

# Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

## The Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri



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# Agenda

- I. Prayer
- II. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
- III. Appointment of Clerk for the Annual Meeting
- IV. Appointment of Chancellor
- V. Appointment of Election Tellers
- VI. Thanks and Appreciation

*Vestry members completing terms:*

Cheryl McDonald	Jeannette Nichols	Sarah Rowland	
Kathy Jennings	Robin Rusconi	John Jennings	Whitney Kerr, Jr

- VII. Report of the Vestry Nominating Committee
- VIII. Election of New Vestry Class
- IX. Financial Reports for 2005
- X. Presentation on the 2006 Budget
- XI. The Dean's Address
- XII. Election Report
- XIII. Adjournment

*Annual Vestry Meeting convenes to elect officers in the Multipurpose Room 10 minutes following adjournment of the Annual Meeting.*

# From the Senior Warden

## *Michael Thomas*

A few short years ago, a strategic planning committee was formed under the wise direction of the Senior Warden, Al Mauro, to identify priorities for the growth of our ministry here at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Among the highest priorities identified were to grow our ministry to children and youth, and to hire additional staff to support the vision for expanded ministry in the Church. Great strides were made to accomplish both in 2005, and they remain priorities for 2006.

The parishioners of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral pledged a record amount of income for 2005, and as is the history of our congregation, we realized approximately 96% of what was pledged. Added to this amount were unbudgeted gifts from parishioners that allowed us to keep pace with our budgeted expenses throughout the year. The faithfulness and support of the parish has been truly gratifying. We added a full-time Director of Children's Christian Formation, DeAnn McTavish, at the beginning of 2006. The Reverend Ben Newland was called away in the middle of the year and Dean White called a person to the staff to assume an expanded role as Canon Pastor and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral. Canon Sue Sommer supports the Dean ably with considerable administrative and pastoral skills and years of experience as a rector. She is joined by The Reverend Carol Sanford who we share with the Diocese of West Missouri. The Reverend Canon Linda Yeager was made a Canon of the Cathedral in recognition of her vital ministry. Our deacons, The Reverend Brian England and the Reverend Bruce Hall, and lay staff extend the ministry of our community every day in ways that touch lives well beyond our walls. We give thanks for them.

In 2006 the Youth committee will present plans for staffing and growing our ministry to young people. We have increased the budget for youth and Church school. We have initiated an outreach program to let our neighbors know that they are welcome among us. We have also changed our priorities in the way we fund outreach and have built in a significant budget line for social action and outreach. Moreover, the Vestry is working hard on governance reforms that will provide for broader participation and transparency in the affairs of Cathedral life.

Finally, thanks to our Dean, The Very Reverend Terry White. With a light hand on the rudder, he has brought a great sense of joy and optimism to our work as he leads in ministry. It has been a great privilege to serve as your Senior Warden this year and to work with such a talented and committed Vestry. We welcome the involvement and participation of everyone in the parish as we continue to define our ministry to the city in 2006.

# From the Junior Warden

## *Charles “Bud” McDowell*

I would like to thank all members of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for allowing me to serve as your Junior Warden this past year. As Dick Fanolio points out in the report of the Building and Grounds Committee we have accomplished many things. However, there are still many things to do. This wonderful campus that serves as our church home is an eclectic collection of old and new, requiring constant work and care. One of the biggest challenges we have is keeping the facility up to date with the latest technology while not losing the charm and grace of our century-old building. We have non-replaceable treasures to guard which are constantly being attacked by termites, dry rot, the sun’s ultra-violet rays, and ice melt from the parking lot. It is a constant job to keep the floors shiny, the grass trimmed, and the space comfortable—all as efficiently as possible so we might conserve our resources to be able to do the work God has given us to do.

I would like not only to recognize Willie Redditt and his staff, but also to extend a real sincere “thank you” to Julie Toma, Joan Bock and David Stoll whose handling of problems on-the-spot keep the church running as smoothly as possible. It is a king-sized challenge to make the campus available to all who come with a good cause and yet not have two groups in the same room at the same time.

We are constantly seeking ways to make the campus inviting and friendly to all, offering a spiritual, pleasant and meaningful place of worship as well as serving as a community stronghold. Many of you may not realize how many non-parish events take place here at 13th and Broadway. On a weekly basis we provide meeting space for the KC Symphony Chorus, the Heartland Men’s Chorus, Fine Arts Chorale, Alcoholics Anonymous, Men’s Enrichment Network and the Argus Prayer Group. In addition to the weekly use of the facility there are both monthly and annual events which take place on our campus such as St. Luke’s College of Nursing graduation ceremony, the American Guild of Organists’ Bachathon, the Humane Society Art Unleashed event, and the West Central Choir Festival (high school choirs). As the Cathedral Church of The Diocese of West Missouri we host numerous diocesan events each year. As you can see, the staff at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral does a bang-up job of helping us do the things we are meant to do. So the next time you speak to one of the staff members on the phone or ask for help with something you are working on, give him or her a sincere thanks for all the work they do for us.

# Ministry Reports

## Adult Christian Formation

*Valerie Johnson*

### Sunday Morning Formation Classes

Sunday mornings took on a different look as we began simultaneously-scheduling classes at 9:15 a.m. for adults. The former “Adult Forum” has now extended beyond a September through May calendar because of the continued interest throughout the summer months. The classes have now been structured in series format that generally run from 2-4 weeks. This format is intended to provide topics that invite meaningful discussion and participation while enabling participants to immerse themselves in an area, rather than varying topics and speakers from week to week. The classes have ranged from seasonal series to ministry development topics and continued faith formation opportunities.

Other classes that emerged this past year included: a religious book study group and lectionary study group. In combination, these classes will continue to help those who prefer to study scripture, theology or special topics or particular books of interest.

This line up of classes may vary as the needs/interests vary. This area of ministry is intended to be flexible and responsive to the needs of our parish from year to year.

This year’s Catechumenate class also took on a new look as we built upon the previous “Episcopal 101” class with a recently purchased curriculum, entitled *The Discovery Series*. The new curriculum now contains a more formal outline and lasts 8 weeks. It is entitled, “A Christian Journey” Although it is intended for those new to the Church and who are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception or reaffirmation; it is also a great overview for those who just want to learn more about their tradition. This class is led by clergy of GHTC. It is offered once in the Fall and once in the Winter, just prior to Easter.

Another recently purchased curriculum, entitled “Via Media” will also be offered as an option for those who are unchurched or new to the Episcopal church. It may also be offered on Sunday mornings or evenings in 2006.

### New Members

At the 2005 Easter Vigil, several adults became members of GHTC through the Rites of Confirmation and Reception. Individuals are asked to attend the Catechumenate class (*A Christian Journey*) and participate in a one-day retreat held at GHTC. At this year’s Easter Vigil, 10 were confirmed; 2 received and 1 reaffirmed.

### Lenten Academy

We continue to commit ourselves to the covenant of Christian reunion as we join our neighbors at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (CIC) for prayer, study and social activities. Lenten Academy, jointly planned with CIC, generally includes the offering of 4-5 separate classes over four weeks. Children’s classes are also offered and nursery care is available. Classes have been led by clergy, Cathedral members and outside speakers. The Wednesday night program includes: evening prayer, a simple meal and classes. Meals are prepared by various ministry groups and the monetary donations (registration fees) collected at the Academy are distributed to them to offset cost and assist with meeting their goals. General attendance numbers ranged from 120 to 150 in 2005, similar to 2004.

### Advent

Wednesday evening classes in Advent have continued to be a wonderful, peaceful way to prepare for the Christmas season. This year, we included a light meal, classes and Compline. Led by clergy and laity, three separate classes were offered for adults. General attendance ranged from 25 to 35 in 2004; this year, 35-50 attended.

