

Memorials and Thanksgivings

November 27, 2003 • The Harvest Altar is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Phyllis Ryder, by her family and by Terry & Nancy Rozell and family.

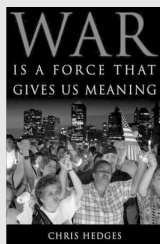
December 7, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her daughter, Diane Sloan, and granddaughter, Sarah, by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan; and in thanksgiving for all her grandchildren by Sally Wood. At the baptismal font in loving memory of his father, Clinton H. Gates, by Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland H. Gates.

December 14, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her father, Howard L. Stewart, by Janet, Ric and Devon Sweeting; also in thanksgiving for their granddaughter, Hannah Lacey McMullen, by Larry and Marilyn McMullen. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of her father, Homer A. Grant, by Elaine Grant. Flowers at the baptismal font are given in loving memory of Bill Haberland by his wife, Clint, and his family.

December 21, 2003 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mary-Scott Crabbs, by Leo Crabbs, Jr., and in thanksgiving for their 60th wedding anniversary, by Paul & Bonnie Lowrey. At the chapel altar in thanksgiving for Ken Ryder by Alan & Phyllis Ryder.

December 28, 2003 • The Christmas Altar is given to the Glory of God. Memorials and thanksgiving will be listed in the next issue of *The Angelus*.

The Blakeslee Reading Society



WAR IS A FORCE THAT GIVES US MEANING
by Chris Hedges

January 20, 7:00 p.m.

For further information
please call 816-741-0992

Reel People



STRICTLY BALLROOM
directed by Baz Luhrman

January 28, 7:00 p.m.

For further information
please call 816-283-0462

From the Dean Selection Committee

Our discernment process moves forward on schedule and we continue to receive names of persons to consider for our next Dean. In our third phase, Preliminary research of interested candidates, the Selection Committee begins telephone interviews. These telephone interviews with the candidates began in early December and are expected to continue until the end of January.

This phone interview process includes conversations with not only each candidate, but also the candidate's bishop and a lay person from his/her current or recent congregation. After all of the phone interviews have been conducted, the Dean Selection Committee will select four to seven of the strongest candidates for Committee members to visit in their present parish. Three or four will then be invited to visit our cathedral.

As many as four nominees may be presented to the Vestry and Bishop for consideration. From that group it is hoped that there will be one candidate "that rises to the top" and ALL agree should be our next dean. The next step is adhering to Canon XXV11 Section 2 of the Diocese of West Missouri:

"The Dean shall be nominated by the Bishop

and shall be elected by the Cathedral Vestry."

Current Status of 84 Nominees as of December 13 – new nominees: 1; being held pending more information: 0; set aside by Bishop Howe/ Archdeacon McCann: 8; set aside by DSC Chairmen: 27; contacted/not yet responded: 29; applications received/candidate being continued: 13; withdrawn or not interested: 6.

We ask you to hold the Dean Selection Committee and the candidates in your prayers as we continue to discern God's will for our parish.

- by Jan Frizzle

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 Cathedral's Financial Status

The month of November was strong in terms of income received. Both pledge and plate income exceeded budget for the month. On a year-to-date basis, we still have some ground to make up as expenses exceeded income for the first eleven months.

Again, we expect that gap to narrow in December. Thank you all for your faithfulness to the ministry

of Grace and Holy Trinity in 2003. Blessings to you and your families this New Year.

- by Michael Thomas, Treasurer

| NOVEMBER | BUDGETED YTD | ACTUAL YTD | VARIANCE |
|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| INCOME | \$ 1,206,980 | \$ 1,174,988 | \$ (31,992) |
| EXPENSES | \$ 1,245,649 | \$ 1,212,291 | \$ 33,358 |
| VARIANCE | \$ (38,669) | \$ (37,303) | |

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

Communications Coordinator Leaves Post



In February of 2003, Sergio Moreno came to our staff as Communications Coordinator and began a year-long succession of improvements in *The Angelus*, service bulletins, advertising, and overall appearance of Cathedral publications.

He has now accepted a full-time position at Hallmark as an editor in the Spanish line of greeting cards. We wish him God-speed and extend our welcome to him as a full and active member of our Cathedral Parish.

