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for Saint John's
Episcopal Church
Friends & Families

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Greetings Beloved,

Over the past few months, I have been listening with great interest as the parish musicians have been preparing for their performance of Handel's Messiah. And as I was able to experience it coming together in its fullness, I was absolutely transfixed by the achievement, certainly of our musicians and guests, but of the composition itself. I'm well aware that there are many thousands of pages devoted to reflecting on the Messiah's impact, both small and great. But since Saint John's has just offered the piece in its entirety, again a unique achievement in its own right, I thought that was worth a brief reflection on my part.

The first thing that came to mind as I listened recently was the power of the very words of Scripture. Certainly, Handel's music is itself uplifting, and much can and has been said about the musical composition on its own merits. But as a reader of the Bible, I can't help but hear the music as a means to propel the wonderful words of Isaiah, or Luke, or whichever Biblical writer has been highlighted. Some of you know that I was converted by the very words of the Gospels themselves before I'd even walked into a church building. To hear those sweet words, upborne by such beautiful music, filled me with great joy as I considered that so many people were planning to join us that might hear words concerning our sweet Savior afresh, or perhaps even anew.

I was also moved by the gift of beauty. Many of us are fond of making reference to the deep theological connection between "truth," "beauty," and "the good." With the space I have, let me just say that to experience the beauty of the music of the Messiah alongside the beauty of the text of Scripture, is to somehow gain some greater insight into the perfect beauty that God has prepared for us in His divine love and creativity. In a world that has been marked with the ugliness of sin and death, it is such an honor to be able to provide our little corner of the globe with something so refreshingly beautiful. Consider the sinner who might walk into a concert like the Messiah and be moved by the beauty and consider again that the witness of Jesus' ministry is so beautifully summarized in the piece. Is it any wonder that text, music, and performance might work together to melt a heart and by God's grace, perhaps even begin to reform it?

I had been present to this work after a particularly trying couple of days, and it was a deep encouragement. I pray that even if you weren't able to be with us for the Messiah concert, that the Messiah himself would be present to you in this season of Advent. May he comfort you in your trial and guide you into all truth. May his beauty shine upon you and give you peace, until at the last, we see him as he is, accompanied perhaps by the angelic chorus of Alleluia!

Your brother,

The Rev. David Bumsted
Rector





Senior Warden's Report - *Susan Walker*

Last year, the city in western Oklahoma where I grew up decided to erect the world's largest fresh-cut Christmas tree. My childhood hometown has its fine qualities but being geographically interesting is not among them. The town is truly flat, and the wind really does come sweeping down the plain, with regularity. Last year's tree blew over.

Undaunted, the city has once again put up a 140-foot tree in the center of town, decorated with 20,000 multi-colored lights and 10,000 ornaments, providing the centerpiece of a forty-two-day event featuring concerts, plays, fireworks, and a myriad of other activities for all ages.

I mention this because the tree is called the "Christ Tree," intended to put "Christ back in Christmas." I found this genuinely puzzling. I could see how a six-week civic extravaganza could bring the community together, create a fun new tradition, and put joy on the faces of everyone involved - but it seemed to me to emphasize the flashier, busier aspects of the season rather than the simplicity of the manger scene.

I left for college when I was seventeen and will never know what, exactly, the Christ Tree means in the minds of today's city leaders. The more I think about it, though - that tree, with its thousands of lights, rising from the darkness - it is surely visible from a distance. Imagine flying at night and suddenly encountering the sight!

The image of a single light, emerging from the darkness, bringing the hope of eternity to all of us, is the heart of Christmas for me. When we turn down the lights after communion and sing Silent Night by candlelight, my heart is full with gratitude for the promise of love and salvation that renews itself each year. I am especially grateful for my church home at Saint John's and how it teaches and sustains me. I hope each of you has a happy, warm, and blessed Christmas.

Treasurer's Report - *Bill Chevallier*



We've come to the close of another year together. This was another strange one and difficulties are not in the rearview mirror for all of us. Yet, we're so glad that you remain a steadfast member of our church family. As we reflect during Advent and the Christmas season approaches, I find it's a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we've experienced together this year.

Wasn't it wonderful to be in fellowship for so many new activities, like Beer & Brats, Trekker Treat, Waffle Sundays, and the recent Messiah performances?! And how about our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Rally Days with food trucks and snow-cone-ball fights! The re-ignition of our teenager/youth program, children's choir, and growing acolyte crew are incredibly invigorating.

