



The Angelus

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FROM THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

I think I was all of seven years old when I was forcibly dragged into the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. For the duration of the show, if memory serves, I was somewhat less than my usual gracious self. At that age, I couldn't have cared less about the heavens. Couldn't see how certain clusters of stars were supposed to represent lions or dogs or winged horses or whatever. I had wanted to go to the Field Museum instead and see the stuffed elephant but my brother won the coin toss ... not that I'm still bitter or anything.

I stopped being bored by the heavens when Rick and I married and moved way up north in Michigan (by which I mean well north of the 45th parallel) where night is night and the Aurora Borealis routinely dances its wraithlike ballet in the still dark hours of early winter morning. Strange to know, now when I gaze upon Betelgeuse in the constellation Orion — one of the few constellations visible in our light-polluted suburban sky — how ancient the light truly is, how very long it has taken for the particles of energy to reach my eyes. We never see the nighttime sky as it is, but only as it was. Time loses all immediacy in the vast expanse of interstellar space.

From Christmas through Epiphany, one of the cable channels is bound to offer a show speculating on the Star of Bethlehem that we hear of in Matthew's gospel — the gospel account we hear on Epiphany and which we all remember from the Christmas pageants of our youth. One I recall seeing a year or so ago went into great and serious detail about what the star might actually have been. They reconstructed the sky as it would have appeared in approximately 3 B.C. at the latitude of the Holy Land, compared the very detailed historical astronomical writings from the Chinese (a source, naturally, unavailable to Matthew when he wrote his gospel), and speculated away.

As theologians go, they made great astronomers.

Seriously, it's not that science and faith are mutually exclusive — far from it. It's merely that the two fields should lead us to ask very different questions. An astronomer asks, "could this star have been a comet, or a star gone supernova, or a conjunction of the planets Venus and Jupiter?" Make no mistake, these are questions well worth investigating.

However, if the best astronomical minds in the world decided tomorrow that no such celestial event could possibly, empirically, objectively, ever have

happened, persons of faith can still look to Matthew's gospel as a source of Truth. Because, you see, the question that faith leads us to ask is not, "What was this star?" or "Did it really happen?" but rather, "What is Matthew telling us when he writes that Wise Men from the East sought out an infant king in a far off country?" "What is the Truth about Christ that the Evangelist conveys?" "How do we experience that Truth in 2011 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City?"

Which brings me back to star gazing. If astronomers are actually historians (because the light they perceive has travelled millions of light-years to reach their retinas), then persons of faith are both historians and visionaries. We read in the present moment of the Epiphany in an ancient book called the Gospel of Matthew, and through it, are invited to reflect upon a Savior who is both immediate and eternal. Astronomers see the sky only as it was. By contrast, we people of faith are invited to scan the stars and see the world as it shall be.

And "world" in this context means not only the global village in which we all live, but also in a more proximate sense of the Diocese of West Missouri and the Cathedral. New beginnings are dawning. Bishop-elect Field will be consecrated March 5. Sometime later in the year, the Vestry will elect a new dean. New people will formally join the Cathedral through confirmation and reception at the Easter Vigil. Babies will be born and baptized. Beloved members will be laid to eternal rest. Within these historic walls, newness continually dawns, and for this we give God thanks and praise.

I wish you all a stellar Epiphany!

Faithfully,

Sue+

The Twelve Days of Christmas

January 2 – Second Sunday after Christmas

Formation Classes resume today

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Sung Eucharist

5 p.m. Sung Eucharist

January 3 – Cathedral office & buildings are closed. No 12:05 p.m. Eucharist.

January 4 – Eleventh Day of Christmas: Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.

January 5 – Twelfth Day of Christmas: Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.

January 6 – The Feast of the Epiphany, The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles: Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.



If you:

- are new to the Episcopal Church OR...
- are new to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral OR...
- are an adult seeking baptism OR...
- have forgotten everything you once learned in Confirmation years ago...

...then our adult education series, **Road to Canterbury**, may be for you.

Sundays, February 20-April 10 • 9:15-10 a.m.

This series is led by the Cathedral clergy and will cover such topics as:

- Some similarities and differences with other branches of the Christian Church,
- The Book of Common Prayer, the hymnals, Sunday morning worship, and why it takes such manual dexterity to be an Episcopalian,
- The role of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason in the Episcopal Church. (unity thru worship vs. uniformity of belief),
- Baptism as the Sacrament conferring full membership, and what that means, and much, much more.

