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FROM THE DEAN

Pray. Serve. Give.

Perhaps the greatest strength of the Anglican tradition is that we all pray on the same page. That is, all our services are taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* and other approved supplemental texts. Those services or liturgies are replete in words primarily from the Scriptures and words congruent with them, and from the inherited treasure of church tradition and practice.

The words and ritual shape and empower us as we use them. Although we come from varying backgrounds and cultures, economic and educational levels, and represent differing world views our common prayer has a uniting effect. It transcends our opinions and preferences. Through it we begin to cherish and value the things that are God's. We pray, for example, "O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them . . ." *BCP, Collect, Proper 5, p. 229*

This fall as we gather resources by making pledges of financial support for the Cathedral and its mission, our guiding theme is: Pray. Serve. Give. Year by year, week by week, day by day our prayers call us to move beyond our comfort zones and the service of self alone. At each baptism, we affirm the promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" loving God and neighbor as ourselves. Each time we eat and drink the presence of Christ in the Eucharist we pray together asking God, in these or similar words, to, "send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart . . ." How we pray does shape how we live. Praying leads us to serving. It also leads us to giving.

"For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you," 1 Chronicles 29:14 . When we hear and even sometimes recite the words David spoke to the assembly of Israel as it pooled its resources to build a temple in Jerusalem, we are reminded that all that we are and all that we have are the gift of God. David also acknowledges the transient nature of life. Acknowledging that while we have life we can use what we have for blessing.

So let us pray, serve and give. Our volunteer hours, unique gifts and money grow and increase the work God gives us to do from our piece of ground in the heart of metropolitan Kansas City. The kingdom and temple we are building with God's help is made of living stones. Your prayers and support in 2018 will surely help raise up "a servant church in the heart of the city."

—Peter DeVeau, Dean



PRAY



SERVE



GIVE

Treasurer's Report

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

	2017	2016
Income	\$ 1,246,078	\$ 1,180,847
Expenses	\$ 1,195,913	\$ 1,128,626
Net Total	\$ 50,615	\$ 52,221

Through August, income at the Cathedral is running above last year's income due to strong early payment of pledges. These early pledge payments have enabled the Cathedral to spend more on ministry such as higher expenditures on music and parish life. More money is also being spent on keeping the physical plant of the Cathedral in good repair.

The net result of both higher income and higher expenses is that the Cathedral is showing about the same modest surplus through August as it did through August of 2016. Unfortunately, the Cathedral usually faces higher expenses in the fall and through the Advent season. As such, a modest surplus in August can quickly dissipate as the year progresses. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully remember the importance of contributing to the Cathedral through their pledge and plate contributions.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Children's Sabbath: October 22

The Cathedral will join with places of worship across the nation as they mark the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Celebration,



sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, a private, nonprofit organization which provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. The theme for 2017 is "Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child." During formation time and worship that day, we will wrestle with the question, "How do we make a better America that values each and every child, regardless of skin color, faith, gender, sexual orientation, disability or immigration status?"

How can you participate?

- During Adult Formation at 9:15 a.m. in the Common Room, hear Sherry Ott from Crittenton Children's Center speak about the long partnership between the Cathedral and the children and families served by Crittenton.
- Bring your change (and quiet money!) for a Noisy Offering collection to be donated to the New Americans program that serves refugee and immigrant children in Kansas City Public Schools.
- Learn about the Children's Defense Fund and ways you can support justice for all children at informational displays in Founders' Hall.



HAPPINESS IS



...singing in a choir.

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Join the Trinity Children's Choir

Students in elementary and middle school are invited to sing in Trinity Children's Choir. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:15-10 a.m. in Haden Hall.

