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CHURCH OF THE SERVANT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Who will
YOU INVITE
this Easter?

SUNRISE SERVICE
6:45 AM

CELEBRATION SERVICE
10:00 AM

April 5th



Pastor's PERSPECTIVE

*"I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7*



▶ **Rev. Kyle Anderson**
Senior Pastor

Greetings Faith Family,

I still remember the comment made by a member of my former church after they had seen me out running one day. While in Stillwater, I would often run, or slow jog is probably a more apt description, along the sidewalk of a well traveled road near where I lived. Rarely would I run without someone recognizing me and honking their car horn, waving their hand out the window, or in one instance getting out of their car with their kids and lining up along the sidewalk to pass out high fives as I labored past. Similarly, this member had seen me jogging alone one Saturday. The following day in church they told me, "I saw you out running yesterday. It didn't look like you were enjoying yourself." My response to them was, "you're right, but I enjoy cookies more than I dislike running."

I've never considered myself a runner, but I do attempt to stay somewhat physically active by going for a jog a few times a week near the house, at community park, or even around the Servant parking lot (it's about 0.8 miles one time all the way around if you're curious). I'd never really considered doing so for any purpose other than to just try and stay in shape. That is until I joined you here in Oklahoma City. Last April, I was inspired to hear about the numerous members of the Servant family who participated in or went to support friends and family running in one of the Oklahoma City Memorial races. I was amazed to learn what an important event this was for the Oklahoma City community. The event is not just a race but an opportunity to remember the lives that were lost as well as raise funds for the beautiful Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum which honors those lost and serves as a reminder that the light of hope and peace will not be extinguished by the darkness of hate in our world. I decided it was an event I wanted to participate in. So, on Sunday, April 26, I'll be participating in the Half Marathon. Now that I've put it out there in this public forum, I can't back down! And know that my plan is to be in service, probably a little late, to celebrate and praise the Lord alongside you that day, giving thanks not only for the resilience of Oklahoma City but also those who choose to run the race of faith.

I wanted to share this with you because if there are others who plan to participate in one of the weekend's events I want to invite you to represent Church of the Servant as you do. We have developed a shirt that can be ordered at ServantOKC.org/shirt and worn on race day. If you want to participate with me, I'll be running the half-marathon on Sunday, April 26, at 6:30 AM, but I will also be walking the 5K along with other Servant members and staff on Saturday, April 25, at 7:00 AM. For more information about the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, go to okcmarathon.com - **YOU MUST REGISTER**. While I'm not looking to set any records, I'm excited about the opportunity to join with the larger community beyond our walls in remembering those who were lost, give thanks for those who survived and served during a difficult time in our state's history, and to celebrate the spirit of unity and community that has emerged in the decades since that tragic day. I look forward to seeing some of you out there as well!

Blessings,
Pastor Kyle





ORDER NOW!



Printed to order. All sales final.

SPRING ONLINE T-SHIRT STORE

SWEATSHIRTS
Hoodies & Tees



PICK-UP AT CHURCH:
March 25th

STORE CLOSURES MARCH 16th

Spring Online Store is OPEN — Order by March 16!

We're excited to announce that our Spring Church of the Servant Online Store is officially open! Just like our Christmas store, this is a limited-time pre-order, which means the store will only be open for a short window – and then it closes.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Store Closes on March 16
- Pick-Up at Church after March 25
- All items are printed to order
- All sales are final

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

This spring we have something for everyone!

- Marathon shirts
- Rise Against Hunger shirts
- Easter shirts
- Servant logo tees, hoodies, & sweatshirts

Because everything is printed specifically for those who order, we do not keep inventory. Once the store closes on March 16, no additional orders can be placed.

This is a great way to represent Servant in the community – whether you're running, serving, celebrating Easter, or just showing church support.

ORDER ONLINE HERE: ServantOKC.org/shirt

Don't wait – the store closes March 16!

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JOIN US FOR A MEANINGFUL HOLY WEEK

We have a series of special services planned for Holy Week here at Church of the Servant that you do not want to miss!

