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CHURCH OF THE SERVANT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER





Pastor's PERSPECTIVE

Rev. Kyle Anderson
Senior Pastor

Greetings Servant Faith Family!



Last month, members of your Servant staff and Leadership Team attended the Leadership Institute at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Over three days we had the opportunity to participate in inspiring worship, hear from engaging speakers, meet leaders from across the country and the world, and spend time fellowshipping and visioning with one another. I wanted to use this space to share some highlights from our team.



Kyle, Chris, and Nathan with friends from Stillwater First UMC

Chris Ward was reminded of the need for relationships saying, "I think that's the reason people stay because they feel welcomed and they feel that they belong." Cultivating a sense of belonging is something Church of the Servant excels at and continues to be important to our future.

Jenny Nedza enjoyed the intentional time with staff and leaders and the fascinating speakers. Rev. Nicole Caldwell-Gross used luggage as an analogy for the life of faith sharing that sometimes we carry past hurts with us. Jenny writes, "I'd never heard it described that we could be carrying a baggage of dashed hopes…" It's important to consider what "baggage" that's keeping us from fulfilling God's mission that needs to be released.

Others impacted by Rev. Caldwell-Gross' remarks included **Cindy Fast** who recalls being asked to consider who packs your bag? "Nicole said if you let other people pack your bags with so many expectations, there will be no room for what God expects of you, Cindy writes. "She also said, check the tag. Not every problem is yours to solve." **Dayna Slater** found this session helpful as well sharing, "It inspired me to look at the experiences, training, and talents that are in my bag then bring them to the programs I lead." Like Cindy, Dayna appreciated the reminder to check the tag, "I need to let go if God didn't put my name on a responsibility." It's great to hear how a luggage analogy can help our staff in thinking intentionally about the gifts they bring to our church, what unnecessary baggage may be dragging them down, and how they can let God's expectations, not the expectations of others, be what guides them in life!

Kara Mitchell called the conference a "life changer." She enjoyed Rev. Magrey deVega who taught about the importance of knowing your "shadow" which Rev. deVega described as the opposite of what you value. In doing so

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Sunday Worship
10:00 AM

Join us for worship this Sunday. We will be gathering together to celebrate and give thanks, to connect with one another, and to seek guidance and inspiration for the week ahead.

Sunday service time is 10:00 AM and includes uplifting music, prayer, and a message that I believe will speak to your heart. Whether you are a longtime member of our community or are joining us for the first time, we welcome you and look forward to seeing you there!

you confront those things in life you suppress. Additionally, Kara appreciated Rev. Adam Hamilton's encouragement that Chrisitans don't have to choose between being conservative or liberal but can be the "Radical Center" where followers of Christ come together. Lastly the reminder that "Easter means the worst thing is never the last thing" is always an important faith truth to cling to.

I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with clergy, staff, and leaders from other churches. This included friends from my previous church in Stillwater, colleagues from seminary, and new acquaintances including a minister from India. **Dean Smith** enjoyed meeting other attendees and how we are all navigating the same waters such as "membership development and finding new ways to excite and encourage young adults to become active in the church." Dean was inspired by some of the testimonies which reminded us of the simple power of just asking or inviting others to our faith community. "We all became members at one time because someone asked us," Dean reflected. Maybe an invitation from you could change someone's life?



Dean Smith enjoying Sonic with Pastor T. Ebenezer Sastry from India

Heather DeShazo enjoyed all of the speakers as well but also writes about how beneficial our staff and church leaders spending time together was. "One of my biggest takeaways was simply the quality time with our staff and leadership team. Being away together gave us space to reflect, dream, and brainstorm about the future of Church of the Servant. I am encouraged by the momentum and excitement I see in our staff and leadership right now!"



Team enjoying a game of Mexican Train

Finally **Jennifer Hill**, one of our nominees to the Leadership Team for next year, was reminded, "In a world full of noise and uncertainty, people are still hungry for Jesus. With passion, we need to invite people to experience the peace and transformation that comes from having a relationship with Jesus."

I'm thankful to the staff and Leadership Team members who took time away from their very busy schedules to continue learning and growing as co-servants of Christ. It is truly an honor to serve alongside each of them and every one of you as we work to transform our little corner of Northwest Oklahoma City and beyond for Christ. I look forward to continuing that work this and every Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Kyle





Nathan's NOTES

Rev. Nathan Oney
Associate Pastor

MESSY CHURCH IS ROLLING!

