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Christ's Place is Our Place

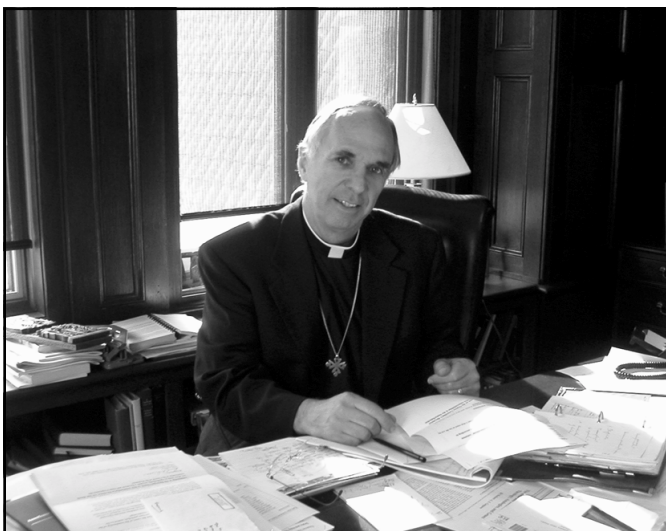
After two days with clergy of the diocese, I am more aware than ever of the chaos we Episcopalians are facing around the church. This is not a good time for us, though it is clear that many priests and lay people are now speaking out forthrightly about their convictions around the issues that embroil us. In very few places is there calm water. It is not unlike Hurricane Isabel, which is bearing down on the North Carolina coast as I write.

Several observations seem pertinent. More than ever I value being part of a church which does not have to be in agreement. We can live together and not see eye to eye on every issue. Moreover, it is acceptable to speak out and say what is on your heart and mind without worrying whether or not someone will be offended. Of course, someone will be. But to speak out will not bring the walls down around us. It may begin real dialogue, something we have not had on gender and sexual identities.

I have been receiving personal comments, e-mails, telephone calls, requests for time and letters in response to my sermon of September 7. I welcome this communication, not because it is all pleasant, but because people care enough to respond.

Never have I been more aware of our human tendency to want to talk exclusively with those who agree with us. Partly, it may be a grace not to attack someone with whom we disagree, but I suspect that is primarily a way to protect ourselves from embarrassment or maybe more importantly, discomfort. With all of the emphasis, which we hear on Jesus' loving nature, there is seldom a word about his oracles of judgment. I was interested last week to see over 30 of those in 60 synoptic passages listed in N.T. Wright's *Jesus* (pp. 183-184). Life is simply not always a loving experience. We have all had the experience of blowing off angrily

by ourselves or with someone who agrees with us substantially. Few of us have made the opportunity to sit down and be vulnerable with one with whom we disagree. And yet I encourage each of us to do that. Being Christian is not simply about being baptized and attending church. It is about finding ways to love one another even when we are upset and at odds.



For Episcopalians, historically, agreement has not been a prerequisite for prayer or fellowship. The Book of Common Prayer was, in fact, forged in the conflict of the Reformation in the sixteenth century. That book, our book, became the unifying force between those who followed Rome and those whose loyalties remained with England with the simple caveat that

both served God first and foremost and could do so together. That is our history and that can and will be our experience in this time of difficult issues. We will continue to be a church that welcomes all, that can pray and forge bonds of friendship and respect across the boundaries of shared ideas.

We need everyone in this church black and white, male and female, gay and straight, young and old. Each of us is called to a new identity in Jesus Christ. Inevitably the old one will give way to the new. We need to pray for those in need: homosexual persons, traditionalists, our bishop, and those who have no more patience for continued discussion. Each will have to find new ways of being, of understanding their place in the church, but let us never question that each of us has a place in the church.

The Very Rev. Dr. James A. Hubbard, Dean Interim

Living With Cancer

One of the most rewarding experiences I have had in ministry was the several years I met with a group of cancer survivors at my previous place of employment.

This group of predominantly breast cancer survivors had been started by two women survivors who wished to support others undergoing treatment, but the group was also open to their husbands, wives, partners, relatives, friends – anyone who emotionally supported someone with cancer.

Since we all worked at the same location, we met twice a month over lunch. And while the group would occasionally host educational sessions on various cancer-related topics, the main thrust of the group was support.

We would tell our stories, and listen as others told theirs, encouraging those undergoing treatment with our words, but even more, encouraging them with the fact that we were survivors, that cancer did not have to be the end of life.

I joined the group as a survivor, having had a close encounter of the malignant kind in one of my salivary glands a year prior to join-

ing the group. I continued meeting with them until Linda and I moved to Kansas City.

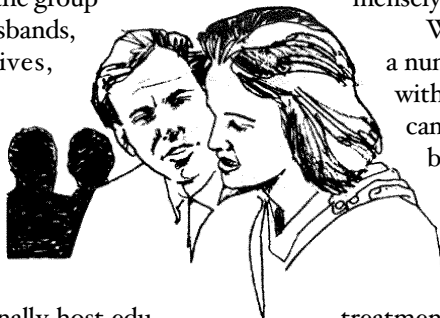
Watching people receive love and support from relative strangers as they went through some of the most traumatic periods of their lives – and then ministering to others as new survivors joined the group – was an immensely rewarding experience.

We at the Cathedral have a number of loved ones living with cancer. I say living with cancer, because once one has been diagnosed with the disease, one is never free of its specter.

Long after my surgery and radiation treatments, after ten years of being cancer free, every time I discover a swollen lymph node, or even a troublesome blemish, I wonder if my old nemesis has returned for another round. But you can live with the disease, and live well.

If you have had cancer, or have supported a loved one who did, please consider joining Linda England and me as we try to form a nurturing community for those who are currently undergoing treatment, and those who love them. Please call us at 816-252-2359.

