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# Past, Present and Future

This issue of *The Angelus* is about honoring our past at the Cathedral and celebrating the ministry of Dean Peter DeVeau.

Peter has touched the lives of many and I have tried to pay tribute to his life and ministry in this place with our celebration article, which starts on page 12. Please take a moment to reminisce with the quotes from parishioners and photos of Peter and Mary. It was very interesting to pull this article together and I enjoyed the glimpse I got of Peter's time with the Cathedral.

Peter also addresses the conclusion of his ministry in his last "from the Dean" column, which you will find on page 4.

Deacon Jim Robertson has also left the Cathedral. You will find a letter from Peter with the details of Jim's departure on page 6.

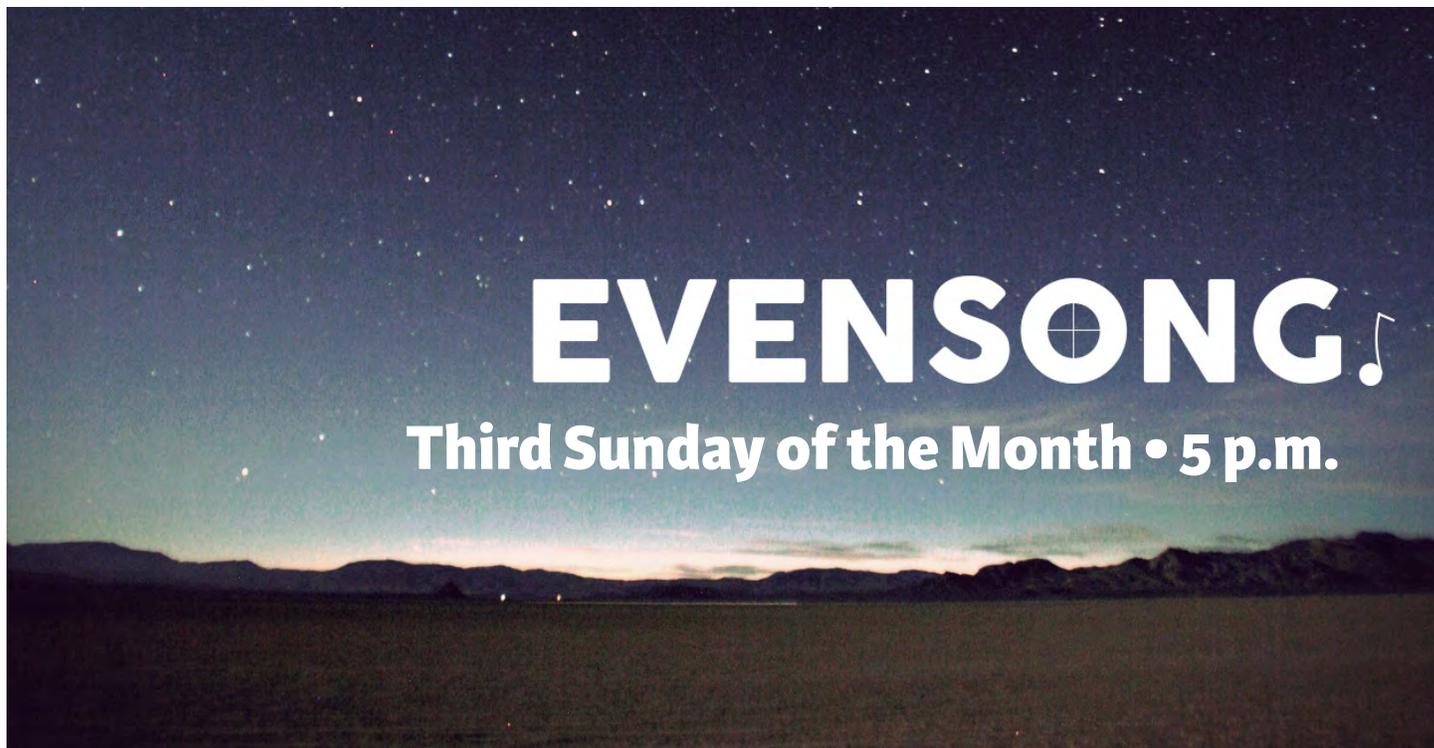
Our final farewell goes out to Gracie, the Cathedral cat. Gracie passed away, after a very long and love-filled life, January 5. A tribute to her is located on page 9.

However, not everything in this issue is about the past. You will find a Strategic Plan update on page 22, as well as a sneak peek at what the youth will be up to this summer on page 7. Deacon Jerry has new classes coming up (details on page 11) and there are some new details about the stained glass window restoration project

that you can read all about on page 6. Young Adult Coordinator Marco Serrano also gives us some insight into his hopes for the future of his ministry on page 5.

So while we are most definitely taking a moment to honor our past, we are also very excited about what the future might hold. Feel free to read the memories this magazine contains ... cry a little, hopefully laugh a lot and just soak it all in. Then make sure to read about the things we have planned for the future as well.

—Melissa Scheffler



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On the cover: Recently installed mosaics decorate the Reredos from the original Trinity Church, now located in the Diocesan Close.  
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# Keep the Faith

“Keep the Faith!” From the time he began to talk, a child in a former parish would raise up a hand for a high-five and hail me with this greeting as he exited church on Sunday morning. Initially Juanito was prompted in his words by his grandfather, who held him in his arms. Over time these words would become his own.

This exuberant church-door greeting in lieu of the more typical “Good morning” or “Good message,” in time became for me an “Aloha,” a “Shalom,” ... “Goodbye,” “Hello” and “Peace,” all rolled into one. This friendly imperative was a word of grace to go in peace to love and serve the Lord. It became for me the charge for the week to come. I took the words as Godly admonishment.

When you read this edition of *The Angelus* I will have already stood at the tower door to greet you one last time in my role as Dean. Several months ago, I took counsel with our then Senior Warden and others about how to shape the conclusion of my ministry at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. It seemed best to me that we share one more Paschal cycle. We determined that April 15, the Third Sunday of Easter would be my last day.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter mark endings and beginnings. These are summed up in the mystery of faith often recited at Eucharist, “Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.” This theme plays out in the stories and passages of Scripture we read, sing, and pray throughout these days.

Of all the stories told at this season of the year, the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) never ceases to enliven faith’s mystery within me:

*Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”*

This encounter between the two disciples with the risen Jesus along the road is one of the most fitting metaphors for Christian faith and believing. When Jesus joins them in their talking and discussing they spill out their hearts to him. He listens. He teaches and shares Scripture with them. Reaching their destination, they invite him to stay for the night in their village. At table with them he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them. Their eyes are opened and they recognize him ... and he vanishes.

