



# The Angelus

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## FROM THE DEAN Clearing the clutter

“This is what things are like for the Church!” Except, there was no church, no steeple. Just a lot of signs and cars full of people. It was the height of morning rush hour. We were in almost “everytown USA” in search of a Starbucks. The four lane highway outside this Midwest river town was lined with a jumble of businesses of every description; fast food and chain restaurants, big box stores, motels and gas station super marts.

What prompted the comparison of church to commercial strip was, when once spotting the mermaid logo and the sleek Starbucks store, we had the devil of a time getting to it. The development along that highway was an urban planners’ and consumers’ nightmare. Entrances. Exits. Parking lots. And everywhere, signs! We made not a few wrong turns before reaching our destination.

We knew what we wanted. But, in our quest to find it we had to wrestle with advertising and suburban sprawl overload. When at long last we turned into the only access to the coffee shop, I couldn’t put the comparison to the church in our times out of my head.

The way we do business, form communities and even build churches has come to a crossroads. Many are beginning to challenge the “sustainability” of our towns and cities. What kind of future is there for a society that interacts in cyberspace and spends too much time moving about in cars from one business to the other, with so little opportunity for social interaction of lasting value?

A growing desire among young adults and others seems to be for building walk-able cities fully integrated into a world of e-commerce and instant access to information. But the operative here is livable and walk-able. Communities where we live, work and play must be on a human scale.

That Starbucks along that unplanned eyesore of a highway was filled with a crowd that was mostly young, but included all ages. They ordered their coffee and tea drinks in an inviting and user-friendly atmosphere. Apart from the hip store vibes, there was a sense of community gathering space and an unspoken invitation to linger around “a cuppa” with friends.

Author and church observer Phyllis Tickle has said that in the early twentieth century the church is holding one of its “rummage sales.” Every five hundred years or so, the church undergoes a shift in its emphases and power structures. What can come out of such times are both a renewal of mission and the rediscovery and repurposing of spiritual treasure.

As a church and denomination, I believe that we have the essential pieces of community, a vast spiritual treasure, an openness to new ideas and a livable faith with which to navigate our times. What seems to be our challenge is how to get the word out that we are open and always ready to offer a livable experience of Christ. Part of our effort as a church community must be to let people seeking a faith community know that we offer just what they might looking for, but can’t see or get to for all the clutter. What we have, I believe, can be part of what builds a livable and sustainable city and world.

—Peter

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### Dean’s Forum

Sundays, September 7–October 26  
9:15 a.m., Common Room

You are invited for a presentation and conversation with Dean Peter DeVeau and leaders of the congregation around our current ministries and future needs at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Topics include outreach, worship, Christian formation, our role in the city, music and the arts, reaching out to the neighborhood, ministry among young adults and youth, our role in the diocese and developing a strategic plan for ministry.

Look for weekly email communications featuring the week’s topic.

# Centering prayer groups begin

## What is centering/contemplative prayer?

We live in an age in which our senses are ceaselessly bombarded by traffic noise, canned music, the waiting room TV, and coworkers' conversations. Even those treasured moments of quiet prayer time before worship have been snatched from us by conversations all around us in church.

We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition contemplative prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart — our whole being — to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, word, and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith that is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing — closer than consciousness itself.

Contemplative Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier times in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer: rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. It is a method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. It tends to build communities of faith and bonds the members together in mutual friendship and love.

On Monday, September 15, from 7:15–8:30 p.m. and again on Thursday, September 18 from 1:30–3 p.m. we will begin our Centering Prayer sessions. We will meet each week through December 29.

If you would like to be a part of either one of these sessions e-mail me to register. Questions? Contact Jerry Grahber at [jgrahber@kccathedral.org](mailto:jgrahber@kccathedral.org) or 816-590-6205.

