

## Church of the Savior

*The Messenger –October 2020*



**The electronic sign is up and running**

**again picture maybe later**

### A WORD FROM THE STEWARDS TEAM:

Guess what time of year your treasurer thinks it is? Yes, Fall, is correct but it is also that time where we look deep within ourselves and consider the extent of our financial contributions to this great family and enterprise we call Church of the Savior. As Barbara Harden points out relatively often, the needs are great. While it is important for us to keep our lights on and keep Randy and Marilyn paid, it is the excess above our existential needs that will really contribute to our mission(s) together.

Randy has demonstrated that we have a leader who is accomplished and willing (chompin' at the bit, really) to accompany us as we minister to those around us who for a variety of reasons need a little of God's love in some form or another. Wouldn't it be fantastic if this year we pledged amounts that created an excess above our own needs so when we catch a vision we want to implement and it costs a little money, we have it there ready to go?!! I realize the virus has thrown us a little off-balance but we should not let it get in the way of our mission together. If anybody can figure out how to be God's helpers during this time, I believe this church can!

Please let me know your 2020 pledge amount by Halloween. For those of you who like dates, that's October 31<sup>st</sup>! We will use the information to create a budget approved by the elders in November and for congregational approval in December. Don't make me come ask for more!! ha ha.

In Faith,

*W. Patrick Martindale*

Your reluctant Treasurer.

***We are on the “Facebook web”*** – you should be able to go to Facebook's Church of the Savior—we are looking for things to post. Send items or ideas to our email at [churchsaviorokc@gmail.com](mailto:churchsaviorokc@gmail.com)

**Hello All,** Just a few words to begin a process which will change a few things in the worship service we participate in each Sunday morning whether it be in person or by Zoom. In particular today I want to deal with the prayers of intercession. I have tried on occasion to open up the time by asking for prayer requests verbally from the congregation. It has not worked well for a couple of reasons. First my hearing is continuing to diminish and so it makes it hard for me to restate what has been said which is needed because everyone is not miked. I would prefer not to have Dave to carry a mike around because of time constraints and other considerations. Also, the people on Zoom do not have the opportunity to participate because so far they don't have a way of addressing us. So, my proposed solution is asking everyone to submit their requests in writing to me in one of 3 ways. First, by sending it to my e-mail as late as 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. Second, by sending it by text to my phone as late as 10:00 AM on Sunday Morning. Third, by written note handed to either Dave or myself by the time the service starts. Please include your name. I hope this will make it possible for everyone to participate this way, if not let me know. I will be proposing some other changes as well as we proceed at a later date.

Thanks, Blake E-mail: [blake714@cox.net](mailto:blake714@cox.net)

Phone: 405-436-0530

## **SANTA STORE**

Urban Mission reports more needs than they can fill. Therefore, we are starting our collection for their SANTA STORE early--all of October and November. The box will be in front of the cry room. Items they usually appreciate include:

### **new and unwrapped:**

Toys for children ages 0—17

Senior gift items (puzzles, books, scarves, etc.)

Storybooks, coloring books, crayons

Socks, gloves, hats (all sizes)

Small gifts for stocking stuffers

Sports items (basketballs, footballs, skateboards, etc.)

Gift bags and tissue paper

Home décor items

Kitchen items

## **Application for the Kate Scholarship**

Applications for the Kate Scholarship will be taken beginning September 2020 through February 15, 2021. The scholarship will be awarded in March 2021. The scholarship may be awarded annually to a member(s) of the congregation who is, or soon will be a student in a college, vocational school, or other higher learning institution and is seriously considering a vocation of service to others. The \$1000 scholarship is funded from the income of the Kate Benevolent Trust Fund at COTS. Scholarship applications are available electronically (send an email request to churchsaviorokc@gmail.com attention Elizabeth) or in paper form in the COTS office. Completed applications should be mailed to COTS or placed in the mail box for the Parish Life Commission.

## **2020 OCTOBER**

### **Sundays**

Zoom (10:30 gathering) and/or  
11:00am in person in masks (until notice)  
sorry no treats after service, yet...!!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday elders**

young adults – check with Amanda every other week Tuesdays  
commissions – check with your leader :) or maybe your minutes

Choirs – still on break, send Marilyn any special music you'd like to volunteer  
Praise Team started (call Marilyn if you'd join)

## **October birthdays**

<u>Members</u>		<u>Other friends and members</u>	
Samuel Billerbeck	12	Ron Hobson	5
Bonnie Kamp	13	Steve Martindale	6
		Landon Curtis	7
		Mary Elise Earley	20
		Brooks Curtis	31

### **Silent Bucks:**

For October bucks will go to Homeless Alliance

November – Christmas Gifts for Heritage Manor

December – Joy Gifts

## **SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP**

All Church –Wednesdays 6:30pm for the month of October the community room will be occupied.  
bring your questionnaire

Red Hatters- let's meet on zoom maybe, call Wenoa and discuss it.

