

# THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

## 88th Annual Meeting

All Cathedral members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 28**.

We will have our regular worship services that morning—Rite I at 8am, and Rite II at 10:30am. The Annual Meeting will follow the 10:30am worship service.

As in the past, St. Monica's Guild will prepare brunch. High chairs and booster seats are available in the Great Hall.

Nursery care will be provided until the meeting adjourns.

What happens at the Annual Meeting?

- The Chapter provides the proposed 2018 budget for congregational approval.
- Those present elect delegates to the October 2018 Diocesan convention.
- Those present elect four persons to 3-year terms on Chapter, and one person to a 1-year term.
- Annual Reports from Finance, Trust & Endowment, guilds, standing committees and staff are presented.

Most of the Annual Reports will be available a week prior to the meeting.

We currently have five candidates for five openings on the Chapter; see page 6-7 for information about them.

**Meet the nominees** at the 9:15am Forum on **Sunday, January 21**. This is your opportunity to hear their thoughts and visions for our Cathedral.

## Reel Theology kicks off again this January!

By Jenny Brown

This Epiphany, our adult formation on Wednesday evenings will once again be Reel Theology! This is a chance to watch interesting films and discuss them with an eye to their theological content while we eat pizza! Child care is available.

This year, in keeping with our Epiphany theme of "The Church in the World," as the Magi come from all nations to worship the Christ child, we will watch and discuss the following films:

### January 10: *All Saints* (PG)

This is the true story of a priest sent to a small, failing Episcopal church in Tennessee to close it down. But when a group of Burmese refugees come to the church for help, he decides to work alongside them instead.

**January 17: *Of Gods and Men*** (PG-13) Under dire threat by fundamentalist terrorists, a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian community must decide whether to leave or stay.

**January 24: *The Mission*** (PG) Eighteenth-century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal. But things are never so black and white when you're dealing with colonialism. A moving, beautiful, complex film.

**January 31:** Our family-friendly offering this year is *The Prince of Egypt* (rated PG for intensity.) This cartoon film tells the story of Moses, with great animation, song, and style. How do our choices affect God's plan for us? Bring the kids and see! children.

*What you need to know:*

**5:30pm**—Pizza dinner provided

**6pm**—Film screening begins

**Following Film**—Guided discussion

**Child care** provided.

## St. John's Forum Epiphany Schedule

Sundays • 9:15am-10:15am  
in the Great Hall

*Theme: The Church in the World*

**Jan 7** – **Dr. Kent Hoffman**, researcher and author whose work on attachment theory asks us to see the infinite worth of every individual

**Jan 14** – **Charlie Pepiton**, Assistant Professor of Theatre & Dance at Gonzaga University and Producing Artistic Director at Square Top Theatre, speaks on the theme of "The Church in the World" as it relates to art and theater

**Jan 21** – Chapter Candidate Forum

**Jan 28** – NO Forum (annual meeting)

**Feb 4** – **Skyler Oberst**, President of the Spokane Interfaith Council whose work asks us to "Meet Your Neighbor" in order to better understand each other regardless of whatever labels society wants to put on us and our practice of religion as what we truly are: neighbors

**Feb 11** – **The Rev. Nic Mather** asks us to look at how our understanding of "The Church in the World" – as seen through our weekly forums and the Reel Theology movie series – can influence our public-facing practice of our faith

## From the Interim Vicar

By the Rev. Canon Kristi Philip

If I were to start listing some of the values we profess and hope to live, the list would be a long and rich one. Values like justice, dignity, peacemaking, fidelity, forgiveness and love, just to name a few. As Christians we build a sense of what we value largely from the teaching of Jesus and from other scriptural texts, and I would also assume that many of the values we embrace are also embraced by other religious traditions.

But how do we put those values into action, both as Christians and people of other traditions? That is question that the Trinity Institute asks this year at its annual conference in New York on Feb. 2 and 3. This conference is offered every year with an array of speakers who address the theme being explored and is offered by Trinity Church Wall Street, a historic Episcopal church.

This conference, for most of us, is often too expensive and too far away to attend. But the good news is that it is also available via internet streaming at many conference sites across the nation. St. John's Cathedral is one of those sites.

For a few months, a steering chaired by the Rev. Rick Matters has been planning this event and inviting co-sponsors, which include St. John's Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane. Among the other sponsors are Spokane Churches Against Racism, the NAACP, Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church and a variety of other churches and community and academic groups.

In my experience over the years, this conference has emphasized reconciliation and hope, but

that does not mean that it does not invite a variety of quality speakers, with a variety of perspectives. This is true as well this year.

