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A Contemplative Season

There is something about this time of year that makes me literally giddy, which I actually find kind of strange, because I am not a big fan of winter and the cold that comes with it. But for some reason, the sights and smells of autumn just make me feel right at home.

I've also found that this time of year tends to make me feel very introspective. Maybe it's because the busyness of summer and all the activities that go along with it tend to slow down a bit. Whatever the reason, now is the perfect time to take stock and do a little soul searching.

This is exactly what will be happening around the Cathedral as well, as we enter this season of all things pumpkin spice. Cathedral Conversations are taking place in many congregation members' homes, as the people in

this place seek to determine exactly who you are and what is important to the members of the Cathedral. This important work will help further the process of calling a new dean. You can read more about that process on page 9 in "The Interim Time" article.

Dean Evelyn discusses "Our Journey Together" on page 4, as she talks about some of the activities going on at the Cathedral. More detail on those activities can also be found on pages 10–11 in the "Autumn at the Cathedral" graphic.

There are some quotes from participants in the Cathedral Qigong and Tai Chi class, led by Karen Kissinger, on page 5, "Upcoming Music Events" are listed on page 8 and information about the Adult Formation classes can be found on pages 12–13.

All the wonderful things being done by the Cathedral's Social Outreach are listed on pages 14–15 and a preview of the Cathedral's Christmas services is located on page 16.

Finally, all the "Other Things" you need to know about are listed on pages 18–19.

Take a moment to check out all the things being offered at the Cathedral this autumn. And make sure to spend a little time offering your input at the Cathedral Conversations. Every voice is important, so be sure to lend yours to the conversation.

Melissa

—Melissa Scheffler



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On the cover: A tree in the Cathedral's courtyard, with its leaves just beginning to turn. *Photo by Melissa Scheffler.*

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Our Journey Together

I love the fall! The crisp air that refreshes my soul and whisks away the heat and stagnant ennui of the summer often makes me wish October could just stay around forever. The lingering smell of a wood fire, the cheers for a favorite football team, the new-found delight in cuddling up in an oversized turtleneck sweater—what could be better than that? Not much, except for the warmth and care of you, the people of this Cathedral, my sisters and brothers on the journey to God's Kingdom. To be able to serve God in this place as your Interim Dean is a privilege that I do not take lightly, nor do I take it for granted. You have welcomed me into your lives and ministry, and I hope you believe I have welcomed you into mine. And I am ever so grateful for all that you are and all that you do for the sake of Christ's claim on us.

This fall you'll have a chance to love, laugh and learn through the ways we spend our time together. Our children and youth can continue to grow in grace and compassion through their time with Julie Brogno, Linda Martin, Paul Meier, Curtis Hamilton and Alexandra Connors. What extraordinary gifts these wise leaders have to share with our children and youth. We've seen and heard the fruits of those gifts weekly as they sing, lead and proclaim their understanding of God's love. Even our youngest ones dash off to Children's Chapel behind their cross which one of them proudly carries each week. These opportunities continue to abound this fall—watch for the signs.

The older youth (meaning you and me!) will continue journeying into lives of wisdom and grace with not one, but two Adult Forums each

Sunday! Deacon Jerry Grabher, Canon Christy Dorn and Dr. Bob Johnson are leading classes that you've asked for—spirituality that affects the heart and mind, and getting in touch with the Bible in an engaging way. The Women's Bible Study Class continues to meet weekly for an enlivening and enriching time of study and sharing. There are two book clubs that gather periodically for discussion.

Music has always been part of our identity as an Episcopal Cathedral. And so it continues with Paul Meier and the choir program he inherited and is building on. Three choirs, plus Linda Martin's children choir, all sing regularly in worship, and our prayers are richer for their gifts that "make a joyful noise."

Elsewhere you can read about this time of transition following the retirement of Dean Peter DeVeau and the calling of a new Dean. Things don't stop during these times, and they are not doing so here. The Vestry and staff are not only committed to the future and what it may hold for us all, but are intent upon making sure that the present is rich and healthy as befits a congregation that understands itself to be true disciples of Christ.

Finally, a word about our worship: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral has always been known for its warmth and welcoming expressions of caring for friends and family alike who have found their way to this place to pray, hear the Word and share the Feast. However, we are often unaware of the profound impact our worship has on strangers, even as we understand how much we are drawn closer to God and each other by being together.

"It was easy to be with God in this place where such care was being taken with the sacraments and the Word."

Recent visitors from another cathedral with a wide reputation for holiness in worship remarked that they not only felt welcomed, included and wanted on the day they visited, they also found the service to be God-centered and sacred. "It was easy to be with God in this place where such care was being taken with the sacraments and the Word." There are no dearer words to be said. Ponder them in your hearts.

