

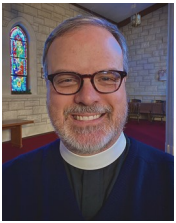


The Cathedral chimes

Grace Episcopal Cathedral
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From the Dean



Year by year, when I see kids coming into the church parking lot in their Halloween costumes at the annual Trunk Or

Treat, it reminds me of a story.

A dozen or more years ago, I served a church that had a Trunk Or Treat. One year we didn't have a lot of "customers" at first, so I went knocking on doors to see if I could wrangle some kids who'd come and agree to scare us in exchange for candy.

In that neighborhood (similar in many respects to the neighborhood around Grace Cathedral), you would get the most interesting range of responses. Typically someone would ask "Who is it?" in a tired and skeptical voice. I'd answer through the door that I was from the church, and a few seconds later a cautious face would be looking back at me through a space in the door blocked by a security chain. I'd explain my mission, then there would be this slackening in the eyes of the person – the defenses not so thick.

"Yeah, okay. Thanks." Or, "I don't have kids, but they do next door." Or, "Appreciate it. I'll send 'em over."

I can imagine that our closest neighbors here in Topeka have

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2023 Stewardship Campaign



Rooted IN Abundance

Stewardship Dinner
6 p.m., November 4, 2023
All Saints Hall

Commitment Sunday
November 19, 2023

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. — Jeremiah 17:8

As our annual stewardship campaign gets underway, you have been hearing about the theme, *Rooted in Abundance*, and its reminder to us that we are inspired to give because so much has been given to us. This is not transactional – we do not give in proportion to how we feel we have benefitted or suffered – rather we give because of the love we have experienced in the story of our faith. We have explored trees, roots, flowers all as metaphors for the way we dig deep into what nourishes us to transform that goodness into work, service, and joy in a world that needs us.

Join us for our annual Stewardship Dinner, a chance to say "thank you" for the gifts and blessings of the last year. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with entertainment by the Grace Cathedral Readers' Theatre.

We ask that all pledge cards be returned to the Cathedral on or before Sunday, November 19 (Commitment Sunday) so that planning can begin on the 2024 operating budget.

Thank you!

From the Dean continued

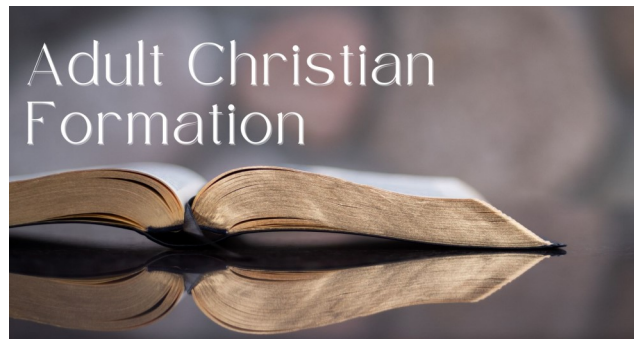
learned to be wary of knocks on the door. A knock on the door can come at any time from anyone and be about anything. In this time, when people are so private in their living, a knock on the door can bring bad news from strangers – unwelcome salespersons, irate landlords, bill collectors, process-servers holding summonses. Usually someone wants something from you – isn't interested in giving you something with no strings attached. Any little instance of real connection should be cherished.

I only tell this tale to relate this fact: when folks heard the name of that particular church being invoked, they let up, became less defensive, and showed interest in what we had to offer. In other words, when I knocked on the door, if I'd said my name it wouldn't have meant anything. Instead, I invoked the name of the church, and that quite literally opened doors for me. I was able to trade on the positive aspects of that congregation that had been earned and developed over the years.

Seems no matter where I go or who I talk to, I often encounter people with a strong sense about Grace Cathedral. Whether by personal experience or reputation, the positive connotations come out and we can get deeper faster. I believe we are a trusted entity with years of service to the community to prove it.

Knowing that people hold this congregation in high regard helps us know that we can accomplish a lot of important things together.

Yours in Christ,
Dean Torey+



Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Choral Evensong for The Feast of St. Cecilia

Sunday, November 19, 4 p.m.
Sung by THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Saint Cecilia is known as the patroness of music and musicians. Musical compositions are dedicated to her, and her feast on November 22 is the occasion of concerts and musical festivals.

On November 19, Grace Cathedral will honor St. Cecilia with a service of Choral Evensong. Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. It is an opportunity for peaceful meditation at the close of day.





Chili Cook-off Sunday, October 15

First place went to Eric Rohleder with his BBQ Brisket Chili! Nearly \$500 was raised to benefit future travel plans for the Cathedral Youth Group!



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The Cloister Gallery

NOW SHOWING — WATERCOLORS BY CECELIA ROBERTS

Cecilia Roberts was born and raised in Parsons, KS, and recently relocated to Lawrence, Kansas from New York City, where she worked as a portrait painter for over a decade. Before moving to New York, Cecilia first discovered her love of portrait painting while studying illustration and painting at the University of Kansas (2002 - 2007). Her work is in several private collections, and can be viewed on her website, www.cecilia-roberts.com.

Artist Statement

My paintings are impressions of personality and meaning from the people, non-human animals, spaces and objects I paint. I am interested in the character and quirks of my subjects, and approach painting them with curiosity, joy, and humor. My work stems from a love of painting and observational artmaking, as well as a love of getting to know my subjects, and thinking about the reflections of humanity in the spaces and objects we create for ourselves.

