

# The Evangelist



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A Newsletter for  
our Parish and  
Church Family

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## **Greetings!**

The day before I composed this note to you, I visited the nave of the church. I do this multiple times on any given day for various reasons but yesterday I was thoroughly gratified by a seemingly small detail. There were prayer books and hymnals present in the pew racks. I was surprised at how relieved that made me, to be honest. In all the months of coronavirus protocols, at two parishes mind you, it had not occurred to me how much I missed that detail of regular church life. It was a small joy, but a joy nonetheless to see Saint John's pews once again adorned with our most basic liturgical resource for the first time.

How much more will my joy be complete to see you adorn our pews once again, beloved! It has been magnificent to be with you all as folks in our community become more comfortable in returning to worship and parish life in general. On the Day of Pentecost, a number of us relaxed, ate some lunch, and enjoyed each other's company. In some historical sense, it was not particularly noteworthy for us to drink lemonade and watch the kids play soccer with Mr. Josh. And yet after so long a fast from enjoying one another's company, the simple and profound joy of a parish picnic is impossible to deny.

Prayer books in the pews and people at a picnic are yet more signs of God's continued provision for us. As you read this, our parish is in the process of carefully reopening to an extent that you have not seen since the early days of 2020; to an extent that I have never seen at all! I find all of this tremendously exciting and I hope you do as well. The parish opening offers many ways for us to serve together once again and this summer I hope you will prayerfully discern where you can get involved! In the worship life of the church, we have many opportunities coming back for Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), Readers, Daily Office Readers, Acolytes, Acolyte Wardens, Choir, and more besides. This season also grants new opportunities for you to consider joining one of our many groups like the Daughters of the King, St. Barbara's Guild, Prayers and Squares, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and so on. New things are even popping up these days and I have very much enjoyed one of them called Tuesday Trekkers.

I'm sure the weeks, months, and years ahead will offer yet more new opportunities for involvement and community! Thus will our great parish truly be adorned, in Christian worship, service, and community. May Christ's peace and joy be with you and may his holiness adorn you and your family this summer!

Your friend,

(at right The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector)



## Letter from Our Senior Warden – *Susan Walker*

I cannot adequately express how proud I was of our beautiful parish at Father David's installation service. The stained glass sparkled in the golden hour sun. The music was glorious, the nave immaculate, the sanctuary and altar perfectly prepared, and the flowers stunning. The ushers were on point, the presenters on cue, acolyte Piper Szabo processed with grace and poise, and Lynn Kimmel read beautifully. I was so happy for our parish to put its very best foot forward for Bishop Reed and, most of all, to officially celebrate Father David and Beka with joy. Our parish remains richly blessed.

One of the hallmarks of Saint John's is the attention to detail that we pay to our liturgy. The care and intention with which the choir practices, for example, or the polish and order and beauty that the Altar and Flower Guilds bring to the sanctuary on Saturdays elevate our church home well beyond the ordinary.

How can the rest of us bring that level of intention to the Saint John's experience? Can we treat one another with a little more civility, kindness, and grace? Can we take it upon ourselves to renew our enthusiasm for this holy place each time we open the red door? Who can we be if we apply a little more intention to our efforts? What can we do to create a more reverent, welcoming and vital environment for us to enjoy and others to discover? I would love to hear your suggestions.



## Treasurer's Report – *Bill Chevallier*

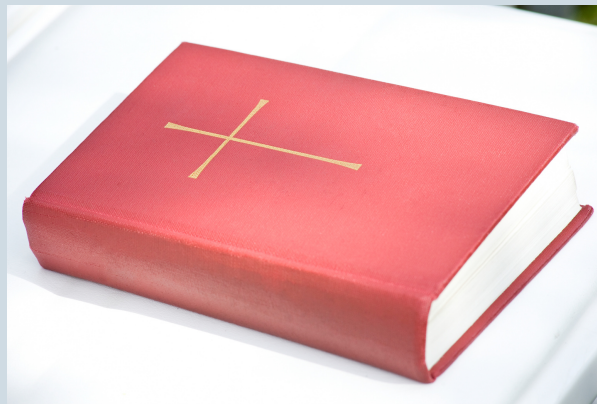
I have summarized information below on the present financial status of Saint John's Episcopal Church thru April 30, 2021. Operating Revenue and Expense thru April Combined –