We are so thrilled with how our very first Messy Church at Church of the Servant turned out. It was everything we hoped for: full of laughter, creativity, conversation, and an unexpectedly chaotic energy that came from underestimating how much space we needed for the kids and their families who gathered to make things, share a meal, and discover new ways to experience God's love. What a blessing!

Of course, something like this doesn't just happen. Huge thanks go out to Ms. Chris, whose energy and heart really got this off the ground. And to every single volunteer who stepped up, whether you were leading activities, welcoming folks at the door, or keeping the mess from getting too messy, thank you. Because of you, so many families left talking about how much they are looking forward to the next one!

One of the best moments happened right before we ate. A kiddo volunteered to say the blessing for the whole room. I had planned to say the blessing myself, but it was all the more appropriate to give that opportunity to someone for whom it mattered more. Messy Church is all about letting children lead, so we've decided that a child-led prayer before our meal is officially a tradition now. We can't wait to hear what our younger friends pray for next time!

COMING UP NEXT: THANKFULNESS AND GENEROSITY

For our next gathering, we're diving into the story of Jesus feeding the crowd with just a few loaves and fish. It's all about how a small offering can become something huge, and what happens when we share what we've got.

We've got a fun lineup of hands-on activities planned, including bread-making, basket-weaving, and group art based on the story. We'll make "Give Thanks" prayer bracelets, add notes to a thankfulness prayer wall, and make cards for service members to send a little encouragement into the world. Between the crafts, STEM projects, and service, it's a great way to explore what it means to live with generous hearts.

If your family is looking for a place to connect, create, and grow in faith, Messy Church is for you. We'd love to see you at the next one. And we'd love for you to invite your friends! We can't wait to make a little more mess with you!

Pastor Nathan



BEHIND THE SCENES:
Sermon Planning

Thank you to **Mark LeGault** for sharing his baking talents and to **Heather DeShazo** for using her camera skills to aid me in a recent sermon on Jesus' short parable comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to yeast. Your gifts truly helped bring the sermon to life!





As you can tell, I greatly enjoy featuring stories and illustrations from amongst our family of faith. If you or someone you know has a hobby or talent you'd like to share with me or you've been inspired by the faith of one of our members, feel free to let me know by emailing me at kanderson@churchoftheservant.com. I am confident we all have stories, experiences, and talents that, when shared, can help lead others towards faithfulness!

Blessings,
Pastor Kyle

Keep Our Lamp Filled
Commitment Sunday Update

Thank you to everyone who joined in on making a commitment to fulfilling their promise to support their faith family financially in 2027. On Commitment Sunday, a total of **152 households** from our family of faith came together to commit **$948,117** in support of God's Kingdom work through Church of the Servant in the coming year! This is a fantastic starting point for our stewardship campaign and is to be celebrated.

If you were unable to be a part of Commitment Sunday and want to do your part to keep the lamp that is Church of the Servant filled with oil, know that it's not too late! To help make sure your church is prepared and ready to respond to God's call in the coming year, I invite you to turn in a physical pledge card in the offering plate this Sunday. Or, if more convenient, you're welcome to fill out a digital card by going to servantokc.org/commitment-card.

However you choose to make your pledge, thank you for helping make sure that Church of the Servant remains a beacon for God's Kingdom in northwest Oklahoma City and beyond throughout 2027 and for years to come!



Keep Our Lamp Filled



Faith, Hope & Art

Ladies' Winter Craft Event

Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 6:00-8:30 PM

LADIES: Bring a friend and join us on **Tuesday, December 1, 6:00 - 8:30 PM in Community Hall** for a fun evening of art and sweets. The cost is **$15** and includes desserts, coffee, and all the art supplies you will need to complete a beautiful Christmas-themed art project.

We will paint the adorable image above with acrylic paint on a canvas. You don't have to be artistic to complete this project. Easy, step-by-step instructions will be provided, and basic acrylic painting techniques will be demonstrated. All materials and supplies will be provided. Come have some fun while exploring your own creativity. Your masterpiece will truly be one of a kind! Register at ServantOKC.org/art.



