



# CHURCH OF THE **SERVANT**

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## **CONFIRMATION** Class of 2018

### **NextGen Ministries**

Leading our Children and Students to Become  
Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ!

# AFTER EASTER



**Dr. Matthew Mitchell**  
*Senior Minister*

I hope your Easter was a wonderful day filled with excitement! There is so much excitement happening around Church of the Servant these days; it is hard for me to keep my mind on everything! I hope you will take a moment to celebrate every page of this newsletter. These pages share the great work of our church family. Missions, fellowship, discipleship, children, and youth will be found on these pages. Just as the women went to the tomb on that first Easter out of duty, they quickly discovered something much greater was happening!

I challenge you to discover something new on these pages today! These articles are more than simple bits of information. They are a celebration of what God is doing in our shared lives! Here are just a few highlights of what is happening inside and outside the walls of our great church:

- Rev. Michael Carpenter, Rachel, and Oliver will be moving to a new church home this summer. While they will not have to move their home, they will become the new Associate Pastoral Family at Nichols Hills UMC. You can learn more in just a moment. Michael has an article on page 11.
- Rebuilding Together has had tremendous excitement surrounding the upcoming work day on April 14. You can still register! Close to \$20,000 was raised by the Special Fish Appeal on March 25. Find out more about Rebuilding Together Day on page 8.
- Easter Sunday was a major success, and I cannot thank everyone enough! Over 3,600 worshipped with us and hundreds of volunteers helped all of us celebrate the most important day the world has ever known!

Another important point to ponder is the reality we now face in a world inundated with technology. Recently, my name has been inappropriately used to contact people via email soliciting for help and assistance. These criminals will often use fraudulent email accounts. These accounts are slick and seem to be very real. Requests have been made for iTunes gift cards and the security codes associated with the cards. Please know you will never receive an email from me (or any staff member) asking for help or assistance in a vague or unclear manner. If you ever receive such an email from any team members, please contact the church office immediately.

Enjoy the pages ahead!  
Matthew

## **Living Your Strengths Group Experience begins Tuesday, April 10 Seven Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

In Senior Minister Matthew Mitchell's weekly messages, one of his consistent themes is for each of us to offer our God-given gifts and talents to our church and community. As Matthew gives his compelling message, we might ask ourselves, "Do I have gifts and talents to contribute?" Of course you do! We all have a calling! Let Church of the Servant put you in touch with your gifts and talents through a program called the "Living your Strengths Journey"! It is a seven-week program published by the Gallup Press based on a book entitled *Living your Strengths*. The course will include your personal assessment and feedback, a DVD-based, one-hour weekly study in a group session, and a participant's guidebook. The program will be managed by Dr. Robyn Goggs and facilitated by Dr. David Carmichael, retired faculty member and Dean at Oklahoma City University. The cost is \$45 for all of the materials. If you are interested, contact Susie at [scobden@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:scobden@churchoftheservant.com).

## Confirmation 2018

This year I've been given the privilege and great opportunity of being one of the 8th grade boy's Confirmation leaders. Working with these young men has been a remarkable experience. Each of them has taken the time and made the effort to learn, share and experience the true Grace of God. It's been amazing to watch our small group grow spiritually over the last 10 weeks. We've learned that God is always present in our lives, but we have to slow down to listen and put our faith into action. The highlight of Confirmation was our retreat to Canyon Camp, which remains one of my favorite places and offers a great atmosphere to feel God's presence. We heard inspiring messages from our pastors and worshiped weekly with our praise band. An additional blessing was being able to share this journey with my son Joel, which will be a lifelong memory. I'd like to thank all the Confirmation staff for their dedication and hard work. – Ron Sahmaunt, Confirmation Leader



Confirmation has helped me grow as a person and ultimately as a Christian. My leaders helped guide me into becoming a man of God. They taught me things I'll never forget and inspired me to be a better Christian. I have made new friends at Confirmation and made old friendships stronger. Listening to our Pastors come and talk about God's Word really showed me Jesus' love for us. Confirmation has given me a chance to take my faith and choices into my own hands. – Joel Sahmaunt, Confirmand



## SERVANT HIGH SCHOOL A Student's Point of View



*Natalie Barton, Tonya Pogue, Annabeth Parker*

My name is Natalie Barton. Mission trips always leave a lasting impact on me, and Memphis was no different. Being in a new setting was difficult at times, but it pushed me out of my comfort zone and opened my eyes to the world around me. In the short week we were serving, I grew more as a person than I have in the past month at home. Not only did I become more willing to take risks, but I also formed new relationships with people in COSHI from serving alongside them. There was something about spending a week away from the everyday distractions of life serving the Lord that helped me grow as a person and in my walk with Christ.

