



The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

Moments before we walked out of our empty house in Seattle last month and turned the key to lock the door one last time, Mary asked me, “So, what things would you like most to remember about living here?” I’ll admit that I got teary momentarily before listing off a few things. Among the memories were all the planned and impromptu times with friends, family, parishioners and even total strangers around our table. The people who visited us in that special place made it all the more holy, all the more a home. Those memories helped propel us forward as we started our trek over the mountains the next day.

Since arriving in town the week before Christmas, I have been reminded again and again of what makes this Cathedral such a living and gracious place. Mary and I are very grateful for the warm welcome you have extended to us. This was very much in evidence on our first Sunday at the Cathedral. There was good energy at the two celebrations of Eucharist and in Adult Formation. The music provided by the Cathedral choirs and the Chamber Choir from the University of Missouri was heavenly. God’s welcome table was extended even farther with the barbecue lunch. Thank you to all who made these things possible and to all who were present!

A great many of you have said, “Welcome to Kansas City,” or “Welcome home,” to us depending on whether or not

one was here when I served among you from 1990 through 1996. What is amazing is how good it is to be “home.” But, it is also how good it is to be in a new place. The time ahead needs to be one of listening for what the Spirit may be calling us to do and be as a Cathedral community. In what ways and to what new witness is God calling us?

As we begin in mutual ministry together, I would like you to know that Mary and I have made our 2012 pledge of support for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. This is very important to both of us. It is a right beginning. The first time I was here on staff I was still learning what it means to be a good steward. I am still doing so. Fifteen years ago I was not a tither. Today I am. That is due in part to the witness of a member of the Kansas City Jewish community who regularly gave generously to the former Hot Food Program (which later became the Kansas City Community Kitchen). I was humbled when I learned that this generosity was on top of ten percent annual giving to the synagogue!

By the time the Diocese of Olympia elected a new bishop five years ago I had become a tither. I was humbled how, shortly after becoming bishop, he shared with the diocese about his giving—what he and his family give annually. The bishop talked about how the church is freed to do its work when it talks openly about money matters. He also talked about how giving is a gesture of gratitude for all that has been so freely given to us. All that is to say that our 2012 pledge to the mission and ministry of this Cathedral is \$10,000, an amount we hope to increase once Mary is employed. This is our biggest piece of giving. We also will give to other causes, schools and to the greater church.

I would like to thank all of you who have already made a pledge to the Cathedral for 2012. Thank you to all who are coordinating the ongoing work of stewardship. With the Vestry and our stewardship leaders I would encourage those who have not yet made a pledge to consider doing so. No commitment is too small. I know that times are tough for many—unemployment and underemployment persist. Yet, I also know from the experience of lean times in my life, that there is always something to give. An old Jewish shopkeeper said to me when I was still in my teens, “An open hand is never empty!” It was one of many small testimonies that have shaped me as a joyful giver. Pray that God opens all our hearts and hands to serve through gracious hospitality and giving.

Gratefully in Christ,
Peter+



In the Next Pew

“In the Next Pew” is a monthly column to help parishioners match names with the faces they see in the pews around them.

Margo Galus, one of the newest members of the Cathedral, was baptized January 8. She attends the 10:15 a.m. service with her parents, Mark Galus and Sara Copeland, and her big brother, Henry. Sara is the City Planner for Grandview, and Mark has his own law practice. They have been attending the Cathedral since December 2005 when they were drawn to the beauty of the music and the Christmas decorations. Mark and Sara were married at GHTC in 2006. Sara now contributes to the music program by playing hand bells with the Cathedral Bell Ringers.



One of the couple’s shared interests is cooking. Mark is usually in charge of the savory side of meals, and Sara takes care of the sweets. Both turn out excellent results, and they have shared them with fellow parishioners in their Dinner for Eight groups. Be sure you get a bite of what they bring to the next potluck!

A new year begins at Maison de Naissance

First, thank you to all who have generously given Onesies for the newborns at MN. They were delivered mid-January.

In the January issue of *The Angelus*, you read about the record number of births at MN ... averaging 78 births per month in the first ten months of 2011! As

MN's reputation as a safe, clean and caring environment grows, more and more families are being drawn to see and experience it for themselves.

