



The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

Hurry Up and Wait

While I write this we are all waiting. Yesterday, in anticipation of a grand jury decision on whether or not the officer who shot Michael Brown in Ferguson last summer will go to trial, the Governor of Missouri declared a State of Emergency. Who knows what will have happened by the time you read this. Many predict trouble no matter what the decision. One can only pray at this point for an outcome that includes healing and a good way forward.

Anxiety and tension often accompany waiting. It doesn't matter whether what one's waiting for is good or bad. All parents know what the days are like as the birth of a child nears, or until the call or text comes that a teenager had made it to a destination safely, sleep is near impossible. Those awaiting news on a pathology report are preoccupied with "What if?" and "Why me?"

We are well acquainted with waiting. But, waiting is a relative thing. It is changing in our times. Wait times in many instances are being reduced to next-to-nothing. Think of how rapidly we communicate with each other with all our electronic gadgets. We want things to be even faster! I find myself in a state of impatience when it comes to technology: "This website takes too long to come up on the screen!" "Can't Google Fiber go any faster?" We know all too well how quickly information and misinformation can spread through e-mails, Facebook posts, Tweets, and blog posts. "It may have been better to wait a bit," we rue when once gossip and rumor go viral.

Yesterday I saw my first Christmas tree set up in a building lobby. It wasn't displayed in a retail store where the red and green of Christmas has occupied space with the orange and black of Halloween. Not even Thanksgiving yet! I get the retail part. Merchants must make a living. However, it seems like holidays are anticipated earlier each year (Until a few years ago my big shopping days were 12/23 and 12/24. Don't ask about the wrapping). By the time Christmas comes that tree in the lobby is going to look plenty tired. How about waiting until the Plaza lights come on to start the decorating elsewhere?

Advent is waiting time. There is wisdom in this season. At some point our spiritual forebears took one of life's realities and turned it into days of expectation: Looking with both longing and holy fear for Christ's coming; Waiting for Christ's birth with both the joy and holy fear of expectant parents.

Some years ago there was an Advent devotional book titled, *Hurry Up and Wait!* That title gave me pause. Advent may be a season we need right now. Space is always opened up when we wait for good news and bad news, not-so-bad news and even surprises. In a world where instant communication and gratification collide with the ever-present reality of waiting, here is wisdom that speaks to our condition. Let's not miss Advent for all the Christmas around us. It may just help and bless us in our waiting!

Peace,

—Peter

"Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band ..." *Hymnal 1982* — Hymn 527



The Way is for persons who would like to learn and experience more of what it means to be Christian. The Way includes persons who are considering baptism and those who have been part of a church community all their lives. All are welcome.

Winter Inquiry Sessions Begin January 7

Wednesday evenings include dinner at 6 p.m. (meals are free) followed by small group Bible study, discussion and prayer from 7-8 p.m.

The Way Advent Gathering on Wednesday, December 10, begins at 6:00 pm. with supper. This evening of fellowship and quiet reflection includes opportunity to walk the Labyrinth.

Treasurer's Report

The income received by the Cathedral through October was higher than budgeted, as special gifts and higher endowment income more than offset the slow receipt of pledge payments through October. However, expenses at the Cathedral ran higher than expected through October, as unanticipated property and utility expenses were a significant drain on our resources. As a consequence, our net total as of the end of October is more negative than expected.

While income normally picks up at year end, balancing the budget this year will require

everyone's help. Please take time to review your pledge statement and do your best to fulfill your pledge. For those who have fulfilled their pledge or contribute through the plate offering, this would be a great year to prayerfully consider making an extra gift.

	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,359,549	\$ 1,341,983
Expenses	\$ 1,416,856	\$ 1,419,007
Net Total	\$ (57,307)	\$ (77,024)

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer



Children's Chapel

During Advent, chapel lessons will follow the lectionary Gospel readings. As we light the candles on our Advent Wreath, we will discuss ways we can give gifts of our time and talent to others.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Wednesday, December 24 at 5 p.m.

All children are welcome to participate in the pageant. No lines to learn, and simple costumes will be provided. Children should arrive by 4:30 to get in costume.

One & Only Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21, 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Children are encouraged to come to the One & Only Rehearsal — it helps to have people who know what's happening!