- Total income of \$387,358.29 is <\$37,025.90> under budget for the year to date. Total pledges are under budget for the year by <\$15,652.94>. Contributions and plate of \$25,800.76 are <\$28,532.56> under budget for the year to date. Miscellaneous income and bequests of \$102,113.92 are \$7,159.60 over budget.
- Expenses of \$412,485.58 are \$36,105.47 under budget for the year to date.
- Net loss is <\$25,127.29> vs. budgeted loss of <\$24,206.86>.
- Operating Funds had a balance of \$96,414.50 as of April 30, 2021.

As you can see, our plate revenue reflects our limited capacity worship services. We are hopeful that this will improve once we begin opening the church to normal worship services.

## Changes to The Daily Office

Beginning the week of June 14, the church invites those who would like to participate in Morning and Evening Prayer to come to the nave and share this time with our readers. The east main church door will be open for a short time before both the 8:30 a.m. and the 5:30 p.m. start times. Other changes to note: 1) the church will not offer a Saturday evening Daily Office. And, 2) the church will no longer be livestreaming the morning or evening Daily Office. The Book of Common Prayer remains your guide through the discipline of the Daily Office if you keep that practice at home or work.





# Celebration of A New Ministry

The Rev. David Bumsted was officially installed as our seventh Rector on May 13 and was presented with symbolic gifts of the parish by members of the Vestry and lay ministry leaders. The Right Rev. Poulson Reed celebrated, the Rev. Canon Eric Cooter served as his chaplain, the Rev. Robert Scott assisted, and Piper Szabo served as acolyte.



## Confirmation & Reaffirmations

On Sunday, May 16, Bishop Poulson Reed was again with us for his first annual Visitation to our parish. We enjoyed another blessed day with the Bishop and parishioners witnessing confirmations and reaffirmations of individuals and couples into the Saint John's and Episcopal family.

*Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service.*

*Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism.*

*Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. - BCP*



## Pentecost Picnic

Many hardy souls wore red and brought baskets to the 2021 Pentecost Picnic May 23. A little rain didn't stop games on the labyrinth or meals on the porch. Below are a few of the friends who ventured out for a taste of all the fellowship times together we have to look forward to!







### June 4 – Barron Ryan

Pianist Barron Ryan will perform at Saint John's on Friday, June 4 at 12 noon. Admission is free. Ryan will be joined by string players for a few of his own compositions. Highlights of his program will include:

Pineapple Rag by Scott Joplin  
Summerland by William Grant Still  
Graceful Ghost Rag by William Bolcom  
Suite Thing by Barron Ryan  
My Soul Is Full of Troubles by Barron Ryan (commissioned by Chamber Music Tulsa).



### June 13 – Ars Lyrica Houston

Ensemble Ars Lyrica Houston will perform at Saint John's on Sunday June 13 at 3 p.m. Co-sponsored by Chamber Music Tulsa, the trio will present "Semper Fantasticus," a program of extravagant works for violin, viola da gamba, and harpsichord. In "fantastical style," this music from the German Baroque revels in quirky dance rhythms and resounds with ingenious harmonies. The composers were showing off! Enjoy the flamboyant creativity of that era performed by brilliant virtuosos of today.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased at:  
<https://www.chambermusictulsa.org/>

### Evensong

Sunday 5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong continues each weekend in June. Join us in person or online.

We are excited to resume more typical youth and family programming and can't wait for you to get involved!

### Adult Formation

Starting June 6 Father David will lead a new weekly discussion class, "Turning Points in Church History." Hosted in-person in the Common Room at 9 a.m., it will also be accessible via Zoom. Contact the church office for an access link and watch for details in the e-news.