It's hard to pinpoint one experience above the rest, but one of my favorite moments from the week was at Winchester Elementary School. I had the privilege of working with the kindergarteners. One girl, Trinity, became my new best friend from the moment we met. After she finished her assignment, she asked what I was doing in Memphis. I told her that I was on a mission trip with my church youth group serving in different areas around the city. She then told me

that she doesn't have a mom, but thanks God everyday because He gave her the best dad and brother. Seeing her so positive in a situation where she could have been negative showed me that we need to appreciate the little things and maintain a more positive attitude. It's the small moments like watching a kindergartener open up to a high schooler from Oklahoma that make mission trips so impactful. – Natalie Barton, Junior

## A Leader's Point of View

I have been fortunate to serve on several mission trips in the past, and I'm reminded of my love for serving others each trip. Life is busy with demanding jobs, families that need our time and attention, marriages that could always use more TLC, and the list goes on and on. I'll admit that I am sometimes the person at home who shushes someone in my family so I can answer a text from work after I've arrived home for the evening. Disconnecting from obligations and being completely present is a struggle.

Missions to me means total time and focus on the people I'm working with and those we are serving. I love letting go of the daily grind and turning my attention to the fun and excitement of service. Getting to know the COS students on this trip was so much fun, although I did struggle with a few names.

Seeing the COS youth interacting with children and adults who are desperate for love and acceptance was amazing! Our youth displayed genuine sincerity and kindness that may not always be easy to show in their normal day-to-day routines. Authentic interactions like these are perfect opportunities for students to see their spiritual gifts that God is using for His Kingdom. We serve at work, school and in our homes every day, loving on the people around us. We don't have to travel to another town, state or country to serve others for Christ... all we have to do is step out in faith, right where we are, and God will meet us and provide all we need to serve and love others as He's called us to do! – Tonya Pogue, Leader



## BIG DATES

### for Servant Students:

- **Move Up Sundays** is May 20. This is the day that we transition all incoming 6th graders to Servant Middle School and incoming 9th graders to Servant High School.
- **Disciple Camp** is May 31 - June 3. This is Servant Middle School's biggest camp of the year and an incredible opportunity to gather alongside other middle school students from Oklahoma United Methodist Churches! This fun-filled week includes: outdoor recreational activities, meaningful worship, small group discussions, and so much more! Registration will be available soon!
- **Mission OKC** is June 11-15. Servant High School Summer Mission Trip will take place in OKC! We will stay at St. Marks UMC and partner with local organizations as we serve our community! Registration will be available soon!
- **Dayspring Camp** is July 5-9. This is Servant High School's biggest camp of the year and an incredible opportunity to gather alongside other high school students from Oklahoma United Methodist Churches! This fun-filled week includes outdoor recreational activities, meaningful worship, small group discussions, and so much more! Registration will be available soon!
- **Triple Play** is July 23-25. At Servant Middle School Summer Mission Trip, we will be working with local organizations! Registration and more information will be available soon!

## Church of the Servant Invites YOU to SHIPWRECKED VBS: RESCUED BY GOD

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. This summer, Vacation Bible School at Church of the Servant will do just that for your kids! At SHIPWRECKED VBS, kids discover that Jesus rescues... always! SHIPWRECKED is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! \*\*Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.

SHIPWRECKED is June 4-7, 9:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. at Church of the Servant. SHIPWRECKED is open to children ages 4 years (as of June 4) to those entering 5th grade (with childcare for younger children of volunteers available). We will have a huge Family Celebration on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. to wrap up an amazing week! Child registrations will begin in May.

For questions and more information, please call Church of the Servant at (405) 721-4141 or email Martha Stone, VBS Director, at [marthastone@gmail.com](mailto:marthastone@gmail.com). Register TODAY to volunteer online at [churchoftheservant.com/events](http://churchoftheservant.com/events).

