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FROM THE DEAN

Light at the Doorstep



The other morning as I made my way up to St. Luke's Hospital, a bit of brightness was interjected into an otherwise dreary day. As I skirted around the northeast edge of the Plaza, I noticed that those famous strands of lights lining roofs, facades and towers were lit. Popular lore is that the Plaza lights are usually tested in the wee hours in the weeks prior to Thanksgiving night. I counted myself lucky to have had this moment of pre-season light therapy and cheer.

This year, as the dark half of the year settles into northern latitudes, the darkness seems heavier. The terrorist attacks on Paris are but a grim reminder that so many people worldwide are vulnerable to the gruesome whims of fanatics and madmen. Even the most peaceful of places are easily shattered by outbreaks of destruction and murder.

Safe and secure homes and communities are common desires. Refugees streaming out of harm's way are a tragic reminder of this longing to live in safety. The night of the shootings, as Paris was in lock-down and transportation services were not running, residents of the city welcomed stranded strangers into their homes. Here was a moment of light in the City of Light.

In preparing for Christmas the Mexican community has a custom called Los Posadas. This ancient practice involves processions featuring characters playing Mary and Joseph that go from house to house each night from December 16 to December 24. Just as Mary and Joseph wandered the streets of Bethlehem seeking shelter for the night, the company moves from house to house, seeking accommodation.

In the nights of Los Posadas, those at each house visited by the procession are the "innkeepers." When

the band of pilgrims carrying lanterns arrives at a doorstep, they sing a song reminding those inside that it is Joseph and the pregnant Mary who stand at their door. The band of wayfarers is invited into the house for prayers and celebration. The company then moves on, a little larger perhaps than when it arrived, to sing its song about opening up and welcoming what is holy into the next place.

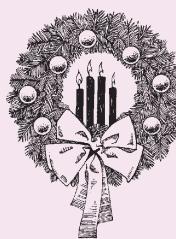
In the days ahead, let's look for the Light that shines in the darkness. In a world beset with troubles and tragedy — in our own lives with their cares and woes — the light does shine. It comes to the doorsteps of our hearts and community, seeking shelter, looking for a place to abide. May we have both the courage to open the door to this Light, and then, to bear this Light with us wherever we find ourselves.

Gratefully,

Peter

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Treasurer's Report

In October, income for the Cathedral was in line with last year's numbers, as slower pledge receipts were offset by better endowment income. Expenses ran somewhat higher this year, but the difference occurred mostly in the utility area which can vary substantially from month to month. Overall the net total was slightly more negative in October 2015 than last year. However the financial situation at the Cathedral is still much better this year than last.

This can be seen by looking at the YTD numbers through October. Income on a YTD basis is up modestly over last year, as pledge payments have come in faster this year and endowment income is also modestly higher. The important difference this year is on the expense side where the expenditures are well below last year. The difference is primarily in the administrative and property areas. The lower expenses in these areas means that the Cathedral has kept the deficit to a negligible amount through the time of the year when income receipts tend to be low. Thus it is likely that the Cathedral will have a modest surplus in 2015 vs. the modest deficit that occurred in 2014. While there are many moving parts to the cost of running the Cathedral, the impact of weather stands out. This year's mild winter drove a great deal of our better financial condition. Thus it is important not to be too complacent. The mild weather of early 2015 could easily give way to less favorable conditions in the next few months.

As such, members of the congregation are asked to remember to complete their pledges in 2015 and to prayerfully consider the needs of the Cathedral in making a pledge for 2016.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer



November Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

November 1

- prayer candles for the month of November given by
— Bud & Candy McDowell
- in thanksgiving for Thomas H Rinehart — Ruth Finet
- in thanksgiving — Richard & Anne Morse
- in memory of Lloyd Liming — Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in thanksgiving for the baptism of our grandchild, Marlena Claire Paulus — Jim & Karen Kissinger

November 8

- in loving memory of my father, Wayne A Pieper
— Kathryn Pieper
- in thanksgiving for Evan Carlson-Lee
— Bob & Linda Carlson
- in gratitude for Rev. Robert Hart — Sam Satterfield
- to the glory of God — Jason Anderson

November 15

- in thanksgiving for our granddaughters, Maya McLeroy & Grace Leonard — Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Thomas H. (Tyger) Rinehart — Ruth Finet

November 22

- in honor of Tom, Mary, James and William
— Douglas & Cecelia McNair
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Stephanie Sonderegger & Michael Hamman
- in thanksgiving to God — Sara Gaggens
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
— Jack & Marie Whitacre

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.



Christian Formation for Adults

For persons desiring to know more about Christian faith and living, and for those desiring baptism.