BIBLE STUDIES

Advent: A Wandering Journey

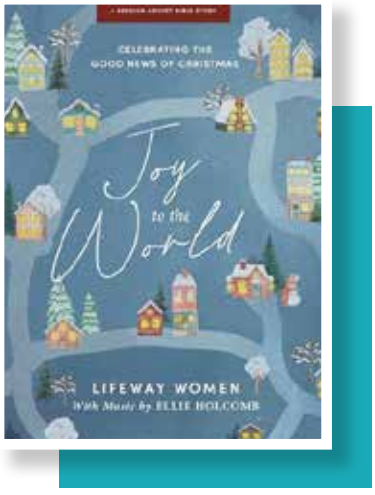
Bible study led by Pastor Nathan Oney
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16
Join us at 4:30 PM or 6:30 PM



The weeks leading up to Christmas can fill quickly with shopping, celebrations, and busy schedules. But what if Advent invited us to take a different kind of journey?

Join us for ***Advent: A Wandering Journey***, a three-week adult study exploring how we can prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival. Through Scripture, thoughtful conversation, and practical reflection, we'll explore three themes: **Watching, Waiting,** and **Walking**.

We'll begin by watching for God's presence in a world marked by both brokenness and hope and by considering how our faith calls us to participate in God's work of justice and peace. We'll then explore how waiting can become sacred preparation rather than wasted time and learn to trust God amid uncertainty. Finally, we'll reflect on how Jesus walks alongside us and how we can offer that same presence, compassion, and care to others.



Joy to the World

A Women's Bible study led by Patricia Hocker
Starts November 18
Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:15 AM | Room 4

Bible Babes, a women's study group, is going to jump into Advent beginning on November 18 and concluding on December 16. We would love for you to join us as we share this wonderful time of the year. We will use the study guide, ***Joy to the World*** by Lifeway Women. We meet every Wednesday, from 9:30-11:15 AM, in room 4. If you have any questions, call Patricia Hocker, at 405-535-9121.



Christmas
Comes to Life

Sunday, December 13
5:00–7:00 PM
Church of the Servant



Live Nativity • Camels & Petting Zoo
Cookies & Cocoa • Walk-Through Interactive Story
Fun for the whole family!

PRIME TIME

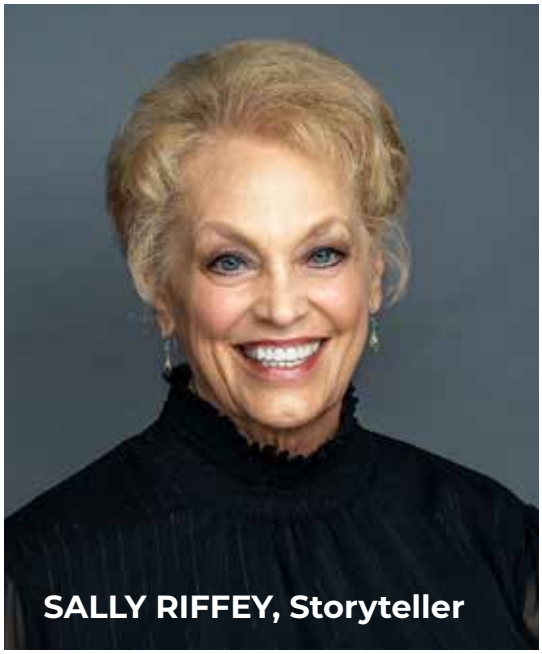
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PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 10, 10:30 AM
Community Hall

Special Guest: SALLY RIFFEY


SALLY RIFFEY, Storyteller

Celebrate the Christmas season with Prime Time and a very special presentation of "Mary, the Mother of Jesus."

Storyteller **Sally Riffey** will bring Mary's story to life, portraying her journey from a young girl in Nazareth to the astonishing visit from an angel and her faithful journey to Bethlehem. Through Sally's storytelling, we'll experience the wonder, uncertainty, faith, and joy that led to that holy night when Mary welcomed Jesus into the world.

Sally is a native of Oklahoma City and feels that her roots go deep into Oklahoma's red clay. Her stories have been called "Stories from the Heart." As a Storyteller, Sally has a deep passion for biblical stories. A highlight of Sally's storytelling career was the opportunity to tell biblical stories at several sites in Israel including in Jerusalem and at the Sea of Galilee. Sally does portrayals of Mary the Mother of Jesus, including at Church of the Servant's "Walk Through Bethlehem," Mary Magdalene, and other women from Scripture, all in biblical costume.

Join us for a beautiful morning of fellowship, lunch, and a fresh look at the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary. Invite a friend and celebrate the season with us!

