

# **The Angelu**

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# FROM THE DEAN Christianity after Easter

For the past few weeks very attractive invitations have arrived in our home mailbox. They advertise the March 24 grand opening of a new church in my neighborhood. Some have come with a coupon for a free cup of coffee or an order of fries at a local business. This new church offers a casual atmosphere, quality programs for children, "relevant" music and messages.

Churches similar to the one in my neighborhood are popping up around the Kansas City area. Some of them are locating in our own Cathedral neighborhood. Up until recently our area of the city was a kind of church dead zone. Few vibrant congregations remained. Now that the city has rediscovered downtown and more folks are moving in, this is the hip place to do church. There is the added upside that this is the heart of the metropolitan area. The location can draw in from all over the city.

The ads with their catchy coupons for the new congregation in my neighborhood have gotten my attention. I wonder how we might describe the Cathedral in a neighborhoodwide mailing? Glorious music, awe inspiring sacred space, thoughtful "messages," programs for all ages, a "come as you are" place where Mission Hills and Union Gospel Mission, Missouri and Kansas meet? If there were coupons for us to mail out perhaps they would be for one free, handy parking pass for your next downtown event, or a chance to serve grateful people at the Kansas City Community Kitchen.

Noted author and keen observer of religion in America, Diana Butler Bass, points out that in the ten years between 1999 and 2009, the spiritual/religious landscape has shifted. There is a growing number of Americans who describe themselves as "both spiritual and religious." A 1999 Gallup Poll reported that 6 percent of Americans surveyed identified with this category. A 2009 Newsweek poll reported that 48 percent of respondents reported to be "both religious and spiritual." In this same time, the number of Americans reporting to be "religious" only fell from 54 percent to 9 percent, and those reporting to be "spiritual, but not religious" remained at 30 percent.

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On what is often called "Doubting Thomas Sunday" (we read the Thomas story in John 20) and also known as "Bright" or "Holy Hilarity" Sunday (resurrection ultimately has the last laugh, not death), Diana Butler Bass preaches at the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist, April 7. She is in Kansas City that weekend to present a program at Village Presbyterian Church, April 5 and 6. She comes to us to preach on a day when we wade into the religious waters of doubt, laughter (mostly at ourselves), and holy joy.

Many of us read Diana Butler Bass's Christianity After Religion as part of our Lenten spiritual (and religious) journeys. It is clear in her book that as the spiritual/religious landscape changes, so we too as a church must respond. Statistics report that younger generations, though less attached to "church," are seeking authentic spiritual connection. Hip settings and handy coupons aren't enough.

What is hopeful for us is that our expression of church here at its Kansas City crossroads, albeit a light-filled treasure too often hidden under a basket, embraces the spiritual hunger that is inter-generational, relational, and open both to doubt and thoughtful inquiry. The Easter moments found in the gospels all involve encounters between the risen Christ and questioning, fearful, amazed and seeking people.

Do we have a "coupon" to share! See you in church April 7, and, bring your friends. Personal invitation and personal connection, after all, opens the way for spiritual and religious life.

Christ is risen! See you in church, Peter+

# New to the Cathedral? Have lunch with us: April 14

If you are new to us, please plan to join us at our next welcome luncheon, Sunday, April 14, in the Common Room (upstairs from the Cathedral Nave) at 11:45 a.m.

Our quarterly luncheons allow newcomers to get to know one another and to learn more about the Cathedral and the Episcopal Church. Children are welcome.

Please call or email the Rev. Christy Dorn to let us know if you'll be joining us (cdorn@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260).

## New products for Cathedral Bookstore

The Cathedral Bookstore has been given several small items: crosses, trivets, nostalgic miniature rocking chairs and wishing

wells. A longtime Kansas resident, Lloyd McCandless made all of these items from clothespins.

Mr. McCandless has lived in St. Johns, Kan., for most of his 84 years. He was a farmer for 75 of those years and began making clothespin art three years ago when his wife of 62 years was moved to a nursing home. His day centers around visiting his wife and playing



with clothespins as a hobby. He still lives on his farm. He started making crosses and later expanded to the snowflake trivets, rocking chairs and most recently wishing wells.

He describes his hobby as a simple one with the process as follows:

- Remove the metal fasteners from the clothespin •
- Glue the pieces together •
- Sand the pieces (after glue dries) •
- Spray paint the glued pieces together (on a warm day) •

Mr. McCandless enjoys his hobby so much that he had turned his home into a small factory with all of the different stations: separating, gluing, sanding and painting. He is delighted to make his products and loves sharing them. Additionally, he is always looking for new ones.

