



The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

Vision for a City Rebuilt

When our son announced to us that he was applying to graduate schools to study urban planning, it was both a surprise and not a surprise. All along he had set his sights on law school, but we found this new option to be in character.

Ever since he was a boy he had spent untold hours playing SimCity on the computer. With this game he had built and managed cyber cities seeing them through simulated periods of prosperity, decay and calamity which was all part of the game. It kept him occupied for hours and instilled in him a passion for imagining the best for cities. He studied at Georgia Tech and is now working for a private firm helping municipalities and chambers of commerce develop plans for growth and development. Lately he has been working on a revitalization plan in Topeka.

The Sunday Review in the *New York Times*, December 18, 2016, carried a short article titled “Once and Future Aleppo, an Inspiring Story” by Alex Kaman, about the artwork of a 14 year-old Syrian boy, Mohammed Qutaish. When ancient buildings and the architectural treasures in his native Aleppo were being pulverized in deadly air strikes at the outset of the Syrian civil war, Mohammed began making models of his favorite buildings that had been destroyed. As the conflict wore on and more of the city lay in ruins, Mohammed began creating a model for a rebuilt Aleppo. In his own words he wrote, “I began building my model after I experienced my city being destroyed by airstrikes and missiles. My sorrow, caused by this destruction, has inspired me immensely. Sometimes I feel very frightened. Sometimes I cannot think or work. Optimism gives me the power and determination to finish the works I have started. Every complex I design has a garden. I hope that one day these paper buildings will become real buildings.”

Currently a colorful four foot square model of aspiring architect Mohammed’s future Aleppo, resembling a fictive SimCity, carefully transported out of Syria is on display at New York’s Mmuseumm. His family have fled Syria and are refugees in Turkey and are awaiting resettlement.



Mohammed’s “Future Aleppo,” photo courtesy of www.mmuseumm.com.

Mohammed’s vision for a city rebuilt seems to me at the start of a new year an apt metaphor for the mission of the church. You and I are called to raise up and build the kingdom of God so that we and others might become the people we are created to be. This means offering assistance and relief where it is warranted, and confronting those forces and systems that harm people and the planet. It means using our resources and talents to imagine lives restored and all God’s people living in safety in decent homes, with the best health care and schools, adequate and pure food, and plenty of green spaces.

I invite you to consider taking part in this work by giving generously of your resources and time for the outreach ministries of the Cathedral. With God’s help, let’s create our own models. Part of our calling is to listen to what our children are telling us about the future right here in Kansas City. Let the lively, creative imagination of a young man living far away in a frightening world we can hardly imagine inspire us. Who knows, you and I may be called to imagine and raise up a building block for God’s kingdom today.

Blessings in this new year of grace,
Peter DeVeau, Dean

*“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:17*

Treasurer's Report

Grace & Holy Trinity's Financial Status As of November 2016

November	2016 MTD	2015 MTD
Income	\$ 144,899	\$ 152,841
Expenses	\$ 119,634	\$ 138,906
Net Total	\$ 25,265	\$ 13,935

	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
Income	\$ 1,562,795	\$ 1,524,732
Expenses	\$ 1,536,459	\$ 1,513,018
Net Total	\$ 26,336	\$ 11,714

Income in November of this year was down somewhat versus 2015 in the area of special gifts. Expenses for the month were lower than the 2015 numbers due to the timing of insurance payments, lower repairs in the property area and the timing of pension contributions for the clergy.

On a YTD basis, income through November ran ahead of last year due to the timing of receipts from a recurring bequest. Expenses through November are also higher than last year, primarily because of higher property repairs and utilities.

While the Cathedral is showing a modest surplus through November, it is important to remember that December is a time of high seasonal expenses. All members of the congregation are asked to remember to complete their 2016 pledges.

The Cathedral is too heavily reliant on income from externally administered bequests and the endowment. These income sources can be volatile from year to year in response to the ups and downs of the stock market. In contrast, pledge income tends to be more stable from year to year, which makes it a vital pillar of financial support for the Cathedral's ministry. If you have not already made a pledge for 2017, please prayerfully consider making one now.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer



Thank You

As December 31 comes to a close, I will have officially retired as Organist-Director of Music of the Cathedral. I wish to thank everyone, past and present, for making my years here fruitful. In forty years, we have known many, many people and we hope that their thoughts toward us have been and are happy ones.