SCAN HERE

ServantOKC.org/prime-time

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th!

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 the program only).

Church of the Servant has an active group that was originally developed for Senior adults who participate in small groups, Bible studies, and other activities throughout the year. Now, adults of all ages are welcome!

All Prime Time activities are open to all ages!

There's no membership fee - just a warm invitation to anyone who would like to enjoy a great morning of fun, food, and fellowship! You can sign up any time at Guest Central in the concourse or online at ServantOKC.org/prime-time.

Earthglow
GIFT SHOP

The holidays are right around the corner!

Can you believe Thanksgiving is just one month away? And Christmas will be here before we know it!

Stop by Earthglow Gift Shop to find everything you need to make your holiday celebrations extra special. While you're here, be sure to browse our selection of Christmas gifts and find something special for everyone on your list!

We can't wait to see you!

And don't forget the Earthglow Market!

Our annual **Earthglow Market** is coming **Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** The halls of Church of the Servant will once again be filled with wonderful vendors and plenty of opportunities to shop. And don't forget to stay for lunch! We'll be serving beans & cornbread, frito chili pie, and chili dogs. Plus, we're having a HUGE bake sale featuring some of the best homemade goodies ever! You definitely won't want to miss it! Admission is FREE, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors and make a day of it!

Whether you volunteer, shop at the Earthglow Gift Shop, visit the Market, or simply tell a friend about Earthglow, you are helping continue a ministry that has been shining God's love into our community for half a century.











Hanging of the Greens

You are invited to join us for the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Troop 177 will graciously bring out the Christmas trees prior to the 22nd, and while they will be mostly set up, we will need a helping hand to fluff them, string lights, and place various other decorations...

To help us organize this joyful event, please register using the form below. Together we will decorate our church in preparation for the upcoming Advent season. We will conclude at 4:30 PM in the Celebration Center with a short service of song, prayer for the season ahead, and a reminder of the meaning behind our decorations.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family and create a warm and festive atmosphere that reflects the spirit of the season. Your participation will make a significant difference.

HANGING OF THE GREENS FOR CHILDREN

The children are invited to help decorate the church on November 22, from 2:00-5:00 PM, AND they will make an Advent wreath! We hope you can join us!





FAMILY MINISTRIES

SERVANT KIDS

Servant Kids is in full holiday mode! Thank you, everyone, for helping and supporting the Fall Fest! We had a great evening of fun, amazing costumes, and outreach into our community!

November 8th is Messy Church #2! Come join us from 5:00-7:00 PM as we hear the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000! This event is for all ages and includes games, activities, crafts, and worship for the whole family! Join us and get a free dinner!

November 22nd is the Hanging of the Greens from 2:00-5:00 PM. Join us as we decorate the church, sing some songs, and hear the meaning of the Crismon tree! The children will have a special table to make their own Advent wreath!

Wednesday nights, we are continuing to passport through the Bible. We have made it through Genesis and Exodus. Next stop, 1 & 2 Samuel! Join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 for the lesson and 7:15-8:00 (optional) for fellowship time!

Come visit us on Sundays! Children 3 years-5th grade can join us in the 10:00 church service for Children's moment, followed by Children's church. The Servant children's choir continues to practice this month from 11:00-12:00 for the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 6th! Call or text Chris Ward if you have any questions at 405-614-2333.

COOKIES, COCOA & SANTA!

Santa Claus is coming to Church of the Servant! Join us on Saturday, December 5, from 3:00–5:00 PM for a fun-filled afternoon of Christmas cheer!

Bring the whole family to enjoy delicious hot cocoa, decorate Christmas cookies, make a festive craft, and, of course, visit with Santa! Don't forget your camera to capture that special Christmas moment. And if you want to get extra cozy, wear your favorite Christmas pajamas!

This is a wonderful opportunity to slow down during the busy holiday season, make special memories, and celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

This event is FREE, and everyone is welcome! Invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren. We can't wait to celebrate with you!





BACK TO BETHLEHEM

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 6, 2026, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us at Church of the Servant on Sunday, December 6, for a special evening with our Servant Kids Choir and young actors as they present "Back to Bethlehem," a fun and heartwarming journey through the Christmas story! What happens when three curious kids accidentally travel back in time to Bethlehem? Come find out as they encounter Mary and Joseph, shepherds, angels, and Wise Men and discover that the story of Jesus' birth is more than something we hear each Christmas.

