

The countdown is on: Marilyn Maye and “Servin’ Up Jazz”

Episcopal Social Services is counting on your support of this year’s benefit concert featuring Marilyn Maye. The big event is Sunday, October 6, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Kansas City’s historic Folly Theater.

Ticket sales and other contributions support a variety of Episcopal Social Services programs including Hospital AfterCare, Meals on Wheels, Missionpalooza, Nursing Home Ministry, Parenting/Life Skill Center, Operation Backpack, Sharper Outreach Catalog and Turner House Community Center. Tickets are \$30, and they are on sale at church now or by calling 816-561-8920.

Visions for the future

EMC Luncheon: Sun., Oct. 6, 11:30 AM, Founders’ Hall

The Every Member Canvass Committee invites all Cathedral members to attend this luncheon at which the committee will share its visions for the Cathedral’s future. The main dish and beverage will be provided, but we will enjoy a dessert potluck. The committee asks that you make your reservations by calling the Cathedral office by Friday, October 4, 816-474-8260.

For families with small children, know that there will be child care with a children’s lunch and activities. Please let us know when you call how many children you will be bringing and what their ages are.

Why I am an Episcopalian

Susan dePuy Kershaw, Reprinted by permission

Not a very catchy title, but to the point. In September 2001, I joined the Episcopal Church and began the process to receive Holy Orders as an ordained priest. It is a decision that has caused a lot of curiosity, especially among American Baptist friends. It is a move that has been made with a lot of thought...over 15 years worth of thinking and debating the “reasonableness” of such a move. In the end, reason had nothing to do with my decision. It was based on faith and theology.

I first considered leaving the ABC to join the Episcopal Church back in 1985. After a very positive interview experience with Bishop John Spong of the Newark Diocese, I decided to stay an ordained minister in the ABC primarily for personal reasons. After all, to leave seemed a bit similar to leaving my family company. Over the years, I have tried to bend congregations to my liturgical will. I finally decided that it might be better for me to be in a place more in line with my liturgical theology...hence, my decision to join the Episcopal Church. In September 2001, on the eve of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, the Right Rev. Douglas E. Theuner, Bishop of the NH Diocese, received me into the Episcopal Church, and allowed me to begin the process for ordination.

The big question seems to be how an American Baptist, immersed in water and free church tradition, could abandon that “freedom” to join a church with rules, hierarchy and creeds. Several people have asked me how I could go to church where I am told what to believe and how to say what I believe. The creeds are not mind-control, but a wonderful way to affirm, individually and corporately, what we believe. Reciting the creed is a wonderful connection with the cloud of witnesses that have done the same, generation after generation. That wonderful emphasis of continuity and tradition has been very moving.

However, the thing that attracted me to the Episcopal Church initially was the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. The BCP is beautiful, scripturally based, poetic, ancient and modern. It gives the congregation a chance to participate fully in the service. I prefer the traditional style of worship, which invites me to contemplate the meaning of the presence of Christ in our midst as we celebrate weekly the love of
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The Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5, 10:00 AM in the Courtyard

Each year we honor St. Francis who loved all living things by offering a blessing for all parish members' pets. This year we have chosen Saturday so all members will feel comfortable that their pet is neither disruptive to a major service nor left in a car that can get too hot. Please bring your pet or pets on a leash or confined in a carrier.



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Contemplative prayer workshop

Grace and Holy Trinity will offer a Contemplative Prayer workshop on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2 at the Cathedral. Led by Laura Sherman, a psychotherapist and spiritual counselor, the workshop will present an introduction to contemplative prayer based on the writings of Thomas Keating.

The Space Between: A Contemplative Prayer Workshop is open to anyone interested in prayer. Participants will discover how to bring healing into their lives through silence, how to seek a renewed relationship with the source of unconditional love, and how to walk the space between.

Cost for the workshop is \$50, which includes a ticket for The Sixteen, an English choral group that will perform at the Cathedral on Friday evening. Sessions will be from 5 PM to 10 PM on Friday and 10AM to 4 PM on Saturday.

Ms Sherman is on the staff of the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. There she leads contemplative psychotherapy groups, which combine centering prayer and psychotherapy. She studied and lived for a year at a Benedictine monastery in Minnesota where she participated in the contemplative life of the Sisters.