Participation in this class can lead to adult baptism (for those who have not been baptized) or confirmation/reception/reaffirmation in the Episcopal Church at the Great Vigil of Easter. It can also lead simply to richer knowledge of the Episcopal Church. Register for this class now by contacting the Rev. Canon Joe Behen at 816-474-8260 x109 or jbehen@ghkc-kc.org.

Children's Formation is ready to help fulfill your New Year's resolutions

If one of your goals/resolutions in 2011 is to get more involved, Children's Formation and Chapels have the following needs:

- **Formation Gate Keeper:** This adult would be on hand during the 9:15-10:15 a.m. formation class time. They would assist the teachers as necessary and direct children/parents where to go. After classes start they would get snacks ready for the classrooms and then be our 'hall monitor' and assist with bathroom duties or supply needs.
- **Chapel Assistant:** The Cathedral is blessed to have enough children to warrant a Lambs (non-readers to 1st grade) and a Disciples (readers through 4th grade) chapel. Two chapels means at least two adults in attendance, if possible. While we have some leaders, we certainly don't have enough adults to be the second adult with up to 15 children. This adult would need to be available from 10:10 until the sign of the Peace. An assigned Sunday a month (i.e., the 1st or 3rd Sunday) is how we currently schedule.
- **Craft Setter:** The wonderful *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum we use in Formation class for the 2nd through 6th graders uses crafts as a touch stone for discussion. During the week the craft is selected and the supplies gathered from the resource room. If someone is of crafty intent and would like to gather these items from the resource room during the week and/or early on Sunday morning that would be a wonderful assistance.

If any of these opportunities appeal to you, please let Brenda Colburn know at childrensformation@ghkc-kc.org.

Thank You to our Children's Formation Volunteers



Marrs), Phineas Gita and Debbie Marrs!

During January we will continue to use our *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum and explore the season of Epiphany. Thank all your fellow parishioners for their time in chapel and/or formation: Kelli Walker, Barbara Reynaud, Gary Hicks, Christina Morrison, The Three Musketeers (aka Cady Sommer, Camille Moore and Sophia

Women's Retreat: February 25-27

The annual retreat for the women of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral will be February 25-27, 2011 at the Marillac Center of the Sisters of Mercy in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Because we expect a great turn-out and space is limited, consider reserving your space now with a \$40 deposit. The deposit will be applied to your total cost, which includes all activities and meals from Friday evening through Sunday Eucharist.

Our theme this year is "Martha, Mary and Other Sisters in Spirit," led by Mother Carol Sanford.

Whether you have enjoyed many previous retreats or will be signing up for the first time,

save the date and make time to join us for this experience of reflection, fun, worship and renewal.

For more details, pick up a brochure from the information rack near the Tower or visit www.ghkc-kc.org/pages/womensretreat.html.



Martha,
Mary
& Other
Sisters in
Spirit

The Angelus

A laypersons' newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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The Angelus Small Group is open to anyone interested in contributing (writing stories, taking photographs) regularly to *The Angelus*. No experience necessary.

Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail to communications@ghkc-kc.org.

NURSING NOTES

Your parish nurses Carol Montgomery, R.N., and Cindy Line, R.N., are pleased to welcome Dr. Geoff Logan to the Cathedral Health Ministry team. Dr. Logan's medical knowledge will be invaluable to planning upcoming parishioner and community informational education. Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral's Health Ministry wishes everyone a blessed Christmastide and a happy, healthy New Year.



A year in review; 112 births in October

2010 has been a hard year for the people of Haiti. There was the earthquake in January, Hurricane Tomas in November and now a deadly cholera outbreak. One bright spot has been the work done by Maison de Naissance for the last six years.

The facility was closed when the hurricane came through, but sustained no damage and was up and running again the next day. There have been deaths from cholera in nearby Les Cayes, but the staff at MN has been hard at work teaching prevention by emphasizing cleanliness (hand washing, waste disposal, etc.).



October Clinical Statistics

Women's reproductive health visits: 129

Prenatal visits: 550

Deliveries: 112

Postpartum visits: 32

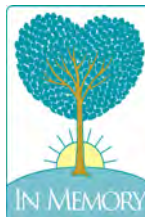
Well baby visits: 226

And through all this MN's staff has been busier than ever with their core mission of providing a safe, healthy, free birth experience for as many moms and babies as possible. In October, 112 babies were born at MN, delivered by 4 midwives.

—by Debbie Marrs

Donate to MN

Donations may be made online at www.maisondenaissance.com or sent to 6247 Brookside Boulevard, Suite 224, Kansas City, MO 64113.



