

From the Dean

Life in the Transitions

One of my favorite pieces of Scripture comes from chapter 55:10-11 in the Book of Isaiah: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

As Christians, we believe there is power in the Word. Scripture and the words of Jesus can and do affect and change us. They gather and form the church. The words we speak about ourselves and others have power as well. We know they can both create and do harm. Whenever I recite the above words from Isaiah contained in Morning Prayer, Canticle 10, The Second Song of Isaiah, I hear myself saying "Amen" and "Amen!"

Words spoken at the right time can affect things in ways we could not imagine. This summer I believe we are seeing this at the Cathedral. Sunday by Sunday we are enlivened by a growing bunch of children in church. All those who have labored for, longed for and spoken their desire to see more of the youngest among us are seeing their hopes and prayers bear fruit with the presence of wiggly and active children racing up front to be sent to Children's Chapel and rushing in later to take the Eucharist. In summer!

A couple of years ago, we were encouraged by the WT Kemper Foundation to submit a grant proposal to serve people. The Foundation suggested that we reach out to the growing population of young adults in our downtown neighborhood. A group of young adults convened with me and came up with a plan that led to the writing of a proposal through which we have been awarded \$250,000 over three years.

This July, Marco Serrano joined our staff as Young Adult Coordinator. Marco will be busy working with the young adult community to implement this plan for gathering and empowering this largest group of our newest downtown neighbors. This demographic group prefers walking, biking and taking a streetcar over living in car-dependent suburbs. I am excited to see what will "spring forth and grow" through this new ministry generously seeded by a grant and, again, by our prayers and hopes. In recent weeks, I have had the privilege of attending some and following other work group meetings for implementing the first-year goals of our Strategic Plan. Seeds of hope are sprouting in the work group areas of hospitality, public relations, social justice, worship, community engagement, newcomers and ecumenical and interfaith relations. It is invigorating to see the ideas, suggestions and concerns so many of you have raised over the past several years being addressed and bearing fruit.

Over the past several months following my stroke I have been deeply moved and supported by your prayers and kindnesses. While I wish that the body movement I had a year ago had returned to me by now, recovery is taking longer than I expected. Since June I have been meeting with a discernment group to seek the best way forward in ministry for the Cathedral. The goal of our work is to present a mutually beneficial plan for smooth transition during this time. What this entails will be presented to the vestry in August. I am confident that the outcome will bear fruit sown with our hopes and prayers, and yes, our fears, too.

As August begins, the Reverend Evelyn Hornaday joins our staff as Subdean. She will share with me in the ordained leadership of the Cathedral in the coming months as we move forward always knowing that we are in transition. Evelyn is a gifted priest who loves the Lord, this Cathedral and Kansas City.

The Word is accomplishing that for which it is sent. This is what shapes us as a servant church in the heart of the city.

–Peter DeVeau, Dean



In observation of Labor Day, the Cathedral office and grounds will be closed on Monday, September 4. There will be no noon Eucharist that day.

Treasurer's Report

Grace & Holy Trinity's Financial Status as of June 2017

	2017	2016
Income	\$ 974,353	\$ 941,451
Expenses	\$ 859,377	\$ 799,482
Net Total	\$ 114,976	\$ 141,969

Through the end of June, the Cathedral's income was higher than in 2016 primarily due to stronger pledge receipts. However, expenses also ran higher in 2017 due to an increased Diocesan assessment and higher property expenses. The net result is that the Cathedral ran a smaller surplus through June of 2017 than through June of 2016.

This is a cause for concern because in 2016 the healthy surplus of June gradually gave way to a deficit as the the year progressed and pledge receipts slowed. It is therefore very important that parishioners prayerfully remember to make timely payments on their pledge throughout the remainder of the year.

–Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Welcome, Richard!

Richard Wolf, who has been serving as the Cathedral's temporary accountant since October, has now joined the Cathedral staff. Welcome! You may contact Richard at finance@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9932.