Further information or reservations may be made by calling Linda Yeager at the Cathedral, 816-474-8260. This workshop is limited to 30 participants.



Memorial and thanksgivings

September 1, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edwin R. Morrison, by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan.

At the baptismal font, the flowers are given in loving memory of Jack and Evelyn Coats by their family.

Memorial candles are given in loving memory of their parents, Walter and Alice Adams, by Jane A. Lester and Hiley Riess.

September 8, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the first wedding anniversary of Tom and Mary Lou Brous by George & Carolyn Kroh and Family; and in loving memory of Chloe Thorn by Suzanne Wright; also in thanksgiving by Bud and Candy McDowell.

September 15, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given in thanksgiving for her granddaughter, Merritt Sloan, and her grandson, William Herbert Sloan, by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan.

September 22, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo-Ann E. Platt by John B. Platt; and in loving memory of Francis W. Hardenstine by his wife, Betty Hardenstine; in thanksgiving for Peggy Morgan by Candy McDowell; and also in thanksgiving for the birthday of Gretchen Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.

At the baptismal font they are given in memory of his parents, Marie and Charles Lowrey, and his brothers, Donald Lee Lowrey and Charles Lowrey, Jr. by Paul and Bonnie Lowrey.

Memorial candles are given in loving memory of her mother, Marie Cheers, by Sharon Cheers.

September 29, 2002

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, by Mrs. Roland Elmquist.

Don't forget to fall back!

Daylight Savings time ends on **Saturday night, October 27**. Be sure to set your clocks back before you go to bed so you will be on time for church on Sunday, October 28.

Arts ministry conference in Kansas City

“*Imago Dei*: Friends of Christianity and the Arts” is a new Christian art organization that has formed this past year in Kansas City. This ecumenical organization will focus its efforts on the church in the Midwest. It is dedicated to helping the church understand and cultivate the relationship between Christianity and the arts.

On October 18 and 19, at GHTC, this organization will sponsor its first event: “Sowing Seeds of Creativity: Arts Ministry in the Church,” a conference for all who are interested in developing the arts in the life of the local church. The conference will feature nationally known figures in worship and the arts, church music, the visual arts and environment, sacred drama, Christian poetry and sacred dance. There will be ecumenical worship services, workshops, lectures, a bookstore and an arts ministry fair exhibiting the work of regional arts ministries. The *Lumina* Sacred Arts Ensemble and local arts ministries will lead worship during the conference.

For information contact churcharts@aol.com, call 785-842-2680 or see John or Leona Schaefer to get complete information.

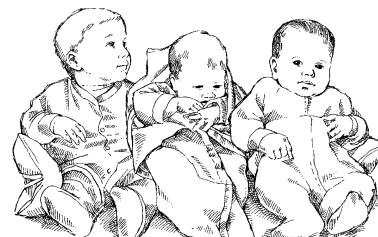
Deep love and thanks

You, as my Cathedral family, have shared prayers, cares, flowers, food and mostly your love with me through the last couple of months. I can never say enough thank yous. I'm sorry to tell you all I am leaving for California to live with my daughter. My love and prayers are always with the Cathedral.

Your many children have become Foxy's, and mine and we will miss them and continue to love them all.

Bless all of you, and bless the Cathedral with love. My address at my daughter's is:
1480 Yosemite Circle
Clayton, CA 94517

Mrs. B and Foxy Lady



Births

Dolly and Ken McCarson announce the arrival of their second child, a boy, **James Bryant McCarson**, who was born on August 27 and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces.

We've just heard from Bishop Buchanan and his wife Peggy that they have twin grandchildren, born on August 27. **John Clark Bryant** weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and **Mary Ella Bryant**, 4 pounds, 1 ounce. They are the children of the Buchanans' daughter Margaret.

Emily and Jeremy Haupt are the parents of a baby boy, **Timothy Isaac Haupt**, born September 16, 2002 in Aurora, Illinois. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. The proud grandparents are Toni and Mike Bennett.