The Cloister Gallery is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; as well as Sunday mornings.



MEMBER in MINISTRIES

featuring Kitty Fapp

by Ruth Ohm

Kitty Fapp and her husband Ross and their children (Robert, Shawn Marie, and Chris) came to Grace Cathedral in 2000. As a librarian at Shawnee Public Library at the time, the hours of worship were more accessible given her work schedule. Coming to Grace, she continued in her passion of teaching Sunday School. She



currently teaches kindergarten through third grade, and has worked extensively with children of all ages and with young adults. She writes her own lesson plans and has developed several VBS programs. Kitty served as the Christian Education Director at St. David's for 14 years and at Grace Cathedral for 9 years.

Kitty's leadership in education is demonstrated by her board positions in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. She serves on the Youth and Campus Ministry



board, the Children's Ministry board, and the St. Francis Board for the Kansas State Canterbury House. She is a mentor for the Canterbury House campus ministries at the University of Kansas and at Kansas State University. She started making cookies for Valentine Day for both the Canterbury Houses in 2006. This advanced to making dinners for both houses several times a year. She helps these young adults with program planning around topics such as coping in the university, bullying, and LGBTQ issues, as well as individually assisting with the discernment process as students prepare for the next step in their adult lives.

Kitty is instrumental in the Miqra program offered by the Diocese. In this program, junior and high school youth read the entire bible. She also participates in Happening, an annual three-day event where high school students relive the last three days of Jesus' life. Kitty's additional program involvement is with the summer camp, MEGA Camp, held the first week of June. She had 10 freshman girls in her cabin this past summer and says it was a joyous, exciting experience without drama.

Clearly adored by her students

(as evidenced by the lifelong connections she has made with many of them), Kitty helps make the readings come alive in all areas



she teaches. She is committed to having students visually see the purpose of the parable or stories. Her talent and training as an artist – pen and ink, watercolor, oil painting – help achieve this goal. She was an art major in her undergraduate education and is an accomplished artist. She frequently works on consignment and has displayed her work at a variety of venues, including the Cloister Gallery at Grace Cathedral in 2018.

Her classroom activities typically include visual arts, with students creating works of art that exemplify the story being discussed. She also is skilled in storytelling, and has an activity called "What's in a name?" She has identified 80 names for Jesus, and a recent lesson focused on Jesus as cornerstone. Discussion of this led to a student exploration of the

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Member in Ministries cont.

grounds of Grace Cathedral to identify the three cornerstones of the cathedral and learn their history. (Can you name the three cornerstones of Grace?)

In addition to her work with Sunday School and the special programs of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Kitty serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Although Sunday School goes until 11 a.m., she is able to slide into that role without difficulty. She says she watches the entire service online at a later time.

When asked if there are other ministries she would like to explore in the future, Kitty replied that she would like to establish a program with post high school and young adults looking for community building that would help other programs at Grace Cathedral. The group would meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study as well as fun activities like cooking, art classes and outdoor activities. This is an area Grace will be exploring as its strategic development process continues to roll forward.

Kitty has multiple talents, including sewing, making jam, and brightening the days of the people with whom she interacts. Kitty is a whirlwind of activity and smiles.

About the window...

The stained glass window on the front cover of *The Chimes* this month is located above the St. Mary's Chapel exterior door. It depicts Jesus and two of his Apostles in Emmaus after his resurrection. It was not until Jesus blessed the bread that the apostles recognized the Lord in his resurrected body. (Luke 24:13-31)

November Flower Memorials

- 1 Departed members of the Women's Guild
- 2 Deacon Joseph A.T. Thompson
- 4 Hilda Eliza Burrow
Edmund Stawicki
- 5 Luella O. Stanfield
- 7 Hilda Mary Burrow
- 9 Willard T. Geiger
- 10 Kenneth Marti
Grace E. Marti
George W. Reed
- 11 Jemima Saunders
- 12 Mabelle C. Caldwell
Russell R. Poteete
Deborah M. Nelson
John Hugo Nelson
- 13 Richard Clyde Glenn
- 15 Maria W. Sheafor
- 19 Darryl "Dode" Lesser
- 20 Ida B. Groshong
Helen Crosby Porter
John Leslie Howard
- 22 Bishop Frank R. Millspaugh
- 24 John Nicholas Strotz
Gertrude McClintock Whitcomb
- 25 Bennett Rollin Wheeler
- 28 Fred D. Gibson
- 30 Katherine F. Clough
Adelaide Milspaugh Zanner
Mary Elizabeth Rinker Bearman

November birthdays

- 2 John Finch
Matt Vogelsberg
Dix Waugh
Melodie Woerman
- 3 Kathy Chestnut
Tom Harrington
- 5 Sharon Durrell
Elizabeth Massey
- 6 Vanessa Evans
- 7 Judy Bray
- 10 Ginger Cain Davis
- 12 Tim Carkhuff
Kitty Fapp
- 13 Pennie Carter
- 15 Jeremy Kebert
- 16 Judy Seitz
- 17 David Woods
- 19 Jonathan Shermoen
- 20 Marci Genevieve
- 22 Merlin Nelson
Karel Ramsey
- 24 Mark Synovec
- 26 Marvin Stottlemire
- 28 Norman Nellis
- 29 Pam Alexander
- 30 LeRoy Dagg
Ken Park

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



Join us for our annual
Thanksgiving Day
Service
10 a.m., Thursday,
November 23
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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*

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Ruth Ohm, *Ministry Coordinator*
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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