



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



So many things happen around here in the course of a month. We try to offer uplifting and enriching worship, helpful education,

opportunities for prayer and service, and connecting social experiences. October will be no exception.

On October 1, we will take our part in the second annual World Communion Sunday service in Everygy Plaza at 10:30 a.m. It will be in conjunction with three other churches from downtown Topeka – First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, and St. John AME. Depending on when this reaches you, it may have already occurred. If not, please place it on your calendar as I ask you to be present for it. We are planning for something that will truly glorify God to the community.

That same day will bring the Blessing of the Animals. Stay tuned to your regular email for updates on this annual tradition.

Grace Cathedral has played a part in many diocesan conventions for the Diocese of Kansas, in particular as a site for services. This month continues that tradition with worship and business in the Cathedral nave October 20- 21. The Diocesan Convention is the annual meeting of all of the 44

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MINISTRY FAIR 2023



If you were unable to join us for our Ministry Fair and would like to know more about the various ways you can become involved in the life of Grace Cathedral, please contact Ministry Coordinator, Ruth Ohm, at 785-235-3457.

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parishes in the diocese. Important business is conducted and elections are held.

While not technically Cathedral programming, this congregation is an obvious and important part of *Silents in the Cathedral*. This is a chance to dim the lights, show a film from the silent era of movies, and hear the Cathedral organ and other percussion. It's really fun! This year's *Silents* falls on October 27. This time the film is *The Lodger*, one of nine silent films made by Alfred Hitchcock.

We conclude the month with Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on October 29. For us, it's a chance to see 1,000+ people (mostly kids) in their Halloween costumes and pass out candy. For those who come, it's a way to trick-or-treat safely during the day.

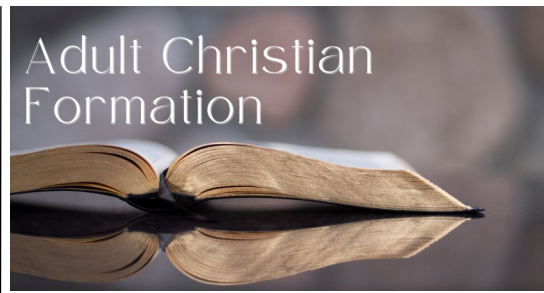
This is all in addition to the "regular" Sundays of October and the service-oriented Saturdays when we help our neighbors with food and other essentials.

There's never a bad time to invite someone to church or a church-sponsored event. We have a lot to be proud of and happy about.

Torey+

Fun Number Facts!

- 27 Ministries represented at the 2023 Ministry Fair
- 59 sign-ups for these ministries
- 13 Total number of acolytes, including 4 new
- 11 Members in our Youth Group
- 7 Cathedral Choristers
- 11 Handbell ringers, a new post-pandemic high!



Location code: ASH = All Saints Hall; BR = Bubb Room; RR = Robyn Room

September 2023

- 17 Life of St. Paul Video with LeRoy Dagg ASH
- 24 Life of St. Paul Video ASH

October 2023

- 1 No Adult Formation (World Communion Sunday)
- 8 Teaser for the Dean's Bible Study with Torey Lightcap and Jody Carroll ASH
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* with LeRoy Dagg BR
- 15 'The Senior Youth Group' with Don Chubb ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 22 A Conversation with Fr. Andrew O'Connor of St. Francis Community Ministries ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 29 A Conversation with Rev. Rachael R. Pryor of Kansas Interfaith Action ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR

November 2023

- 5 All Saints celebration ASH
- 12 Gospel of Mark with Torey Lightcap and Jody Carroll ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 19 Gospel of Mark ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 26 No Adult Formation (Thanksgiving holiday)

December 2023

- 3 Life of David with Steve Roth ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 10 Life of David ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 17 Life of David ASH
Dean's Bible Study RR cont'd
Book Study: *What St. Paul Really Said* BR
- 24 No Adult Formation (Advent IV/Christmas Eve)
- 31 No Adult Formation (Christmas Break)

Youth and Family activities

The Grace Youth Group joined youth from First Presbyterian Church for their annual Worlds of Fun trip on September 16. Thank you to the all-male crew of Cathedral chaperones that joined Kathy Smith to make sure everyone had a fun and safe time!



