FROM THE DEAN

Summer News at the Cathedral

Staff Transitions
We welcome Melissa Scheffler as our new Communications Coordinator. Melissa began in mid-June when she not only began to prepare bulletins and the summer Angelus at once, but also created a fine bulletin for the Evensong following Orlando held on Sunday, June 19. Melissa may be reached via email at communications@kccathedral.org.

Our Sacristan, Janet Sweeting, is in transition. She is moving out of her Sunday morning role at the end of June. Through the summer she will continue to handle administrative tasks such as managing the Flower Chart and Fund, scheduling of weddings and performing associated office tasks, and ordering supplies. We are seeking a new Sacristan and hope to assign the other tasks Janet has done to a new position being developed in the office.

Alexandra Connors and I have been in conversation about the hiring of a youth intern from UMKC or other local college to assist with the youth program. This position would carry a small stipend. We are using existing funds to cover this cost.

The search continues for a third priest to serve as Associate for Young Adult and Outreach. This position will complement ministry that is being developed as a result of a generous three-year grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation for work among young adults in our downtown community. A group of young adults will be meeting later this summer to develop structures and a working plan for this ministry.

Founders’ Hall Refurbishment
Work on refurbishment and repairs to Founders’ Hall is scheduled from mid-July through Labor Day. Work includes refinishing the hardwood floor, interior painting, repair of the fir wainscot, replacement of ceiling tiles, repair of movable walls, and refinishing of exterior doors. Funding for this work comes from a fund set up by Sarah and the late Landon Rowland.

Saint John’s Bible
As you have noticed as you enter the Common Room, the secure and attractive space for the Saint John’s Bible is nearly complete. We are planning a special event in September to feature the Bible and honor our donors.

It is still our hope to find donors to make possible the purchase of the seven volume set for the Cathedral and Kansas City. Catherine Green and the Dean are taking the Bibles to Bishop Spencer Place at the end of July for a special program.

Guest Preachers
We welcome the Very Reverend Doctor Don Compier, Dean of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, Topeka, who preaches Sunday, July 31. Don became Dean in July of 2014. Previously he was the founding Dean of the Community of Christ Seminary, Graceland University in 2002. He has also published more than fifteen peer-reviewed scholarly articles in the field of theology and religion, published three books and co-edited three books. The Revs. Evelyn Hornaday (7/24), retired Rector of St. Peter’s-All Saints’, Kansas City, and Carol Sanford (7/10), formerly on the Cathedral staff, preach and assist in July.

Cathedral Café
(Lower Level, Founders’ Hall)
Thank you to David Barker, Diane Barker, Bob Carlson and Jim Crum for painting the hallways this summer, just in time for visiting groups to use the space.

Cathedral Polling Place
As part of our mission to be a servant church in the heart of the city, we have become an election polling site for voters in our neighborhood. Founders’ Hall would be utilized on election days as it is fully accessible and convenient to parking. The next election date will be Tuesday, August 2.

Camp WEMO
Alexandra Connors reported that 14 young persons from Grace and Holy Trinity attended Camp WEMO earlier this month. I did not attend as previously planned due to some pressing needs in Kansas City.

Deacon Leslie Hoover
Leslie has moved to Bishop Spencer Place. She is delighted to be in her new home and would enjoy hearing from you. Her new address is 4301 Madison Ave, Kansas City, MO 64111.

—Peter
Treasurer’s Report
Cathedral Income in May trailed last year’s result due to lower pledge payments. Expenses for May were above last year’s amount due to higher property repair expenses. The net result was that the May 2016 net total was slightly negative vs. a modest monthly surplus last year. However, the Cathedral’s finances are still looking better than last year on a YTD basis.

Through May on a YTD basis, Cathedral income is running higher in 2016 than in 2015. The higher income this year is primarily due to faster pledge payments and stronger user fees. Moreover, Cathedral expenses are running below last year’s, primarily because of lower staff expenses in the Property area. Higher income and lower expenses combined to make the deficit so far this year lower than it was last year at this time. This is good news, because the first 5 months of the year are generally a time of weak income. While the Cathedral had a deficit through May of last year, it ended the year in good shape financially and we hope the same thing happens this year.