So, here we are, fall is upon us. We will have classes, rehearsals, meetings, pastoral visits, weddings, baptisms, the ordination of Marco Serrano, perhaps a funeral (but oh, I hope not!). We will gather as the children of God that we are, to be together in our humanity and in our holiness to keep seeking the mind of Christ, the will of God and all things that point us towards the Kingdom. Together our journey is made easier, because there are others who are going with us. Others who share the Holy Feast and who are strengthened by it for the work we're called to do.

See you in church!

—Evelyn Hornaday



Youth Activities

Trinity Teens Youth Group **Wednesdays • 7 p.m. • Haden Hall Youth Room**

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join in Wednesday night youth group!

Each youth group meeting includes a shared meal, fellowship, program, and worship. This fall semester's program is centered on establishing a firm understanding of Episcopal beliefs before exploring the beliefs of other Christian denominations.

If you are looking for a way to get involved with the Youth Ministry program, email Alexandra about volunteering to provide a weekly meal.

Network Corn Maze + Lock-In **October 19-20 • Liberty Corn Maze, Lock-In at Good Shepherd**

Network friends gather together for a night of fall fun at the Liberty Corn Maze. A night of movies, games, and

fun follows at Good Shepherd. Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome. Please register online, www.youthformstack.com/forms/cornmaze.

Diocesan Youth Gathering **November 2-4 • Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield, MO**

The annual Diocesan Youth Gathering is an opportunity to gather with youth from across the Diocese in fellowship. This year's theme focuses on the scripture, "God saw everything He had made, and indeed it was very good." Come join this event to learn how good life can be when God brings it all together! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend this event.

DYG also features Bishop's Ball on Saturday evening, where we celebrate achievements and joys from the youth ministry year! All are welcome to attend the Bishop's Ball to join in the celebrations! Please register online.

Stay Up to Date!

To receive weekly youth ministry emails email youthformation@kccathedral.org to join the list.

Follow the Trinity Teens on Instagram!

@trinityteens
#ghtctrinityteens

—Alexandra Connors



A weekly Qigong and Tai Chi class meets at the Cathedral Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.

Following are some quotes from participants, who were asked what they get out of the class.

"Taking this class, I have gained a greater balance, both mentally and physically."

"I have a slightly decrepit back and my neurosurgeon said I have an impressive amount of arthritis. I told him what I was doing with Pilates and Qigong and Tai Chi, and he said 'that's exactly what you ought to be doing.' It diminishes any pain and distracts me from problems and makes me feel more healthy and capable."

"I have a greater sense of balance and I have noticed this in my everyday life. It's really, for me it's really special, thank you."

"I think the big thing that I've gotten out of this class is a connection between this world and the divine.

A lot of times we go through our daily routine and we're so focused on what's happening in this world that we forget to bring in the divine."

"I just want to say that I enjoy the gathering. I have friends and I feel better when I leave here. I have arthritis, which is getting worse with my age, but the exercise is really, really helping it."

"I live downtown and ended up here because it was nearby and someone told me about it, but it makes me really appreciate Grace and Holy Trinity as a member of the community and offering something that improves everyone's lives."



Children's Fall Activities

Fall Saints Festival **Sunday, October 28** **Following the 10:15 a.m. service**

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 regular hot dogs and vegetarian dogs; please bring a side dish to share. Activities will include a bounce house and pumpkin decorating!

Sundays in Advent

Children in Chapel and Godly Play will use an Advent wreath to get ready for the birth of Jesus. Chapel lessons will follow the lectionary readings. In Godly Play, the children will hear stories that relate to the candles on the Advent wreath and point towards Bethlehem.

Advent Prayer Chains **Sunday, December 9**

Remember loved ones by constructing paper chains of prayer to decorate the Christmas tree in Founders' Hall. Take a strip of paper (available in the Nave and in Founders' Hall) to write your name, the name of a loved one, or anyone you'd like to remember in prayer, and place the strips in the provided baskets. Then, help us assemble the strips into chains during coffee hour. The Christmas tree draped in prayer chains will be a reminder of the love that connects us together.

One & Only Pageant Rehearsal **Sunday, December 16** **11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.**

Children are encouraged to come to the One & Only Rehearsal—it helps to have people who know what's happening! Meet in the back of the Nave immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Don't worry about missing coffee hour—we'll have snacks for those who participate.

Christmas Eve Pageant & Eucharist **Monday, December 24 • 5 p.m.**

All children are welcome to participate in the pageant. There are no lines to learn and simple costumes will be provided. Children who want to participate should meet in the Common Room at 4:30 p.m.

On the Bookshelf

Have you ever taken a moment to look at the books on the shelf at the back of the Nave? The Cathedral is fortunate to own many excellent children's books, and I enjoy finding new books to share with our children. I rotate the books every couple of weeks and try to align the selections with the season or theme in the lectionary readings. If you need a gift for a child's birthday, baptism, or another occasion, consider getting ideas from the Nave bookshelf. Some titles may be purchased in the Cathedral Bookstore.