– *The Rev. Bryan England, Deacon*



Episcopal 101

Is Episcopal 101 the class for you? Are you seeking the Sacrament of Baptism, Rites of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation? Let us help you with any clarifications needed:

- **Baptism:** you are not a baptized Christian.
- **Confirmation:** you have been baptized but have not been confirmed in either the Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran or Orthodox Church.
- **Reception:** you have been confirmed in the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, or Orthodox Church but have never been received into the Episcopal Church and wish to become a member of the Episcopal Church.
- **Reaffirmation:** you have already been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church and wish to renew your baptismal covenant.

We invite you to consider participating in Episcopal 101: Understanding Anglican Christianity. This class serves as our Catechumenate. The Catechumenate is the cathedral process for building a strong foundation for Christian faith. Even if you do not seek these Rites, and you are simply wanting to deepen your understanding of the Church, you should join us some time this year.

Episcopal 101 is an 8-week course held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 1, and lasting approximately one hour. Another 8-week session will be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m. beginning in January 11, 2004. Each group meeting will be led by one of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral's clergy or a lay educator. The Rites of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation will be celebrated at the Great Vigil of Easter on April 10, 2004.

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy or Valerie Johnson at the Cathedral office, 816-474-8260, for further information or to answer any questions you may have.

– *by Valerie Johnson, Adult Education Coordinator*

All Are Welcome at Diocesan Gathering

Come one, come all to the 1st Annual Gathering of our Diocesan Family Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at Tan-Tar-A. You do not need to be “elected” to participate; you simply need to come and join with brothers and sisters in Christ in West Missouri for this time of vision-casting, education, worship and fellowship.

The Gathering will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday with song and worship. We will then hear from our Bishop, who will speak to us of his Emmaus Era vision for our diocese. Conversation in response to the Bishop's address will take place at table groups.

Following lunch, Gathering participants will be able to choose two afternoon seminars which address key elements of our Baptismal Covenant. Topics include Holy Scripture, Church History, Theology, Liturgy and Anglican Spirituality, Ethics and Stewardship.

Gathering participants who are not delegates to the Convention will also have an

opportunity to choose from seminar offerings on Saturday morning. One of the Saturday morning worship times is being planned specifically for young people.

Friday afternoon will conclude with the Gathering Eucharist. Friday evening's banquet will be served buffet style, and participants will be able to interact during the evening with persons leading various mission and ministry activities in and beyond our diocese.

All members of the Diocese of West Missouri are invited to the Gathering. To register simply contact your parish clergy or warden. The total cost is \$65, which includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Gathering materials.

Hotel reservations must be made by individual participants who must contact Tan-Tar-A directly either by telephone at 800-826-8272 or online at www.tan-tar-a.com For online reservations our Group Code is EDWR; Group password is EDWR03. Reservation deadline is October 16th.

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Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication via fax: (816) 474-5856 or e-mail: communications@ghtc-kc.org

A Ministry Looking for People

The members of this Cathedral may at some point in the future more frequently know the Common Room as "The Library." Through a gradual process, this conversion has been taking place over the past several years.

There last was an active lending library at the Cathedral about seven years ago. Eva Becker was in charge of what some people referred to as the "Loaves and Fishes" library. After all, this limited supply of books was available to feed the mind and spirit of many.

At that time, the library was located in the space that is currently occupied by the Cathedral Book Store. Most of the books had been accumulated through donations from various members of the Cathedral. Eva did a wonderful job with limited facilities, often wheeling carts of books to Haden Hall where the coffee hours were being held. Unfortunately, failing health prevented her from continuing this ministry, and no one else picked up the mantle.

For the next several years, the books continued to be in the same location, but the library fell into limited use. Then, about three years ago we were looking for a new home for the Bookstore. With its move into the space formerly occupied by the library, the collection of books was packed up with help from several members of Men's Bible Study and moved downstairs into storage.

And a wonderfully diverse collection of books it is, ranging from theology and philosophy to church history to spirituality and even some excellent fiction. It includes more recent books such as *Toward Holy Ground* by Margaret Guenther and *A History of the Episcopal Church* by Robert Prichard. It also includes many out-of-print books.

A brief perusal of the collection revealed such texts as a 1912 biography of *The Life of John Henry Cardinal Newman*, the 1948 edition of *The Problem of Pain* by C. S. Lewis, Miller Burrows' 1956 book on *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, and a 1983 copy of *Seasons of the Spirit* by then Archbishop of Canterbury Robert A. K. Runcie. There are also a few real jewels of the collection, including an original 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* given to the church by John Pierpont Morgan.

Then, a little over a year ago, some marvelous book shelves were added to The Common Room. The library volumes were brought out of storage, damaged books were discarded unless they had some special value, and the books were put in their new home.

In the meantime, donations have continued to come in. Dan Campbell donated his entire personal library, and other members of the Cathedral have occasionally supplied books. In addition, contributions have been made to establish a children's reading section of the library dedicated to Louise Barton.

A great new location - an increasing supply of books - terrific built-in shelving. Things are really coming together. Unfortunately, we are lacking one important element - people who have a love of books and a little bit of time to dedicate to the development and maintenance of the new Cathedral Library. We are not looking for Library Science skills or proficiency in the Dewey Decimal system.

As expressed by Linda Yeager, "We're looking for someone with basic organizational skills and the desire to help with the revival of an important ministry."

If you can help, please contact her at the Cathedral office.

- by John Hornbeck



Among the treasures found in the library is a beautiful 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*.

-PHOTO BY SERGIO C. MORENO

A Great Big Rally Day Thank You!

The Chiefs may have been kicking off their first home game of the season on September 7, but the real action was right here in Founders' Hall. What an awesome Rally Day we had!

Fifty groups were represented at this festive event. Groups involved with liturgy, worship, education, church history, social outreach and small group ministries filled the hall with table displays.