*Give to the departed
eternal rest.*

*Let light perpetual
shine upon them.*

- Don Coldsnow, Wayne Coldsnow's father
- Betty Phillips
- Ethel Lanther
- Henry Hoover



Dinner • 5:30 p.m.

- All parishioners are cordially invited to join the fun, bring bread or a salad to share, and enjoy the fellowship!
- You might even want to stay and scope out one of the small group activities to see what they're up to.
- More info: ghtc-kc.org/pages/cafe-grazia.html

Small Groups • 6:30 p.m.

- Tallis Singers (at 6 p.m.)
- Grace Choraliers (at 6:15 p.m.)
- Inklings Book Group
- Charitable Needlework
- The Seekers
- Reel People (watching *The Name of the Rose*)

Treasurer's Report

Nov. MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 171,815	\$ 135,964
Expenses	\$ 126,905	\$ 131,490
Net Total	\$ 44,910	\$ 4,474
Nov. YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,498,201	\$ 1,463,217
Expenses	\$ 1,495,366	\$ 1,486,380
Net Total	\$ 2,835	\$ (23,163)

While income has been tracking fairly closely with the budget, the month of November experienced a significant decline in pledge and plate in comparison to budget. As a result, income was below budget by about \$36,000 for the month. Additionally, total expenses were about \$5,500 above budget. For the year-to-date through November, income is about \$35,000 below budget and total expenses were \$9,000 below budget. Historically, the month of December has been a higher income month and will need to be above historical levels in order for the total year to be break-even or above.

—by Jim Phillips, Treasurer

VESTRY NOMINEES

As you read the next few pages, you will find a slate of nominees for open vestry positions recommended by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Larry McMullen. The committee considered many qualified and committed parishioners willing to serve. The election of new Vestry members will take place at the Annual Meeting, January 30. The Cathedral's by-laws allow for nominations from the floor of qualified candidates. Please notify the Cathedral office by 12 noon Wednesday, January 26, if you wish to nominate a parishioner from the floor at the Annual Meeting. This notification is necessary for two reasons: 1) to certify that the nominee is qualified for election according to the canons of the Church, and 2) to allow time for the individual to provide the same written responses as provided by each nominee selected by the committee.

Barbara Bucker



I am honored to have been nominated for the Vestry, and should I be selected, I would expect to attend the meetings and serve on a Cathedral committee. I would support our Mission Statement and make every effort to be faithful, thoughtful, and fair in embracing the challenges brought before the Vestry. I have been a pledging member since joining in 1992, and I also contribute to the Music and Flower fund. Volunteering in the Cathedral office at least one day a week the past ten years has acquainted me with many of the parishioners and clergy. I have been a Reader for services eight years, and I usher at the Lyric Opera for our church. The publication, "Reminiscing", by Dean Cavanaugh and assembled by Ferne Malcolm Welles has enlightened me of much of our history. I have also visited other Episcopal cathedrals/churches in this country, Europe and Britain. I envision our Cathedral with a dynamic leader, a growth in numbers, better communication, and a concerted effort to show caring and support to our membership. Maintaining a leadership position in our ecumenical community is a goal for which we should continue to strive.

During my 32-year career as a high school teacher of business and music I had numerous opportunities to serve the public. I served on many committees and was president of our professional teachers' association for two terms. I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Park Hill School District Education Foundation where I have served since 2002; I am on the Scholarship and the Alumni Hall of Fame Committees. Serving on the 6th Judicial Commission for two terms afforded me the opportunity to interview candidates for three judgeship vacancies. I consider my strengths to be in the realm of mediator, negotiator and decision maker.

Mark Colburn



I will be able to attend the fourth Thursday Vestry meetings and will participate on at least one Cathedral committee. I will honor Vestry decisions and promise to not discuss the decisions outside of Vestry meetings. I support the November 2007 Vestry mission statement.

Brenda and I began attending the Cathedral in 1998 and have continued to attend primarily because of the wonderful people making up the parish. Although my involvement has primarily been as Brenda's assistant in the Children's formation, recent developments at my work enable me to assist the Cathedral by devoting more time and increased involvement to its important work. I recently completed 25 years of Federal Government Service, 7 as a Navy Pilot and 18 as an FBI Agent, and both experiences have given me the patience and life experiences to deal with many decisions, both easy and difficult. I have also been a professional musician for the past 15 years. Although arguably I am the least musically talented musician in the history of Kansas City music, my fortune in performing while sitting between many very talented musicians has produced few enough ear cringing moments to maintain my status in the band. I have extensive experience in both finance and budgeting from my past 10 years in investigating corporate fraud but I remain very unexcitable on matters not involving life or death. I would like to see the Cathedral grow its membership and feel more aggressive marketing through the internet could assist in accomplishing this goal. I would also be interested in increasing our involvement with the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as the relationship has appeared to have decreased over the past several years.