## Small Group Ministry

An extremely important element of our faith formation opportunities has been found in the small group ministries. These groups offer fellowship, study and support for one another. Faith formation is not just on Sundays and during special liturgical seasons. Small groups have been valuable and an integral part of faith formation for parish members (and non-members) on *all* days of the week. Many members of small groups and Education for Ministry (EfM) have led the above-mentioned classes and are vital in this area overall. We have been blessed with many members who have offered and shared their time, talents and knowledge with us.

Adult Christian Formation has expanded this year and we hope to offer more opportunities that will meet the needs of our diverse parish. Further, in 2006, GHTC will host additional special events that will invite neighbors to gather for study, conversation and fellowship. As always, we welcome suggestions and seek opportunities that will serve the greater community.

## Altar Guild

*Betty Phillips*

Altar Guild members are men and women who care for the altar, the vestments and other items needed for the celebration of the Eucharist and liturgical activities. These include not just the Holy Eucharist, but also Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and at special occasions when the Bishop officiates at the Cathedral. Members serve on teams and are scheduled for specific times. Every effort is made to accommodate assignments to personal and work schedules. If interested, contact me through the Cathedral office.

## Buildings and Grounds Committee

*Richard Fanolio*

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is involved with the maintenance of the Cathedral campus, which includes Haden Hall, the Parish House, the Nave, Founders' Hall and the surrounding grounds. The major accomplishments of 2005 include:

- The boiler in Founders' Hall was rebuilt to the specifications given to us by W.L. Cassell. Their engineering work on the project was most generously done at no charge to the church. This should remedy the occasional problems we have had with the heating system since 1999.
- The Cathedral parking lots were sealed and striped last spring by Seal-o-Matic. It had been more than three years since we had done anything to the asphalt driveways.
- Our in-house staff repainted the Children's Chapel in Haden Hall. This makes for a very inviting worship space.
- We changed the placement of certain pews in the Nave for better handicap access. This now allows us to have three locations for wheelchairs.
- C&M Restorations, Inc. was hired to carry out the necessary measures to preserve the sandstone reredos in the diocesan close.
- Complete Concrete, Inc., replaced part of the concrete sidewalk that leads into the cross hall adjacent to Haden Hall and the Parish House.
- The Parish House office space was reconfigured to accommodate staff additions. Two offices received carpet, the Tower office received a fresh coat of paint and lighting was added to one office.
- The Youth Room was enlarged by B&B design to make a larger meeting available. It was fitted with new fluorescent lighting and painted with rich liturgical colors picked by the youth. Since the room size was enlarged, new carpet was installed. Also, all of the partial glass walls were removed from the nursery and Junior Children's Chapel. Bud McDowell made and installed wall cabinets in the nursery.

Joan Bock then painted part of the nursery in bright, cheerful colors. The additions will make Haden Hall more useable for our expanding ministries.

- The lower floor of Founders' Hall was repainted by Dayco Painting. Oak chair rails were added to the hallway and Multipurpose Room to protect the walls. Carpet was also installed to make the room a more inviting meeting area.
- The Kansas City Community Kitchen walls were repaired and repainted before operation of the kitchen was turned over to Episcopal Community Services.
- The gardens at the Cathedral are a labor of love by Marie Whitaker and Sandra and Al Mauro. They spend countless hours of planning, planting and maintaining the gardens to make our surroundings beautiful. If you would like to help with the upkeep of the gardens, contact Marie Whitaker and she will happily help you discover the joy of gardening.
- Willie Redditt, sexton supervisor, and his staff do an excellent job managing the cleaning and upkeep of our buildings. They also facilitate the many varied room setups for the countless meetings that take place on our campus every day.

Items we will consider in 2006:

- Repairing brick work in the close and solve the drainage problems
- Prepare and paint the perimeter wrought iron fence and gates surrounding the Cathedral campus
- Paint and repair the louvers and wood scrollwork in the Tower
- Refurbish the Marie Allaman fountain
- Paint the interior walls in Founders' Hall

## Cancer Support Group

*The Rev. Bryan England*

The Cancer Support Group celebrated the continuing recoveries of existing and new members this year. We changed the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. to ease finding a parking spot in our ever-busy cathedral. Since we're now meeting so early, we also are incorporating a communal meal with the sharing of our personal victories and set-backs.

The Cancer Support Group is always welcoming to new members, though we would not suggest getting the disease just to join the group. We also welcome anyone who loves someone struggling with cancer, or who just wants to be supportive of those who are. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the Common Room. Contact Linda England at (816) 252-2359 for more information.

## Cathedral Bookstore

*John Turpin and Phyllis Biddle*

The mission of the Cathedral Bookstore is to provide a source of religious books and gifts, most relating to the Anglican/Christian tradition, to enhance the spiritual lives of the parishioners and clergy of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and members within our Diocesan community.

The Cathedral Bookstore is a ministry of Grace and Holy Trinity that has survived and thrived due to the tireless dedication of an all-volunteer staff and the support of the congregation.

The Cathedral Bookstore began as a small gift shop selling primarily prayer books and bibles. These items were in inventory for a long time – and a significant portion were subsequently placed on clearance or donated to remove the stock.

Since September 2001, the Bookstore has greatly expanded its inventory to include literature primarily relating to the Anglican/Christian tradition plus a wide variety of gifts, CDs and greeting cards.

In two years, we have increased our sales by providing a large inventory from which to select. Sales have also been enhanced due to a dedicated volunteer staff that has committed to the establishment of consistent store hours and staffing of special Cathedral events.

The products currently being sold in the bookstore are:

- Books of Common Prayer
- Bibles
- Study Guides and Commentaries
- Varied literature from fiction to nonfiction – most relating to Anglican/Christian tradition
- Children's Books
- Gift items – including jewelry, pottery, paintings, figurines, CD recordings, greeting and note cards

We are open Sundays after both morning services, after the 5 p.m. service on the first Sunday of the month and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesdays. Feel free to drop by and browse and let us know if you have an interest in volunteering with us!

## Cathedral Caregivers

*The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager*

Cathedral Caregivers is a group within the church whose ministry is reaching out to the needs of the membership through food, fellowship, prayer, and other special areas.

Food for Folks provides meals to people who are ill or who have lost a loved one. We strive to call on parishioners throughout the metropolitan area who make and deliver meals or portions of meals. It is our hope that we can continue to care for our parishioners with the gift of food during times of illness or grief.

Tape Ministry participants tape our worship services each Sunday and at other special services. Virgil Burke coordinates these volunteers, who also duplicate these tapes and send them to shut-ins. Currently eight people work on this ministry. In 2006 we hope to continue to provide this service and to expand the list of those desiring tapes.

The major task of the Special Needs ministry, under the leadership of Peg Brown, has been to coordinate rides to church for those who are unable to drive to worship. This ministry provides a valuable resource to those who would not be able to participate regularly. In 2006 we hope to continue to find and respond to all the special needs of the congregation.

Requests to the Prayer Chain average about ten to fifteen a week, with numbers varying depending on need. This group of about 18, led by Judy Rice, prays for each individual for a period of four weeks. A brief description of the need of recipient is given to each prayer chain member and acknowledgment is sent to person who requested the prayers. This team prays regularly and with great commitment for a variety of needs within the parish. The prayer list is also listed in each week's Sunday bulletin so that the entire congregation can pray for those who have requested prayers. We hope to continue this ministry in 2006 and expand the membership.

Notes Card and Calls are an important branch of Cathedral Caregivers. Clint Haberland and her team of four send notes or cards to the ill, shut-ins, the bereaved, or those celebrating joyous occasions in their lives. This is done on a regular weekly/monthly basis and is wonderful personal ministry to our congregation.

Cathedral Greeters are those people who volunteer to welcome people before each service. They stand in the Tower and offer information and meet newcomers, offering them a bag of information. About twelve people serve as greeters at this time. This is another area that we seek to grow and expand.