Coming Up Next on the Cathedral Treasures Tour

October 15 ♦ 11:45 a.m. ♦ Nave



Join us at the back of the Nave immediately following the 10:15 am service for a quick tour of two stained glass windows with Dave Barker. 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

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

Outreach Appreciation

Outreach Ministries is recognizing Cecelia McNair as the outstanding volunteer of the month. Cecelia is overseeing the HappyBottoms ministry at the Cathedral and is in charge of organizing the three diaper drives held at the Cathedral each year, as well as organizing volunteer Saturdays at the HappyBottoms Distribution Center. She will be presenting a Dean's forum in October telling more specific information about the Happy Bottoms program and the people they serve in the KC Metro. During the school year, Cecelia is a member of the BackSnack packing team and has helped with the Sheffield Place dinners that occur twice a year. This summer she was very helpful planning and hosting a dinner for the Bike and Build Group. This group of young people ride across the country promoting low cost housing and helping at build sites of Habitat for Humanity projects. Cecelia is currently working with the Development Director at Literacy KC to provide class space at the Cathedral for reading classes and tutoring sessions. Cecelia is an active participant of The Way and a member of Altar Guild. The best part of working with Cecelia is her husband, Doug, who is always there to help! Please Congratulate Cecelia for her dedication and generosity in supporting Outreach at the Cathedral.



From Me to You...

When was the last time you were the “new kid on the block” somewhere, anywhere? Having been an itinerant priest in my clerical vocation for so many years, which is another way of saying an intentional interim, I’ve gotten used to not knowing people, to not knowing how things are done, and to being on a steep learning curve, while, at the same time, being expected to be a seasoned veteran in the first days and weeks. Although coming to this Cathedral as Subdean feels, in so many ways, like coming home, I’m still learning what serving God in this holy place is all about. You have been incredibly gracious and understanding when I can’t remember names (name tag alert!), when I don’t know a particular Cathedral custom, and when I just flat make mistakes—and I thank you for your willingness to walk with me in my learning. Moving into a new faith community, especially one as vibrant as this one is, can be daunting and a bit overwhelming. You have your customs and preferences that are rightly and truly important and holy—and here I am, this interloper, trying to fit in. Or even worse, trying to lead!

As we move forward together into the unknown—and frankly, isn’t all life unknown?—I will rely on your innate grace and courage to teach me with wisdom and kindness about my new life among you. And you can rely on me to love and care for you with all that I am and all that I have, as we navigate our time together. You are the beloved people of God in this place, and I will fulfill my role as priest and pastor. Together, we will serve the Lord as we are called to and trust that His guidance and vision will enliven us and bring us His peace.

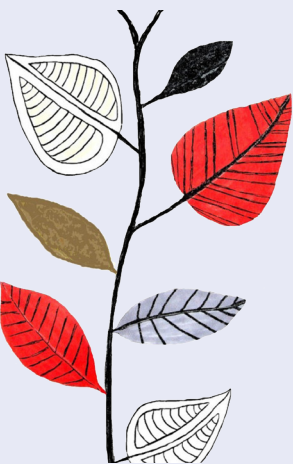
See you in church!



Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

October

- All month: Bring food for St. Mary’s Pantry
- All month: Donations accepted for Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat
- 19: Dining for Dignity
- 21: Sheffield Place Dinner



Dining for Dignity

Thursday, October 19
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Community Services annual fundraiser will be held Thursday, October 19 at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church. There will be cocktails, a silent auction and music followed by dinner and a live auction. Visit episcopalcommunity.org for more information and to register.



St. Mary’s Pantry

Help re-stock the pantry at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church with sack lunch and after-school snack items. Please bring juice boxes or pouches, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, small bags of chips/snacks, dried fruit, individual cups of applesauce or other fruits, individual small boxes of raisins, non-refrigerated pudding snacks (like Hunt’s Snack Pack) and other non-perishables (no glass containers, please). As always, thank you for your support!

Place non-perishable food for St. Mary’s Pantry in the big basket in the Tower.



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

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. In October, representatives from Episcopal Community Services, HappyBottoms and Jewish Vocational Services will talk about their work and our role in assisting to address needs among marginalized populations in Kansas City.

All Saints' Sunday: November 5

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 8**. 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, October 31**. The names of all those who have passed away within the past year will be included in a visual display in the Nave.

Abiding Prayer

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

God, Evolution and the Unfinished Self

Monday Evenings, 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.

