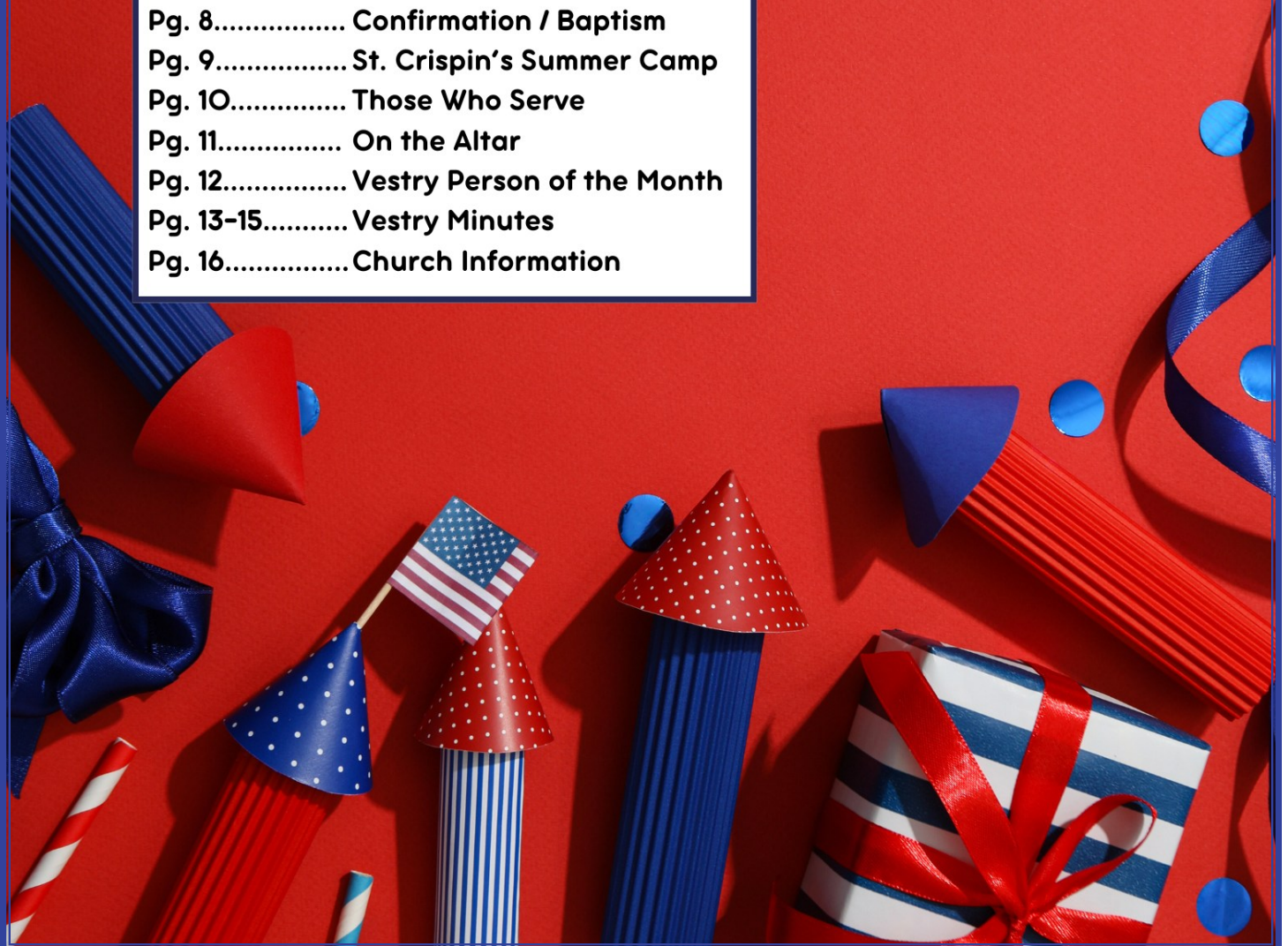


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Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Vestry and Search Committee, I am thrilled to announce that after a focused search, The Rev. Omar Cisneros has accepted our call to be the next Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Muskogee.

