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FROM THE DEAN

Tending the Garden

The last question in the final examination I took for a required course on the Book of Common Prayer when I was in seminary asked, “Is there any prayer or liturgy you would add to the current Prayer Book?” The courses that have been most meaningful to me are those through which I have been encouraged to ask questions that endure, and that foster continual renewal and reevaluation in my thinking about the world.

During the Easter season, those who participate in The Way (our form of the Catechumenate at the Cathedral) engage in what is called *Mystagogia*—unpacking the mysteries. This is the “What does this mean?” portion of adult Christian formation. Now that the Way group has experienced the mystery of faith through the death and resurrection of Christ, the telling of salvation history, and the celebration of Baptism and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil it’s time to see how the life of faith connects with one’s own life.

A couple of years ago during *Mystagogia* the question was asked about what could be added to the baptismal liturgy. One idea that struck a resonant chord was to add this promise to the Baptismal Covenant: “Will you do all you can to protect the beauty, diversity and wonder of God’s creation? I will, with God’s help.”

Christian thinker, author and activist, Brian McLaren, in his book, *The Great Spiritual Migration* includes the ten commitments from the 2013 Mesa Document and Charter for a Just and Generous Christianity as discerned by the Convergence Network. Fourth in that list is this: “We seek to reconnect with the earth, to understand the harm human beings are doing to it, and to embody more responsible, regenerative ways of life in and with it.” In terms of the mission of the church in our time this commitment couldn’t be more timely.

On the first Earth Day in 1970 my sister and I walked the five miles from our home to our high school.

It was an era of budding foment: urban riots and unrest, the disruption of the Vietnam War and dire predictions of looming environmental disaster.

Later that spring I participated in a several day exercise around imagining a future for the troubled planet. A select group from our high school was convened to imagine what our priorities might be for the future. We were guinea pigs for an innovative process being designed for use in businesses and organizations. Over several days we commandeered the Sunday School rooms at the Presbyterian church where we distilled our ideas, hopes and fears using newsprint, magic markers and masking tape. The net result after all that effort was that we saw a future where planetary salvation involved serious and widespread organic gardening! Away with paving over creation and poisoning it with chemicals. A return to a gentler, less exploitative mode of life was in the water that year. We drank from its sweet spring.

As I look back to that time I realize how prophetic we had been in those pastel painted rooms looking out over the graves of forebears who had carved out small farms from forest land during the early eighteenth century.

Today, as a congregation in our downtown location, I believe that part of our calling is to discern how we can find ways as people of resurrection faith to restore the world around us. Our take on the good news must include demonstrative acts that preserve and protect the earth and all its creatures.

Start thinking. When we gather to discuss McLaren’s book on May 7, come with your ideas about how we can tend to God’s garden as people of new creation. This comes in the baptismal water we all share and speaks to the foment of our time churned up by deregulation and social and environmental planetary crises.

—Peter DeVeau, Dean

Treasurer's Report

Grace & Holy Trinity's Financial Status as of March 2017

	2017	2016
Income	\$ 407,099	\$ 414,742
Expenses	\$ 386,612	\$ 417,125
Net Total	\$ 20,487	\$ (2,383)

Through the end of the first quarter, income to the Cathedral was down slightly as higher pledge receipts and user fees were offset by a smaller draw on the endowment. Expenses for the first quarter were also down versus last year, primarily in staffing. The new music director started in February, the new property manager started in March, and the National Church has been reimbursing a portion of the Dean's salary as he is out on disability. Thus the first quarter had lower expenses for the staff than we will experience quarterly for the rest of the year. The net result was a moderate operating surplus for the first quarter.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Women's Bible Study Explores Parables

Tuesdays, Beginning May 9 ✦ 1:30-3 p.m.

Common Room

Conversations With Scripture: The Parables

By: William F. Brosend II

*"I love to tell the story,
it will be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story,
Of Jesus and his love."*



Since before Aesop and beyond Garrison Keillor we humans have loved to tell and listen to stories. And Jesus loved to tell stories, too. His stories—the parables—were told to make his listeners think and learn about their relationships with each other and God. But neither the reference points nor the settings Jesus used are familiar to us. With the help of the historical and cultural background and scholarly detail in *Conversations with Scripture: The Parables* members of the WBS will attempt to make sense of talents and mustard seeds, shepherds and Samaritans and to explore the relevance of the parables in the twenty-first century.



