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From the Priest-in-Charge

What do the death of Osama bin Laden, May 21, and the proposed Anglican Covenant have in common?

Hermes. And by this, I do not mean the very pricey prêt-a-porter design firm whose shoes I covet but cannot afford. I mean rather, the messenger of the gods in Greek mythology, whose name forms the root of, "hermeneutic," the churchy way of saying *the art or methodology of interpretation*. We encounter the world around us and we try to make sense of it.

The way we interpret events in our lives has a lot to do with our culture, our education, our economic class, our gender and, of course, our understanding of God (Trinitarian, Christological, Sacramental, etc.). Our capacity to make meaning is a gift to us from the Creator. We do it day in and day out, in ways trivial and critical.

And periodically, we encounter events that benefit from us taking a step back and looking at the suppositions that inform our hermeneutical enterprise.

For example, as I write this on May 15 I am aware that a goodly number of folks are preparing for the rapture on May 21. (If you're reading this, then we know how it turned out at least this time.) Apparently, Family Radio preacher Harold Camping has done the Biblical math and has determined the day and the hour. There's several responses. We can ignore it. We can roll our eyes. We can freak out. Or, we can step back and inform ourselves about the movement that got underway in the 1830s called Dispensationalism which clearly informs Pastor Camping's viewpoint. The advantage of the doing the latter is that in exploring a hermeneutic that is different from our own, we gain a deeper appreciation for (and a capacity to articulate) a theology with which we perhaps resonate better.

All theology is hermeneutical. As Episcopalians, we use Scripture, Tradition (meaning historic church teaching), and Reason as the lenses through which consider the evidence. Because we understand Scripture to be the Word of God, we take it seriously, but we do not need to take it literally. That means, among other things, that we view Scripture as living document that daily reveals God to us in ways that draw us deeper into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. That means that we are called to study it, wrestle with it, learn about its historic context and how the church has interpreted it over the years, what contemporary theologians have to say about it now, and to reflect on how it continues to speak to us today.

We are less likely, as a denomination, to view Scripture as a coded source book, an instruction manual (what I sometimes call Cookbook Theology) or as Revealed Truth

frozen for all time like a bug in amber.

All hermeneutical perspectives have consequences. A consequence for Dispensationalism is that it provides some sense of comfort (assuming you believe you are one of the saved) and perhaps even control in an otherwise seemingly chaotic world. Another consequence is that if you are a Dispensationalist, you perhaps are less interested in addressing the needs of the world in the here and now. Personally, I would not want policy-makers in Washington to be heavily influenced by a Dispensationalist hermeneutic. However, I'm clear that others of my fellow citizens see (and have seen) things differently.

We live in a world that is increasingly dominated by polarized black and white thinking. Opinions — formed in a particular hermeneutic — are regularly presented as facts. We have the capacity to interpret and to think critically, and we are part of a faith community that encourages us to do just exactly that. Let's put on our winged shoes (back to Hermes!) and start spreadin' that news.

–Sue+

¹ Contrary to Matthew 24:36

Dean's Cup Classic June 24-25, 2011

Prairie Highlands Golf Course, Olathe

Friday, June 24 at GHTC

Duffers Reception & Silent Auction



Golf & Lunch with Awards Presentation

Proceeds benefit the Culinary Cornerstones Chef Training program

How You Can Be Involved:

- 1. Sign up to golf (or better yet, get a team together).
- 2. Get your business to sponsor the tournament or advertise in the tournament program.
- 3. Donate items to the silent auction.
- 4. Volunteer to help the day of the auction or tournament.

Treasurer's Report

March MTD	Bu	dgeted MTD	Actual MTD		
Income	\$	88,900	\$	87,828	
Expenses	\$	130,290	\$	118,726	
Net Total	\$	(41,390)	\$	(30,898)	
March YTD	Bu	dgeted YTD	Α	ctual YTD	
March YTD Income	Bu (\$	dgeted YTD 425,054	A	ctual YTD 426,299	

For the month of April 2011, pledge income and endowment income were below the levels of 2010 by about \$9,000. For the month of April 2011, total income was about \$1,000 less than the budgeted amount. For the expenses during the month of April 2011, actual expenses were below budget by \$12,000 and below 2010 by about \$26,000. Actual net operating income was negative \$30,898 for the month of April 2011.