Introducing the Cathedral Treasures Tour September 17 + 11:45 a.m. + Nave

Have you ever wondered what the Nave looks like from the choir loft? Or why you

need to take your shoes off to play the organ? Join us at the back of the Nave immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service for a quick tour of the choir loft and organ with Paul Meier, Director of Music. After the tour, head to Founders' Hall for coffee hour treats—don't worry, we'll save some for you!

Save the date for future tours

October 15:	Stained Glass
November 12:	Pulpit & Font
January 21:	Stained Glass
March 11:	Altar & Working Sacristy
April 8:	Organ & Choir Loft



Upcoming Events

This August, we continue the tradition of sharing a series of Sunday afternoon concerts at 2 p.m. with our neighbors at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

August 6: Cellist Ho Ahn takes us on a musical travel journey. (GHTC)

August 13: Baroque Chamber Music. (GHTC)

August 20: Summer Singers of Kansas City performs Handel's Judas Maccabeus. (GHTC) Please visit *festivalsingers.org/concerts* for ticketing information.

August 27: A French Organ Festival (Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception)

–Paul Meier, Director of Music



Children Can Have a Voice at GHTC!

All are invited to sing in choir! If you'd like to join, please send NAME & GRADE LEVEL to: Linda Martin, *lmartin@kccathedral.org* It's time for planning, so please respond as soon as possible. Need more info? Please call me at 816.444.8774.

Outreach Appreciation

Outreach Ministries wants to recognize Pattie Phillips as the outstanding volunteer this month. Pattie has been responsible for all the activities and events for Crittenton's Children Center.



(Crittenton offers a child and adolescent psychiatric hospital, a foster care program and adoption case management.) Currently Pattie is working on the School Supply Drive which benefits both residential and foster care children. It is so important for foster children to start the school year with a new backpack filled with school supplies like the other kids in their class at school. During December, Pattie organizes a Christmas party for the residential children with treats and activities, along with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and has a special treat bag for each child in residence and in the hospital. Pattie has also been responsible for organizing and purchasing all the supplies needed for assembling the 200+ Easter Baskets that the congregation puts together each year on Palm Sunday for the children at Crittenton and KAW Valley Children's Center. Pattie also serves as a Stephen Minister.

Pattie and her family will be moving at the end of August to Texas. We will greatly miss her dedication and commitment to helping the children at Crittenton. Please be sure to wish the Phillips family the very best!



Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

August

All month: Paper Goods Drive for Restoration House All month: Bring food for St. Mary's Pantry

<u>September</u>

All month: Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms All month: Bring food for St. Mary's Pantry After Labor Day: The BackSnack program will be starting up soon. Please contact Terri Curran at tcurra2@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 26 9 & 11:30 a.m. + Founders' Hall



Join us for an Ice Cream Social during Coffe Hour! Sponsored by the Cathedral Outreach program, this is just our way of saying thank you for all your help on outreach projects throughout the year. Enjoy!



Sunday, August 6 9 & 11:30 a.m. + Founders' Hall

Join us at a welcome reception for Canon Evelyn Hornaday, the Cathedral's new Subdean. Canon Evelyn joins the staff on August 1.



St. Mary's Pantry

School is out for the summer and that means children will not be getting free lunches or breakfasts at local schools. Please remember to bring food

this summer that is easy for children to open, pop top can goods (pastas, soups, canned fruit) peanut butter, granola bars, boxes of cereal, cheese crackers etc. With temperatures rising, please remember bottled drinks like gatorade for those living on the streets.

Lectio on the Lawn!

Come experience the Divine Reading!

This ancient contemplative prayer form is very comforting and pleasant. We sit with a small piece of scripture and "listen with the ear of our heart" for God's personal message to each of us. This "gentle listening" to the Word is a great way to start the day.

Saturday Mornings @ 8*



Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral 13th & Broadway, KCMO *If the weather is not cooperative, we gather in Founders' Hall.



Adult Forums Sundays + 9:15-10 a.m. + Common Room

Sunday Forums take place during the time between morning services. There are a broad range of topics ranging from Scripture to current local and global concerns. The goal is to link Christian faith and living. These learning sessions are interactive. Questions are encouraged.

Cathedral Social Outreach September10-October 8

Who Are We Helping? And how?

