have been invaluable members since their appointment in 2019. I am grateful for their commitment of time and for their collegiality. Father Mike, with the advice and consent of the Vestry, is responsible for appointing two new committee members. These will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Bourland Scholarship Fund continues to provide scholarships for the use and benefit of students wishing to continue their post-high school education. My thanks to the Committee members for their dedication to, and support of, this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Jackson-Willy (*Chair*)

Bourland Scholarship Committee
Lynda Campbell, Jose Cortes, E.C. Goodman, Pam Kimbrough, and Gene Litteken

The next disbursement of the scholarship will be for the Fall 2024 semester. Please contact the Parish office for an application form. These are the eligibility guidelines –

The Bourland Scholarship is available to Voting Members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, as defined in Article 2 of the parish by-laws:

ARTICLE 2: Voting Membership

2.1. *Parish Members. Every baptized person whose name and baptism are recorded in the Parish Register is a member of the Parish. A member sixteen years of age or older is an adult member of the Parish.*

2.2. *Voting Members. Every adult member of the Parish in good standing is entitled to vote. A member is in good standing if he or she has received Holy Communion in the Church at least three times during the preceding year and has otherwise been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God within the preceding twelve months. The Secretary keeps a list of qualified voters in the Parish Register and only those members listed are allowed to vote.*

The Committee will rely on applicant's good faith compliance with the requirements of voting membership.

St. Philip's Men's Group





In 2023 Oak Hall Episcopal School continued to see the fruits of a wonderful relationship with both St. Philip’s Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Many students and their families are members of other churches, but all were given the chance to experience the beautiful building, majestic organ, and timeless Episcopal liturgies as we held a number of important services at St. Philip’s. In 2023 St. Philip’s hosted Oak Hall’s Advent and Ash Wednesday services, as well as our Eighth Grade Graduation service and ceremony, and the packed Episcopal Schools Celebration.

I am grateful to Father Mike, the Vestry, staff, and the parishioners of the Parish for wholeheartedly embracing the Church-School relationship. Here are some examples of how St. Philip’s was involved in the life of Oak Hall Episcopal School last year:

- Father Mike was the Bishop’s representative on the School’s Board of Trustees. He led two Chapel services each Wednesday morning, including a monthly Eucharist, and taught Christian Education to the Middle School students;
- Parishioners volunteered to serve at the School’s annual Chili Cook-Off;
- Dr. Lee White helped organize the post Episcopal Schools Celebration service reception;
- The majority of members on the School’s Board of Trustees must be Episcopalian. I am thankful to Father Mike (mentioned above) and parishioners Mr. Stan Kittrell, Mr. Kyle Craighead, Mrs. Jill Daugherty, Mrs. Michelle Cowan, Mrs. Amy Coffey, Dr. William Lytkowski, Mr. Mark Riesen, and Mr. Daniel Vernon for their service on the Board; and,
- In addition to the Rector and Headmaster, five members of the Church are also on the faculty of the School, and seven students, and their families, are also members of St. Philip’s.

The School’s mission in Ardmore is made possible, in part, by the support of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, whose financial assistance this past school year exceeded \$100,000. This very generous support was put towards our general operating budget, as well as our needs-based financial aid program.

The School’s mission is to educate the whole child. As an Episcopal school, an important component of school life is service learning. We are intentional about teaching the students that in addition to being “mindful of the needs of others”, we should also be “responsive”. Throughout the year students support a variety of community programs. Some of these take place every year, such as providing supplies to the Ardmore Animal Shelter (Pet Parade & Blessing of the Animals) and canned goods to the Food & Resource Center of South Central Oklahoma (Souper Bowl). Other projects undertaken on an ad hoc basis include supporting the Family Shelter (Winter Coat & Clothing Collection) and Grace Center (Socktober). We have also been fortunate to have the opportunity to work with St. Philip’s to provide gifts to children in foster care. I am thankful for Mrs. Martha Riesen for helping co-ordinate our School’s effort in this important program. This year, our parents were again very generous with their donations, allowing the students to shop, wrap, and deliver gifts for 16 children. In addition, Patriot Auto Group donated 16 bicycles for these children. Wow – an awesome example of the community coming together to respond to the needs of others!

Relationships change lives, and I am indebted to everyone at St. Philip’s for the close connection Oak Hall has with the parish community.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Willy
Headmaster



Sunday School



Youth Group



Vestry Candidates

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The top 3 vote-getters will be elected to a 3-year term. The fourth vote-getter will be named as an alternate. Should any member of the body resign during the vestry-calendar year, the alternate shall be called to join the vestry to complete the resigned-member's term.

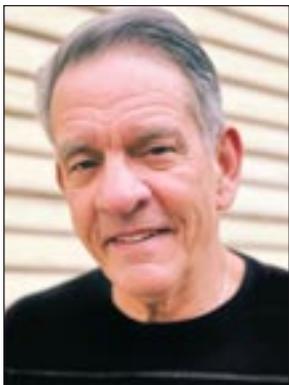


Lesa Price

Lesa grew up in Mattoon, Illinois and graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelors in Deaf Education and later earned a certificate in Early Childhood Education. She moved to Sulphur, Oklahoma in 1991 where she began her teaching career at The Oklahoma School for the Deaf. Lesa taught HS for 5 years including teaching American Sign Language at Sulphur Public Schools. She then moved to the lower elementary department and taught 2nd grade for 20 years. Lesa finished her career as the librarian, retiring in 2021.

