



**June 2010  
GoodNewsLetter**

# Youth

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## **St. Crispin's Summer Camp**

### ***With Arms Wide Open***

All who have finished third grade through senior high school have an opportunity to grow by connecting with other youth and adults at a summer camp offering religious education, worship, and a variety of well-planned, supervised, fun and creative programs. St. Crispin's Summer Camp is a wonderful opportunity for youth to advance in Christian formation.

The 2010 theme is *With Arms Wide Open*, and the camp will offer age-specific sessions that begin Sunday afternoon and run through Saturday morning. St. Crispin's, operated by the Diocese of OK, is 7.6 miles east of Seminole on HWY 9.

You can register online and find forms online at: [www.episcopaloklahoma.org](http://www.episcopaloklahoma.org), to learn about available scholarships, send an email to [kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org](mailto:kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org).

## **Camp Cathedral 2010**

### ***Walking With Jesus***

*July 26 – 30*

### ***Opportunity to Volunteer!***

Mark your calendars for the mornings of the last week of July, and e-mail [kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org](mailto:kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org) to volunteer your time and talent for one or more mornings of this week-long children's camp.

**Planning Meeting** – 10:10, Sunday, June 27, Garden Gallery

## **Senior High Youth Happening**

*July 7–9 at St. Crispin's*

Happening is an intense, amazing and inspirational retreat for high school students who are in or have completed grades 10, 11, or 12.

The retreat is led primarily by high school and college students, and can be attended only once – however, participants may return as staff members in the years that follow.

For more details, please see the Diocesan websites: [www.episcopaloklahoma.org](http://www.episcopaloklahoma.org) or [www.okepiscopaloyouth.org](http://www.okepiscopaloyouth.org)

Happening is full of music, discussion, surprises, laughter and new friends... won't you join us?

## **Family Camp At St. Crispin's**

### ***Sponsored by the Diocese of Oklahoma***

*Sun, July 4 at 4:00 PM – Wed, July 7 at Noon*

Who else wants to take the whole family to a camp with cookouts, homemade ice-cream, games, prayer, and more great activities?

The daily schedule looks like a lot of fun. Find out more at [www.episcopaloklahoma.org](http://www.episcopaloklahoma.org), where you can sign up and even see who's already registered!

# Formation

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## Pilgrimage Class

*Forming the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Sundays at 10:10 AM in Dean Wiley Hall, coffee and donuts will be provided.*

Christian formation for all adults will continue as the Pilgrimage Class enters the Season after Pentecost. There remain great treasures of the Church to be taught, discussed and experienced. We welcome everyone in the congregation to

participate, especially all those Pilgrims who were confirmed, reaffirmed, received and baptized at the Easter Vigil.

## Pilgrimage Class Schedule

6/13 **Cathedral Tour**

6/20 **Presiding Bishop & Episcopal Church**

6/27 **Matriculation**

# Memorials & Contributions

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## Altar Guild

In memory: **Frank Bolen**

Donor: Mrs. Elaine Buck Honnold

## Memorial Fund

In memory: **George Massad**

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Gale Smith

## Memorial Fund *(continued)*

In memory: **Patricia Carry**

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Gale Smith

In memory: **Dorthlynn Gaddis**

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Gale Smith

# A Vestry Review by Gypsy Hogan

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## **Dean's Last**

Estimating that he had possibly attended close to 400 St. Paul's vestry meetings during his 28 years at St. Paul's, the Dean opened the meeting as always with his reports on cathedral happenings. If he thought it would be just another meeting, however, Canon Carol Hampton had other plans, showing up with champagne for all to give the Dean a farewell toast. She and others then paid tribute to Dean Back's leadership. Canon Hampton noted how much she has enjoyed working at the Cathedral where there's a "joyful staff, full of laughter, kind to each other. That's solely thanks to the Dean – well, maybe the Holy Spirit, too," she quipped.

## **Off to Seminary**

Justin Fletcher has been accepted for Holy Orders, and he and wife, Mallory, soon will be moving to Berkeley, Ca. where he will attend seminary. Senior Warden Steve Parker said, "He will know that there are a core group of people here interested in his progress, interested in hearing from him, and available to him for advice and support. I think he is a fine young man and a worthy candidate who will represent the Cathedral well."

## **Columbarium**

Vestry approved a proposal giving Senior Warden Steve Parker authority to execute contracts on behalf of vestry for the columbarium. A contract is expected to be presented to Vestry at the June meeting. Bids are being offered to six contractors whose work has been vetted. Three of those will be chosen to make presentations to the St. Paul's Cathedral Columbarium Committee. Senior Warden Parker said he believes the costs of building the columbarium will be easily covered by the end of this year. Deferred payments of niche sales and gifts due in 2011 of

around \$215,000 can be used to establish an endowment or reduce debt.

## **Thanks**

Dean Back read a gracious note of thanks from Canon Margot Nesbitt to the Cathedral and St. Paul's for the recent celebration of her life and work at St. Paul's.

## **Memorial Run**

Events this year seemed to be the best ever, with the Dean reflecting on how great it was to have downtown so alive with so many events and people. Many of the runners enjoyed spending time in the Cathedral courtyard and garden area. Thought is being given to providing refreshments next year.

## **Outreach**

Vestry approved three proposals by the Outreach Committee – \$200 for the last pledge of support to the Theological Education for Dominican Republic fund; \$100 for St. Simeon's nursing home/memory home in Tulsa, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and in honor of the Millennium Development Goals, a pledge of \$3,000 to support the work of Canon Andrew White at St. George's Church in Baghdad.

## **Budget**

Pledges, donations and Sunday collections are below what Treasurer Rick Hill had forecast, putting the cathedral budget more in the red than anticipated. Still, he is hopeful that progress will be made before the end of the year. Please keep the Cathedral in your prayers.

# Back Talk

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Dear Friends,

Margaret and I thank you for the delightful celebration of my retirement. The weekend was filled with great events and warm expressions. We are grateful for all worked so hard to make this occasion so special.

Despite the grim weather forecasts a small army of hard workers went forward with faith for Saturday's picnic. It turned out to be a fine day and great happening, not too hot and not too sunny.

The Sunday liturgies with the children's songs, favorite choral pieces, great preachers and numerous presentations were very moving. Both receptions were magnificent and there were numerous and meaningful gifts everywhere we turned.

We are grateful for the generous purse and thankful to all who have made our time at St. Paul's, and our farewell, such a wonderful experience.

Faithfully yours,  
George & Margaret