For the year-to-date April 2011, pledge income is trailing the budget by about \$8,000. Total income is slightly ahead of budget for the current year. As for expenses, total expenses are about \$8,000 less than budget and \$90,000 less than the year-to-date 2010. Net operating income is negative \$54,128 for the year-to-date as compared to the budget negative of \$61,706.

Looking forward, we know that there are some significant costs that will need to be paid for the physical property of the Cathedral which will have an impact on operating results. We appreciate everyone's assistance through both time, treasure and talents!

-by Jim Phillips, Treasurer

Health News

Your Parish Health Ministry has completed our CPR/AED and emergency procedures for choking instruction for the usher and several interested parishioners Saturday, May 14.

Sunday, May 22, we were in the Children's Formation class to talk about poisoning dangers. We watched a video and used stick puppets and had samples of dangerous look alikes, i.e. candy vs. cold medicine, apple juice vs. cleaning liquids.

Over the summer, we are hoping to survey the congregation to find out where your interests lie for future presentations. We hope to be able to become one of the groups that meet as part of Café Grazia each month.

Stay safe this summer!

-Carol Montgomery, R.N.; Cindy Line, R.N.; Geoff Logan, M.D.; Chris Morgan, J.D.



Shop at the Cathedral Bookstore



Be sure to pick up some books for your summer reading! If you don't see what you are looking for, please let us order it for you.

Hoping to find that special baptism gift? We have new sterling silver baby cross pins designed by Thomas More. Pendants available include: cross, cross with rhinestone, two-tone cross within a heart, or mustard seed. A delicate, unique keepsake for a very special occasion.

Thanks for visiting and supporting your Cathedral Bookstore. As always, e-mail us your questions or suggestions: bookstore@ghtc-kc.org.

Open Sundays after morning services



We've got Episcopal shield t-shirts and other gear, but we do not have a GHTC t-shirt. In July, we will be hosting a t-shirt design contest. Start thinking about YOUR design and watch for details in future communications this summer.



Wednesday, June 22

Café Grazia is a monthly gathering for all parishioners. You 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.

Dinner • 5:30 p.m. Small Groups • 6:30 p.m.

- The Seekers
- Inklings Book Group
- Charitable Needlework
- Reel People

new arrivals

Olivia Leigh Lake was born April 29 and is the daughter of Molly Gordon and Robert Lake and first grandchild of Chuck & Marsy Gordon.



The Angelus

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

Regular Contributors: Friends of MN, Jan Frizzle, Chris Morrison Julie Toma, Editor

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@ghtc-kc.org.

Mother's Day in Haiti

In Haiti, Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of May. Mothers are given flowers and shown love by their children who often depend on them for everything. Haitian mothers work hard to take care of their children. They do manual labor, walk miles to get water, make sure their children have food and strive to get them an education. Like mothers here, they wish for their children to grow and prosper. Their children are counted as blessings.

At Maison de Naissance, every day is Mother's Day! Looking at the wonderful color photos at the coffee on Mother's Day, we are reminded of how much Maison de Naissance contributes to the health and wellness of Haitian mothers and babies. Providing prenatal care, safe deliveries, well-child checkups, vitamins and immunizations require funds. We thank all of you who remember



Maison de Naissance in your prayers and with your contributions. And, bonne fete des meres, to Haitian mothers May 29.

MN Foundation Update: The Maison de Naissance Foundation is pleased to announce that Jim Grant has been appointed director, replac-Maison de Naissance ing Heather Ehlert who is leaving. Jim has volunteered for Haiti since 2008. He made his first visit to MN that year,

and in February this year, he made his eighteenth trip to Haiti in the role of project manager and mission leader of Incarnation Project in Le Pretre village. Jim is very committed to the goal of healthy mothers and babies fostered by MN. We are in good hands.