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

Annual Meeting to take place January 18

On January 6, we will celebrate the Epiphany - or as it is sometimes also called, the Twelfth Day. Exactly twelve more days later, one may hope that we will experience another type of epiphany in the form of our Annual Meeting.

This may, in fact, be one of the more important Annual Meetings that we have had in some time. This meeting takes place as we move ever more closely towards identifying a possible new Dean for the Cathedral. It occurs as we finalize our financials for the year 2003, and look hopefully towards the affirmation of commitments (old and new) for 2004. It occurs at the close of a year when we have made significant strides in social outreach, including a new Emergency Assistance Program, and as we identify and respond to further outreach opportunities in our community. It occurs following an evaluation of our Christian Education program for children and youth, with possible new directions in this realm for 2004.

There are so many areas of hope and future possibilities that exist at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Even with all of the challenges of 2003, in so many respects this annual meeting can be a focal point for strengthening of the unified Christian community for this Cathedral.

As with all such undertakings, we stand on the shoulders of those that have gone before us. But, also as with all such undertakings, we have to make the effort to climb on those shoulders to even view that future - and a little more effort to participate in it.

So, the first step is to be there, to listen and to participate. The meeting will include recommendations by the nominating committee for new members of the vestry, plus an opportunity for nominations from the floor. Following this will be the participation of members of the Cathedral in the election of those new Vestry representatives.

In addition, this is an opportunity to receive updates on a number of important initiatives and programs in our Cathedral life. You may expect to hear reports from a number of groups including finance, the Every Member Canvass, the Dean Selection Committee and others.

The 2004 Annual Meeting will take place in Founders' Hall following the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, January 18. Be there.

- by John Hornbeck

Holy Hands: An Opportunity to Serve

Our diversity is one strong asset of this congregation. This is displayed each Sunday on the tables filled with an ever-changing variety of sweets and savories offered by members of Holy Hands for the parish to enjoy.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan showed us that there is diversity in even the basic recipe for Scotch Shortbread as well as in the stories shared by the bakers: the Flora father and son (Michael and Ian) followed a family tradition of the men making the shortbread; Di Logan made leaf shapes with her granddaughter, Marnell Sparks shared a family recipe; while others tried the Cathedral food processor method for the first time.

We have been most fortunate in beginning strong teams for the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services and each Sunday they devise an offering of their work and time. We would like to expand this opportunity to serve to others who would like to join a team for 8:00 a.m. or for first, second, third or fourth Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

We would also like to showcase small groups and various organizations of the Cathedral family. At 10:15 a.m., the group could present a display, recruit, promote and perhaps market something relevant to their program along with offering food for coffee hour.

Please call Joyce Morrow 816-781-7159 evenings, or email at jemorrow@kc.rr.com if you or your group would like to join us at the table.

The Holy Hands Coordinating Committee offers it sincere appreciation to the following bakers and helpers for Kirkin' o' the Tartan hospitality.

Mary Byrne
Janece Buckner
Paula Connor
Sarah Cohalla
Michael and Ian Flora
Jan Frizzle
Elaine Grant
Catherine Green
Lenette Johnson
Jodie Kavanaugh
Di Logan
Pat Miller
Joyce Morrow
Greg Morgan
Jean Rau
August Sprung
Janet Sweeting
Marnell Sparks
Michelle Smith
Sonia Turner
Penny Williams
Dcn. Linda Yeager

As well as anyone else who may not have signed the contributors' list.

A Gift from our Sister Diocese

This tiny ornament is small enough to fit in a coffee cup, but it is a gift from the big hearts of Episcopalians in the Diocese of Venezuela. The Dioceses of West Missouri and Kansas have been companion dioceses to the Venezuelans since 1997.

That connection became even stronger during this summer's General Convention, when the Diocese of Venezuela was granted full admission to the Episcopal Church. Several representatives from West Missouri, including Bishop Barry Howe,

have traveled to Venezuela and were impressed by the liveliness and enthusiasm they found.

In the February issue of *The Angelus*, we will have a report on our relationship with the Diocese of Venezuela and share the impressions of local Episcopalians who have experienced their faith firsthand.

- photo and story by Chris Morrison



Whitney Rice Selected for the Episcopal Student Leadership Team

The families and people we meet at our Cathedral make this place a wonderful church of which to be a part. Indeed the beauty of our grounds and the sacredness of the nave are breathtaking, our history and heritage are inspiring and challenging, yet it is the community of believers coming together with one common purpose that keeps us going.