A great gift for a young person who likes graphic novels is *The Action Bible*. This book of the major stories of the Bible is illustrated by Marvel/DC Comics artist Sergio Cariello, and has quickly become a favorite of the older elementary kids at the Cathedral. Many of these kids have even asked their parents to buy them a copy of their own! I recently purchased a set of *The NIV Action Study Bible* to use with our third–fifth graders in Children's Chapel. These study Bibles include some illustrations, along with background information and short devotions. Let me know if you'd like to look at a copy.

These books that will be on the Nave bookshelf in the next few months:

- *Water, Come Down!* a beautifully illustrated book about elements of nature rejoicing at a child's baptism.
- *The Perfect Thanksgiving*, a book about what really matters at the holidays—the love families share.
- *The Christmas Truce*, *Christmas Day in the Morning*, and *Home by Another Way*, the interesting stories in these picture books will appeal to elementary-aged children.

Are you interested in helping with this ministry? Volunteers are needed to organize our book collection and rotate the book selections. Or perhaps you'd like to make a donation towards purchasing additional children's books? Contact me at childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

—Julie Brogno



A New Season

GHTC Children's Choir began a new season with a choir room full of bright, smiling faces on Sunday, September 9. Mrs. Martin, along with Caroline and Ryan Bennett, introduced some new vocal warm ups and began to prepare music that the children will sing in worship in a

few weeks. The children were quite excited about the new carpet in the rehearsal room where they also experienced the wonderful sounds of beautiful xylophones. In addition to learning anthems that correlate with the themes in worship, the singers continue to learn parts of the sung

liturgy so they can participate as part of the congregation.

Please contact me if you would like more information, lmartin@kccathedral.org.

—Linda Martin





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.



Upcoming Music Events

**Friends of Chamber Music presents
Vox Luminis
Thursday, October 18 • 7:30 p.m.**

This Belgian early music ensemble, created in 2004 by Artistic Director Lionel Meunier, returns to Kansas City to present a program of five motets by Johann Sebastian Bach. For tickets or further information, please visit chambermusic.org.

**Choral Evensong featuring The
Trinity Choir
Sunday, October 21 • 5 p.m.**

**Musica Vocale
Sunday, October 28 • 2 p.m.**

Musica Vocale, conducted by Arnold Epley, offers a concert of music in praise of inspirational women, focusing specifically upon ceremonial music of Henry Purcell and Benjamin Britten as well as works by Hildegard von Bingen, Giles Swayne, William Matthias and William Byrd. For tickets or further information, please visit musicavocale.org.

**Choral Evensong at Grace
Cathedral, Topeka
Sunday, November 4 • 4 p.m.**

The Trinity Choir travels to Topeka to join with The Cathedral Choir of Grace Cathedral to present a service of Evensong featuring *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen.
Grace Cathedral
701 SW 8th St.
Topeka, KS 66603

**Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Sunday, November 11 • 10:15 a.m.**

The St. Andrew Pipes and Drums join us for the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans service. 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.



**Choral Evensong featuring The
Trinity Choir
Sunday, November 18 • 5 p.m.**

**The Paul Mesner Puppets presents
The Nativity
Friday, November 30 • 10 a.m. &
7 p.m.
Saturday, December 1 • 2 & 5 p.m.
Sunday, December 2 • 2 p.m.**

A cast of forty puppeteers tell the beloved story with larger-than-life biblical characters and musical accompaniment. For tickets, please visit mesnerpuppets.org.

**Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 2 • 5 p.m.**

The choirs of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Join us as we prepare for Christmas with this uniquely beautiful Anglican liturgy of hymns, readings, anthems and carols.

**Bach Home for the Holidays
Tuesday, December 4 • 7:30 p.m.**

The Kansas City Chamber Orchestra and Musica Vocale present *Bach Home for the Holidays* featuring Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. For tickets or further information, please visit kcchamberorchestra.org.

**William Jewell College presents The
City Come Again
Monday, December 10 • 11:30 a.m.**

William Jewell College's gift to the city in words and music, features the college's Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler.

**Messiah Singalong
Saturday, December 15 • 4 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to join the chorus and sing for this annual presentation of Handel's most celebrated work. Bring your own score, or purchase one here, and join conductor Dr. Paul Meier, professional soloists and members of the Kansas City Baroque Consortium in what is sure to be a memorable event. Admission is free.

**Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral
Sunday, December 16 • 2 p.m.**

The William Baker Festival Singers present *Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral*, a program featuring beloved traditional carols and timeless classics for organ and choir. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit festivalsingers.org/concerts.

The Interim Time

What does it mean for the Cathedral to be in the “Interim Time?” Why aren’t we doing anything the way we did before? Why is the Bishop involved in what we do about the search for a new dean? What are these conversations the Vestry is planning? Why should I want to participate? Good questions, all, and there are many more.