-by Sandy Carter

May flower gifts

- in thanksgiving for our mothers -Michael and Cathy Thomas
- in memory of Luella and Helen Phil Dibble and Priscilla Brown
- in memory of myhusband Tully—Ruth Moss

May 15

- in memory of John Robert Fowler -Charmaine Fowler
- in thanksgiving for the birth of our granddaughter, Olivia Leigh — Chuck and Marsy Gordon

May 22

in honor of Leona Schaefer

May 29

- in memory of the birthday of my father, Leslie L. Shaw — Shawsie Branton
- in memory of David Ludwig Sam & Dorothy Gershman

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

Rebuilding the soul of a nation

When the January 2010 earthquake hit Haiti, people turned to the church. They knew they would find help there even though nearly all the church buildings, including Holy Trinity Cathedral, had been reduced to rubble. The bishop, clergy and Cathedral staff offered what food and

water they had. They handed out tents until all the tents were gone.

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral has joined the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti campaign to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral so that there will always be a place people can go during times of trouble, a place that will lift them up both spiritually and physically. Geoff Logan is leading the Cathedral's efforts as we join other parishes in the Diocese of West Missouri and throughout the Episcopal Church. Rebuild Our Church is a national project

launched by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church to encourage every parish to participate in resurrecting the poorest and most populous diocese in the Episcopal Church.

"There's a lot to do in Haiti," says Logan, "but many hands make the load lighter. Piece by piece and brick by brick we can do this together, and GHTC has committed to help."

The Diocese of Haiti is a member of Province II and home to nearly 100,000 Episcopalians with 97 parishes and 200 schools. In 2008 the Diocese celebrated over 200 baptisms and 700 confirmations.

"I would very much like for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral to lead the way in the Diocese of West Missouri in supporting Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince," says Canon Sue Sommer. "As Cathedral parishioners, we know how much our own beloved building means to us in terms of our worship and community life. Imagine our entire Cathedral in ruins, and you can begin to imagine what the people of Holy Trinity Cathedral have experienced this past year. We share an Episcopal heritage with our Haitian brothers and sisters, and our two cathedrals share a very similar name. What is different for us is that the per capital

income among Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral members is considerably higher than the \$480 annual per capita income in Haiti. Most all of us have it well within our capacity to support this very important, easily reachable goal."

Fundraising will continue throughout the month of June. Parishioners can "buy a brick" to help rebuild Holy Trinity and restore the famous murals by making a donation using the "Rebuild our Church" envelopes, giving online at www.episcopalchurch.org/ HaitiAppeal or sending a check to Rebuild Our Church, c/o The Episcopal Church Foundation, 815 Second Ave., New York, NY 10017. To make a gift of stock, call 1-800-697-2858 and ask for Nancy Grizzaffi or email all@episcopalfoundation.org.

Please extend a warm WELCOME to our new Cathedral members! Vern Barnet Russell Helder Mark Sappington &

- Joshua Malsick
- · Stanley Dibble &
- Craig Heslop
- Phaedra & Christopher Fahnestock and Ethan, Brooklyn and
- Joshua Martinez & Marc Callahan
- Amy Sadler
- Rachel Wallace Jill Kennedy and
- Cherayla Russ Fetters
- Dave McGee
- Jennifer Orton
- Stephanie Pumphrey
 Linda & Walt Tabory
 - · Glen and Terri Wesner Julia Moreno Akins
 - Cooper Boaz
 - Kailey Capps
 - Astyn Theobald

Skin and eye protection from UV light

Our friend the sun provides us with warmth and visible light, but also sends us invisible UV light, which is potentially damaging to our skin (cancer inducing) and eyes (cataracts). UV light comes in two forms, UVA (long wave) and UVB (short wave).

UVA accounts for up to 95 percent of the UV radiation reaching the earth, and can penetrate clouds and glass. UVA contributes to, and may initiate the development of skin cancers. In addition, UVA is the predominant form of UV radiation in tanning lamps, and causes damage to and mutation of the DNA of the skin's basal layer.