Not only does MN ensure healthy births, but the moms also learn about how to take better care of their babies and themselves. It is a proven fact that empowering women improves not only the quality of life in the family but also in the community. MN has become an important part of the surrounding community.

Haiti has long suffered from endemic poverty—the causes are many—ineffective governance, poor infrastructure, insufficient education, chronic malnutrition and the list goes on. Without the assistance from concerned people here in the U.S., and especially the Episcopal Church, their plight would be even worse.

The Friends of MN at GHTC are pleased to represent the Cathedral's ongoing support of this important ministry. Each new birth brings with it new hope for a brighter future for the people of Haiti.

Keep watching *The Angelus* each month for news of more ways to support Maison de Naissance.

The Friends of MN thank you for your prayers and support.

—by Marian Philip



For the Year 2011

Women's reproductive health visits: 10,997

Prenatal Visits: 6683

Postpartum Visits: 656

Laboring Women: 915

Urgent Labor Transfers/referrals: 70

Births: 845

Well Baby Visits: 4033

Treasurer's Report

Dec. MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 137,578	\$ 122,825
Expenses	\$ 136,616	\$ 112,460
Net Total	\$ 962	\$ 10,365
Dec. YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,450,589	\$ 1,435,871
Expenses	\$ 1,490,589	\$ 1,448,815
Net Total	\$ (40,000)	\$ (12,944)

For the year, the net operating loss was lower than budget. As compared to the budget, the actuals were lower in both in income and expenditures. For the year ended December 31, 2011, income was about \$15,000 below budget which nearly mirrored the shortfall in the month of December of approximately \$14,000. Contributions in the form of pledges were nearly the same as budgeted; however, the plate was about \$15,500 short of budget.

On the expense side, total expenses were below budget by about \$42,000 which was disbursed throughout several expense categories. For the month of December, similar trends occurred with pledges and plate well below budget and several categories of expenses being below budget.

The budget for 2012 will continue to draw from pledge and plate contributions to sustain the ministries of the Cathedral. We appreciate your support and encourage everyone to make a pledge contribution for 2012.

—by Jim Phillips, Treasurer

• new arrivals •

Connor James Coppess was born July 19 to Ryan and Laura Coppess.

Langley Rose Freese was born August 26 to Rachel & Kevin Freese.

Michael David John was born December 25 to Caroline and Premkamur John and big brother Daniel.

Nora Joyce Elisabeth was born December 30 to Julie Brogno and Eric Elisabeth and big brother Theo.



Adult Formation

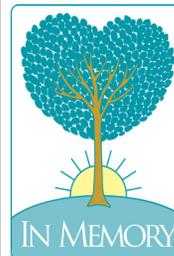
9:15 a.m. • Founders' Hall

Concludes February 5
Theology in the Rock Opera
Tommy

Like Handel's *Messiah*, The Who's rock opera, now 42 years old, tells a story of salvation. Olathe East High presents Tommy February 2-4, and theater teacher Eddie Shafer and his students join our discussion of theological issues raised by the production. Vern Barnett, whose doctoral dissertation discussed the opera, leads the three sessions.

February 12, 19, 26 & March 4
The Politics of Mark

Most of us have been brought up with the notion that the Galilee of Jesus' day was a quiet, rural, backwater of the first century Jewish world. In fact, however, Galilee of that first terrible century of the Common Era was a sophisticated mix of social, religious and political ideologies. And Mark's community was a part of the mix. In this short course, we will examine some of the passages of the Gospel of Mark that reveal the politics of a new reality called the Kingdom of God.



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

Ken Houtman, Janel
Mosley's brother-in-law
Louise Rhodes, Arianne
Fortune's mother; Alex's
grandmother

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of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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Julie Brogno, Jan Frizzle, Chris Morrison
Julie Toma, Editor

The Angelus Small Group is open to anyone interested
in contributing (writing stories, taking photographs)
regularly to *The Angelus*. No experience necessary.

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 to
communications@ghtc-kc.org.

Donate a Book of Common Prayer

In the classic children's book by Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, readers hear from the Skin Horse who had been loved so much by the children in the nursery for so long that his fur was "loved off." (Hence, his name: Skin Horse.) The corollary, perhaps, in the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral pews are our beloved Books of Common Prayer. They have been in our pews for a great many years and they, too, have been handled by us Children of God to the point that many of the covers, bindings and the pages have been loved off.