As we conclude mutual ministry let dialogue around things that matter be the living legacy of the time we have walked together along faith’s road. I believe a significant part of the Cathedral congregation’s mission is to engage the wider diocese and community in constructive and reflective discourse around contemporary issues. It is also to care and provide for all sorts and conditions of the human family.

I believe that not until we walk together with the people around us and in particular with people who differ from us will we be able to address and overcome the things which trouble and challenge all of us. When we go together in conversation about the things that concern us, Jesus himself will walk with us.

Keep the faith.

—Peter DeVeau



# Looking Back and Looking Forward



As the Young Adults Ministry rapidly approaches our first year at GHTC, there is so very much to be grateful for. Looking back, we have grown as a group and we have grown closer together. We have gathered together in fellowship as well as formation. Looking forward, there are several exciting opportunities on the horizon, most notably a large outreach planned for September that will be aimed at the entire downtown Kansas City community. On a personal level, it has been a tremendous privilege for me to have been a part of all that has happened in such a short amount of time.

When you start something new, everything you experience will be a change. The only real question is how to navigate such change for the best. Many of the developments over this past year have been wonderful—most notably, the opportunity to welcome new friends into this place and to dive deeper into what matters most in life. All of us at GHTC are fortunate to have in our midst a wonderful group of faithful and dynamic young adults, and I have loved getting to hear their stories and to start the process of bringing them together in community.

One change, though, is tinged with much sadness. The task of saying goodbye to Dean Peter DeVeau and Mary DeVeau is not an easy one. It was Dean DeVeau's vision that helped to make the Young Adults Ministry a reality, and it has been his mentorship and encouragement that have sustained our work over

this past year. Dean DeVeau's lasting influence and imprint are everywhere you look at GHTC, and the loss of his departure will be especially felt by the Young Adults Ministry. Put simply, my heart overflows with profound gratitude at the opportunity to work with and worship alongside the DeVeaus this past year.

And yet, to paraphrase St. Paul, we must press on towards a higher goal, difficult as that may be. My suspicion is that this next year will look very different from what the past year has brought us. With continued growth, there will be opportunities for small groups, regular gatherings and a larger presence within the larger GHTC community. My hope is that the Young Adults Ministry will, in a very real way, go viral, spreading our vision for intentional and transformative community with GHTC, the downtown community, and the whole of Kansas City.

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As always, the leadership of the Young Adults Ministry and I are looking for partners in this endeavor. If you want to know how you can contribute to the mission of the Young Adults Ministry, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mserrano@kccathedral.org](mailto:mserrano@kccathedral.org).

—Marco Serrano



## Birthday Gift Cards for Foster Children

Help a child in the foster care system by donating \$25 for a birthday gift card. These gift cards are given to children who do not receive any other gifts

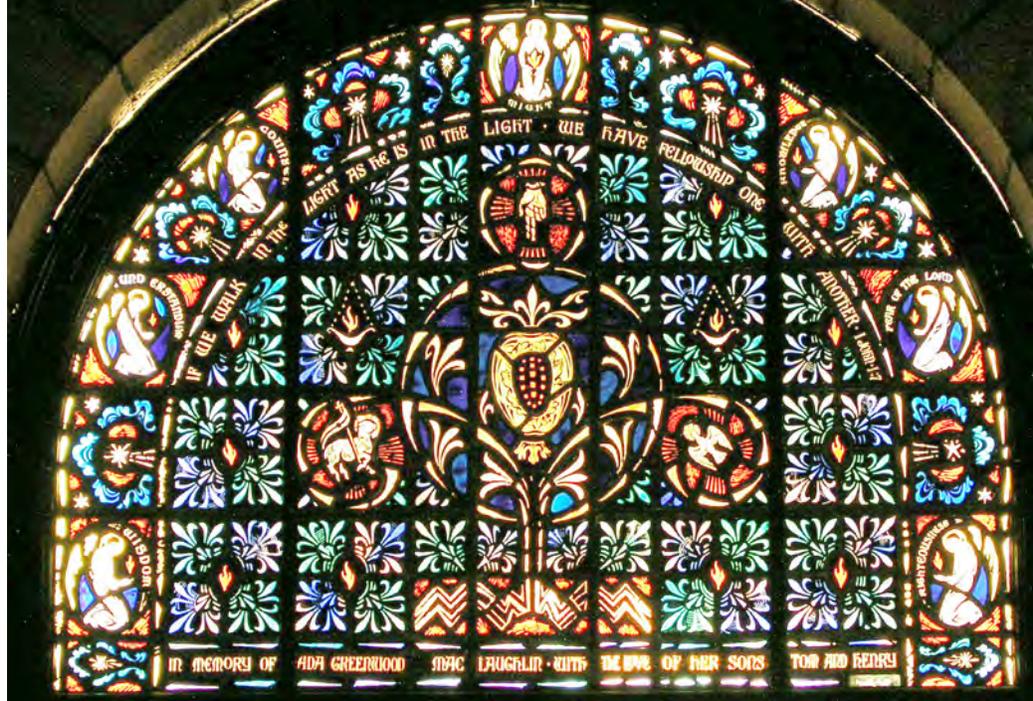
to celebrate their birthdays. In the past we have donated 40 gift cards each year, but with the growing number of children in the system 40 gift cards is not enough anymore. Please consider this very special ministry of making children feel special on their birthdays. You may mail your donation to the office or place in the offering plate.

# Restoration Update

As mentioned in the Winter 2018 issue of *The Angelus*, the Cathedral's stained glass windows will soon be undergoing some much needed work.

The restoration is scheduled to begin May 14 and is scheduled to last approximately six to eight months. The process has been designed to afford as little interruption as possible.

The restoration of one window that will cause a noticeable, although temporary, change is the Hart



Window in the choir loft. That window will have to be removed and taken back to the Botti Studio for repair. While the window is removed, the organ will be taken out of service and wrapped in plastic until it can safely be played again. Hopefully this will be a fairly quick

process and the disruption will not last long.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as the Cathedral undertakes this restoration process.

—David Barker

# Saying Goodbye

Dear Ones,

With both sadness and Easter hope I write to inform you that the Reverend James Robertson concluded his diaconal ministry in the Diocese of West Missouri and at the Cathedral Sunday, April 8, the Second Sunday of Easter. Jim and his husband, Dean, are moving to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where Jim will pursue new ministry opportunities in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

I am thankful to God for the ministry that Jim has exercised among us in the past few years. He has been a faithful Deacon particularly through ministries of hospitality, pastoral care, Stephen Ministry, welcoming,

LGBTQ advocacy and in gathering God's people. Many of us have benefited through Jim's care. He has modelled what it means to be the Body of Christ through kindly and thoughtful acts. Personally, I am grateful to Jim for his consistent, caring presence for Mary and me in the days and months following my stroke in October 2016.