Deante Finnie



For Deante, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is home. He has been formed in the Faith through his involvement in Children's Formation, the Tallis Singers and the Trinity Teens Youth Group. He is active in the diocesan youth program, and serves on YAC, the diocesan Youth Action Council. Canon Schaefer and Father Behen see in Deante a faithful Christian, filled with the joy of the Lord, committed to the work of the Cathedral. He is nominated for the Vestry in light of resolutions from both the General Convention the Episcopal Church, and our Diocesan Convention to elect qualified youth to the Vestry. Our youth are not only the Church of tomorrow, they are the Church of today, having vital roles to play in planning and carrying out the Church's mission and ministry. Deante is a high school senior and

plans to continue his education in the Kansas City area.

Betty Holliday



I feel fortunate to have been nominated to serve on the Vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. I am thankful, at this point in my life, to be able to give my time to service that is very meaningful to me. I have been a member for twelve years, and have served on the Altar Guild almost from the beginning. I have loved meeting people at the Cathedral that I never would have known otherwise. I have helped out with various small things when asked, but I really would like to give more, to be more involved.

I have been blessed with three children, two of whom live here, and three wonderful grandchildren, also here. My B.A. was in Art History and English and my Graduate work was in Psychology. I was a "stay at home mother", but did manage to volunteer through the KCMO Junior league. I am now a Sustaining Member. In the past 17 years I have given most of my discretionary time to the Saint Luke's Hospital Auxiliary at the Plaza. I served on various committees, two terms as President, Chairman of the Auxiliary's biennial fundraiser Holly Ball, and presently am almost finished with my second term as Membership Chair. I really have enjoyed it all, and am so glad I could do it. I want to continue my twice a month time in the surgical waiting room. All this said, I have felt for a few years that I need to do more, give more, to the Cathedral.

At the Parish Meeting recently, we revealed how very special and beloved the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is to each of us, and discussed how best to move forward into the next few years. I personally feel the Dean search to be crucial for the future of the Cathedral and its membership. When the new Dean is in place, I hope we will be able to begin to bring the church back together, perhaps bringing lost members who have stopped attending any church at all, back into the flock. Also, we might have the neighborhood coffee and dessert meetings for the new Dean, to give a chance to visit in a casual home atmosphere. We did this at least once before and I believe it was a big success warming up hearts, and building interest. The notes from last month's Parish Meeting should be studied as there were lots of potentially powerful thoughts and ideas.

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Bill Hubbard

It is an honor to be nominated to the Vestry and I am able and willing to attend monthly meetings and will continue to serve on a Cathedral committee. I will honor the decisions of the Vestry and the confidentiality of those decisions. I wholeheartedly endorse our Mission Statement.



My involvement at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral includes: serving on a Vestry nominating committee, attending the Education for Ministry course for three years, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, two full terms on the Vestry, and presently, Healing Ministry, and member of the Endowment Investment Committee.

It is my belief that the experience gained by my active involvement at the Cathedral, combined with my experience of 35 years as a senior business executive, would be of significant value as a team player on the Vestry. My vision over the next three years includes: selecting and welcoming a new dean, growth in membership and outreach, a greater presence in the community and to regain fiscal balance.

Geoff Logan

If elected, I am available for vestry meetings as scheduled. Since 1990 my late wife and I have been active, pledging member with GHTC. For several years I sang in the Trinity choir, and made the 1991 tour of England with them. I sing in the summer choir still, when available.



During the difficult transition time between Deans Dennis Schmidt and Dean Terry White, I served on the vestry. Over the years of our membership I have made several presentations to audiences at GHTC on various subjects of artistic and religious interest including four weekly classes at a Lenten Academy on the "Influence of Celtic Hymns" on the Episcopal Hymn book.

My vision for the Cathedral in the next three years is (1) to increase membership; (2) to increase the range of socially relevant activities within the parish, including an expansion of medical knowledge sharing among parishioners, particularly the elderly, to be done in conjunction with the Parish Nurse ministry; and (3) to make the activities of the parish more publicly known, including resuming the advertising of Sunday services and weekday activities. This is largely a "drive in" parish, and people need to have a reason to 'DRIVE IN'.