6 p.m. — Supper and Conversation. Meals are free.
7-8 p.m. — Small group study, discussion and prayer

All are invited to journey along The Way. Questions? Contact Peter DeVeau, pdeveau@kccathedral.org; or Larry Ehren, lgehren@yahoo.com.

New sessions begin January 6.

Family and Children's Ministry News



Sundays in Advent

During Advent, chapel lessons 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 talents to others.

One & Only Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 20 • 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!

Christmas Eve Pageant and Eucharist

Thursday, December 24 • 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.

Epiphany Sunday • January 3

Children are invited to dress as kings (we provide the costumes) and process with the gifts during the offertory. After the service, all are invited to enjoy some King Cake at coffee hour.

Questions? Please contact Julie Brogno, 816-474-8260 or childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

Welcome to the Cathedral: Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, January 17, 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 17, 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.

Youth Update

Skate & Bake Network Lock-In — December 4

Youth (6th–12th grade) are invited to our Network Ice Skating and Cookie Baking lock-in Friday, December 4, at St. Paul's KCMO. We'll ice skate at Crown Center and bake Christmas cookies for those in our communities that are not able to get out during the holidays. Contact Alexandra for registration information.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are looking for a way to engage with the youth community, we are always looking for volunteers from the congregation to help provide dinner for our Wednesday meetings. This is a simple way to interact with our vibrant youth group. Please contact Alexandra if you are interested.



Advent Potluck — December 16

Youth are invited to join in an Advent potluck the last Wednesday meeting of the year! The main dish will be provided, youth are encouraged to bring a "Christmas Dinner" themed side to share.

Follow us on Social Media!

The Trinity Teens are on Instagram! Follow @trinityteens on Instagram for pictures and updates.

For more information about these and other Youth Ministry events, please contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org.

Episcopal & Friends LGBT Fellowship Group

The next get together is Sunday, December 6, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral at 6 p.m. All are invited to bring a dish reminiscent of Christmases past, perhaps something from childhood. Remember, this group has no agenda other than the three "Fs": fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Jim Robertson, jasBRob@aol.com, for more information.

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is a Stephen Ministry congregation. To find out more about this ministry, call 816-474-8260.



Outreach Opportunities

Make a Special Year-End Gift

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:

Maison de Naissance, the birthing home in Haiti
globalbirthinghomefoundation.org or mail donations to Global Birthing Home Foundation, 5000 W. 134th St., Leawood, KS 66209 Kansas City Episcopalian helping fellow Episcopalian in the Diocese of Haiti dramatically reduce infant mortality. Donate through the website. 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

PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

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 episcopalrelief.org. Printed catalogs and order forms are available with the Advent resources.

Heifer International

Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202.

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 heifer.org.

The Cathedral's Discretionary Fund

PO Box 412048, Kansas City, MO 64141-2048

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 or donate online at kccathedral.org.

The Cathedral Cavanaugh Memorial Fund

Grace and Holy Trinity Cavanaugh Memorial Fund at GKCCF, 1055 Broadway Ste 130, Kansas City, MO 64105 (816.842.7444) 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.

Episcopal Community Services

Please join us with your gifts by making a donation online at www.episcopalcommunity.org/promise.

A Message from Beau G. Heyen, President/CEO

Throughout my life, I have felt a calling to provide a voice to those "at-promise" in our community. As a counselor in South KC's Hickman Mills School District, I learned that it was important to remove the stigma of being "at-risk," changing the language from risk to promise. My focus became on our role as a community to provide needed resources and assistance to deliver on the promise of every person's right and ability to be a contributing member of society.

This focus, shifting to building positive relationships and opportunities for success, continued as I grew my professional experience in Dallas, Houston and NYC. Returning to Kansas City, my belief in providing the most dignity and respect possible to those in need has only grown.



Food is our most basic need. Yet often, we expect those who are hungry to pull themselves up, go to work, go stand in line to fill out paperwork, contribute to the world around them...and then we will feed them.

If we can provide a nutritious meal in a safe place we can impact their overall well-being and change their lives. The meal we provide, free of red tape, can give them the strength to interview for that job, the compassion to parent a teenager, or the physical ability to lift boxes at work.

Starting in 2016, through our partnership with Hope Faith Ministries, Kansas City Community Kitchen will not only serve lunch, but will also begin serving breakfast. To further create a safe place, full of dignity and respect, we will be switching to a restaurant-style service model, assigning volunteers to each table as waiters and hosts.

This is where we need you! Your support allows us to keep our promise: to keep our plates full of nutritious food and our neighbors engaged in a safe, supportive network of volunteers, social service providers and community partners throughout the Greater Kansas City area.