## Parents of High School Seniors!

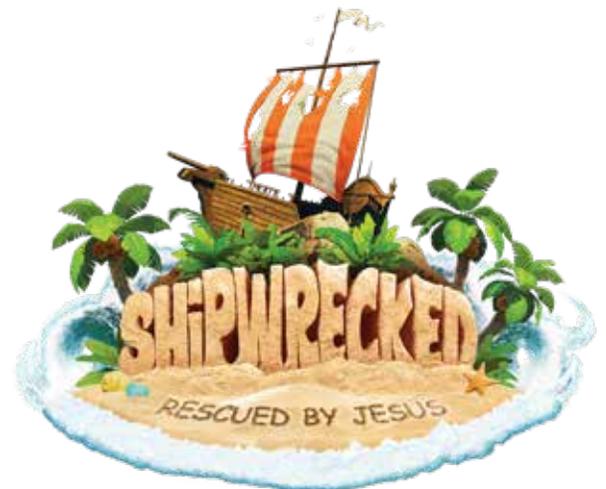
What a wonderful, yet emotional season, as you prepare to graduate your student from high school and help them transition for college and ultimately adulthood. We have been incredibly blessed to partner with you in ministering to your child over the years.

Our mission in Servant High School is to lead the next generation to become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. A few of our key strategies are to create shared family experiences and to celebrate milestones in the lives of families. We will have a few opportunities to do both. I have listed them below.

**SENIOR DINNER** is scheduled for May 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This will be a casual evening where we celebrate our Seniors and families with a meal, a devotion, games, pictures, and fun! Send in your RSVP by April 18 by emailing Sang at [snguyen@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:snguyen@churchoftheservant.com).

**SENIOR SUNDAY** is Sunday, May 6. It's a wonderful morning to honor our Seniors! This year will be different, as we will celebrate our Seniors in the 9:30 Celebration service! To participate, students must sign up by April 18. They can do so by emailing Sang at [snguyen@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:snguyen@churchoftheservant.com).

**SENIOR GOODBYE NIGHT** – Every year, Hurst Jones works countless hours putting together a special video to highlight all of our Seniors. This year's event will be on July 29 at a location that will soon be determined! You should have received a letter detailing this information. If you haven't received a letter, please contact Sang!



## SERVANT KIDS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

### NURSERY (INFANT-2 YEARS), 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We believe even our youngest children can begin learning and experiencing God's extraordinary love in simple, creative ways. For our 1 and 2 year olds, we provide Christian teachings through stories, activities, games, music, and arts and crafts. Nursery care opens on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for 8:15 Chapel Service and Choir/Orchestra childcare. It opens at 9:15 a.m. for all other services. It remains open until 12:15 p.m. to allow parents time to attend our church services and Sunday School classes.

### TOTAL GROUP (3 YEARS – 5TH GRADE ), 9:30 a.m.

Total Group is a fantastic worship experience designed just for children. Through fun and energetic worship songs and a large group/small group setting, children learn what worship is and – most importantly – who Christ is. Group leaders are encouraging and warmly display the love of Christ to each child. Total Group begins on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 9:15 a.m.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 YEARS-5TH GRADE), 11:00 a.m.

Our prayer is that our children's Sunday School experience carries over into their daily lives. We want what they learn and experience in Sunday School to help develop a "way of life" for them, where Jesus is the center of that life. Highlights of a child's experience in Sunday School include the following:

- Answering important questions from the Bible
- Applying the answers to their daily lives
- Memorizing scripture while understanding daily applications
- Walking through curriculum that makes learning about the Bible fun

We welcome children to spend the entire morning with us, participating in Total Group and Sunday school while their parents attend worship.



## Spring and Summer Events for Servant Kids and Their Friends

**Family Worship Night** is April 25, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. FREE Pizza Dinner from 6:00 to 6:45 in the Community Hall; Worship in the Centrum from 6:45 to 7:30. Register at [www.churchoftheservant.com/events](http://www.churchoftheservant.com/events) for FREE dinner.

**Move Up Sunday** is May 20. Children (Kindergartners – 5th graders) will transition into their new class. Preschoolers move into their new classroom on their birthdays. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in a morning full of Jesus learning and fun... Lots of memorable activities are being planned for NACHO NORMAL SUNDAY!