A charcoal sketch of the Bright Sunday Jazz Musicians, created by Douglas McNair.



Upcoming Events

For the month of May, I would like to draw your attention to two musical events happening at the Cathedral.

On Sunday, May 7 from 2-7 p.m., the Cathedral will host the 38th Annual Bachathon which is presented by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This event will feature music of Johann Sebastian Bach including pieces for choir, orchestra, organ, piano, flute, voice and chamber ensemble. For more information, including the schedule and performers, please visit kccgo.com/bachathon.html.

On Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m., the Trinity Choir will be singing Evensong. This service of Psalms, hymns and canticles will be the final Evensong of the 2016-2017 season.

—Paul Meier, Director of Music



Come to Trinity Children's Choir!

Trinity Children's Choir is now preparing music for Youth Sunday.

Elementary school-aged singers may join choir at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in Haden Hall (blue door).

For more info contact Linda Martin, childrensmusic@kccathedral.org.

Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Wednesdays ✦ 7 p.m.

As part of our hands and feet of Christ initiative, we are instituting a Neighborhood Prayer Walk. Starting Wednesday, April 19 from 7–8 p.m., this group will walk the neighborhood near the Cathedral and get to know the people we are called to serve. We will start in the Nave with a small prayer service, and end in the Nave with Compline and prayer for our community. For any questions, please contact Christine Morrison at cblankstir@gmail.com. Jim Robertson will be with us the first few weeks and we hope to see you there!

WaterJustice Conference: A Recap

The WaterJustice Conference presented by the Trinity Institute, Trinity Wall Street church, in New York City, and live-streamed here in Founders' Hall on March 22-24, 2017, provided a rich education about water, and the myriad global issues in pressing need of attention—ranging from the question of “Who owns the water?” and the role of the private sector and governmental responsibility, to the impact of climate change and environmental degradation/pollution, and the impact on the lives of so many communities throughout the world that do not have ready access to clean running water, something we take so for granted.

Highlights of the Conference included:

- Lively opening worship at Trinity Wall Street, with the preacher, Winston Halapua, the Archbishop of Polynesia, on Wednesday evening; conference participants were joined by our participants in The Way as they ate their meal.
- Keynote Address by Barbara Boxer, who until last year was a senator from California and a leader in environmental initiatives.
- Excellent video presentations, ranging from well-known theologians to people from various places around the globe speaking to their particular challenges of accessing water.
- Lunch in Founders' Hall on Thursday, co-sponsored by the United Nations Association of Kansas City and attended by many from that group, featured a speaker, Claire Cook-Callen, from water.org, an international NGO based here in Kansas City that funds water access projects throughout the world.

Information about the Conference speakers can be accessed at www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2017/home.

The Right Reverend Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa and a life-long advocate for cathedrals as institutions of education, suggested we have forgotten the sacredness of water, reminding us that water does not come from the tap but rather from the river, from creation. In urging the church to educate and illuminate our congregations, and to stand against industrial practices that pollute, he poignantly reminded us that “we all live downstream.”

—Vicki Davis, Associate



Ted Derrick was presented a cancer comfort quilt made by a group led by Kari O'Rourke during Lent.

 **Episcopal & Friends LGBT**
Sunday, May 21
This gathering will be held at the Cathedral in Founders' Hall, Sunday, May 21 at 6 p.m. As always, there is no agenda other than fun, food and fellowship. All are welcome. Respond to Jim Robertson at jasbrob@aol.com or 816.569.5549.

2017 Annual Onesie Drive

Outreach Ministries requests gifts of onesies for the babies born at the birthing home in Haiti, Maison de Naissance beginning Sunday, April 30 and continuing through May 21. This year's goal is 230 onesies.



Reminder: Haiti's climate is tropical—very hot. So please, short sleeve onesies only and in sizes newborn to three months.

You may leave the onesies on the table in the tower. This is a great way to honor all moms on Mother's Day. Thank you for your generosity!



Hygiene Kits Donated

Over 5,000 units of personal hygiene items were gifted to Synergy House and

Keeler Women's Center. These gifts are greatly needed in the community and will be put to immediate use/distribution.

