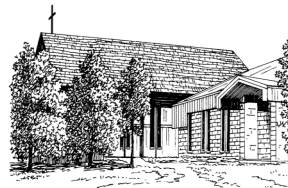


THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD

Monthly Edition

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Directing People to Jesus.

Musings from the Vicar:

The holiday season is approaching. Are you ready?

Well as we move towards the final weeks of the church year, I am thinking about how we can celebrate the holidays. Many of us join with our family to celebrate the holidays.

The eastern part of our country has experienced Hurricane Helene. As this hurricane was approaching the coast, I was thinking of Liberty Hamilton who is attending college in Tampa. Libby (as she is known to us) is safe.

Sadly, many others are not safe. With dozens of people missing (those are the known), many homeless people may be missing as well.

So, as we think of our holiday season, there are those who won't celebrate the holidays rather they will be trying to put the pieces back together.

How can we help during this time, especially as the holiday season approaches?

Our church has a program called the Episcopal Relief and Development which works to make lasting change in the world. They partner with locally led organizations to make a difference.

There are several ways that you can help. You can make a monetary donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund, or you can promote the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund by promoting it on your Facebook page.

Monetary support and awareness should be our goal. Many have no idea that the Episcopal Church has this fund, but the Relief and Development Fund is there to help.

The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund has contacted Bishop José in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. As you may know, Bishop José (before he was bishop) was the Canon to the Ordinary for Bishop Ed.

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Significant damage has occurred in this area. The road to recovery will be long and hard for many people. I am sure you have seen some of the devastation. The Fraternal Order of Police has a Disaster Response Team that has been deployed to South Carolina. Oklahoma Task Force One responded to Tampa, FL. Things have settled down there, and they have been requested to respond to Newton, North Carolina.

These teams and the diocese in these areas also need our prayers. Many of you may remember Marianne and John Wright. They are in the area as well, and they now have friends who need prayers of support. May we all take a moment to say our daily prayers, keeping them in mind.

Fr. Keith

THANK YOU FROM SENIOR WARDEN:

As Senior Warden I would like to thank everyone who had any part of making the Bishop's visit a wonderful day.

If anyone has any ideas for raising money to help us with our projects, please let Fr. Keith or I know.

Again, I appreciate all of you.

Bishop Committee (Vestry) & Staff

The Rev Keith Fallis	Vicar
Mary Smith	Secretary
Christa Meek	Treasurer
Rynd Barnes	Sr. Warden
Marty Means	Jr. Warden
Charles Betzler	Member
Cara James	Member
Roman Shelton	Member
Jan Garvin	Member
Joe Faulkner	Member
Lesa Nelson	Bishop Committee Clerk

Next meeting Oct 25, 6:30pm. All church members are welcome to attend.

Episcopal Church Women - ECW



ECW

August 4, 2024

Attendees: Mary Watts, Candy Naifeh, Nancy Landholt, Cory Lisee, Rynd Barnes, Shawn Betzler, Jan Garvin, Chris Gilliland, Alana Sullivan, Joy Naifeh, Beth South, Bonny Baker, Gloria Wiley

President Candy called the meeting to order. Recited the prayer together.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and approved by Nancy Landholt and seconded by Cory Lisee.

Financials: We have \$13,447.90 in the bank. We have received a check from the sale of the books and another donation.

We still owe St. Crispin's for the girls that went to camp this summer.

Discussed coffee hour and putting out donation baskets to help defray expenses.

The Bishop's visit was discussed for August 25, 2024. We will have a clean up day on the 24th to get things ready for the 25th.

We will be serving a Spaghetti dinner after the service. Candy asked for volunteers to bring items for the dinner and to help prepare the food. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex on Sunday morning.

We still have nuts and BBQ sauce to sell. If you want any let Candy know.

Reminded everyone about the Bazaar. Naj was not here to discuss.

Candy Naifeh adjourned the meeting.

Rynd Barnes acting secretary

HALLOWEEN

Good Shepherd will again have a booth at SPOOKTAULAR in Kelly Lane Park, Saturday, October 26 from 5-8pm. This is an opportunity to show off our church/faith.

The Parks & Recreation of Sapulpa provides a safe environment for children and families to Trick or Treat. People with sensory problems have a special time from 5-6pm when the walk is quiet but still treats are given.

Bags of candy and small freebies will be given out.

Volunteers will be needed for candy, small freebies, setting up and bringing it all back to the church. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Or contact Mary Smith.



LNO October 3—6pm La Margarita's, Sapulpa

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up the altar area for any type of service and then cleaning up after which includes washing and ironing the linens used at each service.

Women and men are members of the Altar Guild and we work in teams so that no one is left to flounder. We consider this membership an honor that we are allowed to serve the Good Shepherd membership and our clergy in this manner.

If you are interested in learning more, or becoming a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Mary Smith in the church office (918) 224-5144 and we will set up a meeting with you.