*“Be still  
and know  
that I am God.”  
Psalm 46:10*



**Children's Chapel will continue to focus on stories from the Old Testament during the month of September. The children will hear the story of Moses and the Hebrew people's exodus from Egypt.**

**Family Ministry Lunches will resume in November. These monthly meetings allow families time to socialize and include a short program, family craft project or service activity. (In October, families are invited to the Blessing of the Animals.)**

**Children's Ministry Leaders are invited to attend two events in September:**

- **Sunday, September 7: Thank You Lunch, Haden Hall, 11:45 a.m.** Please come enjoy lunch with your family and fellow volunteers. We'll have a short meeting following lunch to evaluate the year, discuss ideas for the future and training needs. Childcare will be provided.
- **Sunday, September 28: Workshop for Children's Formation Leaders with Judy Kile from the Diocesan Christian Formation Committee, Haden Hall, 11:45 a.m.** Agenda to be determined by issues raised at our September 7 meeting. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

**If you have questions about Family and Children's Ministry events, please contact Julie Brogno at 816-474-8260 or [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org).**

## Treasurer's Report

So far this year, income is in line with the approved budget as lower pledge receipts have been offset by higher than expected income from the endowment and trusts. In contrast, expenses are running above budget on a YTD basis. Some of these higher expenditures were anticipated but simply occurred earlier than expected in the budget year. However, expenditures for growth and maintenance of the campus have exceeded forecasts. The problem has been compounded by weather related costs from this past winter.

Therefore, maintaining a balanced budget will require extra vigilance on costs for the remainder of this year.

Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider their financial support for the Cathedral's ministry.

*—by Chuck Ritter, Treasurer*

May MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 93,250	\$ 89,479
Expenses	\$ 129,817	\$ 133,900
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ (36,567)</b>	<b>\$ (44,421)</b>
May YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 999,086	\$ 999,803
Expenses	\$ 941,990	\$ 1,001,808
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 57,096</b>	<b>\$ ((2,005))</b>

## Stewardship Update

Over the summer 10 households have made pledges totaling \$13,165 for the mission of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Also, many households have been making regular sustained offerings that are received in the plate on Sundays. We wish to thank these individuals for their support and encourage all to consider making pledge commitments. Your pledge helps guarantee income and grow our ministry.

Joyful  
**GENEROSITY**

## TIF grant received

We are pleased to announce that a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) grant for \$150,000 has been awarded to the Cathedral for exterior repairs. The grant will be used to help pay for the repair of the Cathedral Courtyard, the Cathedral Close (diocesan courtyard) and the sidewalks on 14th Street and Washington Street.

## The Angelus

*A newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.*

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@kccathedral.org](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org).

# Oct. 6-10: Mediation Skills Training Institute

The institute includes lectures, discussion, and guided practice in role-plays. Active and practical in focus, the sessions emphasize hands-on skills training and real-life role-plays based on the kinds of conflicts faced by participants.

## Everyone Has to Deal with Conflict

Conflict is normal and inevitable – whether in the home, school, community, church or workplace. Leaders in all walks of life often have a responsibility to help others work through their conflicts.

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute* presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory.

Although focused primarily on the church setting, the skills learned are directly transferable

to other settings. Thus, managers in business, attorneys, experienced mediators, and others in leadership will be enriched by the training as well.

## Who Will Benefit

- **Lay leaders and committee members** — to receive valuable leadership training to benefit the church, while also gaining insight for peaceful conflict transformation in the home.
- **Administrators** — to introduce conflict transformation to the organizations they oversee.
- **Managers and supervisors** — to help workers diminish conflict and enhance productivity.
- **Attorneys** — to gain skills in alternative dispute resolution procedures.
- **Community mediation center staff and volunteers** — to acquire additional skills in a transformational model of mediation for working with both individuals and groups.

## Tuition

Tuition is \$695 when paid by September 12 — or \$795 after this date. Participants receive a training manual and other materials upon arrival. Cancellations are subject to a \$100 non-refundable fee if LMPC is notified at least two weeks prior to the institute, or half of the registration fee otherwise. **Enrollment is limited, so register early.**

Registration forms are available in the Cathedral's tower entrance or on our website.

The *Mediation Skills Training Institute* runs daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of Monday, which starts at 9 a.m., and Friday, which concludes at 4 p.m.

For additional information, visit [www.LM-PeaceCenter.org](http://www.LM-PeaceCenter.org).