As a total entity, the Cathedral Caregivers seek to increase their ministry to the congregation and find new ways to communicate their services. Anyone interested in participating in or taking a leadership role in these ministries may call Linda Yeager at the church office, 816-474-8260.

# Centering Prayer Small Group

*Ruth Evans*

## About the Group

- The Centering Prayer Small Group began meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, in response to requests from those who attended a Contemplative Prayer workshop at the Cathedral in Nov., 2002. We will soon celebrate our third-year anniversary as a group.
- There are at least 35 people who have attended one or more group meetings and have placed their names on the group's contact list to be notified of group events and meeting-related items.
- Average weekly attendance at Centering Prayer group meetings is 3 to 6 people.
- Group members include both members and non-members of the Cathedral.
- Anyone who wishes to try centering prayer is welcome. Newcomers who do not have any background in the method of centering prayer or meditative practices and will be provided with a brief introduction to this very simple method of prayer.

## Our Purpose

The purpose of the Centering Prayer Small Group is to provide spiritual support, fellowship, and information on a regular basis to those who wish to incorporate contemplative prayer into their busy lives.

## Format of Meetings

The group generally meets on twice per month on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. in the Common Room. The meeting dates are determined by the group in advance and announced in the bulletin, as well by email to the group members.

Meeting agenda:

3:30 p.m. Greetings

3:45 p.m. Opening prayer/psalm

20 minute period of Centering Prayer

4:10 p.m. Group business, scheduling issues, participant questions and sharing

4:20 p.m. Formation: Group reading and discussion of a book or viewing a video relating to contemplative prayer. The group sometimes practices Lectio Divina during the formation period.

5:00 p.m. Close

The group facilitator, Ruth Evans, received training in facilitating a weekly centering prayer group from Contemplative Outreach, a spiritual network on the local, regional, national, and international level which provides training, information, educational materials for weekly centering prayer groups in support of people who wish to practice and learn more about centering prayer.

Currently, the group is watching and discussing a series of videotapes, *The Spiritual Journey*, by Thomas Keating. The videotapes explore the contemplative dimension of the Gospel and the rich, centuries-long Christian tradition of contemplative prayer, together with insights from modern psychology which relate to our spiritual journey as Christians.

Members of the group have purchased and donated to the Cathedral library a set of six introductory videos about Centering Prayer by Thomas Keating. Anyone who wishes more information about centering prayer may borrow them through Deacon Linda Yeager or may come to one of our meetings.

## Our Hopes for the Coming Year

- To continue sharing the spiritual journey in community through the practice of contemplative prayer as we feel called to deepen our relationship with God.

- To expand our knowledge of the Christian contemplative tradition.
- To continue providing information and support to those who wish to practice contemplative prayer.
- To serve as a resource for those who need information about retreats, activities and topics related to contemplative prayer.

## Children's Christian Education

*DeAnn McTavish*

Children's Formation, in 2005, embodied a program of active faith discovery, for children ages three to thirteen, and an ever-increasing partnership with diverse groups within the Cathedral membership. Formation in 2005 extended beyond the four walls of the classroom as activities emphasizing cooperation, appreciation and stewardship were established.

Sixty five children are registered in formation classes for 2005-2006 with visitors adding to this number. The response to our programs, from children and parents, has been most gratifying, with increased attendance, as families are now familiar with the 9:15 a.m. start time. We often hear that it is the children who prompt their parents to bring them to formation. The Cathedral's children don't want to miss a Sunday!

*Godly Play* and *All Things New* curriculums as well as Children's Chapels marked first anniversaries in the classroom in 2005. We have two, dedicated, volunteer teachers in each room, a majority of whom attended the Cathedral's sexual misconduct prevention training, conducted by Canon Sommer, in November 2005. Teachers and chapel leaders unable to attend in 2005 will be scheduled for training in 2006. *Godly Play* teachers attended a one-day *Godly Play* workshop in August 2005, hosted by Children's Formation. Teachers and Chapel leaders took part in "brainstorming" meetings with staff to discuss issues pertaining to their area of leadership. Many wonderful additions to rooms and chapels occurred this year, including appropriate shelving for the pre-kindergarten room, additional manipulatives for both *Godly Play* rooms which allow a wider range of work on more stories and fresh and varied art supplies for all rooms. A formation community bulletin board and flyer racks for hymns and parent pages were placed in the big hall. We continue to support three foster children through Plan USA and emphasize the needs of the communities in which John, Vinod and Gladys live.

The *All Things New* class (grades 3-5) focused on learning the books and sections of the Bible with assistance from visual aids purchased for the class. Pre-confirmation (grades 6-8) classes are taught by clergy on a rotating schedule. The classes have centered primarily on comprehension of *The Book of Common Prayer*. In Children's Chapel, which follows the lectionary, an increased understanding of the order of service, revised to include the Lord's Prayer, and appropriate liturgical responses are being witnessed in the children as they familiarize themselves with the service. A generous contribution allowed for the purchase of banners and altar linens to reflect the colors of all church seasons, providing not only a visually stimulating environment but a tangible, teaching tool to reflect changes during the Church year.

Children's Formation, in 2005, forged a number of relationships with many elements of Cathedral life. Our clergy participate in an ongoing "getting to know you" series, in which they describe different aspects of their duties and answer questions from the children. A "Hymn of the Month" was selected by the Director of Music, Canon John Schaefer, and the Grace Choraliers' Director, Malinda McCasland, was taught to all children beginning last fall. This newly-formed partnership between the Cathedral choir directors and Children's Formation has enriched the lives of the children by introducing them to glorious, sacred hymns and connecting them to the Holy Eucharist, in which they enter at The Peace, with music they can identify. The hymn, learned by all ages, is also sung in Children's Chapel and is heard again during or after communion. We began posting pictures of and praying for Cathedral members in the Armed Services. The Building and Grounds Committee made possible the removal of aging, glass partition tops and replaced them with safer, solid sheetrock in the Junior Children's Chapel. The number of chapel homily leaders increased from five to nine, volunteers primarily comprising parishioners with adult or no children. All of the Advent workshop tables this year were staffed by members of

the Couples' Bible Study. In response to the needs of hearing impaired members of the Cathedral, Children's Formation engaged a sign language interpreter for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Our ministry grows as we reach out to one another!

Children's Formation sponsored a ten-week Summer 2005 Vacation Bible School program with a construction theme. An average of nineteen children attended and worked on the Gospel of Luke, constructed a "humble house", watched themed puppet shows (acted by fellow children) participated in plays, created family stepping stones and enjoyed "celebration sundaes."

Children's Formation assumed the responsibility of the annual Halloween themed "Trunk or Treat" and organized more activities such as carnival games, pumpkin painting, a morality play performed by the youth group and piñatas. The event was featured in a front page photograph in *The Kansas City Star*.

A Junior Stewardship luncheon, held on Commitment Sunday, defined the many aspects of stewardship through books read by older children and a relay race which included "stops" along the route to simulate the contribution of money, tidying-up after one's self and others and caring for items used during a worship service. The Advent workshop, hosted by Children's Formation, on Advent 1, held over ten tables with crafts of jewelry, ornaments and Advent wreaths with fresh greenery and featured a cake walk with "sweet" donations from Cathedral members..

The Christmas Eve Pageant was truly a blessed experience for everyone! The dedication and hard work of the children showed and the commitment to formation programs by their parents, Pageant Director Malinda McCasland, Assistant Director Lenette Johnson and numerous volunteers was apparent with a beautiful re-telling of the birth of Jesus during the 5:00 p.m. service. The children happily learned the hymns, during the last ten minutes of class over five weeks, including sign language taught by a parent. The children diligently practiced together after service on three Sundays and one Saturday morning. They were so confident and comfortable with what they were doing, which is very important to children, that it allowed them to fully inhabit and experience the story.