Grace & Holy Trinity’s Financial Status
As of May 2016

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The New Director of Music Search
The Search Committee for a Director of Music has been meeting since May. Members of the committee appointed by the Dean are: Diane Barker, Chair, Jay Carter, Sara Copeland, Joey DeSota, Paget Higgins, Joyce Steeby, and Mike Thomas. The Dean serves ex officio and takes an active role in this committee. We are pleased to report that in addition to this group, several persons have offered, or have been recommended, to serve on this committee. The Search Committee will involve these persons in aspects of the process as this work proceeds.

A position description for the Director of Music is ready and will soon be posted on our website. An announcement of this opening and the position description will be sent to the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Anglican Musicians, other professional groups, and graduate schools. The Director of Music description has been developed using several sources including our existing position description, ideas gathered in an interview with John Schaefer, and other position descriptions.

An electronic survey has been emailed to all in the congregation as a way of assisting the Search Committee in its work. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, which can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/musicsearch.

A Celebration and Transition Committee is being formed and will begin meeting in August to plan a fitting tribute and farewell to John for his forty years of service as Director of Music. This group will also arrange for a welcome to the new Director of Music.

Our hope is to call a new musician to lead this key area of our ministry and build on the rich legacy of music at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Please hold the Search Committee, John Schaefer, our musicians and singers, and our Cathedral community in your prayers during this time of transition.

This prayer is said at the conclusion of each Search Committee meeting:

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, p 819

Welcome to the Cathedral:
Newcomer Gathering
Sunday, August 28 • 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 Sunday, August 28, following the 10:15 worship service. We gather for refreshments and conversation in a break-out 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. We look forward to meeting you and sharing more about GHTC. For more information, please contact the Rev. Christy Dorn, cdorn@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260.
Summer Music
Looking ahead to late July and August, there are a number of fine concerts at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral:

PROMETHEUS CHORALE
July 28 • 7:30 p.m.

HEARTLAND SUMMER ACADEMY
August 4 • 7 p.m., August 5 • 7 p.m., and August 6 • 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

KC VITAs CHAMBER CHOIR
First Summer Music at the Cathedral series
August 7 • 2 p.m.

ANNE-MARIE BROWN & LAWRENCE FIGG
Second series concert
August 14 • 2 p.m.

THE SUMMER SINGERS of KANSAS CITY
Third series concert
August 21 • 2 p.m.

THE FRENCH ORGAN FESTIVAL
Last series concert
August 28 • 1 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Trinity Choir Tour
Members of the Trinity Choir leave for Great Britain on the afternoon of Saturday, July 9. Some of the musicians would welcome transportation assistance getting to the airport as well as from the airport on Monday, July 25. If you can help, please contact Canon Schaefer at 816-214-9928. He will put you in touch with singers who have asked for help.

The Choir arrives in London Sunday morning, July 10 and will go to Exeter via Salisbury. There the choir will sing services daily except Wednesday. On Monday, July 18 they proceed to Norwich and sing services daily except Wednesday. It is quite a responsibility to fill the musical shoes of the Cathedral Choirs, but we are well prepared to do so. We ask for your prayers as we sing our daily services.

Exeter Cathedral Nave, Exeter, UK.
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The Milwaukee Children’s Choir
The Milwaukee Children’s Choir visited the Cathedral June 25-26. Thank you to David Pierson and the volunteers who provided the ice cream social. A special thanks to all the host families who provided these children with a place to stay during their visit.

—Canon John Schaefer
May & June Flowers, to the Glory of God …

May
• In honor of Carla McNair—Richard & Anne Morse
• In thanksgiving for our family—Premkumar & Caroline John
• In memory of Stephen Pla and thanksgiving for Deante Finnie and Daniel Harris—Jackye & Joe Finnie

May 8
• In honor of our grandson, Lukas McLeroy—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
• In memory of Tully Moss—Ruth Moss
• In thanksgiving for Betty Frech & Ruth Welch—Bob & Linda Carlson

May 15
• In thanksgiving for the wedding of LëToya Davis & Andrew O’Donnell
• In thanksgiving for Roger & Joyce Sweeting—Ric & Janet Sweeting
• In memory of Frances Satterfield—Sam Satterfield
• In honor of our family—Phineas & LaGretta Gitta

May 22
• In thanksgiving for our daughter, Betsy Leonard—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
• In honor of GHTC youth and all of our graduates—GHTC
• In honor of John Kicker—Phineas & LaGretta Gitta