Family Ministry Lunch and Program:

Visioning for Children's Ministry

Sunday, January 4, 11:45 a.m., Haden Hall

Enjoy lunch and King Cake to celebrate Epiphany. Our Dean will join us for conversation as we talk about what's on the horizon for Children's Ministry at the Cathedral. Childcare will be provided during the discussion.

November Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

November 2

- in honor and thanksgiving for Thomas H. Rinehart on his birthday
— Ruth Finet
- in loving memory of Charles "Pete" Seidlitz, Jr.
— Barbara Seidlitz

November 9

- in thanksgiving
— Richard and Anne Morse

November 16

- in loving memory of John Sumpter
— Donna Sumpter
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Agie Sparks and Luis Pedroza
- in thanksgiving for the life of Charles Bergston
— The Trinity Choir
- in thanksgiving for our granddaughters Maya McLeroy and Grace Leonard
— Ron & Caroline McLeroy

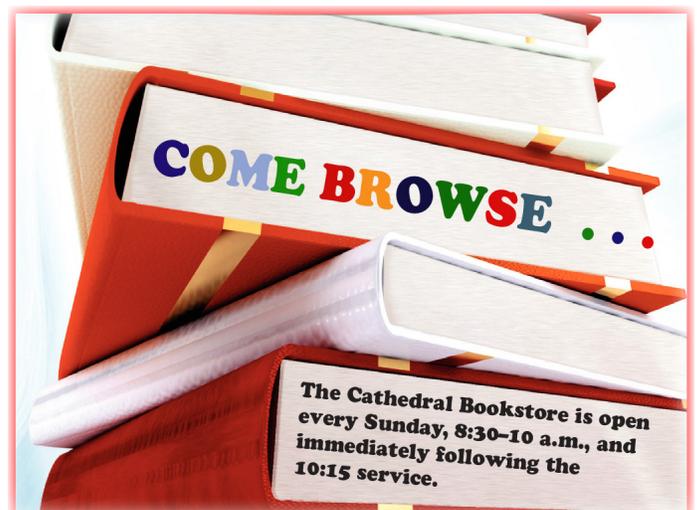
November 23

- to the glory of God — anonymous
- in thanksgiving — Richard & Anne Morse

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org) or sign up (and pay) online: www.kccathedral.org/flowers.

Eucharistic Bread Ministry

The Bread Guild is looking for a few bakers to fill out our roster in the baking of Eucharistic Bread. Please contact Janet Sweeting, 816-474-8260, ext. 144, or jsweeting@kccathedral.org for more information.



GHTC Provides Winter Coats for “New Americans”

The Social Outreach Committee recently provided new winter coats for 35 “New American” students at Gladstone and Whittier Elementary School in the Kansas City Public School District. These students have little or no experience with the English language and have had little or no formal education in their home country. Since most of these students are from tropical countries, they have no experience with cold Missouri winters. Teachers at both schools were very appreciative that SOC was able to respond so quickly before the weather turned cold. While there certainly was a language barrier, the smiles on the students’ faces translated their happiness in receiving the new winter coats and just in time for the cold winter weather and hopefully for them their first snow.



For these “New American” students attending Northeast High School, SOC provided 30 hygiene kits. These kits included a bath towel, two wash clothes, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, body lotion, and lip balm. As these students learn essential life skills, they will also be learning the importance of hygiene as it relates to good health.

Make a Special Year-End Gift of Thanks

As you seek to buy just the right gift for that person who has everything, or wish to honor a god-child, god-parent, relative or friend, or wish to make a special year-end gift in thanksgiving for God’s presence in your life, we assemble a small list of possible resources for you to consider. These agencies and programs are related to the mission of The Episcopal Church:

Episcopal Community Services

A gift to can be given to fund all ministries, or can be given to specifically support the Kansas City Community Kitchen; Culinary Cornerstones; Meals on Wheels; Breakfast at St. Paul’s; BackSnack Program and food pantries at St. Mary’s, St. Paul’s KCMO, St. Paul’s KCK, St. Michael’s Independence and throughout the area. Contributions can be mailed to ECS, 11 E 40th St, Kansas City, MO 64111 or made online at www.episcopalcommunity.org.

Maison de Naissance, the birthing home in Haiti

Kansas City Episcopalians helping fellow Episcopalians in the Diocese of Haiti dramatically reduce infant mortality. Donate through the website: globalbirthinghomefoundation.org or mail donations to Global Birthing Home Foundation, 5000 W 134th St, Leawood, KS 66209. You can also support this ministry by purchasing Haitian Mountain Bleu coffee in the Cathedral Bookstore. Makes a tasty stocking stuffer!

