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FILLING IN FOR THE DEAN

Grateful Things

When my children were little, we would kneel beside their bed every night and I would ask them what their “grateful things” were. They would think really hard and come up with three things that had happened that day for which they were thankful to God.

I think back on those times as some of my most favorite memories with my children. The reason for this is that when you have gratitude in your heart, there’s no room for hate or prejudice or any of the other awful feelings that sometimes seem to overwhelm our world. Knowing that I did my best to instill in my children a sense of gratitude, gives me a feeling of hope; hope that as they head out into the world, they will remember to pay attention and at the end of the day, they will take a moment and find something worthy of their gratitude.

Over the past few years, there were days when it was a challenge to recognize something worthy of my gratitude. I had been laid off and was having a very difficult time finding another job. But more than that, I felt that the path my career had taken up to that point, left a lot to be desired. I have never been an overly ambitious person, I simply wanted to go to work, do my job and go home at the end of the day. I would, of course, like to make a decent amount of money and feel somewhat appreciated for my contributions to my employer, but I was not really interested in climbing any corporate ladder. Maybe that lack of ambition showed through and I was paying for it. It always seemed like, no matter how much my bosses would say they loved my work or how many accolades I would receive from coworkers, I was always the one drawing the short straw when layoffs or downsizing happened. Or, more likely in my opinion, I was simply trying to work in all the wrong places.

When I interviewed for my current Communications Coordinator position here at the Cathedral, I immediately noticed a sense of calm when I entered

the building. Now that doesn’t mean things are always calm around here, sometimes things are just plain hectic. But it does mean that when I am at work, I am relaxed. I am not constantly watching my back, afraid of saying the wrong thing to the wrong person who might secretly be after my job. I feel supported here and that feeling is priceless. And as the weeks went by and I accepted that feeling as something that wasn’t going to be pulled away from me, I realized that I recognized that feeling from a few years ago, when I had the opportunity to work for another church. It hit me then that maybe that was the missing piece. Maybe I need to work in a place that makes me feel wanted, appreciated and valued. I despise office politics and being able to put all those negative feelings aside and just do my job in a supportive environment...now there was something to put on my list of “grateful things.”

When Dean DeVeau had his stroke a few weeks ago, it brought all of these things that had been in the back of my mind to the forefront. I started thinking about previous employers I have had and I realized that I now have one for which I am proud to work. Dean DeVeau creates an atmosphere where all ideas are welcomed and employees feel truly supported. That’s a rare gift and another thing to add to my list of “grateful things.”

So as we approach the holiday season, I would invite all of us to be mindful of those little things that happen throughout the day. Maybe it’s as simple as a smile from a stranger. Or maybe it’s as life-changing as a new career. Regardless, recognizing and embracing those things which are worthy of your gratitude will undoubtedly lead to a major adjustment in your attitude. And this world could use a little more gratitude right about now.

For the sake of each other,

—Melissa Scheffler
Communications Coordinator

Treasurer's Report

Grace & Holy Trinity's Financial Status As of October 2016

September	2016 MTD	2015 MTD
Income	\$ 84,890	\$ 101,334
Expenses	\$ 135,994	\$ 115,841
Net Total	\$ (51,104)	\$ (14,507)

	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
Income	\$ 1,269,637	\$ 1,284,251
Expenses	\$ 1,266,621	\$ 1,248,711
Net Total	\$ 3,016	\$ 35,540

Income in September of 2016 fell well short of the amount for the prior year due to a sharp fall off in Pledge receipts. This lower income for September came as expenses rose for the month vs. the September 2015 expenses. The primary driver of the higher expenses during the month was money spent on the grounds and utilities. Lower income and higher expenses naturally led to a bigger deficit in September than last year.

On a year to date basis, the situation was much the same. September's drop in Pledge income caused the YTD income total to trail the 2015 YTD total. The higher expenses on a YTD basis through September reflect higher expenses for the grounds and utilities. At this point last year the Cathedral had a reasonable surplus in Net Operating Income, but lower income and higher expenses means that this year the Cathedral enters the very active fall months with a smaller operating cushion.

Parishioners are asked to prayerfully remember to keep current on their pledges as their donations are a vital support of the Cathedral's mission.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Vestry Nominations Sought

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 29, 2017, 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 5:30 p.m. 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.

Watch for more information to come.

