



Announcements for the Week of December 9, 2018

From me to you ...

Like a bride preparing for her wedding, John the Baptist shows us how to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We know that one greater than us is on the verge of arriving. When we catch a glimpse of his arrival, we rejoice and are glad. More than glad! Because we know that God's great purposes for us and for all people are being fulfilled.

Jesus is both already among us and always arriving anew to us. We can daily welcome him with prayers and meditations that reflect on the joy we feel when we know he is close.

This surely is an Advent discipline we can take with us throughout the year.

See you in church!

Mrs. Evelyn +



Up Next



Stocking Stuffers for Crittenton December

This year Outreach will be collecting items for stocking stuffers for the teens at Crittenton Children's Center. Please remember these teens as you are doing your holiday shopping. For more details and a list of items needed, visit kccathedral.org.

Holiday Food for St. Mary's December

With the holidays just around the corner, let's make sure those less fortunate have plenty of food. During the month of December, please remember to bring food for St. Mary's pantry. For more details, visit kccathedral.org.



Up Next (cont.)

Chrismon Crafts

December 9 • 11:30 a.m.



Help us decorate the tree in Founders' Hall by making Chrismons, a combination of 'Christ' and 'monogram,' which are Christian symbols made into ornaments and hung on a tree during Advent. They are gold and white in color to represent Christ's purity and majesty. We'll have supplies and patterns available to make the ornaments as well as paper for making chains.

LGBT+ Gathering

December 9 • 7 p.m.



This gathering will be at Kansas City United Church of Christ on Sunday, December 9. This gathering will start a little later at 7 p.m. It will be a regular potluck and the address is 205 W. 65th St, Kansas City, MO 64113.

Cathedral Conversations Survey

Responses due by December 10



As the Cathedral begins the search process for a new Dean, it is important that we know how the people in our congregation feel about our people and ministries. This survey is for everyone. If you did not attend a recent Cathedral Conversations gathering, we invite you to prayerfully consider these questions and help us form our parish profile. If you did attend a gathering, you can add any additional thoughts that you might have. Thank you for your prayerful and productive honesty. Responses will be accepted through December 10, 2018. Your participation is appreciated. [Click here for the survey.](#)

William Jewell College presents *The City Come Again*

December 10 • 12 noon



William Jewell College's gift to the city in words and music, features the college's Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler.

Messiah Singalong

December 15 • 4 p.m.



Everyone is invited to join the chorus and sing for this annual presentation of Handel's most celebrated work. Bring your own score, or purchase one here, and join conductor Dr. Paul Meier, professional soloists and members of the Kansas City Baroque Consortium in what is sure to be a memorable event. Admission is free.

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BackSnack Family Bag Packing

December 16 • 9 a.m.

All are encouraged to help pack family bags for BackSnack children during the holidays. Family bags contain additional food for families over the holidays to supplement either their holiday meal or meals when the children are on their school vacation. Christmas Family Bags will be packed Sunday, December 16. Packing will take place in Haden Hall between services. Please consider being part of this holiday tradition.



One and Only Pageant Rehearsal

December 16 • 11:45 a.m.

Children are encouraged to come to the One & Only Rehearsal—it helps to have people who know what's happening! Meet in the back of the Nave immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Don't worry about missing coffee hour—we'll have snacks for those who participate.



Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral

December 16 • 2 p.m.

The William Baker Festival Singers present *Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral*, a program featuring beloved traditional carols and timeless classics for organ and choir. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit festivalsingers.org/concerts.



NourishKC Dinner and Free Store—Volunteers Needed

December 22 • 11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for the Kansas City Community Kitchen Christmas Dinner and Free Store held at the Cathedral on Saturday, December 22. Volunteer at nourishkc.org under the Get Involved tab. There are many shifts and children are welcome!

A Bit Further Out

Annual Meeting—January 27

We Need to Hear from You!

Please let the cathedral office know if you are sick or hospitalized and would like prayers or a clergy visit. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals cannot release patient information unless you sign in as an Episcopalian at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. Call 816.474.8260 or email cdorn@kccathedral.org.

Did You Know?

Upcoming Worship Services

Advent 4 Services

Sunday, December 23 • 8 & 10:15 a.m. only

Christmas Eve Pageant & Eucharist

Monday, December 24 • 5 p.m.

Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant. Nursery care provided for children three and younger.

Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Monday, December 24 • 10 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Tuesday, December 25 • 10:15 a.m.

Christmas 1 Services

Sunday, December 30 • 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. only

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 6 • 8 & 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m.

For more information about these services and other upcoming Advent events, visit kccathedral.org/we-worship/advent.

Deadline Extended to Wednesday, December 12!

Vestry Nominations

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 27, 2019, four members of the Cathedral Vestry will be elected. The Vestry oversees the temporal affairs of the Cathedral parish and works closely with the Dean in guiding the life and ministry of the Cathedral. Serving on the vestry is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the Cathedral community and help shape its future. Meetings are held 10 times a year, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Regular attendance is essential. Vestry members will also be expected to serve on at least one committee or strategic plan workgroup.