Please hold Jim and Dean in your prayers as they embark on this new call.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Faithfully,

—Peter DeVeau



Deacon Jim Robertson

# Youth Sunday and a Sneak Peek at Summer!



## A NOTE ABOUT YOUTH SUNDAY

As someone that gets to interact with our youth on a daily basis, it is easy for me to see the many ways in which our youth community is full of joy and the Spirit. I get to see the quiet ways that our youth care for each other and seek to make the world a better place. I get to see and hear God working through our youth when they staff events and volunteer in our community. I get to feel the love in the room when all of our youth stand singing praises arm in arm. I get to see these things every day.

I hope that you get to see and feel the joy and love our youth exude too when you interact with them in Cathedral ministries or engage with

them in the service. Once a year we have a special opportunity to give the larger congregation a glimpse of the spirituality that makes youth ministry so special during Youth Sunday. This year, we will celebrate Youth Sunday on May 13. We're excited to lead you in prayer, worship and singing on this special Sunday!

## GET READY FOR SUMMER EVENTS!

Summer is a great time to reconnect with your friends, God and your spirituality! This summer there are many opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 to grow and gather together! Make sure you have a spot saved on your calendar for these events!

- April 6-8 : Junior High Retreat (St. James, Springfield)
- May 4 : Nomadic Dinner (KC Network Churches)
- May 13 : Youth Sunday (GHYC)
- June 3-8 : Camp WeMO (Camp Wakonda)
- June 16 : Network Gathering (KC Network)

For more information on Youth Ministry at the Cathedral, email Alexandra at [youthformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:youthformation@kccathedral.org). Don't forget to follow the Trinity Teens on Instagram @trinityteens.

—Alexandra Connors





# The Why of What Happens during Children's Worship

If you have children, or have spent much time around children, you know that they all go through a stage where their favorite question is "Why?" Children are born curious about the world around them, so we expect and nurture their exploration of "Why?"—despite our annoyance when it's been asked 10 times in 10 minutes!

In the winter issue of *The Angelus*, I wrote about what happens during children's worship. But you may have been left wondering "Why?" Why do we have worship experiences for children outside of the Nave?

By providing time for children to be together with their peers and worship, we are nurturing their faith in a developmentally appropriate

way. In his book *Bringing Up Children in the Christian Faith*, John H. Westerhoff, wrote that children experience "affiliative faith." This stage of faith is based on interactions with other people and the world. Children learn more about God through their experiences and interactions with others at church than through the words they hear or read. The relationships that they develop during this stage are important to helping them feel accepted and wanted by the community.

Connection is one of the primary goals of children's worship. If kids feel connected to the other kids and adults they interact with at church, they will feel more connected to our faith community. Children's worship

provides kids with the time they need to develop a sense of community through shared experiences. Children can (and do) develop community through interactions at coffee hour or in the pews of the Nave, but giving them time to work and learn together with each other and trusted adults, makes for even stronger connections. So even though children discuss the scriptures and learn prayers during children's worship, this time is less about what is read and discussed than it is about community.

We need more volunteers to help with children's worship. So let me know, [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org), if God is calling you to help us build community with the Cathedral's children!

—Julie Brogno



During Children's Chapel, kids discussed God's promise from the story of Noah and the flood and completed art projects highlighting the lesson.

Children's Music Director Linda Martin starts Children's Chapel off with some music.



# For Gracie, the Grace and Holy Trinity Cat

“Here lives a very fine cat, indeed!”

Cats and churches have long been inseparable. In Ancient Egypt, of course, the cat was revered, and in more recent times the ecclesiastical cat has become a common sight in many cathedrals. No fewer than three popes are recorded as having kept them as pets. Cardinal Wolsey always had his black cat beside him when pronouncing judgments of state. Carved feline effigies also appear on choir stalls in Britain. And Ginge of Salisbury Cathedral not only has his own gravestone but is also featured in a stained glass window.

When Grace, our calico cat, first appeared at GHT about 15 years ago, she adopted John Schaeffer, likely because he became her source of regular meals. She was our very own Nativity story: Grace was a very young cat, and pregnant when she first appeared. And she managed to produce two litters of kittens before taking a trip to the vet. Following the surgery, she was able to relax and enjoy life as the official greeter at the door into the courtyard and the guardian of the outdoor area by Haden Hall.

Did you know that there is no mention of cats in the Bible? And they are noticeably absent in Noah’s Ark. However, one tradition has it that there was a cat in the stable during the birth of Jesus and that the M-shaped fur pattern between the ears on a tabby’s head (and Gracie had this M too) derives from when the Virgin Mary gently pushed the inquisitive puss away from the

newborn Savior. And I’m sure that the stable where Jesus was born no doubt had mice, and had at least one cat to keep them under control.

Gracie had a good life here at our Cathedral, much better than most feral cats have, thanks to the many folks who helped feed her, brought cat food, and generally looked after her. Some of us were lucky enough to pet or brush her; some were not and could just admire her from afar. She was loved by all, and will be greatly missed.

In Boswell’s book, *The Life of Dr. Johnson*, Dr. Johnson wrote of his cat named Hodge: “Here lives a very

fine cat, indeed.” These words are on a plaque in the gift shop of Winchester Cathedral in the UK. These words apply to our Gracie, too: “Here lived a very fine cat indeed!”

Gracie was the Cat’s Whiskers—the Cat’s Pajamas—MAGNIFICAT! Rest In Peace, sweet Gracie.

—Patricia J. Miller





# Upcoming Music Events



## Vis-À-Vis:

***The Final Chamber Works of Brahms and Rachmaninov***  
**Saturday, May 5 • 4 p.m. • Founders' Hall**

*The Final Chamber Works of Brahms and Rachmaninov* is a program that focuses on the subject of finality in multiple senses of the word. Brahms's Sonata for Viola and Piano Op. 120 No. 2 in E Flat Major and Rachmaninov's

Sonata Op. 19 in G minor for Cello and Piano (arr. for viola) constitute the bulk of the program. In addition to these works, the duo is performing the iconic Spiegel Im Spiegel by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt (which was just recently featured in a Super Bowl Jeep Cherokee advertisement) and they will be premiering a new work commissioned by Vis-À-Vis and written in 2017 by Los Angeles based mezzo-soprano and composer, Shaye Swanson.

## AGO Convention National Competition in Organ Improvisation Finals Tuesday, July 3 • 9 a.m. • Nave

The National Competition in Organ Improvisation seeks to further the art of improvisation by recognizing and rewarding superior performance in the field.

The NCOI occurs biennially and commences with a recorded Application Round followed by a semifinal and final round. Prizes: First Place – \$3,000, funded by McNeil Robinson, a CD recording on the Pro Organo label; Second Place – \$2,000, funded by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders; Third Place – \$1,500, funded by Pamela and Steven Ruiten-Feenstra; Audience prize – \$1,500, funded by David and Robin Arcus.