THE 2024 GOOD SHEPHERD

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 9TH from 9-3**

Come shop our local artisans and crafters! Gifts for all ages! Decor, jewelry, personalized while-you-wait items! Homemade candies, cakes, cookies! We have baked goods for your holiday table - even gluten-free and sugar-free goodies!

The Holy Smokers will take pre-orders for ribs, brats, bologna - call the church for prices! 918-224-5144

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
1420 E Dewey, Sapulpa
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The Good Shepherd E-prayer Chain

If you have a request for prayer or a praise report to share with others, please remember that your brothers and sisters in Christ are only an email away.

Prayer request is available on website or prayers.gsec@gmail.com

Brown Bag Theology

Bring your meal and drink. Lively discussions will be provided on theology topics. This “holy event” takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. Starting at 6:30 in the Church Parlor. Come join the fun.



Price is \$20/side. Sign up on bulletin board in office hallway.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/-Lindsey Edwards
10/6-Alana Herron
10/10-Melissa Siler
10/11-Jeremy Sullivan
10/15-Bruce Binion
10/20-Jo Nell Enright
10/28-Kelley Naifeh

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/3-Dakota & Lindsey Edwards
10/5-Ray & Mary Smith
10/10-Brian & Jo Nell Enright

BISHOP COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 2024

Vestry Members Present:

Keith Fallis Rynd Barnes Cara James Christa Meek Jan Garvin Joe Faulkner
Roman Shelton Lesa Nelson

Visitors Present:

Beth South Bill Barnes Naj Faulkner

Members Absent:

Marty Means Charles Beltzer

Vestry Gathering Check-in

No issues.

Approval of the Previous Minutes

Spelling error noted and missing a visitor's name.

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Joe Faulkner and Seconded by Jan Garvin.

Concerns for our Parish Family

- Dennis Bowels (Boyles), the son of Barbara Croft (Crawford) was found deceased in his apartment. No funeral is scheduled currently.
- Bill Heine(n) is in cardiac rehab in Broken Arrow and doing well.
- Paul Pritchard is back home from a nice stay at a rehab facility.
- Dick Goodwin, Grandfather to Beth South is doing better and back to normal activities.
- Robert, son of Jan Garvin has a new lawyer.

Concerns for our Sapulpa Community

The latest community event was the Back to School Bash. This event gives out school supplies to students within our community and is growing each year that it is held. This year the church has 12 volunteers and 700 to 800 students. Merchandise was provided by donations 2000 pencils and a single purchase for markers/pencils.

Financial Management and Sustainability Report

Review of the 2024 Annual Audit reviewed. Changes in this procedure will start to be implemented in conjunction with the dioceses Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs. A new part of the annual audit will include a Statement of Cash Flows that will show the cash flow from the beginning of 2023 to its end. One of the things that was identified in the audit was the listed assets were never depreciated in value. This in turn causes property value to be overstated. A CPA has been consulted to correct this and moving forward current assets will be valued appropriately. Consultation with CPA will also be needed for a capitalization policy.

A review of listed property done ranging from when it was added to the property sheet and the assigned value. The conclusion from this is that the value was incorrect. Also, with the updates to the Manual of Business Methods some property can be removed due to its lack of value.

Review of Income and Expenses Statement, July's Balance Sheet, and Budget Comparison done with the group.

MOTION TO ACCEPT by Jan Garvin and Seconded by Roman Shelton

Senior Warden's Report / Concerns / Comments

Presentation of ordering poinsettias given. Review of choices offered by the New Leaf company. An agreement for ordering the 8" flower for Christmas was made.

Junior Warden's Report / Concerns / Comments

Dioceses has sent out a roofing repair company to conduct inspection of damage to roof, building, and AC units from hailstorm damage. This will be the second inspection done for repair. The inspector found more damage than the first inspector that included damage not only to the roof, HVAC, but some of the stained-glass fixtures. Report of this inspection was not available at the time of this meeting but expected soon.

Repair to the parlor air conditioning unit voted on and to use the first bid contractor, JC Mechanical. Since it is under \$3K no dioceses' involvement is needed. This is repair to the evaporator unit and is needed immediately since the unit is leaking. During this vote it should be noted that this contractor chosen works on Sundays. This is favorable to the group since the contractor that was sent by the Diocese does not.

Individual Vestry Member's Reports / Concerns /Comments

A list to explain financial issues will be drafted for the Bishop and will be discussed to draft prior to visit. @Roman Shelton. Another meeting with the vestry group and Bishop will be conducted in September.

Vicar's Report

October will start a New Commers dinner at the Fathers house. More information will come out the closer the date gets.

Information for the vitality that the average Sunday attendance is holding steady at 44.

The Good Shepherd newsletter is coming back. Mary is looking for new articles.

Zoom meeting for kickoff for Stewardship will be a webinar that Father will attend.

Food Pantry status: food has been purchased but for donations it has been suggested on focusing on one type of item each month. This will include animal feed.