The Interim Time has several overarching purposes, but primarily it is a time for a congregation to review who it is and what its mission is, in this case as a cathedral. It is a time to recall its history of ministries and of people, both lay and clergy, in order to recognize and acknowledge how we have changed, or if we have. It’s a time to evaluate our ministries, programs and worship practices to be sure they reflect the vision and mission we say we have. It is a time to try some new ideas and programs to see how they fit with who we think we are—or to not take on any new major challenges without the leadership of the new dean, who may have visions, experiences and ideas that will join with ours.

What the Interim Time doesn’t mean is standing still and doing nothing, figuring “things are going to change with the new dean anyway, so why bother?” So, the Vestry, the interim dean and the rest of the staff are intentionally keeping life at GHTC on course with much of our common life and ministries, while at the same time looking to think and plan for new ways of understanding ourselves in such a complex world. And all of this has to be done prior to the calling of

the priest who will come to lead us into the future.

Why, you ask? In very simple terms: so that we can be absolutely ready for new leadership to come and lead us without having to “fix” problems we already know we have. It is a time to be sure our systems and structures are good, to be sure our ministries are appropriate for our mission, to be sure our worship reflects both who we are as Episcopalians and is inviting to those outside our walls.

There are other things our leadership works hard to manage, but the most important thing for us to do right now is to believe in ourselves, trust our leadership to know what they’re doing and then prayerfully wait for the new leader God has in mind for us.

In the meantime, when it’s time to sign up for a Cathedral Conversation

Believe that, as Julian of Norwich said, “All will be well, all manner of things will be well.”

to talk about the Cathedral, do so with joy. When you learn about the various programs and events here, attend with enthusiasm. When asked by one of our leaders, “What did you think about such-and-such?” ... tell them. Offer hopeful faces, hearts and lips. Come and worship weekly, if possible. Pray daily—for God’s will in our life in all things, especially in the calling of the new dean. And believe that, as Julian of Norwich said, “All will be well, all manner of things will be well.”



Photo courtesy of Peter DeVeau.

AUTUMN at the

Café Grazia

October 10 & November 14
6–8:30 p.m.

Join us for a community meal from 6–7, followed by your choice of activity from 7–8:30.

Reel People—Watch a movie and then participate in a lively discussion.

Cathedral Chapters—Read a book and break it down together.

Grace Notes—Make a joyful noise as we sing our favorite hymns.

Childcare will be available, if requested, but please contact childrensformation@kccathedral.org by 5 p.m. the Monday before with the number and age(s) of your child(ren) so we can plan appropriate activities.

Music

September–November

Tallis Singers—Youth Choir, rehearses Wednesdays 6–7 p.m.

Trinity Choir—Adult Choir, rehearses Thursdays 7–9 p.m.

Trinity Handbells—Handbell Ensemble, rehearses Thursdays 6–7 p.m.

Evensong—October 21 & November 18 at 5 p.m.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan—November 11. The sounds of bagpipes and drums and the colorful plaids of Scotland adorn the Cathedral for the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

Fall Saints Festival

October 28,
11:30 a.m.

Children's Choir

September–November

Sundays, beginning September 9, 9:15 a.m.

Haden Hall Blue Door Room

Contact Linda Martin, lmartin@kccathedral.org, to enroll your K–5th grade student. Please include the age(s) and grade(s) of your child(ren).

Children and Youth

September–November

Children's Chapel & Godly Play—Sundays, Children process to Haden Hall after the Collect and return to the Nave at the Peace.

Youth Group—Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m., Haden Hall Youth Room

Diocesan Youth Gathering—November 2–4

For more info about youth events, contact Alexandra Connors, youthformation@kccathedral.org. For info on our children's programs, contact Julie Brogno, childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

LGBT+ Gatherings

First Sunday of the Month,
6 p.m.

Contact lgbt@kccathedral.org for details.

Adult

September

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Qigong & Tai Chi Classes

Thursdays, 12:45 p.m.
Common Room

Social Outreach Opportunities October–November

NourishKC—Serving during the week and prepping food on Saturdays.

St. Paul's KCK Pantry—Serving every Saturday and/or breakfast every third Saturday of the month.

St. Mary's Kitchen—Preparing lunch every other month. Bringing donations of holiday food.

Sheffield Place—Preparing/serving dinner October 20.

BackSnacks—Preparing/delivering bags weekly and family bag packing Sunday, November 18 for Thanksgiving and Sunday, December 16 for Christmas.

Contact Terri Curran, tcurra2@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Formation

October–November

Adult Forums

9 a.m.

October 9–November 4

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi, led by the Rev. Jerry Grabher, held in the Haden Hall Purple Room.

Engaging the Word: A Lectionary-Based Bible Study, led by the Rev. Canon Christy Dorn and Dr. Bob Johnson, held in the Common Room.

October 11–18

The Joy of Giving: Growing Our Spiritual Gifts with Money, led by the Very Rev. Evelyn Hornaday, held in the Common Room.