Onlookers seeking new opportunities to serve at the Cathedral or who were just enjoying a refreshing look at the wonderful things happening in our parish life, had a lot to see!

This year special recognition was given to the group with the most creative display, which was voted upon by those in attendance. The vote went to the Altar Guild. The table was designed by Jan Frizzle, Betty Phillips and other Guild members - beauti-

fully done, Guild! And the prize? A basket of wonderful goodies to be delivered at the next gathering of their choice. It looks like the order has been placed for Advent season when they will be busily preparing and beautifying the Cathedral.

Scavenger Hunt participants entered their completed hunt cards into a drawing. This year's winner, drawn by Garrett Coletti, was Jill Fanolio. A \$25 shopping spree awaits her at the Cathedral Bookstore. Congratulations to Altar Guild and Jill! The Church School year has now begun with 55 children filling our classrooms and teachers with much joy and excitement.

Thanks to all who took the time to prepare displays and represent

their group on Rally Day. The beautiful table displays created an inviting atmosphere and backdrop to the lively conversations and re-acquainting after a long summer.

- by Valerie Johnson, Adult Education Coordinator



It was a great time for all - adults and children. -PHOTO BY RACHEL CHAMBERS

The Modern Echo Chamber

The problem with the information super-highway is that it has too many lanes. You can travel along in the lane of your choice, riding comfortably in your metaphorical Mercedes-Benz sports sedan completely oblivious to the gentleman three lanes to your right who is doing 25 over the metaphorical speed limit in his metaphorical beat-up Chevy Pick-Up Truck complete with metaphorical (I hope) gun rack. I discovered this last year when I started web logging.

Web logging, better known as blogging, is a relatively new phenomenon. Essentially, you get a website and post to it frequently. Entries appear in reverse chronological order, the newest always on top. Most bloggers post several times per week, some several times per day. Web logs are very individual and often personal forums on topics ranging from politics to pie recipes. Most web logs feature a side bar: a column down the left or right side of the screen that provides links to the blogger's favorite web logs by other people. Using these sidebar links, one can navigate from one web log to the next and be fairly confident of finding the successful blogs of a similar nature.

In my early blogging exploits, I discovered Rebecca's Pocket (www.rebeccablood.net), where I first heard of the modern echo chamber. Rebecca Blood, Queen of the Weblog, theorizes that: In the modern world of information, there is an overabundance of news, ideas, slogans, information, etc. Instead of all of this information leading to greater knowledge and understanding, what it does is allow people to selectively choose sources of information with which they already agree. No one

can take in the vast stream of information available on the Internet or over the airwaves, so people have to choose. Unfortunately, they are choosing poorly.

You can see one instance of this phenomenon just by visiting Amazon.com. If you have ever purchased a book or magazine on Amazon.com, you know that on your subsequent visits, you are presented with a list of books that Amazon.com thinks you will like. This is called smart advertising. Amazon.com knows what kind of book you like (based on your purchasing selections) and presents you with similar books from which to choose. The problem with this is that Amazon.com isn't selling you socks (actually,

they do sell socks: <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B0000753SD/qid=1063669864/102-4085814-8204967?v=glance&s=sporting-goods&n=507846>); they are selling you books. And books are full of information and ideas. Amazon.com is encouraging you to buy books that are alike rather than books that might challenge you.

We do this to ourselves as well. No matter what your outlook, be it social conservative, environmental activist, or sock-puppet enthusiast (<http://www.whatilove.com/sockpup.html>), there is a channel, radio station, web site, or periodical that will be happy to cater to your viewpoint without ever challenging you.

I thought I was immune to the modern echo chamber. I thought I was enlightened and willing to hear from all sides of a debate. Then I tried to find a conservative political periodical that I could read regularly. I

couldn't do it. I found them all extremely biased and one-sided, full of rhetoric and lacking in real facts. Eventually I had to accept the fact that it was I who was biased. The periodicals and news I was getting must appear just as biased to someone who doesn't see things the way I do. It's just that what I read and hear is biased in the same direction as I am, so sounds more reasonable to me.

I hope this discovery has made me a little more open-minded. We'll find out soon. The decisions made at General Convention this summer have made it crystal clear that there are very different opinions even within the small church community to which I belong. I am put in the position of having to be in community with people with whom I disagree. The temptation will be to find another echo chamber. If we split the church, either by structural means or by partisan groups within one building, we will only be creating another place where we won't have to be challenged by people with whom we disagree.

One of my favorite all-time TV shows was called Sports Night. It was about a team of people who did a late night sports show on cable television. The show (written by Aaron Sorkin who also writes the popular West Wing) was crammed full of insight, moral lessons and proverbial wisdom. No wonder it was cancelled so quickly. In one particular episode, Isaac, the executive producer and wise man of the group said, "I don't know everything, but I've learned this much: If you're dumb, surround yourself with smart people. If you're smart, surround yourself with smart people who disagree with you." God give us all the strength to get wisdom, and to love those whom we do not understand.

-by The Rev. Benjamin J. Newland, Associate Priest

*Wisdom is the
principal thing;
therefore get wisdom:
and with all
thy getting get
understanding.*
-Proverbs 4:7

Sunday, October 26 is Halloween Extravaganza!

Children and adults, attend church in costume or change after church. We will enjoy another silent movie in the Nave accompanied on the organ. Afterward, there will be goodies, games and activities in Founders' Hall and the Courtyard.

We will need donations of wrapped candies for the trick or treats to be brought to the Cathedral any day before Friday, October 24.



Adult Forum

October 5 • *Cathedral Happenings: A Post General Convention Report* - We will talk about the way a General Convention is organized and conducted. Do you understand the legislative process? How do you become a visitor at convention? What does it mean to be a part of this moving experience? The Very Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh will share with us about the 'visitor orientations' he has conducted at convention. We will hear from others who also attended convention this year.