UVB is the chief cause of reddening and sunburn, and damages the more superficial epidermis. It plays a key role in the development of skin cancer, and a contributory role in wrinkling and aging of the skin. The most significant amount of UVB hits the United States between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., from April to October. But sunburn can occur year round, especially at high altitudes, and on reflective surface such as snow or water. Glass blocks UVB rays.

Protect your skin and eyes

Clothing: Learn the sun protective factors (SPF) of your clothing. Dark, closely woven

but loose-fitting garments may offer greater protection from the sun than lighter loosely woven clothing. Always wear wide brimmed, shady hats and wraparound, UV blocking sunglasses.

Chemical sun protection: Numerous creams, sprays and lotions are on the market, each offering a

specific SPF. This number measures the degree protection from UVB rays only. There, as yet, is no measure of the degree of protection against UVA. The SPF is the amount of UV radiation required to cause sunburn with sunscreen on, relative to the amount required without the sunscreen. Conventional sunscreens block very little UVA, which causes DNA damage to cells deep within the skin, increasing the risk of malignant melanoma. The best UVA protection is provided by products containing zinc oxide, avobenzene and ecamsule (check labels).

Sunblock and sunscreen are not the same. Sunblock is opaque, contains titanium dioxide and/ or zinc oxide and is more like makeup. It is stronger than sunscreen, and able to block a majority of UBA and UVB rays from the sun. It does not have to be reapplied several times per day. Sunscreen is more transparent, and, for good protection, needs to be reapplied every two hours. If using sunscreen, look for a higher SPF than with a sunblock.

If you are going out in the sun, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends application of a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, reapplying it every two hours while exposed.

UV Blocking Sunglasses: You don't have to spend a lot of money to get good UV protection. Look at the label. You want lenses that block 99-100 percent of UV rays. Some manufacturers say "UV absorption up to 400nm." This is the same thing as 100 percent absorption of UV rays. Lifelong exposure to UV rays may induce cataract formation in the lens of the eye. Consider protecting your children's eyes from a very early age.

Tanning lamps emit mostly UVA. They can cause both eye damage and skin damage, just as with natural sunlight.

Sunless Spray and self-tanners: The FDA approves only the chemical dihydroxyacetone for this purpose. Check labels. The only risks are allergic reactions or irritation.

-by Dr. Geoff Logan, Parish Health Ministry

Sources: Glaucoma Foundation, American Academy of Dermatology, CDC-Skin Cancer Prevention, FDA, Wikipedia



Dean's Cup Classic to benefit Culinary Cornerstones program

sponsored by Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, will be Saturday, June 25, at the Prairie Highland Golf Club. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Culinary Cornerstones chef training program of Episcopal Community Services.

Duffers Reception & Silent Auction: Friday, June 24

The Friday evening party will give you the opportunity to see Culinary Cornerstones students in action. A generous hors d'oeuvres buffet with wine, beer and soft drinks will begin at 5 p.m. in Founders' Hall. During this party, you will be able to pre-register your team, bid on silent auction items and get a team photo taken. Additional tickets for nongolfers are available for just \$20.

The silent auction gives you the chance to bid on items, such as fine art, din-Dean's Cup ing, antiques and collectibles, jewelry

The 2011 Dean's Cup Classic Golf Tournament, and more! If you would like to donate goods or services, please contact Charmaine Fowler (cfowler@kc.rr.com or 816.509.3365) or the Cathedral office.

Golf Tournament & Lunch Awards Banquet: Saturday, June 25

Registration and breakfast begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun tee-off at 8 a.m. The awards will be presented at a banquet featuring a barbecue buffet at Prairie Highlands Golf Course immediately following the tournament.

The cost per golfer is \$150, which includes the Duffers Reception, 18 holes of golf and the awards lunch. If you register and pay for a team by June 4, the cost is only \$550 — a \$50 savings.