I want to pay special thanks to several 'behind the scenes' individuals who have made a tremendous difference to the musical life of our community of faith. Michael Quimby and his colleagues have taken care of the organ since it was installed in 1981; more recently, he has effected some tonal changes which have made the organ absolutely one of the finest in the community and, quite possibly, in the nation. Joseph Brandwein has lovingly cared for the Cathedral pianos, not only tuning but replacing mechanisms that had grown old. Marian Thomas is the curator of the harpsichord; she replaces broken strings and makes action adjustments as needed, and does so with the greatest of care.

I am grateful to Dean Cavanaugh for choosing me to be the musical leader of the parish and to subsequent Deans who have given us all the opportunity to make glorious music for our glorious God here at home and in far away places.

There's so much more I'd like to say, but we haven't the space. So, once again, thank you and may you continue to sing God's praises even more heartily under the leadership of Paul Meier.

If you would like to contact me after the first of the year, you may reach me at canonjohn40@gmail.com.

—Canon John Schaefer



Come to Trinity Children's Choir!
Elementary school-aged singers welcome.
Rehearsals at 9:15--10 a.m.
Sundays in Haden Hall (blue door) beginning Jan. 8
For more info contact Linda Martin, 816.444.8774,
childrensmusic@kccathedral.org

Well Done

Forty-year tenures are rarities today. But, when considering the man we are honoring the longevity of John Schaefer as principal musician at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral comes as no surprise to us. We have benefited from John's loyalty, dedication, commitment and passion for all God's people and for good music. Recently one person remarked to me that "Deans come and go, but John Schaefer continues on."

This Cathedral church and greater Kansas City have been blessed and enlivened by his selfless service in helping to shape a lively musical and cultural landscape. The stones in this sacred place resound with the dulcet tonal witness of countless recitals and choral works, the Gabriel Kney organ, the mass choruses of Handel's *Messiah*, the melodic works of Poulenc, Bach marathons, Nativity puppets and Wise Women, the ever-renewing cycle of feast days and fasts, music to accompany life's passages and national observances—all beautifully presented and coordinated by this maestro of musical arts.

As we are wont to say of the Cathedral that it is "a House of Prayer for All People," so through forty years of service John Schaefer has actively made the Cathedral a "House of Music for All Kansas City."

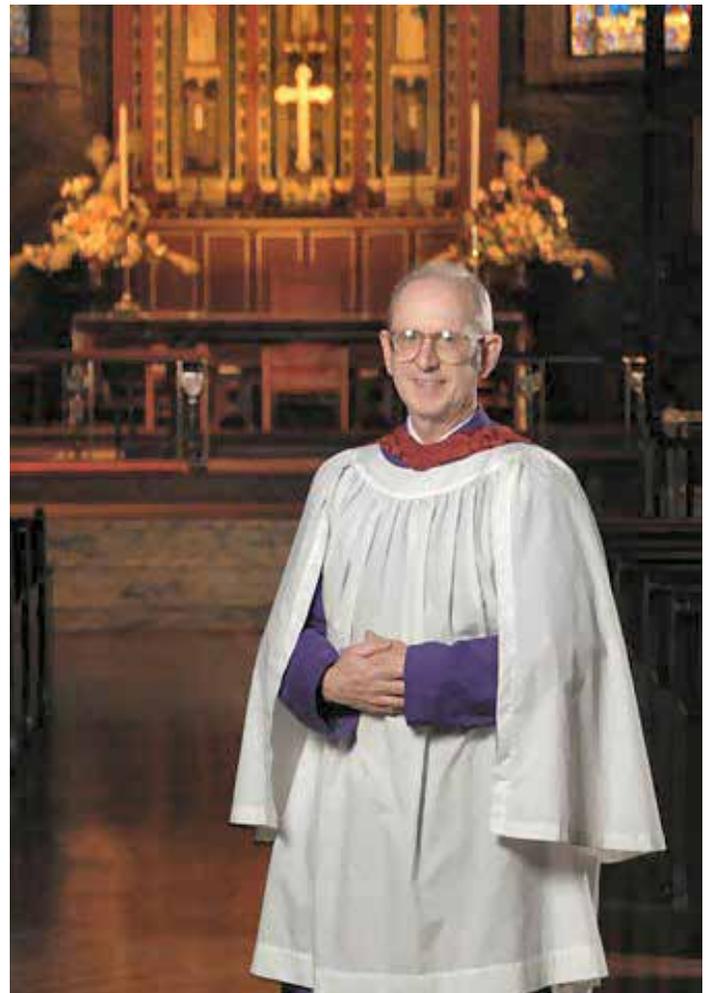
It should be said that one of the "other tasks as assigned" included in a church musician's job description is clearly to serve as adjunct pastor. This John has done well. It is not uncommon to meet John in the hospital or at a care facility checking in on a beloved parishioner or friend, or to find him engaged with a person who has come to the church door seeking help. I have set great value on knowing that