Fr. Omar comes to us from Christ Church Tulsa, where he served as Pastoral Fellow and Assisting Priest, guiding the parish through a time of transition following the sudden passing of the Vicar. He previously served as Curate at both St. Patrick's in Broken Arrow and St. Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City.

A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, Fr. Omar was ordained in 2022. Before entering ordained ministry, he worked in community organizing for nearly a decade and continues to bring a deep commitment to outreach and evangelism. Fluent in Spanish, he has served in both U.S. and Latin American ministry contexts.

He is married to Karina, and together they are raising their infant son, José Ignacio ("Nachito"). We look forward to welcoming them warmly into the Grace family.

The Vestry and Search Committee are filled with hope for this new chapter in the life of Grace. Fr. Omar will begin his ministry on June 9th, and his first Sunday with us will be June 15, 2025.

Please find a personal note from Fr. Omar on the next page.

In joyful expectation,
Katherine Coburn, Senior Warden



Meet our Rector

Dear people of Grace,

I'm grateful to begin my ministry as Rector.

From the beginning, I sensed something rare here. Not flash or perfection, but a quiet resilience. A desire to grow deeper in Christ. A hunger not for novelty, but for the real and living presence of Jesus Christ encountered in worship, in community, and in the rhythms of daily life.

What drew me to Grace was its longing to be shaped by the Gospel, not just in moments of triumph, but especially in the ordinary, faithful ways the Church lives and loves. That's the kind of community I want to serve.

We belong to a tradition where bread is broken, prayers are lifted, neighbors are fed, and Christ is met again and again. That's not sentiment; it's the heart of who we are. And it only takes root when we show up, pray deeply, listen well, and turn outward toward the city we're called to bless.

I don't believe the Church needs to reinvent itself. I believe it needs to remember who it is: a people gathered at the Table, listening for the Shepherd's voice, believing still that the Word became flesh and dwells among us.

That's the vision I see in Grace. And I'm honored to help build it with you.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Omar



The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed,
Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma,

with

The Rev. Canon Betsy Randall
Canon to the Ordinary

and

The Wardens, Vestry, and People
of Grace Episcopal Church Muskogee

invite your prayers and presence at
the Celebration of New Ministry



Welcoming our new Rector:
The Rev. Omar Cisneros

On Wednesday, August 27th - 6:30 P.M.
Please join us in person or online.





Join us for an exciting adventure on the open road, where we embark on thrilling journeys to fantastic destinations as we discover that God is always with us. We'll explore timeless stories from the Old and New Testaments while learning how to face challenges and find strength in God's presence.

Date: July 28-31, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Ages: 5-12 (and their families)

What: A light dinner & lots of fun

Where: 218 N. 6th St. Muskogee

We need your help! Please show your support for this year's VBS by making a donation and/or contacting Nancy Scott to volunteer.



6/3 B.J. Charbonneau
6/3 Tad Alford
6/4 Ruby Jean Jackson
6/6 Anna Stone
6/9 Michael F. Alberty
6/12 Alex Wilson
6/13 Audrey Stone
6/15 Phil Lipscomb
6/17 Katherine Coburn
6/19 Tom Harrington
6/19 Salem Johnson
6/20 John Tyrrell
6/22 Melody Freie
6/23 Catheryne Chapuis
6/25 Gary Ketcham
6/26 Robert Coburn
6/27 Dan Newell
6/27 Ashley Di Noia
6/29 Betty Honea
6/30 Tim Holder
6/30 Lance Scott

7/1 Sandra Smith
7/2 Debra Wilson
7/2 Louisa Alford
7/10 Skye Jardine
7/12 Marlene Smith
7/13 Bethany Scott-Lozos
7/14 Ty Glover
7/18 Jean Beard
7/18 Sophie Stone
7/25 Baden Walker
7/27 Kristy Newell
7/28 Laura Wickizer
7/29 Brooklyn Deignan
7/31 Nikki Synar