Enjoy a FREE dinner at 5:00 PM in Community Hall, followed by the pageant at 6:00 PM in the Centrum. Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us as we celebrate the greatest story ever told!



















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Monthly Update

YOUTH AT THE POINT

As autumn sets in, we are so thankful for all the incredible momentum and energy in our Youth Ministry! We are excited to keep this momentum going with great discussions, fellowship, and some exciting upcoming events.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us every Sunday morning at 11:15 AM as we continue connecting Pastor Kyle's sermon series directly to the every-day lives of our youth. We focus on practical faith—helping students navigate school, relationships, and daily life through the lens of God's Word.

- Free Lunch: If you attend Sunday morning youth services, stick around after the lesson for a free lunch on us!
- Tutoring & Homework: Have schoolwork you need help with? Bring it along, and we can work on it together during lunch.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday nights at the Point remain a highlight of our week! We invite all youth to join us for dinner, fellowship, and study (dinner at 5:30 PM, lesson at 6:30 PM).

- Free Dinner & Homework Help: Come eat dinner with us! If you have homework, bring it—we offer assistance during dinner and throughout the first 30 minutes of class.
- Current Lesson Series: We are continuing our foundational journey through "A Journey Through the Old Testament." Together, we are exploring ancient texts and discovering how these foundational stories speak directly into our lives today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6th –
Annual Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night

Think your family recipe has what it takes to be the best? Have an old family secret recipe? We are inviting everyone in the church to bring their best chili for a chance to win the coveted title of "Best Chili of Church of the Servant!"

After enjoying dinner and tasting everyone's entries together, we will gather outside on the lawn for a family movie under the stars. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs—it's going to be a fantastic night for the whole family!



STAY CONNECTED

We are always looking for ways to encourage our students and welcome new youth and volunteers! If you have any questions or would like more information on youth programming, contact Greg Lacy at GLacy@churchoftheservant.com.

FALL FEST

What a wonderful Fall Fest!

A big thank-you to everyone who helped make the evening so special. We loved sharing a night full of treats, creative costumes, and happy children from our church and the community.

You all brought so much creativity to your booths—and the kids enjoyed every one! After the votes were counted, our top three favorite booths were:

1. **Sharon and Ron Hendricks — Bees and the Garden**
2. **Pam Henthorn — God's Creations That Fly: The Flamingo, Eagle, and Butterfly**
3. **Cathy and James Maxwell — Sesame Street**

Congratulations to our favorites, and heartfelt thanks to every booth host, volunteer, and visitor who made Fall Fest such a joyful night. We're grateful for you!



The Maxwells prepared a Sesame-themed booth where kids were invited to write their favorite thing about Halloween on a paper "cookie" and feed it to Cookie Monster. While candy and costumes were mentioned most, many also said spending time with friends and family was their favorite part. Thank you to all the Servant volunteers who provided a welcoming and safe space for the Oklahoma City community to gather in costumes, have fun with family and friends, and yes, get plenty of candy!













Your Green Team at Work








Our ever-faithful Church Staff has allowed a number of bridge, card, and game groups to use the Staff Lounge. It is so handy for our "experienced" players with sinks, coffee, water and restrooms.

Over the past several months we have received comments about "weeds needing to be pulled" in the garden in that area.

During our last Green Team call for help in sprucing up the front flower beds, a look at that area confirmed the need for a makeover. This area has always been primarily a staff specific area.

It was decided to show them how VERY much we appreciate their dedication, untold hours and the support that we all needed as we transitioned through COVID, two ministers and the disaffiliation crisis.

Pulling a few weeds didn't work. As it progressed, there were other issues concerning safety, access, egress, unknown critters etc. And so, while we were at it, one thing led to another.

In the end,
The weeds got pulled. The plants and flowers that could be saved, were spruced up. New plants, flowerpots and greenery were installed (including a new birdfeeder). Fresh mulch was spread throughout the area. The bird bath was relocated.New flagstone was installed in that previous area. A new table and chair set with Umbrella for shade was purchased and placed there. The existing flagstone paths were re-leveled and joints filled. The door handle was replaced and the door resurfaced and painted. Irrigation was rerouted to be more effective. The metal flowers on the wall were removed and repainted.

When the weather cools down this should be a comforting place to be.

All of this is through donations. It takes all of us to not only revitalize our spaces but to continue to maintain them.

