



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



Over the years, I have consistently re-read and recommended the book *Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes* by

William Bridges. He talks about facing the changing circumstances of our lives by carefully tending internal changes after the external changes have come and gone. Bridges believes that if you've recently lost a loved one or battled a major illness or retired from decades of work into what seems like a whole new life, it's time to sit down and take stock of what's happening in heart and mind – that it's rich territory to explore.

In a chapter titled "Love and Work," he suggests, "Find out what is waiting in the wings of your life." "You could get a piece of paper right now and write at the top, 'What Is Waiting to Happen in My Life Now,' and begin writing. (Don't plan it out or try to figure out the answer in advance; just start writing and write as quickly as you can. You will be surprised what comes out once you have given up deciding in advance what you are going to say.)"

This is an exercise you could do many times in your life. I've done it more than once, and I've always been shocked by what I've found that had been previously dormant.

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Lift High the Cross!

On April 17, with wind speeds below 13 mph, Grace Cathedral had a moment of special joy just days after The Resurrection. In our case as we say in Easter season "The Lord is Risen," we can now say "the new cross is risen".

The Kansas Silverdale limestone cross centered between the towers weighs approximately 550 pounds. The rest of the cathedral is Kansas Silverdale limestone and was last cleaned about 10 years ago. The crane reach required was 214 feet to clear the two pinnacles that were put back in place a few days earlier.

The generous donor who made the replacement cross possible is Jan Buckley. She made a special gift for



this some time back, however since the cost for placement would have been three times the amount of the cross itself the project was put on hold. But when lightning struck the tower in August 2021, we were able to piggyback the cross placement with the pinnacle repairs just a few feet away – albeit 100 feet above the ground.

The original cross was removed about 2010 after it had started to come apart. The crew from Mid-Continental Restoration of Ft. Scott, KS., did amazing field work to set the cross in its precise location, also coordinating with the crane crew, electricians, and a welder. Thanks to all, the new cross is risen indeed!



The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 28

ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10 a.m. followed by a parish picnic.
Wear the color of the day — RED!



Parish-wide Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, May 28, following the 10 a.m. service

Hot dogs, drinks and table service will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Invite a friend!



From the Dean continued

The thing I was afraid to move to, even when it was the right thing, became something I could celebrate as a possibility.

The tone of Easter – the shock about Jesus’ miracle, the evolution of his disciples, the spread of his word – it’s what I’d call “dealing with change after it’s happened.” The resurrection of Jesus is a sign to us of endings and new beginnings all around and inside us. Part of our spiritual practice in these weeks could be gently pondering what could be waiting to happen in our life right now.

Easter, leading into Pentecost, is also about creating a place where we can be receptive to God’s truth and wisdom at work in our lives. Go ahead and start making a space where that can happen.

About the window...

The stained glass window on the cover of *The Chimes* depicts the parable of the lost sheep. It’s part of the west center clerestory windows in the Cathedral nave.

Adult Forum, May 14 & 21, Sundays, 9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall

May 14, 21: “What in the World is the Book of Revelation?” — “What does the Revelation Have to Tell Us?” led by LeRoy Dagg. This will be the final Adult Forum class until September.

May Senior Saints luncheon, Wednesday, May 10

Join us for social time at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at 11:30 in All Saints Hall. Please make reservations by contacting the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457 or info@gracecathedraltopeka.org. A \$10 donation per person is appreciated.

Book donations needed

A new project to provide books for the people we serve on Saturday mornings is underway, and we need your help. In addition to our Sack Lunch Ministry, Blessing Bags and Sharing Table, Outreach Committee member Jim Brewer would like to collect books to give away.

He is asking for new or used (in good condition) adult and children’s books, specifically fiction. There will be a collection bin on the shelf in the back hallway (next to the Sharing Table donations) where you can bring donations at your convenience. Thank you!

Blessing Box Sunday, May 21

Please bring non-perishable food items to help supply our Blessing Box throughout the month.

Return of Education for Ministry

EfM hasn’t been offered at Grace Cathedral for several years. However, this extension course, published by The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, is going to be available in September, 2023.

If you are seeking a deeper journey with our Lord, consider enrolling in this course. A complete description of EfM is available at their website: efm.sewanee.edu. You can also talk to Cathedral members who are wearing a red pin that says: “Ask me about EfM.”

New stained glass window project nearing completion

Grace Cathedral's Pentecost window is scheduled to be installed in mid-May and dedicated during our May 28 Pentecost service!

The window, consisting of three panels, depicts the Pentecost event itself – the coming of the Holy Spirit – and are flanked by eight “witnesses” to the Pentecost who are each responsible for bringing the message across the centuries to us.

Dean Lightcap and Kent Wingerson traveled to Winona, Minnesota, in March to see the windows being created. They toured the design studio and manufacturing facility for Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser.