The Cathedral Bookstore is blessed to have the donations from Mr. McCandless! Next time you are in the Bookstore, check them out.

*-by Jackye Finnie* 

### Calling all knitters: the prayer shawl ministry may be tor you!



If you knit or crochet (or wish to learn), you may be interested in making prayer shawls for parishioners. Come to Café Grazia April 24 to begin or to learn more about this meaningful ministry.

# Graduate Recognition: May 5

We will recognize Cathedral members who are receiving diplomas/degrees this year Sunday, May 5 (Youth Sunday) at all services. If you know someone who is graduating from high school or college/graduate school, please contact the Cathedral office (jtoma@kccathedral.org) by Monday, April 29.

# Treasurer's Report

During the month of February 2013, income was below budget in the areas of pledge and plate by about \$7,000. Additionally, expenses were about \$2,000 below budget. For the two months ended February 28, 2013, income was below budget by about

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Feb. MTD	Budgeted MTD		Actual MTD	
Income	\$	155,250	\$	148,141
Expenses	\$	137,564	\$	135,556
Net Total	\$	17,686	\$	12,585
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\$9,000 (primarily in the areas of pledge and plate) and expenses were about \$8,500 below budget. For the two months net operating income was nearly identical to budget. Through March 15, 2013, a total of 173 pledges have been received with a goal of at least 200. Pledges of any size are greatly appreciated. If you have not made a pledge for 2013, please consider doing so either online at the top of the website (www. kccathedral.org) or through a pledge card.

-by Jim Phillips, Treasurer

# CPR/First Aid/AED

#### Saturday, May 4 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Founders' Hall

Everyone is invited for a CPR and First Aid training/certification class. Sign up sheets are available in Founders' Hall Sundays at coffee hour or contact Carol Montgomery (caroljmontgomery@hotmail.com).

Why learn CPR? People trained in CPR can save the lives of people who have sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospitals. Almost 295,000

sudden cardiac arrests occur outside of hospitals in the United States and performing CPR until emergency help arrives may determine whether a victim survives or how well a victim recovers.



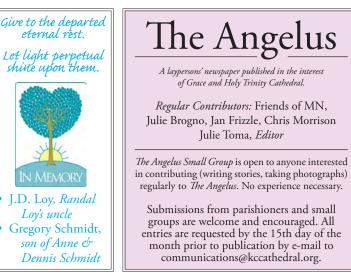
Feeding the Hungry 🌴 Changing Lives

# Celebrating ECS volunteers

April 19, 6-8 p.m. in Founders' Hall

Episcopal Community Services invites all volunteers from their hunger relief programs to an evening to celebrate and recognize your support of

hunger relief ministries for Episcopal Community Services and the Episcopal Hunger Relief Network RSVP is appreciated but not required (816-561-8920 or rsvp@episcopal- EPISCOPAL COMMUNITYSERVICES community.org.



# Diana Butler Bass, preaching April 7, 10:15 a.m.

We are pleased to welcome Diana Butler Bass to the pulpit of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral April 7 at 10:15 a.m. UMKC alumni will lead a jazz liturgy for the Second Sunday of Easter. Diana has much to say about the Church and its shifting place in our times.

She is an author, speaker and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of eight books including *Christianity After Reli*gion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening (HarperOne, 2012). Her other books include A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story (HarperOne, 2009), nominated for a Library of Virginia literary award, and the best-selling *Christianity for* the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith (2006) which was named as one of the best religion books of the year by Publishers Weekly and was featured in a cover story in USA Today.

Diana consults with religious organizations, leads conferences for religious leaders, and teaches and preaches in a variety of venues. She regularly



comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including USA Today, Time, Newsweek, The Washington Post, CNN, FOX, PBS, and NPR. From 1995 to 2000, she wrote a weekly column on American religion for the New York Times Syndicate. She is a contributing editor for Sojourners Magazine.

She and her family live in Alexandria, Virginia.

To learn more about Diana Butler Bass go to dianabutlerbass.com.



Families with young children (age 4 through grade 5) are invited to join our Associate Priest Christy Dorn for an informal lunch and kid-friendly program one Sunday a month. Christy is looking forward to getting to know parents/guardians and their children. Lunch will provide an opportunity for the adults to exchange ideas about family and children's ministries, followed by a family friendly activity for all. Our time frame for each gathering will be from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. in Haden Hall.