Episcopal Relief and Development

Gifts for Life: You can choose to honor someone you love with gifts from various categories starting at just \$12. Browse the catalog and order online at www.episcopalrelief.org. Printed

catalogs and order forms are available with the Advent resources. Mail your payments to PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Heifer International

Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. Episcopal Relief and Development partners with Heifer International to provide livestock. For each animal given, families agree to pass on the offspring of that animal to another person in need. Browse the Gift Catalog or donate at www.heifer.org Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202.

The Cathedral’s Discretionary Fund

A special gift to the Clergy Discretionary Fund assists outreach to the needy, a gift to the Endowment Fund strengthens future ministry, and a special Unrestricted Gift to the Operating Fund supports current ministry and programs. You can mail checks to PO Box 412048, Kansas City, MO 64141-2048 or donate online at www.kccathedral.org.

The Cathedral Cavanaugh Memorial Fund

This Memorial Fund was established at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation in the memory of the Very Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh to support the efforts of the Kansas City Community Kitchen to feed the hungry. The continued growth of this Memorial Fund is crucial in the fight against hunger in our community. Contributions may be made to the Grace and Holy Trinity Cavanaugh Memorial Fund at GKCCF, 1055 Broadway Ste 130, Kansas City, MO 64105 (816.842.7444).

This Advent

Advent Wreath-Making

November 30, 11:45 a.m.

Make an Advent wreath with live greens for your home as you prepare for Christmas. Meet in Founders' Hall at 11:45 am. Supplies provided, but if you have forms/rings, please bring them! Please bring clippers to trim greens.

A \$10 donation, covers the material costs. Children may also wish to make an Advent Chain to count down the days till Christmas. Coffee hour refreshments will be available. (You may also sign up online at kccathedral.org; click the link on the home page.)



*Advent
Lessons & Music*

November 30
5 p.m.

Nave

Paul Mesner Puppets present:

The Nativity

Friday, December 5 • 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 6 • 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 7 • 3 p.m.

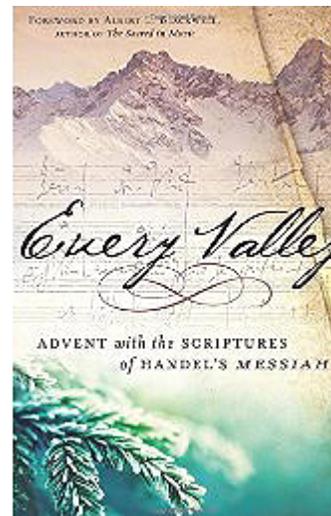
*(These are ticketed performances.
Visit paulmesnerpuppets.org.)*



Dean's Advent Book & December Forum

Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21, 11:45 a.m.

Handel's *Messiah* is synonymous with the Christmas season. First performed in 1742 it is one of the most popular and beloved pieces of music in the western world. We will look at selected reflections from *Every Valley: Advent with the Scriptures of Handel's Messiah*, a collection of essays compiled by Jessica Miller Kelley.



If you would like to purchase a book to read on your own, it is available in the Cathedral Bookstore, and may be purchased on-line in electronic form. It's not necessary to read the book ahead of time to participate in the Forum.

Note: The Dean's Forum does not meet December 28.

This Advent



Handel's

Messiah

Singalong

Saturday, December 13

4 p.m.

Jack Ergo, conductor

Paulette Resch, soprano
Jay Carter, countertenor
Joseph DeSota, tenor
Edward Straub, baritone

The Kansas City Baroque Consortium

The audience is the chorus!
(Scores available for purchase.)

Christmas Caroling at Bishop Spencer Place

December 22, 5 p.m.

Those wishing to carol please meet in the Bishop Spencer Place lobby at 4:45 p.m. Singing will last approximately one hour, after which, carolers may gather together at the Westport Flea Market for a time of fellowship.



Musical Highlights

The City Come Again

Monday, December 8, 12 p.m.

Presented by William Jewell College

Philip Greenwood Flute Recital

Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.



17th Annual Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral

Sunday, December 14

2 p.m.