At the recent "Bishop Walkabout," a young man asked one of the candidates what the church

would look like in ten years' time. I have pondered this question since.

A few of us have had the amazing experience, when younger, of forming such strong friendships with a member of another family, that we were able to cross, freely, the boundaries between the two families. We came to regard the friend's family as "my other family." My goal would be, collectively, to recreate the Cathedral family as "our other family", a family on which we could rely for communal healthy, joint activities, recreation and socially beneficial works; and to make the cathedral a place that people come to because they want to come, not because they feel they ought to come.

As regards confidentiality of decision making within the vestry. Vestry members are representatives of their constituents — the parishioners. I believe that parishioners have every reason to know and understand the financial basis for business decisions made at the vestry level. After they are the primary financial stakeholders in supporting the parish. For confidence in their vestry, there must be transparency in financial operations. So strongly do I believe in this principle that I would not serve on a vestry where there is not absolute freedom of communication between the finance committee and the vestry; and between the vestry and parishioners. However, having said that, there are some decisions regarding personnel, where details of evidence and discussion should remain confidential and undisclosed. I look forward to the election.

Brian Marrs

I became a member of GHTC in 1956, as a youth I was an Acolyte until 1974 when I left for the Air Force. Upon returning to Kansas City in 2001 my family joined GHTC, my children have been actively involved in choir, acolytes and youth group. Debbie, my wife, has taught Sunday School and is active in the Charitable Needlework group. I am completing a term on the Vestry, serve on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and am an usher. I have and, if elected, will continue to honor the decisions of the Vestry and the confidentiality of each decision. What I bring to the Vestry is an understanding of the needs of the Church campus, with the state of the economy we must constantly look for ways to maintain the Campus in a standard in which we can all take pride. We are at a very exciting time at GHTC, with a new Bishop-elect and the current search for a new Dean; I believe that the Church has a very bright future. I would like to see the Church continue to be a place that is open and welcome to all. I have always felt that GHTC is a place that



families can become involved with and come to love as my family has for four generations. I support the Cathedral Mission Statement adopted by the Vestry in 2007.

Steve Moore

I have served on the Vestry and as Junior Warden for the past three years. As Junior Warden, I serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance and Budget committees. I chair the Buildings and Grounds Committee and am a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. Prior to these current positions, I have served on the Stewardship Committee for a number of years, the Vestry Nominating Committee and the Dean Search Committee. I have also taught Sunday school and led the youth group for two years. All of these experiences have provided me with a broad understanding all aspects of the Cathedral, including our clergy and fellow parishioners and the mission of the Cathedral. If elected, I will continue to be faithful in serving on a committee, regularly attending Vestry meetings and honoring the decisions of the Vestry.

I have several aspects of my personal vision for the Cathedral and its membership over the next three years. First and foremost, we must identify and elect a new Dean who will faithfully serve us and equip us to further our ministries. Second, I believe the Cathedral to develop an action plan to grow the membership of the Cathedral with a particular emphasis on young families. Finally, the Cathedral grounds require some capital improvements which have been deferred due to other, more pressing needs. I believe these improvements can be effected through a capital campaign and a volunteer labor force from the Cathedral.



Jim Phillips

I have served on the Vestry for the last three years and the finance committee for the past six years. For 2010, I have served as the Cathedral's treasurer. If elected, I will continue to be faithful in serving on a committee and regularly attending Vestry meetings. To the Vestry, I bring an ability to work with Vestry members, Finance Committee members, church staff and clergy. My work with the Finance Committee and Vestry have allowed me to use my skills in finance. My personal vision for the Cathedral and its membership over the next three years is to fulfill the strategic plan and install a new Dean who will lead the Cathedral. I support the Cathedral Mission Statement adopted by the Vestry in 2007.



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Gerry Reynaud

If elected to the Vestry I will be able to attend monthly meetings on a regular basis. I will consider this commitment a priority and am willing to serve on Cathedral committees. As a Vestry member I would be open to listening to various viewpoints and encourage a collegial knowledge-based team that makes decisions that are in the best interest of the Cathedral and its mission. Once decisions are made each Vestry members must be supportive regardless of any differing opinion and hold action by the Vestry in confidence to avoid disintegration of trust and loyalty to the overall governance process.