October 19 and 26 • *Heresies in the Christian Church* - Since the earliest days of the Christian church, believers have contended with heresies. What is heresy? Why is it important? How did heresies affect the development of Christian doctrine? Dr. David Rice will lead this discussion in two sessions. Everyone is invited.

Divorce Support Team

The pain of divorce goes far beyond the act of dissolving a marriage. The labor of dividing a home, finances, assets and even families is never easy. While some divorces are amicable, others begin with deep animosity and grow to be more painful as time goes on.

Either way, divorce can leave deep scars and many people find themselves in need of a place to go for anything as simple as a friendly smile or a hug in the midst of the many expensive hours of legal assistance.

The Cathedral has started a Divorce Support Team for those in our congregation who are contemplating, going through and/or struggling with divorce. Several parishioners of varying ages and situations have agreed to serve as mentors to those who are seeking friendship and guidance at this difficult time in their lives.

Team member Sandra Stogsdill said that when she and others were organizing the team, they wanted to be able to provide what many of their own divorce experiences lacked.

"We reflected on how much it would mean to have someone who understood," Stogsdill said. "We want to be available to be a companion for a while, and to help find the good that God is doing in our lives through all of this."

Rather than meeting regularly, those who are seeking help and advice will be matched with one or two team members who have had similar experiences in their own divorces. Together they will provide the kind of help that is needed.

For further information please contact Deacon Linda at the Cathedral Office.

- by Chris Morrison

Bishop Griswold Meets With Bishops

A group of 10 Episcopal bishops from across the spectrum of views on human sexuality met with Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold in New York, September 10-11, to discuss local reaction to General Convention's decisions about the election of an openly gay bishop and the blessing of same-gender relationships.

The meeting was an attempt to explore what Bishop Griswold called "the very deep question of how we can live with disagreement, given our very divergent points of view around the issues of sexuality." In his letter of invitation, sent August 25, Bishop Griswold asked the bishops to "address together how we might find, in our current circumstances, a deeper invitation to reconciliation."

The bishops issued a brief statement following the meeting:

"The Presiding Bishop called together ten of your fellow bishops to be in a conversation about General Convention and, more particularly, about issues resulting from the consent to the election of the Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire and resolution C-051 (concerning a rite for blessing same-gender unions). Our dialogue was candid, honest and respectful as we considered the seriousness of those decisions that were reached and the possible consequences of them for the continued faithful unity of the Church. We found the discussion to be helpful to each of us personally, and we hope it is helpful to the Presiding Bishop in his continuing leadership and ministry."

The statement was signed by Bishops Keith Ackerman of Quincy, Edwin Gulick of

Kentucky, John Howe of Central Florida, Robert Ihloff of Maryland, Don Johnson of West Tennessee, John Lipscomb of Southwest Florida, Edward Little of Northern Indiana, Stacy Sauls of Lexington, Mark Sisk of New York, and GERALYN Wolf of Rhode Island.

In a September 12 letter to members of the House of Bishops, Bishop Griswold indicated, as he has in the past, the discomfort he and other bishops have felt at submitting decisions about matters related to human sexuality to a legislative process.

"Regardless of our points of view, all of us recognized the polarization that was caused by our having to make an either/or decision with no possibility of any other mode of response," he wrote. "This has clearly caused pain, confusion and disbelief in many parts of the church, and a sense of rightness in other parts."

Bishop Griswold continued, "Our meeting was very helpful to me in thinking about how we can assist our church in living through this time in faithfulness.... I left the meeting extremely grateful for the candor and grace of the participants, their deep care and affection for one another, and their commitment to the wellbeing of their dioceses, and our church. It is my sense that their spirit is representative of us all."

The bishops also decided more such gatherings are needed in anticipation of the spring meeting of the full House of Bishops.

- by The Rev. Jan Nunley,
Episcopal News Service



RUSH ON DOWN
to the
ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVE MEAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 11:30 A.M.

Remarks by Senior Warden Al Mauro regarding
The Dean Selection Process & The Strategic Plan for 2004
And back by popular demand, our three choirs!!

Child Care Available 816-474-8260 Reservations Required

Main Course & Beverages Provided
POTLUCK DESSERTS

The Great Cloud of Witnesses, A Day to Remember All Saints

"Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful."
- Psalm 149, Cantate Domino

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated this year on November 2, and although the psalm appointed for the day tells us to sing to the Lord a new song, we will be singing *Sine Nomine*, that wonderful All Saints Day hymn, and sing of the saints who are resting from their labors. And whether it is from Matthew or Luke, we will hear The Beatitudes.

A universal Christian Feast, All Saints Day honors and remembers all saints, known and unknown, called in Hebrews "the great cloud of witnesses," and reminds us we are all connected to one another, living and dead, through Christ.

In the past, the women of the Cathedral gave memorial candles for those Cathedral women who had died during the previous year. The Congregation was invited to list names of their deceased relatives and friends. This practice continues and these names are read in the Commemoration of the Dead at each of the Eucharists on this day.

On All Saints Day in 2001, our new Memorial Garden was blessed. It has matured into a beautiful space for burial of Cathedral members, former members and close family members. This is in contrast to our earlier memorial garden when the Cathedral grounds had a much different configuration.

So, friends, in gladness let us gather and sing on this wonderful feast day and remember those who have gone before us, especially those who built the foundation for this Cathedral.

- by Mary L. Byrne



Above:
The Memorial Garden
at the Cathedral, in 1928.
(Notice the incomplete tower.)

Right:
The blessing of the new
Memorial Garden,
All Saints Day 2001.



-PHOTOGRAPHS FROM
THE ARCHIVES.

All Saints' Day Remembrances

The names of our dearly departed will be remembered during Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 2. Please type or print your family members' complete Christian name to prevent misspellings and indicate at which service you would like them to be named.