Palm Sunday - March 29, 10:00 AM

On this Sunday, we will remember the crowds who gathered to shout Hosanna as Jesus entered Jerusalem without fully knowing what the week ahead would bring. For our children (and those with childlike hearts!) who desire to wave palm branches at the start of our service, meet our Director of Family Ministries, Chris Ward, just outside the Celebration Center at 9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6:00 PM

Join with the Servant family of faith as we remember Jesus' final night with his disciples. This service will include music and drama, and will offer all in attendance the opportunity to join the Lord at his table.

Good Friday - April 3, 6:00 PM

On this night, we will come together to remember that no sacrifice was too great for Christ's forgiveness and love for you and me. In this service, we will recall Jesus' final hours and conclude with the draping and darkening of our Celebration Center.

Easter Sunday - April 5, 6:45 & 10:00 AM

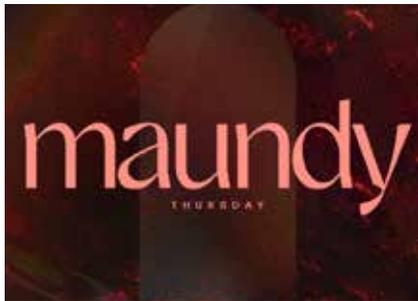
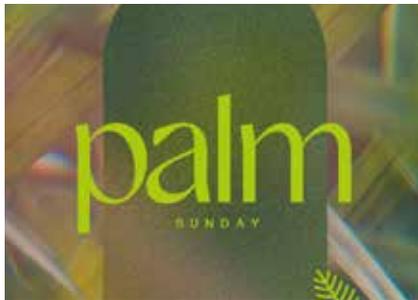
SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:45 AM (South Lawn)

- Like the women who journeyed to the tomb before the light of day on that first Easter Sunday, join with the Servant family and friends as we come together to greet the rising sun and be some of the first to proclaim, "He is Risen!"

EASTER WORSHIP - 10:00 AM (Celebration Center)

- Holy Week comes to an end as the drapes of death and darkness are removed, and we celebrate together that the Lord is Risen indeed!

May this Holy Week deepen our faith and renew our spirits as we reflect on Christ's love and victory over death. All are welcome! Childcare is available for ages 10 and under.





Hospitality Team

Would you like to be a part of welcoming people to our church? Our Hospitality Team plays a special role in making everyone feel welcome, valued, and at home from the moment they walk through the doors. If you love greeting people, helping guests find their way, having visitors sit with you, or parking cars, we would love for you to join us! Come be part of creating a space where everyone feels they belong. Cindy Fast, Belongings Coordinator, would love to meet with you. Stop by the Welcome counter on Sundays, or email Cindy at cfast@churchoftheservant.com to request more information.

CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

Savor the Savior

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP DINNER

ASHLEIGH ROBINSON
MISS OKLAHOMA 2021 | DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
AT BETHANY CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER

ServantOKC.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 @ 6:00 PM

LADIES: Join us for our annual "Savor the Savior" Ladies' Fellowship Dinner on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 PM, with Special Guest, Ashleigh Robinson!

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 PM

TIME: Doors Open at 5:45 PM. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM.

LOCATION: Church of the Servant (14343 N MacArthur Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73142)

MEAL: Chicken Piccata over Angel Hair Pasta, Veggie Medley, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert.

COST: \$25

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

Ashleigh is a lifelong Oklahoman and fierce advocate for Danielle, her younger sister with Down Syndrome. Ashleigh received her education from Oklahoma City University and Cornell. She's an Oklahoma Partners in Policymaking graduate and member of Leadership OKC LOYAL Class XX. In 2021, she was crowned Miss Oklahoma and competed in the 100th-anniversary Miss America pageant. She has been widely recognized for her advocacy & leadership, receiving acknowledgments like the 405 Magazine HER Award, Journal Record Achievers Under 40, NextGen Under 30, and the Arc of Oklahoma Advocate Award. Her board service includes Goodwill Central Oklahoma, Friends of the Oklahoma History Center, OMRF, Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority, and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. Ashleigh loves her church, St. Luke's, and leads services on Sundays and mentors students on Wednesdays. Professionally, she works at Bethany Children's Health Center, raising funds and awareness for its mission to maximize the potential of children of all abilities. **Register today at [ServantOKC.org/savor](https://www.servantokc.org/savor).**



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

PERSPECTIVE(S) - Because Life Doesn't Follow a Script

Sundays at 11:15 AM | Classroom 7

Life doesn't always follow the script we imagined. Jobs change. Relationships shift. Plans fall through. Dreams get redirected. And through it all, we need a community that understands - people who've lived enough life to know that faith isn't about having it all figured out. That's what Perspective(s) Sunday School class is all about.