My involvement with Grace and Holy Cathedral has been through membership on the Building and Grounds Committee for the past five years and serving as a Co-chair and now Chair of the Garden and Landscape Guild. I also serve as an usher and have been actively involved in the Parking Lot Fund Raising Guild to increase the Cathedral's financial capacity to fund projects that are critical to our overall membership growth, image and service to our members and our community.

In addition to my gifts and talent as a Garden Guild member I think my 42-year-career as a public school Educator, Director and Executive Director of Special Services for children with disabilities in three large metropolitan school district resulted in shaping leadership skills that are grounded in the ability to listen, collaborate, and facilitate consensus. Over the past four decades I have served in many leadership positions and roles at the local, state, national and international levels through The Council for Exceptional Children. This involvement provided me opportunity to serve on board of directors, finance committees, task forces and work groups which ultimately lead to my election as President of the International Council. I also bring experience from our previous church membership experience as chairman of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee.

My personal vision for the Cathedral is to grow our membership that will result in increasing human and financial resources to meet strategic goals that advance Grace and Holy as the "Church of the City." I envision a stronger collaborative relationship between the new Bishop and the Diocese office. I envision a new Dean who positions for high visibility for pastoral care, presence within the community, city organizations relevant to our strategic goals, to be known and in-touch with the business community, to be grounded in overall Kansas City community concerns. I envision that all members will embrace the rich diversity within



our church and our surrounding community. My experience with volunteering for the improvement of our building and grounds will be an ongoing desire. It will be my further desire to support and encourage the Cathedral staff in the execution of their responsibilities.

David Rice

After service as your Senior Warden for the past three years, I am honored to be a candidate for re-election to the GHTC Vestry. It was my pleasure to serve with Dean Terry White before his elevation to the Episcopate and to serve currently with Priest-in-Charge Canon Sue Sommer. Our parish has mastered many challenges and experienced many successes together, and I fully anticipate a time of growth and unity as we welcome a new Bishop in our diocese and a new Dean for our Cathedral. I believe my experience as a twice elected member of the Vestry, member and chair for several years of the Budget Committee, member and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, member of the Finance Committee, member and chair of the Mission Statement Committee, Cathedral greeter, and Senior Warden, along with my familiarity with the current people, issues, and policies of the Cathedral qualify me for further Vestry service.

As one who helped to develop our mission statement, I fully support it and believe in it, and I believe that it is representative of the good and dedicated people who worship at GHTC. Without question, we have the potential for achieving great things here in the city and further afield. Without doubt, we are, collectively, called to be advocates of the Gospel, to feed the hungry, to aid the poor, to open our hearts to the sick, the unemployed, the underprivileged, the lonely, and to all who seek to join us in serving our God. That is my vision for the Cathedral, that we let go of divisions, that we stand together, that we live out our Baptismal Covenant here and now, in this place, together. In contributing to that vision, I bring my experience, my knowledge, my time, and my sincere efforts. But the most important gift I offer is my dedication to and love of the Cathedral, its beauty, its grace, its liturgy, its music, and its remarkable people. If elected, I will gladly attend all Vestry meetings, maintain confidentiality, and work and pray for the unity and advancement of the Cathedral in the Heart of the City.



Collin Walker

I would regularly attend Vestry and would be willing to participate actively on at least one Cathedral committee. I understand the importance of honoring the decisions of the Vestry and the confidentiality of what is said during the meetings.

This is an issue of integrity, without that there is mistrust between members, and promotes a hostile environment encouraging gossip. The phrase, "loose lips sinks ships" is just as meaningful now as ever.

Grace and Holy has always been a part of my spiritual life. I was baptized, had my first communion, and sang in the Boys Choir here. My wife and I were married at the Cathedral in 2000. More recently, I have been involved with the planning for the 2010 Croquet Tournament, the 2010 Christmas Open House and the 2011 Dean's Cup Golf Tournament. Through my service on the Garden Guild and committees, my view has changed from this being just a church to that of a spiritual community. I see how many people volunteer to make our spot here at 13th and Broadway, a place that people can come and worship God, and be a part of a community that serves one another. Most importantly, these experiences have taught me to be a team player that would be relevant to my potential service on the Vestry.

As an entrepreneur in a small family business, I am accustomed to being a problem solver and making important decisions daily. At work and in my personal life I believe in spending money wisely and making purchases only when we have the cash to do so. We do not operate on debt. It's a joy for me to find solutions that save the business money, and love it when we can do more with less. I have a strong work ethic that I can bring to the Vestry.