ECW has kindly agreed to cover the cost of the two attendees for the convention and the Men's Group will cover the cost of lodging.

Dates that Father will be out of pocket: 09/08-12 and 09/24-26.

Next Week's Meeting set September 25 at 1800***Notice New Time Set**

Income and Expense

August 2024

Current Period Year to Date

INCOME

CONTRIBUTION INCOME

UNRESTRICTED

Pledge contributions	\$6,285.00	\$44,221.60
Plate offering	103.00	1,727.80
Giving not pledged	2,731.00	23,416.00
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>9,119.00</u>	<u>69,365.40</u>

DONOR RESTRICTED

Memorial	0.00	2,440.00
Food Pantry	0.00	2,650.00
Benevolent Fund	0.00	3,100.00
Good Shepherd Fund	0.00	3,500.00
Other	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>50.00</u>	<u>11,740.00</u>
Subtotal Contribution Income	<u>9,169.00</u>	<u>81,105.40</u>

INTEREST INCOME

Banking Interest	0.00	35.81
Endowment Income/Expense	0.00	2,514.13
Subtotal Interest Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,549.94</u>

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

Building Rental Income	255.00	1,205.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,225.61	15,940.77

FUNDRAISING

ECW - nuts	0.00	-38.00
ECW - Bazaar	80.00	331.10
ECW - Other	40.00	2,106.59
Men's Group	0.00	654.17
Subtotal Fundraising	<u>120.00</u>	<u>3,053.86</u>
Subtotal Miscellaneous Income	<u>4,600.61</u>	<u>20,199.63</u>

DIOCESAN SUPPORT

Diocesan support	778.80	6,230.40
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TOTAL INCOME

14,548.41 **110,085.37**

EXPENSES**DIOCESAN EXPENSE**

Mutual Ministry Support	\$1,267.95	\$10,420.97
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CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

Printed Material	160.71	245.31
Vestry Academy	0.00	75.00
Subtotal Christian Development	<u>160.71</u>	<u>320.31</u>

WORSHIP

Altar supplies	0.00	114.30
Flowers	0.00	213.93
Other	0.00	1.69
Subtotal Worship	<u>0.00</u>	<u>329.92</u>

FACILITY, GROUNDS, EQUIP

Janitorial service	0.00	1,087.50
Janitorial supplies	0.00	244.39
Kitchen supplies	0.00	-50.00
Pest control	90.00	1,295.00
Building maintenance	0.00	27,691.33
Columbarium	0.00	287.10
Landscaping	0.00	1,250.00
Lawn service	300.00	1,050.00
Security	0.00	300.00
Utilities	1,207.72	10,262.33
Insurance	2,605.82	16,826.99
Other expense	0.00	300.00
Subtotal Facility, Grounds, Equip	<u>4,203.54</u>	<u>60,544.64</u>

PARISH OPERATIONS

Clerical salaries	528.00	4,356.00
Clerical payroll taxes	40.38	333.23
Treasurer Expense	500.00	4,000.00
Office supplies	0.00	152.63
Postage	136.00	414.00
Telephone and internet	499.03	1,826.91
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	211.14
Bank charges	0.00	27.00
Copier expense	0.00	806.50
Support Contracts	0.00	169.00
Subtotal Parish Operations	<u>1,703.41</u>	<u>12,296.41</u>

CLERGY SALARY & BENEFITS

Salary	660.00	4,950.00
Supply Priest	0.00	190.72
Clergy expense	364.48	3,082.65
Pension	119.60	716.40
Subtotal Clergy Salary & Benefits	1,144.08	8,939.77

OUTREACH MINIS-

Food Pan-	1,848.28	1,848.28
Thanksgiving &	0.00	419.77
Other	0.00	35.00
Good Shepherd Fund	0.00	2,000.00
Priest Discretionary	335.29	6,779.99
Subtotal Outreach	2,183.57	11,083.04

TOTAL EXPENSES	10,663.26	103,935.06
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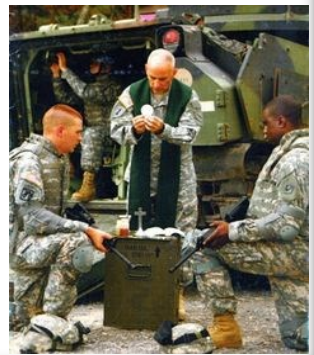
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$3,885.15	\$6,150.31
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MILITARY PERONNEL SERVING BOTH AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HEROES EVERYDAY!!!

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Carrington & Audrey Taylor
- Will, Jake, Lexi Littlefield
- Robert Fingerhut
- Justin Tidwell
- Eric Herrera
- Tyson Hageny
- Roman Shelton
- Hunter Meek
- Alex Wilbins



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*Worship Schedule
Sunday Morning
8am Peaceful Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:15am Christian Formation
10:30am Holy Eucharist*



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