Meeting Sunday mornings at 11:15 in Room 7, Perspective(s) is a welcoming community for adults 40 and older who appreciate honest conversation, biblical teaching, and authentic relationships. Whether you're single, remarried, divorced, walking through loss, or simply looking for a group that values real-life faith and meets you right where you are - you're invited to join us.

This Lent, we're diving into a special study focused on Adam Hamilton's *Last Words from the Cross*. In this powerful six-week study, Adam Hamilton reflects on the seven last words of Christ from the Cross, exploring themes of forgiveness, hope, and redemption that speak to wherever we find ourselves in life. Following Lent, we'll move into an Easter series about living as resurrection people in a broken world. It's a perfect time to connect with others who understand that following Jesus means bringing our whole story - not just the highlight reel.

No previous Sunday School experience required. No perfect life story expected. Just come as you are and discover the power of multiple perspectives coming together around God's Word. For more information, contact Eric Nance at enance@churchoftheservant.com, or simply show up Sunday morning at 11:15. Coffee's on, and there's always room for one more perspective.

THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE

Sundays at 11:15 AM | Classroom 3

Looking for a Sunday School class? Join with others in a weekly study of Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*. In this unique class, each week will focus on a chapter of the book, with opportunities for participants to share, listen, and learn from one another. Even if you can't make it to the first or every class, each session stands alone, and you can come as often as you're able. Copies of the book will be supplied to participants, and all are welcome!



EASTER LILY SALE

Purchase a lily for \$20/ea in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. Orders can be made online by credit card, or by cash/check at the table in the concourse on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office on weekdays. The lilies will bring our worship area to life on Easter Sunday! They will be available to take home after service on Sunday, April 5. Purchase your lily today at ServantOKC.org/lily.



DEADLINE TO PURCHASE A LILY IS SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

GriefShare

Grief Support Group

A safe space to journey through loss together.
You don't have to walk this path alone.

Thursdays, March 5 - May 21
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Facilitators:
Mary Garrett and Marge Carmichael

📍 14343 N MacArthur Blvd, OKC
🌐 ServantOKC.org



Have you experienced the death of a loved one? If so, we invite you to join our Grief Support Group, beginning on Thursday, March 5, 2026. We'll meet in person. The course will meet each week and continue through Thursday, May 21. We'll meet each Thursday afternoon (1:30 - 3:00 PM) in the Library at Church of the Servant. The facilitators will be Mary Garrett and Marge Carmichael.

Perhaps it was just recently that you experienced the loss of a loved one...or maybe you've been on your journey of grief for a long time. Either way, we think you'll find it quite helpful to connect with others and benefit from mutual support. We utilize the Grief Share curriculum, which is Christian-based. There's a helpful video each time, and there's always plenty of time for sharing and discussion. There's no cost for the course, and each participant will receive a complimentary workbook.

If you'd like to register for the group, just call 405-728-4738 and speak to Vicki Roberds, our Coordinator of Care Ministries. Or you can email her at vroberds@churchoftheservant.com. Registration never closes, so you can join us for any or all of the meetings, and it's never too late to sign up.

A GIFT OF PEACE IN LOVING MEMORY

Following the recent passing of his dear wife, Donna, Larry Miles wanted to honor her life in a meaningful and lasting way. Larry has generously gifted Church of the Servant with a music player that has been installed in our Chapel of Peace. Now, as soft music fills the space alongside the gentle sound of the trickling fountain, the Chapel offers an even deeper sense of calm and reflection for all who enter.

You are invited to stop by and spend a few quiet moments there. The Chapel of Peace is located in the North Adult Classroom area – simply turn left at the railing and walk to the end of the hall.

Larry, thank you for this beautiful and thoughtful contribution to our church family. We are grateful for your generosity, and we trust that Donna would be deeply honored by the peace this gift brings to others.



PRIME TIME

MARCH/APRIL 2026

APRIL

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 AM

Community Hall

Special Guest: MICHAEL KLEID

Michael Kleid has been playing music professionally for over 40 years. He has performed in showrooms and casino lounges from Las Vegas to Atlantic City. He performs regularly on oldies music cruises. Michael specializes in 50's and 60's music. Prepare to have a good time when he takes you on a live, entertaining musical journey.