Here is an opportunity to learn about human need in our community and world, and our response to that need through Cathedral outreach. We will take time to learn about the people we currently serve, and become informed about new areas of outreach where we might share resources and time. For three Sundays in September, Young Adult Coordinator, Marco Serrano, educates on the issue of Human Trafficking both in Kansas City and beyond. We'll look at ways in which we can address this widespread problem. Later in the month and into October, representatives from Jewish Vocational Services, HappyBottoms and Sheffield Place talk about their work and our role in assisting to address needs among marginalized populations in Kansas City.

A Christian Response to Human Trafficking: with Marco Serrano, Young Adult Coordinator

As many of you may know, before discerning a call to ministry I worked as an attorney in New York with an emphasis on international law. One issue in particular that has been close to my heart for several years now is the scourge of human trafficking, which is the forced transfer of persons, often across international borders, for the express purpose of exploitation most commonly forced labor, slavery and/or sexual exploitation. And so, beginning Sunday, September 10, I will be leading a three-part 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum in the Common Room that will explore both the recent rise of human trafficking and possible strategies for helping to bring it to an end. My hope is that it is an informative and challenging time of learning about an ongoing issue that is relevant to Christians everywhere. Questions? Email mserrano@kccathedral.org.

I hope to see you there!

Sunday, September 10: Human Trafficking Defined Sunday, September 17: A Local Problem Too—Human Trafficking in Kansas City Sunday, September 24: The Christian Response—What Can We Do to Help Stop Trafficking?

Abiding Prayer

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

God, Evolution and the Unfinished Self

Monday Evenings, Sept. 11-25 and Nov. 6-Dec. 11 7:15–8:30 p.m. + Common Room



We usually think of the self as a finished product, created once and for all; however, science is showing us that nature is endowed with

creativity and openness to new forms.

We will explore the unfinished self in light of evolution with a view toward the future and the emerging body of Christ. For more information, contact Jerry Grabher, 816.590.6205 or *j.grabher3@gmail.com*.



Welcome Newcomers Sunday, September 10 + 11:30 a.m. + Founders' Hall

We want to welcome all who are new to us at Grace and Holy Trinity. We invite you to join us in the following ways:

Coffee Hour—We invite all visitors, guests and new members to join us for refreshments and fellowship each Sunday following the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services in Founders' Hall. This can be a great way to meet new people.

Newcomer Gatherings—If you are new to us, we hope you will join us for one of our upcoming Newcomer Gatherings. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, September 10, following the 10:15 a.m. service. We will meet in the room near the windows in Founders' Hall. This is a time to meet other newcomers as well as members of the Cathedral and clergy, in a relaxed, informal setting. It's also an opportunity to learn more about Grace and Holy Trinity, to ask questions and to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

Parish Activities—Newcomers are always welcome to join us for any of our parish and community service activities or classes.

We invite you to complete a Welcome Card, found in the pews, so that we may keep you informed of events and activities happening around the Cathedral. For more information, please contact Canon Christy Dorn, (*cdorn@kccathedral.org* or 816.474.8260). You may give the Welcome Card to an usher, member of the clergy, or place in the offering plate.

Welcome new friends–you are a blessing to us!

The Way Wednesday Evenings, Beginning October 11 6-8 p.m. + Founders' Hall

All who seek to know more about what it means to follow Christ and grow spiritually are invited and encouraged to take part in The Way. Persons new to the Cathedral, persons desiring to know a more generous and inclusive Christianity, and those who know little or nothing about Christian faith and living are invited on the journey.

The Way meets most Wednesday evenings from October through May (only once in December). Breaks are taken at Thanksgiving and the weeks preceding and following Easter. You can find all meeting dates in the Cathedral calendar on the website. Each evening includes:

- 6 p.m. Dinner and conversation: A home cooked meal is served. (Free! No need to cook on Wednesdays.) There is always a "Table Question" related to the evening's topic. These questions often stimulate lively conversation
- 6:30 p.m. Interactive learning: Christian beliefs, ideas and practices are introduced. These give rise to questions, sharing of experiences and reflection within the group. Questions are always welcome at The Way.
- 7 p.m. Bible Sharing: Groups of about seven persons break out to consider the gospel passage from the prior Sunday gospel reading using an ancient method called lectio divina. A table leader leads the group in listening to the passage and sharing what each hears as the gospel is read.
- 7:50 p.m. Compline: All gather to conclude the evening with this service of prayer at the end of the day. Any news concerning scheduling and upcoming events is shared.
- 8 p.m. Dismissal: The Way ends on time in consideration of those who have early mornings.