GRACE CATHEDRAL

Chili

COOK OFF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE
IN ALL SAINTS HALL.

You can enter with your best pot of chili, or simply come to sample and enjoy!

A FREE-WILL OFFERING
WILL BE TAKEN WITH ALL
PROCEEDS GOING TO THE
CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP.



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 29 3 - 5 P.M.

AT GRACE CATHEDRAL

CANDY! BOUNCE HOUSES! HOT DOGS!

CO-HOSTED BY
GRACE CATHEDRAL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Up next....Trunk or Treat! This is a growing neighborhood tradition that is a collaboration between Grace Cathedral, First Presbyterian, and First United Methodist churches. The crowds have been increasing each year and we could really use your help.

We will be accepting candy donations for Trunk or Treat. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Kathy Smith: knsmith@gracecathedraltopeka.org

GREAT SPACES

MUSIC & ARTS SERIES | FALL, 2023

OCT
24

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY: UNCLOUDED DAY

Tuesday, October 24 | 7:30 pm

Washburn University Chorale brings songs that will be sure to lift your spirit to new heights! Donations welcome.

OCT
27

SILENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Friday, October 27 | 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library and Kansas Silent Film Festival, organist Marvin Faulwell and percussionist Bob Keckeisen present three short subject films and a feature film, Hitchcock's THE LODGER (1927). Donations welcome.

NOV
19

CHORAL EVENSONG: THE FEAST OF ST. CECILIA

Sunday, November 19 | 4:00 pm

The Cathedral Choir presents music in honor of the patron saint of music, complete with harp and strings. Donations welcome.

NOV
21

L'ARTE DI SUONARE

Tuesday, November 21 | 7:30 pm

Cathedral Organist Donald Livingston is joined by Clea Galhano (recorder) and Julie Elhard (gamba) in an evening of 17th century Italian music on period instruments. Tickets \$20 general / \$10 student / 12 & under free.

DEC
6

VOXAURA: WOLCOM YULE

Wednesday, December 6 | 7:30 pm

WU Choir delivers Christmas in style with music for treble voices.

DEC
19

SPIRE: MESSIAH

Tuesday, December 19 | 7:30 pm

An annual treat, Spire brings us excerpts from Handel's masterpiece with soloists and baroque orchestra. \$20 general / \$10 student / 12 & under free.



October Senior Saints luncheon, Wednesday, October 11

At the October Senior Saints lunch, Dr. Ron Cobb, retiring minister, will be speaking about his past experiences in Ukraine and the surrounding area.

All are invited to join the lunch (we don't check ID's!). Join us for social time at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at 11:30 in All Saints Hall. Please RSVP to the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457 no later than Monday, October 9. A free-will offering is appreciated for the lunch.

In September, Ken and Pam Alexander made a presentation on the former Alexander Baking Company.



Silents in the Cathedral

Friday, October 27, 7 p.m.

THE LODGER

A STORY OF THE LONDON FOG (1927)

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Our feature presentation for the 26th annual 'Silents in the Cathedral' will be an Encore Presentation of the classic British silent feature, **THE LODGER**, the third feature film directed by Alfred Hitchcock and the one most critics (and even Hitchcock himself) pointed to as the first 'real' Hitchcock thriller.



The feature will be preceded by three short subject films — *The Haunted House* (1921), *Felix in Fairyland* (1923), and *Isn't Life Terrible?* (1925)

Organist Marvin Faulwell and percussionist Bob Keckeisen have put together a dazzling music score for this feature and they will be playing it live at the Cathedral.

Sponsored by the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library with the cooperation of the Kansas Silent Film Festival, Inc. Free and open to the public.