We've welcomed many new members through confirmations and baptisms. There is an energy growing at Saint John's. We've seen new friends in the forward pews and heard dozens of new little voices in the aft pews. Friends are inviting friends. They come for the hospitality and worship. They stay for the depth of devotion to loving Christ that can be found in our church services, our outreach, our music, and our caring for one another.

I firmly believe that the connections between the clergy, the staff, and the parishioners at Saint John's is stronger than ever. In the coming year, I look forward to even more ways for us to continue to gather and grow together. We come to you today asking for your support to make this happen. As you consider your part in this effort, remember, no donation is too small. All contributions will be lovingly accepted. We are looking to surpass \$1,000,000 in contributions for the first time. We are so, so close. Please help us!

You can visit our church website to easily donate. You can, of course, also drop checks at the church office or in our weekly offering plate. What better way to kick off the new year than with a firm resolve to come together every Sunday, no matter life's circumstances.

Thank you for your time and attention to our 2023 "Energy" stewardship campaign. If finances are tight in your home this year, you can still contribute in many other ways. Either way, all contributions will be lovingly accepted. Please feel free to reach out to me after any service or call the office with any questions you may have.

May the Lord continue to bless you this holiday season.

Scenes from October's Trekker Treat & December's Waffle Sunday...



Junior Warden's Report - *Marc McCaw*

As we continue to work towards the improvement of our grounds, we have some exciting developments happening. After the spring flood of the basement, we have completed all plumbing repairs and implemented improvements to our piping and sump systems. I am happy to report now that there have been no issues with the downstairs area (besides the damage already done). Now as we move into the next phase of the project, we have contracted with 505 Architects to help us to determine some of the best ways to update our basement after the flood. Our principal architect, Brian Thomas, has connections through Saint John's as an active member of Troop 153. This gives Brian much more in-depth knowledge of our space needs and constraints. The 505 Architects' mission is two-fold:


First, to create a Basement Design Plan, and secondly, to create an overarching Facility Analysis Plan.

Both of these points lead to the same goal for our Saint John's buildings: to focus on how the facilities can provide a more robust missional care for your youth, family, and children that is an extension of the primary focus of Sunday morning and evening worship and musical offerings. Brian and team have already met with several ministry, staff, and committee members to gather inputs to this plan. Inputs inform the support needs that should be addressed by our physical plant in service to our many activities. Brian will continue to work on his plan over the next several weeks until he is able to present the plan to our Buildings and Grounds Committee and ultimately the Vestry. We are all very excited on where this will take us next!

In other news, Mike Reif has accepted a nomination to serve as the new Gardening and Grounds subcommittee chair. As a sitting member of the Building and Grounds committee, Mike will act to organize the campus maintenance of the many church gardens to help provide oversight of their upkeep. If you are interested in serving on the subcommittee, please reach out to Mike at mereif@gmail.com or myself at serenityandmarc@gmail.com.

Garden & Grounds - *Mike Reif*

Volunteers are needed for the newly established Garden and Grounds Committee. Please contact me, Mike Reif, for information regarding what is involved. We have a beautiful church and grounds, but in order to maintain our property your help is requested. Thank you for your consideration. You can reach me at (405) 820-1404 or via email at mereif@gmail.com.



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Simply cut out this form, put it in an envelope with your cash or check donation, and mail to the church. Or, put this card in an envelope with your gift and drop it in the alms basin during worship.

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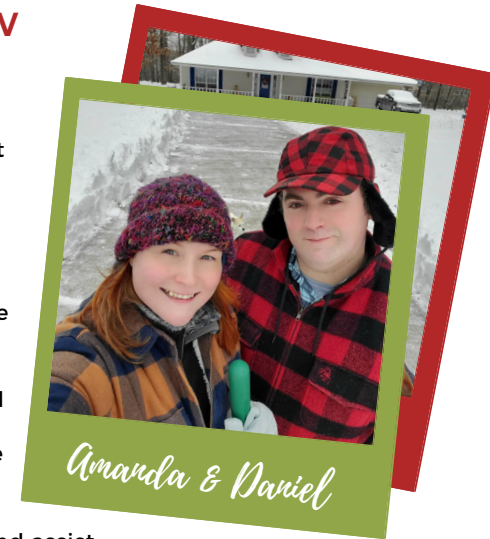
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Meet the newest Saint John's team member, Amanda Storms!