The 2018 competition is now in progress. The semifinal round took place in Montreal, Quebec Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. This round was held in conjunction with the 2017 Northeast

Regional Convention. The performance requirements included a 1) repertoire piece by either Vierne, Widor, or Guilmant, 2) a hymn to be improvised with a creative introduction and at least two contrasting harmonizations, 3) an Adagio improvised on a given theme, and 4) a prelude, toccata, or fantasia improvised on a given theme.

Three finalists were selected in Montreal. Robert Horton, Douglas Murray, and Kalle Toivio will compete at the Final Round to be held in conjunction with the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Recital: Jennifer Pascual Friday, July 6 • 1 p.m. • Nave

Dr. Jennifer Pascual was appointed Director of Music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in 2003. She is the first woman to hold this position, one of the most prestigious sacred music appointments in the United States. Jennifer earned a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Organ Performance from the

Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. She holds a Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance from the Mannes College of Music in New York City. She received the Bachelor of Music Degrees in Piano and Organ Performance, magna cum laude, and Music Education from Jacksonville University in Florida. She was on the Artistic Staff of the Boys Choir of Harlem, Inc. from 1994 to 2003. Dr. Pascual is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Chair of the NY Archdiocesan Music Commission, Liturgical Organists Consortium, EastWest Organists, Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and is a frequent recitalist and clinician at national conventions.



Photo courtesy of Joseph Vitacco III.

# God is Love and Jesus and the Gospels



## God is Love: The Heart of All Creation

MONDAYS, APRIL 9–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. It offers a vision of hope and a view of reality that at once integrates the sciences, religion and humankind's place in the cosmos as divine in origin, unifying in purpose and unfolding in its grandeur.

Please contact Jerry Grabher for more information, [j.grabher3@gmail.com](mailto:j.grabher3@gmail.com) or 816.590.6205.

—Jerry Grabher

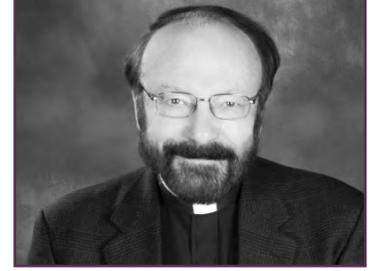
## Abiding Prayer

*“Abide in me and I will abide in you.”*

John 15:4

*“God is more and more trying to move the human race to the next stage of consciousness beyond the rational, technological, dominating worldview . . . recognizing the truth that there is only one self ultimately and this is God manifesting in us.”*

—Thomas Keating



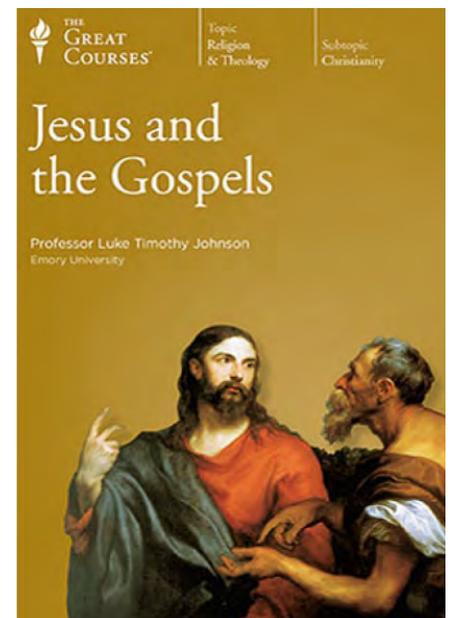
## Adult Forum: *Jesus and the Gospels*

SUNDAYS, APRIL 8–JULY 8

9:15–10:10 A.M. • COMMON 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.

*“The unexamined faith is not worth believing.”*



# Journey to Easter

## Palm Sunday



## Maundy Thursday



Photos courtesy of Chris Morrison, Julie Brogno and Julie Toma.



## Good Friday



*A special thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make the Cathedral's Holy Week services successful. And a huge thank you to Trapp and Company for the spectacular flowers that help make the Cathedral beautiful.*

## Easter Vigil



## Easter Day



## Celebrating the Ministry of Dean Peter DeVeau

Following is an interview with Dean Peter DeVeau, who recently concluded his ministry at the Cathedral.

### *What's your favorite memory of your time at the Cathedral?*

I have to say that I absolutely love December at the Cathedral. All the people that course through our spaces in the month of December.

Also, I think some of my best memories are of Thanksgiving Eve, when we come together without all the pressure of High Holy Days. We have a service that has a real connection to the rest of the world, in that we take the harvest altar apart because it's going to be used for food. That seems to embody what I see as the essence of the Cathedral.

Another thing was when we had the service for Nelson Mandela here, after he died. And how the South African community has made a home at the Cathedral. They have their Freedom Day celebration here every year. That, to me, has been an important part of who we are as a Cathedral.

### *What will you miss the most about being at the Cathedral?*

The people. I'll miss the people and the connections, the connections

to Greater Kansas City through the Cathedral. The feeling that I'm in the heart of the city. And I'll miss staff colleagues. I guess you could boil it all down to relationships.

### *If you could have people remember one thing about you, what would it be?*

That I had a good impact on the Cathedral. And if I'm going to be remembered for something at the Cathedral, I'd like it to be for getting The Way going, the catechumenate. That's a really transforming time for the people who participate in it. What's very interesting about the people who have been part of The Way, most of them stick around and are here consistently and they're strong supporters, both in terms of their time and their resources.

### *What do you plan to do in the future?*

Hmm, well, those doors are opening, but I'm not sure at this point. I do know that I will do some writing. I already have started outlining a book.

### *What words of wisdom would you offer to the next Dean?*

I think that you need to understand two things here at the Cathedral. The Cathedral is the cathedral for the Diocese of West Missouri and it's a house of prayer for all people, but it's

also a vibrant parish church and it's important to keep that in balance.

And I would want to say to the next Dean that it's not like a parish church in the sense that there are a lot more demands on your time here. So it's important to gather a staff that is capable of taking care of the day to day tasks that are necessary to keep the church running smoothly.

I would also want to say to the next Dean another important thing, too, is to build many different ways in which people can be connected in small groups. So that they have one-on-one relationships with people in the congregation, so that there's better connections between everyone.