[ServantOKC.org/prime-time](https://www.ServantOKC.org/prime-time)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, APRIL 6th!

Michele Snow will provide us with a yummy meal that includes an entrée, vegetable, salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. The cost for the program and meal is \$15 (\$5 for program only).



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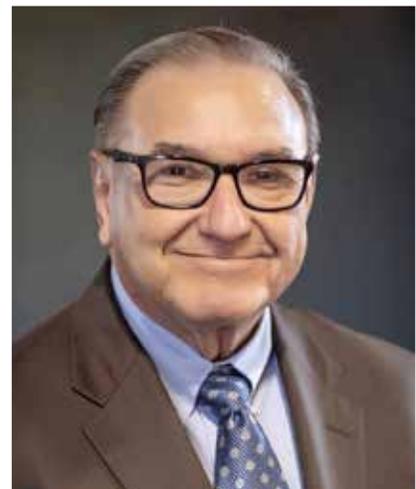
PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 12, 10:30 AM

Community Hall

Special Guest: BOB BURKE

Bob Burke has written more historical non-fiction books (173) than anyone else in history. He was born in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and now practices constitutional law and writes books in Oklahoma City. All his books are about Oklahoma's incredible history. Four have won the Oklahoma Book Award and four have been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. For more information about Bob Burke, go to [ServantOKC.org/prime-time](https://www.ServantOKC.org/prime-time).





FAMILY MINISTRIES



SERVANT KIDS

In February, Servant Kids have been busy learning about what it looks like to love Jesus. In March, we will continue learning about Jesus' love by learning how to treat others the way that Jesus teaches us to! We will hear stories about John the Baptist, A Roman Commander, Mary and Martha, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet!

Mark your calendars for March 29th! At the 10:00 service, we would like all of the children to carry in the Palms for Palm Sunday – meet Miss Chris just outside the Celebration Center at 9:45 AM. Then in the afternoon, starting at 3:00 PM, we will have our annual Easter Egg-stravaganza, which includes egg hunts, games, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and more! We are in need of volunteers and candy. Sign up at ServantOKC.org/events to help out!

On Wednesday nights, we will be starting a new series on a journey through Easter. Each Wednesday, we will stop at a different adventure that will lead us up to Easter. Join us from 6:30-7:15 PM for our lesson, then from 7:15-8:00 PM (optional) for fellowship time.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Ward at cward@churchoftheservant.com. All children are welcome with us!



SNO-CONES

FACE-PAINTING

Easter Egg-stravaganza!

GAMES

GOODIES

Sunday,
March 29, 3-5 PM

(Egg hunt begins at 4 PM on the South Lawn)

INFLATABLES

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ServantOKC.org

EASTER BUNNY



**VOLUNTEER
HERE >>**

The Easter Egg-stravaganza is a fun-filled afternoon for children of all ages. We will have games, face painting, Egg hunts, inflatables, goodies, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! The fun begins at 3:00 PM. The egg hunt begins at 4:00 PM.

WE NEED CANDY: We are collecting small, individually wrapped candy to fill Easter eggs for the children. Please donate bags of candy in the bins located in the concourse.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer for the Easter Egg-stravaganza, please register online by clicking on the QR code above or go to [ServantOKC.org/events](https://www.servantokc.org/events) to sign up. We need lots of positions filled, so everyone is welcome!

SERVANT YOUTH

The Youth at Church of the Servant had a real mix-up for the month of February with the hiring of the new **Youth Director, Greg Lacy**. We have had a wonderful group on both Sunday Mornings and Wednesday nights. Three to five youth have been attending on Sundays and around twelve youth on Wednesdays! Last month, they had lessons on the prodigal son, an "Ultimate Playbook" with trivia from both football and the Bible, and we have now started working on a Lenten series – starting Wednesday night with Ash Wednesday service, followed by a quick lesson about Jesus heading into the desert, to the raising of Lazareth.

Our next few weeks will be spent on different topics for the Lenten season. We also have the opportunity to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29, from 3:00-5:00 PM, as well as Vacation Bible School, June 1-4th.