You Are Invited

# Get Acquainted Luncheon

For all women of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral at Webster House (1644 Wyandotte Street, KCMO)

*Saturday, September 20*  
*11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

Price: \$15 per person, send payment to Cathedral office (memo: "Ladies Lunch")  
Cash bar available (cash only)

**Reservations required by September 13**  
([tcurra2@yahoo.com](mailto:tcurra2@yahoo.com).)

## Symbols of Labor Sunday, August 31

8 & 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m.

You are invited to bring a symbol of your work with you Labor Day weekend. During the offertory all are invited to come forward with their offerings and symbols of their work as we give thanks and ask God's blessing on our labor.



## Guest Preacher: Justin E. Crisp

Justin E. Crisp is a doctoral student and university fellow in theology at Yale University and a research assistant at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. His interests include twentieth-century systematic theology, the theological traditions of Anglicanism, theologies of gender and sexuality, and conceptions of human flourishing. Justin was ordained to the transitional diaconate in June 2014 and is associated with St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan, Connecticut.



# Episcopal LGBT Fellowship Group

The Cathedral has a long history of advocacy for social justice issues and inclusion of all people into the life of the congregation. This has included the acceptance of gay and lesbian people among other minorities. All have been welcome in God's household, this church.

This summer a visioning group met at the home of Jim Robertson to discuss whether a gay and lesbian fellowship group might be a welcome addition to existing ministries in our parishes. Walker Adams, from St. Paul's Church attended as did Marcus Halley from St. Andrew's Church. All felt that such a group was another way in which we can live into our call to inclusivity and love of all God's people. Three primary talking points came out of this visioning session.

First, the group might function as a safe place where people, perhaps some not out publicly, can gather for fellowship under the umbrella of church, without incurring judgment. All felt that a straight ally buy-in and presence would be essential for sustaining the group, reaffirming the notion that all are welcome, not just gay and lesbian people.

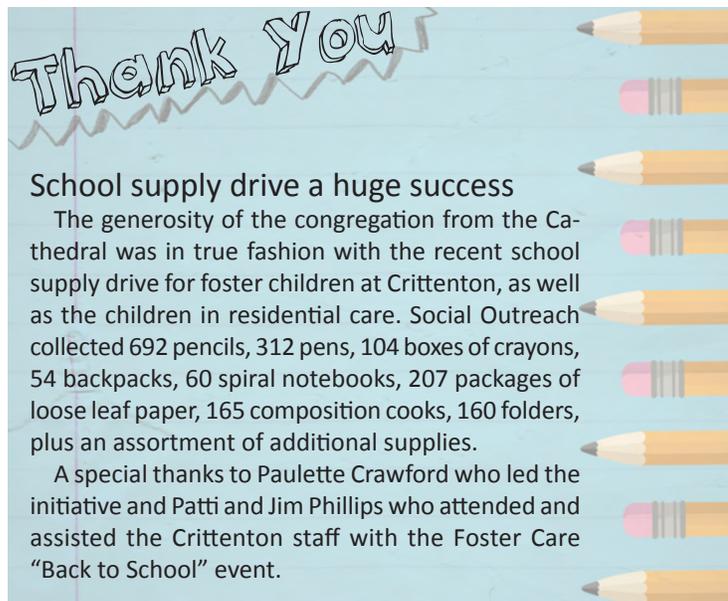
Next, the group might be a way in which all parishes in the metro Kansas City area can share in a ministry if they so choose. There will be no boundaries. The notion of putting out the word from "Lock Lloyd to Liberty" prevailed, with no single parish having ownership of the Group.

Finally, the group may become an effective evangelism tool, bringing new people not only into the gathering itself, but into the life and fabric of our parishes. "Invite your friends" will be the given, not the exception.

There will be no business meetings, presentations or lectures. Rather, the agenda will focus on three Fs: fun, food, and fellowship.

## September 7

Jim Robertson and his partner, Dean Ennis, have offered their home for the first get-together on **Sunday evening, September 7 at 6 p.m.** A main course for the meal will be provided with those attending filling in with appetizers, salads, sides, beverages, and desserts. Let them know if you would like to attend at 816-569-5549 or [jasbrob@aol.com](mailto:jasbrob@aol.com) and they will give you directions. All are welcome.