Q: What is your job title and what would you say are the topline topics that you work on/main services you provide on the second floor?

A: My title is Associate for Administration and Parish Life. I work closely with Debbie and assist her with account payables and other tasks she assigns. I assist Father David and help with event planning for new fellowship gatherings.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: My husband's name is Daniel Polasek and he's a civil engineer. He's been brewing beer for twenty-six years and taught me how to make hard cider. He's also great at restoring old wood furniture, light fixtures, and fans. We both love to cook and try new recipes, so you'll typically find us in the kitchen on the weekends trying a new recipe or cooking for the family. My daughter's name is Raya, she's fifteen and is a natural artist. She's very interested in welding and is in a welding program in her high school. She also loves animals.

Q: What is an unusual talent, interest, or experience that your fellow SJC staff members, or the congregation, might find surprising to learn about you?

A: I love to sew, especially costumes. My daughter would always challenge me with special requests when she was younger. The funniest thing she ever requested was a warthog. My favorite costume I ever made her was the Mad Hatter. I even learned how to make hats because of that request.

Q: We hear you love to garden. What will you be planning/preparing this winter for your spring garden?

A: In December I'll start peppers and tomato seeds in a small greenhouse that takes up our breakfast nook. And I'll start flowers and herbs through January and February. I'll direct-sow green beans in early spring. My daughter would like me to try growing carrots this year too. We also freeze and ferment the peppers we grow. And when the tomato harvest is good, I can those in an old 1950s pressure cooker.

Q: What books are you currently reading?

A: I am always looking through gardening books or seed catalogs!

Q: What is your fav movie genre?

A: I love good old creature features and war movies.

Q: Would you share a favorite passage that is of help, comfort, healing, or inspiration to you during these unusual times (or any time)?

A: Whenever I experience grief or sadness I remember I am never alone. Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Q: If there were three words you would use to describe this church community, what would they be?

A: Welcoming, admirable, and loving.

Christmas Eve Tableau - Sign-ups are still open for the Christmas Eve Tableau! This wonderful event happens during our 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service, where kids get a chance to re-enact the Christmas story. Kids will be angels, shepherds, and/or narrators. If you want to sign your kid up or wish to help with costume management and backstage management, please contact me very soon at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org. Costume fittings will be held December 11 and 18.

Youth Group - Our youth group meets Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will do dinner, followed by Compline, Bible study, and games! Parents, if you have questions, please email me at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Youth Group Breaks: we will not have our Youth Group meeting on December 28 and January 4. Please enjoy the Christmas season and we will see you all in the New Year!

Children's Chapel - Our Children's Chapel has moved into Advent, which means there is a time change for chapel. We are now offering Children's chapel starting at 10 a.m. in the Fox Library. You can drop your child off at the library, which is near Powell Hall and next to the bookstore. After Children's Chapel is over, we will bring the kids into the Nave for Communion.

Children's Chapel Breaks: there will be no Children's Chapel December 25 through January 8. Please enjoy the Christmas season and we will see you all in the New Year!

Adult Formation

Oxford Martyrs of the Reformation - Dean Luthey's class concludes on December 11. Join us for this conclusion of an incredibly interesting lesson time at 9 a.m. on Sunday in the Common Room.

Young Adult Brunch - Our popular Young Adult's Brunch will be on hiatus this month due to the busy holiday season. The next time we will meet is in January 2023. We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - Our Wednesday evening Bible Study starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes until 7:30 p.m. During that time we go through a chapter of the Bible in detail. The current Bible study we are doing is Luke and it is awesome!

Winter Outreach

November - Throughout last month the Saint John's Youth collected non-perishable food items for Tulsans experiencing food insecurity. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated! These supplies were delivered to the wonderful team at Iron Gate to help stock their food pantry.

December - During this month we have a merry "Mitten Tree" in the Common Room. Our Youth Group will collect mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, and similar items to bless children and teens in Tulsa who need a little extra warmth this season. We invite you to assist! Simply place donations of small, new winter clothing items on or below the Mitten Tree. Hand-knitted items are very welcome. Donations will go to Iron Gate as well as Emergency Infant Services. New or very gently used infant and toddler coat donations are also welcome.

Iron Gate - Our Iron Gate team meets the first Saturday of each month at 501 W. Archer to help the ministry feed the homeless and hungry in downtown Tulsa. Volunteers should sign up in advance, arrive at 8 a.m., and stay until 10:30 a.m. Afterward, we often join Father David at Hurts Donuts (111 S. Detroit Ave.). Have questions or want to be a part of this outreach and fellowship time? Please email me at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.