October 10–November 26, 7:15–8:30 p.m.

Walking Across Traditions, led by the Rev. Jerry Grabher, held in the Haden Hall

Bible Study

7:30–1:30 p.m.

During each session members of the group read a portion of the current selected book or study guide and share where the spirit takes them. Discussions are lively, thoughtful and often irreverent. All are welcome.

The Way Wednesdays, beginning October 10, 6–8 p.m.

The Way features a home-cooked meal, conversation and Bible study and is a community for people just beginning the journey of faith as well as those looking to strengthen their faith. All are warmly invited.

Blessing of the Animals

October 7, 4 p.m.

Treasure Tours September–November

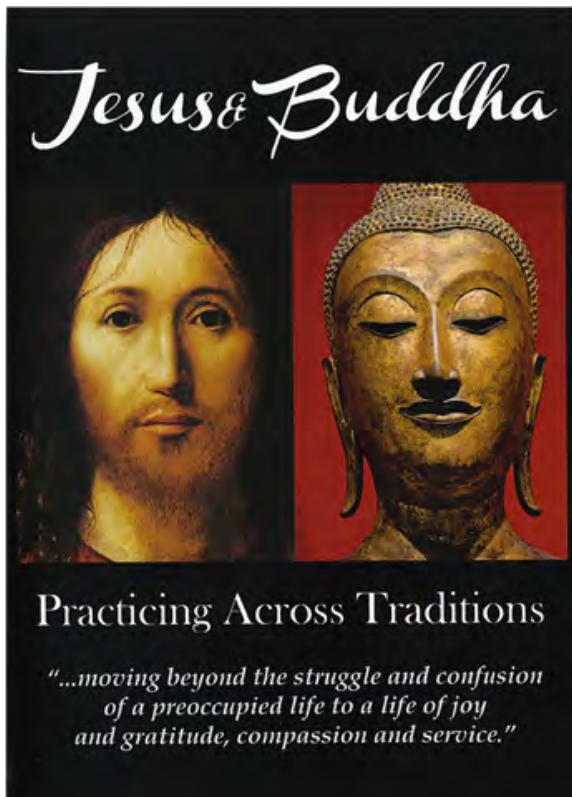
Meet in the back of the Nave following the 10:15 a.m. service.

October 14—Pipe Organ/Choir Loft
November 4—Pulpit/Baptismal Font

For details,
visit cathedral.org.



Jesus & Buddha and Short Stories by Jesus



“... moving beyond the struggle and confusion of a preoccupied life to a life of joy and gratitude, compassion and service.”

Adult Forum: *Short Stories by Jesus*

Sundays, September 9–November 4
9:15–10:10 a.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room

With Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences.

In her work on the parables, author Amy-jill Levine tries to imagine what these short stories would have sounded like to people who had no idea that one would be recognized as divine, or even that he would be crucified. How would these people have heard the words of this Jewish storyteller?

“The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi”

Jesus & Buddha: Practicing Across Traditions

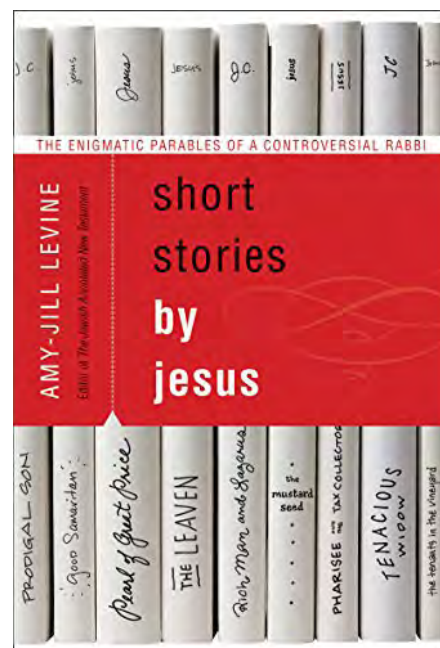
Mondays,
September 10–November 26
7:15–8:30 p.m. • Haden Hall Purple Door Room

With Chung Hymn Kyung; Fr. Robert Kennedy, SJ; Dr. James Finley and Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

The Four Noble Truths are the distilled essence of Buddhist teaching. The Wisdom found in these Truths are closely related to the wisdom found in the teachings of Jesus.

Please contact Jerry Grabher for more information, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816.590.6205.

—Jerry Grabher



Abiding Prayer

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

John 15:4

Other Classes



Adult Forum: *Engaging the Word: A Lectionary-Based Bible Study*

*Sundays, September 9–November 4
9:15–10:10 a.m. • Common Room*

During the Adult Forum time (9:15–10 a.m.), we will engage our Sunday morning biblical texts more deeply, reinforcing and expanding God's word. We will explore what the Scriptures meant for their original audience and what they mean for us today. All are welcome.