First Friday Open House October 6 5:30-8:30 p.m. + Founders' Hall/Nave

Illuminted Manuscripts, Stained Glass, Art Treasures, Local Artists, Music and Finger Food: The Saint John's Bible, the masterworks of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the creative work of Culinary Cornerstones are featured in this open house of one of Kansas City's architectural gems. Please join us.



The main goal of The Way is to provide participants with good practices and sound information for a meaningful life in Christ and Christian journey. Some are prepared for baptism at Easter. Others rediscover and renew their understanding of what it means to be baptized. Persons baptized in different Christian traditions add to their understanding through encountering the depth and riches of the Anglican Christian tradition.

The Way is open to all persons eighteen and older. All who seek to follow Jesus are welcome. Whether one has been around church for a long time or is finding the Christian path for the first time, you are welcome to The Way.

The Way is lead by a team of Cathedral persons who themselves have taken part in this process. Primary teachers are Peter DeVeau, Dean, and Marco Serrano, Young Adult Coordinator.

If you would like to know more about this and have questions, contact Peter DeVeau, Dean, pdeveau@kccathedral.org or Marco Serrano, Young Adult Coordinator, mserrano@kccathedral.org.

About The Way

The Way is our take on the Catechumenate, the ancient practice for preparing for baptism dating back to the early centuries of the Christian Church. It has to do with verbal instruction. It is rooted in the word used for teaching and teacher in the Letter of Paul to the Galatians 6:6—Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.



Ministry Fair September 24 + 9 & 11:30 a.m. + Founders' Hall

Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral is filled with many and varied opportunities for ministry. Where is God calling you to serve? Come—learn how to become involved.

Youth update

Wednesday Youth Group Beginning September 13

Wednesday Night Youth Group is for all youth in grades 6–12. Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening (beginning September 13) and consists of a shared meal, fellowship, community, program and worship. All youth are welcome to join us in the Haden Hall youth room from 7-8:30 p.m.

Back to School Bowling September 10

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to kick off the school year with friends from across the Metro Network! Look for Trinity Teen Update emails with a registration link.

Happening #76

September 22-24

Happening is a spiritual retreat weekend for High School youth that is lead BY High School youth. This Happening will be held in the Kansas City area. Registrations are open on the WeMO Youth website. Please keep the Happeners and Staff in your prayers during this Spiritual weekend!

Dinner Volunteers

Sharing a meal at Wednesday Youth Group is at the center of our community's fellowship! Dinner each week is provided by volunteers. If you are looking for a way to engage with our youth, please consider volunteering for a dinner spot. Contact Alexandra for more information.

Keep Up to Date

For more information on the Cathedral's Youth Ministry program, please contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org. Check out www.wemoyouth.com for information on Network and Diocesan events and to register online.

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.



Back to School Blessing Sunday, August 13

School starts in August for many students, teachers, administrators and parents. You are invited to bring your backpack or other school supplies and receive a blessing as you begin another academic year.

Children's Formation Open House

Sunday, August 13

Visit the spaces where our children worship while enjoying coffee hour refreshments. Find out what you can do to support the Cathedral's ministry with children and their families.

Regular Schedule Resumes Sunday, August 20

Children's Chapel and Godly Play will resume their regular schedules on Sunday, August 20. All children ages 3-fifth grade are invited to Haden Hall to worship after the Collect of the Day. Children age 3 through Kindergarten will attend Godly Play sessions, and Children's Chapel will meet for kids in first-fifth grades.

Questions?

Please contact Julie Brogno at 816.474.8260 or childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

Neighborhood Prayer Walk Tuesdays + 7 p.m.

