

Learning and growing in faith: a children's education update

Our children are presented with opportunities to experience and witness Jesus in different and special ways, especially during this time as Advent presents us the entry and Christmas provides us a great celebration.

Through this year's New Beginnings, the children learn about Advent and the preparation for the birth of Christ not in the classroom through Bible stories and responses, but through expressions of arts, crafts, story telling and puppet shows.

During these four weeks, classroom sessions will be replaced by the intergenerational activities with theirs and other families in the larger church setting. Classroom environment and learning resume at 9:15 a.m. January 2, 2005.

During the Advent season, the children begin to experience other wonders as they worship. Grade school children will welcome our support as they learn how adults worship. They will learn to listen, understand and re-

spond to the Word in the nave with their families. November 28 begins an ongoing worship for these children.

Our preschool, first and second grade children will experience the Liturgy of the Word in their chapel, at their maturity level and with their interactions. Children's Chapel began November 28 at 10:15 a.m.

On Christmas Eve, through the Pageant, the children will reenact the birth of Jesus as told by the Gospels. They will celebrate the birth through reciting Bible verses, actions and through singing. This will be a wonderful celebration for the children as this is the culmination of weeks of preparation and reflection of the meaning of Christmas.

The children in church school are blessed with these wonderful experiences to support their learning and growing in faith. They are engaging and exciting!

—by Jackye Finnie,
Acting Children's Education Director



photos by Jan Frizzle



New Arrivals

Conrad Dooley Ahn was born October 27, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces. He is the son of Susan and Ho Ahn and brother of Henry.

Kansas City Community Kitchen

- The Kansas City Community Kitchen (KCCK), located in Founders' Hall, serves 400-500 people each day.
- The people fed at KCCK consist not only of homeless persons but also the poor and underemployed.
- Many grants no longer fund organizations like the Kitchen.
- You can help KCCK by monetary donations or food donations.

To make a food donation, contact Jane Tally at KCCK, 816.474.6524

For more information, call KCCK or the Cathedral office, 816.474.8260.

Monetary donations can be mailed to KCCK • PO Box 412048 • Kansas City, Missouri 64141.



Children's Memorial Library dedicated

The Louise Barton Children's Memorial Library was dedicated November 7, 2004 with a short ceremony following the 10:15 a.m. service. In conjunction with the library dedication, children were asked to color pictures or write a short essay on their memories of Louise Barton. Special thanks were given to Garrett Coletti and Juliana Johnson and for their writings and Sophia Mauro for her coloring. During the ceremony, DeAnn McTavish spoke of her memories of Louise Barton; Garrett and Juliana also read their contest entries. Following a blessing of the library by Dean White, Garrett and Sophia attached a plaque to the door and the library was open for business.

The Children's Library is open every Sunday following the 10:15 a.m. service.

The library is still in need of donations of books, magazines, and furnishings such as beanbags, bookcases, tables and chairs. Contact Jackye Finnie at the Cathedral office if you are interested in donating any of these items.

Flower memorials and thanksgivings from the month of November

November 7, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriet Minty Russell and Frederick Forsha Russell; and in loving memory of Edward and Margaret Gillespie, by their daughter, Joyce; also in thanksgiving for her daughter, Beverly Sloan, by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan. At the Chapel altar, flowers are given in thanksgiving for Carl Ryder, by Alan and Phyllis Ryder. At the baptismal font, flowers are given in thanksgiving for the first birthdays of Maya Ellen McLeroy and Gracelyn Frances Leonard by their grandparents, Ron and Carolyn McLeroy; and in thanksgiving for their daughter, Eliza Lynn Johnson, on the

anniversary of her baptism, by Jeff and Valerie Johnson.

November 14, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Reverend Bill Miller and Clara Miller by their daughter, Chris Miller; and in loving memory of Charline Schmelzer by Bill Fisher; also in loving memory of Lillian Cozzi Pellet by her daughter, Tricia Pellet Lyddon. At the baptismal font, flowers are given in loving memory of her parents, Muriel and Harry Hall, by Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Walker, Jr. At the chapel altar, the flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Charles Culloden Chapple by his wife, Sally.

November 21, 2004 • The Harvest altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Mary-Scott Kaiser, by Leo Crabbs, Jr. At the chapel altar, the flowers are given in loving memory of Helen Curdy by Isabel Curdy.

November 28, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, William H. Shackelford, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Seidlitz, Jr.; in loving memory of Dr. Max Webster Morgan, Betty Ellis Morgan and Stephen Ellis Morgan by J. Gre-

gory Morgan; and in loving memory of Herbert Adams Sloan, Sr. by Mrs. H.A. Sloan and in thanksgiving for Frank Terrell, Jr. At the baptismal font, the flowers are given in thanksgiving for Amanda Tilley. At the chapel altar, the flowers are given in thanksgiving for Guy and Sue Mare and for Zachary Ryder, by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.