Engaging the Word will be co-facilitated by Canon Christy Dorn and Cathedral member Bob Johnson, provost and dean of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas. We will meet in the Common Room.

Women's Bible Study: *The Social Justice Bible Challenge and Luke for Everyone*

*Tuesdays
12:30–1:30 p.m. • Common Room*

Women's Bible Study meets for an hour or so on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Common Room. At the beginning of each session, members of the group read a passage from the current selected book or study guide and then see where the spirit takes them. Discussions are lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. If you have

Adult Forum: *The Joy of Giving: Growing Our Spiritual Gifts with Money*

*Sundays, November 11–18
9:15–10:10 a.m. • Common Room*

November's the time when we begin to think about the holidays in earnest—Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's—wonderful home-cooked food, joyous gathering of family and friends, delighted exchange of gifts, and more importantly, being with those we love and care about most. When it's all said and done, what else is there? What's left to say? A lot ... mostly "Thank you" and "I really care about you" and "I'm so glad you're who you are in my life."

The same things we say and believe about the importance of the holidays-to-come can be said about our relationship and commitment to God and to our

the inclination, but not the book—come anyway and someone will share!

The group expects to complete its study of *The Social Justice Bible Challenge*, published by Forward Movement, sometime in the early fall. We have decided to begin studying the Gospel of Luke beginning in Advent. We will use *Luke for Everyone* by Tom Wright. Wright is a retired Anglican bishop and the author of over seventy books about theology and Christian Life. At the end of Advent, our group will decide whether to continue with the study of Luke or to move on to something else. Ken Stewart will order copies of the book and they should be available in the



beloved Cathedral. Come together on Sundays, November 11 and 18 at 9:15 a.m. to talk about gratitude and generosity and love, as we know it in our common life at GHCT. We'll tell stories about our love for each other, about what the Cathedral stands for in our community and in our personal lives ... and how that love shows itself in the way in which we give our money to further the Gospel imperative to "go into the world and make disciples of all." This will be a class designed to lead us gratefully and graciously into the holiday time of giving and receiving. We'll discover that our generosity has no bounds, when we have an open relationship with Christ that is built on the foundation of gratitude for all that we are and all that we have.

Bookstore well before we need them at the beginning of Advent.

Between the conclusion of our social justice study and the beginning of our study of Luke we will discuss selected commentaries authored by The Reverend Wilda Gafney, Ph.D. Gafney is an Episcopal priest and Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Dallas. She is the author of many books, articles, and commentaries. Selections for our discussions will be made by Kathy Jennings and Marian Philip from commentaries available online.

—Candy McDowell



Volunteer Recognition

Social Outreach wants to recognize Joan Bergstrom as the outstanding volunteer for the fall. Joan is an active member of the Y.A.R.N. group, that knits prayer shawls for St. Luke's Hospice, caps and scarves for New American Students, and caps for newborn babies at the Global Birthing Center in Haiti. She is a healing minister and lector at the 8 a.m. service and has volunteered in the office, helping the staff with administrative duties. Joan initiated and organized bringing treats for the 8 a.m. service hospitality time. She feels connecting with others is one of the joys of attending worship service. Joan has been part of The Way and is a Stephen Minister. She is a member of the Funeral Hospitality Committee, Newcomers Committee and the Social Justice Committee.

Joan also gives her time volunteering at several of the Outreach events. Recently she helped repackage diapers at HappyBottoms for distribution. Joan has been very supportive and active in her participation of the Outreach Program at Crittenton's Children Center, a mental health care provider for children and adolescents. She



Joan Bergstrom

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



Dinner at Sheffield Place

October 20 • 5 p.m.

Outreach Ministry will be providing dinner for the women and children of Sheffield Place on Saturday, October 20 at 6604 E. 12th Street from 5–7 p.m. To be part of this volunteer opportunity, please contact Terri Curran at tcurra2@yahoo.com. Sheffield Place has assisted more than 1,000 families in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Empowering the families to heal from the severe, chronic and continuous trauma they have experienced is the first step in the process of self-sufficiency.

has helped plan and participates in the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Cathedral each December. This includes organizing the treat bag assembly for all the residential children at the Women of Grace Christmas Luncheon, as well as helping with the food,



Women of Grace Christmas Luncheon

December 8 • 10:30 a.m.

Women of Grace Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 8 from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Haden Hall. Before having lunch, attendees will be assembling treat bags for the Residential Christmas Party at Crittenton and children in foster care, as well as treat bags for BackSnack students. Come be a part of this great service opportunity and enjoy fellowship during lunch. Watch for more information to come.

decoration and activities at the party. This semester Joan is teaching a class at Longview College. Please congratulate Joan Bergstrom on her wonderful service to this Cathedral and the community.