Cathedral clerical staff

The Right Rev. Barry R. Howe, *Bishop of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Dr. Dennis J. J. Schmidt, *Dean*; The Rev. Ben Newland, *Associate to the Dean*; The Rev. Dr. John O'Hearne, *Assisting Priest*; The Rev. Michael Shaffer, *Deacon*; The Rev. Linda Yeager, *Deacon*; The Very Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh, *Dean Emeritus*; Mr. John L. Schaefer, *Canon Musician*; The Rev. Carolyn Stockwell Tangeman, *Deacon on Sabbatical*



All Saints Day Remembrances

This year names of our dearly departed will be remembered at one of the Eucharists on Sunday November 3. Please indicate at which Eucharist you would like them to be named.

8:00 AM 10:15 AM 5:00 PM

When listing your family members, please type or print their complete Christian name to prevent misspellings.

News of small groups Blakesley Reading Society

This month, the Blakesley Reading Society will meet to discuss *Plain-song*, by Kent Haruf at the home of the Rev. Benjamin J. Newland, 4621 Wyoming Ave. The meeting is on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM

Needle Arts group

The Needle Arts group completed its first prayer shawl, and it has been mailed to Louise Barton, our coordinator of children's education, who is currently residing with her daughter in California. The shawls are being made by members of the congregation and combine knitting and crocheting with praying. They are given to parishioners and others who the group believes will benefit from having one. Directions for the shawls are available from Linda Yeager for anyone who wishes to participate in this ministry.

As the shawls are completed, the following prayer is prayed: Dear Heavenly Father, Be with the person who will wear this prayer shawl each day. Comfort and console them as you hold them in your healing presence. May this shawl be a sign of your love and grace. May this shawl bring warmth when they are weary. May it surround the person and cover with love to ease the pain and suffering. O Christ be with the doctors, nurses and all who care for the sick. May your strong touch reach out to heal all the broken and hurting people and places in our world. We ask your blessing on the prayer shawl and the person who will wear it. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Weekly Services

Sunday

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist
5:00 PM – An Order for Evening,
Nave

Wednesday

12:05 PM – Holy Eucharist, Chapel

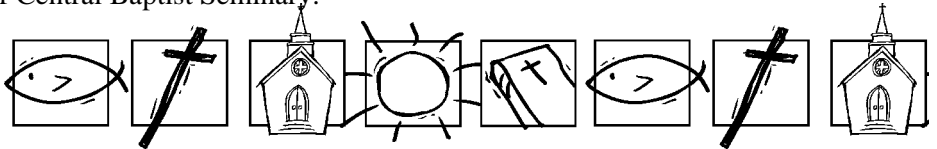
Sandra Stogsdill to lead Church School

The Cathedral welcomes Sandra Stogsdill as interim Coordinator of Children's Christian Education. Sandra has recently relocated in Kansas City from California and has a broad background in Christian education. She most recently served as Director of Children and Youth Ministries for the Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, California.

She holds a Master's Degree in religious education and is currently finishing a Master of Divinity degree. Sandra, who grew up in Kansas City, now resides in Overland Park with her daughters Madeleine Bell, 7 and Rachel Bell, 2.

Sandra said that she most looks forward to encouraging the Sunday school teachers in their invaluable ministry because they are the unsung heroes of the Church. She believes that a strong children's ministry is the foundation of the Church, on which it grows and flourishes.

Sandra will be employed part-time at the Cathedral and will also work in the library of Central Baptist Seminary.



October Adult Forum topics

The Adult Education Committee sponsors the Adult Forum each Sunday at 9:10 AM in Founders' Hall. The topics are varied, interesting for newcomers and old-timers alike. Come join the morning crowd for a cup of coffee and a stimulating discussion.

Sunday, October 6: Why Haiti?

The panel speakers, Don Downing, Dr. Stan Shaffer, Helen Emmett and Jody Morrison, share how 12 parishes in West Missouri have formed partnerships with 12 villages in Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere.

Sunday, October 13: Extending Christ's Ministry of Compassion and Healing: Episcopal Social Services

Jay Lehnertz, ESS President and Mary Novaria, Community Relations Director will share how ESS serves in Kansas City with a variety of programs such as Meals on Wheels, Parenting Life Skills, Hospital AfterCare, MissionPalooza, Turner House and much more.

Sunday, October 20: No Adult Forum

Sunday, October 27: Anglican Saints

This forum will look at saints who are exclusive to the Anglican-Episcopal common of saints. We will also consider how saints are added to our calendar.