These highly visible areas represent US. It is how we present ourselves to those only looking in. We want them to join us and become a part of our community in the Church of the Servant.

One final thought:
A member of our church donated funds to landscape the front entrance to the church. It is believed that the new landscape plus the fantastic work done by our staff has resulted in Church of the Servant being selected as the new venue for the Annual Conference.

WAY TO GO GREEN TEAM!

HOPE for the Holidays

BENEFITING INFANT CRISIS SERVICES

WISH LIST:



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- **Baby Wash**
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- **Baby Wipes**
- **Sippy Cups**







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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Penn Avenue Redemption NOVEMBER 12

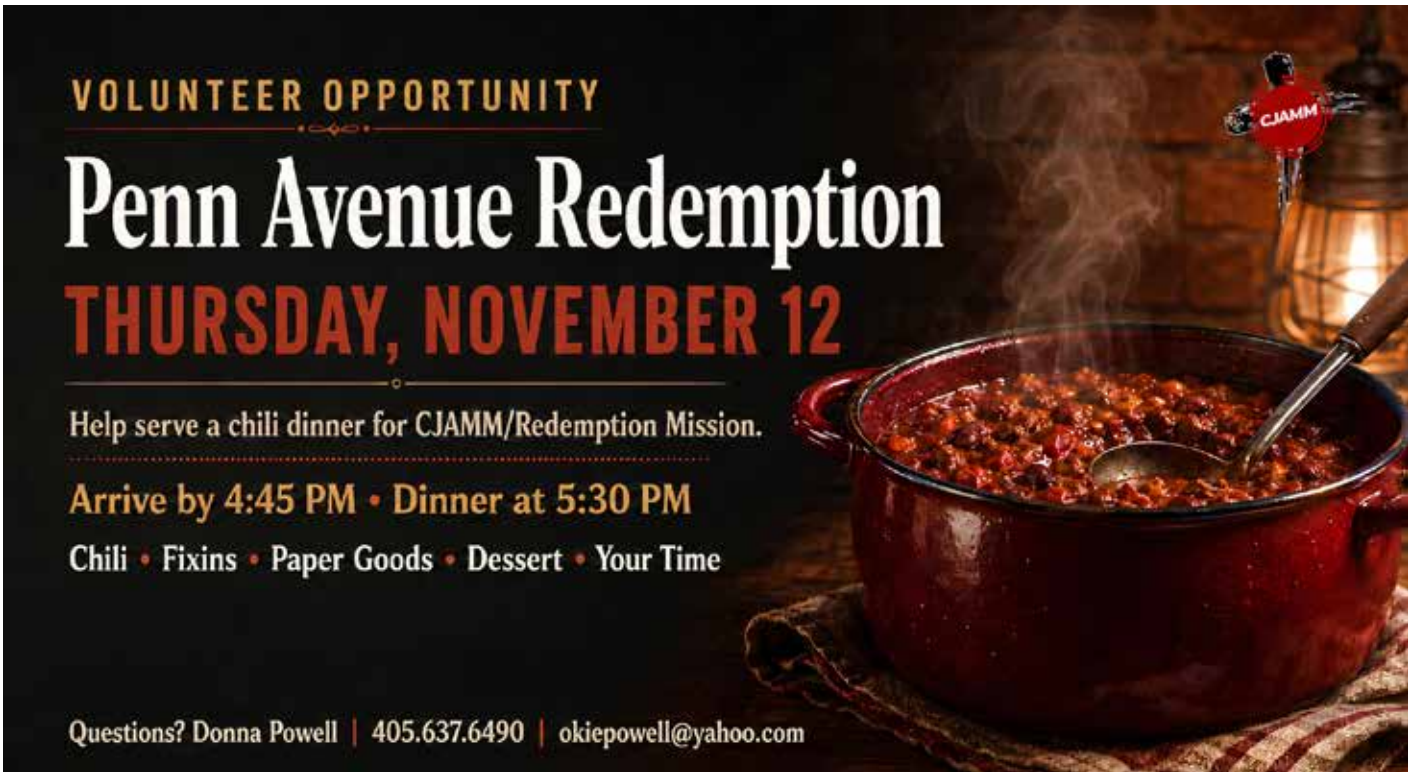
Church of the Servant will be providing a chili meal for CJAMM/Redemption Mission, 1320 N. Penn Ave, on Thursday, November 12. We will feed the prison group, their companions, along with Exodus House and volunteers. Sign-up this Sunday at the table in the concourse. We will need chili, fixings, paper goods, dessert, or simply volunteer your time. If you plan on serving, please arrive on site November 12 by 4:45 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and wrap up around 6:20 PM. Worship will begin immediately following.

