Dear Cathedral Family,

We’re writing you on behalf of the Cathedral’s children, who need a new surface for their playground outside of Haden Hall. Over the past 13 years, generations of children have enjoyed using the playground. However, the current surface of rubber tiles has separated over time, creating gaps that are tripping hazards for both children and the adults supervising them. In fact, a child was recently injured when her foot got caught in a gap between the tiles. We need your financial support to replace the playground surface and give our children a safe place to play.

Cathedral members were the driving force behind the installation of the playground in 2006. Members even worked to install the equipment (with professional guidance!) to reduce costs. The playground tiles were professionally repaired over the years; however, the surface is now too damaged to be repaired and will soon become too hazardous to be used at all, forcing a closure of the playground.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has determined that artificial turf is the best replacement for the current rubber tiles. You may have seen turf being used at many parks and school playgrounds. It is safe, durable and attractive. Two bids for the project have been obtained, and the cost to install the new surface will be approximately $35,000.

Please donate today to help us raise the funds needed to install this new playground surface. You may mark your donation with “playground” and put it in the offering plate. To donate online, click the online giving button at the top of kccathedral.org, choose “donate” and select “playground fund.” In order to have the new playground surface installed this fall, fundraising must be completed by Monday, September 16.

We join with the Cathedral’s children in thanking you for your support of Children’s and Family Ministry. We know that our Cathedral family values the safety and well-being of all children that visit our campus and ask that you generously support this playground surface replacement project.

Thank you,

David Barker  
Chair, Buildings & Grounds

Julie Brogno  
Children’s & Family Ministry Coordinator
New Urban Necessities Toiletry Drive
August
Help us support the Outreach Ministries at St. Mary's and St. Augustine's by donating toiletry items for the new Urban Necessities Project during the month of August. Items they are most in need of include toilet tissue (single or fourpacks), sunscreen lotion (not spray, smaller sizes), men's deodorant, men's shampoo and men's body bar soap.

Summer Music at the Cathedrals
August 18 & 25 • 2 p.m.
Today's concert is *Israel in Egypt* by George Frederic Handel presented by the Summer Singers of Kansas City, William O. Baker, conductor. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more details, visit our website, [kccathedral.org/musicevents](http://kccathedral.org/musicevents).

Back-to-School Blessing
Today • 8 & 10:15 a.m.
School starts in August for many students, teachers, administrators and parents. You are invited to bring your backpack or other school supplies and receive a blessing as you begin another academic year.

Garden Work Days
August 24 & 31 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
It's time to get the Cathedral gardens ready for the fall season. Please join us Saturday, August 24 and 31, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and help us keep the Cathedral grounds beautiful. For details contact Ric Sweeting, [ricsweeting@gmail.com](mailto:ricsweeting@gmail.com).

Ice Cream Social
August 25 • 9 & 11:30 a.m.
Join us for an Ice Cream Social during coffee hour sponsored by the Cathedral Outreach program. This is just our way of saying thank you for all your help on outreach projects throughout the year. Enjoy!

HappyBottoms Diaper Drive (and Volunteer Day!)
September (Volunteer Day—Sept. 7 • 9 a.m.)
Did you know that diapers cannot be purchased using public assistance such as food stamps? Your donation of new or opened packages of diapers helps young children in the KC area. Please bring diapers to the Cathedral during the month of September and we will see that they go to HappyBottoms, our local diaper distribution agency. Thank you!

We will also host a **volunteer morning** of packing diapers at the HappyBottoms warehouse on **Saturday, September 7 from 9-11:30 a.m.** HappyBottoms is located at **303 W. 79th St., Kansas City, MO 64114**. We hope you can join us!
LGBT+ Gathering
September 1 • 6 p.m.
For the rest of 2019, all LGBT+ gatherings are scheduled to be held in Founders’ Hall at 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month. There is no agenda at these gatherings, just food, fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please send an email to lgbt@kccathedral.org.

The Saint John’s Bible Library Presentation
September 4 • 6:30 p.m.
The Cathedral is partnering with the Kansas City Public Library for a special showing and presentation on *The Saint John’s Bible*. Tim Ternes, Director of *The Saint John’s Bible* at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota, will present “From Inspiration to Illumination, an Introduction to *The Saint John’s Bible*” on September 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Public Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, check out our Facebook Event.

A Bit Further Out

**Evensong—September**—September 15

**Clarion Concert**—September 15

**Movie Night—September**—September 20

**Yoga on the Lawn—September**—September 21

### NourishKC 2019 Annual Appeal

A message from NourishKC:
It is time for our ANNUAL APPEAL! This is where we need you! Your support allows us to keep our promise: to keep plates full of wholesome food and our neighbors engaged in a safe, supportive network of volunteers, social service providers and community partners throughout the Greater Kansas City area. Please consider a gift to support our work. Please go to [www.nourishkc.org/donate](http://www.nourishkc.org/donate) to contribute. You may also mail donations to this address: NourishKC, PO Box 412458, KC, MO, 64041. We thank you in advance for your donation and support. Every gift helps.

### Summer Hospitality Hosts Needed!
Help us continue the hospitality offered at the Cathedral coffee hours during the summer. A sign-up sheet is located in Founders’ Hall. Contact Julie Brogno at [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org) with questions. Your help is appreciated.
Did You Know?

Children’s Choir (1st grade and older)  
Sundays, starting September 8 • 9:15 a.m.  
Join us for Trinity Children’s Choir Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Haden Hall Blue Door Room. Rehearsals will start September 8.  
Email Linda Martin, lmartin@kccathedral.org, to register or for more information.