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6/15	Angela & Craig Glover
6/24	Nancy & D.I. Wilkinson
6/26	Audre & Samuel Bates
7/1	Pam & Phil Lipscomb
7/14	Marlene & Van Odom
7/21	Cindy & Ron Rogers



Ronnie, Nancy, Catheryne, Paula, Ched, Falling family, Joe, Connie, Marlene, Larry, Ron, Tony, Kelli, Cedric, Ricky, Sharon, Brent, Robert, Mike, Ann, Fred, Renee, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God

Prayer Requests

We will keep names on the prayer for three months; if names need to be left on indefinitely, please let us know when you make the request. If you have any questions or wish to submit a request, please send an email to: office@gracemuskogee.org.

If you have family news, or if we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please let us know. Information can be submitted by calling the Grace office at 687-5416 or by emailing office@GraceMuskogee.org. Submissions for the next newsletter should be received in the office no later than July 15th.



Congratulations!

To those confirmed or baptized during Bishop Poulson's visit on Sunday, June 8th.

Confirmed:

- Cody Johnson
- Tyler Martin
- Eden Dennis (Stratton)
- Kelin Stratton
- Baden Walker



Baptized:

- Declan Stratton



Written by Bishop Poulson: It was a joyful Pentecost at Grace, Muskogee, with a baptism, five confirmations, lots of young people, a brass quintet, and a marvelous potluck, followed by an energetic conversation with the Vestry. The congregation can't wait for new Rector Omar Cisneros to start. It seems like a great match of priest and congregation, and I'm delighted for them.

JOIN THE FUN AT ST. CRISPIN'S Summer CAMP

INTENSIVE SESSIONS (6TH - 2025 H.S. GRADUATES)

JUNE 29 - JULY 2

Arts & Crafts
Music & Theater
Ropes & Adventure

REGISTER
NOW

SPACE IS
LIMITED!

Packed with fun activities, meaningful connections, and spiritual growth, camp is a perfect opportunity for young individuals to strengthen their faith, build lifelong friendships, and create lasting memories.

SIGN UP TODAY AND GIVE YOUR CHILD AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER!

stcrispins.org/camp

Scholarships are available. See Nancy for details.

CAMP SESSIONS

- All Ages: June 1-7
(4th - 2025 high school grads)
- Senior High: June 8 - 14
(10th - 2025 high school grads)
- Intermediate Session 1: June 15 - 21
(4th - 6th graders)
- Junior High 1: June 22 - 28
(7th - 9th graders)
- ABC Camp: June 28 - 29
(K - 3rd graders)
- Mini Session: June 29 - July 2
(2nd - 5th graders)

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Outdoor Adventure
- Arts and crafts
- Sports and games
- Nature Exploration

WHERE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND
EARTH GETS JUST A BIT SMALLER.

ST. CRISPIN'S Summer CAMP

Thank
you!

SPONSORS NEEDED

We have several campers attending St. Crispin's this summer from Grace. Camp fees vary from \$225-\$550 per camper. Please consider investing in the spiritual growth of our campers by giving to Grace's Camp Scholarship Fund.

TO SPONSOR A CAMPER

Indicate "camp" on your contribution and put it in the offering, give online, or mail to Grace Muskogee.