**Thank You**

**School supply drive a huge success**

The generosity of the congregation from the Cathedral was in true fashion with the recent school supply drive for foster children at Crittenton, as well as the children in residential care. Social Outreach collected 692 pencils, 312 pens, 104 boxes of crayons, 54 backpacks, 60 spiral notebooks, 207 packages of loose leaf paper, 165 composition books, 160 folders, plus an assortment of additional supplies.

A special thanks to Paulette Crawford who led the initiative and Patti and Jim Phillips who attended and assisted the Crittenton staff with the Foster Care "Back to School" event.



**DIAPER DRIVE**  
**SEPTEMBER**

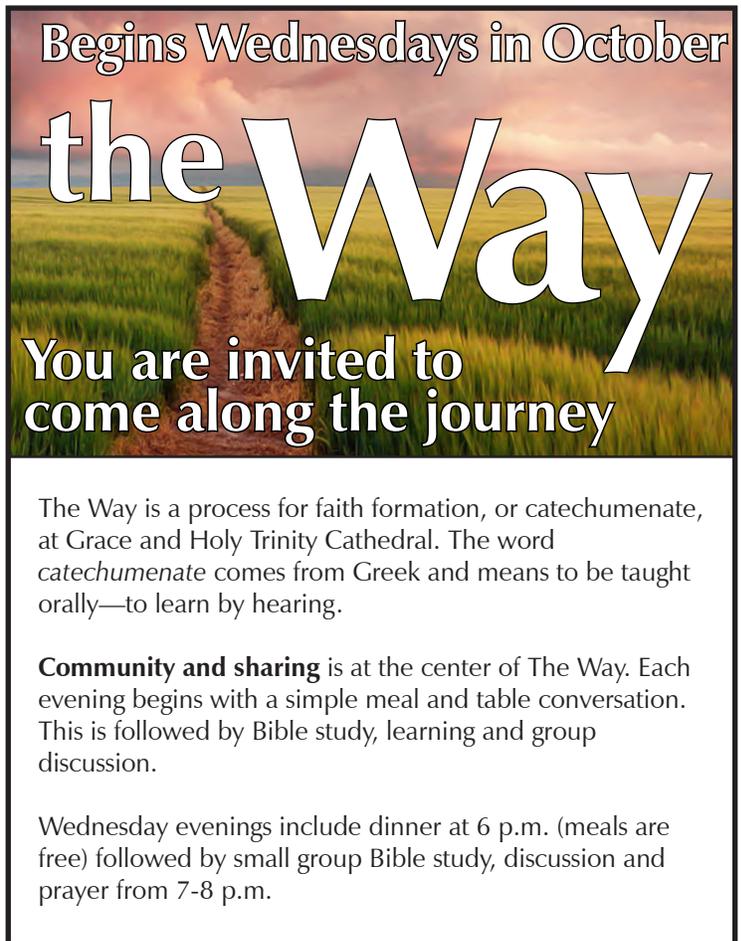
An estimated 15,000+ children in the Kansas City area aren't receiving the diapers they need. But we're striving to help — and we hope you'll join us. HappyBottoms is a local organization that works with partners to provide diapers to low-income families. We are collecting diapers during September for HappyBottoms. We accept all sizes (even open packs). Bring your diaper donations to the blue barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower.



Sam Hawley, *Bill Hawley's brother*  
Marilyn Bickel, *Sally Livengood's cousin*  
Joy Byer McPhee

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

*In Memory*



**Begins Wednesdays in October**

**the Way**

**You are invited to  
come along the journey**

The Way is a process for faith formation, or catechumenate, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. The word *catechumenate* comes from Greek and means to be taught orally—to learn by hearing.

**Community and sharing** is at the center of The Way. Each evening begins with a simple meal and table conversation. This is followed by Bible study, learning and group discussion.

Wednesday evenings include dinner at 6 p.m. (meals are free) followed by small group Bible study, discussion and prayer from 7-8 p.m.

all creatures great and small  
are invited to the

# Community Blessing of the Animals



**Sunday, October 5 • 4 p.m.**  
North lawn

Pet treats • People treats • Jazz duo  
Prayers and Blessings • Parade of animals  
Opportunity to adopt a pet

## Celebrating 10 years of healthy mothers and babies

Sunday, October 5, 2014 • morning coffee hours

You are invited to share in this birthday celebration at a 10th birthday party for Maison de Naissance.