☐ 8:00 a.m. ☐ 10:15 a.m. ☐ 5:00 p.m.

Return completed form to the Cathedral by Sunday, October 27.

A Poem On The Death Of A Friend's Mother

We turn
And he is there,
The shadowy stalker on our journey.
His very presence stills
The busy warp and weft of life.
The loom is quiet, and peace descends
like gentle dusk.

The weaving must suffice.
Complete though incomplete
The weaver's task is done.
The unused thread,
Golden, jet and crimson
must now be used
In other intertwinings
and complex tapestries
To reflect the continuity of other lives.

Pain there is.
But as the weaver knew and understood
The Jacob's coat of color at her loom,
So must we allow time's alchemy to
Transmute the base elements
of grief and anguish
To the golden joy of loving in our turn.
That when our tapestry is done
Loved ones will look and note and say
"What wondrous love was this?"

- Geoffrey G. Logan, 1984

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Creating a Vision for Cathedral Children

There are seven people currently in the Children's Education Committee. Many of the members have young children, one works as an educational administrator and another as a consultant. The committee is set up so that the members rotate - they can serve for one year to three years.

Fr. James created this group when he saw there was a need for a new director and wanted to focus on children's education. He asked the committee members to look at nursery through sixth grade as well as the youth group, to determine what the Cathedral's needs are as far as children's education goes and to make recommendations to him.

"The committee was formed initially last spring with the purpose and intent of creating a vision for Christian education and for identifying and providing personnel and resources to achieve that vision," Donna Knoell, chairperson of the committee, said.

At the last vestry meeting, the election of a Director of Christian Education was approved and the group plans on being very active in the search for a new director. After the election, the group will provide support for the director and the program.

"The committee will work hand-in-hand with that director," Jeff Johnson said. "They will have the vision; we will help with formulating strategy.

Curriculum concerns are also very important to the committee. The Episcopal Children's Curriculum by Morehouse that was adopted last year was due in part to Sandra Stogsdill's determination to get new materials within the program. She was in the intermediary children's coordinator position from September to February directly before the committee formed.

"They had been using curriculum that had been in the church for years, and teachers were bored with it," she said.

According to Stogsdill, this fall will be the second year of using this curriculum. The lessons rotate yearly and represent different aspects of the church. The alternating lessons are comprehensive and pictorial. The cross represents the church, the shell represents baptism and the chalice represents communion. Each child that attends school will be given a card to take home to share the lessons with his/her parents.

The committee recently sent out a survey to try to seek parishioner input as to what was desired in children's education and to identify individual talents.

Johnson, who tabulated the results, said that both groups (those with children from zero to 18 and those without) answered questions in the same way, demonstrating that we

were all on the same page as far as important topics were concerned.

"We were pleased with the return rate and would still welcome any input," Knoell said.

"The survey results indicated that respondents held a high priority on teaching our youth about prayer and spirituality as well as biblical knowledge in addition to other aspects of Christian living."

Other committee members were pleased by this outcome; however, they also found interesting results in the survey.

"It was surprising that nobody was greatly in favor or in disfavor of any of the topics," Brenda Colburn said.

"I might have expected a little more interest in social justice," Stogsdill said. "I was pleased that prayer and spirituality were the top ranked items."

As far as the future is concerned, Colburn would like to see the committee be more of a resource for the teachers, be a source of information for parents through possible means such as a newsletter, assist with Louise Barton's wish to have a children's library built and continue to provide additional youth activities.

The committee urges you to contact Fr. James or Donna Knoell if you have any comments or needs you would like to see addressed.

- by Erin Myers



Donna Knoell chairs the Children's Christian Education Committee.

-PHOTO BY SERGIO C. MORENO



Fr. James and Jeff Johnson during a recent meeting of the committee.

-PHOTO BY SERGIO C. MORENO

Directory Update

Famous Boy Singer Learned to Sing in Church Choir



Paul Paddon, born in late January 1889, came to Kansas City to live with his maiden aunt, Miss Anna Paddon, after the death of his mother.

His aunt had little to give him but a home and love. She enrolled him in the boys choir at Grace Church.

He was gifted with a pleasant voice and a gentle manner. Soon, he was in demand as a soloist and was featured at many events held in private homes

throughout the city. Large cars would call for him and he received many gifts from his admirers.

Paul continued to sing in the church choir until he was thirteen years old when he became employed by a funeral home with a chance to learn the funeral business. He, and later his family, continued to sing at small gatherings throughout the city.

Paul Paddon was the grandfather of Paula Paddon who still lives in Kansas City and provided this information and photographs.

- by Ferne Welles



Photos left and right: Paul Paddon
-PHOTOS COURTESY OF PAULA PADDON

A Look at the Past

If you live in an old house, perhaps you have an attic full of personal and family treasures. Or perhaps these items are stuck away in a drawer or closet somewhere. Wherever we keep our memorabilia, they are an archive of our history.

Today, a small room on the lower level of Founders' Hall, is crowded with shelves and boxes of materials that tell the story of our church's past.

At Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, the archives of our parish family go back to 1870 when St Paul's Church (soon renamed Grace Church) was formed by a group of Episcopalians on the west side of Kansas City.

The very first Parish Register shows vital statistics during the years from 1870 to 1884, with names of communicants, baptismal records, confirmations, marriages and burials.

Among the names are prominent leaders of early Kansas City such as William Rockhill Nelson. Attached inside the cover is a printed history with fascinating details of the early struggles and achievements of

the young parish.

Subsequent parish registers, vestry minutes, copies of publications, records of memorials, building plans of structures (some that were never built), are among the wide variety of documents found in the archives.



The story of our church and its people is found within these carefully catalogued boxes.

-PHOTO BY SERGIO C. MORENO

A wonderful feature of these archives is the collection of pictures from the past to the present, giving a visual record of many of the people and events.