NATURE



ACTIVITIES



WORSHIP



THOSE WHO SERVE JUNE & JULY

10:30 A.M.	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Celebrant	The Rev. Elizabeth Davis	The Rt. Rev. Poulson C. Reed	The Rev. Omar Cisneros	The Rev. Omar Cisneros	The Rev. Omar Cisneros
1st Reader/Chalice	Stephen Bradley	Tim Holder	Katherine Coburn	Stephen Bradley	Jean Lewis
2nd Reader/Chalice	Mikaela Lewis	Kaia Holder	Killian Stratton	Alex Wilson	Tyler Martin
Head Usher/Greeter	Joshua Chapman	Stephen Bradley	David Wilcox	Alex Wilson	Tyler Martin
Altar Guild	Melody Freie	Marlene Odom	Melody Freie	Marlene Odom	Katherine Coburn
Media	Tim Holder	Nancy Scott	Alex Wilxon	Tyler Martin	Tim Holder
1st Cross	Coco Cox	Danielle Jardine	Mikaela Lewis	Danielle Jardine	Van Odom
Torch	Silas Johnson	Nora Pevehouse	--	--	--
Torch/Plates	Skye Jardin	Skye Jardin	Silas Johnson	Skye Jardin	Silas Johnson
2nd Cross	Lucy Cox	Andrew Jardin	Killian Stratton	Andrew Jardin	Killian Stratton
10:30 A.M.	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27	
Celebrant	The Rev. Omar Cisneros	The Rev. Omar Cisneros	The Rev. Omar Cisneros	The Rev. Omar Cisneros	
1st Reader/Chalice	Joel Cousins	Van Odom	Katherine Coburn	Tyler Martin	
2nd Reader/Chalice	Jean Lewis	David Wilcox	Killian Stratton	Pat Wilcox	
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If you are unable to serve on your assigned dates, please find a replacement & notify the parish office at 918-687-5416 by Wednesday before your scheduled day to serve. If an acolyte cannot serve when scheduled, please contact Pat Wilcox.

On the Altar: June & July



Flowers



Bread & Wine

June 1:	In memory of Micheal L. by Edith Lubin	In honor of Michael F. Alberty by Melody & John Freie
June 8:	In honor of their children by Jeremy & Audrey Stone	In honor of their daughters Zuri, Malindi & Kiri by Kaia & Tim Holder
June 15:	In loving memory of the wedding anniversary of Marilyn & Peter Synnestvedt by Kaia & Tim Holder	OPEN <i>(To become a sponsor, please contact the office.)</i>
June 22:	In honor of our beloved grandchildren Max, Cal, Penelope, & Chole by Katherine & Jerry Coburn	In honor of my beloved wife Betty Honea's Birthday by Tom Honea
June 29:	In loving memory of Archie G. Bradley by the Charles G. Bradley family	In memory of Jean Claude David Lubin by Edith Lubin
July 6:	OPEN <i>(To become a sponsor, please contact the office.)</i>	In honor of our children & grandchildren by the Charbonneaus
July 13:	In celebration of our wedding Anniversary by Marlene & Van Odom	In honor of Mikaela Lewis's birthday by Edith Lubin
July 20:	In honor of my Godmother Norma Pitchford Lombardi by Jennifer Sparks	In memory of Romeo & Francis Charbonneau by the Charbonneaus
July 27:	In loving memory of Dorothy Fite by Marlene & Van Odom	In honor of their anniversary by Kaia & Tim Holder