Principal speakers include the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, Pa'draig O'Tuama, poet theologian and mediator; the Rev. Elizabeth Edman, Episcopal priest and author of *Queer Virtue: What LBGTQ People Know about Life and Love and How it can Revitalize Christianity*, and Jose Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and filmmaker.

Their presentations will be followed at the Spokane event by opportunities for conversation in moderated small groups. The committee hopes that the participants who join in these conversations will bring a rich variety of experience and diverse backgrounds to the table as we examine how to live out the values we profess.

The event will begin Friday evening, 7pm-9pm, and include Presiding Bishop Curry's sermon at the conference's opening worship. The conference will continue on Saturday, 8am-5pm. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Registration fee for the gathering will be \$20 for general admission and \$15 for members of sponsoring organizations (including the Cathedral of the Diocese of Spokane). There is also a 'living light' registration for students, seniors and others who need a discounted rate. You can register by going to [https://spokanediocese.formstack.com/forms/values\\_in\\_action](https://spokanediocese.formstack.com/forms/values_in_action)

The conference promises to be a rich experience. I plan to be there and hope many of you will as well.

## Candidates Needed

Interested in being one of the Cathedral's seven voting delegates to the Diocesan Convention? (a weekend meeting here at the Cathedral, Oct 19-21)

Delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 28.

If you are interested in being on the ballot, let Kristi or Nic or the church office know by **Tuesday, January 23**.

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## Bible Study Continues

The Wednesday morning Bible Study which John Hay led for many years will continue meeting. For now, it will be led by a lay member of the group. Newcomers are always welcome to join the lively and thought-provoking conversation. Every Wednesday, 10:45am-noon, in the Conference Center.

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## Yoga at the Cathedral

Join instructor Lisa Silvestri Wehr for a one-hour yoga class in the Cathedral at 3pm on **Sunday, January 28**, and the fourth Sunday of each month during the program year.

For all experience levels; bring a mat if you have one.



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Moving? New phone number?  
Let the office know:  
[rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org](mailto:rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org)

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The Cathedral and offices will be closed on  
*Monday, January 15*,  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King Day.

## Music at the Cathedral

By Tim Westerhaus, Music Director

While Christmas decorations may already be coming down, we continue to celebrate the liturgical season of Christmas through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6, observed at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 7. The hymnody for Epiphany is particularly rich: in addition to English carol, The First Nowell, and the German chorale, How brightly shines the morning star, we will sing the Huron Carol (“’Twas in the moon of wintertime”) as our Gloria.

The Huron Carol is a unique setting in that Jesuit missionary Jean de Brébeuf composed the text in 1642 in the vernacular of the Huron-Wendat tribe. The original text used the Huron people’s name for God, “Gitchi Manitou,” and while the 1982 version does not use this title, it does retain images particular to the time and place of composition (“Within a lodge of broken bark...a ragged robe of rabbit skin”), which connect God’s Incarnation to the Huron tribe customs and way of life. As we sing this carol, we recall that God’s manifestation, or epiphany, is revealed to all people.

On Christmas Eve, we celebrated the Incarnation by singing a text by Christina Rossetti that captures the essence of the Christmas mystery, “Love came down at Christmas.” In the third verse we sang:

*Love shall be our token;  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and neighbor,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

Above all other Christmas carols, for me, this captures the essence of our mission at St. John’s as a community that engages deeply with the Christmas message: we are to live with love as our guide, with love for God and

love for neighbor—regardless of who that neighbor is.

Singing this carol was particularly powerful because of the efforts of so many people to enrich our Christmas services, to whom I express gratitude on behalf of our community: Billie Severtsen graciously played the “bookend” services of our 3-day weekend, opening the Fourth Sunday of Advent and closing on Christmas Day—we are grateful for your dedication and artistry in these celebrations. Stan McDaniel led the Chancel Ringers with sensitive and resplendent anthems, setting the tone for prayerful reflection in the midst of the busy season. Tamara Schupman gave such care in leading our young choristers at both Lessons & Carols and at our family liturgy on Christmas Eve, lending joy and passion to these liturgies. John Bodinger faithfully played from 10:30 am until midnight on Christmas Eve, in addition to many rehearsals, consistently supporting the congregation’s and choir’s prayer in song. We are grateful to Byrl Cinnamon’s carillon playing through the Fourth Sunday of Advent, braving cold temperatures to ring out the Cathedral’s bell tower across the city. To all singers and ringers in our ensembles: thank you for your gift of time and talent, lending greater beauty and depth of prayer message, “Love came down at Christmas.”