> For more information about the tournament and how you can get involved as a golfer, donor or volunteer, contact Charmaine Fowler or visit our website: www.ghtc-kc.org/golf.

Golf tournament proceeds benefit the Culinary Cornerstones Chef Training program

Culinary Cornerstones is a life-changing program built on the philosophy from the Chinese proverb: Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime. The program addresses root causes of hunger—unemployment and under-employment, for example by providing necessary job skills and placement assistance. Men and women from all backgrounds are trained to work in the food service industry. During each session, students learn culinary techniques, safe food handling, nutrition planning and life skills. Recent graduates of the program have found jobs in the cafeterias at the Federal Reserve Bank and Sprint, with catering companies and a few have gone on for formal culinary training to become chefs.



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CLASSIC

from Canon Musician John Schaefer

Choral Evensong: June 2

The Trinity Choir will sing the Office of Choral Evensong on the Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. Using the Office as found in the Book of Common Prayer 1662, the Choir will sing music by Bernard Rose, Herbert Murrill, William Byrd and Charles Villiers Stanford. The congregation will have the opportunity to sing some of the strong Ascension hymns.

The Evensong is to be recorded so that the choir can have an audition compact disc for its projected tour of England in 2013. Thomas Garrison, long-time section leader, made good contacts whilst he was in England a few weeks ago; he knows the places where the Choir could possibly sing as choir-in-residence for one week. The Choir has done such residencies at Oxford (twice) and once at Westminster Abbey.

Please invite your friends to join you for this devotional, spiritual service.

Simon Carrington Chamber Singers

The Simon Carrington Chamber Singers make their third annual appearance at the Cathedral, singing in concert Friday, June 10 at 8 p.m. The musicians travel from near and far to sing for Prof. Carrington, who is surely one of the world's finest choral conductors. The repertoire is as diverse as the ensemble and just as fine. Included will be the premiere performance of a work chosen by Prof. Carrington from many submitted by composers also from all over the world. The concerts in 2009 and 2010 were excellent; one imagines that this year's will be superior to those.

Jonathan Krinke, a fine high school choir director in our community, has assembled a high school chamber ensemble to sing under Prof. Carrington. The young musicians are amongst the very best in our community. The ensemble will sing several works alone, and one with the Chamber Singers.

Really, if you like great choral singing, you must hear this concert. The tickets are \$20 (\$10 for seniors 65+ and students), a bargain



considering all that you will experience. I presume that they will still be available "at the door" on performance evening. Tickets can be purchased online at www.simoncarringtonchambersingers.com.

The musicians will travel to Topeka Saturday June, 11, to sing a second concert at Grace Cathedral that evening. The Cathedral is gorgeous, both visually and acoustically. It is worthwhile to drive over even if you will have heard the concert here.

Please see Amy Waldron, Bunny Oestreicher, Leona Schaefer or me if you want more information.

Summer Choir

There is a summer choir which will commences June 26 and continues until late August. If you would like to sing in the choir, which rehearses at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning prior to the 10:15 service, please see me or ring up at 816-214-9928. I thank the Cathedral musicians for providing such wonderful leadership for our worship.

Activities for June

2 • Thursday

7:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

4 • Saturday

10:30 a.m. Ordination

10 • Friday

8:00 p.m. Carrington Chamber Singers

II • SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Episcopal Church Women Breakfast

12 • SUNDAY

Free blood pressure checks at coffee hour

22 • Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Café Grazia Dinner

7:00 p.m. Café Grazia Small Groups

23 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Vestry

24 • Friday

5:00 p.m. Duffers Reception

25 • SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Dean's Cup Golf Classic

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).



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The Right Rev. Martin S. Field Bishop of West Missouri

The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Canon Joseph Behen

Canon

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 & Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist6:00 p.m. Trinity Tappers Class

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

"Men anpil chay pa lou."

(Many hands lighten the load.)





Join the Episcopal Church's campaign to rebuild the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. Brick by brick. To learn more and to get involved, please visit:

www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal

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