This will be the final Sunday before Labor Day Weekend, which means it is time for all the normal fall classes to resume. Here is a list of what’s coming up:

**Children**
Our children will NOT have formation next Sunday, September 1, but normal Children’s Formation will begin the following week, September 8. Children’s Choir will also begin September 8 and they will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Haden Hall Blue Door Room. For more details on Children’s Choir, see page 4.

**Youth**
*Wednesday Youth Group:* The main formational gathering of each week is Wednesday Youth Group. Youth Group meets each week from 6:45-8:30 p.m. and is for all youth in grades 6-12. Each meeting contains time for connection with other youth, a shared meal, fun, program and worship. Wednesday Youth Group will start September 11.

*Senior High Bible Study:* This weekly, Sunday morning gathering for youth in grades 9-12 focuses on the lectionary readings of the week and gives older youth a space to express their ideas in a smaller setting.

*Confirmation Preparation:* This is an important, sacramental part of our ministry. Youth are eligible for confirmation if they: 1) are at least 14 years old (or are in high school); 2) are baptized; 3) desire Confirmation; 4) regularly attend youth formation; and 5) attend Confirmation progress checks with their sponsors. Please plan to attend an information meeting on Sunday, September 22 at 9 a.m. to learn more.

For more information on GHTC Youth Ministries, contact Alexandra Connors, youthformation@kccathedral.org.

**Adults**
There are several Adult Formation options this fall. They include:

*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.*

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

*Following the Mystics Through the Narrow Gate; Mondays, September 9–October 28; 7:15–8:30 p.m.; Haden Hall Purple Door Room.*

*Women's Bible Study; Tuesdays; 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Common Room.*

For more details about formation and fellowship opportunities, see pages 5–7.

See you in church!
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
Today • 2 p.m.
The final performance in the Summer Music Series this year takes place at CIC. Enjoy French music, French food and French culture at this free event, featuring organists MacKenzie Reed, Edward Poston, Jacob Hofeling, Sr. Mary of Holy Hope (Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity), Andrew Morris and Jan Kraybill.

Ice Cream Social
Today • 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!

Garden Work Day
August 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 31, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and help us keep the Cathedral grounds beautiful. For details contact Ric Sweeting, ricsweeting@gmail.com.

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 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.

Choral Evensong  
September 15 • 5 p.m.  
The Trinity Choir will resume monthly services of Choral Evensong on September 15 at 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. This Evensong service will be followed by a concert at 6 p.m.

Clarion Concert  
September 15 • 6 p.m.  
At 6 p.m., there will be a concert presented by Clarion, a duo consisting of Dr. Keith Benjamin, trumpet, and Dr. Melody Steed, organ. This concert will celebrate the commercial release of a CD that Clarion recorded at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral at the end of 2018.

A Bit Further Out

Movie Night—September—September 20  
Yoga on the Lawn—September—September 21

Dean Evelyn’s Departure

Just a reminder, Dean Evelyn’s last service for the 5 p.m. congregation will be September 1 and for the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services, it will be September 8. A festive celebration will take place in Founders’ Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service on September 8. Please contact her if you would like to get together before then for lunch or a cup of coffee to say goodbye. To contribute to the purse for her, put a check in the offering plate marked “Mother Evelyn Hornaday Purse.” You may also leave cards, tokens of appreciation and other well wishes at the reception in Founders’ Hall September 8.
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: Yolie Polakowski; Lois Stewart; Nan Schooling; Dave Gaddy-Cox; 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 McGlothlen; 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 Church of the Transfiguration in Mountain Grove and Christ Church in Springfield. 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.

Playground Project  
Just a reminder that we are raising funds to resurface the children’s playground. The playground 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. 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 can 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.
Birthdays, Anniversaries & Flowers...Oh My

Garden Guild
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.

Today’s Flowers to the Glory of God and...
- in thanksgiving for my mother, Joanne Repass Jones on her 90th birthday Aug. 31—Janet Sweeting
- in memory of Gregory Haney—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.

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.

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, jgrabher3@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.
This Week’s Calendar

Sunday • August 25
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
9 a.m. Ice Cream Social Founders’ Hall
9:15 a.m. Meeting: Social Justice Committee Founders’ Hall Multipurpose Room
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
10:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel & Godly Play start in Nave, then Haden Hall
11:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social Founders’ Hall
2 p.m. Summer Music at the Cathedrals Concert: The Seventh Annual French Organ Music Festival Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
5 p.m. Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist Nave

Tuesday • August 27
7:30 a.m. Conversations & Coffee Founders’ Hall Café
12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study Common Room

Wednesday • August 28
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel

Thursday • August 29
12:45 p.m. Tai Chi & Qigong Common Room

Saturday • August 31
10 a.m. Garden Work Day Cathedral Grounds

Sunday • September 1
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
9 a.m. Hospitality Founders’ Hall
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Nave
10:20 a.m. Children’s Chapel & Godly Play start in Nave, then Haden Hall
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Founders’ Hall
5 p.m. Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist Nave
6 p.m. LGBT+ Gathering Founders’ Hall Café

Visit kccathedrals.org for more calendar information.

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!