**JUNE
VESTRY PERSON
OF THE MONTH:**

**Stephen
Bradley**

**JULY
VESTRY PERSON
OF THE MONTH:**

**Joshua
Chapman**



Vestry Meeting Minutes from Monday, March 24, 2025 5:30PM

- **Mission statement:** To bring people together in loving relationship with each other and God in Christ.
- **In-Person Attendance:** Katherine Coburn, Van Odom, Lora Sellers, Alison Miller, Pam Lipscomb, Joshua Chapman, BJ Charbonneau, Kelin Stratton, Tyler Martin. Absent: Stephen Bradley, Laura Burchfield, David Wilcox.
- **The meeting was called** to order at 5:33 p.m. by Senior Warden Katherine Coburn with a prayer for vestry and a prayer for the search process.
- **Reading & Approval** of February 24, 2025 minutes. Motion to accept Joshua Chapman, 2nd Pam Lipscomb, motion carried.
- **Reports of Wardens & Committees**
 - A. **Rector's Reports** – N/A
 - B. **Wardens' Reports**
 - 1. Senior Warden (Katherine) –
 - a. Follow-Up Unfinished Business
 - 1) Updated membership list being worked on by Van, Nancy, BJ.
 - 2) Joshua is still unable to access the vestry portal. Tyler and BJ are attempting to access.
 - 3) Social Media – Alex Wilson/Nancy Scott/BJ Charbonneau Facebook administrators, new vestry members encouraged to decide which teams they want to work on. We need to update the staff profile and update vestry (remove 2025 class, add 2028 class).
 - 4) Vestry retreat tasks:
 - a) Van is working on an auction in fall 2025.
 - b) Recital flyer provided, updates will be made as needed and final copy distributed to schools, Zomac, etc. Someone will need to grant access.
 - c) International dinner fundraiser – Laura Burchfield will spearhead this project.
 - d) St. Crispin's summer camp fund – Pam Lipscomb sent information, Nancy took the project leadership over. There are more camp opportunities this summer than previous years. Potential youth bake sale to raise funds.
 - e) June Parent "Sunday Day out" for June 22 potential date planning by Pam Lipscomb.
 - f) Youth spring cleaning day – before Easter. Strattons are organizing and coordinating this activity. Katherine Coburn will visit with Marlene Odom (altar guild) on this project.
 - g) Literacy Tutors – need to reach out to Sadler for more information on needs.
 - h) Sadler needs sport equipment – have a donate a Ball Day. Try to plan for April 27 (to coordinate with Earth Day).
 - i) Alumni "missing you" card list is being prepared.
 - 5) Safe Church policy updates: anyone with a code/key to the building must sign a keyholder agreement, we need a committee to hash through all the different entities that have keys. Kate Bond with diocese says Boy Scouts has their own extensive training, but others would have to take the online courses (cooks, drivers, etc.). BJ Charbonneau, Van Odom, Katherine Coburn will work on this team, Pat Wilcox will be asked to assist. The new Safe Church information is available on the diocesan website. We may have to change to door code and door locks.
 - 2. Junior Warden (BJ Charbonneau)
 - a. Parish directory – BJ is working on it, received forms at annual meeting.
 - b. Facilities Use agreement – Senior Warden provided book to Junior Warden.
 - c. Keyholder list – to be included in Safe Church policy update.
 - C. **Finance (Van Odom)**
 - 1. Working on the membership list continues.
 - 2. A written finance report was provided. We have a YTD net gain of \$27k. Expenses are down due to personnel vacancies. Utilities are in the process of evaluation as we have multiple meters. Katherine Coburn motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as accepted, 2nd Pam Lipscomb, motion carried.
 - 3. Treasurer has spoken with Joel Cousins regarding early planning for a potential auction fundraiser in fall 2025.
 - D. **Insurance Committee (Stephen Bradley, absent)** – Insurance gathered from Beckman for a comparable quote is pending.
 - E. **Building & Grounds Committee (BJ Charbonneau)**
 - 1. Saturday Sextons – April 12 and part of the church workday to incorporate youth (9 a.m. to noon)
 - 2. Electronic sign update – sign is completely off now, it will not reboot. BJ is making calls on March 25 (Green Country LED signs has not been responsive; Lance contacted another sign company but there is a \$500 minimum charge).
 - 3. Belltower update – Cook construction repair recommendation still pending; Sam Stratton was contacted and he is calling Cook to try to get a response.
 - 4. Margaret's garden – Patrick Shea submitted a letter of inquiry to the Muskogee Foundation. No news on the Ruby Family trust.
 - 5. Security cameras – 4 cameras are too old to justify repair, Tyler is speaking with his supervisor for potential donation, there are 6 Blink cameras that may be good for the nursery area.
 - F. **Christian Formation (Pam Lipscomb)**
 - 1. Safeguarding God's Children – new vestry has received information and began the online training.
 - 2. Godly play – goal to have another trained teach by Fall 2025.
 - 3. EfM short courses – will begin in the fall 2025.
 - 4. Book studies – Joshua Chapman leads it beginning this Wednesday. Meditations/devotionals, not a continuous narrative so anyone can come and be in sync with the program (6:30 evening church, family activity; 7:00 is book study).
 - 5. Moving forward ideas: after church youth activities, Pam will get with Nancy for ideas. The youth room is perfect for that activity.
 - 6. FORMA – Nancy Scott report was received, vestry will ask for her report on how to implement.
 - 7. VBS – Pam will check the vital practices Episcopal Church Foundation link.
 - G. **Stewardship Committee (Stephen Bradley)** – Thank-you note assignment is mostly completed.
 - H. **Evangelism**
 - 1. Counting Ministry is ongoing, Tyler will help on Wednesdays and Lora can help on Sundays.
 - 2. Faithful Innovations is pending hiring of a new priest.
 - 3. Episcopal Church Foundation – vital practices has some ideas, pop-up blessings can be tried, social media may be a good way to promote. Tyler will work with Alex on the website.

