



# The Cathedral chimes

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## From the Dean



Following more than a year of relative quiet ("relative" because we've still been very busy), there's a new push to see if we

can begin to revive certain practices that were set aside either before, or because of, the pandemic. I have wanted us to commit ourselves to these practices because I think they bring out the best of the people of the Cathedral.

The Prayer Ministry, Greeter Ministry, and Coffee Hour have all returned; and soon enough, you will see and hear the gradual return of choir and choristers. The use of the altar rail has come back, too. Not everything has returned (the passing of the plate, wine in Eucharist), but I am willing to experiment and, failing all else, even pray for a little patience!

I have witnessed and personally benefitted from the natural warmth of the good gifts of this Cathedral community. As a new diocesan employee who showed up six years ago, it was important for our family to find a place of welcome and worship where an immediate connection and spark was felt, and that was the case for us with Grace.

It can still be that way, and we can all benefit from it and even grow as a community together.

In a sense, this is a return to "normal." But the pandemic has

## Stewardship Drive for 2022



### Stewardship Dinner, November 6, 6 p.m.

You are cordially invited to our stewardship dinner on Saturday evening, November 6, in All Saints Hall with catering by Simply Sarah's. Beer/wine will also be available.

In addition to dinner, we will also be treated to entertainment by the Cathedral's own Reader's Theatre who will take you back in time to May 13, 1945 to a "live" recording of an episode of the radio play, "The Life of Riley." They have uncovered the entire original script, and will perform it for you with live sound effects, and music, just as it was originally recorded. You will be the live studio audience, and will be asked to applaud and laugh at all the appropriate moments. You won't want to miss this opportunity revisit the golden days of radio.

### Ingathering Sunday, November 14

This is the day when our 2022 pledges are collected and placed on the altar to ask God's blessing for our gifts and our work in the coming year. Please take some time to consider your pledge and whether you can increase your giving to the church.

Budget planning for 2022 has already begun and it is vital that the Finance Committee knows how much income the church will have to work with in the coming year. We ask that you place your completed pledge card in the collection boxes in the Cathedral, or mail to the office before November 14. Thank you!

## From the Dean continued

sort of blown that concept to pieces, hasn't it? Instead of reverting to a prior past, we need to think of how God is asking us to use our gifts here and now. I was interested in comments made by The Rev. Tim Schenck comparing the concepts of resuscitation and resurrection: "Resurrection, rather than resuscitation, is the model I believe the church must embrace in order to move forward in a post-pandemic world. As much as we might hope for it to be so, things will never fully return to the way they once were – not fully anyway. And so we must reflect on that which has died, name it, grieve it, and then embrace new models of being church in the days, months, and years ahead."

Perhaps this way of thinking has some broader application for our world and/or our individual and family lives. "Moving on" means so much more than just pumping air back into the body: in fact, the Body of Christ is a resurrected body.

—Torey+



**Sundays, 9:45-10:15 a.m.  
in All Saints Hall.**

- Through Nov. 14: "Gender Issues in the Bible"
- Nov. 21: Advent preparation,
- Nov. 28: No class

**Dean's Bible Study:** Sundays, 9:45-10:15 a.m. in the Bubb Room, continues through Nov. 21.

**Transforming Questions:** Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in All Saints Hall, continues through Nov. 17.



## Volunteer opportunities

Check out this list of needed volunteers and see if you feel called to any of these ministries:

### **Outreach**

Help is needed on the 1st Saturday of each month to distribute the Grace Blessing Bags, and on 3rd Saturday of each month to help make and distribute sack lunches for our Sandwich Ministry.

### **Fellowship**

We are now offering a coffee hour following the 10:30 Sunday service. People are needed to make the coffee and provide treats.

### **Worship**

Join an usher team! Ushers serve on a team two months of the year. Greeters have made a return to our 10:30 Sunday service. Our greeters welcome all who come to our worship services and keep an eye out for visitors and those who are new to the Cathedral.

If you'd like more information on any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457.

**Early Christmas shopping?  
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# GREAT SPACES

## Music & Arts Series

### Junghwa Lee, Concert Pianist Sunday, November 14, 3 p.m.

Classical piano featuring works by Mozart, Schumann, Lysenko, Chopin and Liszt

*Tickets: \$10/General; \$5/Students; 12 & younger/free available at [www.GreatSpaces.org](http://www.GreatSpaces.org)*



### Mark your calendar for our Annual St Nicholas Celebration!

**Sunday, December 5, 9:30 a.m., Sloan Hall (2nd floor)**

We'll have a visit from St. Nicholas, cookie decorating, ornament making and more. ALL kids, grandkids, and kids at heart are welcome!