Doesn't seem possible, but it has been 10 years since Maison de Naissance opened its doors in Haiti. From the very first day, Haitian expectant mothers have received the very best in pre- and post-natal, and well-baby services and all for FREE!



Founded by two doctors from Kansas City with ties to St. Luke's Hospital, Dr. Stan Shaffer and Dr. Betsy Wickstrom, they have worked tirelessly to ensure that the women coming to MN receive the very best in health care services. Jim Grant, Executive Director oversees operations from here and the goal of and all Haitian Staff at MN is now in place.

We look forward to seeing you October 5.

Help us celebrate by bringing a gift of Onesies for the newborns at MN. Haiti is a tropical country — it gets hot — so all Onesies should be short sleeve and size 0-3 months.



Episcopal Community Services invites you to join us for our annual Fall Harvest Grand Tasting: *Flavors of the Four Seasons*



**Friday, September 12, 2014**  
**6-9 p.m.**  
at Founders' Hall  
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Individual Tickets (\$75)  
Save \$250 on a Group of 10 (\$50 per ticket + no credit card fee!)

For more information, to buy tickets online, instructions to pay by check, please visit [www.EpiscopalCommunity.org](http://www.EpiscopalCommunity.org).

Proceeds support the Culinary Cornerstones Training Program and Hunger Relief Efforts of Episcopal Community Services.

We look forward to seeing you at this elegant and fun charitable event!

**Before the Clock Strikes Midnight!**  
**Wine Tasting Ticket Sales Close – Thursday, September 4**  
*Please note, online sales will close September 4 after 11:59 p.m.*

*We will have a **limited number of tickets at the door** by check, VISA, MasterCard and American Express (credit card processing includes a fee).*



## theology on tap

Quaff Bar and Grill, 10th & Broadway Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Format is discussion. All are encouraged to participate.

Topics for conversation decided by the group.

Jim Robertson facilitates.

**No reservations required.**

**Just show up. All are welcome.**

# let the church say amen

Exhibit Open August 1-September 5  
Thursday-Saturday, 1-6 p.m. | Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Fabric Art  
Exhibit by  
Sonié Joi  
Ruffin

## Closing Reception

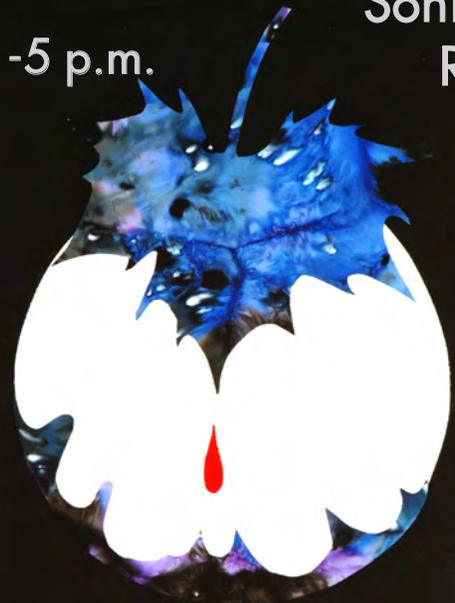
Friday, September 5 | 5-8 p.m.

Spoken Word Artist Glenn North

*Wine, cheese, live music, meet the artist*

*Let the Church Say Amen* celebrates spirituality with artwork in mixed media by renowned fabric artist Sonié Ruffin. Sonié's artwork is deeply rooted in the African American experience. "Through all our tragedies and hardships as a people, we have experienced the ugliness of life only to rise up and celebrate our gifts and talents through God's unwavering grace."

Kansas City-Based Sonié Joi Thompson-Ruffin is a renowned, self-taught textile artist, author, lecturer, teacher, curator and cultural storyteller.



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# MUSIC NOTES

from Canon Musician  
John Schaefer

Ah, the Summer has gone by far too quickly. Still, there were many refreshing moments.

## Sunday, August 31

As we come to the end of August, I wish you to know that Trinity Choir members are not only your hosts and hostesses for the coffee hour after the 10:15 service August 31, but they will have some baked goodies for you to purchase for your Labor Day picnic. I must tell you that we have some really FINE bakers in the choir.