For questions, contact Donna Powell at 405-637-6490 or okiepowell@yahoo.com.









SKYLINE MISSION DAY!

What a meaningful day of serving, connecting, and sharing God's love!

Our Skyline Mission Day wrapped up with a joyful visit to Orr Family Farm—and we're grateful for every volunteer who gave their time, energy, and care to make the day special. Your willingness to show up and serve makes a difference in our community.

Thank you, Skyline, for the work you do and for inviting us to be part of it. We're blessed to serve alongside you!
























Bells Will Be Ringing...

That's right, our Church of the Servant family has the opportunity to serve our local community through the Salvation Army with bell ringing this Christmas season again. Come spend time with a friend or loved one, meet someone new, and help those in need in our community at the same time.

No experience is needed, just a willing heart and smile, plus a bell-ringing hand and the ability to stand on your feet for a few hours. Last year, Church of the Servant members raised $1,377.26, including donations from church members. If you can't ring the bell but want to donate through our church, make a check payable to Church of the Servant and designate Salvation Army in the memo line. These designated funds will go toward Church of the Servant contributions to the Salvation Army and stay in our local community in Central Oklahoma, providing essential services such as food and warm-weather clothing assistance, along with shelter and utility support.

If you are interested, please contact Dana and share your name, phone number, email address, preferred shift, and an alternative shift. Join our Mission Council members and bring your own Christmas flair as we celebrate the Christmas season by helping others in our community.

- **Place: Cabela's in Chisolm Creek, off Memorial Road – south and north entrance doors**
- **Date: Saturday, December 12, 2026**
- **Time: Noon to 8:00 PM (ending time)**
- **Shifts: 2-hour shifts at Noon, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 6:00 PM**
- **Contact: Dana Murphy 405-596-6632 | dmurphy2004@sbcglobal.net**
- **Information needed:** Name, phone number and email address, shift requested, and an alternative shift (reminders will be sent to each of you the week ahead)

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

CAMERA RISER IN THE CELEBRATION CENTER

A huge thank-you to **James Maxwell, Brad Fast, Kyle Mathewson, Mark Sharp, and Stan Van Nort**, who recently designed and built a new camera riser with safety rails for our worship space.

These five servants gave their time, tools, and know-how — measuring, cutting, leveling, and problem-solving together — so that our worship can be shared clearly with those joining us online and so that everyone working behind a camera stays safe while doing it. It's the kind of behind-the-scenes work most of us never see, and it makes a real difference in how we welcome people into worship each week.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your craftsmanship, your patience, and your willingness to say yes. Your work is a gift to this whole congregation — and to everyone watching from home.

Want to lend a hand on a future project? Contact the church office to learn about upcoming workdays and volunteer opportunities.






REPAINTING THE FIRE LANES

A major THANK YOU to Logan Cravens and the members of Troop 177! For his Eagle Scout project, Logan led his fellow scouts in repainting the fire lanes around Church of the Servant. It's an honor to host and partner with all the troops that call Church of the Servant home.







Our Fish Fund for November 2026 will go to support:

EXODUS HOUSE

A HEALTHY, NURTURING, AND ACCOUNTABLE HOME
FOR PEOPLE REBUILDING LIFE AFTER INCARCERATION

FROM INCARCERATION TO INDEPENDENT LIVING

Exodus House helps people transition from incarceration to independent, productive lives. Residents apply while still incarcerated and move into a healthy, nurturing, and accountable environment where they receive an individualized treatment plan for the duration of the six-month program.

A HAND UP, NOT A HANDOUT

Residents are not charged rent. Instead, their monthly contributions are saved and returned to them when they leave or graduate — savings that give them a real start. When residents complete the program, they are also able to furnish their new home with furniture and household goods.

A REMARKABLE RECORD

Over the past four years, Exodus House has reported a 1.7% recidivism rate among its residents.

All gifts placed in the fish baskets or designated **"Fish"** or **"Exodus House"** or online at ServantOKC.org/fishfund during November will support Exodus House. Thank you for supporting missions!

Christmas grace

Sponsor a Family!

SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY

Sponsor a family or support one of our partner agencies.