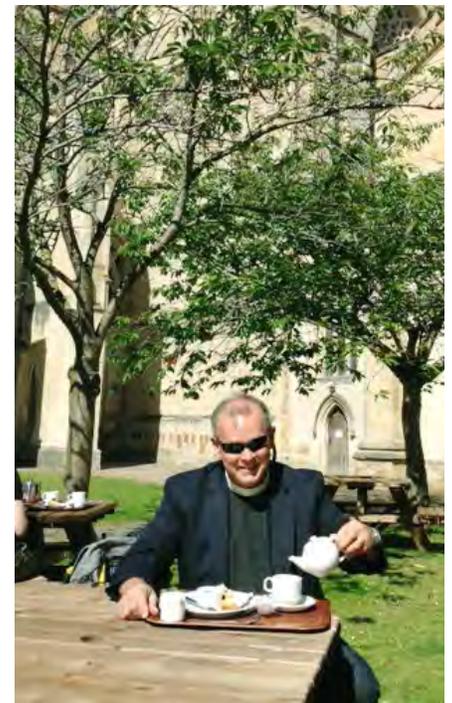
Dean Peter DeVeau

# g the Past

*“The Cathedral's mission is to be a servant church in the heart of the City and when I read that statement, I immediately think of our Dean, The Very Rev. Peter De Veau. I have known Peter for a long time, well before he had his own church and before he returned to Grace and Holy Trinity as the Dean.*

*He expresses caring for real people and real families. Early in our friendship, Peter had a parishioner, a new immigrant, who had a job which required him to dress in appropriate office attire. Peter asked me if my husband, who was of similar build, might have some items the fellow could wear to his job, and he did ... a simple request with a big outcome for the gentleman.”*

—Ellen Goheen



*Top: Peter parades during the annual Blessing of the Animals.  
Bottom Right: Peter enjoying a “spot of tea” during the last Trinity Choir Tour to England in 2016.  
Bottom Left: Peter and Mary DeVeau, along with their son, Matt and his wife, Kim, pose with Bishop Marty Field at the Celebration of New Ministry, April 14, 2012.*

*“One Thanksgiving in the early 1990s my family and I came to the Cathedral to help the food kitchen serve Thanksgiving dinner. There were more than enough servers on hand so our help was not needed, and we wandered around the Nave instead of serving. We met a young Peter DeVeau. Peter was so outgoing, friendly and welcoming that our family decided to attend services at the Cathedral.*

*After a few weeks, we transferred our membership from another Episcopal parish to the Cathedral. Many years later it was a delightful surprise to welcome Peter back to the cathedral as Dean when he returned in 2012. As chancellor, it has been my pleasure to work with Peter on solving legal issues which arose from time to time.”*

*—Tom Brous*



*Top: Peter addresses the congregation during the Annual Meeting.  
Bottom: Peter, with Canon Musician Emeritus John Schaefer and Jeffrey Carter at a Christmas Day service in 2016.*



*his message. Soon, I learned to appreciate his caring heart for the wider world of God’s creation and humanity. Thank you Peter for being a good and faithful servant for a Servant Church in the heart of the city. I am so grateful to have been blessed to know Peter as a spiritual teacher, an advocate and a friend.”*

*—Joan Bergstrom*



Top: Peter does some hiking during the Trinity Choir Tour in 2016.  
Bottom: Peter, with Bishop Marty Field, The Rev. Jim Robertson and several recent confirmands.

*“Even in a very full Palm Sunday service, Peter noticed us as first-time Cathedral visitors and immediately welcomed us and put us at ease. But when he noticed that Doug was wearing a Scandinavian jacket, he started speaking a little Norwegian that very quickly outstripped Doug’s basic menu-reading level of the language.”*

*It was a funny moment we shared that took a further humorous turn when Peter was at home recovering from his stroke, and Doug visited and was treated to a full Sunday morning of Danish and Norwegian language masses on the internet. Peter is a true church geek (liturgical scholar is a more reverential way of putting it!), and his love of language reflects his welcoming of new and diverse people to our urban church. His stewardship of church and congregants has been a source of inspiration and peace for us from our very first day. We wish that Peter and Mary find joy in their retirement, and we are honored to continue to cherish them as friends.”*

—Cecelia McNair





Top: Peter and Mary DeVeau. Top Right: Mary DeVeau participates in the Cathedral's knitting ministry. Bottom Right: Peter, with Jackye Finnie, presents a check to HappyBottoms. Bottom Left: Peter, Bishop Field and others participate in a sock drive.

*“From the moment Peter and Mary moved back to Kansas City from Seattle, Peter started thinking of ways to showcase the Cathedral. From the many art exhibits during First Friday events to blessing of the animals, Peter always kept the Cathedral he loved at the forefront. Outreach was always very important to Peter and this was emphasized when he changed the Junior Warden position from being focused on building and grounds to highlighting the ministries of the Cathedral. One of my very favorite memories is my daughter, Lauren’s wedding, when Peter personalized the service during the homily speaking about them as if he had known them all his life. Peter enjoy your retirement, you are certainly deserving! Blessings for a new beginning!”*

—Terri Curran



*“Those who have encountered serious illness are, I find, often ones who appreciate life most, and Peter is such a person. For Peter, the stroke in October 2016 and the months of rehab afterward stimulated in him a renewed sense of purpose. “Initially, uncertainty hung over what the future would hold. But I find, to my surprise, that I am enjoying living in the present more than ever. And I begin to make new progress with ministry and with preaching,” he told me in late 2017 when he discussed the principles of his once-upon-a-time homiletics professor, Krister Stendahl. “In a sermon, thou shalt not read the ‘recipe’.*

*Thou shalt serve the food!” Peter’s recovery affirms how affliction informs excellence in ministry, especially in a pastor’s care of congregants who themselves bear afflictions. Peter’s example creates hope and is a model for all of us, motivating us and lifting our own hearts to persevere and to experience transcendent meaning and connection to God in our own situation.”*

*—Doug McNair*



*Top: Peter interacts with some of the Cathedral’s children at a family communion class.  
Bottom: Peter and LaGretta Gitta pose with participants of the Sons of the American Revolution Memorial Service.*



# What It Means to Be A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

## Volunteer Recognition

Outreach Ministries wants to recognize Joyce Morrow as the Outstanding Volunteer!



*Joyce Morrow*

Recently Joyce applied for and was awarded a Deanery Grant through the Deanery of the Diocese of Western Missouri to support St. Mary's and St. Augustine's food pantries. Joyce's grant proposal included money for each pantry to purchase needed food or food for special holidays. There was also a portion of the grant to be used for a special project that the pantries currently didn't have funding to complete. This portion of the grant was also matched by Cathedral Outreach Funds. After meeting with representatives from both St. Augustine's and St. Mary's, both pantries were very enthused with the project and St. Mary's invited Joyce to meet with their Outreach team to discuss service projects and social justice initiatives. The goal is to create collaborative working projects with both parishes and the Cathedral.