Greetings from el Hogar

Greetings from el Hogar...the amazing Episcopal Church School in Tegucigalpa. It provides a home and education for approximately 250 students, a large number Myers' orphans, but all from financially poor backgrounds. The school offers first through sixth grade at the elementary school as well as offers advanced seventh through ninth grade classes at the tech school (metal works/welding), electrical and carpentry. The graduates are then able to obtain skilled labor jobs with many going on to higher education.

El Hogar is at the peak of summer, pre-rainy season. I am excited to be part of the team from Saint Luke's Anglican from Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

As always, there is work to be done. The screen printing shop produced 800 t-shirts for a marathon to benefit el Hogar. We did the short 10,000 steps (4.9km), equivalent to 47 flights of stairs, walk through the hills of Tegucigalpa. Sadly, I can report that I was passed by an el Hogar mother using a walking stick.



—Dave Pierson

Holy Week 2017

This is the night



Thank You!

Our Holy Week and Triduum services were beautiful and moving, culminated by a glorious day of alleluias on Easter Day. A heartfelt thanks to the many dedicated volunteers and staff who worked so hard and gave of their time and energy to make our services so meaningful:

- Worship leaders, including, acolytes, altar guild, choirs and musicians,
- Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, intercessors, greeters, ushers and clergy;
- Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry;
- Hospitality and parking ministries;
- Office and property staff;
- And many more who contributed in countless ways.

It was a privilege to be in Gospel partnership with you. Thank you!

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed, alleluia!

—Canon Christy Dorn and the clergy & staff of GHTC

THANKSGIVINGS AND MEMORIALS FOR FLOWERS IN APRIL



IN THANKSGIVING FOR

April 9

The sick and their families by the Gitta family
The glory of God

April 16

Peter & Mary DeVeau by Sharon Hudson
Julia & John, Maddie & Jack by John & Ellen Goheen
My family by Jean Rau
Peter DeVeau by Charles Blummer
Our family by Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
Our children, Lisa, Tyger, Celest, Carson, Jon, August & Larry
by Tom Rinehart & Ruth Finet
The Cathedral Staff by Peter & Mary DeVeau
Our parents—Joanne Repass Jones, Roger & Joyce Sweeting
by Ric & Janet Sweeting
Alan Ryder by the Ryder family
My devoted and wonderful wife of 64 years, Margaret
by Dr. Van M. Robinson
Our children and grandchildren by Paget Gates Higgins
God's love for the world by the Gitta family
My family by Sarah Ingram-Eiser
Our daughter, Noël Miller Hendrix and our grandson,
Gordon Hendrix by Harley & Patricia Miller
Our grandchildren, Emily, Maggie & Sam Cowles,
Caroline & Tommy Barker, and Lydia & Paige Davis
by David & Diane Barker
For my children Melisa and Scott, and my grandchildren
Nathan, Sean and Erik by Patricia Burns
By Bob Moreno
Our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
by Day & Whitney Kerr
Dean Peter DeVeau by Anne K. Heck
Our children by Steve & Kristy Moore

April 30

The young but motherless by the Gitta family

IN MEMORY OF

April 2

Our departed relative and friends by the
Gitta family

April 9

My father, Robert H. Veasie by Ruth Finet

April 16

Our parents—Ted & Martha Lott, Mick & Elynor Baresi
and Sabino Bilotta by Larry & Beverly Bilotta
Jeanne Zyck by Richard & Anne Morse
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert E. Trapp
Fred Leive by the Leive family
Leslie Hoover by Charles Blummer
Our parents—Doc & Maude Rinehart, Robert & Kathryn
Veasie by Tom Rinehart & Ruth Finet
Rev. Loyd Gentry by Sandy Carter
Howard L. Stewart by Ric & Janet Sweeting
Marilyn Lacey McMullen by Larry McMullen
Royce & Bettie Smith and James & Millie Kemper
by Jonathan & Nancy Lee Kemper
My brother John Mahan Brooks Jr. by Mrs. John B. (Denise)
Nelson
Thomas and Sally (Kemper) Wood by the Thomas & Sally
Kemper Wood Family Foundation
Diane Margaret Logan by Geoff Logan
John Obetz by Grace, Peter & Christy
Janice Bontrager, Homer & Mary Lou Moore by Steve &
Kristy Moore
Virginia & Max Foresman, Fudie Barlow, John Ingram-Eiser
& Dr. Tim Sifers by Sarah Ingram-Eiser
Maggie Jacobs Barr by Brent Adrian Barr
Augusta, Mary & Frank Fanolio, Loyd, Hazel & Jerry Smith
by Richard & Jill Fanolio
All my family by Elizabeth Gordon
Ralph & Carolyn Seeck and Janice Wesley by Valerie & Bill Miller