Whitney Rice is one of those people. The Rice family came to the Cathedral approximately seven years ago and have been actively involved since then. Dr. David Rice, professor of History at Central Missouri State University, has lectured on several topics for Adult Forum on Sunday mornings. His wife, Judy, is manager of the Longview College Library and at church she is involved in the Cathedral Caregivers group and is in charge of the prayer chain. Whitney is the second child and has four sisters - Maggie, the oldest, lives in Lawrence; Meridith (18) sings in the youth choir, Ginny and Kitty (15) are active participants in the youth group and delivered an amazing joint homily during Youth Sunday last year.

Whitney, 21 is a junior at the University of Kansas (KU) with a double major in Religious Studies and English. She has been an acolyte at the Cathedral for a couple of years and outside of the Cathedral she represents us well as part of two outstanding Christian organizations. She was recently selected to be part of the Episcopal Student Leadership

Team and is also on the Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry.

The Episcopal Student Leadership Team's main charge is to design and facilitate the Episcopal National Gathering of Students, a mandate of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. This event is held every two years, the next one slated for December 28, 2004-January 1, 2005 in Estes Park, Colorado.

The team is selected from a pool of candidates assembled by the Provincial Coordinators Group for Ministry in Higher Education, and is supported by two chaplains, The Rev. Dr. Glenn M. Libby from University of Southern California and the Rev. Robyn Franklin-Vaughn from University of Howard.

Two students, Whitney and Taylor Long, represent the Episcopal Church along with Doug Fenton, from our National Church, on a council that partners with the World Student Christian Federation connecting young Christians in 60 member movements across the world. Whitney will be travelling to Nashville in March to discuss preparations for the next "Celebrate," an ecumenical student gathering sponsored by CESCUM that takes place every four years.

Outside of church she enjoys hanging out with her four "crazy but amazing" sisters and

plastering her Toyota with inflammatory political bumper stickers. She believes that fear is the enemy and God is the answer, and a day without chocolate is a day without joy.

"I was never one who knew what I would do," she said, "but I felt a passion for building community and a deep interest in social justice."

Although she was not certain about a career choice growing up, a few years ago Whitney discovered within her a need to serve in the Church. That was when

Whitney decided to heed her calling and begin the discernment process. She has since then been in talks with clergy in and outside the Cathedral. She spent a semester in the University of Leicester, England, which allowed her to interact with clergy and affirm her calling. Whitney hopes to attend seminary upon her graduation from university.

"Whether it is ordained ministry or not, everybody is called to ministry and we should not be afraid to listen to God's calling," said Whitney.

We are proud and happy to count Whitney as one of our Cathedral members, let us keep her and her family in our prayers as she pursues the call to ordained ministry.

- by Cynthia Newman,

photo courtesy of Dr. David Rice



Nordic Choir from Luther College to visit Cathedral

The first extra musical event for 2004 is the concert by the Nordic Choir from Luther College. The choir visits the Cathedral on Saturday, February 7, performance beginning at 7:30 p.m.



The choir has a splendid history, much credit due to Professor Weston Noble, who has been on the Luther College faculty for fifty-five years. Over the years, his choirs have performed in some of the most distinguished venues in this country, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, the Caribbean and Mexico.

Professor Noble has brought a choir to Kansas City at least twice, once for a major musical convention and at the Cathedral in 1998.

The event is a ticketed one. Adult admission is \$15.00, student admission is \$8.00. To be sure you have your ticket, please phone the Cathedral. Also, be sure to let anyone who appreciates great choral music know about the concert.

*I had a dream, beyond all reason
It may sound strange this intuition.
Somehow, I knew that it was real.
Because I have one voice,
one sacred mission
To live in this new year
in the radiance of Love
and still believe that Love heals,
mends and unites all things.
The Lord has heard the voice
of my supplication.*

C.M.N.

New Cathedral Member Victor Sarrazin to Preach in February

And you thought you had heard them all. Well, listen carefully in the 10:15 a.m. service on February 8 to hear a new voice. Victor Sarrazin, a new parishioner, will preach that day. He brings to the Cathedral over 11 years experience as a Roman Catholic priest.