—Terri Curran



NourishKC Dining for Dignity Gala

October 25 • 6:30 p.m. • PlexPod Westport Commons

Dining For Dignity is a number of things—happy hour, dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment and NourishKC's biggest fundraiser of the year. Learn more and buy tickets at nourishkc.org.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Holiday Food for St. Mary's Pantry

November & December 2018

With the holidays just around the corner, let's make sure those less fortunate have plenty of food. During the months of November and December, please remember to bring food for St. Mary's pantry that will make someone's holiday dinner a little more special. Please include stuffing mixes, boxed mashed potatoes, cake and brownie mixes, canned meats and soups, and, of course, canned fruits and vegetables.

Holiday Family Bags for BackSnack Children

November 18 & December 16 • 9 a.m. • Haden Hall



All are encouraged to help pack family bags for BackSnack children during the holidays. Family bags contain additional food for families over the holidays to supplement either their holiday meal or meals when the children are on their school vacation. Thanksgiving Family Bags will be packed Sunday, November 18 and Christmas Family Bags will be packed Sunday, December 16. Packing will take place in Haden Hall between services. Please consider being part of this holiday tradition.



KCKK Dinner and Free Store Volunteers Needed

December 22

Volunteers are needed for the Kansas City Community Kitchen Christmas Dinner and Free Store held at the Cathedral on Saturday, December 22. Volunteer at nourishkc.org under the Get Involved tab. There are many shifts and children are welcome!



Stocking Stuffers for Crittenton Children's Center

November & December 2018

This year Outreach will be collecting items for stocking stuffers for the teens in the residential program at Crittenton Children's Center. Some of the suggested items include: small stuffed animals, decks of cards or card games (Uno, Skipbo, etc.), gel pens, journals (not wire bound), coloring books (for teens), chap stick/lip gloss, fun socks and gloves (for females and males), and water bottles. Please remember these teens as you are doing your holiday shopping.



Help with BackSnacks

Every other Wednesday

Outreach at the Cathedral will continue to provide BackSnacks to five schools in three different school districts for children who are food insecure over the weekends. Volunteers are always needed to help pack or help deliver to the schools. Packing back snacks takes place every other Wednesday morning. Drivers are needed every Wednesday or Thursday to deliver to the schools during school hours for children over the weekend. If you cannot commit to a regular schedule, substitute drivers are needed for holiday deliveries or vacation schedules. Contact Terri Curran at tcurra2@yahoo.com.

Christmas Services

Sunday, December 23—Advent 4

8 a.m. • Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. • Holy Eucharist

5 p.m. • Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5 p.m. • Pageant & Eucharist

Our children tell the Christmas story through their annual pageant.
Nursery care provided for children three and younger.

10 p.m. • Prelude & Feast of the Nativity

Our choral celebration on Christmas Eve begins with music and carols, with the liturgy following.
Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. • The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning in a celebration of Holy Eucharist
with carols and organ music. A festive reception follows the service.

Sunday, December 30—Christmas 1

10:15 a.m. • Holy Eucharist

*The Christmas offerings will be divided, with 40% going to the Cathedral
and 60% to be split between two charitable organizations, one local and one international.*

Please consider volunteering for one of the Christmas services. Many people travel during the holidays and the pool of available volunteers shrinks dramatically. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Contact Janet, jsweeting@kccathedral.org, to help.



Time for Advent & Christmas Flowers!

Now is the time to consider making a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Help make the Cathedral as stunning as in years past

by giving today. Small donations are welcome, too, every little bit helps.

Contact Janet Sweeting, 816.474.8260 ext. 144 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org.

[org](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) to donate for Advent/Christmas flowers (or regular Sunday flowers). Also contact Janet if you have any questions or go to kccathedral.org/flowers for more information.

—Janet Sweeting

Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens

July 1

- in thanksgiving for Pat's birthday—Kay Woolley
- in celebration of the time that marriage affords us—Ken Stewart
- in memory of Maria Alexandra Mauro—Sandra & Albert Mauro, her sister Rachel and her brother Albert
- prayers for Margaret C. Andrade—the Gitta family

July 8

- in thanksgiving for Celeste Finet—Ruth Finet-Rinehart
- in prayer for George Swanson—the Gitta family
- in thanksgiving for our lives together—Tom Taylor & Catherine Green
- in thanksgiving for our daughter & son in-law, Betsy & Beattie Leonard—Ron and Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving and blessing for Daniel John—Premkumar & Carolyn John

July 15

- in loving memory of our daughter, Lynn—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for our 50th wedding anniversary—Jackye & Joe Finnie

July 22

- in prayer for Jackson—the Gitta family
- in thanksgiving for Peter DeVeau—Edward Matheny

July 29

- in memory of Katrina Swanson—the Gitta & Swanson families
- in thanksgiving for Devon Sweeting—Ric & Janet Sweeting
- in memory of Mamie Jordan—the Gitta family

August 5

- in prayer for Hazel Kline—the Gitta family
- for healing candles

August 12

- in thanksgiving for the Hoffman Family; Larry, Lisa & August—Ruth Finet-Rinhart