Update on Ukrainian Refugee Ministry

An orientation for Cathedral members interested in helping with the Ukrainian Refugee Ministry was held in mid-September. Several leaders of Top City Promise identified needs for help with transportation of refugees to appointments, housing support, and help with finding work, including assistance in updating resumes or even accompanying a person to the job interview. There is also a committee for special events, welcome baskets, and Christmas baskets. Financial support is especially needed as the first three months of rent are paid for by TopCity Promise while the refugees find work. More information is available on their website: topcitypromise.org

Grace Cathedral has also set up a committee, headed by Phyllis and Brent Hoyt, to coordinate volunteer opportunities that Grace may be able to provide. For example, one idea being explored is hosting an ESL evening class for people wishing to develop more advanced English-speaking skills. We are hoping that we may also be able to offer tutoring to Ukrainian students attending Topeka High School due to our close proximity.

The need for help is great! You can contact Cathedral Ministry Coordinator Ruth Ohm for more information as well: roh@gracecathedraltopeka.org.

MEMBER in MINISTRIES

recognizing long-time choir members

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Psalm 100:1

When considering the many positive aspects of Grace Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir sparkles. With a dedicated core of Cathedral members who have participated for years, the current choir also includes students of choirmaster Eduardo García-Novelli. “Eduardo is so kind,” Choir member Betsy McGuire says. “If someone doesn’t make the sound he wants we do it over, and if it still isn’t happening, he explains. This is the fastest pace I’ve experienced with any choir director, but we have fun and the group we have is amazing... It is a happy, harmonious choir room.”

We’re celebrating three members who have sung with the choir for over 50

years: Betsy McGuire (55 years), George Phelps (52 years), and Bob Sommers (60 years, now retired from the choir). Their longevity demonstrates exceptional talent and devotion to our musical ministry. They have witnessed the changes in the choir as choirmasters changed, and they have enjoyed the group camaraderie and a variety of musical performances. Bob particularly enjoyed singing “In the Year King Uzziah Died” by David M. Williams, while Betsy’s favorite style is Renaissance music, where her voice is used as an instrument. George warmly reflects on The Gentlemen’s Choir that faded with Covid.

George and Betsy encourage people to try the choir, even those who can’t read music. George says he

never could read music. Betsy says, “People who like to sing can manage without reading music if they have a good ear and reasonable memory. It’s pretty intuitive – pitch goes up, the notes are higher on the staff – so the printed music becomes a helpful memory aid sooner than you would think.” George encourages people to attend rehearsal: “Come sit in a few times and see if you like it.”

Betsy says singing with the choir activates the brain. “Singing is an altered state.

Hearing all you have to hear to blend with the other singers; thinking about the words and the notes, and possibly a foreign language; exerting fine control over the vocal apparatus and making it do things it doesn’t need to

do for speaking; participating in the service; keeping track of where to be and what to do on our way in and out; it’s a lot!” As a retired teacher of foreign languages, she also loves language learning: “I never got to take Latin, but choir is almost as effective!”

The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and warms up on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. This leaves plenty of time to participate in other church activities. George is a member of the handbell choir and is a wonderful contributor to the Men’s group who provide treats on Sundays. Betsy is a member of Daughters of the King, JUMP, the Readers’ Theater and the Sandwich ministry. She uses her sewing talents to contribute to maintenance of



George Phelps

choir robes and designing covers for the harpsichord and audiovisual equipment. Bob has served on the Vestry and was a Senior Warden, and was very active on the Building and Grounds Committee. He has kept the blueprints for rebuilding the Cathedral after the fire and was integral in designing the heating and air conditioning system for the church.

“To really get the most out of being a member at Grace, the best thing to do is to join a ministry that you enjoy,” Betsy says. “A small group lets you put down roots here. A choir is good to belong to – it creates warm feelings and a sense of belonging, and those can be astonishingly strong – but there are many things to do and be here.” As a testament to the warm relationships that may develop, Bob met his wife, Jackie, in the choir in 2010.