Compassionate Friends:
A Lay Visitation Ministry



Compassionate Friends: Lay Visitation—A New Ministry at Grace & Holy Trinity

Bringing Church to the homebound.

Visitation ministry is an extension of the care of the congregation for all its members, whether the visitor is clergy or a lay member. This ministry offers the opportunity to be symbols of God's love. Encouragement, support, tangible acts of service and a listening ear are the tools that are used in ministering. Visits are made to homebound members who may be facing circumstances that leave them feeling alone or in need of compassionate presence. Visitors are trained in the skills needed for caring visitation, then, the clergy matches lay visitors with homebound church members.

If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Canon Christy Dorn at cdorn@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260.

Music Search Update



After several months of prayerful consideration, the Music Director Search Committee is very pleased to announce that Paul Meier, currently the assistant music director at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, will be the next Music Director here at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Paul will begin his work here with us on February 1, 2017, and his first Sunday will be February 12, 2017.

At Grace Cathedral, Paul is the primary organist and directs the Cathedral Camerata, an adult choir that sings for weekly Sunday Evensongs. Paul holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California. In addition to Grace Cathedral, his professional background includes work at St. James in the City Episcopal Church (Los Angeles), Bel Air Presbyterian Church (Los Angeles), and Christ the King Lutheran Church (Houston). He has been a featured organist with the Los Angeles Master Chorale and the Pacific Symphony. More importantly, the Search Committee felt his sense of humor, communication skills, and welcoming manner made him a good fit for our Cathedral. We have enjoyed getting to know Paul during the search process and feel that he will be a superb leader for the wonderful program that has been built here. Paul, his girlfriend Suzanne Anderson, and their dog and cat will be moving to Kansas City in January.

The Search Committee thanks everyone for their prayers and support during the search process. We invite you to pray for Paul and Suzanne during this time of transition and look forward to his formal introduction to the Cathedral community in February.



Sunday, November 13
at 6 p.m.
TATE ADDIS,
ORGANIST IN RECITAL

Upcoming Music at the Cathedral

The month of November offers an amazing array of music events at the Cathedral, all of them wonderful. We urge you to attend all of them.



Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m.
THE WILLIAM BAKER FESTIVAL SINGERS
Tickets: festivalsingers.org



Saturday, November 12 at 5 p.m.
THE ST. LOUIS CHAMBER CHORUS




Friday, November 18 at 8 p.m.
SEQUENTIA (FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC) PERFORMS *THE MONK SINGS PAGAN: MEDIEVAL SONGS OF GODS, HEROES AND STRONG WOMEN*
The gifted story teller, singer and harpist, Ben Bagby, brings to life an era when there were no printing presses...a time when histories, biographies and stories were kept alive through the art of music and storytelling. Tickets: chambermusic.org

Sunday, November 27 at
2 p.m.
ANN MARIE RIGLER,
ORGANIST IN RECITAL



Please chat with the Canon Musician if you'd like to know about the artists and their programs.

—Canon John Schaefer



You are invited to join Trinity Children's Choir!

Elementary school singers welcome. **Sundays, 9:15-10 a.m. Haden Hall Blue Room**
For more information, contact Linda Martin at childrensmusic@kccathedral.org.

October Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

October 2

- In honor of our wedding anniversary—Ric & Janet Sweeting
- In honor of our wedding anniversary—Peter & Mary DeVeau

October 9

- For Uganda and peace around the world—The Gitta Family
- In thanksgiving for my children and husband—LaGretta Gitta
- In thanksgiving for the wedding of Jessica Barber & Michael Hanley
- In thanksgiving for all the blessings in life—Sara Gaggens
- In thanksgiving for our son, Steven Alagna—Vince & Kathy Alagna
- Candles at the Healing Desk are giving in thanksgiving by Bud & Candy McDowell

October 16

- In memory of Zoe Smith—Greg Smith
- In thanksgiving for all the blessings in life—Sara Gaggens
- In thanksgiving for all the blessings in our family—The Gitta Family

October 23

- In memory of my mother, Mary Gentry Shaw—Shawsie Branton
- In thanksgiving for my children and husband—LaGretta Gitta

October 30

- In thanksgiving for Thomas H. Rinehart—Ruth Finet
- In thanksgiving for our granddaughters, Maya and Grace—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- In memory of Larry Downs—Gael Hancock
- In memory of loved ones no longer with us—the Gitta Family



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men and women of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get-together. The next

date is Wednesday, November 2 at Fusion Buffet, 4039 Mill Street, 11:45 a.m. All are welcome and please invite friends! RSVP to Jim Robertson, jasbrob@aol.com, as soon as possible.