August 19

- in loving memory of our grandson, Max—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in prayer for Kathy Williams & family—the Gitta family

August 26

- Dr R. L. Ryals & Queen Ryals—David & Sandra Alig
- in memory of Margaret Nakitto—the Gitta family

September 2

- in memory of John McCain—the Gitta family
- in celebration of Adeline Elizabeth Cowley

September 9

- in memory of Jean Nyberg—the Gitta family

September 16

- in memory of Wayne Coldsnow and Jean Nyberg—the Gitta family
- in Christ's mercy and prayer—Lana Batiste
- in celebration of the marriage of Maddy Marrs and Micah Zetocha

September 23

- in celebration of the marriage of Gabrielle Hages and Jack Grier

September 30

- in thanksgiving for Ric Sweeting—Janet & Devon Sweeting





All Saints' Sunday

November 4
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 7. 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 30. The names of all those who have died within the past year will be included in a visual display in the Nave.

Treasurer’s Report

	2018	2017
YTD		
Income	\$1,355,283	\$1,246,178
Expenses	\$1,316,120	\$1,195,913
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Net Total	\$39,163	\$50,265

Through the past summer season, the Cathedral’s pledge & plate income trailed last year’s receipts. Total income was above last year through August as funds were drawn from the endowment to pay for the cost of additional staff. These expenses were anticipated and included in the budget for this year. Expenses were close to expectations; therefore, the shortfall in pledge and plate income translated directly into a smaller surplus through the end of August.

The Cathedral generally has a surplus at the end of summer as a sizable recurring payment from a bequest is made in June every year. That surplus is needed as a cushion for the heavier expenses of the fall at the Cathedral as ministry activities resume a faster pace. Therefore, timely payment of pledges is essential to keep the Cathedral on solid financial footing. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully remember to make payments on their 2018 pledge.

—Chuck Ritter

Adventfest

December 2 • 11:30 a.m. • Founders’ Hall

Join us for an intergenerational Advent Wreath-making event on Sunday, December 2, 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 pins, 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. Sign up at coffee hour beginning November 4.

Update Your Contact Information

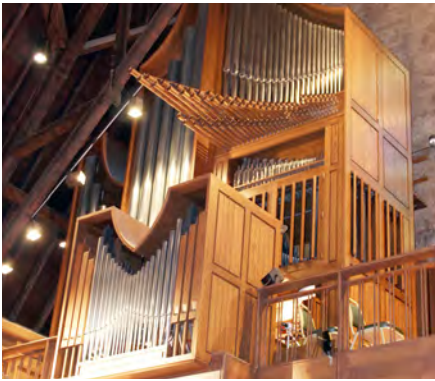
Have you updated your contact information recently? If you haven’t, now is a perfect opportunity to make sure the Cathedral has your current information.

If you need to update your information, you may do so online at secure.accessacs.com. Click on “Need a login? Click here for access.” Once you have created an account you may also access membership information through the

ChurchLife app, available for iPhone, Android or Windows phones.

If you would like to update your email address for electronic Cathedral communications, go to the Cathedral website, kccathedral.org, and find the “Subscribe to our mailing list” box, in the left sidebar. Fill out the pertinent information in that box and hit the “Subscribe” button at the bottom.

If you need help, please contact Janet Sweeting at jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260 for assistance.



Cathedral Treasure Tours

October 14 & November 4
11:30 a.m.

Join us at the back of the Nave immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service for a quick tour of some of the Cathedral's treasures. After

the tour, head to Founders' Hall for coffee hour treats—don't worry, we'll save some for you!

October 14—See the view from the choir loft and learn about our pipe organ.

November 4—Learn about the art and significance of our pulpit and baptismal font.

All creatures great and small are invited to the Community Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 7 • 4 p.m.

On Sunday, October 7, at 4 p.m., gather up Fido and Fluffy and bring them and other animal companions to the lawn at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for our annual "Community Blessing of the Animals" Service. What better place than church to celebrate the bond between pets and their humans; the church, after all, is the place where the bond between God and creation is celebrated.

The tradition of animal or pet blessings is in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all God's creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4, wrote a Canticum of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things: "All praise to you, O Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

The bond between humans and their pets runs deep. This service is for animal lovers of

all ages. We hope you and your furry, feathered and finned friends will join us for prayers, songs, and of course, blessings. For more information, or to help with planning our celebration, please contact Rev. Christy.

**Pet Treats • People
Treats • Jazz Duo
Parade of Animals •
Prayers and Blessings**

The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of West Missouri*
The Very Rev. Evelyn Hornaday, *Interim Dean*
The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*
The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *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 beginning October 10
6–8 p.m. • Founders' Hall*

Interested in the Christian faith?
Curious about Anglicanism?

Then join us for The Way, which begins Wednesday, October 10, from 6–8 p.m. 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.