### AV/Tech Crew

We just want to shout out to Ruskin and Joey for the awesome work they are doing leading AV/technology livestreaming services for our Sunday workshop. Way to go fellas! Your talents and great attitudes are appreciated.



### Nursery

The nursery for little ones is up and running each Sunday from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Kids ages four years and below are welcome. If you want your child to have a snack, please bring that with them. Extra safety protocols will be in place.

### Volunteers Needed: Children's Chapel and More

We need volunteers to help with Children's Chapel. That's a fancy term for summer kid's chapel on the labyrinth where we will discuss the Gospel, play a game, and return to the nave at the Peace. We also have plans to prepare for a fun fall that includes a Trunk or Treat event. Lay leaders are needed to help make this an awesome event. See me if you'd like to chat about how to help with either program.

### Acolytes

We are recruiting acolytes and team wardens. Father David will lead a summer training. Contact me for more details!

### Family Friday Videos are now Family Shorts

Our bite-sized films on Christian topics take on a new look and name this month. "Family Shorts" start in June with new vlogs or activities shared about every other week on the church Facebook page. Each short is a little church lesson for kids of any age (and adults!).







Our new walking group took to the streets in mid-May and we look forward to more Saint John's members, their friends, and perhaps even neighbors tagging along soon. Tuesday Trekkers takes off each Tuesday evening at 5:35 sharp from the Saint John's labyrinth for a "figure eight" walk through our nearby neighborhoods.

Only have time or energy for a shorter jaunt? Need to get home to fix family supper? Cool. Trek with us for the first 30-minute loop.

Love to walk longer? Great, lace up for the full double loop (two distinct half-hour routes). We'll conclude at the church about 6:40 p.m.

Whether you like a "move at a stroll speed" or prefer the "let's get our heart rate up" sort of walking, there will be someone there that wants to be your trekker buddy. If you want to bring small kiddos, you need to bring a stroller or wagon so that our walking group can get some fitness and fellowship from the walk.

Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle, be ready to start at 5:35 p.m. (so please arrive five to ten minutes earlier), and enjoy midtown with new and old friends.



## Daughters of the King

Our ministry is growing and we want you to see what we are all about! This summer, we will begin a National Study Guide which is preparation for admission into the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK). Come learn about our mission of prayer, service and evangelism. We will meet six to eight times during days, evenings and times convenient to participants. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, June 3, at 10 a.m. in the church library.

This past year, we studied two books: *The Language of God* by Francis S. Collins and *How to Pray* by C.S. Lewis. This summer and next year, we plan to focus on service to our new rector and parish as well as prayer and evangelism. For questions or discussion, please contact Janice Ingle at (918) 704-1443.

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Many of you will remember Father Matt Marino's online presentation last fall, "Engaging Millennials," that was organized by our Brotherhood chapter for a nationwide audience. Though his planned time with us for our 2020 Men's Retreat was cancelled, he was able to join us April 29-May 1 of this year.

His thoughtful 2021 retreat, themed "Encounters with Jesus," introduced five encounters with our Lord in John's Gospel using these catchy titles for each session:

1) Nic at Night, 2) A Woman at Noon, 3) Sight for the Blind, 4) Life for the Dead, and 5) Returning Well. We also discussed the seven "I am" statements in John: the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Gate for the Sheep, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the Way and the Truth and the Life, and the True Vine.



Friday evening was especially poignant with the sharing of the video from Trinity Parish/Saint Augustine's compelling "Service of Shadows" in the tradition of Tenebrae concluding with our Holy Eucharist. We had eighteen men attending from several churches throughout the diocese. There was also some free time for any who chose to hike up to the stone labyrinth and around the lake to appreciate God's gorgeous St. Crispin's scenery on this beautiful weekend.

Since Saint John's has organized the past dozen or so Diocesan Men's Retreats, we have had the opportunity for several retreat leaders to preach at our church on the Sunday following. Father Marino's homily on the vineyard was well received.