All Saints' Sunday: November 6

Book of Remembrance

We gather names and add them to a book started in 2007. It is a lasting memorial of "those we love but see no longer." The book is displayed in the Cathedral on All Saints' Sunday. The names will also be listed in the bulletin. During the liturgy, there is a time when lectors read aloud the names of those who have died in the past 12 months, followed by a time when all present say aloud names of those they would like remembered.

Forms for submitting the names of those who have died within the past year will be available at services beginning **October 9**. You can place these in the offering plate or in the basket on the ushers' table. Names can also be emailed to communications@kccathedral.org. The deadline for submitting names is **Tuesday, November 1**. The names of all those who have passed away within the past year will be included in a visual display in the Nave.

Baptism

Holy Baptism for infants and young children will be administered **November 6**, All Saints' Sunday, at 10:15 a.m.; **January 8**, The Baptism of Our Lord; or at another service of your choice.



Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

To donate toward the weekly flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at www.kccathedral.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260 ext. 103.

Episcopal & Friends LGBT Sunday, October 6

This gathering will be held at Country Club Congregational United Church of Christ in Brookside at 6 p.m. As always, there is no agenda other than fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome. Respond to Jim Robertson at jasbrob@aol.com or 816-569-5549.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 6.

Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday, November 5.



Don't forget
to fall back!



You Could Be Somebody Else!

When I was growing up, there was a phrase you heard quite often:

“Don’t worry! Somebody else will do it!”

That always puzzled me because I never met anyone named “Somebody Else.” And, yet, she or he was always the one who was going to take care of things. Almost EVERY thing. But, the day finally came when I was old enough and smart enough to realize that Somebody Else would have to be me...

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral invites anyone who would like to join us on the Altar Guild to be part of our weekly or special event (funerals, diocesan events) teams who are the Somebody Elses who help make services at GHTC happen for our fellow parishioners. The goal is to empower each individual with training and support so that she/he can add confidence to skills and talents and feel a sense of accomplishment and gratification as a cathedral volunteer.

Weekly teams prepare for and clean up after each Sunday service, which requires an understanding of the different items used in the liturgy and how to keep them clean and available. It could be setting and clearing “the table,” washing/drying vessels, and even taking linens home to launder and iron and returning them the next Sunday.

The special event teams will also get the church and altar ready for a funeral or a special event. The more people we have on the teams, the less time and effort each team member will have to commit to. And, the fun, fellowship, laughter, and reward cannot be beaten!

So, give of yourself and get to know your church, the liturgy, and your fellow sisters and brothers at GHTC. Join the Altar Guild in offering up the time and talent God has given you and be one of those Somebody Elses the world needs more of.

Contact Sharon Sprague, sacristan, with questions, suggestions, or if you’d like to talk about the jobs and what your interests are, by email at sacristan@kccathedral.org or by phone in the evenings, 913-515-9120.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these opportunities to be that invaluable and irreplaceable Somebody Else!

Growing in Faith Together



Time to Make Your Pledge for 2017!

We invite you to begin to move toward tithing. Very few people decide to tithe 10% of their income in one step. For most of us, moving toward tithing represents a series of small steps.

Below, find your annual income in the first column, then find which percentage value most closely approximates your annual 2016 pledge. Then challenge yourself to take it to at least the next level in 2017.

Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$25,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000

Pledge cards for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign: Growing in Faith Together have been mailed or are available in the Nave. In addition, you may also make your pledge online at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

Upcoming Events

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN Sunday, November 20

The sounds of bagpipes and drums and the colorful plaids of Scotland will again adorn the Cathedral for the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan. Cathedral members are encouraged to don their Scottish attire.

Get out your favorite shortbread recipe (or one you've been wanting to try) and bring shortbread to share with the parish and our special guests at coffee hour.