Betsy McGuire



Bob Sommers

Ongoing Neighborhood Outreach Projects

- **Sandwich Ministry:** Providing sack lunches every Saturday morning, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Blessing Bags:** Distribution of a week's worth of nonperishable food items the first Saturday morning of each month.
- **Sharing Table:** Distribution of personal care products on the first Saturday morning of each month.
- **Book give-away:** Donations of used books are made available in conjunction with the Sharing Table.
- **Blessing Box:** An ongoing ministry of providing nonperishable food available in our Blessing Box, located on the south exterior of All Saints Hall. A formal collection is held on the third Sunday of each month, but donations can be made at any time.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

Rehearsal

Thursdays at 7 pm

Come by or contact Dr. Eduardo Garcia-Novelli for more information.
egarcianovelli@gracecathedraltopeka.org

At the 41st International Choir Festival held in Preveza, Greece this summer, the esteemed Best Conductor award was given to KU Choral Director and Grace Cathedral Choirmaster Dr. Eduardo Garcia-Novelli! The KU Chamber Choir, directed by Dr. Garcia-Novelli, was also honored with the Special Prize for Best Program. Congratulations!

October Flower Memorials

- 1 John August Carlson
Frances V. Cairl
Leonard A. Sheafor
Sharon Ahrens
- 3 Elizabeth Greer
- 4 Roy H. Burton
- 5 Merle B. Stephens
Mary Gill Updegraff
- 7 Beulah B. Carlson
Alma May George
- 11 John August Carlson, Jr.
Myrle S. Furney
Ethel Morton Mitchell
- 12 Mary E. Burrow
Philadelphia Reed Ladd
- 13 Clarkson Millsbaugh
- 15 Harlan R. Price
- 16 Willard V. Haskell
John W. Lewis
Blanche Mercer Taylor
- 17 Stanley E. Olmstead
Elizabeth Simpson
- 18 Margarette Jones Snattinger
Julia E. Zahner
- 19 Verna Ellen Dickerson
- 20 Jeanette B. Marlin
- 21 John Nelson Meade
Boneita M. Wadsworth
- 22 Frances Crary Griest
- 22 Theodore R. Griest
Wesley M. Tucker
- 23 Josephine Richards Snook
- 24 Helen McKenna Mulvane
- 25 John P. Davis II
Francis Dell Moore
- 26 Erastus H. Crosby
Edwin Francis Ernest
Phyllis Crow Culliford
- 27 Edna H. Goss
- 28 Charles L. Cooke
Oma Smith Cooke
Theodore Tete Snattinger
William J. Curtis
Elizabeth R. Shaffer
Willard Shaffer
- 31 John Macky Meade
Robert D. Miller
Harriet Perry & Eldon Sloan

October birthdays

- 1 Peggy Palmer
- 2 El Shipman
- 6 Deborah Barnes
Judy Gilliland
Barbara Lewerenz
Chris Reid
- 7 Jim Allman
- 8 Austin Nothern
- 10 Brenda Escalante
Alana Seddon
- 12 Lynne Horne
Margaret McGillivary
George Pejakovich
- 17 Shirley Moses
- 18 Payge Quintana-Padgett
Mason Vosburgh
- 20 Adrian Horne
- 21 Wim Gunasegaram
- 22 Mary Florence Brinton
- 23 Bill Neiswanger
- 24 Molina Quintana
Jim Turner
- 25 Karla Denton
- 26 Susan Weber
- 27 Vanessa Hill
Roy Menninger
Margaret Scharf
- 31 Dennis Weikel

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

About the window...

The stained glass window on the cover of The Chimes depicts the parable of the lost sheep. (Luke 15:3-7) This window is part of the west center clerestory windows in the Cathedral nave.



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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

Morning Prayer

9 a.m. each Tuesday and
Thursday in St. Mary's Chapel

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*

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
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