**Vacation Bible School** is June 4 – 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Register online at [www.churchoftheservant.com/events](http://www.churchoftheservant.com/events) beginning May 6. For children 4 years old (on or by June 4) to 5th graders (fall 2018). Volunteers may register now at [www.churchoftheservant.com/events](http://www.churchoftheservant.com/events). Because of the numbers of children who attend VBS at Servant, we need many volunteers (at least 150).

**Children's Music Camp** is June 18 – June 21. For information, contact Paul Gebb at [pgebb@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:pgebb@churchoftheservant.com).

**Kanakuk KampOut** is July 9 – 13, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for children ages 5 – 12. For more information and to register, go to [www.ComeToKamp.com](http://www.ComeToKamp.com).

For additional information on any of these programs or activities planned especially for Servant Kids, contact Cathy Hersom, Director of Servant Kids, at [chersom@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:chersom@churchoftheservant.com).



## Need Host Homes for KANAKUK CAMPOUT WEEK – July 7 – 12

Host Homes are needed for KAMPOUT Week. The counselors arrive on Saturday, July 7 and need housing through Thursday evening July 12. Camp is actually July 9 – 13.

- A place to sleep for a minimum of 3 staff (same gender) – bed, mattress, couch
- Simple Breakfast – staff leaves their host home every morning around 6:30 a.m.
- Dinner, except Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- Access to a washer/dryer
- Host Homes are not required to offer any transportation – the counselors are picked up and dropped off every day by the Kanakuk Leadership Team.

The Host Families play an important role by supporting, encouraging and extending hospitality to the Kanakuk staff, while they serve the kids in our community. Interested? Contact Cathy Hersom at [chersom@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:chersom@churchoftheservant.com) or 405-728-4715.

## CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Attention Parents of 5th Graders: If you haven't signed your child up for 5TH GRADE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT, it's not too late! Circle of Support is a program established at Servant to support and affirm 5th graders before they move into Student Ministries. Parents invite 3-4 close and reliable relatives and friends to be part of their child's circle. During April and May, these kids are prayed for and anonymously sent notes of encouragement. In mid-May, we celebrate the 5th graders at a REVEAL PARTY where their Circle of Support is in attendance and revealed to them.

The Reveal Party is the culmination of much suspense, as individuals reveal themselves to their student. It's an evening full of the power of Christ, as well as the love and support of their family and friends!

This memory-filled evening is followed by their move into Student Ministries on Sunday, May 20. For more information on Circle of Support, contact Cindy Brackenbury at 721-4141 or [cbrackenbury@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:cbrackenbury@churchoftheservant.com).



## Many Thanks!

To all the volunteers who made the Servant Kids Easter Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt another wonderful family memory on Sunday, March 25, THANK YOU!! Hundreds were in attendance, and it would not have happened without our volunteers who manned the crafts, hide the eggs, served refreshments, greeted guests as they arrived, spent the afternoon sharing their furry friends with children, and watched over the inflatables.

## Share Your Faith with Some Awesome Kids!

Servant Kids, 3 years – 5th grade, would love for you to join them on Sunday mornings to share your faith and be a witness to them. We have several opportunities to do just this, beginning in mid-May. Do you have 3-6 hours a month to make a difference in a child's life – a difference that makes an impact for a lifetime? Contact Cathy Hersom at [chersom@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:chersom@churchoftheservant.com) or 728-4715. The email or phone call is not a life commitment, but it can change a child's life forever.

# MISSIONS

## Rebuilding Together Day 2018

It's not too late to serve at Rebuilding Day 2018 on April 14, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 12:00-5:00 p.m. Sign up in the Concourse on Sunday or online at [www.churchoftheservant.com/events](http://www.churchoftheservant.com/events) by Sunday, April 8.

Serve in the community!

- Akers Park in southeast Oklahoma City
- More than 1,000 individual, nonprofit and corporate volunteers
- Thousands of dollars given in sponsorships, partnerships and donations
- Renovations to nearly 15 homes

Lasting impacts to families, individuals and the community

Learn how you can volunteer your time or donate funds and resources at [rebuildingtogetherokc.org/rebuilding-day](http://rebuildingtogetherokc.org/rebuilding-day).