We are in the process of "pastorally responding" to these books. But in the meantime, we rejoice that, through a generous gift by Marian Phillips Bowen, 50 new Books of Common Prayer are now in the pew racks, replacing the most severely worn editions which Sacristan Janet Sweeting has identified. These new BCPs are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold and Betty Phillips.

There are, suffice to say, many more worn BCPs that need to be replaced.

Pew editions of the BCP are \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one or more in memory of a deceased loved one, or in thanksgiving for a living loved one, please contact Janet Sweeting at jssweeting@everestkc.net or by phone at 816.361.3563. She will place orders periodically over the next several months. A bookplate, memorializing your loved one, will be inserted in the BCP(s).

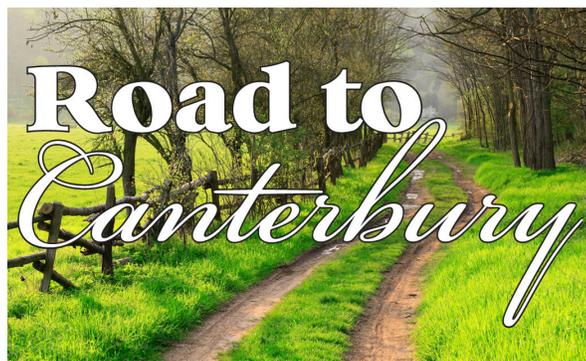
—by Canon Sue Sommer



The Cathedral and the Trinity Choir welcome several new musicians to our fellowship.

Desiree Hines joined us in November as the Curdy Organ Scholar. Miss Hines is studying at the UMKC Conservatory of Music with Dr. Elisa Bickers. She is a native of Jackson, Miss., and is a life-long Episcopalian. She will be primarily responsible for accompanying the Cathedral Choirs.

Stewart Duncan has joined the Trinity Choir as Baritone Section Leader, replacing Sam Anderson, who is now involved in the music program at St. Paul's Church. Mr. Duncan is a native of Liberty and is a freshman at William Jewell College, in the Oxbridge Study Program. Other new choir members are John Pinkston, master chef who prepared the Epiphany dinner; Donna LaBach, who is returning to the choir; and Sherry Jones, a recent visitor to the Cathedral.



If you:

- are new to the Episcopal Church OR...
- are new to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral OR...
- are an adult seeking baptism OR...
- have forgotten everything you once learned in Confirmation years ago...

...then our adult education series, **Road to Canterbury**, may be for you.

**Sundays, February 5-March 26
9:15-10 a.m.**

This series is led by the Cathedral clergy and will cover such topics as:

- Some similarities and differences with other branches of the Christian Church,
- The Book of Common Prayer, the hymnals, Sunday morning worship, and why it takes such manual dexterity to be an Episcopalian,
- The role of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason in the Episcopal Church. (unity thru worship vs. uniformity of belief),
- Baptism as the Sacrament conferring full membership, and what that means, and much, much more.

Participation in this class can lead to adult baptism (for those who have not been baptized) or confirmation/reception/reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church at the Great Vigil of Easter. It can also lead simply to richer knowledge of the Episcopal Church. Register for this class now by contacting the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer at 816-474-8260 x107 or ssommer@ghc-kc.org.

You can help feed the hungry

Feeding Hungry Children

Many children don't have enough to eat between Friday and Monday. The Cathedral has joined Episcopal Community Services's work to provide food for hungry children through the Harvester's BackSnack program. We will be filling backpacks each Wednesday. Contact Charmaine Fowler to be part of a team to fill the backpacks with food. Come once a month or every week — we appreciate your support to feed hungry children.



Food for St. Mary's Pantry

Food pantries across the city are running low on food and St. Mary's Saturday food pantry is no exception. The Social Outreach Committee is asking for donations of nonperishable food items to help stock the St. Mary's pantry. No glass containers, please. **Please bring food to the basket at the front of the Nave the second Sunday of each month.**



Meals-on-Wheels Delivery Teams

Deliver nutritious meals to homebound in Midtown and Kansas City's East side. Volunteer once or twice a month—more or less if you like. Contact: Richard Gooch (richardgooch1973@yahoo.com or 816-682-4226).