# Sunday, April 21: Faith-full Families: Discovering God in the Day-to-Day of Family Life

In this workshop, parents and children will be engaged in different breakout sessions. Parents, in their session, will talk about faith—what it is, why it's important for parents and children. Parents will also be given information that may encourage them to see connections between faith and the day-to-day life of their family. Children, with their adult guides, will engage in a project that the whole family can use at home during dinner time. For planning purposes, please let us know by April 18 if you will be coming (cdorn@kccathedral.org).

Sunday, May 19: Celebrating God's Creation through Art Families will work together to decorate a kite in a way that represents their family, and then assemble it so that it's ready to fly.

#### Children's Chapel

Every Sunday, following Formation classes, the children participate in their own Chapel service. This service is led by our adult leaders and is a time for the children to hear and reflect on God's Word on a level they can understand, to offer prayers, sing songs, and just be together as a community. I'm pleased to announce that Laura Baker is joining us as one of our Chapel Music Ministers. Parents are always welcome to join us for our Chapel time, between 10:30 and 10:50 Sunday mornings.

# Walking to help those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in our community

Join us **Saturday**, **April 27** for the 25th Annual AIDS WALK Kansas City and experience firsthand what commitment, compassion and hope can achieve! Presented by the AIDS Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City, AIDS WALK 2013 is a 3 mile walk beginning



and ending in Theis Park, located at the intersection of 47th and Oak streets, near the Country Club Plaza. This year marks the 25th year for the walk and the 17th year GHTC has had a team come together to stop the spread of AIDS and to help those infected and affected by HIV/ AIDS in our community.

Every cent raised stays in Kansas City to educate about this preventable disease and to fund local AIDS Service Organizations who provide shelter, emergency services, medical care and long-term nursing to the women, men and children living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Beneficiaries include SAVE Inc, Good Samaritan Project, Kansas City Free Health Clinic and Hope Care Center.

Registration is at 8 a.m., Pre-walk ceremonies at 9 a.m. and we WALK at 10 a.m. Walkers will be done by 12 p.m. Please join the Cathedral in walking and/or pledging for a walker. There are two teams from the Cathedral—Trinity Teens and the adult walk team. Any questions, contact Lenette Johnson (816-263-1783, lenette-johnson@kc.rr.com).

# Thank you for your support of hospitalized children

Cathedral members rose to the occasion for children with their generous support donating and assembling Easter Baskets for foster children in residence at Crittenton Children's Center and Kaw Valley Children's Center. A total of 150 Easter Baskets and 45 gift bags for hospitalized

children were assembled ahead of the Palm Sunday snow. These baskets and gift bags were delivered early so staff at each facility could make sure the children woke up Easter Sunday with an Easter basket.

On behalf of the children, thank you for making God's love real! This annual Easter Basket project is sponsored by the foster care outreach group, a part of the Social Outreach Commission. *—byTerriCurran* 



# Catering supports hunger relief efforts

Do you have an upcoming luncheon, graduation, office party, or wedding? Cornerstones Catering, a program of Episcopal Community Services provides a wide range of catering options from box lunches to plated dinners.

Meals are prepared by students and graduates of the Culinary Cornerstones training program under the direction of our professional chef/instructor. Proceeds from Cornerstones Catering benefit our Hunger Relief Network and the Culinary Cornerstones training program whose students are unemployed or underemployed individuals seeking a career in the food industry.



For information contact us at 816-474-6524.

## Food for Friends



Food for Friends will provide healthy meals to Cathedral members who are temporarily homebound because of illness. We want to help ease that burden of having to prepare a meal when you are not feeling well. Contact the clergy if you could benefit from this ministry.

#### Learning the Way Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Founders' Hall A workshop on gathering and growing the Catechumenate

The Reverend Paul Hoffmann and Donna Linn of Seattle, Washington, are presenting a workshop on establishing a Catechumenate in a local congregation. This is a response to a growing desire to have an intentional and ongoing process for the formation of Christians. "Learning the Way" is open to congregations in the Dioceses of West Missouri and Kansas, and the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Paul Hoffman co-founded and directs Faith and Font, a national training event for seminary students and congregational leaders in preparing adults for Holy Baptism. Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle, where Paul has served since 1996, has a flourishing catechumenal program. Paul will preach at morning services, June 2, the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

The "Cathechumenate" refers to an engaging process for gathering people to share and learn about what it means to follow Christ. It is rooted in the earliest practices of the Church, the word meaning to be taught orally. If you would like to attend "Learning the Way," and be part of the formation and empowerment of persons in active faith, speak with or contact the Dean, pdeveau@kccathedral.org, or Christy, cdorn@kccathedral.org



### Wednesday, April 24

Café Grazia is a monthly gathering for all parishioners. You are cordially invited to join the fun!

