

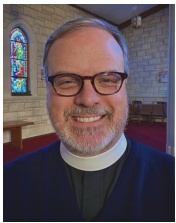


The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



We made a five-day trip to New York City as part of family plans a few weeks ago. We were able to see many sights and take in things you

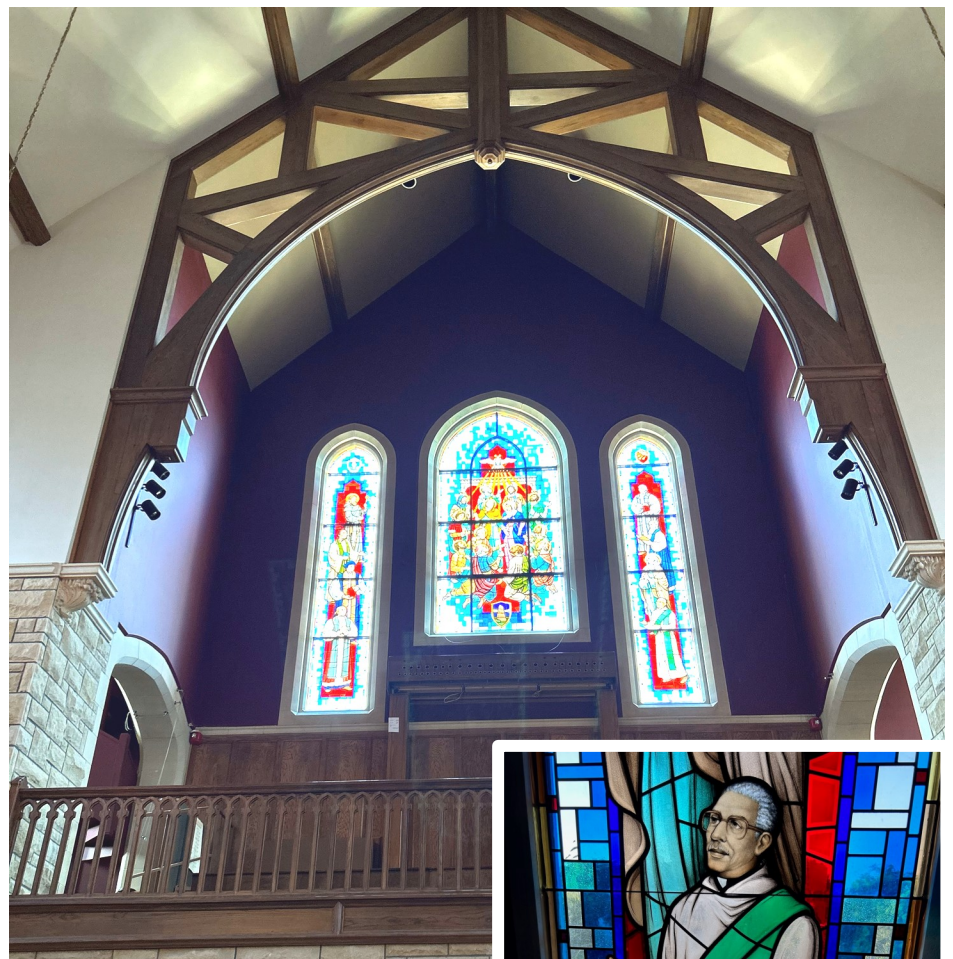
just can't see around here. But it was hot. July-hot. I kept thinking about that Lovin' Spoonful lyric: "Walking on the sidewalk, hotter than a match head." There's something about all that glass and asphalt and concrete being in one place that makes 85° feel worse (somehow more intrusive) than it does here. So we sought shelter in green spaces: Central Park, the High Line, the lawns and piers under the Brooklyn Bridge. I marveled at the extent to which both tourists and residents took refuge in these public amenities.

Nerds that we are, we enjoy reading historical plaques and markers. We learned that in so many cases, what often ended up being green space was neglected property in the first place. It had to be wrested away from disuse and those who didn't have the vision for it, and it had to be publicly reclaimed for a new and better purpose. That process is often protracted, with many bitter setbacks and disappointments. Those who get the idea on day one don't always live to see the finished product, and in the end, they're lucky if their names are remembered at all.

I have learned, as a dean attached to a cathedral, that sometimes you

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Final stained glass window commemorates THE DAY of PENTECOST



This new window, given to the Glory of God by John and Alicia Salisbury, was dedicated June 25, 2023 — The Day of Pentecost.