Gracie, the Cathedral cat.

John is constantly concerned about the welfare of the sheep in this part of God's pasture. He cares deeply for each of the members of his choirs, and annually earns the respect and affection of the teenagers in the Tallis Singers. On any given day John can be observed lavishing food and affection on Gracie, our Cathedral cat, who to me seems oddly to meow on pitch.

For John worship is always the main event. He has been ever-faithful in calling this community to observe silence in preparation to offering prayer and praise. His musical



selections speak to the occasion. Personally I have delighted in making reference to a hymn text in prayers and sermons and then waiting to see if John will slip the melody line into the morning's walking music or weave it in during communion. Without fail, John demonstrates that he has been listening to what is being said.

Yes, forty years of service is a notable accomplishment in our time, and certainly in our context a tenure of biblical precedent. John's ministry will bear fruit long after he plays his last service and takes off his organ shoes. This Cathedral church and the Kansas City music scene have been blessed beneficiaries of the talent and foresight of this man who has brought us, as the hymn writer suggests, to "new dimensions in the world of sound."

While this will not be the same place without John and his caring spouse, Fiona, we have been prepared for even greater things because of them. I wish them well and God's blessing as they are now free to attend just about every concert worth attending—even on Thursday evenings and Sundays at five.

I invite you to express your gratitude to Fiona and John for their many gifts given to us! Well done good and faithful servants!

—Peter DeVeau, Dean

Thank you!

Peter DeVeau, Dean of the Cathedral, is on medical leave of absence following a stroke. He continues to improve with out-patient therapy and is learning the true meaning of patience as he grows stronger day by day. He is grateful that the stroke has not affected his speech or cognitive ability. He is using this unplanned sabbatical for reading and reflection and is looking forward to returning to the Cathedral soon. The Dean wants to thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. Please know that he holds you in his daily prayers and is thankful for the ministry of Canon Christy Dorn, Senior Warden Mark Galus, and the Cathedral staff during his absence. May you know the peace and presence of Christ at Christmas and in the days to come.



For pastoral needs, please contact Canon Christy Dorn at cdorn@kccathedral.org or 913-549-7178. For other issues, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260 ext. 106.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29

After both morning services • Founders' Hall

At the annual meeting we:

- celebrate some of our amazing ministries and those individuals who make them possible.
- honor Vestry members who are completing terms & elect new Vestry members.
- share written reports: 2016 financial reports, the 2017 budget, and summaries of various programs and mission activities.
- gather as a parish family of all ages to celebrate Eucharist, share a meal after the 10:15 a.m. service and give thanks for the blessings we have known.

Nursery care is provided throughout the celebration. We look forward to this time together and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men and women of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get-together. The next date is Wednesday,

January 11 at Los Tules, 1656 Broadway, at 11:45 a.m. Let Jim Robertson know that you are coming, jasbrob@aol.com or 816-569-5549, or just show up. Invite friends.

New Staff Member



The Dean is pleased to announce that Reverend Vicki Davis has been hired part-time to assist at the Cathedral while he is recovering. Vicki, who formerly practiced law and has served on the staff of large churches, begins her ministry the first week in January.

Vicki holds a B.A. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (1975), a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, New York City (1981), and an M. Div. from Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT (1999).

