

The Angelus

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From the Dean Meeting the Needs of the New Downtown

Tam a believer in signs. Wednesday, October 15, the art deco spire of the Power and Light tower glowed royal blue — a fitting beacon to proclaim a pennant victory for the Royals. As I looked at this majestic sight, I reveled. Our team was on its way to the World Series! There was more: the iconic Power and Light tower is soon to be repurposed as condos. Yeah, downtown! Even further east the lively Power and Light district was charged up and glowing with post-pennant

partiers. Energy!

"Go KC! Downtown is truly back," I mused within — and at the same time thought, "It's time for the Cathedral to tap into the current!" In many ways, that's already happening. Here are a few signs:

Just about every Sunday now, there is a growing contingent among our worshipers who fall into the eighteen- to thirty-year-

old bracket. Persons in this age group, along with emptynesters, are moving into downtown every day. It's time to grow and sustain a ministry among our new neighbors. Becoming more intentional in gathering young adults migrating into the urban core will take a plan. The Vestry has named this among its goals as have so many of you. Part of this, we believe, means calling a third priest who has this ministry at heart.

Last evening I stopped by the youth group meeting in Haden Hall. They were in the midst of wolfing down chocolate chip pancakes (there was also fruit to balance things out) while they watched game two of the World Series. The large group impressed me. This fall, the number of young people at Wednesday evening programs has doubled! For a downtown, metropolitan-based church this is amazing. We can be thankful for the efforts and dedication of capable leaders and volunteers. Now it's time to help this ministry grow to the next level. We need to act on our goal to hire a part-time youth minister.

The past several weeks, deacon Leslie Hoover has been spending a day each week at the Kansas City Community Kitchen at 8th and Paseo. Leslie is looking for ways for more people from the Cathedral to join the faithful handful of our members who help at the Kitchen. This feeding program started in late 1983 in the basement underneath the Common Room. It moved to its present location from the lower level of our Founders' Hall three years ago.

Growing the hearts of people in the heart of the city

Volunteers are at the center of the Community Kitchen and of all ministries at the Cathedral. They do hands-on outreach, provide Sunday hospitality, organize and staff educational and community events, assist in the office, repair and enhance our buildings and grounds, and help form adults and children in faith. This requires ongoing recruiting, training,

scheduling, and caring for volunteers. We need a part-time person on staff to coordinate this work.

As we gather resources for 2015 we have set a pledge goal of \$500,000. Your giving will help grow the ranks of volunteers necessary to our common life, establish a ministry among young adults in downtown, and strengthen our work with teenagers.

It's time for "Growing the Hearts of People, in the Heart of the City." Let's look at the signs, give thanks to God, and offer our prayers and our support.

—Peter

Harvest Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, Nov. 23 • 11:45 a.m.

Come share a hearty meal (not turkey!) and some time to be together the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We'll eat together in Founders' Hall.

October Flowers, to the Glory of God

October 5

- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Stephanie Biddle and Josha Sterritt
- in honor of our 14th wedding anniversary October 4
 — Bill Hawley & Sally Livengood
- in loving memory of the Herbert B Burke family —Beverly R. Burke
- in thanksgiving for Luke Woolley on his birthday Kay & Pat Woolley
- in thanksgiving Richard & Anne Morse

October 12

- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Alexis Fuemmeler and Randy Melloy
- in thanksgiving for our 34th wedding anniversary
 James & Karen Kissinger

October 19

- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Bailey Darr and Tom Kretsinger
- in memory of the birthday of my mother, Mary Gentry Shaw
 Shawsie Branton
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Shelby Barnard and Nik Lewer

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org) or sign up (and pay) online: www.kccathedral.org/flowers.

Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life

The world needs people who care. Do you ever wonder what unique difference your Christianity can make in the caring and relating you do? Would you like to feel more confident in caring and relating to friends and relatives? Join us for a study that can help you function using a distinctively Christian approach. Whether the subject is listening fully, relating to spiritual needs, sharing a blessing, building a prayer, or offering a cup of cold water, *Christian Caregiving* presents tangible ways we can be Christ to others. As a result we will learn what makes Christian caregiving distinctive and how that distinctive caregiving can become a way of life for us as individual Christians. Register for either daytime or evening sessions.