Featured in the side panels of the window are "witnesses" of Pentecost who gave voice to the gift of the Church, including long-time Cathedral deacon, Reverend Joseph Thompson (pictured right.)



From the Dean continued

have to stop and think what life is going to be like a hundred years from now. That probably seems like an impossible thing to do considering how unpredictable our daily lives are all on their own. How could you even begin to predict what life will be like in a century? But it's a good exercise.

What I do know is that if you want something to last, you have to take time, establish a trustworthy process, lay a good foundation, create a culture where people care about outcomes, and be willing to think experimentally. You have to be able to back out of rabbit trails that don't take you where you need to be, even if, as the saying goes, "It seemed like a good idea at the time." You have to seek out skilled artisans and craftspersons who understand how to create things that will outlive them. You have to create contingencies where new visions and leaders can emerge. And at the end of the day, as with ultimately everything in our life, you have to entrust it to the mercy of God.

Take a look around you, both literally and metaphorically. Can you see anything that could use that hundred-year perspective? What's waiting in your life that could use the touch of someone who's building for the long future?

Of course, I'm not just talking about buildings. I'm talking about matters of soul. What's precious? What needs saving? Reclaiming? Repurposing? Is there something that needs to be "torn down to the studs" and restarted? What's worth passing on? What do you want to share with the world and make sure that others see it just as vibrantly as you do?

God declares to us, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

The heat of the late summer drives us inward: to take shelter, to take our rest, and to take stock. Soon enough the calendar will switch and move us into thoughts of new obligation. Take time now, to pray, to prioritize, and to plan.

—Torey+



- **Family Event: Sunday, August 13, 5:30-7:30 See Ya Summer!** Say "see ya" to summer with dinner, games and more for the whole family at the Miller's Glen Clubhouse, 21st and Indian Hills Road.
- **Ages 4 years—5th grade** Club Jesus is meeting every Sunday all summer long during the 10:30 service upstairs in Sloan Hall. Come join the fun!
- **Youth Events—Middle & High School** Middle and high school kids are having a great time getting together this summer. Join us in our NEW Youth Room in Sloan Hall, Sundays 5-7 p.m.
- **Youth Group Trip to Worlds of Fun, Saturday, September 16** Our friends from 1st UMC and First Pres will be joining us again this year for our annual trip to everyone's favorite amusement park. Contact Children and Youth Ministries Director Kathy Smith about any of these activities: knsmith@gracecathedraltopeka.org.

Join the Choristers!

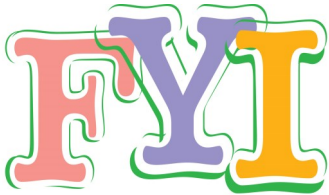
The Grace Cathedral Chorister program is gearing up for a season full of songs, goofy warm-ups, deep-dives of music in various genres (including pop music!), and so much more!

Have you ever thought of yourself as a Chorister or said to yourself on a Sunday, "hey, I could do that"? Or maybe you're like many people whose first reaction is "oh, no... I *don't* sing!"

Did you know that singing is nothing more than sustaining your everyday speaking voice? Ok, ok... maybe it's a bit more than that, but only just a bit, and the Choristers would love to have you join us and find out just how easy it is to make joyful noise when you are surrounded by good friends, laughter, and a desire to worship in song!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Associate Choirmaster, Zachary Cope, at zcope@gracecathedraltopeka.org for more info! We would love to have you join us! (Information about rehearsal day/time will be collaborated on as a group toward the middle of August.)





• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Thank you Cathedral Choir!

As the Cathedral Choir takes a well-deserved break in August, we offer them this message: *For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings as well as on many special occasions, for your dedication in attending weekly rehearsals, for inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds and voices in singing praises to our Lord, Choir, we thank you!*

The choir will return to their ministry on Sunday, September 3.

July Blood Drive a success!

There were 44 blood donors out of 49 signed up for the American Red Cross blood drive held in All Saints Hall on July 10 — an exceptional number during the summer months when the students are out of school and make up 25% of signees. WIBW was there and featured the drive on their evening TV and online news. Cathedral member Elizabeth Massey was interviewed as a first-time blood donor, mentioning her desire to give back to the community.

Our next drive will be February 19, 2024.