May 29
• In memory of my father, Leslie L. Shaw—Shawsie Branton
• In thanksgiving for our son & daughter-in-law, Brad & Kathleen McLeroy—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
• In memory of David Ludwig—Dorothy & Sam Gershman
• In thanksgiving for Curtis Hamilton—Jackye, Joe & Deante Finnie

June
• In honor of our grandson, Hank Leonard—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
• In thanksgiving for the wedding of Elyse Nelson & Joe Costa
• In honor of Nancy Smith—Douglas & Cecelia McNair
• In thanksgiving for our daughters; Winifred & Deborah, and our grandsons; John & Kicker—Phineas & LaGretta Gitta

June 8
• In thanksgiving for Carson August Walker Finet on his birthday—Ruth Finet
• In loving memory of Bill Bucker—Barbara & Bob Bucker

June 19
• In thanksgiving for Matt & Kim DeVeau on their anniversary—Peter & Mary DeVeau
• In thanksgiving for the wedding of Alisia Ellis & Kellen Markovitch
• In loving memory of Jack Frech & Eric Carlson—Robert & Linda Carlson
• In thanksgiving for Rhoda & Pineto’s anniversary—Phineas & LaGretta Gitta

June 26
• In memory of my husband, William Coleman Reed—Shawsie Branton
• In honor of Pat & Kay Wooley’s anniversary—Kay Wooley
• In memory of Mary Shaw (Shawsie) Branton

Prayer Candles for May donated by Doug & Cecelia McNair.

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.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame
Join other parishioners and invite friends to a Royals vs. New York Yankees game on Wednesday, August 31, beginning at 5:45 p.m. We will start with a buffet picnic in the Plaza Party Porch area. Food includes unlimited cheeseburgers, hot dogs, mad & cheese, soft drinks, bottled water, chips and cookies. There will be a cash bar for other beverages. The cost is $51.00 per person and we are limited to 30 seats in the picnic area. Contact Jim Robertson to reserve your spot, jasrob@aol.com.
Habitat for Humanity, the House of Abraham, and Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Do you have a generous heart for others in need, and do you have hands that follow your giving heart? If so, we have a great opportunity for you!

As we all know, affordable safe housing is a real issue for many who live in Kansas City. For the tenth year in a row, the Cathedral is partnering with others in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim community in KC to build or rehab a house on the east side of Kansas City for a deserving family. This year, the home is located at 3035 Highland. The cooperative effort is called the “House that Abraham Builds” since all three faiths hold Abraham as a special person of faith.

Our Social Outreach committee has already given financial support, and this same group provided a great lunch for a large work crew on a Saturday in June. Now we need your hands! No great skills needed (although we can use those, too). To be part of this wonderful project you need to be 16 years old, and willing to work and learn with others. Crews work with Habitat for Humanity supervision Wednesdays through Saturdays until the end of August.

Contact Larry Ehren, lgehren@yahoo.com, to volunteer.
Donate School Supplies
The Social Action Committee is collecting school supplies for the children of Saint Luke's Crittenton Children's Center. All types of supplies are needed, including loose-leaf paper, composition notebooks (non-spiral), pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, dry erase markers, glue sticks, glue bottles, yellow highlighters, rulers, and pink rectangle erasers. Donated items may be brought to the Cathedral between now and August 7. Thank you so much for your generosity!

August Paper Drive
The August paper drive will benefit Restoration House, a shelter for those who want out of human trafficking. We will be collecting paper towels, kleenex and all sizes of zip-lock bags. The drive will start the second Sunday in August and run through Labor Day.

Volunteers Needed
Help the families at Sheffield Place on Saturday, July 16. Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner. Contact Terri Curran, tcurra2@yahoo.com, to sign up.

Thank You for Onesies
Outreach Ministries thanks everyone who gave onesies for the newborns at Maison de Naissance in Haiti. On Monday, June 6, Terri Curran and Marian Philip delivered 212 onesies to Jim Grant, Executive Director of Global Birthing Home Foundation. He was thankful to receive them. The onesies will be delivered to MN in July.