Cathedral's financial status

October 2004 saw income at the Cathedral exceed budget and expenses basically match budget. The Cathedral appears to be gaining momentum under Dean White. Let us all support the Cathedral with generous gifts of our time, talent and treasure.

— by Doyle White, treasurer

OCT MTD	BUDGETED MTD	ACTUAL MTD
INCOME	\$ 99,990	\$ 111,011
EXPENSES	\$ 104,631	\$ 105,551
NET TOTAL	\$ (4,641)	\$ 5,460

OCT YTD	BUDGETED YTD	ACTUAL YTD
INCOME	\$ 987,666	\$ 1,044,492
EXPENSES	\$ 1,091,176	\$ 1,076,317
VARIANCE	\$ (103,510)	\$ (31,825)

Advent Specials!

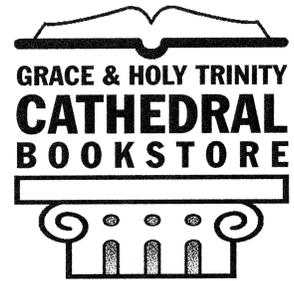
During Advent, all Advent/Christmas titles will be

20% off



all Children's books will be

25% off



BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sundays • after both morning services

Wednesdays • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

First Sunday of each month • after 5:00 p.m. service

Servin' Up Jazz: annual fundraiser for Episcopal Social Services

The Folly Theatre was the venue for the successful 10th anniversary for Servin' up Jazz. It was more than an afternoon of "hot jams and cool jazz."

Jay Lehnertz, President and CEO, advises that "Through your generosity, Servin' Up Jazz has raised approximately \$350,000 for outreach in the last ten years - money that directly benefits services and programs that span the life spectrum".

Area Episcopalians, through ESS, volunteer time and talents that directly benefit service

programs to serve people in need throughout our community.

Several cathedral members volunteered to make this important fundraising event for Episcopal Social Services. Serving refreshments to the gathered community of Episcopalians from the West Missouri and Kansas Dioceses were: Carolyn and Ron McLeroy, Sue and Don Willsey, Howard and Paula Connors, and Kathy and Jim Jennings.

Other cathedral members supporting ESS were: Melisa Burns, who designed posters and

programs; Jean Rau, Board Member; Greg Morgan and Jan Frizzle, Fundraising; and Mary Byrne, ESS Administrative Assistant.

This event continues as the only Episcopal event in the Kansas City metropolitan area with the potential of linking all of the metropolitan churches socially.

Performing artists this year were: Angela Hagenbach, Lisa Henry, Julie Turner and featured the UMKC Jazz Band, with Bobby Watson.

— by Jan Frizzle

Kirkin' o' the Tartan: November 14



photos by Jan Frizzle

A review of *Christ the Center*

“Teaching about Christ begins in silence. ‘Be still, for that is the absolute’, writes Kierkegaard. Thus begins *Christ the Center* – a work authored by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, but one that he never wrote. (It was actually compiled by a student of his, based on lectures of Christology given by Bonhoeffer in 1933.)

The heart of this book is implied in its title – that Christ is the center. “The one who is present in Word, Sacrament and Church is in the center of human existence, of history and of nature.” However, he also recognizes that this is not provable.

“The truth of the statement that Christ is our center does not allow for confirmation by proof. Christ as the center of human existence means that he is the judgment and justification of man.”

So, what is the importance of this particular work today, and why is there renewed interest in Bonhoeffer among many theologians? Part of the answer begins with the century immediately preceding Bonhoeffer – a century of evolving Biblical scholarship, including the liberal theology movement, various schools of historical criticism, and a quest for the historical Jesus.

With that foundation, in today’s era of Marcus Borg and Elaine Pagels (authors that our group will also be studying), this work has an important message.

The message is not to respond to historical criticism by asserting the infallibility of

the Bible. Indeed, Bonhoeffer recognizes that “The Bible remains a book like other books” and that “occasionally we have to deal with a problematic situation.”

And yet, he goes on to say that “it is through the Bible, with all its flaws, that the risen one encounters us.” How can that be?

How can the “historical Jesus” be reconciled with what Bonhoeffer describes as “the present Christ”?

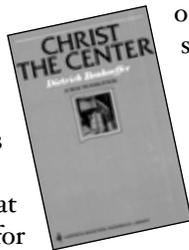
Bonhoeffer provides us a simple answer in a complex theological treatise. The answer is “faith.” In Bonhoeffer’s words, “The Jesus who cannot be grasped by history is the one to whom resurrection faith is directed.”

Bonhoeffer’s complaint was not that scholars of his time were exploring an historical Jesus, just as many scholars of today. His concern was that to do so without the beginning point of faith was folly.

