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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends in Christ,

A new year of Grace has begun, filled with light and hope. Through the mission of the Cathedral, the light and hope of Jesus Christ is experienced by a multitude of people.

For example, in the busy month of December, souls were fed through the offering of the Holy Eucharist eight times over six days every week, through concerts offered by the Kansas City Symphony Chorus, the William Baker Festival Singers, and the annual Messiah Sing-along. The Collegium Vocale from the UMKC Conservatory of Music offered Lessons and Carols for Advent followed the next day by William Jewell College's annual Christmas concert *The City Come Again. The Nativity* by the Paul Mesner Puppets was sold out for all of their performances, and the final performance played host to several hundred guests from The Crittenden Children's Center who enjoyed a Christmas party and visit with Santa in Founders' Hall sponsored by the Cathedral's Foster Care Group and volunteers. December 24 the Kansas City Community Kitchen moved into the upstairs of Founders' Hall to serve over 500 festive holiday meals. A few days before Christmas the Tallis Singers shared tidings of joy with residents of Bishop Spencer Place, and on Christmas Eve the Birth of Christ was told in a very special way by our young people. The Holy Eucharist was taken to those homebound and in care facilities and hospitals, and in many other ways, the love of Christ was shared. The Word was made Flesh in Bethlehem, and the Incarnate Lord continues to be shared through our common ministry at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

The new year begins with financial challenges for virtually everyone and every organization. The Cathedral's endowment and trust funds will produce approximately \$140,000 less in 2009, and with pledges and plate offerings expected to be less as well, the working draft of the 2009 operating budget will anticipate at least \$200,000 less income. The Budget Committee will present a proposed budget to the Vestry in January, and the approved budget will be presented at the January 25 Annual Meeting.

As the Treasurer's Report on page 2 indicates, through November income and expenses are running close to budget. Throughout 2008 the Budget Committee and Vestry

worked diligently to keep income and expenses in line, and the Cathedral staff along with lay leaders who have oversight over budget items are to be greatly commended for their stewardship and management of resources while maintaining vital programs and ministries.

The Cathedral's budget is actually a detailed plan for how we will carry out Christ's work in the coming months. Every expense is related in some way to ministry, and income lines represent resources committed to our many aspects of ministry. As we seek to do the work of the Gospel in the new year, the gifts and talents of each Cathedral member are needed to help our ministry grow stronger. Thank you to those who have made a financial pledge for 2009. If you are planning to make a financial commitment soon, know that your support will make a difference. For some in our parish community at this time, it appears unlikely that they can make a pledge this year. Know that you are not alone, and that by your prayers and continued participation in worship and the ongoing life of the parish you are very much a part of the Cathedral community. And finally, if you find that you are in a position to make a financial pledge for the first time, or increase your pledge at any point in 2009, your offering will be so very much appreciated. A pledge can be made at any time, and can be revised at any point, by leaving a pledge card in the offering plate, going online to www.ghtc-kc.org/stewardship, or by calling the office and speaking with Financial Administrator David Stoll.



photo by DeAnn McTavish

Children and their families ate, decorated Haden Hall for Christmas and enjoyed time together for the first annual Children's Formation Fellowship Breakfast.

The beginning of a new year always brings new opportunities. As people of faith, as the Body of Christ, we overcome fear and anxiety by placing our trust in the Lord. Though markets and bank accounts rise and fall, the steadfast love of the Lord endures. Therefore we will not fear. There is no challenge we cannot meet when we come together, place our trust in God, and act on that trust. I look forward to a new year filled with God's love, grace, and abundance, which will enable us to carry out our God-given mission; and I look forward to the new work the Lord will surely place before us.

Arise, shine, for our Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon us!

With God, nothing shall be impossible.

With my love in Christ,

Terry+

Flower gifts for December

December 14

- in memory of Howard L. Stewart — *Janet, Ric and Devon Sweeting*
- in honor of the birthday of Leslie Branton Hoffecker — *Shawsie Branton*
- in memory of the birthdays of my parents, Norma Jean and Ralph Esshom — *Taloyre Mahoney and family*

December 21

- in thanksgiving for François-Régis and Hilary Thomas Gaboriau and Capt. Kevin and Laura Thomas — *Michael and Cathy Thomas*

