

Announcements for the Week of May 13, 2018

From me to you ...

Whew! What a rollercoaster we're on here at the Cathedral. Easter ... Peter DeVeau's retirement ... asbestos abatement ... staff moving over to Founders' Hall ... all the springtime ministries and activities ... so much to take in ... so much to ponder. And then, of course, the most important thing, and we have almost lost sight of it: the power of the resurrection to change our lives.

Today I sit at my new space in Founders' Hall, looking out the window on our beautiful grounds and being almost overwhelmed by the beauty of spring in Kansas City. I've loved every place I've lived, adored the people I've been among, and faithfully worshipped our everloving Lord in the cathedrals and parishes I've served. So today's beauty is both familiar and different—familiar

because I see God's graciousness in creation and in putting me in it; different, because it all feels very new to me.

I've been here several months now, but in a different role. To have stepped into the deanship, albeit as your intentional interim for a finite period of time, is a privilege and an honor. You are filled with the love and compassion of God's grace that you know to be true, real and right. You have the heart for serving God's people in and from this place and you embrace that wholeheartedly. You worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, as our beloved prayer book says, and know that without coming together in His name for strength and renewed commitment, all is for naught. How could I—or anyone else, for that matter—not be inspired to do the work I have been called to do?

Part of that work is leading you through this transition time between permanent deans. Different from past experiences, different from what you may be expecting, it is nonetheless an intentional time of reflecting on who we are, how we live into the call to serve God and God's people, so that we can offer ourselves to whomever is called to walk alongside of you into the next holy time in your common life. It will be interesting for us all. It will be exciting for us all. It will challenge us all to be the people God continually calls us to be.



And it takes time ... time to be together, time to be with everything we find out about ourselves, time to simply BE. And it cannot be rushed, nor will it be. Which means we will remind each other that what we are about and what the goal is, is in God's good graces and time.

This is the vocation God has called me into—helping a parish know itself more fully and guiding you through the many questions and ideas that will enable you to even more completely be the Body of Christ you are called to be. We will walk through this time together, along a path and with a plan that is born out of faith, trust and experience. Soon you will hear about a series of "Conversations with Mtr. Evelyn," in which we will talk about the time to come, answer each other's questions and come to understand more about this process. Watch this space, the website, the Sunday bulletins for more information. It's coming—I promise!

I'll be writing to you every week about a whole host of things. Let me know what moves you, what inspires you, what intrigues you about these writings I call "From me to you ..." I look forward to our burgeoning friendship, people of faith who simply are together walking a journey into the unknown.

See you in church!

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Happy Mother's Day



The seeds given today are Lilliput Mix Zinnias. These easy-to-grow, summer-blooming annuals reach a height of 18–24 inches and prefer full sun. Each individual flower lasts a very long time on the plant and in the vase before fading. Zinnias seem to be a favorite of butterflies and many gardeners add zinnias specifically to attract them.

Packets of zinnia seeds are given to all who worship with us today. In honor of Mother's Day, we suggest any of the following:

- Plant them in remembrance of the mother who gave you life.
- Give them to a child along with a small pot and a bit of soil, and give thanks for the women who nurtured you.
- Save them for a special occasion and give thanks for moms everywhere who graciously accept gifts of all kinds.

Up Next

Breaking the Fast Friday, May 18 • 8 p.m.



For the past several years during Ramadan, the Muslim holiday in which members of the faith fast from sunup to sundown, the Dialogue Institute has worked with local organizations to host what it calls "fast-breaking" dinners to bring the community together. This year, the Cathedral will host one of those dinners and you're invited! These family-style dinners, known as iftar, will be provided by a local Muslim family and consist of a main dish of chicken or beef, rice, a salad, a vegetable and a dessert. Let's come together as a Cathedral family to join our Muslim neighbors. If you are interested, please RSVP to <u>ehornaday@kccathedral.org</u> no later than Tuesday, May 15. Small gifts for the visiting families and donations (made payable to the Raindrop Foundation) are appreciated.

Parish Picnic



May 20 • 11:30 a.m.