Monthly Lunch Bunch
Men and women of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get-together. The next date is Wednesday, July 6 at Californos, 4124 Pennsylvania Avenue in Westport, 11:45 a.m. All are welcome and please invite friends! RSVP to Jim Robertson, jasbrob@aol.com, as soon as possible.
Youth Update

Camp WeMo was Awesome!
A great group of Cathedral youth joined with junior and senior high campers across the diocese this summer for annual Camp WeMO outside of Ash Grove, MO. Thank you to everyone that supported us with prayers as we gathered in God’s creation!

Summer Sunday Morning Fellowship
During the summer months, youth in grades 6-12 are invited for donuts and fellowship at 9:45 a.m. by the youth room once a month. See you at our next “Donut Club,” Sunday, July 10.

Register for MissionPalooza!
MissionPalooza, the annual week of mission in our local community, is coming up July 26-31 at St. Paul’s KCMO. High school youth are encouraged to attend this fun, meaningful week of service and community. Learn more and register at youth.diowestmo.org.

Volunteers needed for MissionPalooza Dinner!
Every summer for the past 16 years, high school youth from across the diocese have gathered together for a week in the summer to serve our local community during MissionPalooza. Area churches provide meals to these hardworking youth and the Cathedral is scheduled to provide dinner on Wednesday, July 27. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal, serve, and clean up after the meal.

Please email youthformation@kccathedral.org to be added to the list of volunteers!

Questions?
Please reach out to Alexandra, youthformation@kccathedral.org, with any questions or to be added to our weekly youth e-mail list.

Family and Children’s Ministry News

Take Out Church
Check out the “Take Out Church” boxes available in Founders’ Hall. They contain activities designed to help your family grow spiritually and have fun as you travel this summer. Traveling light? Individual Flat Jesus figures are available, too.

Children’s Formation July Series: Kids and Prayer
Children age four through fourth grade are invited to attend sessions centered around this DVD during the regular Children’s Chapel time at the 10:15 a.m. service. This four-part series was created by Rachel G. Hackenberg, a minister in the United Church of Christ and author of several devotional books. Each segment includes children speaking in their own words about prayer and a “field trip” to places such as a monastery, the New England Patriots’ stadium, and a lighthouse.

July 3—no Children’s Formation
July 10—What Is Prayer?
July 17—Why Do We Pray?
July 24—How Do We Pray?
July 31—Where Do We Pray?

Back-to-School Blessing: August 21
School starts in August for many students, teachers, administrators and parents. You are invited to bring your backpack or other school supplies and receive a blessing as you begin another academic year.

Children’s Formation Open House: August 21, 11:45 a.m., Haden Hall
All are invited to visit the Godly Play room and Children’s Chapels while enjoying coffee hour refreshments. We will bless the spaces where our children worship and a Godly Play story will be told.
Coming Soon

July 6 • 11:45 a.m.
Monthly Lunch Bunch

July 13 • 7 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training

July 17 • 2 p.m.
High School Masterworks Chorus Concert

July 20 • 7:30 a.m.
Finance Committee

August 2 • 5 a.m.
Election Day

August 3 • 11:45 a.m.
Monthly Lunch Bunch

August 10 • 7 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training

August 25 • 5:30 p.m.
Vestry

August 28 • 11:30 a.m.
Newcomer Gathering

For the Summer Music schedule, see page 3.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

What is Cursillo?

• an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality
• a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him.
• an experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment
• a continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

The Weekend:
Cursillo includes a three-day weekend that begins on Thursday evening, September 8, and concludes on Sunday, September 11. The weekend includes fifteen talks, five meditations and a Eucharist every day.

The Cursillo weekend is not a retreat, but an opportunity to meet clergy and laity seeking to strengthen our faith. It provides an environment to experience the reality of the gift of God’s love through shared prayer, individual meditation, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and unconditional love.

After the Weekend:
Each person returning from a weekend is encouraged to join in the activities “the Fourth Day” Community. The purpose of this community is to give strength and support to each other as we grow in faith and develop our unique gifts of ministry.

What’s expected of participants?

• To be open and willing to respond to what you experience, to share your feelings with others, and allow them to share theirs with you.
• To make a genuine effort to discover where you are and where or how you can grow in your Christian life.
• To feel secure in the knowledge that you are accepted where you are and as you are, and to know that a specific response is not expected of you.

Cursillo Inquiries: Joy Bower, Lay Rector – bjbower@swbell.net