Paper Bags for St. Paul's Pantry

Bring paper bags to church and leave them in the basket in the tower entrance and they will be donated to St. Paul's food pantry.

WELCOMING THE DEVEAUS



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO WELCOME PETER & MARY!

photos by Jan Frizzle and Chris Morrison

A Celebration of the Feast Day of

ABSALOM JONES

Saturday, February 11 • 11 a.m. • Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Martin Field, Bishop of West Missouri

Preacher: Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III, pastor of St. James UMC

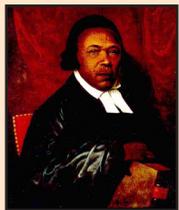
Reception with Black History Exhibit follows the service in Haden Hall.

Event is co-sponsored by the Diocese of West Missouri and the St. Andrew's/St. Augustine's Racial Reconciliation Committee.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Absalom Jones: A man who served the hearts of his people

In 1786 the membership of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia included both blacks and whites. However, the white members met that year and decided that thereafter black members should sit only in the balcony. Two black Sunday worshippers, Absalom Jones (1746-1818) and Richard Allen (1760-1831), whose enthusiasm for the Methodist Church had brought many blacks into the congregation, learned of the decision only when, on the following Sunday, ushers tapped them on the shoulder during the opening prayers, and demanded that they move to the balcony without waiting for the end of the prayer.



Absalom Jones

They walked out, followed by the other black members. Absalom Jones conferred with William White, Episcopal Bishop of Philadelphia, who agreed to accept the group as an Episcopal parish. Jones would serve as lay reader, and, after a period of study, would be ordained and serve as rector. Allen wanted the group to remain Methodist, and in 1793 he left to form a Methodist congregation. In 1816 he left the Methodists to form a new denomination, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME). Jones (ordained deacon and priest in 1795 and 1802) and Allen (ordained deacon and elder in 1799 and

1816) were the first two black Americans to receive formal ordination in any denomination. (So I am told by my Episcopal source. On the other hand, a Baptist correspondent tells me of the earlier ordination of a black American to the Baptist ministry. Perhaps my first source either did not know of this, or did not consider the Baptist ordination to be "formal." This is not a question of snobbery. Some congregations I know simply ask someone who they think is a good speaker to be their preacher for a year, and there is no ceremony beyond the vote and his saying, "I accept.")

The African Methodist Episcopal Church Zion (AME Zion) formed in New York in about 1796 for similar reasons. The two groups were well organized before they heard of each other. The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, also historically black, was an offshoot in 1870 of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (The Methodists split into North and South before the War of 1861-1865, and have since re-united.) These three black groups, and the United Methodist Church, and some other denominations of Methodist origin, are committed in principle to eventual union, but bureaucracies move slowly. Meanwhile, the groups are united in doctrine, and members of each are free to worship and to receive the Sacraments with members of the others.

— Info taken from The Lectionary Page web site



Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III

Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III is the oldest of four children born to Dianne and Reverend Emanuel Cleaver II. The accomplished graduate of Philander Smith College received his B.A. in political science; accepted his calling into the ministry in 1995; and is now an ordained elder in the United

Methodist Church. After completing the Master of Divinity degree at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in May of 1999, Cleaver served as pastor of Longview for three years and was then appointed to St. Andrew, both United Methodist Churches in Kansas City. In 2004 Dr. Cleaver became the proud pastor of Centennial United Methodist Church. During his tenure at this prestigious congregation, he received his doctorate of ministry from Saint Paul School of Theology. Under his leadership this great church, located in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District of Kansas City, Missouri, made renovations to its facility, including the installation of an elevator and started a weekly Saturday evening hip hop worship celebration. On July 1, 2008 Dr. Cleaver joined his father as the co-pastor of the 2,600 member St. James UMC in Kansas City and in 2009 began his tenure as the senior pastor.

The dynamic clergyman is involved in several organizations and has served on numerous boards including the Concerned Clergy Coalition of Kansas City and the Methodist Minister's Fellowship where he currently serves as president. Furthermore, Dr. Cleaver is a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church and he serves on the board of trustees for Philander Smith College. Cleaver has taught at Saint Paul School of Theology and Central Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to frequent preaching, teaching, and lecturing engagements he has also had several works published in Unity and Circuit Rider Magazines as well as the Wesley Study Bible.