My personal vision for the Cathedral and its membership over the next three years, is to grow our membership by reaching out to young families, singles, and particularly people in their 20s to 40s. We need to show that we share moral family values, and believe and trust in the word of God. Lately, the Cathedral looks rundown in certain areas inside, and I would like to see this turn around over the next three-year period. The Cathedral is in a great location to serve families who live and work in the downtown area. As a part of this, I think we should look into an outreach ministry that provides a faith based daycare. In the past, the Cathedral has hosted youth organizations, such as The Boy Scouts, as a way to reach out to the community. It would be great to get our youth more engaged with the Cathedral.



December flower gifts, including Christmas gifts for flowers and music

December 12

- in thanksgiving for our son, Jack — Chris and Christine Morrison
- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Leslie Branton Hoffecker — Shawsie Branton
- in memory of Derrick Bradley and Maureen McGowan — Carmen Quintero

December 19

- in thanksgiving for my husband, Chris — Christine Morrison
- in honor of Kathryn Celeste Finet, who graduates today from University of Missouri. Thanks be to God! — Ruth Finet
- in thanksgiving for the birth of our great-grandson, Ford Shaffer Loeffler — Phyllis and Jim Shaffer

Christmas Eve & Day

in thanksgiving for

- in thanksgiving for the faithful people and clergy of the Diocese of West Missouri — the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Barry R. Howe
- For the clergy and staff at GHTC and our children and grandchildren — Ben and Joyce Morrow
- The grace of God and for the gift of God's Son — William Hawley and Sally Livengood
- Our 40th wedding anniversary — Chuck and Marsy Gordon
- For the ministry of Leona and John Schaefer



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- and for Robert Trapp and the chancel decorations — Richard Preis
- Cathie, Carl, Chris and their families — Barbara B. Mason
- Abby, Jon & Camille — Steve & Kristy Moore
- Dorothy Risebig — Claudia Risebig
- Our families — Mike and Cheryl McDonald
- Our families — Ron and Carolyn McLeroy
- — Marjorie Williams
- The beautiful music and flowers — Jeannette Nichols
- My children and grandchildren — Patricia E. Burns
- The engagement of Amanda Hathorne and Nicholas Solsburg — Gayle G. Hathorne
- My two daughters, four grandchildren and great-grandchild — Loretta J. Stotts
- Our children — The Simms
- Peter, Christy, Taylor and Riley Obetz — John and Grace Obetz
- Marco and Alex Neswadi & Brooke and Kate Sobba — Gerry and Barbara Reynaud
- Luke and Hannah Woolley & Emma and Ashby Lane — Pat & Kay Woolley
- My children and their families — Shawsie Branton
- Our daughters Lace and Caroline Owen — Dick and Ginger Owen
- Julia, John, Maddie and Jack — Ellen and John Goheen
- All the many blessings of abundance, love and joy — Ruth Finet
- Our daughter, Noël, and our grandson, Gordon — Harley and Pat Miller
- Joey, Luke and Ruth — Betty Holliday
- Our children and grandchildren — Day and Whitney Kerr
- Our family — Alan and Phyllis Ryder
- My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — Sally Wood

• — Michael Maiden

- The guest instrumentalists — David E. Leimkuehler
- The Trinity Choir and John Schaefer — John and Peg Brown
- Ryan Gerran and Lisa Thomas, Connie Powell, Caulbert Livingston, Paula Benjamin Trendle Cady, Charles Thomas — Paula Livingston
- Many blessings — Marlene Link

in memory of

- Loved family members, our parents and niece Jennifer B. Koch — the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Barry R. Howe
- My dear husband Tom — Sally Wood
- Our parents Charlie and Dottie McCord & Ed Owen — Dick and Ginger Owen