We'll start off summer with a picnic lunch on the lawn. The Cathedral will provide brats, hot dogs and vegetarian dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll also have a bounce house for the kids. This is a great Sunday to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you. Dress casually (wear red), bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs, and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship!

Readers Book Club—First Book Discussion

May 20 • 11:45 a.m.



Readers, a book club for the Cathedral, begins May 20, 2018. This club focuses on reading and discussing current books in a relaxed setting at the Cathedral. The first book to be discussed is News of the World, written by Paulette Jiles. A limited number of copies of this book will be available in the GHTC bookstore or can be purchased on Amazon. This activity reflects a strategic objective of the Cathedral, Christian Formation and Congregational Life. For more information, contact Joyce Morrow, *jemorrow@kc.rr. com* or Jackye Finnie, *jpfinnie@aol.com*.

Choral Evensong

May 20 • 5 p.m.



Join us for Evensong—a service of hymns, choral anthems, Bible readings and prayer. It is a time to listen, pray, meditate and sing. Holy Communion is celebrated following Evensong for those desiring it.



Episcopal & Friends LGBTQIA Monthly Dinner May 20 • 6 p.m. • St. Mary's

The next potluck is scheduled for May 20 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1307 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64106, at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish, dessert or drink to share.



Onesie Drive through May 20

Please donate short sleeve onesies in sizes newborn to six months for the babies born to Haitian mothers at Maison de Naissance, the birthing home in rural southwest Haiti. Your generous donation is appreciated.



Communications Survey through May 31

The Cathedral is currently gathering information to create a Communications Plan. Please take a few moments to fill out a short survey, either in paper (blue sheets found in the back of the Nave) or online at <u>surveymonkey.com/r/RMR36JW</u>. The survey will be open through May 31. Thank you for your input!

A Bit Further Out

First Friday—Friday, June 1 • 5:30 p.m. Nourish KC Brunch—Saturday, June 2 • 12 noon • Grand Street Cafe Holy Hands Appreciation—Sunday, June 3 • 8 & 10:15 a.m.

For more details, visit kccathedral.org/upcoming-events.

Did You Know?

Thy Kingdom Come

The Cathedral is once again participating in Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (May 10–20) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Please consider participating! You will find more information about how you can be a part of this movement at <u>thykingdomcome.global</u>. If you post on social media, don't forget to use the hashtags #pledge2pray and #thykingdomcome. Search YouTube for Thy Kingdom Come to check out Presiding Bishop Curry's <u>video</u> about the movement.

Stephen Ministers Care!

Stephen Ministers are Cathedral members who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and other life difficulties. They listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through tough times. To learn how to become—or receive care from—a Stephen Minister, please speak to Karen Kissinger or Canon Dorn, or call the Cathedral office, 816.474.8260.

Cathedral Caregivers Prayer List

Pray for: Susan Peach; Peggy Morgan; Chase Sutton; Danny F.; Ken Frashier; Peggy Morgan; Jan Stapleton; Kimmers Hemphill; Jeff With's family & friends; Sam Gershman; Mr. Welch; Irwing Sims; Michael Wheeler; Alice & Milt Beamer; Lill Weekes; Owen Pollio; Lukas Harvey's family & friends; Rianne Doss; Thomas Jones; Fred Cox's family & friends; Augusta Wilbon; Trenton Baier; Lana Batiste; Kay Sloan; John Tillisch; LaGretta Gitta; Jodi Robinson; Rachel Ensor; Taloyre Mahoney; Roever family; Steve Hill; Paula Koenig; Hal Woosley; Peggy Lane; Mary Wymer; Frank Thompson; Jim Royer.

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

Thank you to the entire GHTC family for the beautiful floral basket, words and notes of condolence on the death of my brother. I am deeply touched and grateful for your caring and support.