Joyce is also a very active member of Holy Hands and the Altar Guild. In the past Joyce has been a member of the Vestry, on the Diocesan Council, and a representative of the Cathedral at many of the State Conventions. Joyce, in partnership with the late Charmaine Fowler, started the BackSnack program at the Cathedral. Please congratulate Joyce on her wonderful initiative and volunteering spirit.

—Terri Curran



*Photos courtesy of Terri Curran.*



## Volunteers Help at KCKK

Several Cathedral volunteers spent a Saturday morning recently helping out at the Kansas City Community Kitchen. For information on how you can volunteer, contact Terri Curran at [tcurra2@yahoo.com](mailto:tcurra2@yahoo.com).



## Cancer Quilt

Parishioner Joan Bergstrom beams after receiving a Cancer Quilt from the Cathedral quilting group. Kari O'Rourke presented the quilt.

## YARN Ministry Exceeds Goals

The YARN Ministry (Y.A.R.N.—You Are Really Needed) at Grace and Holy Trinity, which has also been known as the Charitable Handcrafts Ministry, has been very busy in 2017. We have four very dedicated knitters (Debbie Marris, Mary DeVeau, Joan Bergstrom and Lynnette Johnson) and three crocheters (LaGretta Gitta, Kathy Meehan, and Coyote Schaaf) who set goals for 2017 - 365 baby hats for Maison de Naissance, 12 prayer shawls and hats for New Americans in the Kansas City school district.



How did we do? Thanks to Joan Bergstrom we provided over 400 hats to Maison de Naissance. We created over 48 prayer shawls and have adopted the St. Luke's Hospice on Southwest Trafficway as our recipient for the shawls. We also had several members who made shawls specifically for friends and family. We made over 60 hats and scarves for students in the Kansa City Public Schools and several members made pussyhats for women and men in the social justice forums.

The members of the YARN ministry can be found every Sunday in Founder's Hall knitting or crocheting away and we welcome all those who would like to join and bring their own projects or who would like to learn.

We can provide hooks, needles, yarn and great fellowship. We thank the Outreach Ministry and GHTC for helping us to purchase yarn for our projects.

Our goals for 2018 are:

- 30 baby hats a month
- 6 prayer shawls a month
- continue to create hats and scarves for KCPS students, creating a minimum of 60.

We will continue to donate the baby hats to Maison de Naissance, with special thanks to Marian for delivering them to Episcopal Relief.

We will also continue to donate the prayer shawls to St. Luke's Hospice and always welcome requests by

church parishioners for shawls for specific people Just contact Coyote and let her now who you feel needs a shawl.

We will have special knitting and crocheting sessions during Lent at the Wednesday night classes - please join us.

We are continually looking for yarn so if you have any to donate just drop it off at the church on Sunday and it will find its way to us AND we welcome any and everyone who would like to join our group.

For more information you can contact Coyote Schaaf via email at [pschaaf@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:pschaaf@kcpublicschools.org).

—Coyote Schaaf



## Your Noisy Offering at Work

These children are working on art projects from the traveling Kaleidoscope program sponsored by the Cathedral's Noisy Offering for New American Students in kindergarten and first grade at Gladstone Elementary School. Thank you for your support!

## Maison de Naissance

The Cathedral has supported Maison de Naissance (MN), a maternity center in an impoverished community of rural southwest Haiti, for several years now and that support was acknowledged at their volunteer appreciation event held February 16. The Cathedral was gifted with this beautiful photo in honor of their support.

MN is currently in the process of creating a new program called the Matrone Safety Net. The MN service area is limited by the reasonable distance a mother will travel on foot or on a small motorbike, a popular means of transportation. There are many women outside of the service area who are using a Matrone (traditional birth attendant) to deliver their babies. Matrones do not have any formal obstetric education. The Matrone Safety Net Training Program will teach them how to identify symptoms which indicate a need for professional care. They will be provided with a cell phone and a monthly usage stipend so they can call to consult with a nurse midwife, and arrange transportation as needed, 24/7. They will also receive a referral fee for bringing a laboring mother to the

center, creating a “Safety Net” of education, communication and transportation.

There is a CrowdRise campaign currently running to fund this initiative. Visit [crowdrise.com](http://crowdrise.com) and search for Global Birthing Home Foundation. The campaign is listed as “Safety Net” under the Fundraisers section.

Other upcoming events include:

- A fundraising sale at EverEve Women’s Clothing Store on the Country Club Plaza, May 3, 6–8 pm.
- If you would like to join a Haiti Immersion Trip to learn about the people, culture and natural beauty of the country, and visit Maison de Naissance first hand, please contact the foundation office at 913.402.6800 x650. The next trip will be in the third week of June, 2018.



For more details about Maison de Naissance, including information on volunteering and donating, please visit their website, [globalbirthinghomefoundation.org](http://globalbirthinghomefoundation.org).

## 2018 Onesie Drive for Maison de Naissance

*April 22–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 that our Cathedral parish continues to support in their important work.

MN is a non-profit charity founded by two doctors associated with St. Luke’s Hospital. Their mission is to



significantly reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in their area of service. Since its opening in 2004, MN midwives have safely delivered 5,200 babies with no maternal or infant deaths. That is an amazing record.

Your generous donations of onesies will be gratefully received.

—Marian Philip

## HappyBottoms Diaper Drive

*June 2018*

HappyBottoms, KC’s diaper bank, serves an average of 3,000 babies every month. Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs, and 57% of families in diaper need miss work or school because they don’t have diapers required by daycare. During the month of June, please bring your packs of new and opened diapers to the blue barrel in the breezeway. Thank you for contributing over 3,500 so far in 2018 towards our goal of 10,000!

—Cecelia McNair



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# The Home of Love and Hope ... Again

For those unfamiliar with el Hogar de Amor y Esperanza (The Home of Love and Hope), it is a ministry of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Honduras. El Hogar provides a home, an education and a future for approximately 250 children. It provides love, safety and healing for orphans and other children from extremely difficult backgrounds who live in a country known for its scenic beauty (including cloud forests and pristine coral reefs), rich Mayan heritage, hospitable hosts, as well as hurricanes, military and political turmoil, violence, extreme poverty and somehow extreme hope.



There are currently four centers, although plans are in the early planning stage to begin combining to increase efficiency and expand the education offerings to better meet the needs of the children and their nation. There is an elementary school for boys and girls, a girls' high school program (for grades 7–11) and a technical institute with welding, electrical and carpentry

programs, as well as an agriculture program to train farm managers. (The boys' programs previously were traditionally for grades 7–9, although the tenth grade was added last month and the eleventh grade will be added next year, which should help facilitate college entry for those who desire it.) All programs are residential.