During her teaching career, Lesa was Teacher of the Year, Professional Development Chair, Senior Sponsor, co-president of the on campus teachers association, organized student book club and taught community ASL class to families with Deaf children.

In the past, Lesa has played in a handbell choir, served at the soup kitchen, organized monthly communion servers and facilitated 13 week sessions of DivorceCare meetings for several years. Currently, she organizes the Soup Kitchen work week and is a member of the Friends Sunday School class. She hopes that she can be of service on the Vestry and learn more about the church.



Randy Simmons

My road to The Episcopal Church started with my Dad, who was baptized and confirmed at Redeemer in Chelsea, Oklahoma which unfortunately has been shut down for years. He yielded to going with Mom to the Baptist Church. My first time at St. Philips was in 1967 when our own Parishioner, Maureen Kalesnik moved to Ardmore living next door to my Parents. She asked me to go one Sunday and I was hooked. It would be 16 years before I was Confirmed in 1983 and my 3 Children Baptized thanks to the Rt. Rev. William Cox and Fr. Arlen Fowler.

After being Transferred to Norman in 1988, a dear friend Wallis Ohl was the Priest at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, I was involved there teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and of course Acolyte Master – go figure. We returned back to Ardmore in 1994 came back to St. Philip's with Fr. Maddon asking me to be Acolyte Master here, and now 20 years later I'm doing that again. I have all 4 years of Education for Ministry (EFM,) I am also a vowed member of the Oakerhater Community but am no longer active. I have taught Youth Sunday School at St. Philip's, was a Choir Member and was Youth Group Director along with Leah for a time.

I sit on the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Board, am an active Elks Lodge Member and served on the Officer Board there as Chaplain 10 years ago.

My career was with OG&E Electric Service for 37 years as a member of a Transmission Crew, Engineering Department and Project Manager and in 2015 accepted a Construction Manager position with Lynn Boyer, Inc. Electrical Contractors.

I am honored to be nominated to serve on Vestry and if elected would be a dedicated working member.



Liz Stacy

I am a lifelong Episcopalian from Oxford, Ohio, where I was in youth choir, choir, and Youth Group. Later in life I lived in Arkansas and while raising my two sons, Jamie and Mike, I was active in altar guild, Cursillo, and EFM. In the community I served as a Cub Scout leader and on the Symphony Guild board.

My undergraduate degree is from Miami University and my MBA from the University of Denver.

While living in New York City, I was on the editorial staff of the house organ at Mobil Oil Company, and in Los Angeles was administrative assistant at University Elementary School at UCLA. Later I was research assistant at the Division of Criminal Justice for the state of Colorado while living in Denver.

In 2005 my husband Larry and I moved to the Ardmore area to raise and show cutting horses. Currently, I keep the books for our operation. At St. Philips I have served on the Inspection Committee, hospitality committee and altar guild in addition to working at the soup kitchen and food bank. I was selected as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention and I have been a member of “The Group” for a number of years and most recently have joined the landscape committee.

I believe I bring a number of attributes to the table and would be highly honored to serve as a member of your vestry.



Todd Yeager

Todd Yeager, a former United Methodist, and his wife Susan Pfau Yeager started attending St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in December of 2022 and were recently confirmed on February 4, 2024. Todd is a native Ardmoreite, graduating from Ardmore High School in 1985 and the University of Oklahoma in 1989 with a BBA majoring in

Real Estate. Todd has worked in many different fields in the Real Estate industry and is currently a Broker Associate and the Closing Coordinator at Claudia & Carolyn Realty Group in Ardmore. Todd and Susan own Marvin’s Place Art Gallery and Listening Room in downtown Ardmore.

Todd is active in the Ardmore community serving on several local Boards including as Past President of the Southern Oklahoma Board of Realtors, Past Chairman of the Ardmore Main Street Authority, President of the Arbuckle Area Council of Boy Scouts and member of the City of Ardmore Historic Preservation Board. Todd currently sings in the choir at St. Philip’s and looks forward to becoming more involved in the life of the church.

St. Philip's Vestry Officers



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The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The number of vestry members and the term of office varies from parish to parish. Vestry members are usually elected at the annual parish meeting.

The presiding officer of the vestry is the rector. There are usually two wardens. The senior warden leads the parish between rectors and is a support person for the rector. The junior warden often has responsibility for church property and buildings. A treasurer and a secretary or clerk may be chosen. These officers may or may not be vestry members.

The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.

Newly-elected members serve for a 3-year term. Each year the vestry attends a weekend retreat for long-range planning and fellowship. Regular vestry meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. There is no meeting held in July. Vestry meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

St. Philip's Vestry



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2024 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Palms

8:00 a.m. (no music). ~. 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Followed by Vigil at the

Altar of Repose until 8 a.m. Good Friday

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

12:00 p.m. (Noon) Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:30 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, March 31, Easter Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (no music)

10:30 a.m. Festival Easter Eucharist with Music and Choir