SUMMER CAMP: Youth camp at Canyon Camp - Upcoming 6th grade through graduates! So far, we have 2 youth interested in going to camp, and invite anyone else interested to reach out to Greg for more information and to sign up.

We want to thank the congregation and the youth volunteers: Andy and Debra Tuls, Daniel Marmen, Kristie Vanbecelare, Jenny Nedza, and everyone else who has supported us.

For more information on anything the youth are doing, or if you are interested in camp, contact Greg Lacy at: GLacy@churchoftheservant.com.



*Greg Lacy,
Youth Director*





SKYLINE

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS: SKYLINE URBAN OUTREACH

For more than 50 years, **Skyline Urban Outreach** has been a quiet but powerful presence in our Oklahoma City community. Founded in 1968 through the outreach efforts of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference, Skyline was created with a simple and faithful purpose: **to meet basic needs with dignity, compassion, and respect.**

Today, Skyline serves more than **28,000 individuals each year** through life-giving programs that include a client-choice Food Resource Center and Mobile Pantry, a Garden Program providing fresh produce and education, a Style Shop offering free and low-cost clothing, and a free Eye Clinic providing exams and affordable prescription glasses to uninsured neighbors. Skyline’s ministry is deeply rooted in partnerships with churches and people of faith who believe in serving others with love.

Volunteers are at the heart of Skyline’s mission. Whether bagging groceries, sorting clothing donations, assisting with Mobile Pantry distributions, or working in the garden planting and harvesting produce, each act of service makes a real difference. No special skills are required—just a willing heart and a few hours of your time.

We invite you to join us as we serve alongside Skyline and help care for our neighbors in meaningful, hands-on ways.

CONGREGATIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 9:00–11:30 AM**
- **Saturday, June 20, 2026 | 9:00–11:30 AM**

Come serve, connect, and be part of building a healthier, more hopeful community—**one act of kindness at a time.**
Sign up today and help us serve our neighbors with compassion and grace.





CJAMM New Day Camp Volunteers Needed – Help Us Serve More Kids

We’re excited to share that New Day Camp will take place June 1–5, and camper applications are now open! As we prepare for camp, we want to emphasize something very important: we can only accept as many campers as we have volunteers available to serve them. Our volunteers make New Day Camp possible. Your time, presence, and care directly determine how many children we are able to welcome this summer.



VOLUNTEER ARRIVAL & TRAINING:

All volunteers are asked to arrive the evening of May 31 to participate in required training and preparation before camp begins. If you are able to volunteer or know someone who would be a great fit we encourage you to sign up and help us expand our impact.

Volunteer Sign-Up Link:

<https://forms.gle/asEDcpWkbZ7jSvzm7>

Thank you for being willing to step in and make a difference. We are so grateful for your continued support and partnership in creating a safe, meaningful, and life-giving experience for these children.

Anne Robertson
Assistant Director- Development and Operations
Criminal Justice & Mercy Ministries of Oklahoma, Inc. (CJAMM)





Rebuilding Together OKC 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled day of fellowship and service on Saturday, April 18. Church of the Servant has been participating in Rebuilding Together Oklahoma City for over 20 years. Some of you may remember Christmas in April, which was the previous name. We will join Mayflower Congregational Church and work together to improve the home for a well-deserving person. Anyone can participate, regardless of age or skill level. We'll have a job to fit everybody!

Rebuilding Together Oklahoma City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to rebuilding lives and neighborhoods... making homes safe, warm, and dry. Volunteers and communities are brought together to improve the homes and lives of qualifying seniors in the Oklahoma City metro area.

REGISTER TODAY: [ServantOKC.org/rtokc](https://www.ServantOKC.org/rtokc)





Mission Team with Palo Duro II in the background

On a recent visit to Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO), members of our mission team learned about many of the vital services NSO provides in Oklahoma City. NSO, whose administrative offices and dental clinic are housed at 431 SW 11th, just south of Scissortail Park, was established by Methodist women.

Knowing that a welcoming smile can make the difference in gaining employment, NSO has a full-service dental clinic that provides care at reduced prices and is open to anyone. Also, NSO has several housing programs: Palo Duro I and PaloDuro II, where residents living with mental illness live in single occupancy apartments; and Martha’s House, Gatewood, and Carolyn Williams Center, where unhoused young men, unhoused mothers, and their children are provided a home and wrap-around services to help them become independent. NSO also has a WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Clinic, sharing education about breastfeeding and nutrition to give children the healthy start to life they deserve.