Advent 2015

Paul Mesner Puppets present: *The Nativity*

Friday, December 4 • 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 6 • 3 p.m.

(These are ticketed performances.

Visit paulmesnerpuppets.org.)



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.



Dean's Forum in Advent

9:15 a.m., Common Room

November 29: Seeing the Word: Messianic Predictions

December 6: Seeing the Word: The Birth of Christ

December 13: Seeing the Word: Word Made Flesh

On the first, second and third Sundays of Advent, we use The Saint John's Bible for reflection on the coming of Christ into the world.

Seeing the Word "seeks to ignite imaginations of all ages and help deepen the faith of Christians through reflection on Sacred Scripture in both the written form and the powerful imagery of *The Saint John's Bible*."

December 20: Book Discussion: A Hidden Wholeness

A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life
by Parker J. Palmer (Available in the Cathedral Bookstore.)

At the close of the calendar year and the start of a new church year in Advent, I invite you to consider the wisdom and practical counsel Parker Palmer offers in *A Hidden Wholeness*. You may use this book as part of your Advent journey — as an antidote to winter darkness and as a means for quiet reflection in the busiest of months. It makes a good preface for entering a new calendar year.

December 27: The Dean's Forum does not meet.

Dean's Forum in January

January 3: Seeing the Word: The Baptism of Jesus

January 10, 17, 24, & 31: Living Our Baptismal Call: Upholding the Dignity of Every Human Being

Each Sunday features a presentation by persons representing a not-for-profit helping agency, telling about their work and hands-on volunteer opportunities.

Christmas Caroling at BSP

4301 Madison Ave, Kansas City, MO 64111

December 21, 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.



Advent 2015

Handel's *Messiah*

Saturday
December 19
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.)

Musical Highlights

The Kansas City Chamber Orchestra
with The GHTC Trinity Choir present:
GLORIA!

A Baroque by Candlelight Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

(This is a ticketed performance. Use code "KCCOTEN" when
ordering to receive a \$10 discount.
Visit [kcchamberorchestra.org.](http://kcchamberorchestra.org/))

The City Come Again
Monday, December 14, 12 p.m.
(prelude begins at 11:30 a.m.)
Presented by William Jewell College

Messiah Singalong
Saturday, December 19, 4 p.m.

18th Annual Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral
Sunday, December 20, 2 p.m.
The William Baker Festival Singers
(This is a ticketed performance.
Visit [festivalsingers.org.](http://festivalsingers.org/))

Moravian Lovefeast
Sunday, December 20, 5 p.m.
(See article on page 7.)



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

Advent 2015

Moravian Lovefeast

December 20, 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

Thursday, 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

Thursday, 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

Friday, 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.



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Men's Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get together. The next date is Wednesday, December 9, at Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue — Freight House, 11:45 a.m. Our agenda is fun, food, fellowship. All are welcome. RSVP to Jim Robertson, jasBRob@aol.com, as soon as possible.

Advent and Christmas Flower Donations

Now is the time to consider making a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Help make the Cathedral as stunning as in years past. Contact Janet Sweeting, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260, ext. 144, to contribute or for more information.



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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
7:15 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
5:30 p.m. The Tallis Singers
7:00 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

Highlights for December

4 • FRIDAY

- The Nativity:* Paul Mesner Puppets
(10 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

5 • SATURDAY

- The Nativity:* Paul Mesner Puppets (2 & 5 p.m.)

6 • SUNDAY

- The Nativity:* Paul Mesner Puppets (3 p.m.)

8 • TUESDAY

- KC Chamber Orchestra Concert (7:30 p.m.)

12 • SATURDAY

- Altar Guild Work Day (9 a.m.)

14 • MONDAY

- City Come Again (William Jewell College)
(prelude begins at 11:30 a.m.)

19 • SATURDAY

- Messiah Singalong (4 p.m.)

19 • SUNDAY

- William Baker Festival Singers Concert
(2 p.m.)

- Oblate Deanery (3:30 p.m.)

- Moravian Lovefeast (5 p.m.)

21 • MONDAY

- ECS Christmas Lunch (11 a.m.)

24 • THURSDAY — CHRISTMAS EVE

- Christmas Eve Eucharist/Pageant (5 p.m.)
Christmas Eve Eucharist (10 p.m.)

25 • FRIDAY — CHRISTMAS DAY

- Christmas Day Eucharist (10:15 a.m.)

28 • MONDAY

- Buildings and Offices Closed for the Holiday

31 • THURSDAY

- New Year's Eve Service (5:30 p.m.)