The William Baker
Festival Singers

*(This is a ticketed performance.
Visit festivalsingers.org.)*

Heart of the Holidays: An Ancora Family Christmas

Sunday, December 21, 3 p.m.

Ancora Chorale

*(This is a ticketed performance.
Visit theancorachorale.org.)*

Moravian Lovefeast

Sunday, December 21, 5 p.m.

(See article on page 6.)

Visit www.kccathedral.org/music
for more information.

This Advent

Moravian Lovefeast

December 21, 5 p.m.

This service of carols, Scripture lessons, candle lighting and sharing over special buns and coffee provides an hour of peace before Christmas. The music includes familiar Advent and Christmas hymns, as well as Moravian Christmas hymns and anthems. Canon Musician John Schaefer and Cathedral Chorale Director William Baker are gathering singers and instrumentalists for the Lovefeast.

Holding Lovefeasts is a Moravian tradition dating back to the early eighteenth century. In 1717 a group of Moravian exiles were so moved at a celebration of Holy Communion that they stayed on to talk about the experience in small groups. Impressed by their piety and devotion, the German count on whose lands they had taken refuge, had food brought to them. The Lovefeast, inspired by this 1717 gathering and rooted in the early Christian practice of agape (love) meals, has been a part of Moravian practice ever since. Lovefeasts can be held at any time, but are often celebrated around major festivals such as Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost.

In offering the Lovefeast we seek to reach out to Moravians in the Kansas City area where there is no organized Moravian congregation. The Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church in North America are in full communion. We welcome this opportunity to share in this rich tradition received from our ecumenical partners. The Lovefeast is also offered for persons looking for a spiritual home. Coffee and buns in church? Why not?

The lighted, multi-pointed stars hanging in the Cathedral chancel and Founders' Hall are traditional Moravian Stars. It is customary that they be displayed and lighted from the First Sunday of Advent through The Epiphany, January 6.



Worship During Advent

Sundays

8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. • Holy Eucharist
5 p.m. • Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist

Monday–Friday

12:05 p.m. • Holy Eucharist

Christmas Worship

Pageant and Eucharist

Wednesday, December 24 • 5 p.m.

Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant. Nursery care provided for children three and younger.

Festival Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 24 • 10 p.m.

Our choral celebration on Christmas Eve begins with music and carols, with the solemn liturgy following at 10:30 p.m. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

Sung Eucharist

Thursday, December 25 • 10:15 a.m.

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ.

A festive reception follows in the Nave.



Welcome to the Cathedral: Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, January 18, 11:45 a.m.

Are you new to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral? Would you like to learn more about the Cathedral and the many ways you can connect with others? If so, please join us at our next Newcomer Gathering on Sunday, January 18, following the 10:15 worship service. We gather for refreshments and conversation in the meeting room in Founders' Hall. You will have an opportunity to meet other newcomers, ministry leaders, and clergy. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We look forward to meeting you and sharing more about GHTC. For more information, please contact Rev. Christy Dorn, cdorn@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260, ext. 152.

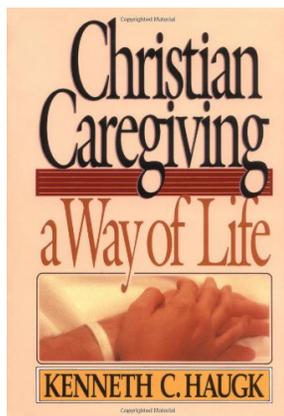
Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life

Distinctively Christian

Do I, as a Christian, have anything unique to offer my friends and family when they are hurting? What makes the care that Christians offer different from that offered by everyone else? How can I live and care for others in a way that is distinctively Christian?

Have you ever asked these questions? Kenneth Haugk did, and in the course of answering them he wrote a book entitled *Christian Caregiving — A Way of Life*. Dr. Haugk is the founder of the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry. Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is offering a 10-week class to study this book and explore ways that we can live and care in a more distinctively Christian manner. The daytime classes will begin Thursday, January 8, and meet every Thursday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. The evening classes will begin Tuesday, January 6, and meet every Tuesday evening, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Both options meet for 10 weeks in the Common Room.