Dr. Cleaver is married to Sharon and they are the proud parents of two boys and one girl, Emanuel IV, Isaac and Alayna. He is dedicated to spreading the "Good News" of love, hope, and justice found in the liberating power of Jesus Christ.

MEET YOUR NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Mark Galus



I joined the Cathedral in December 2005. My then-fiancée (now wife), Sara, and I were looking for a church to not only be married in, but also to join for the long haul. The Cathedral was probably the farthest drive from our house, but the staff and the people were incredibly warm and welcoming. We were married in the Cathedral in 2006, and both of our children have been baptized here. Since 2009, I have run my own law practice, so I'm certainly familiar with managing income and expenditures. I currently serve on the housing corporation board for my fraternity chapter at KU. We are charged with bringing the chapter back to campus, including finding appropriate real estate, coordinating a fundraising drive, overseeing the construction of a new house, and helping to attract young men to join the fraternity and fill the house once it's back on campus. From 2004 to 2010, I served on the board of directors of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the KU Alumni Association, including two years as secretary. The board works to increase membership in the alumni association through various events in the Kansas City area. While I was on the board, the alumni association saw a marked increase in membership from the Kansas City area (not to mention a spike in fundraising dollars), and the chapter was viewed as a model for other chapters across the country. As an initial matter, it's important to point out that we are in a period of transition and therefore must be cognizant of supporting the new Dean. That being said, I would like to see the Cathedral be a thriving place of worship and fellowship, with full pews on Sundays and active participation from members throughout the year. The Cathedral has some built-in advantages—its location, its physical beauty, its welcoming people and staff, its music—in this regard. Having two young children, I would hope to see more young families join the Cathedral in order to build a strong base of membership for the future. Finally, building off last year's excellent ministry fair, I believe that we could draw more parishioners into ministries by being more active in recruiting these folks and assisting them in finding ways to live out their baptismal vows (as opposed to just waiting for them to volunteer). The three words that best characterize my strengths are direct, tenacious and affable. I believe in tackling problems head-on, which sometimes requires frank and honest discussion that some people won't necessarily want to hear. And I'm not easily discouraged if things aren't going according to plan. I also believe that I am good natured enough to be able to get along with just about everyone.

John Hornbeck



I have been a member of the Cathedral since 1990. The number of ministries that I have been involved with over this period are rather extensive, so let's begin with what I am currently doing, in no particular order: Lecturer and Eucharistic Minister, Men's Bible Study, Social Outreach Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. I am a graduate of Education for Ministry, and have been a visiting mentor for that program. I have also led both Adult Education programs and Lenten Academy Programs, and I have frequently led Morning Prayer at the Cathedral during Lent and Advent. I also continue to contribute to *The Angelus* with both articles and photographs. Previously I have volunteered as a Eucharistic Visitor, an acolyte (including training other acolytes), a member of the Adult Education Committee, member of the Pastoral Care committee, a volun-

teer for the Bookstore, a Vestry member and a participant and leader in Men's Retreats. I have been a convention delegate on multiple occasions. I have also been a member of various small groups at the Cathedral. I have been both a leader and a participant both within the church and outside of the church. I have worked in management in major corporations, and have owned my own company. Currently, I am the President and CEO of Episcopal Community Services, and work with both staff and volunteers in that capacity, as well as with multiple parishes in both the Diocese of West Missouri and the Diocese of Kansas. I also work with a wide range of other leaders—church, non-profit, business and government—in collaborative relationships. I believe that there are at least three critical characteristics of leadership that I possess. The first two are a willingness and a capacity to actively listen to a range of opinions, and a willingness and a capacity to make a decision and take action when it is time to do so. The third characteristic is that almost all leaders must, in certain circumstances, have the willingness to follow. I was on the committee that helped form the current mission statement, and am a strong believer in that statement as a reflection of what Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is and can be as the Church in the Heart of the City. We talk about individual members living out their baptismal covenant. I believe it is also possible for the community of the church together to live out the baptismal covenant in a very real way, and I think that should be our goal and our guide. The three words that best characterize my strengths are compassion, reason and creativity.