After more than a decade of practicing corporate law, and wrestling with a call to ministry, Vicki embarked on the path of seminary and discernment, and was ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of Connecticut in June of 2001. Upon finishing her M.Div., she served as Director of Pastoral Care at Silver Hill Hospital (a private psychiatric, substance-abuse facility in New Canaan, Connecticut), then as Curate at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Canaan (2001-2007), where she was ordained to the priesthood in May of 2002. She worked as Chaplain at Grace Episcopal Church School in Manhattan (2008-2011), then as Associate Rector at Trinity on the Green in New Haven, Connecticut.

She returned to Kansas City in 2015 and has just finished a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency at St. Luke's Hospital.

Please join us in welcoming Vicki to our staff!

Baptism

Holy Baptism for infants and young children will be administered
Sunday, January 22
at 10:15 a.m.

Baptism preparation for parents desiring baptism for their children is available. Please contact the Reverend Canon Christy Dorn, cdorn@kccathedral.org, for more information.





Christmas Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers, Greens and Music

In Thanksgiving for

Carolyn McLeroy by the Leonard family
 Children & grandchildren by Kay & Pat Woolley
 Jack Smithson & Gordon Steinle
 Kevin, Laura, Aida, Georgia & Judd
 by Michael & Cathy Thomas
 Leslie & Trevor Cavazos by Linda Cavazos
 Maddie & Jack by John & Ellen Goheen
 Our children & grandchildren by Jack & Marie Whitacre
 Our children, grandchildren & great grandchildren
 by Day & Whitney Kerr
 Our families by Ric & Janet Sweeting
 Our grandson Frank Carlson Gorsuch
 by Bob & Linda Carlson
 Phyllis & Alan Ryder by Patti Ryder
 The birth of Adélaïde Eloïse Marie
 by Michael & Cathy Thomas
 The ministry of John Schaefer by Peter & Mary DeVeau
 The people of my church by Sara Yocum
 Those we love and have loved
 by Bruce & Page Reed & family
 By E. Stephen Davis
 By Ron & Carolyn McLeroy

In Memory of

All my family by Elizabeth Irwin Gordon
 Calvia Hillhouse by Brent A. Barr
 Isabel Curdy by Bob Richmond
 Loyd & Hazel Smith, Jerry & Donald Smith
 by Richard & Jill Fanolio
 Luther Crocker by friends
 Marilyn Lacey McMullen by Larry McMullen
 Mary, Frank & Augusta Fanolio
 by Richard & Jill Fanolio
 Mary Pauline Chappell by Jim & Gina Chappell
 Mr. & Mrs. Delbert E. Trapp
 Newt Lewis by Gordon Hansen
 Our parents by Paget Gates Higgins
 Richard Preis by Alvin Schneider
 Robert Hudson by Sharon Hudson
 Simone Lery by Julie Brogno & Eric Elisabeth

December Flowers, to the Glory of God ...



December 4

- Candles at the Healing Desk are giving in thanksgiving by Bud & Candy McDowell

December 11

- In thanksgiving for the birthday of Leslie Branton Hoffecker—Shawsie Branton
- In thanksgiving for the birthday of our son, Brad McLeroy—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- In memory of Blance Heider—Sara Gaggens

December 18

- In memory of Charles Gaggens—Sara Gaggens

To donate toward the weekly flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at kccathedral.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260 ext. 103.

Note: You may now also sign up for dates in 2017.



Christmas



2016



Special thanks to Chris Morrison and Jeffrey Carter for providing these wonderful photos.



Epiphany Sunday January 8

Children are invited to dress as kings (we provide the costumes) and process with the gifts during the offertory. After the service, all are invited to enjoy some King Cake at coffee hour.

Help Needed!

The Cathedral office is in need of volunteer weekday receptionists. Our volunteer receptionists serve as gateways for all weekday activity and help create a positive and inviting impression of the church and its ministry. Some perks provided to office volunteers: get better acquainted with the Cathedral staff and clergy, visit with Cathedral members, provide your time and talents through service and get invited to a great appreciation lunch at the end of the year.



If you have daytime hours available and want to serve in the office, please contact Julie Toma in the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 or jtoma@kccathedral.org). Providing this necessary and vital service will make you a part of a significant operational aspect of Cathedral life.