Sacred Ground Opportunity Offered Diocesan-Wide

A diocesan-wide *Sacred Ground* circle will be available on Zoom this fall. *Sacred Ground* Zoom sessions meet weekly for 90 minutes. More detailed information about *Sacred Ground* is available at episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground.

All deputies attending the General Convention in 2024 will be required to have had anti-racism training, and *Sacred Ground* is approved training for this purpose.

LeRoy and Kay Dagg will co-facilitate the next diocesan conversation circle, which will meet on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings, 7:30—9:00 PM., beginning the week of September 20, ending the last week of November.

Please send questions about *Sacred Ground*, or express your interest and a preference for the meeting day/



We welcomed our newest members of Grace Cathedral through the sacrament of confirmation and reaffirmation on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Pictured along with Dean Lightcap and Bishop Bascom are L-R — Criss Schulz, Annie Lightcap, Joan Schulz, Cooper Anderson, MJ Krasny, Sarah Wilson, Megan Reid, Michael Wilson and Chris Reid.

Jody Carroll joins the clergy staff at Grace Cathedral



Jody Carroll, a candidate for the priesthood in the Diocese of West Missouri, joined the clergy staff of Grace Cathedral as Canon effective June 6 and she has been busy this summer, helping with sermons, worship, and pastoral obligations.

Jody graduated from the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry in May, was ordained to the transitional diaconate in early June, and will be ordained a priest next January.

“I have quickly discovered the grace and warmth of the people who serve and worship here,” she writes. “This is reflected in the numerous cards and messages of welcome and appreciation I’ve received along with your thoughtfulness in introducing yourselves and your families (sometimes more than once!). You have shared ideas and experiences with me, thought to include me in various conversations, and many of you have offered

your time and knowledge to guide my acclimation to the worship at the Cathedral.”

“Second, in addition to all the wonderful liturgical instruction I’ve received from clergy staff, here are a few other things I’ve learned: how to find the Diocesan offices from the Cathedral office without going outside, how to balance myself on a kneeler when giving a homily, and the locations of a piano or two where I can practice my latest lesson without disturbing anyone.”

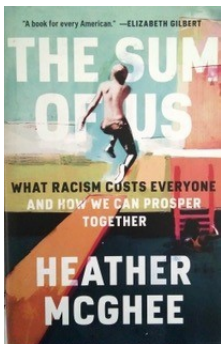
“These things, and so many others I’ve not room to mention, have contributed to a remarkably joy-full and exciting beginning to my serving here with you. I look forward to continuing to assist Dean Lightcap, getting to know each of you, and working together to be a house of prayer for all people.”

Jody retired from a financial services career at American Century Investments in 2020 and studied at the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

She was the guest speaker at a recent Senior Saints lunch where she introduced herself and told her story.



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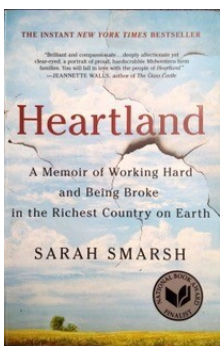
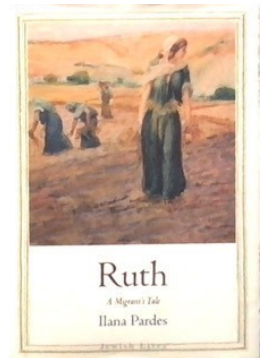
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together
by Heather C. McGhee [Call Number: E 185.8.M38 2021]

The Sum of Us reveals the “invisible” emotional, social and economic burdens inherent racism has created and sustains in American life, and points to solutions that can lift all boats.

Ruth: a Migrant’s Tale

by Ilana Pardes [Call Number: BS1315.53.P37 2022]

The biblical story of Ruth, the foreigner woman who arrived in Israel destitute and went on to become King David’s great-grandmother. Besides revealing God’s inclusiveness, Ruth’s story has inspired works of art and literature—all told in this new book by Ilana Pardes.



Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth

by Sarah Smarsh [Call Number: HD 8073.S637 A3 2018]

Sarah Smarsh is an award-winning journalist who is a Kansas native; she has appeared and a reporter and commentator on the PBS *NewsHour*. *Heartland* tells about her experiences growing up as a member of a struggling family near Wichita.

These books and many others can be checked out from the Cathedral/BKSM Library. You can use this QR code to access the library website.