In the coming weeks, we will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 14, and Christian Unity Sunday on January 21. Let us continue our mission of love for God and neighbor together.

**Upcoming Music Events**  
**Spokane Midwinter Concert**  
*Saturday, February 24, 7:30 pm*  
Cathedral Kantorei Choir  
Mary Trotter, pianist  
Featuring music by Spokane area composers

## Christmas Décor & Music

Many thanks to those who helped beautify the Cathedral during December! Special décor and Christmas Eve music are only possible through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral.

- Janet Ahrend, in memory of Wendell & Jessie Satre and Bob Ahrend
- Doug & Judy Beane
- Nina Beegle
- Darrel Brown
- Catherine Caskey
- Dorene Decker, in honor of family, children, grand & great
- Janie DeJanovich
- Barbara & Charles Grohs
- Ann Harder
- Mary Hedrick
- Ed & Carolyn Holmes
- James & Linda Hunt
- Karen Martin
- Renee & Thomas Murray, in memory of our parents and son, Nathan Avery
- Erik Nelson, in memory of Stan, Roberta & Monte Nelson
- Kay & Bill Rafferty
- Otto & Denny Schatz
- Patricia Sexton, in honor of Tamara Schupman and the Junior Choir
- Sheryll Shepard, in memory of The Rev. John Shepard
- Diana Stoffregen
- Frank & Willomae Storey
- Stephen & Pam Kohlmeier Thew, in thanksgiving for their children
- Steve Vigus & Carol Albietz Vigus
- Melissa Willis Family, in memory of Harold & Virginia Coffin
- Mike & Carol Wilson, in memory of Fred & Mary Wilson and Bob & Jean Wilson
- Allen Wunderlich

## Children and Youth

By Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas  
Children & Youth Ministries Director

### Sunday Morning Schedule

Every week:

**8am**

- Building Faith Sunday School (age 2-12)

**10:30am**

- Building Faith Sunday School (age 6-12)
- Whirl: Lectionary Bible Stories Sunday School (age 2-5)

**The Nursery is open 9am-noon.**

**Every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm—  
Youth Group (grade 7-12)**

**Third Sunday, 5pm-6:30pm—  
Young Eagles (grade 3-6)**

## Dance & Potluck

Folks of all ages and dancing abilities are invited to a contra dance in the Great Hall on **Friday, January 6**. The evening begins at 6:30pm with a potluck dinner followed by dancing, 7pm-8pm—all in the Great Hall. These dances are open to adults, children, families, and singles. Susan Dankovich teaches the dances so that you can learn as you participate.

Questions? Talk to Lucas Kulhanek-Arenas, 838-4277.

## Valentine Treats coming soon!

St. Monica's Guild cooks so we can give. Now we're offering you a chance to taste and share with Valentine's Day treats for your Sweetie. Cookie/candy boxes will be available at coffee hour the Sunday before Valentine's Day. Watch the February *Chimes* for more details and order forms.



## Teens Encounter Christ

Teens Encounter Christ is here again, for the twelfth year!

Senior High Youth around the Diocese and at the Cathedral are invited to be a part of Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), January 12-14. TEC is a joint ministry with St. John's Cathedral and St. Mark's Lutheran Church with the support of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane. This will be the twelfth year that the Cathedral has organized and hosted this event.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a retreat weekend of spiritual journey for youth in 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades, led by youth. TEC is modeled on a Cursillo spiritual renewal experience. During the weekend, there are ten youth-led talks combined with worship that direct the focus through Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Pentecost.

Young people become friends, enjoy activities and come alive to their own spirituality. Through this experience, they take responsibility for their own faith life, which prepares them to become leaders. Our goal is that after experiencing the TEC retreat, these young people will take on leadership roles in future TECs. Several of St. John's and Diocesan youth are part of the leadership team this year. TEC includes a lot of wonderful surprises where our youth will experience in a very concrete way the grace and love of God.

About a decade ago, I remember my first time attending TEC as a young person. I walked into the Cathedral, mesmerized by the beautiful architecture, and found community amongst fellow high schoolers that were going to participate in a mysterious immersive

spiritual experience. I was nervous since this was the first large youth event that I ever participated in. Michelle Klippert encouraged me to attend and I am forever grateful for that opportunity because my life was completely changed and transformed. It was at that weekend where I heard God calling me to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. It was through Teens Encounter Christ, that I was reaffirmed about my call to work within the church and to continue exploring my relationship with Christ as a member of the Jesus Movement.

Through the years that have passed, I have continued participating off and on in TEC. I have witnessed the program grow and change over the years. I have seen young people grow into their identities as Christians, leaders in the church and as faith practitioners. Because of all the lives that I have seen transformed by this youth event, I encourage our high school youth to participate.