Our hope for Children's Formation in 2006 will be to:

- maintain and grow our membership and programs
- provide additional training for our teachers
- focus on the many forms of stewardship
- develop a children's faith discovery play area in Haden Hall.

## Dinner Small Group

*Donna Knoell and Jim Royer*

The Dinner Small Group at Grace and Holy Trinity has been functioning since October 2000. In its fifth year, the Dinner Group has enjoyed another very successful year, with members gathering once each month to enjoy a delicious meal in the homes of members. The group normally meets on Sunday evenings, but on occasion, to accommodate the wishes and preferences of members, it meets on an alternate night. The group has grown significantly since its inception. At present there are some 26 people in the group.

For our dinners, the host provides the main course and beverages, and other members provide accompaniments to the meal.

The purpose of the Dinner Small Group is to become better acquainted with parishioners and to enjoy fellowship and a good meal together. That purpose has been richly fulfilled, as members have become caring friends, instead of individuals who once saw each other only from a distance on Sunday mornings

In July, the group met at Shawnee Mission Park to attend The Theater in the Park performance of Singin' in the Rain. For this outing, the group had a picnic, as well as an outstanding theater performance.

We welcome new members, and are particularly delighted to have those new members who have joined us this year! If you would like to become a member of the Dinner Small Group, just let the coordinators know of your interest, and they will gladly assign you to a group.

## Education for Ministry

*Gary Hicks and The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager*

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year course in theological education sponsored the University of the south in Sewanee, Tennessee. Completion of the program takes four years, during which participants study the Bible, church history and twentieth century theology. Participants commit one year at a time to meet weekly in seminars led by trained mentors. EfM provides a comprehensive, experiential education in the foundations and message of our Christian faith.

One aspect of this course is theological reflection, which asks the participants to use the information acquired and relate it to their lives. In this way, one's own ministry is explored and enlarged. Consequently, participants become aware of and equipped for ministry.

We find EfM students active in many lay ministries: church school, Children's Chapel, Eucharistic Visitors, lectors, small group facilitators, acolytes, leaders of hospitality, Cathedral Caregivers, and others. It is difficult to measure the extent of ministry that comes from active participants in EfM.

Education is the primary ministry of EfM itself. In addition, EfM mentors serve as instructors in the Cathedral's adult education programs. EfM participants contribute to the Kansas City Community Kitchen and are involved in other outreach programs.

This year twenty-three people from the Cathedral and five other parishes participate in EfM under the direction of three mentors. Three students graduated in 2005 after completing the four-year program: Dee Cameron, Leigh Dennert, and John Hornbeck. Our hope for 2006 and beyond is to continue to grow in ministry through education, sharing, encouragement and examination of our spiritual lives in reflection of scripture.

For more information about EfM, please contact Gary Hicks or Deacon Linda Yeager.

## Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

*The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager*

The sacramental ministry of offering the chalice at Eucharist was cherished and practiced by 25 members of the Cathedral in 2005. Eucharistic Ministers participated in all three Sunday services, as well as special services during Holy Week, Christmas, Easter and other church occasions. They also participated in weddings and funerals. Each Eucharistic Minister receives training and is licensed by the diocese. The Eucharistic Ministers follow a schedule of assignments and serve as chalice bearers approximately once every four to six weeks.

The ministry of reading scripture and prayers during services was carried out by about 35 Cathedral members in 2005. They participated in all three services on Sundays, in weddings and funerals, and in special services during the year. These lectors receive training, are licensed by the diocese, and follow a schedule of assignments. Each participant reads approximately once every six weeks. During the week preceding the assignment, a lector receives a copy of the scripture that will be read. Those reading Prayers of the People can preview the reading before the service.

These dedicated lay people offer a ministry of sacrament, scripture, prayer and presence at the worship services in the Cathedral. In 2006, we hope to continue this ministry among those who already serve and those who find God calling them to this ministry.

## Eucharistic Visitors

*The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager*

There are currently 17 active Eucharistic Visitors in our congregation, serving approximately 14 shut-ins with communion monthly or more frequently.

The first canon allowing lay people to take the Eucharist to ill and infirm members of their congregation was

passed by General Convention in 1985. Diocesan bishops set guidelines. In our diocese, Eucharistic Visitors are selected by the deacons in the church and trained by them for the ministries of healing, presence and hope that they take with them as they distribute communion to those who are unable to come to church. The kits are given to the Eucharistic Visitors at the end of the Eucharist and contain both bread and wine that was consecrated on that day. Therefore, those receiving communion are sharing in the same consecrated elements as those receiving Eucharist attending church that day.

Eucharistic Visitors (EVs) follow a schedule, and most serve one Sunday a month. The EV contacts the shut-in the day before distribution and makes arrangements for a visit. After accepting the communion kit, the EV goes immediately to the home of the person(s) who will receive communion. There is an order of service that the EVs follow. After the visit, the EV makes comments on the notification letter he/she has received and returns it and the kit to the church. Many pastoral care issues are discovered and reported by EVs.

The EVs meet for lunch quarterly to discuss pastoral care issues and to share food and fellowship. In addition, we had a special service on a Saturday afternoon in April for those shut-ins whose family and friends could arrange for them to come to the Cathedral. Dean White presided at the Eucharist, and a reception in Founders' Hall followed. Shut-ins, family members, friends and Eucharistic Visitors attended this delightful activity. We hope to make this service an annual event.

EVs made approximately 180 home visits in 2005. Two of our shut-ins died this year: Jolene Prather and Marian Winslow. The current, active EVs in our congregation are:

Peg and John Brown	Sally Livengood	Melisa Burns
Chuck Gordon	Rick Jordahl	Phyllis Biddle
Leona Schaefer	Paula Connors	Annie Heck and Gary Hicks
Richard Preis	Leigh Dennert	Lenette and Steve Johnson
Virgil and Rose Burke		

We hope, in 2006, to continue ministering to shut-ins, to find and serve those who are unable to attend services, and to add people as EVs who feel a calling to this ministry.

## Finance Committee

*Doyle White*

The Finance Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Dean and the Vestry on the financial affairs of the Cathedral. This year, 2005, was a good year for the Cathedral's endowed funds. Significant bequests were received and our money managers managed an above-average return in a relatively flat stock market. Pledge income was up significantly as parishioners showed confidence in the direction of the Cathedral. Pledges for 2006 are up considerably from 2005.

Increased endowed monies and increased annual giving to the Cathedral enables the Cathedral to grow its essential mission and ministry. Thank you.

## Friends of Maison de Naissance

*Marian Philips*

We are a new group and our first meeting was held November 9, 2005. Our goal is to increase awareness of and raise funds for Maison de Naissance, the birthing home located in the southwestern part of Haiti. Some of the services provided beyond obstetrical care are wellness and preventive care, family planning, prenatal and postnatal education, newborn and pediatric medical care, social services and spiritual support.

The first fundraising effort involves asking people to honor newly baptized persons by making a contribution to Maison de Naissance. A special money box will be placed in Founders' Hall during coffee hours on the Sundays there is a baptism. The box was first used on January 8 in observance of the Baptism of Jesus.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so with cash or a check. Checks can be made payable to either Maison de Naissance or Children's Medical Missions of Haiti, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and all gifts are tax deductible.

A fundraising effort for 2006 will be another "Haiti Event" at the Cathedral and all the parishes in the Diocese of W. Missouri and Kansas will be invited to attend. This event is currently in the planning stage.

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Friends of Maison de Naissance. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2006 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room located on the lower level of Founders' Hall. After Lent, regular meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of odd numbered months.

Anyone having questions may call Marian Philip, 816-421-5808 (or email at [mphilip1976@uno.com](mailto:mphilip1976@uno.com)), or contact Deacon Linda Yeager or Valerie Johnson at the Cathedral office.