Music News - Joseph Arnett

The Messiah - Our 2022 offering of Handel's Messiah is in the books and what a weekend of sacred music it was! My deepest appreciation and praise go out to our conductor, Zach Malavolti, our soloists (both voice and instrumental), the Parish Choir, our guest choir members, and the orchestra. What a way to celebrate Advent! Thank you to our Music Society members who support the works of the music department and helped make these performances possible. Because of ticket sales, we were able to offer complimentary tickets to area college music majors. Additionally, I must express gratitude for the two large performance audiences. Bravo all!

Christmas Lessons & Carols - We will offer a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols on January 1, 2023, in the Nave at 5:30 p.m. We very much hope you can ring in the New Year at Saint John's with this most moving music offering.



Upcoming Days, Services, and Event Dates to Note:

- December 8 - Parish Holiday Party
- December 11 & 18 - Tableau Rehearsals
- December 21 - First Day of Winter
- December 24 - Christmas Eve, three services
- December 25 - Christmas Day, one service
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 1 - Christmas Lessons and Carols
- January 6 - Epiphany, Service of Lights
- January 6 - Parish Drip beef dinner
- January 8 - Sunday Formation Class Resumes
- January 9 - Evening Prayer Resumes
- January 11 - Wednesday Formation Resumes
- January 14 - National Dress Up Your Pet Day*
- January 16 - MLK Jr. Day (office closed)
- January 22 - Young Adults Brunch

Office Closed for Holiday & Staff Restoration:

- December 23
- December 26 through December 30 **
- January 2

* We just wanted to be sure you are reading the newsletter calendar, friends. Enjoy the holiday whimsy.

** The finance office will keep limited open hours December 29-30 for end-of-year financial business operations.

César Franck Recital - On Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m. we will be presenting a very special recital. This year, 2022, marks the bicentennial of César Franck (1822-1890), the most important composer of organ music in 19th century France. I will perform some of Franck's works on the composer's 200th birthday. I will be joined by Meray Boustani in Franck's beloved sacred song, "Panis Angelicus." Admission is free. Invite your friends!



Welcome Back Timothy Brown - We are excited to share that Timothy Brown will return to Saint John's in January. Before retirement, Brown was Director of Music at Clare College in Cambridge, England. He has been our guest conductor for Handel's Messiah four times. During his visit January 18-22, 2023, Brown will rehearse with our choirs and conduct our Sunday, January 22 services. Please mark your calendars!





Communication Corner

Inclement Weather Policy Refresher

The church office would like to remind our parish members of the Church Inclement Weather Policy (established in 2020). The purpose of the policy is to establish clear procedures to close and/or cancel operations during inclement weather.

In the policy statement, Saint John's recognizes that adverse weather conditions can impact safety of employee travel and general operations for our facility. Occasionally it will be necessary to close or delay the opening of the office and facility. Saint John's does not advise employees or volunteers to take unwarranted risks when traveling to work in the event of inclement weather.

Office Closure Procedure: the Rector and/or the Senior Warden will decide by 10 p.m. the night before to close for the day, or to open at a delayed time, or to close early due to weather changes. A text message with the decisions will go out to all staff from Director of Finance, the decision is comprehensive – all events, meetings, or commitments at the church campus are cancelled. The answering service will pick up inbound calls and route phone messages as needed. Direct supervisors will contact their team as necessary. Facility staff will be on call. All our staff stay weather aware and are prepared for late weather updates and changes to work schedule.

Specific to worship cancellations, please note:

- Morning Prayer (cancelled if office is closed at that time).
- Evening Prayer (cancelled if office is closed at that time).
- Worship services on Wednesday night (cancelled if office is closed all day or early on that day).
- Sunday worship may be altered due to bad weather forecast for THAT day. Closure will be TBD pending policy decisions. At minimum, parishioners would be encouraged to not come out in hazardous conditions.
- Live-streaming: if clergy offers worship during challenging weather, the church will endeavor to provide live-streaming of the Sunday 10 a.m. service, contingent upon if an AV team member can be present.

We welcome a wonderful Oklahoma winter season...may it be jolly, beautiful, and safe!