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to TEC. This retreat is a great way of bringing youth from across the Diocese together to have an intense immersive spiritual experience and to be formed into creative and compelling witnesses of Jesus Christ. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday, January 12, and ends at 12:30pm on Sunday, January 14. Participants should plan to be there from beginning to end. The cost of the weekend is \$50 (please make checks out to St. John's Cathedral). Scholarships are available too! No one should miss this experiences because of cost.

Contact Lucas for more information at [lucask@stjohnscathedral.org](mailto:lucask@stjohnscathedral.org).

## A Letter from the Dean Call Committee

January 2, 2018

Dear Members of St. John's

Each week during services, a special prayer is asked on behalf of the Dean Call Committee (DCC). This supplication during the Prayers of the People is an act of necessity – the team of individuals who make up this committee really do need your prayers and your support during this on-going process. It is an appropriate time as we enter the New Year to provide an update to the church community and to clarify the process as we move forward.

During the summer months the committee met many times to develop a sense of trust and team work. A smaller group was formed to focus on the Church Profile (a required document for eventually posting our opening), and another group focused on completing our Ministry Portfolio (another required document).

The DCC and Chapter have received training from the Office of Transitional Ministry and worked to better understand the results of the required parish survey called Congregation Assessment Tool or "CAT." This survey alongside our previous survey provided deep guidance and encouraged discussion in identifying the skills and abilities the Cathedral values in the next Dean. Remember, this process is not a typical hiring protocol, but one that demands discernment and allows the presence of the Holy Spirit to move us.

At this time, we are excited to announce that the position has been posted with the national Church and is being communicated through the various transition offices in the Episcopal Church. The Cathedral website will have the Profile posted as well.

During the time period of September through December 11, the DCC has been meeting on a weekly basis to develop the multiple interview settings and questions to be asked all qualified candidates. This process has been very intentional and has been based upon the information gleaned from the surveys and symposium. With each interview setting there is a corresponding evaluation tool being developed. This is an important part of the process and readies us to the next step of being presented with the names and supporting documents of interested candidates.

The resumes and processional portfolios of applicants will be screened by the Bishop and Diocesan Transition Minister before being presented to the Committee. It is important for all of you to know this stage will be held in the strictest confidence and NO INFORMATION will be shared with the parish or the Chapter until a final slate of candidates are presented to Chapter. The DCC is not the body that chooses the next Dean, rather we present a short list to Chapter to further evaluate. Chapter will be communicating with the parish as their phase approaches. As the DCC enters into this sensitive period of the Call, we both ask that you refrain from putting any member of the DCC in an awkward position by asking them questions about candidates. Even the simplest and innocent inquiry could cause a breach of confidentiality, which would cause the entire process to be determined null and void – a failed call would be announced, and we would have to begin again from scratch.

We, the DCC as well as Chapter need your continued support and prayers. The members of the committee particularly thank you all for your support. Our work continues and we lovingly do it for our Cathedral family and the greater Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

Eric Baldwin & Karen Martin  
Dean Call Committee Co-Chairs

## Candidates for the Cathedral Chapter

Four to be elected at the *January 28 Annual Meeting* • Meet the candidates 9:15am on *January 21*

### Justin Haldeman

Many of you may recognize me from occasionally ushering at 10:30am services. I was born at Fairchild Air Force Base and have lived in Spokane for most of my life. I attended Eastern Washington University, and while there I served as the Chapter President for my Greek Letter Fraternity. After University, I chose to continue being a menace to society by pursuing a career in the banking industry. Outside of work, I'm an active 32° Freemason and am currently the Senior Warden of my Lodge. I'm also a Board Member for the 'Early Life Speech and Language' Center located in downtown Spokane. I briefly served on the Cathedral's Foundation Board for a 1-year term, and I currently assist Dave Walker with St. John's Family Promise rotations. I love our Cathedral, and I love the members of this congregation. It would be an honor to serve you all as a Chapter Member.



### Kathie Hawkins

My name is Kathie Hawkins. I am a Verger here at St John's Cathedral, which I have attended for 10 years now. St John's is my second home as I spend a lot of my spare time volunteering; whether it be as a Verger, on Altar Guild duties, or with St Monica's Guild in the kitchen.



My past board experience includes the Executive Board of

Spokane Humane Society for 10 years, and treasurer for the Rockwood Neighborhood Council for over 10 years. I am interested in a Chapter position because I care about our Cathedral Community and would like to contribute my past board experience to help with the growth of St John's.