## Governance Committee

*Paula Miller*

The Governance Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Vestry. In 2005 a document, "Proposal for Implementation of Governance Reforms", representing the Cathedral's Corporate Bylaw amendments, has been finalized and is before the Vestry for discussion, revision and approval.

The proposal details the makeup and scope of committee (and ministries) and how recommendations can be implemented.

This proposal:

- Identifies the committees as Vestry, Program or Pastoral
- Establishes rules for Chair and membership selection and terms of office
- Describes the duties of the committees, to whom they report, and how often they meet.
- Defines the committees relationship to the work of the lay staff and clergy

This committee will remain ad hoc and will be convened by the Vestry when deemed necessary by governance matters.

## Guild of the Christ Child

*Kristy Moore*

The Guild of the Christ Child is a ministry devoted to sharing Christ's love through support of church and families. The Guild's primary focus is service to families who are expecting children, from pre-natal/pre adoption through baptism. We consider our membership to include all women at the Cathedral and are led by a small steering committee meeting once a month with flexible attendance.

For those families expecting the birth or adoption of a child, the Guild extends a variety of support. This support is determined individually and encompasses services from prenatal references to meals delivered during those first few weeks following a new arrival. We then try to maintain a close relationship with the family, providing emotional support and opportunities for fellowship. Baptism Sunday coffee hours are hosted by the Guild as we help our families celebrate this special day. Infants or children being baptized receive a carefully-selected gift and their names are placed on the celebration cake served during coffee hour. It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families to our Cathedral and to lift up a new life in our community.

The Cathedral offers a variety of events for families and, working with several small groups, we both participate in and host a number of those events. Working with Mom's Bible Study, the Guild hosts the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This past spring we filled 1000 eggs with candy, then assisted members of the Youth Group in hiding the eggs for close to 90 children to hunt. Assisting with the Parish Picnic we have, for several years, sponsored a representative from the Wonderscope Children's Museum to provide activities for the Cathedral preschool and primary age groups. In 2005 we expanded our activities to include a variety of lawn games and activities for youth and active adults. After the success of the 2004 Trunk-or-Treat we participated again this year, decorating a van

with vampires and crazy scientists mesmerizing our little monsters with vampires and candy fangs.

Since our group formed in 1999, we have always made Mother's Day our special project. Each year we plan and produce a special gift to be given to each woman in attendance on Mother's Day Sunday. This past year we published a small cookbook of favorite recipes, which was delivered to families as part of our ministry. This cookbook not only recognized the importance of this facet of our ministry, but also recognized the talents of our contributing moms and served as the gift each woman received. Our special thanks go to Ron and Angela Michka for their talents and time in producing this lovely book for the Guild, to all of the moms who contributed and to Valerie Johnson for her tirelessness in editing.

Our baby bulletin board outside the Nursery has shown promise as an exchange board. It should be more visible after the remodeling of the Youth Room and Nursery are complete. The bulletin board serves as a communication tool for Guild-sponsored events and for a variety of services geared toward infant and toddler parents.

The Guild will be focusing in 2006 on expanding our ministry both within the Cathedral family and to a larger community. We will continue to nurture and support families and provide fellowship to our members. We are always open to women interested in sharing with us in this uplifting ministry. Please contact Kristy Moore or Linda Yeager for further information.

## Habitat for Humanity, Harmony House

*Vivian Gibbens*

*Work for the good of the city, pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.* Jeremiah 29:7

In 2005, Grace and Holy Trinity participated in building our sixteenth Habitat for Humanity house with an ecumenical coalition of 10 congregations. The house is a 3 bedroom, one story house in the 3400 block of Tracy. There were five more houses built in that block this year by other sponsors.

This has a major effect on the neighborhood and community, not only providing homes for the working poor but upgrading the entire area. This is giving people a sense of hope. Over the last 25 years Habitat has taken vacant trash-strewn lots and rebuilt the neighborhoods.

*Your people will rebuild what has long been in ruins, building on the old foundations. You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses.* Isaiah 58:12

These houses are not given to people. They purchase them from Habitat. They are charged no interest which is what makes the houses affordable.

*If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor, you shall not exact interest from them.* Exodus 22:25

## Holy Hands Hospitality

*Joyce Morrow*

The Holy Hands Hospitality Ministry continues to function within a team model.

We provide coffee hour refreshments for each of the Sunday services when there is no other post-service event, receptions for special events, such as Ordinations, as well as other services within our abilities when requested. Various other groups have contributed to this ministry throughout the year, most notably the Guild of the Christ Child who assume coffee hour functions and duties whenever there is a baptism. The entire parish has continued to be invited to contribute foods for coffee hours, such as the shortbread feast traditional to the Kirkin' of the Tartan. As a thank you for the time and effort given during the year team members and spouses were honored with a dinner last January, which will hopefully become annual event.

Holy Hands Teams are eager to include new members at any time. The team leaders are as follows:

8:00 a.m. services: Jodie Kavanaugh and Janece Buckner

10:15 a.m. services are divided into 5 teams: 1st Sunday, Peggy Morgan; 2nd Sunday, Marnell Sparks; 3rd

Sunday, Joyce Morrow; 4th Sunday, Christy Moore and Robin Rusconi; 5th Sunday, Sharon Cheers. The 5:00 p.m. service is provided by a tray from the 8:00 and 10:15 services each Sunday. Pat Wright coordinates the special events; Marnell Sparks serves as liaison with caterers when requested; and Jan Frizzle delights us with her decor each week. We rely on the services of Canon Deacon Linda Yeager to coordinate our activities.

We hope to continue to serve the congregation in 2006:

- We need to continue to grow and renew our service teams, especially for the 10:15 service.
- We need secure storage for linens and table service.
- We need improved communications regarding events in order to serve the parish better.

## Memorial Committee

*Ellen Goheen*

The Memorial Committee includes Shawsie Branton, Day Kerr, Jeannette Nichols, and Ellen Goheen, in addition to Bud McDowell, Junior Warden and Dean Terry White. The Dean and Senior Warden appoint the members of the Committee. The Dean or Warden member calls the meetings of the Committee as needed or directed. The Committee's last meeting was June 23, 2005.

The Memorial Committee's purpose is to develop a list of desired memorials, which is to be communicated to the congregation by means of the Angelus, the Sunday Bulletin and the Cathedral Web Site. All memorials shall have the approval of the Vestry and the Memorial Committee.

Several meetings were convened to review the current condition and holdings of vestments appropriate to the various seasons of the religious year, as well as the condition and holdings of silver and brass vessels used in the service. It was noted that some of the sets of vestments are incomplete or are in need of replacement. Certain brass items are in need of repair or restoration. A desire for a pair of brass floor candlesticks and candles was expressed. All agreed that the discussed repairs and additions to the altar accoutrements were desirable but no formal recommendation was prepared. It was also felt that the replacement and augmentation of the sets of vestments should be a priority.

Lengthy discussions were held on the subject of restoration and the possible relocation of the Allaman Fountain. The fountain was examined by conservation experts and a professional familiar with fountain construction so that we might more fully understand the extent of the issues involved in returning the fountain to functionality. Some monies have been received for the restoration of the fountain. It was felt that a more comprehensive plan should be developed regarding the uses of various areas of the cathedral grounds before monies are spent specifically on the fountain restoration. The resolution of many of the issues raised in these discussions is outside the purview of the Memorial Committee.

Discussion of the deteriorating condition of the stone reredos in the Close considered the restoration of this important historical item as an appropriate memorial possibility. Investigating needs and addressing priorities is an ongoing task.

All of the categories of items discussed above enhance the worship experience and are worthy opportunities for parishioners and friends of the Cathedral to express in a tangible way their love for and commitment to the Cathedral and its programs. The Memorial Committee endeavors to facilitate the expression of these sentiments.