2017 Pledges

Thank you to everyone who has pledged their financial support for 2017. The Cathedral counts on your financial support each year and your generosity ensures we will all continue "Growing in Faith Together."

Growing in Faith Together



If you have not yet sent in your pledge for 2017, it's not too late! Fill out a pledge card, found at the back of the Nave, and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Or you may pledge online at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

Youth Update

Christmas Break

Now-January 11

Regular Wednesday night youth group will resume on Wednesday, January 11th at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room!

Network Nomadic Dinner

January 6

Celebrate Epiphany with the Youth Network! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a metro nomadic dinner, with each church stop featuring a different course. Sign up at wemoyouth.com.

Save the Date!

February 18-19

Network Snow Creek Tubing

Keep Up to Date

For more information on the Cathedral's Youth Ministry program, please contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org. Check out www.wemoyouth.com for information on Network and Diocesan events and to register online!



Kids Helping Others

During Advent, the Cathedral's children

- packed 37 hygiene kits for refugee students in the KCPS New Americans program,
- played BINGO with and made jingle bell bracelets for residents at Bishop Spencer Place, and
- helped decorate the Cathedral grounds for Christmas Eve by preparing luminary bags.

We are blessed to have caring children as a part of our congregation!

Abiding Prayer

"Abide in me and I will abide in you." John 15:4

The Cloud of Unknowing: A Loving Search for God

First and Third Thursdays of the Month,
7:15-8:30 p.m. † Common Room

This fourteenth-century book called *The Cloud of Unknowing* by an unknown English author inspires us into the kind of



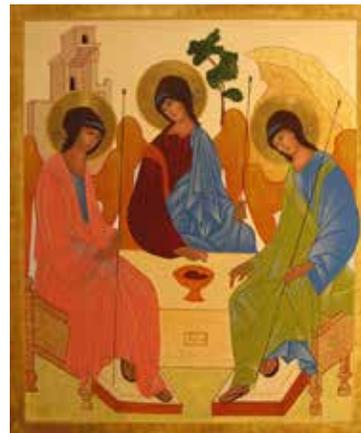
loving union with God that *The Cloud* teaches. The author then leads us on a loving search for God. Sessions end with Abiding Prayer. Contact Jerry Grabher, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816-590-6205 to register.

The Divine Dance

Exploring the Mystery of the Trinity

Mondays, January 9-February 27

7:15-8:30 p.m. † Common Room



God is not what you think. Forget visions of an angry, distant, moral scorekeeper or supernatural Santa Claus. *The Divine Dance* makes accessible the Christian tradition's most surprising gift, God as community, as friendship, as dance. Contact Jerry Grabher, j.grabher3@gmail.com

or 816-590-6205 to register.



New to the Cathedral?

We will be hosting a Newcomer's Gathering on Sunday, January 22 at 11:30 a.m. in Founders' Hall. It's an opportunity to meet other newcomers, ministry leaders and staff. Contact Christy Dorn, 816-474-8260 or cdorn@kccathedral.org for more information.



The Cathedral Bookstore

Open every Sunday,
8:30–10 a.m.
and immediately following
the 10:15 service.

Also open before and after
Evensong each month.



Welcome Reception
February 12 • After both morning services

Join us as we welcome Paul Meier, the new Music Director for the Cathedral. More details coming soon.



Keep Us Current

Do us a huge favor by making sure the Cathedral has your correct contact information. Has your address or phone number recently changed?

Visit secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=107131.

Your first time logging in, you'll need to click on: *Need a login? Click here for access.* There's also an app (ChurchLife) that you may download for iPhone android or Windows phones. You must create a login on the website before you can access the app. If you are unable to access the site, please e-mail your changes to office@kccathedral.org.

Thank you!

Holy Hands Wanted

Wanted: people who want to share their gift of hospitality. Holy Hands is seeking hospitality ministers. If you are willing to serve, please contact Ruth Finet at ruthfinet@gmail.com or call 816-564-8925 for more information.