### Jim Holmes

I have been a member of St. John's Cathedral since 2009 after having moved from Austin, Texas, to Spokane in 2008.

In Austin, I was a Professional Librarian at the University of Texas, Austin, and also on the staff of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Austin, as the organist/choirmaster. After about 35 years in both positions, I retired from both in 2008 and moved to Spokane. I also served in the Air Force as a Bulgarian translator.



At St. John's, I have been active as a chorister in the Cathedral choir and have also served as a substitute organist playing services at the Cathedral.

I am also the volunteer archivist for the Cathedral and have been working for approximately 2 years organizing and cataloging the Cathedral records.

I served a previous term of 3 years on the Chapter of St. John's and found the experience extremely rewarding.

For most of my adult life I have been active in the Episcopal Church. I feel that my love for and my life-long experience in the church could be of value to the Cathedral in the coming years.

### Patti Stice

Growing up in Wallace, Idaho, I attended Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, a member of the Spokane Diocese. I was baptized, confirmed, and married in this same little parish. While living in Seattle for the last 30 years with my husband and raising two daughters, I served on the alter guild at St. Bartholomew Anglican Church. In addition, I have been involved in music for 40 years, singing in church choirs, ringing hand bells and am currently a member of St. John's Cathedral Choir.



Just two years ago, my husband and I moved to Spokane and settled on the South Hill in a historic home, after retiring from a career in the insurance industry. I possess a broad base of insurance knowledge having investigated issues of coverage and claims for personal and business lines of insurance. Preparing cases for mediation and trial gives me invaluable experience with all aspects of the industry. This knowledge could be useful in the Cathedral's business dealings.

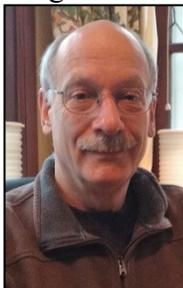
Why do I want to be a member of the Chapter? My desire is to give back and contribute to the Cathedral which has become a such big part of my life here in Spokane.

## Chapter Candidates

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### John Wallingford

I returned to Spokane after nearly 50 years living back east (Cambridge, Bethesda, Bryn Mawr), where I finished graduate school, worked with FDA and Wyeth, met my wife Karen, and reared our girls, Jessica and Christine. The girls gave us reason to be involved in church, increasing and culminating in the post of Rector's warden at The Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. My consulting company, Nutrispectives, advises clients on regulatory requirements for foods for special dietary uses and food labeling.



Since rejoining St. Johns in 2013 (confirmed here, 1967) I have been a member of the Brotherhood and the Diocesan Foundation Board of Directors; I frequently overnight host with Family Promise, and am a member of the Dean Call Committee. My priorities for Chapter are to invigorate our welcome of visitors, and advocate for education that prepares us to speak about the richness of life in faith. I think the Episcopal Church three-legged stool of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason and our history of Via Media are unique offerings with appeal to Spokane unchurched for community and social justice, and to Spokane evangelicals to walk humbly in religion and respect science.

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The deadline for the February *Chimes* is **Monday, Jan 29**  
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

## Important Information from the Finance Office

Just a reminder that you can use your Visa or MasterCard to make payments on your Cathedral pledge. If you would like to use your Visa or MasterCard but did not complete the info on your pledge card please contact me (838-4277 ext 17) and I will get you started.

Please remember to pick up your new **2018** pledge envelopes from the table in the hallway leading into the Cathedral. Envelopes not picked up will need to be mailed. Also, please **DO NOT USE PREVIOUS YEAR'S PLEDGE ENVELOPES** for 2018. **Your number may not be the same and this could cause posting errors.** If you would like to use envelopes but they are not on the table, please call me (838-

4277 ext 17) and I will get you a packet.

If you need to pay the remainder of your 2017 pledge in 2018 please note on the memo line of your check that it is for 2017. Otherwise, any checks received in 2018 will be posted toward your 2018 pledge.

Please remember to write on your check what it is for so that it can be posted correctly. If you are having your pledge paid online thru your bank please make the check payable to the fund you wish it applied to i.e. "St Johns Cathedral Pledge" etc. If you have any questions please call.

*Thank You For Your Support*  
Rosie Banta, Finance Secretary  
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509-838-4277 ext 17

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## A Legacy of John Hay

For years, The Rev. John Hay wrote poems. As a college student, while he was in the Navy, while he served parishes, while he was recovering from surgery this summer, John wrote.

Shortly before he died, a book of his poems (the first of an intended 3-volume set) was printed.