## Attention Current 5th, 6th, 7th graders and Parents/ Grandparents!

Join us this summer on a Mission Adventure to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas!

Heifer International has a well-known catalogue that comes at Christmas time, but did you know that they also provide mission experiences for young people? The Mission Adventure focuses on the core components of an introduction to Heifer International, service learning, educational activities, and taking action. This is obtained through a variety of experiential activities such as: team-building development, educational sessions, overnight village experience, and hands-on service projects in our Garden, Maintenance and Livestock Departments. All are designed to increase the group's understanding of the global hunger and poverty issues that Heifer International encounters in the field. By experiencing

these activities, not only will the group grow and develop together, they will also gain a greater understanding of how Heifer creates lasting change in communities around the world.

Trip dates are Sunday, July 8 to Friday, July 13. The cost is \$425 per person. Scholarships and fundraising opportunities available. For more information, contact Robyn Goggs at [rgoggs@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:rgoggs@churchoftheservant.com) or Ann Knutson at [annknut@gmail.com](mailto:annknut@gmail.com) or Ann's cell, 405-323-4292.

## Maua, Kenya Mission Trip

We are looking for 12 people who want to experience our call to relational mission in a very powerful way! Our next trip to Maua, Kenya is scheduled for February, 7- 20, 2019. Please join us at an informational meeting on Sunday, April 29 at 12:00 p.m. in Community Hall. We will show a video of the last trip in July of 2017 and answer questions. Team Leaders are Ann Knutson and Jaci Finch. Contact Ann or Jaci with any questions at [annknut@gmail.com](mailto:annknut@gmail.com) or [jacf@cox.net](mailto:jacf@cox.net). A \$300 deposit is needed to secure your spot on the trip.



# ADULTS

## SUMMER POPS CONCERT

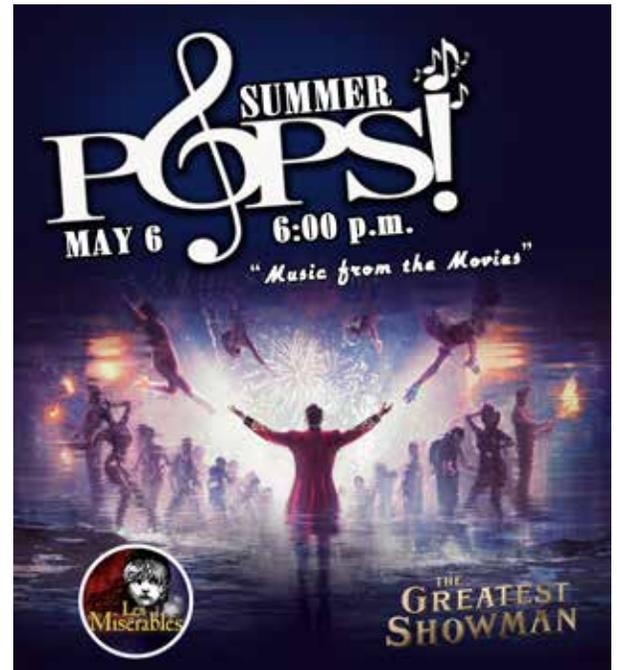
“Music from the Movies”

May 6, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a wonderful night of “Music from the Movies”, featuring music from the new movie version of “Les Miserables” by the Celebration Choir and Worship Orchestra and selections from “The Greatest Showman” performed by SYNERGY (vocal ensemble).

In addition to the choral selections, the Worship Orchestra, Celebration Ringers, and the Bronze youth handbell choir will play various pop selections from the movies, such as: “Eleanor Rigby”, “Dancing Queen”, “I’m a Believer”, and “Love Will Keep Us Together”, just to name a few.

Throughout the day, we will offer a silent auction by the Bronze youth handbell choir and the members of Music Ministries traveling to Ireland next year. Admission is FREE; an offering will be taken at the concert to support Music Ministry traveling expenses and the intern program.



## Early-Bird Special for Endless Hope Tour

with Liz Curtis Higgs and Special Guests

Christian author, speaker, and encourager, Liz Curtis Higgs and Prison Fellowship International are partnering to present the Endless Hope Tour – a series of uplifting women’s events held in churches across the nation. This exclusive tour comes to Church of the Servant on Saturday, November 17.