Our Mission Team met several residents who were proud to show us their homes and tell us how grateful they are to be housed with NSO. One young man, just out of foster care, wants to be an early childhood teacher.

He enthusiastically thanks NSO for the opportunity to be housed while he pursues his goal. His room is much like my college room was, small but complete with a bed and chest, a roommate, and a bathroom down the hall.

In talking with participants in the above programs, NSO realized how important and sometimes how challenging staying housed is. Therefore, NSO is partnering with the Arnall Family Foundation and with support from the Arnall Community Funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to begin a new program to educate about the eviction process, which evicted nearly 9,000 tenants in Oklahoma in 2025, including families with children in 64% of evicted households. Offering personalized support, courtroom navigation, housing advocacy, and rental assistance, NSO’s Stay Housed program prevents evictions and promotes stability, one renter at a time.

NSO has many opportunities for volunteers. They accept individuals, groups, one-time volunteers, and regularly scheduled volunteers. Stay tuned for more information from our Mission Team or call NSO directly to volunteer or donate. NSO 405-236-0542 | nsookc.org

Patricia McGarrity



Mission Team delivering gifts for Transitional Housing participants to NSO CEO Stacey Ninness and Natalie Gant, Development Coordinator



Pat in Dental Clinic



NSO Natalie Gant, Development Coordinator, in Dental Clinic

JUNE 8-11

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME COUNTER
OR EMAIL PAT MCGARRITY AT
[PATRICIA.MCGARRITY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:patricia.mcgarrity@yahoo.com)

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

As our thoughts turn to summer, Project Transformation* is once again seeking good listeners to help children read. We will once again provide 10 "readers" for the Chapel Hill UMC site of Project Transformation. This year, our volunteer week is June 8-11 (Monday through Thursday). The time is 10:00 AM - Noon. Each volunteer will listen to 3 or 4 children, one at a time, as the elementary children rotate through their morning activities. If you are ready to sign up, please email, text, or call Pat McGarrity at patricia.mcgarrity@yahoo.com or 405-990-2265. We would love to have you volunteer all four days, but you may sign up for one, two, three, or four days. Thank you, and thanks to those who participated last year.

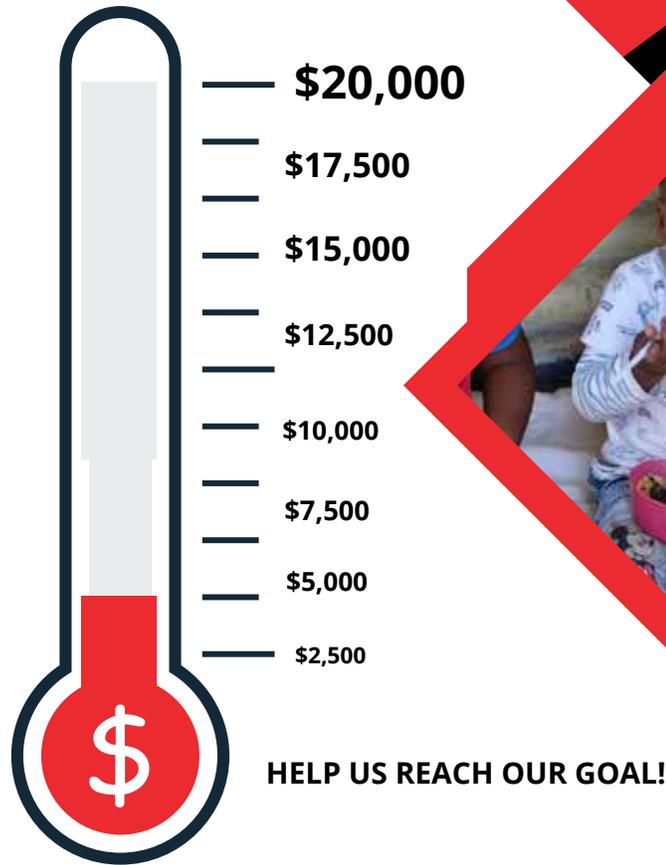
**Project Transformation is an eight-week summer camp that emphasizes reading and is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The elementary-age campers meet Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and are led by college-age young people.*