Happenings this summer



Clockwise from above: Pentecost Picnic on May 28; a blood drive was held July 10 in All Saints Hall; Vacation Bible Study was held the week of June 19; and Cathedral Handbell players celebrate the end their season with a polishing party and potluck supper on May 31.

MEMBER in MINISTRIES

featuring Jim Bertram

By Ruth Ohm

Jim Bertram has been a member of Grace Cathedral since 1971. He and his wife Carol joined the church when their daughters requested to come here because that's where their friends worshiped. Jim and his wife served for over 30 years as Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) and Eucharistic Visitors (EVs). When asked why he served, Jim replied "Because I was asked." He also served as an Usher for about 18 years, and as an Altar Server at the 8:30 service for 30+ years. He continues to help out counting collections.

He recently stepped down as an Altar Server at Grace, but we couldn't let those 30-plus years of service go unnoticed. This is something we want to do more of, as we are aware there are many among us whose long efforts deserve recognition and gratitude.

As an EV, Jim brought the sacraments to homebound members weekly or every other week. He said there was an acute need, and many people in retirement villages, nursing homes, or private homes were requesting access to the Eucharist. As an EV, he delivered the Sunday bulletin and read the lessons and Gospel with the people he was visiting. He felt joy from watching people who received the sacraments, stating it was especially rewarding seeing them in touch with God, sometimes becoming tearful. The people he served were very appreciative of the ability to receive Communion.

Although he had worked as a full-time designer for a pharmaceutical firm and had an active family with two teenage

daughters, Jim always found time to volunteer, especially at church on Sundays. The duties of EM (serving wine during the service) and Usher overlapped with attending services. As an EV, he visited people in their residences after Sunday services had ended.

Jim has a firm belief in volunteering, stating, "If you can volunteer, you should."

After retirement from his professional life, he found volunteering helpful in maintaining energy and focus. "Involvement keeps you from falling apart," he says; it's just a matter of helping. He enjoys being part of a church

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community, saying that the people there are "the best part of society." They are "really good people ... a different breed ... when a person is Christ-filled, they are a better trooper."

The EV ministry program has not been active at Grace Cathedral for a few years, but Dean Torey Lightcap and Canon Jody Carroll are working to make this a reality in the near future. Volunteers will complete training and receive certification to deliver the sacraments to homebound members.

In contrast to the Eucharistic Visitor, the Eucharistic Minister role is completed during the church service. The EM has the role of



Jim and Carol Bertram

providing the cup to parishioners during the Eucharist. As Jean Darby writes, "on the spiritual side, the privilege of administering the cup allows us to share, at a precise moment, the very essence of what it means to be loved by Jesus Christ, and to be reminded of our own intimate connection, one to another, as his children. For me, it's the most meaningful part of the service to be able to say, 'This is the blood of Christ which was shed for you' (from *The Record*, 77(5), May 2023, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke, VA*).

The opportunity to usher is currently available and in need of volunteers. Ushers typically commit to two months a year, although serving as a substitute on occasion is also helpful. Duties include assistance with seating, passing out bulletins, collection of gifts/money, and recruiting oblationers.

If there are ministries at Grace Cathedral you would like more information about, or if you would like to volunteer but don't know what opportunities are available, please contact Ministry Coordinator Ruth Ohm at roh@gracecathedraltopeka.org.

Summer birthdays

JUNE

- 1 Tom Leucht
- 4 Bill Hamm
- 5 Hurst Coffman
Ben Vogelsberg
- 6 Carolyn Jones
Chris Waugh
- 7 Anne Wilson
- 8 Jan Irby
- 9 Rick Backlund
Don Taylor
Chris Wright
- 12 Terrilyn Fairbank
- 13 Jan Jaquith
Judea Shannon
- 15 Jane Myers
- 20 Barry Bray
- 21 Patty Miller
- 22 Phil Elwood
Melissa Weikel
- 23 Cyndi Langston
- 24 Keith McKibben
- 27 Mike Godfrey
- 28 Chris Shermoen
- 30 Karri Quintana

JULY

- 3 Judy Stone
- 4 Torey Lightcap
- 5 Kay Dagg
Wesley Holthaus
- 7 Kelly Wingerson
- 11 Jenelle Carkhuff
- 12 Ron DeWeese
- 13 Kathy England
Jim Hood
Barbara Nuss
Karol Rice
- 14 Dick Edington
- 18 Bob Pfuetze
- 19 Sam Carkhuff
Darlene Elwood
- 21 Jan Slagle
- 25 Reeta Akins
Scott Shipman
Steve Page
- 29 Sarah Shipman
Bob Wright
- 30 Lance Royer
- 31 Annie Lightcap
Kevin Wadsworth