Copies of the book, *The Old Mill*, are available at the Cathedral bookstore. The Hay family has not set a price for the books; they ask that "buyers" make a donation to Youth Ministries at the Cathedral.

*From the back cover of the book:*

"I believe that we can all be poets. If there can be music in the stars; in the birds of the air; and in the creatures of the sea—why not in you and me? We are all rooted—like trees—in the spirituality

of music even though we have different branches and leaves to express it.

We have our own moments of ecstasy, discovery, anguish, sorrow, and despair. And from these moments we write songs, ballads, musicals, operas, and symphonies. In wintertime we can even hear snowflakes, and sing in the silence. We can hear music in the waves of the sea; in opening blossoms; and falling leaves. All the experience and events we participate in have the music to express in poetry. I believe that we can be poets whether we're watching the stars or sitting by a quiet stream, for us there is always something blowing in the wind."

The memorial service for John and Marj Hay will be at 4pm on **Friday, January 26**, here at the Cathedral.

## Our Haiti Partnership

By Judy Beane

In 2007 the Outreach Committee began the discussion of whether or not St. John's should become actively involved in an outreach project outside of the Spokane area. After much discussion, research and prayer it was decided that we should and we embarked on a mission to support a school in Haiti. We decided on Haiti because it is the poorest country in the Northern Hemisphere and the need was obviously great – and this was before the devastating earthquake that occurred in 2010. We worked with the Diocese of Haiti and they assigned us to the community in Cazale, to which we sent our first funds in 2008 to enable them to open a school which was connected to the church. Since that time we have sent over \$170,000 to support St. André school. Dean Ellis made two trips to Haiti, one with Trish Newton in 2009 and then again with Jenny Brown in 2015 to assess the school situation and to ensure that our donations were being used as we had agreed. Much has been accomplished and many students have gained a good start toward an education that will hopefully help them rise out of extreme poverty and also help their community.

We as a committee have felt

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### Let's get better acquainted!

Check out the new nametags by the North Transept! Would you like one? Email the office: [secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org](mailto:secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org)

We have magnet backs (not suitable for those with pacemakers) and traditional pin backs. Thanks to the Communications Committee for providing visual reminders that make it easier for us to call each other by name.

that donor interest and support for this project has been tapering off in the last couple of years and that it is time for us to end our involvement. Hopefully another church will pick up the support role that we have played in the past. It is always hard to let go of something that has been close to your heart, so it is with sadness that we see an end to the relationship we have had with St. André School in Cazale. We are grateful for what we have been able to accomplish and wish the very best for the community and the school.

With the money raised to date, we will be able to continue to send funds for St. André through the end of the 2017/2018 school year. We have already given them advance notice, hoping that it will enable them to have another support church in place before the 2018/2019 school year.

We wish to thank everyone who has given financial support for this project. We believe that together we have been able to make a difference in the lives of many of the children of Cazale. Your gifts have been very much appreciated.

One of the ways we raised money to support the school was through the book cart that resides in the hallway between the Welcome Center and the Great Hall. It has been well received and used by many, so we would like to continue it. We will therefore designate the revenue from the cart to go to various outreach projects of the Cathedral. Watch for the sign on the cart to see what organization we are currently supporting.

## White Gifts Thank You

By Peggy Johnson

A huge thank you to all those who brought white gifts to the Christmas Pageant. This year, as well as last year, those gifts were given to West Central Episcopal Mission and brightened the lives of the folks in that area of our city. Many, but not all, of our guests are homeless; and others of our guests live in substandard housing where cold is a constant companion. As a result, the warm clothing and blankets were most welcome. In addition, there were enough fun and playful gifts from games to cookies to jewelry and cosmetics that everyone was able to get something that was not just practical or useful. Each child received a toy as well as warm and cozy things.

Again, thank you for helping us to make this a special season for our neighbors in West Central.



By Liesel Kittlitz

Chair, Communications Committee

Special thanks to Judith Shadford for her many years of service writing, editing, and publishing the Cathedral's *E-News*.

As many of you know, Judith has retired from this ministry and has handed the baton to Fr. Nic and the Communications Committee. We look forward to continuing the good work Judith started. Thank you Judith!

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## KPBX Kids Concert

The Spokane Youth Symphony will be featured in the next KPBX Kids Concert, here at the Cathedral on **Saturday, January 27** at 1pm.

For the past several years, the Cathedral has been the rehearsal home of the Youth Symphony. This is a chance to enjoy their beautiful music, at no cost!

## Participants Needed!

*By Ann Harder*

Please consider volunteering at the West Central Episcopal Mission.