Living Into Our Baptismal Covenant:

The Paradoxes of Christianity

Wednesday Evenings, October 4-November 8

7:15-8:30 p.m. ✦ Common Room

Jesus said we are to love God with our heart, soul and mind. (Matthew 22:7) We generally do a good job of loving God with the heart and soul. But what about the mind? Christianity presents us with a number of intellectually challenging paradoxes. The class will be led by Dr. Bill Stancil,



Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Rockhurst University. For more information, contact Jerry Grabher, 816.590.6205 or j.grabher3@gmail.com.

Maison de Naissance Celebrates

5,000 Births

October 21 ✦ St. Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church

In mid June, Maison de Naissance delivered its 5,000th baby! The 5,000th delivery is even more significant when you consider that not one mother has been lost in the care of our amazing staff. Their dedication through every natural disaster and the everyday difficulties of working in a challenging environment, combined with the support of you, our donors, led us to this milestone moment. We will add this to our many reasons to celebrate at our 13th anniversary celebration Saturday, October 21, 6 p.m., at St. Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church in Kansas City. For more information, search for Global Birthing Home Foundation on Facebook.

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.

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.



Baptism Preparation for Parents and Godparents

Saturday, October 21 ✦ 10 a.m.-12 noon



Do you have a child you wish to have baptized? If so, a baptism preparation class will be held Saturday, October 21 at the Cathedral, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Parents and their children, as well

as Godparents are invited to attend. We will meet in Haden Hall for presentations around the meaning and responsibilities of baptism and its associated membership in the Church. Julie Brogno, our Children's Ministry Coordinator will make a Godly Play presentation on Baptism for those present, including children. Child care is available but we ask that you register ahead of time. You may contact the church office to register for the class, 816.474.8260. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. Refreshments will be served.

Healing Sunday: October 15

Each year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Luke the Physician, the sacramental rite of Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing is offered in the context of the Eucharist to all those desiring it. Following a Litany for Healing, clergy of the Diocese and Cathedral clergy assisted by our Sunday healing prayer ministers offer this rite.

Healing is a holistic process. Restoration of our hearts, bodies, and minds to wholeness and strength involves the entire person. Bringing our sickness before God in prayer, along with therapies, medical protocols, rest, diet, exercise, and community support, has positive bearing on our wellness. While our prayers and a daub of oil may not affect an immediate cure to what may ail us, assurance of our worth as God's children and the power of Christ's healing grace are part of the journey to wellness.

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. James 5:14-16

Youth Update

Wednesday Youth Group

Formation and fellowship for youth in grades 6–12 occurs every Wednesday from 7–8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Each Wednesday Youth Group consists of a shared meal, fellowship and community time, program, small group discussion and worship.

Acolyte Field Day

October 8

Polish off your processional skills and come compete against other area churches for a chance at the coveted Acolyte Field Day Trophy. Youth acolytes (and aspiring acolytes) are encouraged to participate for an afternoon of education and fun! Don't miss your chance at thrilling races and processional obstacle courses. Register [online](#) for this network event.

Network Corn Maze Outing

October 20

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the Liberty Corn Maze for a night of fall fellowship activities. Register [online](#) to participate.

Save the Date!

Diocesan Youth Gathering: November 3–5

Network Day of Service: November 18

Thanksgiving Service: November 22

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.

Family and Children's Ministry News



Children's Formation Outreach Project

Sunday, October 22

As a part of Children's Sabbath activities, kids in Children's Chapel will prepare hygiene kits for New Americans students, refugee and immigrant children in Kansas City Public Schools. Godly Play will meet for pre-school age children.

Exploring the Saint John's Bible

Sunday, October 29

Kids in Children's Chapel will have a special opportunity to see the Saint John's Bible up close with Catherine Green and Reverend Christy. Godly Play will meet for preschool-age children.

Questions?

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



Fall Saints Festival

Sunday, October 22 ✦ 11:45 a.m.

Come to church dressed as your favorite Saint (or another costume) and stay after the 10:15 a.m. service for a potluck lunch. The Cathedral will provide hot dogs, brats and vegetarian dogs; please bring a side dish to share. Activities will include a bounce house and pumpkin decorating!