AUGUST

- 1 Amanda Vogelsberg
- 4 Linda Frick
- 5 George Phelps
Jill Dykes
- 8 Margaret Carkhuff

- 8 Linda Gallaway
- 9 Michael Deibler
- 11 Rhonda Babb
Judy Edington
- 12 Shelle McCoy
- 18 Steve Atha
Jim Hamilton
- 20 Janet Ohlemeier
- 21 Arceile Ridgeway
- 22 Curtis Cowell
- 28 Ken Alexander
Larry Wolgast
- 30 Colleen Dougan
Ed Larson
- 31 Hallie Shermoen
Marti Wright

Summer Flower Memorials

JUNE

- 1 Dorothy S. Meade
Christ Hospital Nurses
- 3 Holmes Meade
- 4 William J. "Bill" Williamson
- 5 Lawrence L. Miller
- 7 Marguerite Strotz
Ralph E. Love Jr.
- 8 Margaret N. Garhart
- 9 Katherine Peters Davison
- 10 Augusta M. Laing
- 11 Andrew James Grooms
Alice Meade
- 12 Ellen Amy Betts
Edward Kirkpatrick Cleveland
Billye June Bray Bradley
Charles Sterling Bray
- 13 Thomas Frank Ellis
- 15 Frances Louise Hogueland
Frank F. Hogueland
William Gottlieb Reuter
- 16 James Bruce Davis
- 17 Celeste Vedder McComas
Dr. Marmaduke D. McComas, Jr.
Margaret Eagan Salisbury
- 18 Louise Smith Sallee
- 21 Hermon E. Van Laer
- 22 Henry John Crow
Flora S. Morton
- 24 Rosemary Massey
- 25 Henrietta M. Snyder
- 27 Eveleen White West
Dorothy Wilhelmina Sinel
- 28 John C. McClintock
- 29 Eva Skerry Olsen
Hans Christopher Olsen
Jane M. McGrew
- 30 Ethelyn M. Cole
Capitola M. Vernon
Leland F. Gordy

JULY

- 1 David Emory Palmer
- 4 Ronald J. Snyder
- 5 Virginia Dodge Johnson
James Graves Stewart, MD
- 6 Mary D. Hambleton
- 10 James Philip deBeveris Kaye
Channing John Brown
- 12 Paul N. Bell
Ernest Dibble
- 14 Henry G. Goss
Rose Hite Pierce
- 16 Eleanor Wheeler Meyer
John Arlin Shahan
- 18 John and Ruth Price
- 19 Mary Dillon Holliday
- 20 Nellie Millspaugh Copeland
Rollin Wheeler Meyer
- 21 Oscar Bentley DeVaul, Jr.
- 22 Harry Kirk Coe
William Clyde Glenn
Barbara O. Lane
- 25 Cynthia Hill Gentry
- 26 Jean Nicol Bolmar
Robert Crarey
Sarah Crarey
Dana W. Killinger, Sr.
- 28 Mary Meade Ewart
- 31 Samuel Wheadon Crow
Frank Scott Davis

AUGUST

- 2 John M. Hardman
Ida Layton Ellis
- 4 Floy Hill Hancock
- 6 Kemp Harris Hill
- 8 Carl A. Vernon, Sr.
Jose A. Morales
- 9 Lola LaVere Ward
- 12 J. Byron Price, Jr.
Carol L. Sommers
- 13 William James Barnett
- 14 Carl Pierce Bolmar
Charles R. Harrison
- 15 Everette O. Royer
Robert W. Whitehead
- 16 Elizabeth Low Hopkins
- 17 Emma K. Harrison
- 22 Florence Elizabeth Greer
Henry Wesley Roby
- 23 Olivia C. Aurbrey
- 25 Josephine H. Sterling
- 27 Odette Cope Gibbs
- 29 Gertrude H. Stephens
- 29 Katie M. Batten
- 30 John Byron Price
Jerry Holley



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Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite I
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum
(Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m. – Club Jesus
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 Jody Carroll, *Canon*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Reverend Carl Edwards, *Deacon*

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Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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LeRoy Dagg, Arceile Ridgeway, David Woods
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