Bill Hubbard



It is an honor to be nominated to the Vestry and I am able and willing to attend monthly meetings. I also feel that serving on Cathedral committees is an integral part of this honor. My involvement at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral includes serving on a Vestry nominating committee, attending the Education for Ministry course for three years, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, two full terms on the Vestry and presently, Healing Ministry, member of the Finance Committee and the Endowment Investment Sub-Committee. I started attending GHTC in 1977 so have been a part of this community for 34 years. It is my belief that the experience gained by my active involvement at the Cathedral combined with my experience of 35 years as a senior business executive would be of significant value as a team player on the Vestry. My vision over the next three years includes growth in membership and outreach, a greater presence in the community, regain fiscal balance and encourage the congregation to work as a whole to meet these goals. The three words that best characterize my strengths are dedicated, compassionate and leader.

Mike McDonald



My wife and I joined the Cathedral in 1993. In that time I have served as Chairman of the Adult Education Committee, Co-Chairman of the Search Committee for Dean Terry White, and I also was named a Lay Eucharistic Minister by Bishop Barry Howe. I spent 37 years in broadcast journalism including 22 years as Vice-President of News for WDAF-TV during which I had the responsibilities of budgeting, expense control, hiring, planning coverage for major news events and setting the overall news philosophy for the station. I have served as adjunct professor at the School of Journalism, University of Missouri and also at the communica-

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tions department at Central Missouri State University. I also am a member of the Professional Advisory Committee for the Communications and Journalism school at Northwest Missouri State University, as well as a member of the Board of Directors for Brookside Charter Day School in Kansas City. In my vision for the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, I would like to see the Cathedral raise its profile by helping lead searches for solutions of Kansas City's many social challenges. At the same time, the Cathedral should re-vitalize and increase the number of small groups with the intention of educating and growing the congregation. The three words that best characterize my strengths are honest, loyal and fair.

Larry McMullen



With my family, Marilyn, Michael and Andrew, I have been a member of the Cathedral since 1965. I have previously served on the Vestry, and I have served as Stewardship Chairman. I have been chairman of a Vestry Nominating Committee. Outside of GHTC, I am a defense trial lawyer at the Husch Blackwell firm and an active volunteer for: Alumni activities at the University of Missouri-Columbia;

Truman Library and Saint Luke's Hospital. My vision for the Cathedral is for it to be Christ's presence in urban Kansas City, serving people without regard to their ethnic or economic position. The words that best characterize my strengths are loyalty and perseverance.

Joyce Morrow



I have been a member of GHTC since 1984. I have been a member of the Altar Guild since that time. I was a member of and chairman of the Youth Education Committee in the eighties when my now-grown children were in the youth group; I have attended the Women's Retreat since the second event and have been on the organizing committees, presenter, worship coordinator, and active participant since that time; I suggested

a new format of the Holy Hands Ministry (into teams) in 2002, became the third Sunday team leader, a member of the special events group, and until 2009 the coordinator of that hospitality ministry. I am a lay reader and intercessor, for the 10:15 service; I am a homilist for the Children's Chapel; I have been a member of the Dean's Classic Golf Committee; I organized the original gardening small group in the late 1990s and then the Charitable Knitting Group following my Lenten Academy Class on Spiritual Knitting. I have been a delegate or alternate for the last three Diocesan Conventions for Western Missouri; I am a current member of the Vestry; most recently the Chairman for the Transition Committee for our new Dean; I am Episcopal Relief and Development parish contact since 2010, member of the Parish Prayer Chain (Caregivers Prayer Chain) since 2002, trained as a Stephen Minister, graduate of EFM in 2007 and continue involvement with that group as a guest mentor. I am a member of St. Luke's deanery of St. Benedict's study group. In other volunteer roles I have been a member of the Transition and the Consecration Committees for our current bishop, I am a member of the diocesan Standing Committee and was a presenter at 2011 Gathering, as well as Western Missouri Lay Education and Ministry; and a regular attendee of Metro Deanery meetings. I was board member of both Winding River and Midcontinent Councils of Girls Scouts after serving as leader, trainer and other adult leadership roles; I was a board member of the Liberty Symphony; public relations chairman of the Balloon Federation of America, board member of other sport aviation national organizations