Brotherhood News - Doug Crews

The sixth annual Brotherhood of St. Andrew Golf Classic was held on September 24 at Battle Creek Golf Club in Broken Arrow. Fifteen teams enjoyed a wonderful day of friendship, fellowship, and some golf. After finishing, all players and volunteers were treated to a barbeque dinner and a chance to bid on several silent auction items to raise funds for this year's beneficiaries.

Over \$13,000 was raised with the net revenues going to Clarehouse, New Hope Oklahoma, South Tulsa Community House, our very own Scout Troop and Venture Crew 153, and the National Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Saint John's Brotherhood wishes to thank all our corporate and individual sponsors, along with all the volunteers who put their time and effort into making the 2022 Golf Classic a success. We will be looking forward to having you with us for the 2023 Classic. May it continue to grow and be bigger and better than our last.

Prayers & Squares - Gerene Adwon

The Prayers and Squares ministry group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. You do not have to sew or quilt to be a member of our group. We also need members to help with pinning, adding ties to the finished quilts, and even those who enjoy coordinating fabrics. If you want to get more involved in the sewing process, we can help with that as well.

Prayers and Squares is a very rewarding ministry. We receive many notes thanking us for the "beautiful quilts." They express appreciation for the crosses on the back of the quilts, which give them a sense of peace and comfort, and they are especially grateful for the many prayers, which help lift their spirits. For additional information on joining our group, please e-mail me, Gerene, at gadwon@cox.net or Peggy Landrum at Peggy.Landrum@yahoo.com. To request a quilt, contact Diana Carter in the church office at dcarter@sjtulsa.org.

Hospitality News - Kathleen Moss

First, I want to extend my appreciation to the Hospitality Team members who made coffee hours special in October with delicious Sunday Snacks. Team members for that month were Susan McAdams and Joe Wilkinson, Kathleen and Bard Moss, Linda Barnum and Timothy Hager, Nancy and Jim Hicks, Nick Bradford, Marguerite Chapman, Terri Thames, Clint Rataczak, Janice Ingle, and Linda Wilson. A big thank you to Whitney and Alec Moss and Torrey Ross who provided a special Kid's Table on October 30 in celebration of Halloween.

November 6 noshes and nibbles were presented by Rob Hutton, Gary Pebsworth, Jim Wilkinson, and Janice Ingle will be providing a delicious brunch to celebrate All Saint's Sunday. I want to extend an extra special thank you to Nick Bradford for quarterbacking the impressive parish meal for Thanksgiving!

Now that November feasting is in the books and December holiday delights are on the way, including:

- Sunday, December 11 - Hospitality Team Members Gerry Reif, Beverly Edwards, Jan Schweiger and Susan McAdams provide Sunday Snacks.
- Sunday, December 18 - Daughters of the King members will provide Sunday Snacks. Kids Table will be provided by Whitney and Alec Moss.
- Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Cookies will be provided after Sunday service.
- Sunday, January 1, 2023 - Donuts will be provided after Sunday service.

Thank you to Bill Chevaillier and Tom Schroedter for whipping up waffles on December 4! We so much appreciate our incredible team, their energy, and everyone's enthusiasm.

The Hospitality Team extends an invitation to any individual, group or ministry group that would like to provide Sunday Snacks after church services. Contact Kathleen Moss at (918) 633-8881, or by email at Kathleen.moss@me.com, or sign up on master calendar in the church kitchen in the red folder. We are currently scheduling for January.

St. Barbara's Guild News - Kathleen Moss

St. Barbara's Guild is a group of women dedicated to the study of the Bible, service projects, fellowship, and support of each other and Saint John's Episcopal Church. Our meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Fox Library. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Water and coffee will be provided.

Join us on Thursday, December 15 at 11 a.m. in Fox Library as Father David will continue our study of the Book of Genesis. Have questions or need more information? Contact me at (918) 633-8881.

Milestones

November Birthdays

Steve Balman, Taylor Emery, John Quesnel, Beth Rainey
Phyllis Anderson, Nadia Wheeler
Grace Randolph
Sandra Kay Smith
Charlie Hocker
Jim Sicking
Earlene Gathright, Paula Kempe,
Herb Oven
Aaron Pohl, Phyllis Powell
Sophia Gillett, Heather Turner
Marlowe Brown, Evan Dean,
Colin Frazee, Andrew Hensley
Todd Frazee, Steve Taylor
Hudson Cox, Margaret Stewart
Rick Ferguson, Allen Smith
Harper Graves
Vaughn Graham, Annabel Jones
Charlene Ballard
Lexey Cavert
Lynn Kimmel
Jeffrey Marlow, Shelton Mason,
Dianne O'Hara
Leta Bell, Sarah Johnson,
Noelle Souter