Victor began his religious life in 1980 with the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers, and then attended seminary at St. Mary's in Perryville, Missouri. Following his tenure there, he served his novitiate in New Orleans where he worked in both a soup kitchen and a home for abused children. From there, he went to St. Thomas Seminary in Denver to pursue graduate work in theology. This experience included a full year of pastoral internship in Los Angeles.

Victor was ordained to the diaconate in early 1990 and to the priesthood the following June. He served as an associate parish priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 1990 to 1995. It was for this parish community that Victor developed a new ministry with young adults. Next, he was assigned to a retreat and conference center in Los Angeles where he gave ministry training workshops, retreats and offered spiritual direction, which had been his emphasis while he was a student.

Being a spiritual director is similar to being a mentor, like an older brother or sister to someone in terms of spiritual life. Through reflection on prayer life with a director, spiritual di-

rection is a process of self-discovery wherein one learns about deepening prayer life and strengthening one's relationship with God.

"In seminary, students were offered an opportunity to concentrate on certain areas or specialties; I chose spirituality and spiritual direction," Victor said. "I understood the power of the relationship as a directee and, as I attended more retreats, I realized how much I enjoyed it. I have offered that in ministry in every place I've been since then."

Another focus for Victor has been outreach ministry for the Native American community. During his time at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, he was asked to sit on the advisory board for the archdiocesan ministry for young adults, and he served as chaplain for the local Kateri Circle, an international organization of Native American Christians.

Determining that he was being called to serve God in another manner, Victor took formal leave from the Vincentian Community in 2001. He then became associated with St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Oceanside, California. Victor was originally attracted to the Episcopal Church by its deep liturgical roots, its openness and its democratic style. "It's very inspiring and exciting to see that God's people are involved in decisions; when

things need to be discerned, lots of voices get heard," Victor said.

In January 2002, Victor started participating at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and was received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Barry Howe last June. Victor is now

a member at the Cathedral where he and his wife, Rhonda Czernik, were married on August 9, 2003. Marrying Rhonda gave him an immediate family; Victor and Rhonda, along with Elizabeth, 15; Ben, 10; and Rebecca, 7; attend the 10:15 a.m. service on Sundays. Ben is serving on the acolyte team and Rebecca sings with the Grace Choraliers.

"The warmth and openness I've encountered has been tremendous and I am grateful for the welcome we have received here at Grace and Holy Trinity," Victor said.

Victor is currently meeting with Bishop Howe, retired bishop Arthur Vogel and with Cathedral clergy as he pursues transfer of his orders to the Episcopal Church. A Congregational Discernment Committee of Cathedral members is also meeting with Victor as he discerns this new ministry.

He added, "I ask for your prayers as I seek to follow the will of God."

- by The Rev. Linda Yeager, Deacon
Emily Akins, contributing writer



Adult Forum, A Look Ahead

January 4 • Cathedral Happenings • Social Action Committee – Members of the Social Action Committee will talk about some of the wonderful outreach opportunities that are available for members of the Cathedral. They will also discuss, and solicit your ideas, for social outreach initiatives for the future.

January 11 • Foster Child Program • Jackson County Division of Family Services – The Foster Outreach Committee invites members to learn more about the needs of the thousands of Kansas City and several hundred children needing foster and adoptive homes by attending the January 11, 2003 adult forum. Attendees will have a chance to learn more about the needs for foster and adoptive families and the resources that are available.

January 18 • Martin Luther in His Times • Dr. David Rice – In 1517 Martin Luther, an obscure German Augustinian monk and pro-

fessor, posted 95 religious theses, or propositions, on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Luther was prepared to debate the theses with all comers, but he could hardly have known that he was initiating an historic movement that came to be called the Protestant Reformation. The Reformation, although more medieval than modern in some respects, played a critical role in the advent of the modern world and shaped Christianity for centuries to come. Come and join us as we take another look at the man Luther and his tumultuous times.

January 25 • The Conversion of St. Paul • The Rev. Linda Yeager – We will meet the controversial St. Paul and listen to him report on his conversion experience. In addition, he will tell us about his early life and also explain the reasoning behind his letters. This promises to be a revealing interview!

The Cathedral Website is updated weekly to provide you the most up-to-date information on Cathedral events, small groups, special services, *The Angelus* and very soon the Parish Profile.

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