~ Linda Martin

This Week's Calendar

Sunday • May 13 • Youth Sunday, Mother's Day Holy Eucharist Nave 8 a.m. Hospitality Time Founders' Hall 9 a.m. Adult Forum Common Room 9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave 10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel 10:20 a.m. start in Nave. then Haden Hall Hospitality Time Founders' Hall 11:35 a.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist Nave 5 p.m. Monday • May 14 Holy Eucharist 12:05 p.m. Chapel Common Room Abiding Prayer 7:15 p.m. Tuesday • May 15 Conversations & Coffee Founders' Hall Café 7:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel Women's Bible Study Common Room 12:30 p.m. Wednesday • May 16 Holy Eucharist Chapel 12:05 p.m. Founders' Hall 6 p.m. The Way Trinity Teens Youth Group Haden Hall: Youth Room 7 p.m. Thursday • May 17 Holy Eucharist Chapel 12:05 p.m. Tai Chi & Qigong Common Room 12:45 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers Haden Hall 6 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir Haden Hall 7 p.m. Friday • May 18 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel Ramadan Breaking the Fast Dinner Haden Hall 8 p.m. Sunday • May 20 • Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Nave Hospitality Time Founders' Hall 9 a.m. Adult Forum Common Room 9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Nave Godly Play start in Nave, then Haden Hall 10:20 a.m. Parish Picnic Cathedral Lawn 11:30 a.m. Readers Book Club—1st Book Discussion 11:45 a.m. Common Room Choral Evensong and Holy Eucharist Nave 5 p.m.

Visit <u>kccathedral.org</u> for more calendar information.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Flowers...Oh My

Birthdays & Anniversaries



May 14 Elizabeth Murphy Terri Wesner Robert & Patricia Carlton

May 15 Scott Laurent Mike & Toni Bennett May 17 Miranda Schmidt Bruce & Page Reed

May 18 Arnold Epley

May 19 Dave & Susan Berson

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



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

• in loving memory of Blanche Heider—Sara Gaggens

To donate toward the weekly flowers, sign up online at <u>kccathedral.org/flowers</u> or contact the Cathedral office, <u>jsweeting@kccathedral.org</u> or 816.474.8260 ext. 144.



EVENSONG. May 20 • 5 p.m.

Ongoing Stuff

Adult Forums Sundays through July 8

9:15-10 a.m. • Common Room

Jesus and the Gospels: The figure of Jesus has tantalized both Christians and non-Christians who have sought definitive answers to questions about his words, his acts and even his very existence.

Abiding Prayer Mondays through June 25

7:15-8:30 p.m. • Common Room God is Love: The Heart of All Creation series

continues and builds on the works of Thomas Keating over the past 30+ years, beginning with the Spiritual Journey series. Contact Jerry Grabher for more information, <u>*i.grabher3@gmail.com*</u> or 816.590.6205.

Women's Bible Study Tuesdays

12:30-1:30 p.m. • Common Room

The Social Justice Bible Challenge, which is available in the Cathedral Bookstore for \$15, features 40 Bible passages with reflections by spiritual leaders and writers from around the world, along with questions to help initiate discussions and prayers. All are welcome. If you have the inclination, but not the book, come anyway and someone will share!

Qigong and Tai Chi Thursdays

12:45 p.m. • Common Room

Karen Kissinger offers free group sessions at the Cathedral on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. in the Common Room. There are no contraindications for this practice and all gentle movements may be modified.

For more details, visit kccathedral.org.



Summer Fellowship Hosts Needed

Your help is needed during the summer! We want our fellowship time to continue to be uplifting, enjoyable and connecting. We need hosts to sign up to provide the goodies for fellowship time after both the 8 & 10:15 a.m. services. Won't you help?

The Cathedral small groups are also asked to sign up for one Sunday, or multiple Sundays, if possible. Groups of individuals

may sign up together. We have approximately 15 weeks of opportunity to support this fellowship. Please help as you are able.

Sign-up sheets are located in the back of the Nave, as well as Founders' Hall. For questions or additional information, please contact Joan Bergstrom (8 a.m. service) at <u>1234jebergstrom@gmail.com</u>, Jackye Finnie (10:15 a.m. service) at <u>jpfinnie@aol.com</u> or Julie Brogno (10:15 a.m. service) at <u>childrensformation@kccathedral.org</u>. Let's do this together!