## Music Committee

*David Barker*

The music committee is comprised of six parishioners who consult with Canon Schaefer on several areas of the music ministry of the cathedral. The members: Diane Barker, Marsha Beggs, Paget Higgins, Malinda McCasland, Pat Miller, and David Barker, Committee Chairman. The committee meets on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:15 service.

A major event in the musical life of the Cathedral in 2005 was the completion of the repair and restoration of

the Gabriel Kney organ. The event was celebrated by a concert named “Four Johns and a Jieun,” on February 20, which featured John Schaefer, John Obetz, John Fowler, John Ditto and Jieun Newland. In addition to the organ, the Steinway piano which is used in events in both the Nave and Founders’ Hall had repairs done on the case.

In addition to the regular services the Cathedral was host to 46 other musical events including recitals, presentations by community musicians and presenters, Bachathon and Messiah Singalong.

Beginning in September we witnessed the introduction at the Cathedral of monthly Evensong (except in December) on the afternoon of the third Sunday.

We continue to support four choirs: Trinity Choir, Tallis Singers, Grace Choraliers and Bell Ringers.

The committee organized and conducted two major fund raising events to support the Trinity Choir’s 2006 tour in the United Kingdom.

We look forward to expanding the Music Committee in 2006 to help strengthen our well-respected church music program.

## Music Ministry

*Canon John Schaefer and Malinda McCasland*

The musicians of the Cathedral Parish sought to fulfill their primary intension, which is to be strong, positive leaders of our worship. The singers are well aware of the high standard all must meet, that is to worship God with the best that we are and can be. We are grateful for the support and encouragement of the clergy and congregation.

The Trinity Choir continued to serve as the primary liturgical choir. The choir began singing Choral Evensong on a regular basis, preparing challenging settings of the Evening Canticles and Psalms. In addition, they gave much energy to offering interesting opportunities for the congregation and community to help them generate funds for the 2006 tour of Ireland, Wales and England, which commences on July 23 this year. Charmaine Fowler and Randal Loy have given boundless time and energy to several major projects; most visible are the Fall Festival and the note-cards project that Randal, working with Dick Fanolio, oversaw.

The Tallis Singers are superb young people who do their part to lead worship and to sing their anthems well. In December, they sang for residents of Bishop Spencer Place and patients at St. Luke’s Hospital. In the year ahead, they may make some trips here and there to sing for other congregations. They are eager to add additional singers.

The Grace Choraliers, led by Malinda McCasland, delight and inspire whenever they sing in worship. Members and their families are asked to consider the commitment needed for participation in the group. Through this commitment, the Choraliers have grown into a dedicated, enthusiastic group of singers who love to share their gifts with the Cathedral. The Choraliers have appreciated the support of their accompanists, Jieun Kim Newland and Jung-Eun Ahn, Curdy Organ Scholars. We thank the Music Committee, Choralier parents and the Cathedral parishioners for their continuing support of the Grace Choraliers.

The Cathedral Bell Ringers add their beauty to worship from time to time. It is not easy playing bells at the exactly right moment, but our musicians do that with regularity and sensitivity.

The organ scholar program instituted by Isabel Curdy, has been very successful. We are truly blest to enjoy the gifts of Jung-Eun Ahn, who accompanies all choirs, but especially the Choraliers.

I wish to mention the contribution of John Fowler, who has been the service organist for our Evensongs. He has cheerfully taken on the challenge of tackling some awesome organ accompaniments. He will be the organist on the tour.

The Cathedral continues to be a place where individuals and ensembles come to make music. We have witnessed regular appearances by the William Baker Festival Singers and the Fine Arts Chorale. Musicians from the Conservatory of Music have enjoyed performing in the nave, Founders’ Hall, and Haden Hall. The concerts by the Harvard Glee Club, the Christ Church Cathedral Choir, and Gloriæ Dei Cantores were wonderful sonic experiences. There have been some significant organ recitals, including the reopening of the instrument by “Four

Johns and a Jieun,” the annual Bachathon, a superb graduating recital by Jieun Newland, and a visit by Huw Williams of St. Paul’s Cathedral in London. As we have lived with the organ with its new sound, we are fully convinced that we made the wisest decision to renovate.

Our plan for 2006 is to do what we do with even greater sensitivity and spiritual grace. In addition, there will be opportunity to offer our gifts beyond the Cathedral precincts. For example, the Trinity Choir sang Evensong at St. Paul’s Church in Kansas City, Kansas, this January.

We thank the congregation and the community for their support of our efforts and we thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon us.

## Newcomers Committee

*Paula Connors*

The Newcomers committee is an important ministry at the Cathedral. We are planning to reach out to the growing downtown community by implementing an area-wide mailing of prayer books along with a brochure containing information about the Cathedral and who we are as a people. We will continue to welcome Newcomers by hosting several luncheons throughout the year to introduce them to our clergy as well as members of the Cathedral. Greeters in the tower entrance on Sunday mornings also serve as an integral part of this ministry.

As we grow our congregation, it is important for all of us to reach out to those we do not know. Introduce yourselves. Extending a welcome reflects the warmth of our Cathedral family.

If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please call Paula Connors. The possibilities are exciting!

## Nursery

*Joan Bock*

This was a very busy year for the Cathedral’s nursery. We have 16 to 20 toddlers each Sunday. We are also providing childcare during the week to enable young parents to attend small group activities at the Cathedral.

Thanks to the Building and Ground Committee, the Nursery gained an additional five feet with the remodeling of the Youth Room. With this project, a wall was taken down, opening-up the room to a better use of the area.

A special “thank-you”, to our junior warden, Bud McDowell. He built, painted and hung two sets of ‘cubbies’ for moms to store diaper bags and baby essentials. He also created a small coat rack for use in the creative play area, that allows children easy access to dress-up clothes.

Several new items have been purchased for the nursery. We have added a TV with DVD, soft blocks, marker board and storage shelves. Crib mattresses have been replaced in the infant room.

All nursery staff and several Cathedral members are now certified in Infant/child CPR and infant defibrillator use. The Cathedral nursery strives to meet all the needs of parents and their children by providing a safe and loving environment for their care.

## Reel People

*Harriet Bigham*

Reel People is a movie discussion group that meets once a month. A light supper is served while watching the movie, and a discussion is held after the film. (Cost to the members is \$3.00 for the meal, if possible.) Everyone is invited and guests are especially encouraged to come. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except during Lent and Advent). This year we had an average attendance of 12-15 persons and watched movies such as, *Rebel Without a Cause*, *Before Sunrise*, *Before Sunset*, and *Pieces of April*. The next meeting will be February 22 at 6:30 p.m. We will be watching the film *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

## Robbery Support Group

*Christina Lenon*

Statistically, a robbery occurs every minute in the United States. Robbery and burglary victims can start to feel very isolated as they try to move on with their daily lives after a crime has occurred. If you or a loved one has been the victim of robbery or another violent crime, I want to tell you that you are not alone.

We meet on second and fourth Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m., and our meetings are open to anyone affected by robbery or burglary – victims or family members. This is the only support group of its kind in the Kansas City area. For more information, please contact Christina Lenon at 816-523-3111, extension 4.

## Social Outreach Services Committee

*John Hornbeck*

*“Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.”*

This prayer from the Book of Common Prayer may be read in at least two ways. One way – the safe way – is as a prayer that God remember the poor and the suffering and be a source of hope to them.

However, another way – and a more personal way – of viewing this prayer is to say it as a pledge of partnership with God. A partnership in which we each act as His hand to help the poor, the suffering, and the mistreated – a partnership in which we become one of the sources from which hope springs.

There is more at risk in reading the prayer in this way. We risk feeling a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others whom we may not even know. We risk a certain amount of vulnerability in connecting with individuals whose circumstances are very different from our own. We risk experiencing great frustration in not being able to do more.

The work of the Social Outreach Services committee includes a range of programs through which we assist – both directly and indirectly – people in need. But an important part of that work is to provide a conduit by which you can join in as a part of this community in Christ, reflecting His love through the loving help that you provide to others.