I. Service (outreach)

1. Meals on Wings - ongoing
2. Scouts (chartered by Grace) – ongoing, recent camping near NSU-Broken Arrow.
3. Azalea Cleanup – March 27-28-29, Scouts work on this project, weather permitting. BJ picks up the equipment the first day.
4. Jingle Jam – nothing new to report, we did get some good after-action feedback.

J. Parish Life (Laura Burchfiel)

1. Card Ministry is going well thanks to Kaia Holder & Sharon Champlin
2. Coffee Hour – 5th Sunday potluck in March, June, August, November has been suggested. November is the Thanksgiving Potluck. June / August perhaps can also be Youth Service.
3. Suggestions needed for fellowship activities. Crystal Bridges and the Tahlequah Monastery were suggested.

K. Pastoral Care (need chairperson) – Lay eucharistic visitors – nothing new to report.

L. Nominating Committee (Katherine Coburn) – no new report.

M. Search Committee (Pam Lipscomb, Tyler Martin) – in progress, national posting has been made, waiting for applicants.

N. Worship Committee (Lora Sellers)

1. Supply Priests: a schedule was sent to all vestry members with homilist assignments and Volunteers for Morning Prayer Officiant
2. Organist interview last week went well, we are offering a contract relationship for the Sundays we have a priest and this will be revisited when we hire a priest.
3. Usher Inservice – pending Pat Wilcox availability
4. Lenten Retreat – Fr. Clyde Glandon Saturday March 29 begins at 9:00 to noon followed with soup lunch.
5. St James Press subscription through annual subscription until August 7, 2025.

O. Compensation review committee / HR committee (Alison Miller, Lora Sellers, Katherine Coburn)

1. Employee handbook update – Alison has updated and will go over with Nancy soon.
2. Staff meeting pending, letter of agreement contract pending
3. Office Hours need to be posted and followed

• New Business

A. Vestry person of the month – March Tyler Martin; April Alison Miller; May Laura Burchfiel; June Stephen Bradley; July Joshua Chapman; August Katherine Coburn; Sept Pam Lipscomb; October Lora Sellers; November Kelin Stratton; December 2025 BJ Charbonneau

B. Announcements, anything else:

1. Next vestry meeting April 28.
2. Playground update – installation by Easter is planned.

• Closing Prayer given by BJ Charbonneau. Adjournment at 6:55 p.m.

Vestry Meeting Minutes from Monday, April 28, 2025 5:30PM

• Mission statement: To bring people together in loving relationship with each other and God in Christ.

• In-Person Attendance: Katherine Coburn, Stephen Bradley, Laura Burchfiel, Van Odom, Lora Sellers, Alison Miller, Pam Lipscomb, Joshua Chapman, BJ Charbonneau, Kelin Stratton, Tyler Martin, David Wilcox. Absent: none.