While this may seem like a long time away, you can purchase your \$20 ticket for only \$13 if you do so by April 30. Go to [www.churchoftheservant.com/events](http://www.churchoftheservant.com/events) to learn more about this tour and to purchase your discounted tickets!

A promotional graphic for the Endless Hope Tour. The background is a light blue gradient with a faint silhouette of a woman's head. The text "endless hope" is written in a large, blue, cursive font at the top. Below it, "the anchor your soul needs" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. On the left, there is a photo of Liz Curtis Higgs, an older woman with short white hair, wearing a blue patterned top. To her right, the text "featuring Liz Curtis Higgs" is written in a blue, cursive font, with "author, speaker, encourager" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom left, there is a logo for "Prison Fellowship International" with the phone number "703.481.0000" and the website "pfi.org". In the center, there is a photo of a man and a woman, with the text "music &amp; worship by AUSTIN &amp; LINDSEY ADAMEC" to their right. On the right side, the text "SATURDAY Nov 17 TEN am" is written in a white, cursive font. Below that, "Doors Open 9am" and "VIP Access 8:30am" are written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text "Church of the Servant" is written in a white, cursive font, with "14343 N MacArthur Blvd" and "Oklahoma City, OK" in a white, sans-serif font below it. At the very bottom, a white box contains the text "Early Birds Get \$7 Off!" and "Expires April 30" in a blue, sans-serif font.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Taste of Faith**  
**Women’s Dinner**  
**“The Power of One”**  
**Thursday, May 3**

Come for an evening of entertainment, inspiration, and beautiful tables decorated by our own women. If you would like to decorate a table for 8 that evening, please contact Susie Cobden at [scobden@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:scobden@churchoftheservant.com).

# ADULTS

**Adult Discipleship  
Offering Experience  
of a Lifetime:  
Not too late to travel  
with us in August!**  
“Walk with the Wesleys”  
A Methodist Pilgrimage



**August 1-10, 2018**

**Cost of Trip: \$3,950.00** – This is inclusive of airfare, all accommodations, traveling transfers, tips, and most meals.

**Led by Dr. Robyn Goggs and Dr. Stephen Gunter**

Dr. Goggs and Dr. Gunter will guide the entire itinerary. Dr. Goggs has lived and served as pastor in England. Dr. Gunter has lived in England and guided several Wesley Tours.

Over 10 days, journey through England and discover the roots of the early Church and the ministry of John Wesley. We will begin our tour in Manchester to view some of the most precious John and Charles Wesley documents, then make our way to see Oxford, Bristol, and Epworth, the Old Rectory where John Wesley grew up. We will have walking tours in York and Bath that give us a taste of the ancient history that exists in this beautiful country. The trip will then culminate with 3 days in London for seeing sights together and on your own exploration.

There are still spots available on this trip. This is a smaller than usual group tour, with the idea of sharing, fellowship and reflection throughout our time. If you have always wanted to take this trip, we hope you will consider taking it with us. Brochures with full details of the trip can be picked up at the Welcome Center. For more details, please contact Dr. Robyn Goggs at [rgoggs@churchoftheservant.com](mailto:rgoggs@churchoftheservant.com). Initial deposits due immediately.

## PRIME TIME

**April 12, 10:30 a.m.**

Finally! Spring has arrived, and there's nothing like the “jewel” tones of a woodwind trio to set a spring day in motion! A good way to celebrate is to join other Prime Timers on Thursday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. in Community Hall, as we showcase some absolute “gems” from our own Worship Orchestra. Come enjoy the beautiful harmonies of Ned Hughes on oboe, Heidi Osborn on clarinet, Martha Stone on flute, and Matt Schinske accompanying them on piano. All four began their musical journeys early in childhood and have continued to be involved in music throughout their adult lives.

Ned started playing oboe in 7th grade, has a Bachelors degree in Music from Cameron University, and has been part of Music Ministries at Church of the Servant since 2000. He also has been a long-time member of Oklahoma City Symphonic Band and other small music ensembles. Professionally, Ned has a career in IT (Information Technology).

Heidi started in band in 6th grade, earned a Bachelors degree in Music from Oklahoma City University, and enjoys playing clarinet and saxophone as part of the Worship Orchestra here at church. She and husband Christiaan have two children, William and Kayelynn. Heidi is also an IT professional.