As part of our hands and feet of Christ initiative, we are instituting a Neighborhood Prayer Walk. Every Tuesday, this group will walk the neighborhood near the Cathedral and get to know the people we are called to serve. We will start in the Nave with a small prayer service, and end in the Nave with Compline and prayer for our community. For any questions, please contact Christine Morrison at *cblankstir@gmail.com*. We hope to see you there!



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men and women of the

Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get-together. For August, the date is Wednesday, August 2 at Los Tules, 1656 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64108.

For September, the date is Wednesday, Septemer 6 at Taj Mahal, 7521 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114.

Both events will take place at 11:45 a.m. Let Jim Robertson

know you are coming, jasbrob@aol.com or 816.569.5549, or just show up. Invite friends.



Stephen Ministry: The "After People"



People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the "After People."

Stephen Ministers are there:

- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- after the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on and your loved one is led away.
- after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. GHTC is a Stephen Ministry congregation and we are here for you. Please contact Canon Christy Dorn, 816.474.8260, or Karen Kissinger, 816.210.0302, to learn more about Stephen Ministry. All calls are confidential.

www.stephenministries.org

June/July Flowers, to the Glory of God ...



June 4

- in memory of our departed relatives & friends—the Gitta family
- in honor of our grandson, Hank Leonard—Carolyn & Ron McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for god's healing power

June 11

- in thanksgiving for Carson August Walker Finet—Ruth Finet June 18
- in loving memory of Bill Bucker–Barbara & Bob Bucker
- in loving memory of Jack Frech and Eric Carlson—Bob & Linda Carlson
- with prayers for the Finney family—the Gitta family June 25
- in prayer for Brother Joseph & others in the hospital—the Gitta family

July 2

• in memory of Katrina Swanson—the Gitta family

July 9

- in thanksgiving for our daughter & son-in-law, Betsy & Beattie Leonard—Carolyn & Ron McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for Celeste Finet—Ruth Finet
- in memory of Maria Alexandra Mauro— Sandra &Albert Mauro, her sister Rachel and her brother Albert

July 16

- in thanksgiving for the Very Reverend Peter J. DeVeau, Dean of the Cathedral—Vangie & John Rich
- in thanksgiving for the 2nd birthday of Judd Wallce Thomas— Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in thanksgiving for the birth of Hollis Ford Thomas—Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in loving memory of our daughter, Lynn—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Ashley Yockey & David Singleton

July 23

- in thanksgiving for Nancy Gingrich Cavanagh—Vangie & John Rich
- in loving memory of Carmen Pena—Vangie & John Rich
- in memory of highway accident victims—the Gitta family
- July 30
- in thanksgiving for Devon Sweeting—Ric & Janet Sweeting



The Cathedral Bookstore

Open every Sunday, 8:30–10 a.m. and immediately following the 10:15 service.

Also open before and after Evensong each month.



Sunday, September 24

Ever wanted to live-tweet a sermon? Invite your Facebook friends to church? Social Media Sunday is the perfect time to try!

Now an annual tradition in churches around the world, the 2017 edition of Social Media Sunday is scheduled for September 24. Join other Christians as we show how social media can help us be and do church online.

You can participate in ways that make sense for you. You don't even have to join any new social networks! You could tweet your Sunday morning thoughts, check in at your church on Facebook, share a photo or video. Don't forget to use the #SMS17 and #kccathedral hashtags!



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Let Us Give Thanks for the Summer

He has raised the flowers From the parched earth And scattered the green Throughout the land.

Joyful is the morning In the freshness of the air We join our prayers With the singing of the birds.

In the nearest pool We take refuge from the heat The flow of the currents Rush through the softness Of our fingers.

Some nights give us pause We tremble at the roar of the thunder And brace ourselves against the Torrents of rain.

But soon comes the daybreak And He rolls back the clouds His face shines upon us And we are at Peace.

~ e. c. binford. July '17



Community Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 1 + 4 p.m.

Join us on the North Lawn for a joint service with the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as we bless the animals! Bring your pet for a blessing and celebrate the animals St. Francis loved. Hope to see you there!