At some times, part-time professional archivists have been on staff to organize our historical files. However, management of the archives is an on-going challenge.

Ferne Malcolm Welles, the author of our history, "A Church for the West Side," has contributed much time and

talent to this project.

Presently, Mary Louise Byrne has accepted the task of being our archivist. Anyone with an abiding love of history and the Cathedral would find this a rewarding activity to join.

- by Ruth McGill

Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

September 7, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chloe Thorn by Suzanne Wright; and in thanksgiving by Bud and Candy McDowell.

September 14, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given in thanksgiving for her granddaughter, Merritt Sloan, and her grandson, William Herbert Sloan, by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan; and in loving memory of The Reverend Bill Miller and Clara Miller by their daughter Chris Miller.

September 21, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Bruce & Lill Weekes; and in thanksgiving for Peggy Morgan by Candy McDowell; also in loving memory of Joe-Ann E. Platt by John B. Platt.

At the Chapel altar they are given in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Alan & Phyllis Ryder and the birthday of Gretchen Ryder.

At the baptismal font they are given in memory of his parents, Marie and Charles Lowrey, and his brothers, Donald Lee Lowrey and Charles Lowrey, Jr. by Paul and Bonnie Lowrey.

September 28, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, by Mrs. Roland Elmquist.

Come Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi falls on Saturday, October 4 this year. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and our own Cathedral have planned the annual Blessing of the Animals for that very day, at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn beside the Kansas City Southern Industries building (directly north of GHTC).

Msgr. Fiedler, Fr. James, Deacon Linda Yea-

ger and the Youth Choir will be present to lead the short liturgy which concludes with the blessing of "all creatures great and small."

There will be treats for dogs and cats. A number of Animal Rights groups will be present.

So, bring your "best friends" on Saturday the 4th. Park in our lot and proceed up the steps in the parking garage to the area for blessing.

In the event of rain, activities will take place in Founders' Hall.

- by John L. Schaefer, Canon Musician

The Cathedral's Financial Status

The monthly financials reflect a true cash basis based on a three-year trend.

	AUGUST	BUDGETED YTD	ACTUAL YTD	VARIANCE
INCOME		\$ 870,981	\$ 850,506	\$ (20,475)
EXPENSES		\$ 904,285	\$ 863,863	\$ 40,422
VARIANCE		\$ (33,304)	\$ (13,357)	

Oktoberfest



Join us in
Founders' Hall
for Food,
Fun and
Music



October 11 • 6:30 p.m.

News from the Dean Selection Committee

The Adult Forum on September 14 was the venue for the Dean Selection Committee's progress report. Candy McDowell, Chairman, along with various members of the Selection Committee reported to approximately seventy parishioners about procedures and the current progress in the selection of a new dean. Bill Hubbard opened the session with our prayer.

A Collect for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral - Almighty God, giver of every good thing:

Look graciously on this congregation of Grace and Holy Trinity: so that as compassionate and grateful Christians, we may welcome a faithful leader - a Dean-, who will, with your blessing care for us and help us continue our tradition of all-encompassing ministry and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The search for our new dean began with a charge from Bishop Howe to present to him "a slate of candidates from which he can nominate a priest to be presented to the Vestry for election as the next Dean of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral."

Candy commented that although there is much to report about the mechanics of the process, "we must be mindful of where the Holy Spirit is leading us."

She went on to invite the members of the parish to both participate in the information gathering stages of the search and in asking God for guidance in seeking our next spiritual leader. During September and October we are in the self-study and direction finding phase, the first of five phases.

Candy recounted the progress already made in the production of our Parish Profile booklet and Parish Search Request form. These documents will help the Vestry determine the needs, goals and dreams for the Cathedral and will help describe our congregation and church life to those whom we will be considering for our spiritual leader.



Candy McDowell, Chairman
-PHOTO BY JAN FRIZZLE

Congregational Survey forms distributed September 14 and 21, will also help the Vestry determine this information. It will help depict our present state and suggest what course we may take in the future.

Mike McDonald advised that "a summary of the survey results will be published in The Angelus in November."

Jackye Finnie, Research Coordinator, explained the formation of six focus groups that will meet over the last two weeks of September. Information gathered in these group sessions will also be used in completing the Parish Search Request form.

"Work is nearing completion on the Parish Profile booklet," advised Ruth MaGill, Content Editor. The booklet markets our cathedral and will be mailed to all bishops and deans to solicit their recommendations for Dean.

The Parish Profile booklet, "If These Walls Could Talk," will also be made available to all active members of our parish and will be sent to all candidates under consideration.

The Committee will communicate progress of our search in each monthly issue of The Angelus. Timely information will also be included in our Sunday bulletins and posted on our bulletin board and the Cathedral website.

If you have any questions about the selection process, please contact Candy McDowell (816-741-0992), or Mike McDonald (816-459-9493).

- by Jan Frizzle

The August Meeting of the Vestry

Kathy Jennings led the vestry off in meditation and by questions primarily concerning General Convention. A meeting was set for the following Thursday at 5:00 pm to discuss General Convention issues. Reports from Communications and the Children's Ministry Committee were received with other matters on the Consent Agenda.

The Bookstore staff was asked to present a business plan prior to consideration for some staff management time. A bishop's mitre was approved to come from J. R. Evans & Co.

The Sr. Warden's recommendation for a Dean's Selection Committee was ratified and Delegates and Alternates to the Diocesan Convention were elected.

Following a recommendation from the Children's Ministry Committee, the vestry enacted a new position for Christian Education.