St. Mary’s Pantry
Donations are way down, so if you are shopping and can pick up a few extra items for the pantry, it will be appreciated. You may leave items in the basket in the Tower. Thank you for your support of this important mission.

Cathedral Caregivers Prayer List

Pray for: Phineas Gitta; Ken McCandless; David Poole; Gaelle Marchand; Laurie Brenner Powell; Kathy & Jim Jennings; Eric & Burma Cenovich; Bryan & Linda England; Donna & Mark Mcguire; The Brauer family; The Decker family; Terri Curran’s family; Mike Daniels; Carolyn McGlothen; Pat Martin; Godly Play training & participants; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Bethany Cheshier; Mike Heid; Aldyn Leive; Sarah & Nick Aylward; Lida Moffett; Harley Miller; Berta; Peggy Morgan; Charlie Morgan; Joe Finnie; Randy; The Obiesie family; Betty Holliday’s family; Julie G.; Lucy Richards’s family; John Wells; Gary Hicks’s family; Sandy Carter.

We pray for Bishop Field as he visits St. George’s Church in Camdenton.  
Please pray for their ministries.

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.

Current Contact Info Needed
Missing out on the latest news? Make sure we have your current contact information. To update home address and phone number, visit secure.accessacs.com. To update email address, visit kccathedral.org and sign up in the left sidebar. If you have questions or need help, contact Janet, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260.

Are you interested in Trinity Teens?  
Contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org for all the details.
The beauty of the Cathedral grounds had been lovingly maintained for more than a decade by the late Gerry Reynaud. We want to carry on his legacy by forming the Garden Guild. The Garden Guild is a volunteer group of dedicated parishioners who have an interest and desire to give of their time, labor and talent to the beautification of the entire campus by clean-up, maintenance, planting, watering, weed control, trimming and manicuring our property. If you are interested in being part of digging in the Cathedral dirt, contact Ric Sweeting, ricsweeting@gmail.com.

- in loving memory of our grandson, Max—Carolyn McLeroy
- for healing for Phineas—the Gitta family

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.

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & FLOWERS...OH MY

August 19
Annen Johnson
Brent & Cassee Harbaugh

August 20
Sally Livengood

August 21
Robin Rusconi
Nan Schooling
Thomas & Paget Higgins
Steve & Lisa Spoonhour

August 22
Bristol Johnson
Carol Sanford
Kay Sloan
Danee Wallace

August 23
Emily Akins
Deanna Hardenburger
Kathy Alagna

August 24
Maddy Marrs

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

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WANT SOMETHING IN THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER?
Send it to Melissa at communications@kccathedral.org by Wednesday of any week.

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ONGOING STUFF

BROWN BAG LUNCH CONVERSATIONS
Thursdays, starting September 12 • 11:30 a.m. • Founders’ Hall Multipurpose Room

Starting September 12, we will meet in the Multipurpose Room at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy some conversation.
Retreat—The Cloud of Unknowing: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Christians
First Session: Wednesday, September 4
Then the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month:
September 19–December 5
7:15–8:30 p.m. • Common Room

You are invited to enter a profound and personal contemplative experience.

In this unique retreat, you will join the Master of The Cloud of Unknowing, who will guide you into a powerful encounter with the hidden, living God. The Cloud of Unknowing offers unique guidance for anyone who desires intimate contact with God. This journey will draw you closer to life with God through the healing peace of “unknowing.” Let the wisdom of this timeless work guide your spiritual life today. Please contact the Rev. Jerry Grabher for more information, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816.590.6205.

Adult Forum: Jesus and the Gospels
Sundays, September 8–December 22
9:15–10 a.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room

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. For most of the last 2,000 years, the search for those answers has begun with the Gospels, but the Gospels themselves raise puzzling questions about both Jesus and the religious movement within which these narratives were produced. They also provide sometimes bewilderingly diverse images of Jesus. Please contact the Rev. Jerry Grabher for more information, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816.590.6205.
Abiding Prayer: *Following the Mystics Through the Narrow Gate*
Mondays, September 9–October 28
7:15–8:30 p.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room
Join us as we are guided through the long mystical tradition from early Christianity to our own time. This view into our mystical heritage opens our hearts to the Divine Mystery in which all are invited and surrounded. Please contact the Rev. Jerry Grabher for more information, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816.590.6205.

**Women’s Bible Study**
Tuesdays • 12:30–1:30 p.m. • Common Room
Women's Bible Study meets for an hour or so on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Common Room. At the beginning of each session, members of the group read a passage from the current selected book or study guide and then see where the spirit takes them. Discussions are lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. If you have the inclination, but not the book—come anyway and someone will share!

Congruent with Lectionary Year C, the group is using *Luke for Everyone* by the Right Reverend N. T. Wright, Bishop of Durham (Church of England) as the inspiration for its weekly discussion. The book is now available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

**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. Karen has facilitated for people who have diverse levels of mobility. One may choose to be seated or stand during the movements. Meditations are seated. Two types of Qigong and Tai Chi will be used, Spring Forest Qigong and Tai Chi Easy.
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**BackSnack Delivery Drivers Needed!**

Help is needed delivering BackSnacks to local schools. Drivers only need to drive one day each month starting in late September or early October. BackSnacks are additional food sent home on the weekends for children in the free lunch programs at area schools. In the past school year we provided about 300 BackSnacks each week at five local schools. To volunteer, please contact Terri Curran at tcurra2@yahoo.com. Your help is appreciated!