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Sowing the Seed

The Campaign for Christ Church Cathedral

Addressing the effects of time, weather, and use, and supporting outreach for the success, vitality, growth, and life of our parish

Efforts to preserve the Cathedral's aging, historic campus and to strengthen the church's significant outreach carry a hefty price tag — and an urgent timeline. A \$10 million capital campaign has kicked off to address several goals identified by a recent campus-wide assessment that will help the Cathedral meet the spiritual needs of those who seek worship,

peace, and refuge here.

The \$10 million campaign, known as "Sowing the Seed," seeks a five-year pledge commitment and has three primary goals. It will fund significant repairs identified by an intensive capital depreciation study; it strengthens the existing **Tom Barrow** and **Stuart Hellmann SEED**, page 6



Order of St. John Evensong

The Order of St. John will host a service of Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, February 10, at 5 p.m. The Cathedral Choir will sing the service. **The Very Rev. Barkley Thompson, MStJ**, will preach, and the **Rev. Stuart Bates, MStJ**, will officiate. All Cathedral parishioners are invited to attend.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN EVENSONG

Saturday, February 10

Dean Thompson was appointed to the Order of St. John by **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** in 2016.

The Order of St. John, formally known as The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, is a Royal Order of Chivalry first constituted by **Queen**

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A time to sow

In graduate school, I studied a stuffy and esoteric philosopher named **Josiah Royce**. Much of what Royce wrote is opaque, but



THE VERY REV. BARKLEY THOMPSON

one thing he said that has stayed with me for twenty years is what Royce called *communities of memory* and *communities of expectation*. You've likely heard me speak of these concepts before, but they bear repeating: a community of memory looks

backward to a cherished past, often with warm nostalgia. A community of expectation looks forward to the future's horizon, ready in hope for what may come next.

Community of memory; community of expectation. That is what a downtown church is and should be. That is what Christ Church is and should be. As a community of memory, we bear the sacred story both of Jesus and of the Episcopal Church in Houston for 179 years. As a community of expectation, our mission is always to embody in our words, actions, and ministries the vision of God's kingdom. We are to proclaim God's hopes for the world from the heart of downtown Houston. If that sounds heady and overblown, it should! There is no more important mission in all the world.

In 2018, we will preserve and further this community of memory and expectation through the "Sowing the Seed" capital campaign. We launched the campaign on Sunday evening, January 28, at a dinner in Reynolds Hall at which we heard stories from parishioners of all ages about why they love Christ Church and why we should each "sow the seed" in this place. Sowing the Seed will restore our historic campus for the next generation. The campaign will also fully fund the **Tom Barrow** and **Stuart Hellmann** Legacy Fund, so

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OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

- ✠ new members **Captain and Mrs. Bradford Kyle (Bradford and Martha), Dr. Laurie Hulsman and Ms. Christine Jacobs, and Pat, Claire, Theresa, and Sylvia McNulty.**
- ✠ **Arlette Urquilla and Allston Fishburne**, who were married on December 29, 2017, in the Golding Chapel.
- ✠ **Shannon Lacy and Andrew Coles**, who were married on December 29, 2017, in the Cathedral.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

- ✠ the family of member **Mary Barden Worrell**, who died Friday, January 5, in Houston, Texas.
- ✠ the family of member **Henry Anthony Grichuk**, who died Monday, December 25, in Houston, Texas. He was the husband of member **Jonelle Grichuk** and father of **Anthony and Emily Grichuk**.
- ✠ the family of member **Majel Ann Cooper**, who died Friday, December 8, in Houston, Texas.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- ✠ on Sunday, January 14, were given to the glory and praise of God in loving memory of his mother, **Shirley Christian Lobley**, by **Bruce and Bernice Lobley**.
- ✠ on Sunday, January 21, were given to the glory of God in honor of **Gil, Margaret, and Elise Greenwood** for their birthdays by **Kristy Greenwood**.
- ✠ on Sunday, February 4, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Scott Cawley** by his family.
- ✠ on Sunday, February 18, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her parents, **John and Marion Merritello**, by **Carol Nielsen** and family.
- ✠ on Sunday, February 25, are given to the glory of God in honor of their children, **Meme and Jeff Greathouse, Will and Sara Holland**, and **Mariann and Travis Colvin** by **Antha and Bill Holland**.

The flowers in the floor vases

- ✠ on Sunday, February 4, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Gordon Weisser** by his wife **Blake Weisser**.