Leaders: Rev. Christy Dorn and Karen Kissinger

To register, contact: cdorn@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260

Meets: weekly for 10 weeks.

Daytime option: Thursdays, January 8 — March 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or **Evening option:** Tuesdays, January 6 — March 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Location: GHTC Common Room

Cost: book purchase only

Volunteer Opportunity

The Kansas City Community Kitchen needs serving teams for the second Thursdays, fifth Wednesdays and fifth Thursdays of the month. Each team consists of six to eight volunteers who work from approximately 11:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Contact Deacon Leslie Hoover, 816-474-8260, ext. 111, or lhoover@kccathedral. org, for more information.

Treasurer's Report

On a year to date (YTD) basis, the Cathedral's Income is above expectations as special gifts and above plan proceeds from the endowment have offset the sluggish receipt of pledge commitments. However, this good news on the income side is more than offset on the expense side as the cost of utilities and property maintenance have exceeded planned expenditures by over \$45,000 through September. The Cathedral staff is working hard

to keep expenses down through the rest of the year but avoiding a deficit will almost certainly require help from the congregation. Please review your pledge payments so far this year and do

Sept. MTD	Budgeted MTD		Actual MTD	
Income	\$	89,250	\$	92,240
Expenses	\$	136,390	\$	127,722
Net Total	\$	(47,140)	\$	(35,482)
Sept. MTD	Bu	dgeted YTD	F	Actual YTD
Sept. MTD Income	Bu \$	dgeted YTD 1,236,871	\$	1,251,475
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your best to fulfill or exceed your 2014 pledge. Of course additional contributions through the plate offering or a special gift would also help in this situation. Your prayerful support of the Cathedral is crucial to fulfilling our ministry.

Advent Wreath-Making Event: November 30

Join us for a intergenerational Advent Wreath-making event Sunday, November 30, in Founders' Hall, following the 10:15 a.m. service. Make an Advent wreath with live greens for your home as you prepare for Christmas. Supplies will be provided, but if you have forms/rings, please bring them! Please bring clippers to trim greens. A \$10 donation, to cover the cost of materials, is greatly appreciated. In addition to making Advent



wreaths, there will be other craft opportunities for the children, such as making an Advent Chain to count down the days till Christmas. Coffee hour refreshments will be available. Sign up at coffee hour beginning Sunday, November 9.

November Food Collection

Help stock the pantry at St. Mary's with *non-perishable* food items for a Thanksgiving meal! The items listed or any food to make someone's holiday special are welcomed. Please bring your donations to the large basket in the Tower by November 10.

Needed items include: canned vegetables boxed stuffing mix boxed potatoes canned sweet potatoes canned cranberry sauce canned pie fillings boxed pie crust

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 26 Sung Eucharist at 7 p.m.

We gather at the Lord's Table to give thanks for the fruits of the earth, and ask God to make us faithful stewards of God's bounty for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of God's Name. The liturgy will include hymns, a homily and a Litany of Thanksgiving. We welcome Ms. Ezgi Saribay, as guest



preacher. Ezgi is a senior at Nashotah House in Wisconsin and a Candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of West Missouri.

Blessing Over the Food and the Feast: Bring along foods that you plan to serve for dinner the next day in order to give thanks to God and say a blessing over them.

At the close of the service help box up the vegetables at the Harvest Altar to take to Kansas City Community Kitchen.

Come Ye Thankful People, Come, Raise the Song of Harvest Home!

(Cathedral offices & buildings will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 27–28.)

Eucharistic Bread Ministry

The Bread Guild is looking for a few bakers to fill out our roster in the baking of Eucharistic Bread. Please contact Janet Sweeting, 816-474-8260, ext. 144, or jsweeting@kccathedral.org for more information.