While el Hogar is blessed with a wonderful staff, the most amazing part of the program is the expectation and practice that the children can and do take ownership of their own futures, with God's help, through participation in chores and self care, which are necessary precursors for any hope for a better life here for themselves and their nation in the future. The future is likely going to be



difficult, but through their work ethic, their world can get better.



As part of the service team, we bring deodorants, soap and coloring books, and help with projects, but it truly is the kids who seem to be the real ministers through the gifts of their time and kindness with us. Words cannot express the wonder of this place, but I will simply say that I am truly blessed to be there.

Many thanks for the amazing brethren from Saint Luke's Anglican Church in Burlington, Ontario, who allowed me to again tag along and supervise their extraordinary efforts to start a raised garden, where the elementary kiddos will be able to grow their own vegetables this year.

I hope to go back later this year to inspect the garden and allow the kids to again do their work on my heart and soul. If you would be interested in joining me, please let me know.

—David Pierson



# Strategic Plan Update

In 2018 much of the Vestry work will be focused on putting into action the Strategic Plan that the Congregation and Vestry created together over the last several years. Through listening sessions, work sessions, workshops and much prolonged work by the Vestry, the Strategic Plan for the church was distilled into eight ministry areas. Each ministry area has a Vestry liaison and staff liaison, and goals it is charged with accomplishing in both the short and long term. This will be the work of continuing to put our words into action, building on last year and adding to it. We will spend time at the end of the year reassessing what is working, what isn't working, and the successes and challenges we've had with each. All members of the church are encouraged to join a ministry team if they wish, and we will be providing updates as to activities and actions of each ministry area as the year progresses.

## 2018 MINISTRY TEAMS

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice will engage the church and city with social justice issues, encouraging, facilitating and modeling service. Its goal is inform and advocate.

Vestry Liaison: Phyllis Biddle

Staff Liaison: Christy Dorn

### HOSPITALITY AND CARE

Hospitality and Care has been charged this year in focusing mainly on creating self-care mechanisms for the church, allowing us to react to and assist with needs within the congregation as identified by clergy. Ministries such as Healing Ministry and Stephen's Ministers fall under this ministry area, as do Holy Hands.

Vestry Liaison: Donna Knoell

Staff Liaison: Christy Dorn

### NEWCOMER

The Newcomer Committee will invite, welcome and integrate newcomers within our community. It will build on the work done to create a Newcomer plan and implement a plan of welcome.

Vestry Liaison: Candy McDowell

Staff Liaison: Marco Serrano

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Research congregational interests, developing and implementing groups based on identified interests, providing opportunities for meaning and connection for all.

Vestry Liaison: Jackye Finnie

Staff Liaison: Christy Dorn,

Formation: Julie Brogno, Alexandra

Connors, Evelyn Hornaday

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Broadcast our mission through internal and external communications, relying on various means of communication to meet all people where they are. Develop and implement a multi-pronged and coordinated marketing plan.

Vestry Liaison: Ryan Thomas

Staff Liaison: Melissa Scheffler

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Search for new and engaging ways to encourage participation in our community, ensuring existing approaches meet our needs for engagement in activities, volunteering and the life of the church.

Vestry Liaison: Ron Michka

Staff Liaison: Janet Sweeting

### ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

Identify ways the Cathedral can engage with other faith communities downtown, research the creation of a downtown council of churches, host interfaith events.

Vestry Liaison: Milt Tootle

Staff Liaison: Evelyn Hornaday

### WORSHIP

Create a worship committee to research and identify worship needs and serve as advisors for the clergy in ensuring our worship provides distinct and meaningful diverse worship opportunities to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Vestry Liaison: Paula Connors

Staff Liaison: Evelyn Hornaday

For more information about the goals and initiatives in the Strategic Plan, you can access the document by scanning the QR code.



—Tara Bennett



# Thank You for Easter Flowers!

Thank you for your donations toward Easter flowers! Your generosity helps make the Cathedral beautiful for our Easter celebrations.

If you would like to donate toward the flower fund, simply contact Janet Sweeting, 816.474.8260 ext. 144 or [jsweeting@kccathedral.org](mailto:jsweeting@kccathedral.org). Please

contact Janet Sweeting if you have any questions or go to [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information.

—Janet Sweeting

## Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens

in thanksgiving for Easter Service — Charles Boomer  
 in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Delbert E. Trapp  
 in memory of Robert Hudson and in thanksgiving for Lisa & Jeff — Sharon Hudson  
 in memory of our parents: Ted and Martha Iott, Sabino Bilotta, Nick and Elynor Baresi — Beverly and Larry Bilotta  
 in thanksgiving for Claire Blake — Anne & Nathan Blake  
 in memory of Marilyn Lacey McMullen  
 in thanksgiving for our Dean, Peter DeVeau  
 in thanksgiving for our Loving Family & in memory of our son, Kenneth Ryder — Alan & Phyllis Ryder  
 in thanksgiving for our abundant blessings — the Rineharts  
 in thanksgiving for my son Blain, his wife Sarah and their son George — Mary Lagergren  
 in memory of my brother, John Mahan Brooks Jr. — John & Denise Nelson  
 in memory of those we have loved — Bruce, Page, Coleman & Mary Reed  
 in thanksgiving for Sharon Sprague — Sandy Carter  
 in memory of my parents, Constance and James Irwin — Elizabeth Irwin Gordon  
 in memory of Eleanor Halley, Dorothy Williamson and Paul Hicks — Richard and Jill Fanolio  
 in thanksgiving — Paget Higgins  
 in thanksgiving for our children and Grandchildren — Ron & Carolyn McLeroy  
 in thanksgiving for Roger & Joyce Sweeting and Joanne Jones — Ric & Janet Sweeting  
 in thanksgiving for my family — Sarah Ingram-Eiser  
 in memory of Virginia & Max Foresman, Fudie Barlow, John Ingram-Eiser, and Dr. Tim Sifers — Sarah Ingram-Eiser  
 in memory of Rev. Dr. John O'Hearne — Barbara O'Hearne  
 in thanksgiving for Maddie & Jack — Dr. and Mrs. John Goheen  
 in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Maeve and Rhys — June & Ken McDonald

