

Memorials and Thanksgivings

January 4, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Shipley by Pollie Elmquist; and in memory of Thelma Clutterbuck Kerr by Day and Whitney Kerr. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of her father, Jacob E. Klassen, and brother, J. Raymond Klassen, by Janet E. Seaman.

January 11, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Mary Ellis, by Day and Whitney Kerr. At the Chapel altar in loving memory of her brother, James C. Irwin, III, by Elizabeth Irwin Gordon. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of Loris Grant Jones by Elaine Grant. At the baptismal font, the flowers are in given in thanksgiving for Bryant Johnson by his family, Valerie, Jeffrey and Eliza Johnson.

January 18, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving and blessed memory of Lillian Cozzi Pellet by her daughter, Tricia Pellet Lyddon; and in loving memory of her husband, William L. Brown, and her twin sister, Kathryn Smalley, by Virginia Brown. At the baptismal font in loving memory of John Dale Sampson by Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Sampson; and in thanksgiving for Kathy McDowell. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of the Lebrecht family and her twin, David Jerome LeBrecht, by Nancy Lebrecht Martin. The wreath on the tower door is given in loving memory of Raymond Watson by his wife, Sallie.

January 25, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maria Hey and in thanksgiving for her grandson, Brian C. Marrs, by Miriam Marrs; and in loving memory of his grandfather, Jesse Newport Johnson, by Leo Crabbs, Jr. At the baptismal font in thanksgiving for Andrew Wurst. At the chapel altar in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary by Jeffrey and Valerie Johnson.



New Arrivals

Charles Abraham was born December 29. He is the son of Keisha and Doug Dezube, brother of Benjamin and Samuel, and grandson of Sheila and Tony Hitchcock.

From the Dean Selection Committee

Phase III: *Preliminary Research of Candidates*, has drawn to a close.

In February, we are launching Phase IV: *In-Depth Research of Candidates*, during which we will be making field visits to five to seven of the strongest candidates. Three-person teams will make the field visits over weekends during February and March. During the visits, the teams will get to know the candidates better and meet their families. Team members will also attend services, observe programs, interview administration, program, and clergy staff members, and visit with members of congregations.

After all the field visits have taken place, the three or four most promising candidates and their spouses will be invited to Kansas City to take a look at GHTC and our community. At the conclusion of all the site visits, which should take place in the early spring, we will be ready to move into Phase

V of our process. Phase V is the time that the Vestry will elect and call our new dean.

We ask you to hold the Dean Selection Committee and the candidates in your prayers as we continue to discern God's will for our parish.

-by Jan Frizzle

A Collect for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Almighty God, giver of every good thing: Look graciously on this congregation of Grace and Holy Trinity: so that as compassionate and grateful Christians, we may welcome a faithful leader – a Dean –, who will, with your blessing, care for us and help us continue our tradition of all-encompassing ministry and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

New Deacon to Join Cathedral Clergy

A familiar face will soon take on a new role at the Cathedral. Bruce Hall has been assigned to serve as a deacon at the Cathedral. On February 7, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral, Bruce will enter a new stage in his life, that of ordained ministry. Bruce will make promises of faithfulness, commitment and humility; then Bishop Howe will lay his hands on Bruce and say, "Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Bruce; fill him with grace and power, and make him a deacon in your Church."

Bruce has an academic and vocational background that is both impressive and comprehensive. He earned his PhD in political science in 1993 while teaching at the University of Redlands in southern California. Then he came to Kansas City and taught at William Jewell College for three years. Having lived with AIDS for a long time, Bruce found it necessary to leave teaching and go on disability. During that period, Bruce entered into volunteer activities with troubled youth. As his health improved, Bruce began to pursue a call to ordained ministry. He entered the discernment process in 1999. He also began graduate work in social work at that time and was awarded a Masters degree in Social Work last year.

The journey to the diaconate has been a thoughtful and communal journey for him. Bruce has met with a congregational discernment committee composed of Geoff Logan, Kathy Jennings and Michael Thomas for four years. This committee acts to advise, support and challenge. In addition, he has been in contact with the clergy and vestry of the Cathedral. He has written Ember Day letters to the bishop, and has participated in the life of the West Missouri School for Ministry. He recently completed a six-month internship period at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, as well as his clinical pastoral experience at Research Hospital.

Bruce works full time as a family therapist in the state's juvenile justice system. In his free time, he enjoys backpacking - whatever the weather. He also enjoys working in his yard and reading political history. "Late-night dinner parties with lots of friends and life on the beach with people who are special make me happy," said Bruce.

He is looking forward to being involved in the life of the Cathedral, both in worship and in outreach. In addition, he will continue chaplaincy work at Research Hospital on a volunteer basis.

-by The Rev. Linda Yeager

Visit the Cathedral on the Internet at www.ghtc-kc.org

It's Cold Outside

As I write this at 6:41 on the morning of January 7, it's 14 degrees outside. I woke up a little over an hour ago in my nice warm bed. As I got ready to go into my office, my mind wandered to the lady that visited the Cathedral a few weeks ago.