Lenten Outreach

The Easter offering, and a donation from outreach, made it possible to contribute \$3,000 each to both Jewish Vocational Services and Episcopal Migration Ministries. Volunteers gave their time during Lent packing 300 family bags for BackSnack children over spring break. A total of 245 Easter baskets/bags were assembled and delivered to Sheffield Place, Crittenton Children Center and Kaw Valley Children Center. Volunteers assembled 58 hygiene

kits and donated 755 pounds of food for the visitors at St. Mary's pantry. On several Saturday mornings, volunteers helped serve lunch at St. Mary's Pantry, helped at St. Paul's pantry in Kansas City, Kansas, and helped get diapers ready for distribution at HappyBottoms. And lastly, a group of quilters met every Tuesday night during Lent making five comfort quilts to be given to cancer patients. A special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, gave donations and gave of their talents during this Lenten Season. "God blesses us, so we can bless others."

Youth Update

Wednesday Youth Group

Wednesdays + 7 p.m.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the Haden Hall youth room every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, program, and worship. Our last Wednesday youth group of this semester will be May 17.

Presiding Bishop's Visit with Youth May 5-6

Youth are invited to an amazing opportunity to talk with our Presiding Bishop in a small group setting and engage in service to our community together! The event will consist of questions and conversation with the Presiding Bishop Friday evening, a lock-in, and community service again with the Presiding Bishop Saturday morning! These events will take place at St. Paul's KCMO. Make sure youth are signed up on the WeMO Youth website.

Youth Sunday

May 14

Celebrate the joy of Youth Ministry during the 10:15 a.m. service on May 14! The service will include youth designed prayers, graduate recognitions and confirmations.

Save the Date!

Start of Summer Celebration : June 2

Camp WeMO : June 11-16

Episcopal Youth Event : July 10-14

MissionPalooza : July 25-30

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.

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.

Family and Children's Ministry News



Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 14

There's a lot going on during the 10:15 a.m. service on May 14! The Children's Choir will sing, our youth will take on leadership roles during the service, and the Bishop will be here to celebrate confirmation. To allow older children to be a part of these experiences, Children's Chapel will not meet. Godly Play will be held as usual.

Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 28

Children's Chapel and Godly Play will not meet on May 28, which is Memorial Day weekend.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 4

Dress casually and wear red to celebrate this day. After the 10:15 a.m. service, stay for lunch and lawn games. Please bring a dish to share; we'll grill up some hot dogs, veggie dogs and brats.

Questions?

Please contact Julie Brogno at 816.474.8260 or childrensformation@kccathedral.org.



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men and women of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly

lunch get-together. The next date is Wednesday, May 3 at Taj Mahal, 7521 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO 64114, 11:45 a.m. Let Jim Robertson know you are coming, jasbrob@aol.com or 816-569-5549, or just show up. Invite friends.

Outreach Appreciation

Outreach wants to recognize Marian Phillip during the month of May! Marian has been very active with Maisson de Naissance, The Global Birthing Center, since 2004. Marian has taken the leadership role of organizing all the onesie drives, which happens this year during the month of May celebrating Mother's Day. At the end of the drive, these onesies are sent to the birthing center in Haiti and given to each new born baby when they leave the birthing center to go home. This year's goal for the drive is 230 onesies. Marian is the point person for updating the Cathedral with Maisson de Naissance communication and is proactive in securing Outreach funds during Matching Grant Campaigns.

Marian spent three years working in Haiti during the 1980s at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Elementary School as the head administrative assistant. She spent those three years living with the Sisters of Margaret. One of Marian's many roles was being responsible for the scholarship program supporting tuition for all the students and opening up communication between sponsors and students. In these roles of responsibility, Marian had the opportunity to travel and visit all areas of Haiti.

Marian is also very active helping with the BackSnack program, volunteering at HappyBottoms, serving dinner at Sheffield Place and volunteering at the pantry for the Cathedral Apartments. Please congratulate Marian on her wonderful giving spirit!