in the 1980s and 1990s; officer of the Clay County Historical Society; PTA unit and Council President and frequent presenter; President of Missouri state special education teacher organization and served on several National task forces in Special Education for CEC. I represented my school in regional Accelerated Schools sessions for three years in early 2000s and lead leadership group within the school; I was the school's Professional Development Chairman for five years and served on the district PD leadership committee for two years. I am eagerly anticipating the renewed energy that results from our calling a new dean for the Cathedral. It is an exciting time for this congregation. There have been so many challenges in the years I have been a member here and I am certain we will continue to face new ones. We have a wonderful opportunity to move forward with a unity of purpose to accomplish much good both within and beyond our Cathedral walls. The outreach and in-reach we can, must, and will do as purposed and intentional members of the Body of Christ give us new meaning as the Cathedral in the midst of the city. The three words that best characterize my strengths are enthusiastic, authentic and committed.

Peter Norris



I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a member of the Vestry. My wife and I joined the Cathedral more than two years ago and have enjoyed the fellowship. We have participated in a variety of ministries offered through the Cathedral, including the annual Dean's Cup Classic, the dinner for eight groups and sponsored children from El Salvador through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. I have regularly served as

an usher. Recently, Cindy and I volunteered to assist at the Kansas City Community Kitchen. My 23 year career in the Air Force has taught me the value of serving others before self, the significance of integrity and the benefits of teamwork. As a Vestry member I would be committed to helping Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral continue to grow the ministries that serve those in need locally and throughout the world. Additionally, I understand the time commitment required and the importance of regular participation to ensure continued growth at GHTC. I would be honored to serve as one of the Vestry members. Three words that best characterize my strengths are conviction, devotion and integrity.

Pat Wooley



I was a Cathedral member from 1950 to 1970 and then moved away and returned to the Cathedral in 2005 until present. I became head of the ushers in 2006 and am still serving in that capacity. I am presently Chairman of the Social Outreach Education Committee. I have served as a member of the Garden Guild. I have been a college professor forty-two years and during that time was department chairman for ten years and was faculty senate president for eight years. Additionally, I have been

appointed chairman of the Social Outreach Education Committee that is investigating the possibility of a charter school to be located at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. I would like to see GHTC start an elementary school and eventually see the Diocese start an Episcopal high school. The three words that best characterize my strengths are leadership, thoughtfulness and spirituality. I would like to add compassion for all people who are not as fortunate as those of us who have been afforded many opportunities.

HEALTH NEWS

We hope to present informational sessions for you this winter and spring. We have had an initial class for our kids in Children's Formation about Nets for Life, a program with our companion diocese in Botswana. We are thankful for Joyce Morrow who will coordinate this ongoing Children's Formation and Health Ministry program.

We are working on our Lenten Academy classes. This year's topics will be on the cardiac system in both preventive and intervention methods. Dr. Geoff Logan will give a session on what to ask your doctor at the time of your appointment.

The Health Ministry wishes to convey the following New Year's resolution to everyone: Don't put off making an appointment with your physician if the need arises. Consider a billboard beside a highway in the Chicago area. It reads, "2,000,000 people in the United States die from stubbornness each year." The Health Ministry wishes all of our congregation a Happy and Healthy New Year.

—Carol Montgomery, R.N.



The Children Seem to Know

Of winter days
When clouds catch cold
And then they start to cry
But God blows kisses
On their tears
And turns their rain to snow.

We grown-ups panic down below
And scramble for our parkas
We salt our streets
With piles of sand
And pamper up our cars.
But the children seem to know
Winter is their song
Their ears in tune
With every flake
They never miss a note.

The children seem to know
Winter is their dance
They waltz around
On icy streets
And never miss a step.

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Remembering the legacy of Martin Luther King

The Men's Bible Study group organized a day-long remembrance for Martin Luther King Day. Various group and community members read from Dr. King's speeches and writings.

At noon, the group paused for a celebration of Holy Eucharist.

Many thanks to the Men's Bible Study and Vern Barnett for organizing this event.

photos by Jan Frizzle



Culinary Cornerstones: ‘An amazing gift’

On January 17, the most recent Culinary Cornerstones class attended their orientation—the first stage in an 11 week program. That morning, John Hornbeck explained to the class that “This is not a destination. This is part of a journey that we hope, with our help, will lead each of you to more than a job.”