The Book Club send the latest book titles you have enjoyed to [churchsaviorokc@gmail.com](mailto:churchsaviorokc@gmail.com)

Women of the Church will be praying for all during the remainder of the year –However:– the women of the church (WOC) bring a “least coin” each time they meet. By the end of our studies we send it off to be distributed with all “least coins” from the presbytery to be used for the needs of others. So along with the prayer mentioned below save coins for our giving:

**To the Women of Church of the Savior** (Men, too, if interested)

Though our Women of the Church are not meeting, the needs of the hurt and disabled continue and to grow every day! We have found our gift of the very 'least' coin has not been collected.

Information has reached us with a suggestion for our daily prayer and it is easy to follow! Each day we have been asked to pray specifically for JUSTICE, PEACE, and COMPASSION for our brothers and sisters around the world keeping handy a dish, bottle, bank to drop in your least coin. This program of prayer and least coin idea came from women in India and the Philippines and quickly spread world-wide to meet growing demands of helping each other.

When we, again, begin gathering in our church, bring your 'least coin' for Wenoa Harber or marked Women of the Church.

## **From Urban Mission**

The Anderson Family Foundation is providing a dollar for dollar match grant up to \$15,000. We are half way to this amount and need your help to reach our goal. Donate today and note that the donation should go towards the Anderson Grant, either by check to 3737 N. Portland Ave, OKC, OK 73112 thru COTS designate Anderson Grant silent bucks

## Randy's Thoughts

Coming to the Church of Savior his Fall: Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

We are trying to fill a need in our community by offering hope and help to everyone in need. Therefore, we have decided to offer a series explaining the 12 Steps starting this Fall. I feel that everyone would benefit by knowing this very successful process of Alcoholics Anonymous and to be of support directly, or to friends and family members.

The purpose is to recover from compulsive, out-of-control behaviors and restore manageability and order to your life. It's a way of seeing that your behavior is only a symptom, a sort of "check engine" light to discovering what's really going on under the hood.

Known as the *Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*, the publication not only changed the conversation about alcoholism, but also catapulted the Twelve Step model of recovery into the public's eye. Today, Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Heroin Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Sexaholics Anonymous and Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous all offer a Twelve Step approach to recovery based on the success of the original AA model. The Twelve Steps were adopted nearly word-for-word by Al-Anon/Alateen, a program of recovery for the families and friends affected by a loved one's drinking (whether or not the alcoholic recognizes they have a drinking problem).

The Twelve Steps series will be taught on Sunday mornings live or virtual. On the following Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. we will have a time of discussion about each Sunday mornings teaching. Week one Oct 4 bring questionnaire Oct 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss.

Middlers **and others will engage in weeklong confirmation class at Montreat**  
'Big God, Big Questions' curriculum will guide confirmants during Presbyterian Association of Musicians 2021 Worship and Music Conference anyone interested in going send request to churchsaviorokc@gmail.com. We're trying to convince Nina...  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/middlers-will-engage-in-weeklong-confirmation-class-at-montreat/> Registration for the confirmation class at Montreat opens Jan. 5. The registration fee for PAM's 2021 Worship and Music Conference includes participation in the confirmation class. If you have questions about the confirmation class or BGBQ curriculum, contact Rift at [mrift@presbypub.com](mailto:mrift@presbypub.com).

**If you'd like to volunteer it's never too late for that: we need you!**

if it's rained we have to clear the parking lot drains of debris, our very own Nina marked their location for us in red (need shovel)

weeding flower beds -it's outside, you can skip the mask but have it with you.

newsletter articles or composing entire paper send ideas to [churchsaviorokc@gmail.com](mailto:churchsaviorokc@gmail.com)

someone to check into what a tax exempt church Costco account would entail leave a message on 405-721-5241

fix outdoor north faucet in garden area seems to be stripped (Brent thinking about installing a standard hydrant out front instead)

pergola spruce up: step 1a volunteer with Brent

step 1b power wash pergola, let dry for a day/

step 2 re-stain pergola, let dry then use

what do you see that needs attention? Send suggestions to [churchsaviorokc@gmail.com](mailto:churchsaviorokc@gmail.com) attn Stewards

send news to [churchsaviorokc@gmail.com](mailto:churchsaviorokc@gmail.com) subject line for the newsletter

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405-721-5241 leave a message

Staff

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Director of Youth & Music – position open

Organist/Choir Accompanist – Marilyn Harrison

Office Manager (part time) – Elizabeth Jacoby

Treasurer – Pat Martindale

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