



Announcements for the Week of February 3, 2019

A Letter from the Bishop

The Very Rev. Gary Hall, the former dean of Washington National Cathedral, in an article for Anglican Theological Review entitled “The Purpose of Cathedrals”, asks a pertinent question: What are cathedrals for in the 21st century? He concludes that cathedrals have a unique opportunity to reach constituencies not normally served by parish churches. Their spaces, their programs, their function as community gathering places can draw a range of people (devotees of the arts, skeptics, the spiritual-but-not-religious, those who doubt the credibility of the institutional church, to name a few) who are unlikely to consider going to a local parish. Cathedrals, Hall proposes, are uniquely positioned to engage the world in a way other church communities cannot.

Hall acknowledges that the religious climate is changing. In “the olden days” God was an important part of everyone’s life. Today, many Church members believe that God is no longer important to many or most of their neighbors, which often causes despair. However, according to recent studies, the majority of people in the United States self-identify that God remains an important part of their lives, whereas the institutional church does not. Therefore, the role of cathedral communities, relative to a secularized and spiritual-but-not-religious public, is increasingly difficult to define. Nevertheless, to begin defining, let me offer the following thoughts.

If a cathedral gets its name from the presence of the bishop’s chair (i.e. the cathedra) and serves as a bishop’s principal church, and if fewer and fewer people know what a cathedra (or even a bishop) is, how do cathedral churches embody and carry out a ministry that reflects the apostolic ministry of the bishop? Asking this another way: What aspects of apostolic ministry does a cathedral exist to serve, and how might it carry them forward in its own way?

The answer is found in The Examination section of the rite for the ordination of a bishop, which describes the principal aspects of episcopal ministry in a series of phrases describing bishops and their ministries. In summation, a bishop’s ministry is to be: apostolic, prophetic, theological, prayerful, pastoral, just (as in justice), and empowering. These adjectives would serve well as the skeleton of a mission statement for a cathedral church and doing so might be a tonic to the common tendency of cathedrals to describe themselves more in institutional and less in missional language. (Like many church organizations, they describe what they are but not what they do.)

Which leads me to the reason for this correspondence.

First, I send my greetings to the 2019 Annual Meeting of Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. I greet you with the true and heartfelt affection I feel for the cathedral church of the Diocese of West Missouri, and I greet you in thanksgiving for the many ways your common life is shared with and enriches the larger common life of the diocese.

Second, I want to assure you that I remember the clergy, lay leaders, and members of Grace & Holy Trinity each day in my prayers interceding with God to bless you in this time of leadership transition and to guide you to coalesce around a common vision for your life as a missional and faith-filled community.

Congratulations for all that you have done in the past—the many ways you have carried forward the banner of Christ in the City of Kansas City and to its metropolitan environs. And thank you in anticipation of the many ways you will carry the Gospel to the world in the future.

My blessings to you all.

Yours in the service of Christ,



The Right Reverend Martin S. Field
VIIIth Bishop of West Missouri

Up Next

Episcopal & Friends LGBT+ Gathering

February 3 • 6 p.m.



This gathering will be held at the Cathedral in Founders' Hall, Sunday, February 3 at 6 p.m. As always, there is no agenda other than fun, food and fellowship. All are welcome. Respond to Brian Cowley at lgbt@kccathedral.org or 816.569.5549.

Treasure Tour

February 17 • 11:45 a.m.



Join us at the back of the Nave to discuss a few of our beautiful stained glass windows and hear about the work that went into restoring them.

Evensong—February

February 17 • 5 p.m.



Evensong is a service of hymns, choral anthems, Bible readings and prayers—it is a time to listen, pray, meditate and sing. Holy Communion is often celebrated following Evensong for those desiring it. Childcare is available.

A Bit Further Out

Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast (with Chris Cakes)—March 3

***St. Olaf Handbell Concert*—March 3**

Ash Wednesday—March 6

Are you interested in Trinity Teens?

Contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org for all the details.

Ongoing Stuff

Adult Forum: *Engaging the Word*—Sundays • 9 a.m. • Common Room
Adult Forum: *Why Are You Who You Are?*—Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room
Abiding Prayer: *Heartfulness*—Mondays • 7:15 p.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room
Women's Bible Study—Tuesdays • 12:30-1:30 p.m. • Common Room
The Way—Wednesdays • 6–8 p.m. • Founders' Hall
Qigong and Tai Chi—Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • Common Room

Did You Know?



NourishKC Needs Your Help!

Over the last several weeks a growing financial concern became evident and clear. The Board and NourishKC leadership has made the hard decision to reduce services and operations to only the Kansas City Community Kitchen. The pantry is now being operated via St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Kansas. If you would like to help by donating money, you may visit nourishkc.org/donate, check out their Go Fund Me campaign at gofundme.com (search for NourishKC) or you may mail a check to NourishKC, P.O. Box 412458, Kansas City, MO 64041. **Volunteers are also desperately needed. Sign up at nourishkc.org/volunteer.**

Cathedral Caregivers Prayer List

Pray for: Gayle Elscari; Heney Canerser; Charlie Morgan; Van Gillespie; The Church; Jennifer Griffin; John Richards; Daniel Anderson; Donalda Fowler; Etoile Jordan; Susan Lukwago; Ken Frashier; Becky Smail; Gavin Beaver; Andrew Mosley; Ron McLeroy; Brad McLeroy; Ron Capps; Rick Sloan; Jan Frizzle; Len Steinle.

To place a person on this prayer list, please use a prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office: communications@kccathedral.org. Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Flowers...Oh My

Birthdays & Anniversaries



February 3
Collin Walker
Connie Boyd

February 5
Randall & Bunny
Oestreicher

February 9
David Pierson
Joseph Brandwein

February 4
Mark Colburn
Holly Johnson
Haywood & Lyn Walker

February 6
Page Reed

February 8
Bill & Laura Baker

Today's Flowers to the Glory of God and ...



- in thanksgiving for the new year—the Gitta family

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: 816.474.8260 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org.

To donate toward the weekly flower cost of \$225, sign up online at kccathedral.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260 ext. 144. Any amount is appreciated.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday • February 3

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
9 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>Engaging the Word</i>	Common Room
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>Why You Are Who You Are</i>	Haden Hall Purple Door Room
9:15 a.m.	Children's Choir	Haden Hall Blue Door Room
10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
10:20 a.m.	Children's Chapel & Godly Play	start in Nave, then Haden Hall
12:15 p.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
5 p.m.	Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist	Nave

Monday, February 4

7:15 p.m.	Abiding Prayer: <i>Heartfulness</i>	Haden Hall Purple Door Room
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Tuesday, February 5

7:30 a.m.	Conversations & Coffee	Founders' Hall Café
12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Common Room

Wednesday • February 6

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Tallis Singers	Haden Hall
6 p.m.	The Way	Founders' Hall Cathedral Café
7 p.m.	Trinity Teens Youth Group	Haden Hall Youth Room

Thursday • February 7

12:45 p.m.	Tai Chi & Qigong	Common Room
6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers	Haden Hall
7 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir	Haden Hall

Saturday • February 9

10 a.m.	Memorial Service: Larry Garrison Sullivan	Nave, Founders' Hall, Garden
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Sunday • February 10

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
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9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>Why You Are Who You Are</i>	Haden Hall Purple Door Room
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Visit kccathedral.org for more calendar information.