AdventFest

Sunday, November 27

Join us for an intergenerational Advent Wreath-making event on Sunday, November 27, in Founders' Hall, following the 10:15 a.m. service. Make an Advent wreath with live greens for your home. Supplies will be provided (if you have supplies, such as forms or rings, candle holders or pin, feel free to bring them). Please bring clippers to trim greens. A \$10 donation to cover the cost of supplies 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. Sign up at coffee hour beginning November 6 or watch for more information about online signups, coming soon.



These are ticketed performances. Please visit paulmesnerpuppets.org.

Paul Mesner Puppets presents *The Nativity*

Friday, December 2 • 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3 • 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 4 • 3 p.m.



Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 23

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.



At the close of the service help box up the vegetables at the Harvest Altar that will be given to Kansas City Community Kitchen.

Trimming the Tree

Sunday, December 4

11:30 a.m.

Join us in Founders' Hall to make Christmas ornaments for our Founders' Hall Christmas tree—paper stars, woven hearts, paper chains, birds and more!



Youth Update

Diocesan Youth Gathering and Bishops Ball

November 4-6

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to DYG and Bishops Ball, November 6-8 in Springfield, MO! This annual event concurrent with Diocesan Convention will be full of meaningful workshops (held at convention this year!), opportunity for fellowship, and the featured event, Bishops Ball! Make sure to register online to reserve your spot!

Network Day of Service

November 19

Join with youth from across the Metro to give back to our community through local feeding programs. Learn more at wemoyouth.com and in weekly youth email updates!

Save the Date!

Network Skate & Bake: December 2

Keep Up to Date

If you would like more information on our youth ministry programs or to join our weekly email list, email Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org.



Children's Formation Leaders

Children's Formation Leaders met in October to discuss safety procedures for Haden Hall. We will have a fire drill and tornado drill during chapel time to make sure that the children know what to do in case of emergency.

Advent Outreach Activities

Children and their families will have the opportunity to participate in outreach activities such as Family Bag packing for Harvesters' Backsnack program, a visit to Bishop Spencer Place, and assembling cold-weather kits for refugee students in Kansas City Public Schools. Watch your email and the bulletin for more details.

Abiding Prayer

"Abide in me and I will abide in you." John 15:4

Would you like to meet your True Self?

Mondays in November

7:15-8:30 p.m. † Common Room



Thomas Keating will walk us through the process of discovering our True Self. Over many years, Thomas has taught and practiced the essential elements for

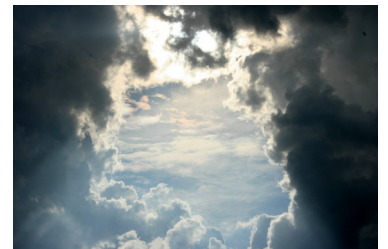
discovering our True Self. Sessions end with Abiding Prayer. Contact Jerry Grabher, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816-590-6205 to register.

The Cloud of Unknowing: A Loving Search for God

First and Third Thursdays of the Month,

7:15-8:30 p.m. † Common Room

This fourteenth-century book called *The Cloud of Unknowing* by an unknown English author inspires us into the kind of loving union with God that *The Cloud* teaches. The author then leads us on a loving search for



God. Sessions end with Abiding Prayer. Contact Jerry Grabher, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816-590-6205 to register.



The Way

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

We invite you to join us for an adult faith formation experience for those seeking to deepen their faith, or know more about the Episcopal Church. The Way is for persons new to the church, those desiring to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Each evening includes a meal, a brief presentation, group Bible sharing and concludes with prayer. Please contact Larry Ehren, Way Coordinator, lgehren@yahoo.com.



Celebrating the Ministry of Canon John Schaefer

Plans are being made for celebrations to give thanks for the long and fruitful ministry of John Schaefer at the Cathedral. Mark **Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m.** for a community-wide celebration for John when we mark his forty years of service to the Cathedral and greater Kansas City. John concludes his ministry at the end of the year when we will also offer thanks, prayers, and well wishes.



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Fall is Here Again

So be thankful unto the Lord
For he has melted the summer heat
And refreshed us with the cool of October.

Plentiful is the harvest
Our plows are at rest.
Now we can enjoy the fruits of the earth
As we share our bounty with the needy.

Our pastures are yet green
And the zinnias are still in bloom.
He has touched the forest with his finger
And turned their leaves into rainbow.

The hurricane winds have raised up the sea.
And He has delivered us into safety
That we might give aid to those less fortunate.

He has given us the blessings of the season
That we may do the good works assigned to our station.

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