Nominees for Vestry must be committed parishioners who:

- regularly attend Sunday Eucharist;
- participate in the life of the parish; and
- have been pledging members of the Cathedral for at least six months prior to the election.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parishioner, you may submit that person's name via email to vestry@kccathedral.org **no later than December 12, 2018**. (Before nominating someone else, please discuss the matter with that person first.) The nominating committee will evaluate potential candidates and publish a slate in early January.



Cathedral Caregivers Prayer List

Pray for: Ron Capps; Rick Sloan; Jan Frizzle; Margaret Robinson; Len Steinle; Sammy Sutton; Brad Hook; Peggy Morgan; Betty Price; Julie; Stephen; Marty Daniels; Mauricio Alvarez; Carmen Quintero; Diane Barker; Laura Baker; Joyce Verburg; Matt Levi & family; Geoff Logan; Jackye Finnie; Sonya Kittrell; Alberto Quintero; LaGretta Gitta; Randy Morgan; Brad Pence.

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



December 9
Nick Douthat
Barbara Mason
Meribeth Risebig
Craig Heslop
Emilia Serrano

December 13
John Morrison
December 15
William Brown
Margie Ryan
Lindsay Munsell

December 12
Don Traub

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

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



- in memory of Taloyre Mahoney

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.

Welcome First-Time Visitors

As a special welcome, first-time visitors are invited to come to Connection Corner after this morning's 10:15 a.m. service. Look for the festive Connection Corner table at the west end of Founders' Hall. There you will be greeted by Cathedral members and be given a small gift in appreciation for worshipping with us today.

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Advent & Christmas Flower Donations

Now is the time to consider making a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Help make the Cathedral as stunning as in years past. Contact Janet Sweeting, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260, ext. 144, to contribute or for more information. Flower envelopes were recently sent out or you can find them at the back of the Nave.



Ongoing Stuff

Winter Adult Formation Classes

The clergy are beginning to plan adult formation classes for January and February, and would like to know what you would like to learn about! Would you come to a series on customs and governance in the Episcopal Church? Or a series on the St. John's Bible? Or a lectionary study? Or a renowned theologian? Or practical theology: putting our faith to work? What else?

Anybody out there want to teach something for a few weeks? Or how about co-teach with someone? How about a speaker series—who? What subject?

See there's lots to draw from, but it's a participatory endeavor: you're needed to come! Please let either Dean Evelyn or Canon Dorn know your ideas.



Adult Forum: *The Darkest Season of the Year: Eschatology and Hope in the Season of Advent*

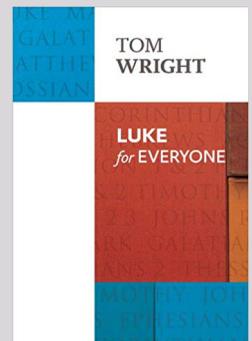
Sundays, December 2–23 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Fleming Rutledge has described Advent as “the season for contemplating the judgment of God. Advent is the season that, when properly understood, does not flinch from the darkness that stalks us all in this world. Advent begins in the dark and moves toward the light—but the season should not move too quickly or too glibly, lest we fail to acknowledge the depth of the darkness.” Deacon Marco Serrano will lead this adult forum.

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!



Commencing in Advent and coinciding with the beginning of Lectionary Year C, the group will use *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.

The Way

Wednesdays • 6–8 p.m. • Founders' Hall

Interested in the Christian faith? Curious about Anglicanism?

Then join us for The Way, Wednesdays from 6–8 p.m. Featuring a home-cooked meal, conversation and Bible study, The Way is a community for people just beginning the journey of faith as well as those looking to strengthen their faith. All are warmly invited.

6 p.m.—Dinner and Conversation

6:30 p.m.—Interactive Learning

7 p.m.—Bible Sharing

7:50 p.m.—Compline

8 p.m.—Dismissal



The main goal of The Way is to provide participants with good practices and sound information for a meaningful life in Christ. Childcare is available upon request.

If you would like to know more about this and have questions, contact the Rev. Marco Serrano, Deacon and Young Adult Coordinator, mserrano@kccathedral.org.



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.

Want Something in the Weekly Newsletter?

Send it to Melissa at communications@kccathedral.org by Wednesday of any week.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday • December 9

8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Nave
9 a.m.	Hospitality Time	Founders' Hall
9:15 a.m.	Children's Choir	Haden Hall Blue Door Room
9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum: <i>The Darkest Season</i>	Common Room
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7:30 a.m.	Conversations & Coffee	Founders' Hall Café
12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Common Room

Wednesday • December 12

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Tallis Singers	Haden Hall
7 p.m.	Trinity Teens Youth Group	Haden Hall Youth Room

Thursday • December 13

12:45 p.m.	Tai Chi & Qigong	Common Room
5:30 p.m.	Meeting: Vestry	Common Room
6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers	Haden Hall
7 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir	Haden Hall

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