Fathers David and Matt had the opportunity to visit about their ministry experiences in Florida and Oklahoma. A "fun fact" is that Father Matt's visit was bracketed by hamburger lunches at Arnold's in Crystal City on the way from the airport to St. Crispin's and at Society Burger on Cherry Street en route back. It was a great joy having Father Matt visit us.



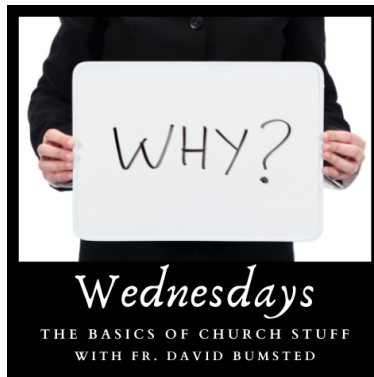
## Communication Corner

### Office Summer Hours

With the arrival of summer, the church office will return to closing at noon on Fridays. This starts now and concludes after Labor Day. The answering service will pick up and route calls as appropriate from 1-5 p.m. on Fridays (and as always, after hours or on the weekends). Watch for more details in the e-news or newsletter on updated Friday Evening Prayer options.

### Why Wednesdays

Father David has begun a new "getting to know us" video segment on Facebook called "Why? Wednesdays." In each short edition he will answer questions he is often asked about our church or denomination's practices, places or traditions. Check them out, usually weekly, on our Saint John's social media channels and the website.



### Outreach Feedback

Edison High School seniors have a lot to be excited about since they graduated the last week of May. And students in the senior leadership class say a big "THANK YOU!" to the Saint John's households who sponsored students to attend their special graduation breakfast. The LINK class leaders mailed notes of gratitude to Father David and Josh for coming to the school and talking about leadership and community needs. Last, but not least, the faculty and staff of the school send a big shout of appreciation for the treat deliveries in April and May to brighten up their Wednesday planning and work days.

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### Oh, those Tulsa Street Projects

With progress sometimes comes a bit of inconvenience and dirt. This is true of the City of Tulsa work on 41st Street for the next one to two years. Please be aware, drive with care, and maybe allow yourself a little extra time to get to church. Also, at some point in the future, Atlanta Place and Atlanta Avenue will alternatively be closed to access. Watch for directional signs and be especially aware at dawn and dusk.

## The Scouts at Saint John's

*"Sleep under a blanket of stars, and your heart will forever be kept warm by your love of life." - Anthony T. Hincks*

Our Troop will be attending Hale Summer Camp and a ZBase Trek in June, plus Philmont later in the summer. Many activities will help us prepare for these. On June 5 the scouts will meet at Turkey Mountain for a five-mile hike. This feeds into the Hiking Merit Badge. Other merit badges being worked on this month include Citizenship in the Community, Public Speaking and Home Repairs.

Our scouts will be earning money for their Scout accounts by prepping and installing American Flags all throughout June.

Venture Crew met in May and cleaned up trash from a streambed at the Case Community Center at Sand Springs, then played a round of frisbee golf. Here is a picture of the trash cleared away with Mike Kirk, Matt Moore, Jacob Wilson, Mason Woods, Ian Kirk and Cayden Rogers (L to R).

On June 19 the Venture Crew will meet on Grand Lake for a day of sailing! Phil Richard has offered his 34-foot C&C Sloop for the day to teach sailing to the scouts. - *Trina Moore*



## Giving Made Even Easier and Faster!

It's easier than ever to make a donation to Saint John's, especially on those days when you don't have cash in your wallet, forgot to write a check, or simply want to give fast but also get a receipt.

You can TEXT to give or SCAN to give. Both are fast and simple after you have provided the initial sign-up information. To donate by text from your smart phone, text the the word GIVE to the number 918-205-7115 then follow the instructions.

To donate by scan, hover your smart phone over the QR code to the left and follow the steps.