• The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Senior Warden Katherine Coburn with a prayer for vestry.

• Reading & Approval of March 24, 2025 minutes. Motion to accept Alison Miller, 2nd Joshua Chapman, motion carried.

• Reports of Wardens & Committees

A. Rector's Reports – N/A

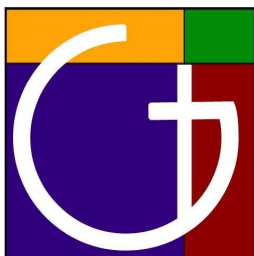
B. Wardens' Reports

1. Senior Warden (Katherine) –
 - a. Follow-Up Unfinished Business
 - 1) Stephen, Joshua, Kelin, Laura and Tyler cannot access the vestry portal. Alex was contacted to assist.
 - 2) Social Media – Alex Wilson/Nancy Scott/BJ Charbonneau Facebook administrators, new vestry members encouraged to decide which teams they want to work on. We need to update the staff profile and update vestry (remove 2025 class, add 2028 class). Tyler should be added as an administrator. We should work on weekly posts at a minimum.
 - 3) Moving forward priorities – Sadler balls donation good to May 4. We also have received a parishioner donation of \$250 to purchase balls. Stephen Bradley motioned to make the donation in honor of NBA Finals. 2nd Joshua Chapman. Motion denied. BJ Charbonneau motioned in honor of Sadler graduates, 2nd Pam Lipscomb, motion carried.
 - 4) Safe Church policy is available on the website. Keyholder list has been compiled. Each keyholder must sign a keyholder agreement. The diocese will require a signed policy in the March 2026 diocesan report. We need to determine which keyholders need specific tier training. The keyholder agreement will also include a designation of which key persons hold.
 - a. Junior Warden (BJ Charbonneau) –
 - a. Parish directory – BJ is working on it, received forms at annual meeting. Due by June 30, 2025.
 - b. Facilities Use agreement – Senior Warden provided book to Junior Warden. All who use our building must sign the agreement, due by June 30, 2025.

C. Finance (Van Odom) –

1. A written finance report was provided. Pledges for the month to date are behind. Quarterly statements are being prepared to help as a reminder. YTD total income is \$3300 over budget. March Expenses were higher due to insurance premium payment, but YTD expenses are under budget. Motion to accept Treasurer's report Joshua Chapman, 2nd BJ Charbonneau, motion carried.
2. Utilities are \$413 under budget year to date. We are going to disconnect the electric meter in Margaret's Garden until the garden is ready to be electrified (savings \$30/month). The hydrant in the public garden has a leak needing repair.
3. Full time priest fund is approaching its goal, pending a few more donor replies. The donations will be placed in the Stifel fund to receive better interest rates.