in memory of John M. Brown — Peg Brown  
 in memory of Royce & Bettie Smith and James & Millie Kemper — Jonathan & Nancy Lee Kemper  
 in thanksgiving for our grandchildren — Mr. & Mrs. Brent Spake  
 in memory of Jim & Kathleen Duncan — Jim & Jane Pfeffer  
 in thanksgiving for Mary & Dean Peter DeVeau — Trinity Choir  
 in thanksgiving — Charles Halterman  
 for my GHTC Family — Barbara J. Bucker  
 in thanksgiving — Gary & Sandy Bressman  
 in memory of Maggie Jacobs Barr — Brent Adrian Barr  
 in memory of Newt Lewis — Gordon Hanson  
 in thanksgiving for the Altar Guild & Sharon Sprague for their devotion to Christ  
 in thanksgiving — Evelyn Hornaday  
 in memory of victims of hatred and gun violence — The Gittas  
 in loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. William Duquesne Burch, III and Mr. & Mrs. James Churchill Shelton, Jr. — John & Lucy Shelton  
 in thanksgiving — Bruce & Lill Weekes  
 in thanksgiving for the Cathedral people, staff and clergy, and the privilege to serve in this place — Peter and Mary DeVeau  
 in thanksgiving for the ministry of Dean Peter DeVeau — Rick Jordahl  
 in thanksgiving for our family — Whitney & Mariella Kerr  
 in thanksgiving for Mila Marie Miller — Bill & Valerie Miller  
 in memory of Ralph & Carolyn Seeck, Janice Wesley & Ruth Miller  
 in memory of Fred Leive — Pat Leive  
 in thanksgiving — Joe & Jackye Finnie  
 in memory of Thomas and Sally (Kemper) Wood — Thomas & Sally Kemper Wood Family Foundation





## Treasurer's Report

	2018	2017
YTD		
Income	\$317,811	\$302,014
Expenses	\$339,999	\$251,401
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Net Total	(\$ 22,188)	\$50,614

The Cathedral's fiscal year got off to a weak start with pledge income well below the 2017 rate. This comes at a time when expenses are running above the 2017 level due to a combination of higher expenditures on staff, the timing of contractual payments to suppliers and the impact

of bad weather on our seasonal expenses for the grounds.

At this time of transition, it is important that all parishioners prayerfully remember the Cathedral's financial needs and act generously.

—Chuck Ritter



## Readers Book Club

**STARTING IN MAY**

Readers, a book club, for the Cathedral begins in May 2018. This club focuses on reading and discussing current books in a relaxed setting at the Cathedral. The initial plan is to read four books each year. The selections for this year are:

1. *News of the World*, written by Paulette Jiles
2. *The Rent Collector*, written by Cameron Wright
3. *Before We Were Yours*, written by Lisa Wingate
4. *The Hideaway*, written by Lauren K. Denton

A limited number of copies of these books 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](mailto:jemorrow@kc.rr.com) or Jackye Finnie, [jpfinnie@aol.com](mailto:jpfinnie@aol.com).

—Jackye Finnie



## Episcopal & Friends LGBT Gatherings

I want to thank Kristin Riegel and everyone at Second Presbyterian for

hosting our dinner in February, as well as those involved in our potluck at Country Club Congregational United Church of Christ held March 25. I know I felt welcome and I enjoyed visiting with everyone at both gatherings. The food was also excellent. I am looking forward to the fun, food and fellowship at our future gatherings as well. We will strive to have monthly gatherings through June. For information about future gatherings, watch the Cathedral's weekly email or send an email to [lgbt@kccathedral.org](mailto:lgbt@kccathedral.org).

—Brian Cowley



## What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists; rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times of life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised in their ministry. If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend, please call Canon Christy Dorn at 816.474.8260, to learn more.



## Cathedral Treasures Tour Thank You

Thanks to those who have led or attended these short tours of the organ, stained glass, pulpit, font, sacristy and altar! We'll resume tours this fall. If you have a suggestion for a future tour, or would like to lead a tour, please contact Julie Brogno, [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org).



## Children's Clothing and Toy Exchange

**JUNE 3 • 11:45 A.M. • FOUNDERS' HALL**

Clean out your children's closets and bring their gently-used clothing and toys to exchange with other Cathedral families. We'll have tables set up in Founders' Hall during coffee hour, so you can "shop" for new items. All the leftover clothing and toys will be donated to a worthy cause.

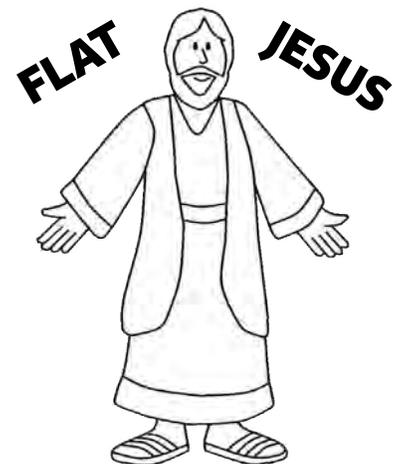


## Summer Children's Worship Sessions

**STARTING JUNE 10**

During the summer months, children ages 4–5th grade will meet together during the 10:15 a.m. service. After a story and prayer, kids will work on a craft

or activity. Regular Children's Chapel and Godly Play sessions will resume in mid-August. Children's Formation Sessions will not meet: May 27, July 1 and July 29.



## Take Out Church Boxes

**AVAILABLE JUNE 10**

Check out the "Take Out Church" boxes available at the back of the Nave and in Founders' Hall. They contain activities designed to help your family grow spiritually and have fun as you travel this summer. Items include family devotionals, Skittles Prayers, a flat Jesus, coloring sheets and games. Pick one up and take it with you on your summer road trip!



## Graduate Names Needed

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

Are you a recent graduate? Do you know someone who is? Send us their name! The Cathedral will be recognizing all recent graduates (high school, college, trade school, etc.) on Sunday, May 6. Help us by sending the name of any recent graduates, and the school they attended, to the Cathedral office, [communications@kccathedral.org](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org). Names must be received no later than Tuesday, May 1 to be included in the bulletin.



## Parish Picnic

**MAY 20 • 11:30 A.M.**

We'll start off summer with a picnic lunch in the courtyard outside of Founders' Hall. 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 and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship!

The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of West Missouri*  
The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau, *Dean*  
The Rev. Canon Evelyn Hornaday, *Subdean*  
The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*  
The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*  
The Rev. Jim Robertson, *Deacon*  
Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*  
Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*  
Julie Brogno, *Children's and Family Ministry*  
Alexandra Connors, *Youth Minister*  
Marco Serrano, *Young Adult Coordinator*  
Joan Bock, *Nursery Manager/On-Site Wedding Coordinator*  
Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*  
Melissa Scheffler, *Communications Coordinator*  
Richard Wolf, *Finance Manager*  
Janet Sweeting, *Office Assistant*  
Sharon Sprague, *Sacristan*  
Angie Graham, *Property Manager*  
Mike Guidry, *Assistant Property Manager*

## The Way

*WEDNESDAY EVENINGS*

*6–8 P.M. • FOUNDERS' HALL*

Interested in the Christian faith?  
Curious about Anglicanism?

Then join us for The Way, which resumes Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 6–8 p.m. and runs through May 23. 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 Marco Serrano, Young Adult Coordinator, [mserrano@kccathedral.org](mailto:mserrano@kccathedral.org).