Culinary Cornerstones is an intensive training program that calls Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral home. Students gain skills in culinary arts and other disciplines in an intensive program that prepares them to launch a career in the food service industry. The director of the program, Arthur Diaz, explains that “our goal is not just a job. The goal is to provide our students with a strong foundation for a career, leading to financial stability.”

And such success stories do indeed exist. Dana Hull is a terrific example. After graduating from Culinary Cornerstones, Dana went to work in the kitchen at Whole Foods Market at 119th Street in Overland Park. She has been there for three years. Dana probably expresses it best: ““What I love about the program is that it gives people a second chance to build their lives back after a hardship. If you are willing to study, do the work, and do whatever it takes, then they are there to help you get where you want to go.”

The program includes culinary and life skills classes, but the focus is with hands on training in the Kitchen. The kitchen downstairs in Founders’ Hall becomes an education center where students learn everything from food safety and basic knife skills, to creating a decorative garnish from a mushroom, or making a delicious hollandaise sauce from scratch. They spend a full week at Kansas City Community Kitchen to experience the reality of institutional food service and high production kitchens. They also have in-service training in catering events. At the end of the program, in addition to the graduation certificate attesting to their skills, they have a food handlers’ card, a certificate for employee level ServSafe training and CPR certification. In short, they are ready to launch their career.

As John says, “It’s important to see beyond the stereotype of a homeless or unemployed person and get engaged with real stories and the real people. We bring the business and the non-profit communities together for a common goal.” An immensely important part of that equation is Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. With the help of our Cathedral home, this program absolutely changes lives. And that is an amazing gift to be able to give someone. Just ask Dana.



Photo of Dana Hull at Whole Foods Market



Delicious selections prepared by one of our graduates.



Culinary Cornerstones students getting ready for training in the kitchen.

ECS hosts holiday lunch at GHTC for nearly 1000 guests



photos courtesy of Episcopal Community Services

On December 23, 2011, almost 1000 people of all ages were served a holiday meal by Episcopal Community Services. The Cathedral musicians entertained and led the guests in a Christmas sing-along to celebrate the birth of our Lord. More than 100 volunteers joined the staff of the Kansas City Community Kitchen to make this lunch happen. Guests also had the opportunity to get coats and shoes/boots. If you would like to be involved with feeding the hungry, contact ECS at 816-561-8920 or visit www.episcopalcommunity.org.

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. 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. Women's Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. EfM

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
 6:00 p.m. Grace Choraliers
 6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens (1st & 3rd)

Thursday

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

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist



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Mr. John L. Schaefer
Canon Musician

The First Day of Lent: Ash Wednesday

February 22

7 a.m. + 12:05 p.m. + 7 p.m.

*Proper Liturgy including homily, Imposition of
 Ashes, Litany of Penitence, Holy Eucharist*

7 a.m. • said service
 12:05 p.m. • organ and hymns
 7 p.m. • choir and hymns

Palm fronds to be burned may be left in the basket
 at the back of the Nave by *February 13*, or burned at
 home with the ashes being returned to the ground.

*If the KCMO school district has a weather-related closing, there will
 be NO 7 a.m. service; the other services will be held as scheduled.*

Activities for the Month of February

- 1 • WEDNESDAY
 7:00 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St.
 Paul's Deanery
- 8 • WEDNESDAY
 7:00 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St.
 Matthew's Deanery
- 11 • SATURDAY
 11:00 a.m. Absalom Jones
 Celebration
- 12 • SUNDAY
Collection of nonperishable food
Free blood pressure checks at coffee hour
 3:00 p.m. Rule of Benedict:
 Conception Abbey
 Deanery
- 13 • MONDAY
 10:00 a.m. Rule of Benedict: St.
 Luke's Deanery
 1:00 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St.
 Augustine's Deanery
- 15 • WEDNESDAY
 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St.
 Mark's Deanery
- 16 • THURSDAY
 5:30 p.m. Social Outreach
 Committee
 7:00 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St.
 John's Deanery
- 17-19 • FRIDAY-SUNDAY
 Women's Retreat
- 20 • MONDAY • PRESIDENTS DAY
Cathedral office and buildings closed
- 22 • ASH WEDNESDAY
 7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy
 12:05 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 23 • THURSDAY
 5:00 p.m. Vestry
- 29 • WEDNESDAY
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Academy Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Academy Classes

*Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the
 appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral office
 or website (www.ghtc-kc.org).*