Christmas Eve & Day

In thanksgiving for

- Our 65th wedding anniversary — *Paul and Bonnie Lowrey*
- Clarie and Albert Wallace; Grayson and Mason Garner — *Sharyl L. Wallace*
- Our granddaughters, Gweni and her sisters — *Jay and Carol Montgomery*
- My family and friends — *Suzanne Wright*
- My children, grandchildren and great grandchildren — *Sally Wood*
- Sally Kemper Wood — *Patty and Tom Wood*
- My children and their families — *Barbara Mason*
- My good health — *Helen M. Schumacher*
- My great-great grandchildren's birth (twins) — *Jeanne Estevez*
- Our granddaughter Jennifer and her husband Bryan and the birth of our great grandson, Grant Liberto Loeffler — *Phyllis and Jim Shaffer*
- The ministry of Robert Trapp in the beauty of the Chancel — *Richard I. Preis*
- Our children and grandchildren — *Day and Whitney Kerr*
- The gift of God's Son, for health, healing, rehabilitation and redemption — *Bill Hawley and Sally Livengood*
- "Our" two singers, Nan and Andy — *Sam and Dorothy Gershman*
- For my children and grandchildren — *Patricia Burns*
- The clergy at GHTC and for our children and grandchildren — *Ben and Joyce Morrow*
- Luke and Hannah Woolley and Emma Kate Lane — *Pat and Kay Woolley*
- The ministry of John Schaefer and the Trinity Choir — *Richard I. Preis*
- *Robert Trapp*
- Family and friends — *Shawsie Branton*
- Our daughter, Noël, and grandson, Gordon — *Harley and Pat Miller*
- Many blessings — *Marlene Link*

- Peter, Christy, Taylor, Riley — *Grace and John Obetz*
- Abby, Jon and Camille Moore — *Steve and Kristy Moore*

In memory of

- Betty, Douglas and Berry McLaughlin — *Gene McLaughlin*
- Ellis Thomas Johnston — *Michael and Lucille Johnston*
- Paul and Norma Parkin; Harold and Delores Dealey; Otis and Lola England — *The Rev. Bryan and Mrs. Linda England*
- Don Willsey
- Anne Clarence Hansen; Lena Guy Lewis; Homer Mitchell — *Gordon Hansen and Newt Lewis*
- Jacob E. Klassen; Florence B. Klassen; J. Raymond Klassen — *Jan Seaman*
- Hazel Helmer; Robert J. Helmer — *Faye Richards*
- Our parents: Ted and Martha Iott; Sabino and Elynor Bilotta — *Bev and Larry Bilotta*
- Calvia Hillhouse — *Brent Adrian Barr*
- Alice Lindquist and Arthur Durant — *Briggett and Joseph Lewandowski*
- Mary Belle, Augusta and Frank Fanolio; Loyd and Hazel Smith; Jerry Smith; Steve Risbeck; Georginna King; Eleanor Halley — *Richard and Dick Fanolio*
- Anne Pence Little and William L. Pence — *Mrs. William L. Pence*
- Harold Phillips — *Betty Phillips and Bowen family*
- Earl and Elizabeth Branson — *Betty Holliday*
- Barbara and Philip Rahm; Maude Forrester; Creighton Hart — *Phyllis Hart*
- The Burke Family — *Bev Burke*
- Minnie Livingston and JW Downs — *Larry Downs*
- Marjorie and Wendell Beckord; Morgan Marie Pollack — *Pat McKenna*
- Isabel Curdy; Luther Crocker; Jim Cochran — *friends*
- Marilyn Lacey McMullen
- Our parents: Frank and Dorothy Eearnley; Ora and Lawrence Montgomery; William and Ellen Inglis — *Jay and Carol Montgomery*
- My Parents — *Suzanne Wright*
- My husband Thomas — *Sally Wood*
- Thomas J. Wood, Jr. — *Patty and Tom Wood*
- The Rev. Richard E. Mason — *Barbara Mason*
- Albert Franklin Wallace; Alfred and Aletha Osborne — *Sharyl L. Wallace*
- All my loved ones — *Helen M. Schumacher*
- Purnell Brown — *Jeanne Estevez*

Treasurer's Report

Nov MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 166,550	\$ 166,682
Expenses	\$ 152,848	\$ 155,239
Net Total	\$ 13,702	\$ 11,443
Nov YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,641,649	\$ 1,671,760
Expenses	\$ 1,668,064	\$ 1,677,248
Net Total	\$ (26,415)	\$ (5,488)

November 2008 saw income right on budget and expenses only slightly over budget. Year-to-date income is over budget and expenses are close to budget.

Next year is shaping up as a difficult year financially at the Cathedral. Those of you who are able to pledge and have not as yet done so, prayerfully consider making a pledge to the Cathedral.

—by Doyle White



*Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

- Shirley Lusk (*Fr. Bill Lusk's wife*)
- Maria Quintero (*Carmen Quintero's mother*)

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Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail: communications@ghtc-kc.org or fax: 816.474.5856.

Adult Formation

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Founders' Hall

January 4

A Pilgrim in Botswana

The Dean will share stories of his visit to our Companion Diocese.

January 11, 18, 25

Understanding Israel's Exile

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile...

Arguably, the two seminal events in Israel's history as a nation were the Exodus and the Exile. The Exodus is recounted in the second book of the Bible, as well as reinterpreted in portions of Numbers and Deuteronomy. It is the story of God leading God's chosen people from bondage in Egypt to the Land of Promise, and the giving of the Covenant. By contrast, the Exile represents the complete reversal of Israel's fortune: loss of land, destruction of Temple, and removal of God's favor. It was the worst national crisis that Israel underwent, but it also laid the foundation for its most sweeping renewal. The birth of Christianity and the rise of rabbinic Judaism are both related to the political and theological consequences of the Exile.