Please bring bread or a salad to share, and enjoy the fellowship.

#### Small Groups • 6:30 p.m.

- Reel People
   Backsnack backpack stuffing
- Health Ministry Class Trinity Teens Youth Group
- Charitable Needlework: Prayer Shawl Ministry



Unique and special music events in April

- April 7 at 10:15 a.m. UMKC Alumni lead a Jazz Liturgy for the visit of Dr. Bass
- April 14 at 5 p.m. Choral Evensong: the Trinity Choir; Elisa Bickers, guest organist; free admission, donations welcomed
- April 14 at 7:30 p.m. UMKC Conservatory Singers present J.S. Bach's monumental *St. John Passion*. Free admission.
- April 27 at 7:30 p.m. The Fine Arts Chorale presents its spring concert. Tickets: fineartschoralekc.org.
- April 28 at 2:30 p.m. Kyle Unruh, trumpeter, in recital
- April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Concert: Yale Whiffenpoofs

Also on April 27 is Brits International's Spring Faire — an opportunity to enjoy the best of the United Kingdom. It begins at 10 a.m. and continues through most of the day.

# Food for St. Mary's pantry

Welcome springtime, welcome sunshine! Help stock the pantry at St. Mary's in April with golden sunshine!

Bring in your donation of canned corn, peaches, pineapple, apricots, mandarin oranges (single-serve cans of the fruits are especially appreciated), pasta, macaroni and cheese box dinners and other non-perishables (no glass containers, please) to the large basket **Sunday**, **April 14**.



If you want to help, but don't want to shop, please bring in your unwanted grocery coupons from the Sunday newspaper.









# Tour of the Nave







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Communion Workshop







#### Tying loose ends A part of living in hope and resurrection: Sunday, April 28 11:45 a.m. • Common Room

You are invited for lunch and a workshop to learn about all the things to be aware of and have in place before you die: Financial, Medical, Practical, Spiritual. The session will be led by lay leaders and clergy, including legal and medical professionals. **Reserve your place by calling the office or emailing office@kccathedral.org by April 24**.

Note: This is not just for older persons! This is a great planning opportunity for those who are "starting out."



Holy Baptism will be administered April 21. If you desire baptism for yourself or your child/grandchild, please contact the Cathedral clergy.



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Weekl	y Activities	Activities for the Month of April		
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Adult Formation Youth Formation Children's Formation Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	<ul> <li>I • EASTER MONDAY</li> <li>Cathedral office and buildings closed.</li> <li>3 • WEDNESDAY</li> <li>7 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Chorale</li> <li>7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Paul's</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>17 • WEDNESDAY</li> <li>7:30 a.m. Finance Committee</li> <li>7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Mark's</li> <li>19 • FRIDAY</li> <li>6-8 p.m. ECS Volunteer Celebration</li> </ul>	
<b>Monday</b> 12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	4 • THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. Concert: Blue Valley Northwest High School Choir	<ul> <li>21 • SUNDAY</li> <li>11:45 a.m. Family Ministry Lunch</li> <li>4 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Benedict's</li> </ul>	
Tuesday         12:05 p.m.         1:30 p.m.         2:30 p.m.         6:15 p.m.         6:15 p.m.         5:45 p.m.         6:00 p.m.         6:45 p.m.         6:00 p.m.         6:45 p.m.         6:00 p.m.         6:45 p.m.         6:00 p.m.         7:30 p.m.         Friday         12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Women's Bible Study Men's Bible Study EfM	<ul> <li>10:30 a.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Luke's 7 p.m. Centering Prayer: Following the Mystics</li> <li>14 • SUNDAY Nonperishable food collection &amp; Blood pressure checks</li> <li>11:45 a.m. Welcome Lunch 5 p.m. Choral Evensong, Elisa Bickers, guest organist</li> <li>7:30 p.m. UMKC Conservatory Chamber Or- chestra and Chorus present J.S. Bach's St. John Passion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4 p.m. Rule of Beledict: St. Beledict's</li> <li>24 • WEDNESDAY</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Café Grazia</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Small Groups 7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. John's</li> <li>25 • THURSDAY 5 p.m. Vestry</li> <li>27 • SATURDAY 8 a.m. AIDS WALK Kansas City 10 a.m. Brits International's Spring Faire</li> <li>7:30 p.m. Concert: The Fine Arts Chorale</li> <li>28 • SUNDAY</li> <li>11:45 a.m. Tying Loose Ends Seminar</li> <li>2:30 p.m. Concert: Yale Whiffenpoofs</li> </ul>	