Cathedral Happenings



Easter Day, April 9, 2023



Cathedral Choristers

The Choristers sang at the April 16 service but had a bit of fun beforehand!



Baptism

April 23, 2023

Welcome NovaRose Kendrick!
Pictured with brother, Calais,
parents Morgan and Jeremy,
and grandmother, Vanessa Hill

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1, 2023

Co-sponsored by the Cathedral,
First Presbyterian and First United
Methodist Churches in Topeka



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to the following graduates from Grace Cathedral!



Emma Benson and Paul Seddon are Grace Cathedral's two high school graduates this year. Emma (pictured left), daughter of Al and Debbie Benson, will graduate from Topeka High School with plans to major in biology at Washburn University with future hopes for medical school.

Paul, son of Tom and Alana Seddon, actually received his GED last November and is currently a first-semester freshman at Washburn University studying history.

Both Emma and Paul serve at acolytes at the Cathedral and Emma is also a member of the Cathedral Ringers Handbell Choir.

Our college graduate is **Lauren Smith** (right) who will receive a degree in Theatre Performance and a minor in Art History from the University of Kansas. For the short term, she has accepted a position with Gordon Research Conferences and will be posted in Los Angeles and Barcelona.



Lauren is the daughter of Kathy Smith and Randy Smith, and granddaughter of Dennis and Janet Nelson.

Ruth Ohm hired as new Ministry Coordinator

Grace Cathedral member Ruth Ohm has recently accepted the position of Ministry Coordinator, charged with developing the schedule for volunteer positions and help anticipate and coordinate upcoming schedule needs. Ruth will establish close-working relationships with volunteers; help incorporate new and prospective members into life at the cathedral; promote service and learning opportunities; and communicate with staff about training needs and opportunities. She will also work recruitment, retention and help identify new focus areas for ministry.



"I have been blessed to find a church home at Grace Cathedral," Ruth writes. "The interpersonal warmth and dedication to service through ministries in this congregation is inspiring. I look forward to expanding the volunteer base as we seek opportunities to serve our parish and local communities."

Ruth was received into The Episcopal Church last year. She has since found a number of places to become involved, including as a Greeter and as member of Altar Guild and the Cathedral's JUMP ministry. She is also active in Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA). Those who tune in to Compline on Facebook will recognize Ruth as the Monday officiant.

In 2020, she retired as professor from Baker University School of Nursing. As a PhD in Nursing, she had a specialization in research and statistics.

Please welcome Ruth to our staff!

May Flower Memorials

- 1 Gregory Mason McGrew
- 2 Georgia Ann Gibbs
- 4 Josephine I. Neff
- 7 Frank C. Cairl
Cordelia A. Coolidge
Mary Bellamy Neiswanger
Bernice Arlene Wingerson
- 8 Dorothy S. Burgess
- 9 Thomas B. Frost, Jr.
Clara Elizabeth Reuter
- 11 Anne D. Wegner
- 14 Sara "Sally" Soden
- 16 Peggy Russell
- 18 Dr. R. Dale Dickson
- 20 Grace D.M. Wheeler
- 21 Charles and Pauline Snyder
- 22 Blanche I. Geiger
- 23 Cora Viola Walker
- 26 Rosemary H. Williamson
- 27 May Reed Price
Carl W. and Beatrice C. Hempstead
David M. Neiswanger
- 29 Martha W. Carithers
- 30 Mary Ann Gould
- 31 Elmer E. Starr
Mary W. Pratt
Estelle C. Burkholder
John N. Meade

May Birthdays

- 2 Konnie Kyle
Ruth Ohm
- 3 Clyde Kensinger
Tom Lewis
- 6 Nancy Horton
- 10 Becky Stottlemire
- 11 Jim Brewer
Marilyn Starr
- 14 Allen Jeffus
Mike Wilson
- 15 Lee Glaze
- 16 Jack Dicus
- 17 Nathan Adams
Sue Wilch
- 18 Sera Todwong
- 19 Bess Mannoni
- 21 Debbie Benson
- 24 Suzanne DeWeese
Ken Perry
- 25 Kevin Cassidy
Sylvia Hamilton
- 26 Julie McKibben
Mike Miller
- 27 Mark Quintana
- 30 Sharon Highberger
- 31 Gabriel Lightcap



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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

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Reverend Carl Edwards, *Deacon*

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance and Facilities Manager*
Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*
Donald Livingston, *Organist*
Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*
Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
Ruth Ohm, *Ministry Coordinator*
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL

Marilyn Trubey, (Senior Warden), Dennis Weikel, Evelyn Wilson
Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson (Junior Warden), Mark Quintana
LeRoy Dagg, Arceile Ridgeway, David Woods
Lance Royer, *Treasurer*,
Cynthia Sheppard Langston, *Chancellor*