Building and Grounds recommended and the Vestry approved Building Operating System Monitoring and Quarterly Maintenance by Johnson Controls; Wallinger Corporation to provide HVAC preventative maintenance.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Vestry approved \$5,000 to Social Outreach from the restitution fund to replace monies given earlier to the Kansas City Community Kitchen; \$18,809 of excess funds from the Deans Conference be used to initially fund the Dean's Selection committee; \$20,000 to be taken from the Kemper bequest to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund; unspent Kemper Funds to be placed in the endowment to be available as needed.

We were adjourned at 7:00 pm until 4:00 pm on September 25, 2003.

- by Fr. James, Dean Interim

Selection Process Outline

Phase I: Self-study and Direction Finding August to late October.

- Parish Profile Booklet
- Parish Search Request
- Focus Groups
- Congregational Surveys

Phase II: Call for applications and referrals October to early January

- List of 15 to 20 interested and interesting candidates.

Phase III: Preliminary research of interested candidates November to late January

- List of 5 to 7 strong candidates

Phase IV: In depth research of strong candidates February through April

- Slate of 3 to 4 candidates.

Phase V: Nomination, election and call May and June

- Nomination of one priest, followed by the election, call and welcoming.



New Arrivals

Evan Benjamin Morrow, was born September 10, 2003. Benjamin and Amy Morrow, of Andover, Kansas, are the parents. Joyce and Ben Morrow are the proud grandparents. Evan weighed 6 lbs. 20z. and joins big brothers Zachary and Brendan.

Cathedral Staff Faces

The second installment in an ongoing series.

In the ordination of a deacon in the Episcopal Church (BCP, page 537), prospective deacons proclaim that they have been called by God to serve Jesus and his people. At Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, we are blessed to have three deacons as part of our clergy.



...to make Christ and his redemptive work known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship...



...to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely...



...to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself...

The Rev. Michael Shaffer

Deacon Michael Shaffer is frequently in a position to bring these words to life. Deacon Michael works full-time as an attorney representing doctors in malpractice litigation, a career that initially might not seem well-matched with ministry.

Michael says his faith actually has helped him be a better lawyer.

"It balanced me," he said. "I've found that my love of Christ helps me in my job every day."

Michael tells the story of a woman who sued her doctor but eventually lost the case. Her lawyer knew of Michael's involvement with the church and asked him to speak with her.

This seemed like an unusual request, but he formed a bond with her and was able to comfort her in the knowledge that God was working through her tragedy and loss.

Michael could easily demonstrate a strong relationship with Christ without being ordained, but he feels his call was to be a visual sign of God's grace.

He was ordained in 2000 and joined the Cathedral clergy to pursue a busy schedule of preaching, hospital visits and working with acolytes.

Early in 2003, Michael took on a major legal case and has been on an extended leave from the Cathedral.

He serves when he can; but, although he still misses the pastoral connection of the people here, he can always carry on a form of ministry, even in his law office.

"Lawyering is what I do, not who I am," he said. "Who I am is a disciple of Christ."

The Rev. Linda Yeager

Deacon Linda Yeager's well-known compassion extends to all people, but perhaps most of all to the poor and weak, especially the homeless.

It is not unusual to see Deacon Linda's bright smile at the Kansas City Community Kitchen or at Culinary Cornerstones, a program that prepares people for jobs in the food service industry.

Linda lives out her Christian mandate by teaching overall life skills to those who come to us for help.

"I try to be obedient to my church," she said. "I am very committed to being a servant of God."

Linda lived a portion of her life in Trenton, Missouri, a small town near I-35 north-east of Kansas City. She started to feel a call to orders when she was in high school, but the Episcopal Church did not yet ordain women.

Instead, she had a family and career as a high school English teacher. A priest came to her many years later and suggested she pursue becoming a deacon; she was ordained in 1995.

At first she traveled a circuit of five north-central Missouri Episcopal churches. After three years, her husband Jon was hired as the Diocesan financial officer and the Yeagers moved to Kansas City.

Linda is currently in charge of Cathedral pastoral care and Small Groups, and thrives on the close relationships this work can bring.

"I like the people, the hearts of this congregation," she said. "I feel privileged to have people share their lives with me."

The Rev. Bryan England

Deacon Bryan England frequently spends time among the most helpless among us: those who have just lost a loved one.

As a chaplain with the Missouri Highway Patrol and Lee's Summit Police Department, Deacon Bryan is often called upon to make death notifications, giving a caring ear to those whose lives have suddenly changed.

Whether ministering to the grieving or assisting at Sunday Eucharist, Bryan feels a great sense of wholeness in his work as a deacon.

"When I'm at the altar, that's completeness, that's what I'm supposed to be about," he said. "It's the same feeling when I'm working with police."

Bryan first became acquainted with the Episcopal Church soon after moving to Iowa in the 1980s and eventually discovered a call to ordination.

"I felt that's where I needed to be," he said. "I had to do this."

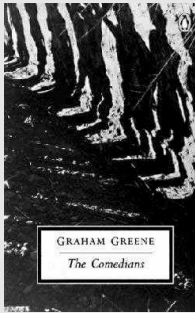
He was ordained as a Deacon in 1994 and served in three parishes in Iowa before he and his wife moved to Kansas City in 2002. Bishop Howe assigned him to GHTC shortly after he arrived here, which thrilled him because, after visiting several Episcopal churches in the Kansas City area, he "seemed to gel the best" here.

He fit in quickly, soon helping out with a support group for people with family members fighting in Iraq.

He also leads a couple's bible study and is starting a new Cancer Support Small Group. In addition to his work as a deacon, Bryan works full-time for the Department of Homeland Security.

Stories and Photos by Chris Morrison

The Blakeslee Reading Society



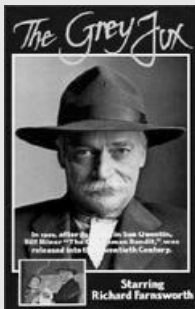
THE COMEDIANS
by *Graham Greene*

October 21
7:00 p.m.