December Birthdays

Nancy Daniel
Judy Moore
Meredith Anquoe, Meray Boustani,
Julio Diaz, Mike Reif
Kristine Taylor
David Shorten, Cheryl Waldeck,
Mickey Wilson
Julia Phillips
Kari Cosner, Robert Gambill,
Judy Harris, Dianne Schooley
Hillary Cinocca, Marvin Hockenson,
Penny Johnston, Lindsey Latham
Judy Carroll
Edith Coen, Bud Maguire,
Brad Williams
Gentry Ballard, Ellen Prather,
Rowan Shores
Betsy Blue, Christine Ford,
Natalie Gillett, Dorian Kurin,
Piper Szabo
Marilyn Morris
Jimmy Cox, Lane Duel, Ellie Floyd
Martha Brown, Tommi Cox-Phipps,
Terri Dunbar, Pat Elsberry,
Toni Rizley, Michael Vestal
Jason Smith
Bob Burlingame
Adrienne Ed, Jeff Slattery,
Fred Stowell
Ann Maske
Dwayne Edwards, Gene Melton
Leah Eckenwiler
Jennifer Smith
Lynne Beeson, George Dotson,
Daphne Wise
Charlene Fabian, Mark Gulick
Bill Chevaillier, Steve Collinson,
Steve Lake, Jody Williams
Linda Farquharson
Linda Barnum, Wythe Dodson,
Carolyn Shorten, Eva Sabo,
Mark Youngblood

Baptisms

Jude Jacob Bergquist
Charlotte Penny Voegeli
Madeline Rose Voegeli

Passings

Julia Morley
Sarah Lindsey-Addington
Laria Underwood
Beverly Fuquay

Daughters of the King - Sharon Bell

The Daughters of the King invite you to a study of the Psalms with Father David each month at our meetings. This fall we started looking at the Twenty-Third Psalm. Between our lessons we reflect upon the ways this psalm is entwined in our culture and spend time reading the psalm. Plan to join us again on January 5 in the Fox Library at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

This has been a busy fall. Early in the season we also hosted a lovely Afternoon Tea for the ladies of the parish. I want to thank all who attended and all who helped make this special time with friends happen. We are gearing up to host our annual lunch for clergy and staff on December 7 at Big Whiskey.

We are delighted to have two new members, Robbie Baker and Lacy Beisley! Also, I would like to correct the last newsletter to state that Linda Wilson is our very able Treasurer. My apologies to Linda.



BSA Troop 153 News - Carolyn Davis

Troop 153 and Venture Crew 153 recently shared a campout at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, Oklahoma. The campers toured the Chickasaw Cultural Center and participated in various educational activities earning the Indian Lore merit badge. Fall brought another opportunity for our Arrowmen to camp together. Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship was at Camp Garland near Locust Grove. We had two adults and four Scouts attend; two of the scouts earned Brotherhood.

Winter camping provides a new set of experiences for our Scouts and adults. We recently visited Camp McClintock, a BSA property west of Bartlesville in Cherokee Council. This weekend focused on advancement, merit badges, campfires, and hot cocoa. Our Scouts also had the opportunity to use the zip line. All the attendees have a new appreciation for maintaining a pile of firewood to keep the campfire going and have learned new skills for cooking in temperatures below freezing. Everyone was especially thankful for heat in the vehicles on the trip home.

Our troop recently took part in a service project for Gaining Ground Literacy. We had eight Scouts work together to assemble metal shelving units and sort books that will be used to promote literacy for disadvantaged kids.

We are proud to announce our 149th Troop 153 Eagle Scout, Malik Abouhouli! Way to go Malik!



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Christmas Eve, December 24

4:30 p.m. Eucharist & Tableau

9 p.m. Choral Eucharist

11:15 p.m. Choral Eucharist



*Christmas Day,
December 25*

10 a.m. Eucharist
& Hymns

Bookstore Winter Goodies!

Friends, don't forget to pop in the Saint John's Gift and Bookstore for your holiday home accents and gift-giving needs. The shopkeepers have so many darling wares for friends and family on your list (or yourself!). Dash on in after the 10 a.m. services, say hi to the ladies leading this ministry, and tote away treats for everyone on your "nice" list!