Family and Children's Ministry News

November 2: Family Ministry Lunch

Families with children are invited to join us for lunch in Haden Hall following the 10:15 am service. After lunch, families will work together to make Thanksgiving cards and small crafts that will be delivered to our homebound parishioners. Please RSVP to Julie Brogno, 816-474-8260 or childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

Children's Chapel

During the months of September and October, the children heard stories from the Old Testament about Moses and the Israelites as they fled Egypt and wandered in the desert. During their discussion of the Ten Commandments, the children came up with two rules for chapel: Respect others and Treat chapel as a holy place. As we get closer to the season of Advent, the focus of Children's Chapel will shift to the lectionary Gospel readings.

Vestry Nominations Sought

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 25, 2015, new members of the Cathedral Vestry will be elected. The Vestry oversees the temporal affairs of the Cathedral parish. It works closely with the Dean in guiding the life and ministry of the Cathedral. Regular meetings are held 10 times a year, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. In order to engage in listening, discernment and healthy debate around making decisions, attendance at monthly meetings is essential.

Nominees for Vestry should be committed parishioners who

- regularly attend Sunday Eucharist
- participate in the life of the parish
- make a pledge of financial support.

You may nominate yourself or another by contacting the Nominating Committee by a letter sent to the Cathedral office addressed "Vestry Nomination" or via e-mail to vestry@kccathedral.org. The deadline for nominations is November 30.

Each nominee will be contacted following the close of nominations, and invited to respond in writing to several questions and submit a photograph. These responses are a part of the committee's discernment. A list of nominees recommended by the committee will then be announced in a January communication sent out to the Cathedral community prior to the Annual Meeting.

Volunteer for Holiday Services

In preparation for the upcoming holiday season Altar Guild members are needed before and after services for the following:

- Thanksgiving Eve: November 26, 7 p.m.
- Christmas Eve: December 24, 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Christmas Day: December 25, 10:15 a.m.
- New Year's Eve: December 31, 5:30 p.m.

Not an Altar Guild member? You can still volunteer! If you would like to serve during any of these services, please contact Janet Stewart Sweeting, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260, ext. 144.





of the Animals October 5, 2014



Maison de Naissance October 5, 2014 10th Anniversary Celebration!



Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to Maison de Naissance's drive to collect "onesies." Total donations came to 117 of the infant bodysuits. That number is a two-month supply for the birthing home. The staff at MN, the Haitian mothers who take their new babies home in these "onesies," and the Friends of MN at GHTC are extremely grateful for your gifts.



The Way is a process for faith formation, or catechumenate, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. The word catechumenate comes from Greek and means to be taught orally—to learn by hearing.

Community and sharing is at the center of The Way. Each evening begins with a simple meal and table conversation. This is followed by Bible study, learning and group discussion.

Fall Inquiry Sessions Run Through Nov. 19 Advent Evening, December 10

Wednesday evenings include dinner at 6 p.m. (meals are free) followed by small group Bible study, discussion and prayer from 7-8 p.m.

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Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail to communications@kccathedral.org.

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Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation
9:30 a.m. Youth Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
& Children's Chapel

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers

6:00 p.m. The Way (through Nov. 19)

6:15 p.m. Grace Choraliers

6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Activities for November

2 • Sunday

All Saints' Sunday

11:45 a.m. Family Ministry Lunch

2 • Thursday

7:30 p.m. Voice Recital: Laura Lowry

4• Wednesday

6 p.m. The Way

7 p.m. Rehearsal Cathedal Chorale

16 • SUNDAY

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

5 p.m. Choral Evensong

19 • Wednesday

7 a.m. Finance Committee

6 p.m. The Way

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Mark's Deanery

20 • Thursday

5:30 p.m. Vestry

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. John's Deanery

23 • SUNDAY

11:30 p.m. Harvest Fellowship Lunch

26 • WEDNESDAY

6 p.m. The Way

7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

27 • Thursday

Offices closed for holiday.

28 • Friday

Offices closed for holiday.

30 • SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop

Coming Next Month

Dec. 7 Trim the Tree

Dec.14 Concert: Festival Singers

Dec. 21 Moravian Love Feast

Dec. 24 Pageant & Eucharist (5 p.m.)
Christmas Eve Eucharist

(10 p.m.)

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Eucharist

(10:15 a.m.)