Adult Forums

Sundays in May ✦ 9:15–10 a.m. ✦ Common Room

Sunday, May 7: Dean's Book for Lent discussion. As we live into our Strategic Plan, there is a lot to glean from Brian McLaren's, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian*. Where do you see the church heading in our times? Come join the Dean and others as we discuss the vision for church that Brian McLaren shares and how it intersects with ours. This Adult Forum will be held in Founders' Hall.

Sunday, May 14: No Adult Forum. Enjoy Youth Sunday!

Sunday, May 21: Bible Study, centered around the week's readings.

Sunday, May 28: No Adult Forum, due to the Memorial Day weekend.

The Way

Wednesdays ✦ 6-8 p.m. ✦ May 9, 16 & 30

Final dates for the 2016-2017 year. Classes resume in October.

Graduate Names Needed

Sunday, May 14



Are you, or do you know, a recent graduate? Send us their name! The Cathedral will be recognizing all recent graduates (high school, college, trade school, etc.) on Sunday, May 14. Help us by sending the name of any recent graduates by **Sunday, May 7** to the Cathedral office, communications@kccathedral.org.

Abiding Prayer

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

The Gift of Life: Life & Living, Death & Dying

Monday Evenings

7:15–8:30 p.m. ✦ Common Room



"Abiding Prayer, when it reaches the full consent to our nothingness, is the perfect preparation for death, because it is death—death to the false self and even the True Self will be transcended."

—Thomas Keating

Beginning Monday, April 24 at 7:15 p.m. we will begin the process of discovering *The Gift of Life*. For more information, contact Jerry Grabher, 816.590.6205 or j.grabher3@gmail.com.

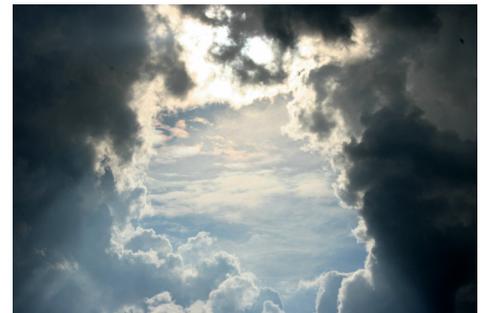
The Cloud of Unknowing: A Loving Search for God

Thursdays, May 4 and 18

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.



Stephen Ministry: The “After People”



People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After people.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- after the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

GHTC is a Stephen Ministry congregation and we are here for you. Please contact Canon Christy Dorn, 816.474.8260, or Karen Kissinger, 816.210.0302, to learn more about Stephen Ministry. All calls are confidential.
www.stephenministries.org

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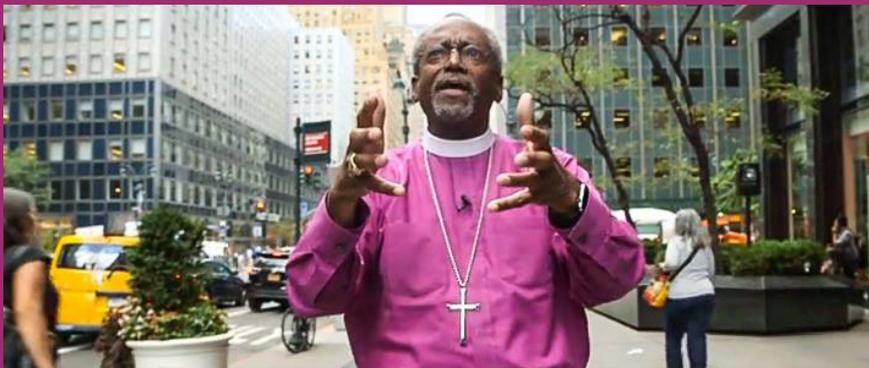
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Awakening the Spirit in West Missouri Saturday, May 6 12-3 p.m.

Kansas City Power & Light Stage, 1100 Walnut Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

Come hear one of today's most charismatic speakers talk about the Jesus Movement.

The Jesus Movement—A way of life that is not self-centered. A way of love grounded in compassion, and goodness, and justice, and forgiveness. That is the way of Jesus, and that way of love can set us all free.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be leading this event. All are welcome and bring your friends.

See more about the Jesus Movement: episcopalchurch.org/library/video/jesus-movement.