West Central Episcopal Mission is an intentional community of table fellowship. Every Wednesday, dinner is provided to all who wish to participate. Different congregations have agreed to participate in this ministry by supplying volunteers. St. John's Cathedral provides volunteers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

I started volunteering there about a year and a half ago. The mission sounded like something I could contribute to and I was right. As volunteers, we arrive at about 4:30pm to set the tables and then at 5:30pm the community guests arrive. At 6pm, dinner is served. The volunteers serve as table hosts. We serve the food family style and encourage conversation among our guests. After dinner, we assist with cleanup, which is very efficient and amazingly quick. We are done by 7pm. If you need to come a bit late or leave early, no worries. Your help will still be greatly appreciated.

If you are not able to help on Wednesday evenings, there are other opportunities to help. Assisting with food preparation on Wednesday afternoons is always appreciated. If you like to cook, please come and join us. The time is negotiable. Please contact Peggy Johnson for details. Her phone number is 509-624-2217.

We also need help organizing and printing name tags. This helps provide a warm welcome for our guests when they arrive for dinner. We can be flexible on the time so please contact Ann Harder if you are interested. We also distribute packets of toiletries. We can always use donations of travel size toiletries, toothbrushes, combs, etc.

I am hoping that I can encour-

## The Coffee Hour Needs You!

*By Cheryl-Anne Millsap*

Each Sunday morning many of us do something simple and yet fundamentally complex. After the 10:30am service we make our way from the sanctuary to the Great Hall where we pour a cup of coffee, put a few cookies or sandwiches on a plate and take a seat at a table. The atmosphere is easy and casual. The sound of voices fills the air as people catch up with friends, hold the occasional ad hoc meeting, and, hopefully, reach out warmly to visitors.

For long-time members and congregants, it's easy to forget just how unique this coffee hour is. Not many churches have the spirit and dedication to commit to feeding a crowd week after week, year after year, but at St. John's this tradition of hospitality is made possible by the generosity and dedication of a small group of volunteers. Each week people who believe in the importance of fellowship as a tool for offering welcome, and, at times, comfort to others, spend a few minutes preparing treats—homemade or store bought—and we are all the better for it.

Now we need your help. In the coming weeks, as the 2018 schedule comes together, we will publish a list of dates when more volunteers are needed and we hope

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age other members of our congregation to participate in this mission. Please take this opportunity to reach out to members of our community who are facing challenges in their lives. They truly need our help and support.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming involved in this very worthwhile mission. My email is [annhharder@gmail.com](mailto:annhharder@gmail.com) and my phone number is 509-994-8938.

you'll step forward to prepare or sponsor a Sunday coffee hour.

Just committing to hosting or sponsoring coffee hour once a year would make a difference. Share the task by asking a friend to join you. If you don't want to cook, consider making a donation so that volunteers can purchase food.



Hosting the Sunday coffee hour is simple. Here are the basics:

- St. John's kitchen manager, Mbale, sets up the tables, makes coffee and punch and cleans up afterward. All you need to do is bring treats and set them out on the serving table after the service, and during the coffee hour stand behind the serving table keeping plates and trays refilled.
- Anything is appreciated. Small sandwiches, (two loaves of bread make a platter of sandwiches) baked goods, cookies, pastries, fruit, cheese and crackers, chips are all popular. Costco party trays and grocery store deli trays and baked goods are easy and always well received. (Attendance is fluid but planning on 30-40 people is a good average.)
- Sponsor a coffee hour. If you're not interested in preparing food, consider making a donation to support this tradition. Volunteers will use your donation to purchase food to serve.

If you'd like to be a part of this important St. John's tradition let Lucretia Pladera know. She can be reached at 509-535-0700 and would be happy to add you to the schedule.

## From the Priest Associate

By the Rev. Nic Mather

One of the things I take a lot of interest in, but not necessarily put a ton of weight on, is the differences of generational experiences and how trends across generations have (and have not) influenced the development of this world. This seems to be a uniquely American understanding/fascination/obsession, but there truly have been different experiences of the world for generations of Americans. Recently, as the generational groupings have largely placed us into three main categories (although a fourth is quickly emerging as the children of the late 1990s begin to influence culture and perhaps most importantly voting), conversation has devolved into who is at fault for the problems of the world.

Is it the baby boomers who supposedly received the world on a silver platter and have systematically used up every last resource and dollar for their own gain leaving nothing for the rest of us? Is it the lazy, unmotivated, no work ethic millennials who expect the world to hand them participation trophies and hold their hands through everything? Perhaps it's the gen-xers who rebelled against "the man" by becoming "the man" and subsequently tearing everything down in some sort of postmodern thought experiment?