Martha began playing the flute in 6th grade, and has played with our Worship Orchestra since moving to Oklahoma City in 1998. She and husband Colby have two children, Xander and Avery. Martha also enjoys volunteering here at the church, at Wiley Post Elementary, and with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

Matt was born into a musical family and began his musical education at the age of 6. He holds a Bachelors degree in piano performance and a Masters degree in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma. Matt is principal keyboardist for Music Ministries. He is also a free-lance writer, arranger, performer, and recording artist.

After this outstanding program, treat your tummy to a spring meal of ham, mac and cheese, seasoned green beans, salad, and cream pies for dessert! Program alone is \$2, or add lunch for a total of \$10. Sign up any time online at [churchoftheservant.com/events](http://churchoftheservant.com/events) or on Sunday at the Welcome Center. You'll be so glad you did!

# CHURCH LIFE

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Our newsletter is now a monthly publication. Because of our ever-growing congregation, one page in the newsletter is no longer enough space to list all of the information from our congregation. For a complete list of Prayer Concerns, Sympathies, and Celebrations, please go to our Church Life webpage at [www.churchoftheservant.com/churchlife](http://www.churchoftheservant.com/churchlife). This list is updated weekly, and also includes funeral/memorial service details of church members. Printed prayer concern lists are also available at the Welcome Center.

### Servant Family,

You are a blessing for me, to this community, and especially to God! In these three years with Servant, you have nurtured me through my first ministry appointment and seminary education, made a home for my wife and me, and shared with us the joy of welcoming our first child into this wonderful Christian family. You all have undoubtedly shown more grace, love, and affirmation than I ever could have imagined.



I wanted to write this newsletter article to let you know that the Bishop and Cabinet have asked me to consider a particular appointment where they needed someone with my skill set, and I said "Yes!" Effective June 1, I will be appointed to Nichols Hills UMC as their Associate Pastor. I believe this new appointment will allow me to continue growing in my abilities and identity as a pastor – to test and refine everything you have taught me.

Our Executive Team is in conversation about the future leadership of the ministries I have led, especially our Hospitality Team. Meanwhile, I invite you to pray for the continued success of those ministries, and for our church as a whole. I know that the best things are yet to come for Servant!

I want to thank Dr. Matthew Mitchell, our amazing clergy and lay staff, and our servant-hearted congregation for the ability to depart with a full spirit. Though I will be serving elsewhere soon, I will always treasure the memories, laughter, joys, and even struggles that we have shared together. You, my sisters and brothers in Christ, will always be in my heart.

So, let us make the most of the remaining time that we still have together. There is much to do and prepare, as we walk toward a future rooted in hope. I pray that the Resurrection power we just witnessed at Easter will carry us there.

Grace upon Grace,

Rev. Michael Carpenter

## Earthglow Gift Shop

All proceeds from your shopping in Earthglow are shared with local missions. Come in today! The shop has been beautifully redecorated and hosts a number of new items, including cards and gifts appropriate for celebrating Confirmation, Graduation, and Mother's Day!

Store hours...

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING!



## IN THE KITCHEN

**Apr 8** – Fried & Baked Catfish, Corn on the Cob, Pintos, Coleslaw, and Dessert.

**Apr 15** – Creamy Chicken Alfredo, Veggies, Salad, Garlic Sticks, and Dessert.

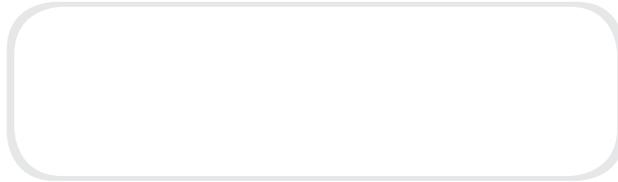
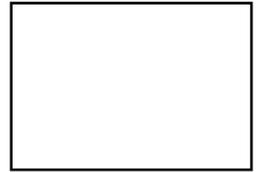
**Apr 22** – Meatloaf, Loaded Mashers, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, and Dessert.

**Apr 29** – Crispy and Soft Tacos, Pintos, Rice, Chips & Salsa, and Dessert.

*The Kitchen is located just inside Community Hall. Join us on Sundays for hot breakfast or lunch!*



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