She arrived by Metro bus, having left her young child with a next-door neighbor. She came instead of her husband because he was working. Their one car had broken down last month. It had to be repaired because her husband needed it for work, and the repairs were expensive. Unfortunately, this is one of many families who live on the edge from month to month, and paying for that car had left them without money for the heating bills. The day she happened to come in, the temperatures were not so cold, but I could not help but think about her this morning.

This is precisely the kind of individual that the Emergency Assistance Program for the Cathedral helps - the family described above, the father who is looking for a second job to supplement his limited income from one job, the mother with some unexpected medical bills that put a crunch on the usual family budget, and others.

How many people in the Greater Kansas City Metro face these types of problems? According to a recent article in the *Kansas City Star* ("Utility Aid Comes in Many Forms," *Kansas City Star*, January 4, 2004), that number is counted in the thousands. And the combination of higher natural gas prices, an exceptionally cold January, and other factors may lead to a much larger number than in recent years.

The Social Action Committee launched the Emergency Assistance Program May 15, 2003. This followed several months of research, consultation and careful preparation. And still, the learning curve for the first couple of months was enormous. Our rotating staff of volunteers is still learning, with the help of Mike Sancho and J.R. Roberts (our Program Co-Directors) and Paul Kim (our Program Administrator). Due to limited resources, the Emergency Assistance Program is open only a few hours each week, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our direct assistance is limited to crucial utilities and rent assistance.

The individuals that come to us for help are typically members of families where one or more people are working, but in very low wage jobs. On a good month, their wages may

be able to just barely cover their bills, but any unexpected expenses or decrease in income creates an impossible situation without help from someone like us.

When they come to us, we provide more than a handout. We talk with them extensively about their personal situation. If it appears that we can help them, we will talk directly with the utility or the landlord. Let's take the example given above. We will talk with a particular contact that we have developed at one of the city's gas utilities, and discuss the individual's situation with the utility. We will determine, sometimes directly negotiating with the utility, what level of payment is required to keep the gas from being turned off. After these conversations, if we determine that assistance from us is appropriate, we will send a check in the amount agreed upon directly to the utility.

No cash is ever given out, and no checks are ever written directly to an individual. We work hard to be good stewards of your money, not only because it is the right thing to do but also because it is the best way for us to provide a meaningful service to the most people.

Sometimes the situation is such that they require more than our typical \$100 limit of one time assistance. In such cases, we will network with other sources of funds throughout the Kansas City area to see if two or more agencies can combine efforts to help this individual. We will also refer people, when appropriate, to the United Services Community Action Agency who administers LIHEAP (the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) in this area. Our short-term goal, in this instance, is to help keep the heat turned on for this family.

Our longer-term goal is to provide advice and referral services to help this individual try to avoid such situations in the future. After all, our policy limits direct help from us to being available only once in a twelve month period. Again, this is intended to be an *emergency* assistance program - not ongoing assistance, month after month.

To assist with this second goal, and with other referrals, we are now members of the Mid-America Assistance Coalition - a network of agencies across the Kansas

City area. (Watch for more information about this in future issues of *The Angelus*.) Our hope is for no one to leave the Cathedral without having been helped in some way - even indirectly. We don't always succeed, but we do try.

Finally, a third goal goes beyond immediate financial assistance, and beyond referral to other agencies. Whenever appropriate, we also encourage interaction with our clergy. It is our hope that the help we provide is alone a reflection of our Christian faith, and of our imperative to reach out and help others in need. But even beyond that, it is our sincere hope that this will also touch the hearts of those that we assist. We know that it definitely touches the hearts of all of our volunteers.

We also ask for your help. Please remember that a significant portion of your plate offering on the first Sunday of each month goes to Social Outreach and this program. Of course, we also encourage any other offerings of financial help and/or volunteer services from any of our Cathedral family. To learn more, contact Mike Sancho or J.R. Roberts through the Cathedral office.

- by John Hornbeck

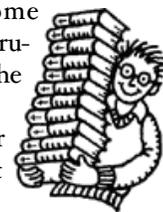
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Library News

Reclaiming and renewing our library's life has been a tough goal for the past two years. But we are now on the way. Classification and organization of new holdings and cleanup and repair of previous holdings has begun. A reference case has been added. But more hands are needed!

Join in the discussion and learn how you might help. Come Wednesday evening, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. to the Conference Room.

Call Dan Campbell for further information at (816) 753-8798.



The Cathedral's Financial Status

DECEMBER	BUDGETED YTD	ACTUAL YTD	VARIANCE
INCOME	\$ 1,359,513	\$ 1,296,647	\$ (62,866)
EXPENSES	\$ 1,353,633	\$ 1,327,930	\$ 25,703
VARIANCE	\$ (5,880)	\$ (31,283)	

The monthly financials reflect a true cash basis based on a three-year trend.