Old Testament Scripture interpreted the Exile in a variety of ways: as a lost opportunity, as punishment for sin with the possibility of redemption, as an utter calamity for nationhood, and as a Sabbath for the Land. Join Canon Sue Sommer as together we will examine those themes and reflect on their impact both for the Jewish world and for emerging Christianity. If time permits, we'll consider the impact of the Exile on the current state of Israel.

A child is born

As we prepare for the birth of the Christ child, we are filled with great expectation. We are reminded of how in our own lives we prepared and planned for the miracle of a new baby in our family. We remember as we first held this healthy new life, the feeling of complete joy and thanksgiving that filled our hearts.

Through Maison de Naissance, Haitian mothers now can prepare and look forward to the birth of healthy babies. This has been made possible by random gifts from generous donors.

To keep the effort going, funds must be budgeted for supplies and staff for the entire year. This will be possible



through regular gifting commitments, which will enable Maison de Naissance to plan for and facilitate many Haitian blessed events this next year. The amount need not be large, just one that can be counted on to help deliver the services. We can share in the joy with a weekly, monthly or quarterly gift.

To give a gift or make a pledge to MN, just go to their website www.hm-hb.com, or mail a check payable to the Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Foundation (the sponsor of Maison de Naissance) to their office at 6401 Wornall Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113.

Surely there will be a star shining over Maison de Naissance this Christmatide, as we help deliver the wonderful gift of life.

—by Sandy Carter

January in Children's Formation



Fresh as a newly fallen snow, a flurry of activities are scheduled for our children in formation. And we're just getting warmed up! The new year begins January 4 with a lesson of Epiphany and Pajama Sunday. Pajama Sunday makes it easy to throw back the blankets and get to church. Roll out of bed and come to formation in your warm and appropriate pajamas, robes or slippers. God doesn't care what you wear; you're always welcome in His house.

Heating up *Friday, January 16*, is **Family Game Night** in Founders' Hall from 6-9 p.m. and we're hunting for players. Everyone in the parish (kids from 1 to 92 as the song goes) is invited to join in a lively night of board, card and group games. From Candyland to poker: share your favorite games and bring a friend!

More games=More play! Donations of snacks are welcome. For nursery care reservations for children: infant through age 2 contact Joan Bock by January 13 (jboc@ghtc-kc.org or 816.474.8260). For more information, contact DeAnn McTavish.

Children in formation will also work with the baptism of our Lord and parables throughout January. We have added intercessions for the orphans in Botswana to our Prayers of the

People in Children's Chapel. Thank you to our children for their role in the wonderful Christmas pageant. Thank you also to their parents and our awesome volunteers who helped with direction, costumes, lunches and the Fellowship Breakfast.

—by DeAnn McTavish



•new arrivals•

Grant Liberto Loeffler was born October 23. Grant is son of Bryan and Jennifer Loeffler, grandson of Mary Shaffer and Mike & Sally Shaffer, great-grandson of Phyllis and Jim Shaffer.

Visit the Cathedral website and see what's new!

www.ghc-kc.org



Annual Meeting

January 25, 2008

Following 10:15 a.m. Eucharist

Come and celebrate our parish's ministry, give thanks for those who have served in leadership, and elect new Vestry members. A report from the Nominating Committee will be mailed to homes in mid-January.

Guild of the Christ Child Cookie Exchange



Children's Formation Fellowship Breakfast



Celebrating Christmas at the Cathedral



photo by Jan Frizzle



photos by Karen Behen

**Engaging
our faith,
Empowering
Christ's
mission**

Pledge cards are available
at the back of the church.
Completed cards may be placed
in the offertory plates.

Pledges for 2009 may also be
made online at the Cathedral's
website:
www.ghtc-kc.org/stewardship.



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Canon Musician

January 2009

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Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Order for Evening/Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

9:15 a.m. EfM
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
6:00 p.m. Grace Choraliers
7:00 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
6:30 p.m. EfM
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

This Month's Calendar

1 • THURSDAY • New Year's Day
Office & Buildings Closed

3 • SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. Budget Committee

4 • SUNDAY
11:30 a.m. Music Committee
11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee

8 • THURSDAY
5:30 a.m. Budget Committee

11 • SUNDAY
Stop by coffee hour for a free blood pressure check.

13 • TUESDAY
6:15 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child

14 • WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m. Friends of MN

16 • FRIDAY
6:00 p.m. Family Game Night

18 • SUNDAY
11:30 a.m. Women's Retreat Planning

19 • MONDAY • Martin Luther King Day
Office & Buildings Closed

21 • WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Charitable Needlework

25 • SUNDAY
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

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

Coming in February

February 7
Chili Cook-off
6 p.m.

Benefits social action ministries at GHTC

February 14
Absalom Jones
11 a.m.

February 22
Pancake Breakfast
9 & 11:30 a.m.

Benefits social action ministries at GHTC

February 25
Ash Wednesday Services
7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7 p.m.