Host:
Michelle Leive

Info: 816-523-3174

Reel People



THE GREY FOX
Richard Farnsworth

October 22
6:30 p.m.

Hosts:
Chris & Peggy Morgan

Info: 816-523-3174

Sharing a Common Thread

Three years ago, just before Bishop Buchanan was to retire, members of Grace and Holy Trinity decided to form a group of quilters to make a gift for the bishop's wife. Headed by Anne Schmidt, the quilt project involved quilters from throughout the diocese, and in about a year, the group completed a quilt that was given to Peggy Buchanan at the time of the bishop's retirement.

This gift project was coming together at the

same time that small groups were first being formed at Grace and Holy Trinity, and the project revealed that there are a lot of interested quilters at the Cathedral. These parishioners joined together to form the Quilting Small Group.

It began with about 10 members and over time has kept a steady number of 8 to 10 people. The group has already completed one quilt. A second quilt is in the works and is expected to be finished within a year. This quilt will be donated to a local organization or group in need; when the group first formed the members hoped to be able to share their craft through service projects in addition to sharing their craft with each other and fellowship.

In addition to making quilts, members of the group also spend time in reflection at the beginning of each meeting. There is a short devotional

time that includes reading from scripture and studying the book *What I Learned From God While Quilting*, by Ruth McHaney Danner.

"It's a time for getting together with people of like mind, time for sharing fellowship, as well as learning quilting tips," Paula Miller, original member said.

There are members of the group from all levels of quilting expertise so that the group serves as a learning opportunity and a chance to share quilting techniques with one another as they work.



Group members Sonia Turner and Joy Cabe.

-PHOTO BY SERGIO C. MORENO

"We all work together to decide the pattern and the fabric, and since we have no budget, we donate or use our own fabrics," Miller said.

Annual events for the Quilting Small Group include the day-long Quilt Shop Hop. Members spend all day on a Saturday touring quilting shops, "hopping" from store to store, all the way from Topeka to Liberty.

The group meets every second Monday of the month for two hours, and new members and fellow quilters are always welcome.

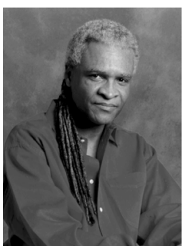
- by *Emily Akins*



Paula Miller shows a Quilt during Rally Day.

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Molly Murphy Scores Again!

A rainy Saturday morning was no obstacle for the Murphy family as they proved again that with mom and dad and big brothers Colman and Owen, "Molly and the Boys" scored among the top in the fund raising walk for Down syndrome.

A whopping \$4,600 was raised by Molly's team, exceeding last year's contributions.

"Kansas City continues to have the nations' largest walk," said Celia Murphy. "There is tremendous support here as you can see by the great turnout on a rainy morning."

- by *Jan Frizzle*



Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Grace Choraliers
10:15 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Order for Evening & Eucharist
6:15 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

MON, TUE, THU, FRI

12:05 p.m. Daily Office

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Episcopal 101

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry
7:30 p.m. Trinity Mixed Choir

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study

SATURDAY

9:15 a.m. Trinity Youth Choir

Activities for the Month of October

1 • WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Cmte.
6:30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study

3 • FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. Commission on Ministry

4 • SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. Vocation on Ministry
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals

6 • MONDAY

5:00 p.m. Dean Selection Cmte.

7 • TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Needlework Small Group

8 • WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m. Dean Selection Cmte.

9 • THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study

11 • SATURDAY

12:00 p.m. Interparochial Guild
6:30 p.m. Oktoberfest

12 • SUNDAY

Blood Pressure Sunday (morning)

9:10 a.m. No Adult Forum

11:30 a.m. Family Festive Meal

13 • MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Quilting Small Group

14 • TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. College of Presbyters

6:30 p.m. Gardening Small Group

7:00 p.m. The Angelus Small Group

16 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. ARCKC Covenant Dialogue

20 • MONDAY

5:30 p.m. Dean Selection Cmte.

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Cmte.

21 • TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child

7:00 p.m. Blakeslee Reading Society

22 • WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Finance Cmte.

6:30 p.m. Reel People

23 • THURSDAY

4:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

6:30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study

24 • FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Shabbat

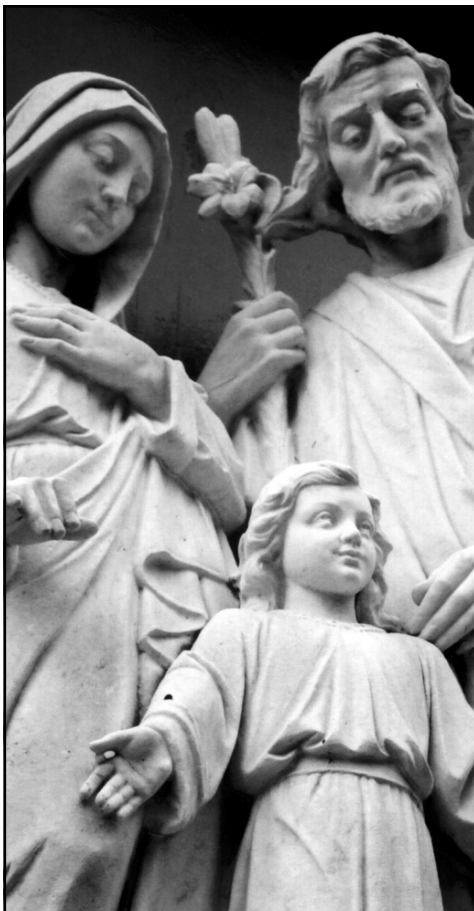
26 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Halloween Extravaganza

30 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. ARCKC Covenant Dialogue

Changes may occur after publication date, for which reason we encourage you to verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or visiting our web site.



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*The Holy Family
in Haden Hall
- photo by Jan Frizzle*