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVASANZA

Come in costume on Sunday, October 27, 2002



Children and adults, attend church in costume or change after church. We will enjoy another silent movie in the Nave accompanied on the organ. Afterward, there will be goodies, games and activities in Founders' Hall.

We will need donations of wrapped candies for the trick or treats to be brought to the Cathedral office any day before Sunday.

Calendar

Tuesday, October 1

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
6:30 PM, Needle Arts Group, Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, October 2

12:05 PM, HE, Chapel
5:00 PM, Bldg & Grnds, Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM, Episcopal 101, FH
7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, October 3

7:30 PM, Men's Bible Study, CR
6:00 PM, Bells, HH
6:30 PM, EFM, CR
7:30 PM, Choir, HH

Friday, October 4

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, October 5

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH
10:00 AM, Blessing of the Animals,
Nave/Courtyard

Sunday, October 6

8:00 AM, HE, Nave
9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR
10:15 AM, Church School, HH
10:15 AM, HE, Nave
11:45 AM, Music Committee, CR
11:45 AM, Parish EMC Gathering, FH
1:00 PM, ECW Prov. Meeting Reg, FH
5:00 PM, Order for Evening/HE, N

Monday, October 7

5:00 PM, Synod VII Meeting begins, FH
6:30 PM, Rule/Flock, Nave

Tuesday, October 8

6:30 PM, Guild/Christ Child, YR

Wednesday, October 9

12:05 PM, HE, Chapel
6:30 PM, Episcopal 101, FH
7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, October 10

7:30 PM, Men's Bible Study, CR
6:00 PM, Bells, HH
6:30 PM, EFM, CR
7:00 PM, Couples' Bible Study
7:30 PM, Choir, HH

Friday, October 11

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH
7:30 PM, Roy Belfield organ recital, N

Saturday, October 12

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH
12:00 N, Interparochial Guild, CR
6:00 PM, Oktoberfest, FH

Sunday, October 13

8:00 AM, HE, Nave
9:00 AM, Adult Forum, FH
Catechumenate, MP
9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR
10:15 AM, Church School, HH
10:15 AM, HE, Nave
5:00 PM, Order for Evening/HE, N

Monday, October 14

6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave
7:00 PM, Quilting Group, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, October 15

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR
7:00 PM, Blakesley Reading Soc., Ben
Newland's 4621 Wyoming

Wednesday, October 16

12:05 PM, HE, Chapel
6:30 PM, Episcopal 101, FH
7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, October 17

7:30 PM, Men's Bible Study, CR
6:00 PM, Bells, HH
6:30 PM, EFM, CR
7:00 PM, Couples' Bible Study
7:30 PM, Choir, HH

Friday, October 18

9:00 AM, Arts Ministry Conf., Campus
9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH

Saturday, October 19

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, October 20

8:00 AM, HE, Nave
9:00 AM, Catechumenate, MP
9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR
10:15 AM, Church School, HH
10:15 AM, HE, Nave
5:00 PM, Order for Evening/HE, N

Monday, October 21

5:00 PM, Stewardship, CR
6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave

Tuesday, October 22

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, October 23

7:30 AM, Finance, MP
12:05 PM, HE, Chapel
6:30 PM, Episcopal 101, FH
6:30 PM, Reel People, CR
7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH

Thursday, October 24

7:30 PM, Men's Bible Study, CR
5:00 PM, Vestry, CR
6:00 PM, Bells, HH
6:30 PM, EFM, CR

7:00 PM, Couples' Bible Study
7:30 PM, Choir, HH

Friday, October 25

9:30 AM, Moms' Bible Study, HH
6:30 PM, Parenting, HH

Saturday, October 26

9:15 AM, Youth Choir, HH

Sunday, October 27

8:00 AM, HE, Nave
9:00 AM, Adult Forum, FH
Catechumenate, MP

9:15 AM, Choraliers, CR
10:15 AM, Church School, HH
10:15 AM, HE, Nave

11:45 AM, Halloween Extravaga, N
5:00 PM, Order for Evening/HE, N

Monday, October 28

6:30 PM, Rule/Little Flock, Nave

Tuesday, October 29

1:30 PM, Women's Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, October 30

12:05 PM, HE, Chapel
7:00 PM, Youth Group, HH
6:30 PM, Episcopal 101, FH

Thursday, October 31

7:30 PM, Men's Bible Study, CR
5:00 PM, Vestry, CR
6:00 PM, Bells, HH
6:30 PM, Metro Youth Halloween Party,
FH & Nave
7:00 PM, Couples' Bible Study
7:30 PM, Choir, HH



Meditation

Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931)

Your neighbor is your other self
dwelling behind a wall. In understanding,
all walls shall fall down.