### Watch for the return of the St. Nicholas Tree!

This year's St Nicholas Tree will be up from November 21-December 5, with all gifts going to the Topeka Public Schools Community Cupboard. The Cupboard, located in the old Quinton Heights Elementary School, provides food, clothing and hygiene items for all USD 501 families in need. Each ornament on the tree will have an item, or a group of items, which may be dropped off in the Cathedral Office. The Grace Cathedral Youth Group is organizing this year's St. Nicholas Tree.



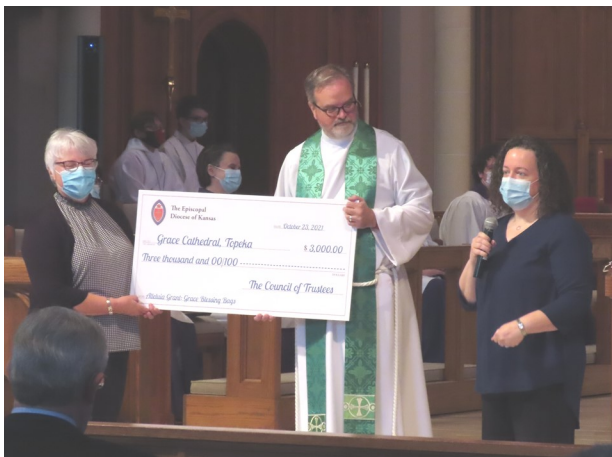
### November Birthdays

- 2 John Finch  
Matt Vogelsberg  
Melodie Woerman
- 3 Kathy Chestnut  
Tom Harrington
- 5 Sharon Durrell  
Elizabeth Massey
- 7 Judy Bray
- 9 Don Grimes
- 10 Ginger Cain Davis
- 12 Tim Carkhuff  
Kitty Fapp  
Caitlin Routh
- 13 Pennie Carter
- 15 Jeremy Kebert
- 17 Dakota Benson
- 18 Sally Burk
- 19 Jonathan Shermoen
- 20 Marci Genevieve
- 22 Merlin Nelson  
Karel Ramsey
- 24 Mark Synovec
- 26 Marvin Stottlemire
- 28 Norman Nellis
- 29 Pam Alexander
- 30 Ken Park

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen. —Book of Common Prayer*

(Please contact the office if we have missed your birthday or have incorrect information.)



Grace Cathedral's Outreach Ministry was awarded an Alleluia Grant at the Diocesan convention, Oct. 23, in the amount of \$3,000 for the Grace Blessing Bags food ministry. Pictured is Dean Lightcap presenting the facsimile check to Outreach committee members Melissa Weikel and Jacque Lightcap.

**Sunday Service  
LIVE STREAMING**

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at  
[GraceCathedralTopeka.org](http://GraceCathedralTopeka.org)  
 or on our YouTube channel



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### Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,  
Rite I  
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
(Sept.-May)  
10:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,  
Rite II

**Masks are currently required for  
all services and events at Grace  
Cathedral.**

### **About the window...**

The stained glass window on this month's cover is located on the right side of the altar in St. Mary's Chapel. It survived the 1975 fire and depicts Noah giving thanks after the flood (*Genesis 8:20*) and was given in gratitude to God for the safe return from WWII of Air Force pilot Charles Benedict Kilmer by his parents.

### **GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY**

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas*  
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*  
The Reverend John Bullock, *Assistant Priest*  
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*  
The Venerable Anne Flynn, *Archdeacon*

### **CATHEDRAL STAFF**

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance & Facilities Manager*  
Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*  
Sylvia Hamilton, *Interim Organist*  
Zachary Cope, *Interim Choirmaster*  
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*  
*And Interim Music Administrator*  
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

### **VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL**

Chris Shermoen (Sr. Warden), Rick Backlund (Jr. Warden),  
Ron Langston, Suzanne DeWeese, Brenda Kebert, Susan Weber,  
Linda Ditch, Barbara Nuss, Dennis Weikel  
Lance Royer, *Treasurer*;  
Cynthia Sheppeard Langston, *Chancellor*