2026 CHRISTMAS GRACE AGENCIES

INFANT CRISIS SERVICES

MEALS ON WHEELS

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DEER CREEK STUDENTS

SKYLINE URBAN MINISTRY

EXODUS HOUSE

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE



ADOPTION: NOV. 1, 8 & 15

RETURN: NOV. 22

Starts on Sunday, November 1st!

CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

After so many long, hot days, autumn is finally here! And what better way to celebrate than with our annual Fall Festival, right? The Leadership Team meets on the last Sunday of every month, and in October, that falls on the same Sunday as this wonderful Church of the Servant tradition. So we met a little earlier this month, and we got to see staff members preparing by moving furniture, setting out crafts, and opening bags of candy. I don't know if we always appreciate how much these folks do so that we members can brag about the wonderful things the church does for the community. So, if you see a member of the staff this week, tell them how much you appreciate them!

Our meeting was short on agenda, but full of hope and joy for the church. We are preparing for the Church Conference in November by looking at our goals and values, filling out forms, and gathering statistics. The Church Conference, or Charge Conference, is an official meeting hosted by our District Superintendent, Dr. James Kim. During the meeting, Dr. Kim will help us as a congregation to review our ministry, make important leadership decisions, and prepare for the coming year.

Dean and I reported on our experiences at the Leadership Institute conference held at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, from September 30 through October 2. The two of us, along with several members of the Servant staff, were treated to a fine display of hospitality by the folks at Resurrection and to hear truly amazing speakers. The theme this year was Momentum, so we were encouraged through breakout sessions and discussion to think outside the box when it comes to the ministry of our church. We heard from the likes of Adam Hamilton, Matt Miofsky, Winnie Varghese, Magrey deVega, and Nicole Caldwell-Gross (If you don't know who these folks are, look them up! They are wonderful thinkers and encouragers from around the country). There was such a sense of hope throughout the conference. I came away feeling that the United Methodist Church is poised to make a real difference in the lives of so many in a time that feels so uncertain.

After we adjourned, we left a church prepared for families to visit and celebrate the autumn. And in the air was the melodious hum of the bouncy-house compressor – undeniably the quintessential sound of hope!

Kara Mitchell
Church of the Servant Leadership Team

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Church of the Servant's Leadership Team governs the congregation's work and ministry. The Leadership Team has scheduled monthly meetings.

All Leadership Team meetings are open to the public. For more information about the Leadership Team, go to ServantOKC.org/leadership-team.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 8, 2026
12:30 PM | Community Hall

Mark your calendar and plan on joining with fellow members of Church of the Servant for our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, November 8, at 12:30 PM in Community Hall. There we will receive a report from the Nominations Committee on recommended leadership for the coming year, set pastor salaries, and hear reports from various ministry groups about what God has been doing through Church of the Servant over the past year. Note that all are welcome, but only Church of the Servant members are permitted to vote at the Annual Church Conference.

2027 Proposed Church of the Servant Leadership

Thank you to everyone who submitted names during the month of August to be considered by our Committee on Nominations and Leadership! It was apparent that there are many within our congregation who are seen by their brothers and sisters as faithful leaders. After a period of prayer, discernment, and conversation, the Committee on Nominations and Leadership nominates the following Church of the Servant members to serve in leadership this coming year. This slate will be brought forward for approval at our Annual Church Conference on November 8th.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

2027	**2028**	**2029**
Julie Kriegel	Amy Johnson	*Jennifer Hill*
Jeff Knight	Cary Fisher *(Chair)*	*Mike Ossenkop*
Kara Mitchell	Dean Smith	*Steve Puckett*

Staff Liaison: Senior Pastor (Kyle Anderson)

CHURCH OF THE SERVANT FOUNDATION

2027	**2028**	**2029**
Carl Shortt	Craig Stanley	*Kent Bradford*
Monica Wittrock	Jeanie Mills	*Brian Delay*

Ex Officio: Chair of the Leadership Team (*Cary Fisher*), Senior Pastor (Kyle Anderson)
Staff Liaison: Financial Controller (Steve Johns)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2027	**2028**	**2029**
Don Wentroth	Dustin Renner	*Christy Strickland*
Cindy Fast	Vicki Roberds	*Scott Weber*

Ex Officio & Chair: Senior Pastor (Kyle Anderson)
Staff Liaison: Senior Pastor (Kyle Anderson)

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