- D. **Insurance Committee (Stephen Bradley)** – Insurance from Beckman was received late, but we can use the information next year. Church Insurance Group said they would like a last look if we are shopping around.
- E. **Building & Grounds Committee (BJ Charbonneau)** –
1. Saturday Sextons – May 17 is next date. Proposal to put an auto lock on the air doors. Lots of small things to be done such as fence repair, door weather-strip, etc. The Youth Room has not leaked recently but we are concerned and watching it.
 2. Electronic sign update – no new information.
 3. Belltower update – we need someone to look at the bell safety. Cook construction repair recommendation still pending; City planning department was contacted (historic preservation) and they will contact Katherine with a recommendation. Wren Stratton is looking at potential grant opportunities (Grace would need to be declared eligible). Bells.org may also be a source to consider.
 4. Fire extinguisher maps are ready to install.
 5. Security cameras – Tyler provided a written report. A new DVR is \$72. Replacing the current system is \$383 for cameras plus ethernet cables. Motion by Pam Lipscomb to go with Option 2 replace the current coax system with maximum cost of \$600; 2nd Lora Sellers, motion carried.
 6. New playground looks amazing! Thank you Stratton family for the hard work.
- F. **Christian Formation (Pam Lipscomb)** –
1. Safeguarding God's Children – waiting for Nancy to send information.
 2. Godly play – training is offered online, if we had 2 teachers we could alternate.
 3. EfM short courses - will begin in the fall 2025.
 4. Book studies – Joshua Chapman leads.
 5. Confirmation classes are ongoing.
 6. VBS – Pam thinks indoor VBS will be best this summer.
 7. Craft/art material organization workday has been planned.
 8. Youth activity meeting planned for August/September.
 9. Nancy has requested feedback on her position expectations.
- G. **Stewardship Committee (Stephen Bradley)** –
1. Thank-you note assignment is completed.
 2. Invitations for long-time absent members is in progress. This would be a great time to notify that the bishop is coming June 8. Suggested to follow up card with a personal phone call.
- H. **Evangelism (Tyler Martin)** – Social media – he can work on a weekly social media post, content can be a group effort.
- I. **Service (outreach)** –
1. Meals on Wings – ongoing, there was a quilt fundraiser and the raffle quilt was awarded.
 2. Scouts (chartered by Grace) – ongoing, nothing new to report.
 3. Azalea Cleanup – March 27-28-29 was really good. Wrapped up 10 bags of street garbage.
 4. Jingle Jam – the JJ Fund made enough to cover expenses.
- J. **Parish Life (Laura Burchfiel)** –
1. Card Ministry is going well thanks to Kaia Holder & Sharon Champlin
 2. Coffee Hour – 5th Sunday potluck in August, November has been suggested. November is the Thanksgiving Potluck. June/August perhaps can also be Youth Service.
 3. Suggestions needed for fellowship activities. Crystal Bridges and the Tahlequah Monastery were suggested.
 4. International dinner – fall is a great time, October 17 or 24 was suggested.
 5. Coffee hour for the bishop on June 8 should be a potluck.
- K. **Pastoral Care (need chairperson)** – Lay eucharistic visitors – nothing new to report.
- L. **Worship Committee (Lora Sellers)** –
1. Supply Priests: a schedule was sent to all vestry members with homilant assignments and Volunteers for Morning Prayer Officiant
 2. Organist scheduled for dates we have a priest.
 3. Usher Inservice – May 4.
 4. St James Press subscription through annual subscription until August 7, 2025.
 5. The organ stop was fixed, but the wiring is old and we are pending an estimate.
- M. **Search Committee (Pam Lipscomb, Tyler Martin)** –
1. Search committee has interviewed a candidate and recommends this person for hire. He is interested in moving to Muskogee and his wife is in healthcare. They have one young child.
 2. Sr. Warden will contact Canon Betsy to discuss other potential applicants. Next step will be for vestry to meet with the candidate.
- N. **Compensation review committee/HR committee (Alison Miller, Lora Sellers, Katherine Coburn)** – Employee handbook update – need to schedule a meeting.
- **New Business**
 - A. **Vestry person of the month** – May Laura Burchfiel; June Stephen Bradley; July Joshua Chapman; August Katherine Coburn; Sept Pam Lipscomb; October Lora Sellers; November Kelin Stratton; December 2025 BJ Charbonneau
 - B. **Announcements**, anything else: Next vestry meeting June 2 and then June 30.
 - **Closing Prayer** with Lord's Prayer at 7:04 p.m.



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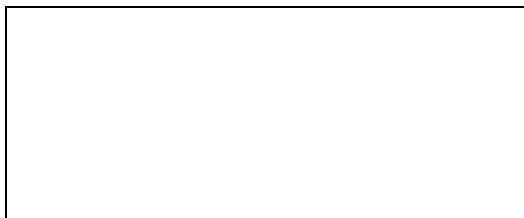
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Jr. Warden: B.J. Charbonneau

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Pam Lipscomb, Tyler Martin, Alison Miller, Lora Sellers,
Kelin Stratton, David Wilcox

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