Who knows but that your neighbor is
your better self wearing another body?
See that you love him as you would love
yourself.

He too is a manifestation of the Most
High, whom you do not know.

—from *Jesus, The Son of Man:
His Words and His Deeds as
Told and Recorded by Those Who
Knew Him*

God in the resurrection. For whatever reasons, I am agitated by big screens, praise songs (a friend defined this as 7-11 music: 7 lines, 11 times), extemporaneous prayers that tell Jesus what we just want to do, drums, etc. I realize this style of worship works great for some people, but not for me. I'm much happier with the BCP. I've even gotten pretty adept at juggling a hymnal and a prayer book each Sunday.

I find the use of Word and Sacrament as the heart of worship to be very powerful. I also appreciate the acceptance of God as Mystery, without a need to explain every bit of God. The historic development of worship with the emphasis on ancient practices and theology, as well as more modern expressions of faith.

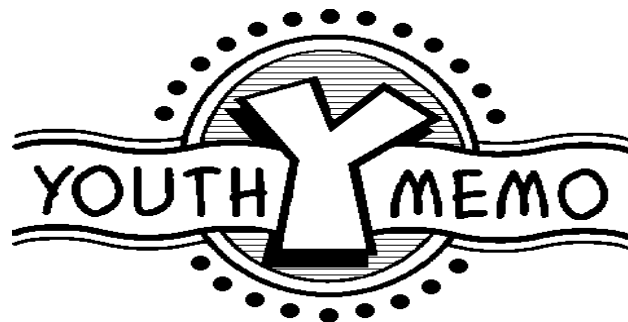
The weekly celebration of the Eucharist is vital to my understanding of what it means to be the body of Christ. As the congregation goes to the altar, with hands outstretched to receive what God has to offer, I understand in more vivid ways what it means for Jesus to be made known in the breaking of the bread. Continuing presence has far more power for me than mere memory of an ancient act.

Still, the Episcopal Church is more than its liturgy. The structure, as outlined in the Canons and Constitution, is laity, bishops, priest and deacons. The way the Episcopal Church functions, in General Conventions, diocese and parish is very democratic. The canons protect against chaos and arbitrariness. An Episcopal priest has as much freedom as a Baptist minister, if not more so, because the power structure is well defined by the canons and not by the ever-changing personality cults.

There are theological reason, too: the importance of incarnational theological emphasis, and the emphasis on baptism as full initiation into the church and the emphasis on the grace of God, versus personal conversion, just to name a couple of reasons.

In a book by mystery writer Ngaio Marsh, an art collector tells a painter that he has one of her early paintings. When the painter remarks that she doesn't paint the same way now, the collector replies, "But it's been a development...not an abandonment." My journey to the Episcopal Church has been a development of

my liturgical theology, and not an abandonment of my Baptist roots. I am an Episcopalian because that is where I am fed spiritually and challenged to grow theologically.



The youth group is back in full swing after a long summer of various trips and gatherings. In case you haven't noticed, we're meeting from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM each Wednesday evening in Haden Hall. Here we do a variety of activities, learning, discussing, and growing together. Our sessions are ended with singing and worship together. We also meet on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 and 10:15 services. This time is for check-in and consideration of the weeks current events and the lectionary of the day. If you are in 6th through 12th grade, think about joining us at either of these places.

October events

Special events for October include a Barn Swinging trip and a Halloween Party. The youth group at St. Thomas the Apostle in Overland Park has invited us to join them on October 4th and 5th in a fun trip down to Springfield where we'll meet with kids from their local church and recreate the next morning at a Barn-Swinging Center. The Halloween Party, Sponsored by the G&HT Youth and open to all area Episcopal youth, takes place on the evening of October 31st, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. If you need more information on either of these events, or on any youth ministry topics, contact Ben Newland in the Cathedral Offices.