Patricia McGarrity





APRIL 12, 2026
MEAL PACKAGING
EVENT



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Once again, the Servant family of faith is joining together in raising funds for Rise Against Hunger. Servant family and friends are invited to give up a small indulgence during the season of Lent: that Starbucks or Sonic run, eating out, going to the movies, one meal a week, and then whatever you would typically spend each week on that item, donate that amount to Rise Against Hunger through Church of the Servant. You may do so by placing cash in one of the Fish baskets in the Celebration Center, by giving a check to the church with "Rise" written on the memo line, or by giving online at ServantOKC.org/rah. Our goal for 2026 is **\$20,000**, which will allow us to package **45,000 meals** to be sent around the world where food is scarce. After the first week of Lent, we have contributed **\$1,876** towards that goal.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Church of the Servant will host our annual meal packaging event at the church on April 12, 2026, beginning at 1:00 PM. We will have two shifts: 1:00-3:00 PM and 3:00-5:00 PM. We hope to have 100 volunteers (or more) to make the event fun and successful. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather in mission as a church. Invite your Sunday school class, Bible study group, family, friends, and neighbors to join us! All ages are welcome.

Mark your calendars for April 12th and register today at ServantOKC.org/rah. If you have packaged meals in the past and/or would like to serve on the leadership team for the event, please contact the church office at 405-721-4141, or Roger Cude at 405-919-8717 or rcude1@cox.net.

ServantOKC.org/rah

CHURCH OF THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

I am new to the Church of the Servant leadership team this year. Since I came on board in January, the team has dealt with several issues, including: 2025 Financials and 2026 Budget, Improving Security Procedures, planning for facilities maintenance and improvements, the search for an Associate Pastor, updating the personnel policies, and our goals for 2026. This team is dedicated to serving Christ by being a light in our community.

Speaking of light, Pastor Kyle shared these thoughts with us about our Servant Tree south of the building:



"In recent years, the tree at Church of the Servant has been lit throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons, a reminder to residents and guests of Oklahoma City alike of the Good News of Christ's birth. The lights utilized were not designed to withstand 12 months of Oklahoma weather and so needed to be removed and restrung each year. Understandably, this came at an incredible cost to Church of the Servant, taking funds away from the church's ministries. Thanks to a generous donation from a single donor, new lights designed for year-round outdoor use were purchased and installed this winter, significantly reducing the annual cost to the church.

With lights available on the tree year-round going forward, the Church of the Servant Leadership Team has elected to utilize the Servant Tree each week of the year. As we approach Sunday, we will turn the lights on Thursday night through Sunday night. The reason for this is multifaceted. First, this allows the Servant Tree

to be a visual Oklahoma City Landmark, like the Devon Tower downtown or the green glow of the Paycom offices to the west of the church. The Servant Tree will be a nighttime staple much of the week, observed by the residents, travelers upon the Kilpatrick Turnpike, or flying into Will Rogers, and more. It is our hope that this visual will also be a reminder to the community, as the weekend approaches, to take some time to celebrate and serve the Lord. Like bell towers in communities of old would call the community to worship, we hope our tree will be a reminder to the community of Oklahoma City of the call for God's children to turn to the Lord as part of a faith community of their choice.

Beyond these practical reasons, there are also theological reasons for utilizing the Servant Tree year-round. One of our values is Nature, specifically the acknowledgement that God created the world and all that is in it to be very good. We are reminded of this truth by the greenery found within our walls, inviting nature and the goodness of creation into our church space. Utilizing the Servant Tree year-round allows us to proclaim this truth outside of our walls as well. Additionally, the Servant Tree has been used at Christmas to represent the Good News that God's light has come into the world. In our community, state, country, and world, there is so much anger, pain, and suffering. Darkness seems prevalent everywhere we look. As a people of faith, we acknowledge that now as much as ever, Good News is needed beyond a brief month and a half, but all year long. By keeping the Servant tree lit throughout the year, it serves as a reminder that the story of Christmas is not the beginning and end of God's Good News, but a truth to be celebrated year-round. It is our hope that as citizens of Oklahoma City, visitors to our community, or travelers simply passing through, witness the Servant Tree, all will be reminded of God's light, Jesus, gifted to the world this and every day."



In Christ,

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