In these programs, we cannot and do not provide comprehensive solutions. We lament with Christ that the poor may very well always be with us. Rather, we touch one person – one child – one family in need at a time, doing what we are able to do. Join us in reaching out to a community in need – in being a source of assistance to those who so desperately require it.

### Foster Care Outreach

The Cathedral’s Foster Care Outreach Group has continued our efforts to provide support to Kansas City area children who reside in foster care or who are hoping to find permanent, adoptive families.

Through the generosity of Cathedral members in 2005, an additional \$1,000 was distributed to the Children’s Division, which used the funds to provide \$25 Wal-Mart, Target, or other store gift cards for use as a Birthday present to children and teenagers, who are in the custody of the State and who, in particular, might not otherwise receive a Birthday present. The store cards are provided to the children in (donated) Birthday cards featuring the Cathedral’s Deer Window and are signed on behalf of the membership by the Cathedral’s staff with the hope that the Children will know that are valued by God and His community at this given time and place. We routinely receive Thank you notes from the recipient children which we hope at some point to be able to display.

The Cathedral graciously donated meeting space in the Common Room last year and is currently donating space to the Children’s Division for the use with “STARS” training program, a 27-hour introduction and competency training program to help prospective families determine if they wish to pursue becoming foster or adoptive parents. The Children’s Division representatives have expressed very sincere appreciation for the use of the space

which we have been advised is a great improvement over other previously available Downtown sites, as well for the hospitality of the staff, which enhanced the learning experience for the participants.

As part of National Adoption month, the Cathedral profiled in November Sunday Bulletins a Kansas City area child or sibling group who were waiting for an adoptive family. We also hosted representatives from both the Children's Division (State of Missouri) and Kansas Children's Service League (State of Kansas) who had informational displays in Founders Hall following services on November 27. Several families visited the informational displays.

In addition, Cathedral members have provided individual support for children in care, including the gracious donation (or offers of a donation) of clothing, luggage, furniture, bicycles, toasters and other household items. A Cathedral member also donated tickets for use by a Kansas children's group home so that children from the home, along with their sponsors, could attend a game by the former Kansas City Outlaws Professional Hockey team, as well as the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Cathedral is a member of the One Church/One Child adoption coalition, a small group of Kansas City area churches, partnering with the Children's Division, which are working together to promote awareness of the need for adoptive homes both within the member Churches and within the greater Kansas City community. The group's activities included various awareness promotional efforts including a website, church information brochures, billboards, newspaper ads, as well as sponsoring special awareness events.

On behalf of the special group of God's children, we thank you for your generous support.

We invite you to become involved in the Foster Care Outreach Group, please contact Ferne Welles, 816-756-0880, or David Pierson, 913-341-8841 or 913-491-8900.

For information on foster care or adoption in Missouri, please call the Childrens Division, 816-889-2595, or in Kansas, for the foster care / foster-adopt program, please call the Kaw Valley Center, 913-322-4900 or for Kansas' statewide adoption program information, please call Kansas Childrens Service League, 877-530-5275.

## Stewardship Committee

*Steve Moore*

The Stewardship Committee is charged with encouraging people to respond to God's blessings in their lives by committing their time, talent and treasures to support and grow the Cathedral and its many ministries. The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to achieve 100% participation of the Cathedral membership in making a financial commitment to the Cathedral.

The members of the committee are Steve Moore, Dave Barker, Chris Morgan, Dick Fanolio, Paget Higgins, Hampton Hubbard, Sarah Ingram-Eiser, Robin Rusconi and Pat Wright.

For the fiscal year 2006, as of January 17, 2006, 246 members/families have made financial commitments totaling \$626,308. We are \$65,000 ahead of our record-setting year in 2005 and the Stewardship Committee is optimistic about achieving our goal of \$750,000.

In 2005, the Stewardship Committee developed a new "person-to-person" follow-up campaign that has been very successful, and we intend to use the same process this year. In 2006, we plan to change the format of the kick-off event to a sit-down dinner instead of the pot-luck luncheon. Both the initial kick-off event and the follow-up campaign require a number of volunteers. If you would like to be involved, please contact Robin Rusconi.

## The Angelus Small Group

*Chris Morrison*

The Angelus Small Group was founded in mid-2003 as part of a vision to enrich our Cathedral newsletter with relevant content that is of interest to parishioners. Any and all Cathedral members with an interest in journalism, creative writing or photography are encouraged to join the group. The group currently consists of a small

group of very talented and enthusiastic people who work very hard to cover stories about Cathedral members, programs and activities. The group has received many encouraging comments and group members appreciate the support and encouragement the Cathedral family extends. It is our hope that in writing about our Cathedral family and opportunities for ministry and involvement, parishioners can learn more about each other and may be encouraged to be more active parts of Cathedral life. Professional experience is not required, just a desire to serve our parish by making *The Angelus* the best it can be. For more information, please contact Chris Morrison at (816) 420-9422 or kcchrism@hotmail.com.

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

*The Rev. Bryan England*

The Thursday Evening Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room on the lower level of Founders' Hall.

During the last year we finished studying Paul's first epistle to the church in Corinth before taking our summer break. In the Autumn, Linda England facilitated the group's study of the epistle to the Hebrews while yours truly was going through a Citizen's Police Academy at the Independence Police Department.

The group welcomed a couple of new members this last year, but we are still anxious for others to join us. We are a non-threatening, fun-loving, and non-academic group, and each one of us brings something to our mutual exploration of God's word. Tivo your Thursday night programming and join us!

## Trinity Teens Youth Group

*The Rev. Carol Sanford*

We have had a great first semester with the Trinity Teens Youth Group. Most gatherings have featured dinner provided by parents, volunteers or staff, followed by a directed activity and closing with prayer. Average attendance has been about fifteen teens each Wednesday evening. Our youth have led and participated in activities such as making luminaries for Christmas Eve services, preparing food for the Kansas City Community Kitchen, exploring art, rehearsing for the Trunk-or-Treat performance of "Laughter in the Cathedral," leading Compline for Advent Series participants and in-depth discussions of challenging issues relating teen experience and Christian life.

The Episco-Disco Costume Ball in October was very successful with around 60 teens attending, including friends and visitors from other parishes. Expansion, painting and carpeting of the Youth Room in Haden Hall was recently completed, and plans are underway for its future use and furnishing.

Top priorities in 2006 include expanded adult participation and presence on Wednesday evenings, increased application of resources to widen areas of activity, and program development that takes into account the differing interests and abilities of older and younger teens. The Steering Committee is evaluating the need for personnel dedicated exclusively to our teen program and will report to the vestry on their vision for our Trinity Teens.

## Women's Bible Study

*The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager*

Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, from eight to fifteen women gather for Bible Study. They read scripture and, with the aid of comments of scholars, discuss and reflect the meaning in their own lives of the books of the Old and New Testaments. In the past year, these women have studied Romans, Esther, Hosea, Amos and the Gospel of John. The group will begin the study of Psalms in February. This group ministers to one another through prayer and caring.

Sharing the cares and concerns of their lives, they pray for one another. Each week they pray for those in the

congregation who are sick or suffering. In addition they have prepared food and served at coffee hours. This group is open to anyone in the congregation and to their friends, and the women in this group have welcomed new members and helped them feel comfortable at the Cathedral.

I hope that in 2006 this group continues to thrive in number and in spirit.

## Women's Retreats

*The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager*

One Women's Retreat were held in 2005, a weekend retreat in February. A total of about 30 women participated in the retreat. The women gathered on Friday evening at the Franciscan Prayer Center in Independence and departed on Sunday afternoon. During their time together, the women participated in music, meditation, worship, silence, and sharing. A committee of six Cathedral women organized and led the retreat. This was the seventh year for the current cycle of women's retreats, and all women who have participated in the retreats are referred to as Sisters in Spirit.