# Milestones & Transitions

*Grant, O Lord,  
that all who are  
baptized into the  
death of Jesus  
Christ your Son  
may live in the  
power of his  
resurrection and  
look for him to  
come again in  
glory; who lives  
and reigns now  
and forever.  
Amen. - BCP*

## Birthdays

- 2 Blake Randall
- 3 Michael Murphy
- 4 Stephanie Coon,  
Connolly Rizley
- 6 Betsy Hocker,  
Richard Medlock
- 7 Ann Byrd, Ann Wilson
- 8 Bill Ford, Gene Schmidt
- 9 Sienna Jackson,  
Reagan Osburn
- 10 Mary Ann Jarrett,  
Linda Sackett
- 11 Olivia Haines
- 12 Brenda Frisch,  
Jim Maske
- 13 Robert Byrd
- 14 Erin Dean
- 16 Pat Carroll
- 17 Ryan Heaterlee,  
Clint Johnson
- 18 Jaxon Harmon,  
Quin Lawrence
- 19 Jay Cline, Kit Ferguson,  
Devan Lawrence

- 20 Daniel Husband
- 21 Bill Walker
- 22 Margaret Beesley
- 23 Kay Meyerhof,  
Allie Mundis
- 24 Michael Farrimond,  
Charlie Russell
- 25 Vicki Baker,  
Deborah Kurin,  
Nellie Gillingham,  
Michael Morrison
- 26 Danny Gates,  
Katherine Trantum
- 27 Ellen Frihart

## Confirmations

- Grant Robert Byrd  
Emma Elizabeth Cinocca  
Gayla Ann DeLay  
Robert Edmond DeLay  
Christopher William Short  
Emily Ann Termin  
Travis Clinton Termin

## Baptisms

- April 3  
Tucker Cole Haines  
April 4  
Ellie Harper Termin  
May 23  
Eleanor Katharine Floyd  
Aubrey Simonne Jackson  
Sienna Giselle Jackson  
May 30  
Eliza Jane Frerichs  
Riley Theodore Shores

## Reaffirmations

- Robert Ellis Baker  
Paula Bryant  
Charlotte Wal Gibbens  
Dale William Toetz

## Passings

- Mary Marchetti  
May 5



## Prayers and Squares

Prayers and Squares is an international, interdenominational ministry for healing begun in 1992 in California. There are chapters in most states and six in Oklahoma. Only two are Episcopal (ours and Grace in Miami) and the other chapters are in Yukon, Bartlesville, Dewey and Ponca City.

The ministry at Saint John's is alive and well and has functioned throughout the pandemic isolation. We have sent quilts all over the country to Episcopalians and those of other faiths when requested. So far, since our chapter was established in 2004, Saint John's has placed 1,350 quilts in the hands of those ill in body or spirit. We had to be creative in how to get the prayers said and the knots tied; but necessity is the mother of invention. If you need to request a quilt for someone, call Jessica Stowell at (918) 639-6340 or send her a text or email: [jstowell@ou.edu](mailto:jstowell@ou.edu). Recipients don't need to be a member of our parish.

Before you request a quilt, please –

1. First ask the intended recipient if they want a quilt (occasionally, but rarely, they decline).
2. Ask if there is a specific need they want us to pray for (this will go into the bulletin the day the quilt is blessed).
3. Ask how they want their name to appear in the bulletin (some are private and want only initials, etc.).
4. Contact Jessica by Wednesday for a quilt to be blessed on Sunday. We need time to prepare the quilt and include it in the bulletin (in an emergency we can make allowances).
5. Be prepared to retrieve the quilt as soon as possible after the presentation.

Our quilters have a lovely workroom in Saint John's basement where we can again gather monthly to help each other, but much of our work is done at home. If you are interested in helping the Prayers and Squares Ministry, there are three ways –

1. Come join us to make the quilts (call Jessica and she will get you started).
2. Donate cotton fabric (just leave it with Diana who will get it to our workroom).
3. Donate funds by sending a check to the church marked "Prayers and Squares."



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# Turning Points

IN CHURCH HISTORY

An Adult Formation Course  
Led by Father David Bumsted

Sundays, 9-9:30 a.m.  
Common Room, In-Person & via Zoom