Then, at 2 p.m., Douglas McConnell, Meribeth Risebig, Claudia Risebig, Paul Davidson and I will give the last of the Summer Music concerts. We hope to enjoy a turnout comparable to my birthday recital (between 200 and 300).

## Opportunities to make music

There are opportunities for music making at the Cathedral.

- **For adults:** The Trinity Choir (currently at full strength) which rehearses on Thursdays and sing at the 10:15 service on Sundays; the Cathedral Chorale, which rehearses on the first Wednesday of the month and sings at the 8 a.m. service each Sunday.
- The Cathedral Bell Ringers rehearse on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and play when ready.
- **For high school musicians:** The Tallis Singers, who rehearse on Wednesday afternoons at 5:45 and sing regularly on Sunday mornings and for major feast days;

- **For younger musicians:** The Grace Choraliers, who rehearse on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and sing occasionally on Sunday mornings.
- There has been some discussion about establishing a choir to sing at the 5 p.m. service.

If you wish more information, please contact:

- Trinity Choir, Tallis Singers, the Cathedral Bell Ringers: John Schaefer at 816-214-9928 or jschaefer@kccathedral.org.
- Cathedral Chorale: William Baker at 913-488-7524 or williamobaker@yahoo.com
- Grace Choraliers: Malinda McCasland at 913-829-7916 or mjmcasland@aol.com.

Contact me if you are interested in being a part of a choir for the 5:00 service.

## Choral Evensong

Choral Evensongs resume on Sunday September 21. The Evensong begins at 5 p.m. In addition, Nick Mourlam will present an organ recital, beginning at 4 p.m. Mr. Mourlam is a gifted young artist who recently played on the French Organ Festival at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Wichita Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has invited the Trinity Choir to sing Choral Evensong at East Heights United Methodist Church October 5 at 5:30 p.m.

**Off to College**  
Our College Ministry wants to keep in touch with your college student (& send care packages!).

Send their current school address to the Cathedral office ([office@kccathedral.org](mailto:office@kccathedral.org)).

**St. Mary's Pantry Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to volunteer one Saturday a month preparing sacks of groceries in the St. Mary's Pantry, contact Jerry Grabher, 816-590-6205 or [jgrabher@kccathedral.org](mailto:jgrabher@kccathedral.org)

# artist salon: let the church say amen



# Sunday, September 14

## HOME COMING

**Come Play! Come Celebrate! Come Home!**

**Potluck at 11:45 a.m. in Founders' Hall**

- Bring a friend to church with you and stay for an all-church potluck. Main course of sloppy joes (meat & vegetarian) provided.
- Bring a donation for the diaper drive or food pantry for a chance to dunk someone (including the dean and senior warden) in the dunk tank.
- Volunteer to help with setup, cleanup or manage the dunk tank collections/tickets by emailing [office@kccathedral.org](mailto:office@kccathedral.org).



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Bryan Boyd, *Property Manager*

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation  
9:30 a.m. Youth Formation  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

### Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
2:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers  
6:15 p.m. Grace Choraliars  
6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

### Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer  
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers  
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

### Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Activities for September

### AUGUST 31 • SUNDAY

*Bring your symbol of labor*  
2 p.m. Summer Music at the Cathedrals:  
Cathedral Musicians Make Music

### 1 • MONDAY

Labor Day • Office Closed

### 3 • WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Chorale

### 4 • THURSDAY

1-6 p.m. Art Exhibit Open

### 5 • FRIDAY

1-5 p.m. Art Exhibit Open  
5-8 p.m. Art Exhibit Closing Reception

### 7 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Children's Formation Thank You Lunch  
6:00 p.m. Episcopal LGBT Fellowship Group

### 10 • WEDNESDAY

6 p.m. Leader Training for The Way

### 12 • FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. ECS Wine Tasting

### 14 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Homecoming Sunday Potluck

### 17 • WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee  
6 p.m. Leader Training for The Way

### 24 • WEDNESDAY

6 p.m. Leader Training for The Way

### 25 • THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. Vestry

### 28 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Children's Formation Training

### After-hours Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care needs outside of regular office hours, please call 816-214-9940. You will be prompted to leave a voice message. A member of the clergy will return your call.