This group meets from time to time for fellowship, prayer, and support. While much ministry takes place at the retreats themselves, during the year the women pray for one another, reach out to one another in their needs, and encourage others to join them in their spiritual journeys. The theme of the 2005 two-day retreat was "Honoring Ourselves." One of the primary ministries that takes place during retreats is the ministry of trust. We also offer scholarships to those women who would like to attend but cannot afford the cost.

In 2006 we have already had one retreat in January and will have one quiet day. Our hopes include drawing more women into spiritual growth, sharing stories, praying for one another, and engaging in healing practices for one another. The theme of the 2006 retreat was "Walking Our Spiritual Paths." We have not yet decided when the quiet day will be offered.

# 2005 Statistical Report

Baptisms	21
Confirmation/Receptions/Reaffirmations	13
Weddings	18
Transfers In	11
Transfers Out	26
Burials	17

# Statement of Income and Expenditures: 2005 YTD

	Budget	Actual	Memorial	Property	Other Funds	Gift	Actual
	12 Months	12 Months	Fund	Fund	Capital 2%	Shop	1Month
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>							
Pledges	600,000	613,904					
Plate offering	80,000	73,277					
Endowment Gifts	0	29,121					
Special Gifts	8,000	20,517					
Events	25,000	24,715					
Fund Raising	20,000	6,278					
Plate to Discr. Fund	6,000	5,500					
Social Outreach	12,780	9,306					
DST Note	80,000	80,000					
Endowment 5% Operating	257,916	262,023					
Crowell Trust Income	160,000	156,778					
Faeth Music Trust	31,000	31,000					
Principle distrib. fr WTK	136,000	179,604					
Sweep MMK Interest	0	252					
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>1,416,696</b>	<b>1,492,275</b>					
Memorial Fund			7,784				7,784
Property Fund				0			0
Property 2% Capital	0				10,900		10,900
Discretionary Fund	6,000	5,500					14,400
Outreach Fund	12,780	9,306					14,779
Gift Shop Fund						12,211	12,211
Total Other Income	18,780		7,784	0	10,900	12,211	60,074
<b>Grand Total Income</b>							<b>1,552,349</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Plate to Discretionary	6,000	5,500					
Social Outreach	12,780	9,306					
The Larger Church	240,303	241,188					
Clergy Support	303,019	315,064					
Administration & General	176,249	182,883					
Property	314,340	334,001					
Utilities	104,090	103,019					
Education	75,390	76,711					
Music	109,350	116,145					
Parish Life	44,421	49,864					
Nursery	48,857	47,983					
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,434,799</b>	<b>1,481,664</b>					
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>(18,103)</b>	<b>10,611</b>					
Memorial Fund			6,843				6,843
Property Fund - Founders' Hall				8,808			8,808
Property 2% Capital					59,788		59,788
Discretionary Fund							14,592
Outreach Fund							26,597
Gift Shop Fund						11,336	11,336
Total Other Expenditures			6,843	8,808	59,788	11,336	127,964
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>			941	(8,808)	(48,888)	875	(67,890)
<b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>							<b>1,609,628</b>
<b>NET GRAND TOTAL INCOME</b>							<b>(57,279)</b>

# Balance Sheet: December 31, 2005

## Assets

<b>10 - Cash Accounts</b>	
1100 - Operating Fund Sweep-UMB	\$10,708.14
1121 - Memorial Fund Sweep-UMB	\$18,277.78
1140 - Property Fund Sweep-UMB	\$3,535.78
1141 - Property 2% Capital Fund Sweep-UMB	\$23,801.88
1150 - Altar Guild Fund-BOA	\$1,468.72
1161 - Flower & Candle Fund Sweep-UMB	\$2,837.94
1171 - Book & Gift Store Fund Sweep-UMB	\$4,911.81
1180 - Outreach Program Fund-UMB	\$1,651.24
1196 - Discretionary Fund Sweep-UMB	\$8,895.00
<b>Total 10 - Cash Accounts</b>	<b>\$76,088.29</b>
<b>11 - Investment - Money Market</b>	
1200 - Scudder Invest. Operating	\$55,349.76
1210 - Scudder Invest. Memorial	\$8,379.67
1220 - Scudder Invest. Property	\$1,113.76
1230 - Scudder Invest. Outreach	\$16,963.90
<b>12 - Investments - Securities</b>	
1320 - Trust # 1 Investment	\$484,395.05
1330 - Trust # 2 Investment	\$3,206,331.93
1340 - Trust # 3 Investment	\$196,215.51
1350 - Kemper Investment	\$2,341,478.39
1355 - Kemper Invest Restricted	\$211,663.77
1370 - Faeth Music Investment	\$1,916,173.11
<b>Total 12 - Investments - Securities</b>	<b>\$8,356,257.76</b>
<b>Total 11 - Investment - Money Market</b>	<b>\$8,438,064.85</b>
<b>13 - Founders' Hall</b>	
1600 - Property - Founders' Hall	\$4,812,767.30
<b>Total 13 - Founders' Hall</b>	<b>\$4,812,767.30</b>
<b>14 - Cathedral Property</b>	
1610 - Property-Cathedral	\$1,122,206.96
1620 - Property-Cathedral Balcony/Organ	\$610,243.33
1630 - Property-Diocesan	\$523,129.59
1640 - Property-Texaco	\$340,252.81
1650 - Property-Nave	\$1,708,518.43
<b>Total 14 - Cathedral Property</b>	<b>\$4,304,351.12</b>
<b>15 -KC Community Kitchen</b>	
1690 - Acct. Receivable - KCKK Equipment	\$130,938.00
1691 - Acct. Receivable - KCKK Lease/Trash	\$9,100.00
<b>Total 15 -KC Community Kitchen</b>	<b>\$140,038.00</b>
<b>16- Notes Receivable</b>	
1680 - Notes Receivable - DST	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Total 16- Notes Receivable</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$18,771,309.56</b>

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## Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

### Liabilities

#### 21 - Holding Accounts

2400 - Wedding Exchange Account	\$1,265.76
2401 - Ad. Ed. Continuing Education	\$4.60
2402 - Ad. Ed. Retreat's	\$4,714.65
2404 - Ad. Ed. EFM	\$219.49
2405 - Ad. Ed. ALPHA	\$124.00
2406 - Ad. Ed. Small Groups	\$2,028.93
2407 - Ad. Ed. Lenten Academy	\$8.91
2408 - Foster Child BDay Exchange	\$1,126.90
2410 - Ad. Ed. Adult Forum	\$540.60
2413 - Youth Group Fund Raisers	\$3,160.20
2414 - Church School Fund Raisers	\$1,000.00
2415 - Guild of the Christ Child	\$125.00
2420 - Three Mary's	\$190.00
2422 - Integrity	\$476.60
2440 - Faeth Music Fund	\$1,540.89
2450 - Choir Tour	\$3,412.23

#### Total 21 - Holding Accounts

**\$19,938.76**

#### Total Liabilities

**\$19,938.76**

### Fund Principal

#### 30 - Fund Balances

3100 - Trust Fund Balance	\$6,903,518.08
3101 - Outreach Program Fund Balance	\$29,860.54
3102 - Gift & Book Store Fund Balance	\$4,259.52
3103 - Property Fund Balance	\$10,340,861.75
3104 - Memorial Fund Balance	\$61,822.02
3105 - Operating Fund Balance	\$13,544.04
3106 - Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$4,055.43
3107 - Flower & Candle Fund Balance	\$2,017.85
3108 - Discretionary Fund Balance	\$8,994.87

#### Total 30 - Fund Balances

**\$17,368,934.10**

Excess Cash Received

\$1,382,436.70

#### Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received

**\$18,751,370.80**

### Restricted Funds

Total Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00

#### Total Restricted Funds

**\$0.00**

### Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

**\$18,771,309.56**



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