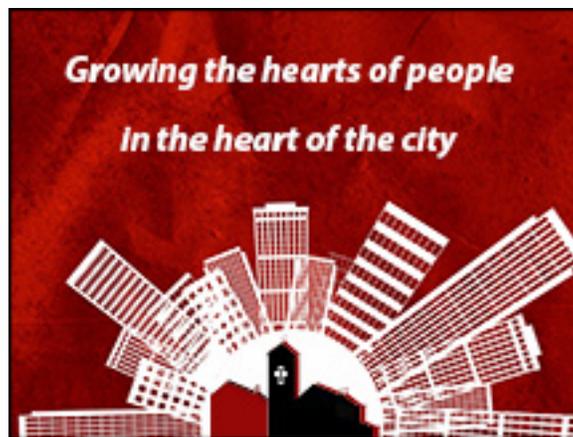
Classes will be led by Karen Kissinger and Rev. Christy Dorn. The cost is \$5, which will include a copy of the book for each participant, plus supplies and refreshments. Call or e-mail Christy to register or for more information. You may also register online.



2015 and Beyond

Thank you to all who have made a pledge for 2015!

As of November 21, 85 pledges for \$281,044 have been received toward our goal of \$500,000. Please consider prayerfully what your pledge will be for the coming year. You may make your pledge using one of the cards in the pews or online at <http://www.kccathedral.org/stewardship/>.



Volunteer for Christmas Services

In preparation for upcoming holiday season Altar Guild members are needed before and after services for the following:

- Christmas Eve: December 24, 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Christmas Day: December 25, 10:15 a.m.
- New Year's Eve: December 31, 5:30 p.m.

Not an Altar Guild member? You can still volunteer! If you would like to serve during any of these services, please contact Janet Stewart Sweeting, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260, ext. 144.

Accept the Challenge!

In the next couple of weeks we all will be busy getting ready for the holidays; decorating our homes, cooking and baking and spending money to buy gifts for our families and friends. There is so much emphasis on finding the perfect gift when most of the time the perfect gift doesn't cost anything ... the gift of kindness!

In the next 35 days between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, if every member of the Cathedral did two random acts of kindness each day, there would be about 63,000 gifts of kindness. Just think how much better our community would be with 63,000 extra gifts of kindness! And best of all, kindness is contagious. Be part of the GHTC Holiday Random Acts of Kindness Challenge!



KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

NOVEMBER 16, 2014



Adopt-An-Angel

Crittenton Children's Center is sponsoring an "Adopt-An-Angel" program for the 280 children currently in residential, foster care, and home-based programs. There is also a need for holiday gift boxes, bags, bows, stocking stuffers, etc. Gifts need to be at the Cathedral to be delivered to Crittenton by *Wednesday, December 3*. If you are interested in participating, please leave your name with the Cathedral Office, or contact Terri Curran, tcurra2@yahoo.com.



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The Angelus

Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail to communications@kccathedral.org.

A newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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 The Rev. Christy Dorn, *Associate*
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Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation
 9:30 a.m. Youth Formation
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
 2:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
 6:00 p.m. The Way (through Nov. 19)
 6:15 p.m. Grace Choraliers
 6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Activities for December

5 • **FRIDAY**
 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
 The Nativity (Paul Mesner Puppets)

6 • **SATURDAY**
 2 & 5 p.m. The Nativity (Paul Mesner Puppets)

7 • **SUNDAY**
 11:30 a.m. Trim the Tree
 3 p.m. The Nativity (Paul Mesner Puppets)

8 • **MONDAY**
 12 p.m. City Come Again

13 • **SATURDAY**
 4 p.m. Messiah Singalong

14 • **SUNDAY**
 2 p.m. Concert: William Baker Festival Singers

17 • **WEDNESDAY**
 7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Mark's Deanery

18 • **THURSDAY**
 7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. John's Deanery

21 • **SUNDAY**
 2 p.m. Concert: Ancora Chorale
 5 p.m. Moravian Lovefeast

22 • **MONDAY**
 11:30 a.m. Christmas Dinner by KCCCK
 5 p.m. Caroling at Bishop Spencer Place

24 • **WEDNESDAY**
 5 p.m. Pageant & Eucharist
 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist

25 • **THURSDAY**
 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist
 Offices closed for the Holiday

26 • **FRIDAY**
 Offices closed for the Holiday

Coming Next Month

Jan. 1 New Year's Day — Offices Closed
 Jan. 4 Family Ministry Lunch
 Jan. 18 Newcomer Gathering
 Jan. 19 MLK Day — Offices Closed
 Jan. 25 Annual Meeting