“There is no way from history to the absolute. There is no absolute ground for faith derived from history.” In historical criticism, faith must be the foundation, and not the destination.

To summarize this work is exceptionally difficult. It is, without question, the most challenging book of 113 pages that I have ever read – but it was worth it. *Christ the Center* is available from the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Bookstore.

– by John Hornbeck



Religious book study small group

Part Adult Education and part small group, the Religious Book Study group concluded our discussion on November 21 on our first book, *Christ The Center* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer – a challenging work with which to start to say the least.

Throughout the Advent season, we will take a short recess during the New Beginnings intergenerational Advent programs through December.

On January 9 we will begin again with *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. The work is already available in the Cathedral bookstore, and all are welcome to the group.

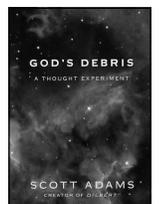
We meet at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month (reserved for the Dean’s Forum).

Book Discussion Group

GOD’S DEBRIS
by Scott Adams

December 21 • 7:00 p.m.
Common Room

For further information,
please call 816.741.0992.



Women bishops in the church of England?

"Women Bishops in the Church of England?," the report of the House of Bishops' Working Party on Women in the Episcopate, chaired by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, the Bishop of Rochester, was published Tuesday, 2 November. The General Synod will discuss the report in February.

"Women Bishops in the Church of England?" is a survey of the theological issues the Church needs to consider as it decides whether or not to ordain women bishops. "We have tried to do this as comprehensively as possible," says the Bishop of Rochester, "and hope that our report will prove to be a useful resource for discussion and debate in the Church as a whole."

The important theological issues covered by the Rochester Report will be debated by the Synod in February. The Synod will also have the opportunity, on the basis of a motion from the House of Bishops, to consider what the next steps should be. Synod will be invited to agree that, following a period of reflection on the report, there should be a decision at the July Synod on whether to embark on the process of removing the legal obstacles to ordaining women as bishops.

The members of the Working Party, women and men, represent a wide range of views, both lay and ordained, from within and outside the Church of England. "Our meetings have demonstrated a basic unity, not only in faith and a commitment to scholarship but often also in theological approach," said Bishop Michael.

In the course of its meetings, the Working Party heard evidence directly from representative groups and individuals and received some 500 items of written evidence. In its task of setting out as even-handedly as possible the fundamental issues that will need to be addressed, it has borne three key questions in mind:

- Would it be right in principle for women to be bishops?
- If the answer is 'yes', is this the right time for the Church of England to ordain women bishops?
- If it is the right time, how should women bishops be introduced and what provisions should be made for those conscientiously unable to accept their ministry?

"Women Bishops in the Church of England?" takes nothing for granted and examines the fundamental issues that the Church will need to bear in mind as it seeks to reach a decision. It goes back to the Bible itself and to the role of bishops in the Early Church as well as considering how the Church of England understands the role of the bishop today. It advocates an approach to the forthcoming debate that is rooted in Scripture and also makes proper use of tradition and reason.

The chapter that looks at the options facing the Church examines each one carefully. It does not come down in favour of any one of them. Rather, as requested by Synod, it focuses on the issues that need to be addressed in preparation for the debate and leaves it to Synod to decide the way ahead.

Welcoming the report, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Rowan Williams, and the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd David Hope, said, "We are happy to commend it for prayerful study within the dioceses of the Church of England and to invite other

Churches in the Anglican Communion and our ecumenical partners to let us have their reflections on it."

Published alongside the report is a reader's guide. This and further material to resource reflection on the report will be available on the Church of England website, and can be found here: <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/papers/index.html>.

"Women Bishops in the Church of England?" is published by Church House Publishing, and is available on the web at: <http://www.chbookshop.co.uk/> (mail order available).

—from the *Anglican Communion News Service*

Two new small groups forming this month

New Marriages

This small group is for couples from one year before their marriage through three years after. If you are a newlywed or soon-to-be newlywed, this group is for you. The group will focus on Bible Study, marriage-related book study, and time to share our experiences of marriage. The organizational meeting will be Monday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Common Room. At that meeting we'll decide on when, where, and how often to meet. If you are, or think you might be, interested, please call Fr. Ben. Call even if you can't make the organization meeting so we can have your input.



Table Top Games

Do you like to play Monopoly? Want to learn to play Chess? Have an amazing collection of Digimon Cards? Come join in the fun at the new Table Top Games small group. Our organizational meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., in Haden Hall. Bring your



favorite board game, card game, or anything you can play on a table top. Children of all ages are welcome. In addition to having some fun, we'll decide when, where, and how often to meet in the future. Call Fr. Ben if you're interested, even if you can't make the first meeting.