Monthly Lunch Bunch

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

the date is Wednesday, October 4 at Fusion Buffet, 4039 Mill Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Let Jim Robertson know you are coming, jashrob@aol.com or 816.569.5549, or just show up. Invite friends.



Episcopal & Friends LGBT Sunday, October 1

This gathering will be held at the Cathedral in Founders' Hall, Sunday, October 1 at 6 p.m. As always, there is no agenda other than fun, food and fellowship. All are welcome. Respond to Brian Cowley at lgbt@kccathedral.org or 816.569.5549.

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

August/September Flowers, to the Glory of God...



August 6

- in memory of James Stadler—Douglas & Cecelia McNair
- in thanksgiving for Margo Carlson VanSlyke—Robert & Linda Carlson
- in thanksgiving—Anne & Richard Morse

August 13

- in thanksgiving for the Hoffman Family; Larry, Lisa & August—Ruth Finet
- in memory of Rosemary Dondo—the Gitta family

August 20

- in loving memory of our grandson Max—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for our many blessings—the Gitta family

August 27

- in thanksgiving for my mother, Joanne Repass Jones —Janet Sweeting
- with prayers that hatred and greed do not eclipse your love for people—the Gitta family

September 3

- with prayers for those affected by hurricane Harvey—the Gitta family

September 10

- to the glory of god—Lana Batiste
- in thanksgiving for god's great love for the world—the Gitta family

September 17

- in honor of Phyllis and Alan's 70th Wedding Anniversary September 20— The Ryder Family, Edwin and Kimmie Lou

September 24

- in celebration of our 35th wedding anniversary—Anne & Richard Morse
- in loving memory of Floyd Bressman and Pearl Shafer—Gary & Sandy Bressman



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!

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Open

House

October 6

5:30–8:30 p.m. † Courtyard/
Nave

The Cathedral will be opening its doors to the Crossroads community to take in its Tiffany stained glass windows, richly illuminated Saint John's Bible and other treasures. Outside in the Courtyard, come out for the music of Beau Bledsoe and complimentary finger food. Plenty of free parking at the Cathedral makes this the perfect start to your First Friday experience.



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Communications Update

You may have noticed some changes in recent months to the Cathedral's "look." We are in the process of updating all the brochures, newsletters and other Cathedral documents for a more cohesive feel. So far we have a new working logo, slightly different Sunday bulletins, we added a monthly event flyer and have updated the informational brochures. In the coming months, we will be redesigning (and repurposing) *The Angelus*, and the Cathedral website will be getting a facelift as well.



Some thoughts about the Cathedral's new logo

"What is a window metaphorically? A window is a spiritual entrance through which your soul can travel. If

you choose to let it go, your soul can break the glass boundaries created by the window and travel into the greater world; soaking in the sounds, the smells, the sights. A window is a portal; allowing your thoughts to roam around freely."

~Excerpt from needtoreadblog.wordpress.com

The above paragraph is just one example of the spiritual response a stained-glass window can evoke in a person. Standing in front of such holy works of art, dappled with color-drenched sun streaming over you can be a truly

Melissa Scheffler

Communications Coordinator

moving experience. With all the gorgeous stained-glass the Cathedral has to offer, using a stained-glass window as the symbol for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral seemed highly appropriate.

Changes to *The Angelus*

For the rest of 2017, there will be a combined November/December issue. Beginning in 2018, *The Angelus* will be moving to a quarterly publication schedule. In addition to the cosmetic changes, we will also be refocusing the emphasis of the publication to more stories, fewer ads/event notices. The monthly event flyers and weekly emails provide excellent vehicles for communicating upcoming events and announcements. We are very excited to shift the focus of *The Angelus* to that of storytelling. Think more magazine, less newsletter.

A new way to communicate

A new texting service, TextCaster, is now available for your convenience. Once you sign up and choose your groups, you will receive text alerts pertaining to those groups. This is just another way for the Cathedral to keep you apprised of news you need to know. Visit <https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2747> to subscribe.

We really appreciate your patience as we go through this redesign process. Please remember that all of this is a work in progress and please don't hesitate to ask questions, communications@kccathedral.org.