- My husband and parents — Shawsie Branton
- My husband, son, father and mother — Loretta J. Stotts
- Our loving parents Ted and Martha Iott & Sabino and Elynor Bilotta — Bev and Larry Bilotta
- Lynn McLeroy and Max McLeroy — Ron and Carolyn McLeroy
- Clarence Risebig — Claudia Risebig
- Newt Lewis, Lena Lewis, Guy Lewis, Anne Hansen, Clarence Hansen and Homer Mitchell — Gordon Hansen
- Jacob E. Klassen, Florence B. Klassen and J. Raymond Klassen — Jan Seaman
- Paul W. Lowrey, family and friends — Bonnie J. Lowrey
- Orpha Wilcox Finely and Lathrop Gates — Kirkland and Kathy Gates
- Billie Wallace — Herman Wallace
- Luther Crocker — friends
- Drs. Edward and Patricia McGarry, Alison W. Barker, David and Grace Jillson & James and Barbara Barker — Chris and Margaret McGarry
- Mr. and Mrs. Preston Love — Evelyn Toner
- Gene Spencer — John and Grace Obetz
- Hazel, Loyd, Jerry and Donald Smith; Frank, Mary and Augusta Fanolio & Steve Risbeck — Richard and Jill Fanolio
- William L. Pence & Anne Pence Little — Libby Pence
- Alice Lindquist, Mary Jane Durant and Jean Nall — Joseph D. Lewandowski and Briggett Owens
- Elizabeth Cashen — Zan Crum
- Isabel Curdy — Robert Richmond
- Marilyn Lacey McMullen
- Hazel M. Helms and Robert J. Helms
- Marjorie and Wendell Beckord and Morgan Marie Pollack — Pat McKenna
- Calvia Oliver Hillhouse — Brent Adrian Barr
- Ellis Thomas Johnston — Michael and Lucille Johnston
- Philip and Barbara Rahm, Maude Forrester and Creighton Hart — Phyllis Hart
- My husband, John Robert Fowler — Charmaine Fowler
- Richard and Minnie Denny — Denny, Denny and R. Kent Brisley
- Link family — Marlene Link

December 26

- in thanksgiving for 15 wonderful years with Mike — Bridgett Shirley
- in thanksgiving for Mrs. Maria Devinki — Carmen Quintero

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at www.ghc-kc.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or office@ghc-kc.org).

Christmas at the Cathedral



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Christmas at the Cathedral Open House

A world of thanks to everyone for the Christmas at the Cathedral Open House. All of your work was tremendous and the feedback has all stated how wonderful the event was.

The best guess for attendance is under 200 (not bad for a first such event) and both Meribeth Risebig and Canon Schaefer won over people with the music. It seems that people really liked the guided tours and Bob Trapp being there was super talking with everyone.

Cathedral newcomer and KC Star contributor Vern Barnet said, "I, as a newcomer to the Cathedral myself, I enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the sacred space I have come to cherish, made especially vivid for our guests by the tours, the refreshments, the floral designs, and the music."

Founders' Hall was elegant and the hospitality shown by all, led by the Fanolios, was warm and welcoming. Special thanks to Kansas City Culinary Arts for the assortment of cookies and the wonderful hot lunch for the committee.

—Sharon Cheers



Annual Meeting January 30

You are invited to attend the Cathedral's Parish Celebration and Annual Meeting January 30 at 11:45 a.m. in Founders' Hall. We will begin our celebration following the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist with a potluck luncheon (please bring a side or dessert to share).

We will celebrate some of our amazing ministries and those individuals who make them possible. We shall honor Vestry members who are completing terms, and elect a new class. Written reports, from 2010 financials and the 2011 budget to summaries of various programs and mission activities, will be shared. And best of all, we shall be gathered as a parish family of all ages to celebrate Eucharist, celebrate a shared meal, celebrate the blessings we have known as a community in the last year and celebrate the wondrous opportunities the Lord Christ places before us in this new year of Grace.

Nursery care will be provided throughout the celebration. We look forward to this time together and look forward to seeing you at this Parish Celebration!



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Canon

The Rev. Bruce Hall
Deacon

The Rev. Jerry Grabher
Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Johnston
Scholar-in-Residence

Mr. John L. Schaefer
Canon Musician

Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Trinity Tappers Class

Tuesday

9:15 a.m. EfM
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:15 p.m. EfM

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
6:15 p.m. Grace Choraliers

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Activities for January

5 • WEDNESDAY
NO Trinity Teens Youth Group

12 • WEDNESDAY
6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

17 • MONDAY
*Cathedral Office & Buildings Closed for
Martin Luther King Day*

19 • WEDNESDAY
7:00 a.m. Finance Committee
6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

26 • WEDNESDAY
5:30 p.m. Café Grazia
6:30 p.m. Small Group Meetings
• Inklings Book Group
• Charitable Needlework
• The Seekers
• Reel People

27 • THURSDAY
5:00 p.m. Vestry

30 • SUNDAY
11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral office or website (www.ghtc-kc.org).



The Friends of MN at GHTC wish to thank everyone for the generous response to our request for Onesies for the newborns at Maison de Naissance. By the time you read this, they will have been delivered to the MN Foundation office and will soon be on their way to Haiti.

May your generous gift bring you many blessings.