Birthday Gift Cards for Foster Children



Help a child in the foster care system by donating \$25 for a birthday gift card. These gift cards are given to children who do not receive any other gifts to celebrate their birthdays. In the past we have donated 40 gift cards each year, but with the growing number of children in the system 40 gift cards is not enough anymore. Please consider this very special ministry of making children feel special on their birthdays. Contact Terri Curran to donate at tcurra2@yahoo.com.



Diaper Drive

Because of your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area's diaper bank, is able to provide an average of 2,478 children each month with clean diapers. Since diapers are not covered by safety-net programs like WIC, SNAP or Medicaid, your donations of diaper packages (including already opened packs) help cover the gap and enable families to have at least a few clean diapers on hand every day. Please bring your diapers to the blue bin in the Cathedral entryway, and we will deliver them to HappyBottoms. In 2016 the Cathedral collected nearly 10,000 diapers, so thank you in advance for your generosity!

Reaching Out in Mission & Service



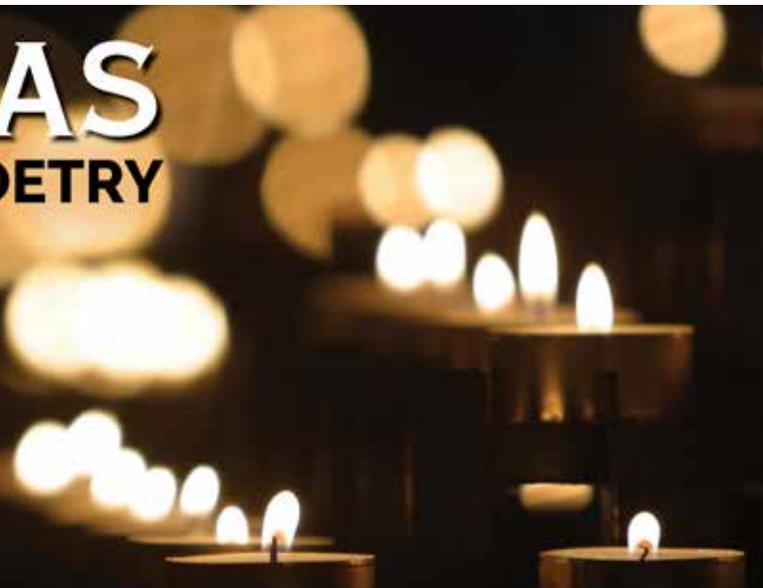
**Special thanks to
Cub Scout Pack 16
for delivering 348
pounds of food to St.
Mary's Pantry. The
food was gathered as
part of "Trick or Treat
So Others Can Eat."**



CANDLEMAS

IN LIGHT, MUSIC & POETRY

- SACRED ARTS CHORALE**
Dr. Rebecca Johnson, director
"The Mass for Four Parts"
by William Byrd
- BEAU BLEDSOE**
Music for lute and other instruments
- MATT SCHWADER**
Sonnet readings from *Thanks for Noticing*
by VERN BARNET



February 2 Thursday 7 pm

Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral - Downtown KCMO

Tickets/Previews www.CRES.org/Candlemas

Coming Soon

JANUARY 4 • 6 P.M.
The Way begins

JANUARY 8 • 8 & 10:15 A.M.
Epiphany Sunday

JANUARY 11 • 11:45 A.M.
Monthly Lunch Bunch

JANUARY 22 • 10:15 A.M.
Holy Baptism

JANUARY 22 • 11:30 A.M.
Newcomer's Gathering

FEBRUARY 2 • 7 P.M.
Candlemas

FEBRUARY 12
Welcome Reception



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the Way

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

**Begins
Wednesday,
January 4**

Each session includes a meal and conversation, a brief teaching, and time to engage with Scripture around a table. The Way is for persons who would like to know more about the Christian faith and life, about the tradition and practices of this church, or to prepare for baptism or the affirmation of baptism through confirmation or reception. The Way, our version of the "catechumenate" begins in the fall and runs through the Easter season. Breaks are taken in December and the weeks before and after Easter.

All are invited to journey along The Way. Questions? Contact Larry Ehren, lghren@yahoo.com.

Wednesday evenings include: 6 p.m.—Supper and Conversation. Meals are free.
7-8 p.m.—Small group Bible study, discussion and prayer.