And what does all this mean for the church? We experienced our high point (in America at least) with the boomers. As did social clubs. As did social service organizations. As did a lot of things. But times have changed, and we've struggled to change with them. Is this because too many look back on our past with rose-colored glasses, failing to see that while our numbers were high then, we're clearly

seeing that doesn't mean we were making any sort of spiritual impact (otherwise the faith should've, would've been passed on from generation to generation).

In the eyes of a large portion of our population (regardless of generational standing), we've lost touch with the most important attribute of our faith, an attribute that was slowly but surely bled out of the church with focuses on the social experience of church, followed by focuses on the social service experience of the church, while forgetting that the focus of the church should first and foremost be the authentic living into and expressing of faith that we profess in Christ.

We lost touch with this understanding of church somewhere. Luckily, we know this. The problem is, are we willing to change the institutional structures of our parents, our grandparents, or perhaps just ourselves, so that we can reconnect with our authentic living of faith. Regardless of generation, we all have to make this change. Boomers have to be willing to see that the church has changed and it's time we start tearing down some of the sacred golden calves that stand in our way to reconnecting with the foundations of our faith. Gen-xers need to know that the world (and the church) left postmodern thought back in the 1990s. Millennials need to accept that not everything from previous generations is tainted.

It will take all people in the church to enact real change. The Episcopal church, St. John's Cathedral, is dominated by the older generations, but who will take their place when they die? We must ask ourselves, are we willing to make the necessary changes to make sure those people are here when that time comes?

## Bookstore News

By Karen Byrne, Volunteer Manager

Welcome to the New Year! The Book and Gift Shop is looking forward to your visits. New volunteers will be working with me this month. Stop in and say hello. Current schedule is Sunday after services, and Tuesday, 11am-2pm.

We have Ordo calendars for your Episcopal days! This calendar lists all the saint's days and helps you keep track of Ordinary and other time. Curious? Come look at them in the shop!

Several copies of **John Hay's book of poems**, *The Old Mill*, are available in the bookstore.

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## Passages

### Rest in Peace

*Stuart Wayne Evey*, 2/26/1933-12/8/2017; memorial service at 10am on Saturday, January 6

*Mary Frances Gray Whalen*, 2/11/1925-11/3/2017; memorial service at 2pm on Saturday, January 6

*Robert Franklin Thomas*, 1/28/1937-12/19/2017

*The Rev. John Gardner Hay*, 6/3/1925-12/14/2017 and *Marcella M. Youlden Hay*, 7/31/1933-12/12/2017; memorial service for John and Marj at 4m on Friday, January 26

### Baptism, December 31—

*Charlotte Rose More*, born on November 30, 2016 in Washington, DC to Jordan Daniel More and Ashley Shane Miller. Her sponsors are Nicholas Mather and Krista Mather.

### Wedding, December 2—

Molly Francine Loyola Moser and Colin Eugene Haffner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>Cathedral &amp; Offices Closed</i>	<b>2</b> 7a Brotherhood 9:15a Staff 5:30p Prayer	<b>3</b> 10a Worship 10:45a Bible Study 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2	<b>4</b> 7p Choir	<b>5</b> 6p Al Anon 6:30p Potluck & Dance	<b>6</b> 9a DAR 10a Evey service 2p Whalen service 5:30p Worship
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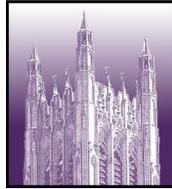
**St John's Java** — Sunday • Tuesday, 9a-12p

**Bookstore** — Sunday • Tuesday and Wednesday, 11a-2p

**Tours** — Sunday • Friday, 11a-2p

**The Windfall**, 1024 S. Perry — Tuesday-Friday, 12:30p-5:30p • Saturday, 12p-5p

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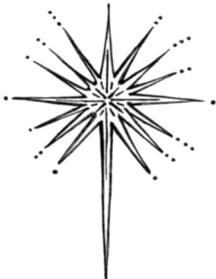


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## Intergenerational Epiphany Celebration January 7th at noon

Celebrate Epiphany with us! We will begin  
with the 10:30am service.

At the end of the service, a candlelight proces-  
sion will lead us from the Cathedral into the

Great Hall where we will en-  
joy a light brunch. The tradi-  
tional Epiphany King's cake  
filled with treasure will be  
served for dessert.

This is a fun celebration  
for all generations to enjoy!



### Worship Services

8am	Holy Eucharist Rite I & Sunday School
9:15am	Forum
10:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II & Sunday School

### Wednesday

10am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
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### Saturday

5:30pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II
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