You Can Leave Your Hat On

The Kansas City Community Kitchen's Culinary Cornerstones received a windfall of hats - 5700, give or take a few - from a project begun in 1986 at Locke's Stitchery in Mission, Kansas. At the suggestion of a mother



and daughter who had come in for knitting lessons, the owner asked Chef Dave Nichols if he would be interested in distributing the hats to clients and students at the kitchen. He was enthusiastic about the project, picked up the hats, and after distrib-

uting approximately 3,000 through our Community Kitchen, saw that the remainder were given to other entities here and in Lawrence.

Volunteers in various places, including many in nursing homes, make these hats entirely from donated yarn. Last year they had 125 knitters, but they can always use more. The owner of Locke's said it was the wish of

her recently deceased husband that this project continues. They accept any kind of yarn and actually welcome small scraps in order to be able to weave in more color. Since their shop is in a small house, they use the

bathtub to store this yarn. You may either put your yarn directly in that bathtub (at 5919 Woodson, Mission, Kansas.) or at a to-be-determined site at the Cathedral. Those who like to go to yard sales and rummage sales can be on the lookout for reasonably priced yarn

to donate. Please tell your friends about this and ask them to tell their friends.

This would be a good project in which some of our Cathedral groups could participate. On a lighter note, Chef Dave suggested that it would be a good project for a men's group, "since you don't actually have to do anything."
-by Mary Byrne

Women's Retreat

"The Seasons of Our Lives" was the theme for the 2004 Women's Retreat, held January 9-11. Twenty-one



women gathered at the Franciscan Prayer Center in Independence, Missouri, for worship, music, meditation and sharing.

The retreat committee presented meditations on the seasons of the church year and showed how the seasons of our lives also have a rhythm and a pattern. The following people led the retreat: Bunny Reefer, Advent; Linda Yeager, Christmas; June McDonald, Epiphany; Leona Schaefer, Lent;



Marnell Sparks, Easter; Joyce Morrow, Pentecost/Ordinary Time;

Lenette Johnson, music. Committee members also conducted worship services and led activities related to the seasons. Next year's retreat is scheduled for February 11-13, 2005.

A Quiet Day for women is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. This day during the



Lenten season will offer an opportunity for prayer and meditation. More details will be provided in the March issue of The Angelus.

-story and photos by The Rev. Linda Yeager

The Cathedral Welcomes Julie Toma

In December, Julie Toma joined the staff at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral as Communications Coordinator. Julie brings to the Cathedral a strong background in communications and a great deal of enthusiasm for her work.

Julie grew up in Kansas City and attended high school here; her first experience with communications was as the editor of her high school yearbook. She left the area to attend college at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri, where she worked as world news editor and later editor-in-chief of the university newspaper. She graduated with a BA in religious education, after which she pursued an MA at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana. She completed two years towards her degree in Christian Education, emphasis in Social Work.



in the Middle East for three years where Julie was working for a non-profit organization as an office manager and bookkeeper.

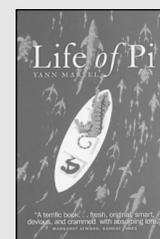
Joseph Toma, Julie's husband, is a violinist and is currently teaching private music lessons. He also attends English as a Second Language classes through the North Kansas City School District's Adult Education program. Originally from Iraq, where he played violin professionally, Joseph has had the opportunity to play here at the cathedral, performing with John Schaefer and Mary Jane Hubbard in the January 4 services.

"I love the new experiences and things I'm learning here at the cathedral," Julie said. "The work and the work environment are great and I enjoy getting to

meet and work with so many people from the cathedral."

Julie's experience and enthusiasm are greatly valued and welcomed by her coworkers.
-by Emily Akins

The Blakeslee Reading Society



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by Yann Martel

January 20, 7:00 p.m.

For further information
please call 816-741-0992

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Grace Choraliars
- 10:15 a.m. Church School
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 p.m. Order for Evening & Eucharist
- 6:15 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

MON, TUE, THU, FRI

- 12:05 p.m. Daily Office

TUESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Benedictine Spirituality Group
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
- 6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Trinity Mixed Choir

FRIDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study

SATURDAY

- 9:15 a.m. Trinity Youth Choir

Activities for the Month of February

1 • SUNDAY

- 11:45 a.m. Music Committee
- 12:00 a.m. Lay Eucharist Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. Lyra Society

3 • TUESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Needlework/Quilting

4 • WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study

7 • SATURDAY

- 10:30 a.m. Diaconate Ordination
- 7:30 p.m. Nordic Choir

8 • SUNDAY

- Blood Pressure Sunday - Morning Coffee Hours*

9 • MONDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education Committee
- 5:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee

10 • TUESDAY

- 7:00 p.m. *The Angelus* Small Group
- 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group

11 • WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Library Small Group

12 • THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study
(nursery care will be provided)

16 • MONDAY

- 4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds

17 • TUESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child
- 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group

18 • WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study

21 • SATURDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Annual Chili Cook-off

22 • SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Pancake Brunch
- 12:00 p.m. Acolyte Training

23 • MONDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Executive Committee

25 • WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Reel People

26 • THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study
(nursery care will be provided)

27 • FRIDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education Committee
- 6:25 p.m. Parenting Group

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral Office.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Flowers at
the Altar.*

-photo by Richard Fanolio