Additional poinsettias at the rood screen at Christmas were given to the glory of God

- ✠ in loving memory of **Bill and Nancy Akers** by **Carol Akers Klug and Susan Akers Hirtz**.
- ✠ in loving memory of **Trisha and Evelyn Littlejohn** by the **Rev. Cn. Luchy and Mr. Iain Littlejohn**.
- ✠ in loving memory of **Jose (Chiquito) and Eduardo A. Miranda** by the **Rev. Cn. Luchy and Mr. Iain Littlejohn**.
- ✠ in joyful thanksgiving for all their siblings and families by the **Rev. Cn. Luchy and Mr. Iain Littlejohn**.
- ✠ in loving memory of **Laura Boitkin** by the **Rev. Cn. Luchy and Mr. Iain Littlejohn**.
- ✠ in joyful thanksgiving for all the clergy, staff, altar guild, and music program at the Cathedral by the **Rev. Cn. Luchy and Mr. Iain Littlejohn**.
- ✠ in loving memory of her parents, **Lee and Hor Chee Fong, Rita Fong Lowe, and Jack Fong** by **Donna Fong**.
- ✠ in loving memory of **Gina Still, Jim Elkins Jr., Clay and Mary Jack Puckett, and Lois Ann Peckham** by **Donna Fong**.

The Cathedral is seeking Sunday flower dedications. To make a flower dedication, please contact Lisa Viktorin at lviktorin@christchurchcathedral.org.

SOW, from cover

that we are prepared in the future for capital needs as they arise. And, the campaign will support the vital outreach ministries of the Cathedral, most especially The Beacon, through which we restore dignity to more than two hundred fifty men and women each day. Through the Sowing the Seed campaign, we will be faithful stewards of God's vineyard.

Campaign materials are arriving in your home at virtually the same time as this issue of *The Bulletin*. **Jill** and I are digging deep to support the campaign and "sow the seed" for our beloved community of memory and community of expectation. I hope you'll do so as well. As the campaign commences, I encourage you to pray our campaign prayer daily:

Gracious God, since 1839 Christ Church Cathedral has faithfully prepared the soil in downtown Houston and the Diocese of Texas for the work of your kingdom. It is now our turn to sow the seed of grace, by restoring your Cathedral and ensuring the work of our outreach ministry for the next generation. Grant us joy and goodwill in this work, and bestow your blessing upon us, that faith may grow and bloom in the midst of the city; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Gospel of Mark live

Our sacred stories were first shared orally and later written down, and though written down, they are meant to be heard.

On February 8 at 7 p.m. in the Hines Center, parishioners and their friends will have the opportunity to hear aloud the Gospel of

Mark in its entirety, shared by professional storyteller **Kathy Culmer**.

Culmer, the director of religious education at St. James Episcopal Church in Houston, holds a doctorate from United Theological Seminary in Biblical Storytelling and has been the featured storyteller for both the Network of Biblical Storyteller's International Festival Gathering and the Canadian Biblical Storytelling Festival.

About this event, Ms. Culmer says, "I am thrilled to have this chance to give voice to Mark's story and to take listeners on a journey that allows them to not only hear but experience the gospel from the inside out."

The Welcome and Evangelism Council is proud to host this event and encourages parishioners to



PROFESSIONAL STORYTELLER KATHY CULMER

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Art born of faith in Lenten series

This year's **Robert C. Stuart** Lenten Series, entitled "Illustrations: Visualizations of Faith," explores the various ways in which faithful people have translated a largely text-based religion into images.

From ancient graffiti to icons to illuminated manuscripts to more conventional pictorial references, Christians throughout

ROBERT C. STUART LENTEN SERIES

Sundays in Lent
10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

the ages have sought to express their faith in pictures. Unlike the modern, unfiltered, high-definition digital snapshot, these representations of the Bible seem less concerned with being "true to life" than with expressing a deeper "truth for life" contained in the Gospel.

Luminaries from the fields of biblical studies, theology, and the visual arts will lead highly visual sessions that review the history of their style of interpretation and encourage our cathedral community to expand their own palate of ways to embrace and share faith.

On Sunday, February 18, American Benedictine monk, scholar, and executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) in Minnesota **Columba Stewart, OSB**, will speak on the art of ancient manuscripts and their preservation, and the virtual reading room of the HMML, which includes manuscript images from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and India. HMML also houses The Saint John's Bible, the first handwritten and illuminated Bible to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press in the 15th century.

Priest and cartoonist the **Rev. Jay Sidebotham** will join us on February 25. He is the director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement that focuses on helping growth and vitality to Episcopal parishes. He is also well known for his funny, apt cartoons about church life as well as for his animation work on the television series Schoolhouse Rock!

On March 4, Texan-Pakistani Islamic calligrapher **Sana Naveed Mirza** will talk with us about how the practice of calligraphy is both an artistic as well as a spiritual practice. A calligrapher since the age of 14, her work has been commissioned worldwide. Recently, she designed and made the colossal inscriptions and arabesque decorations in the Masjid Al-Noor mosque in Houston.

Chinese artist **He Qi** will visit with the



He Qi's art will be shown at the Hines Center on March 9 at 6 p.m.

Cathedral on March 11 in conjunction with a showing of his art at the Hines Center on March 9. He paints contemporary, Asian-influenced Christian iconography. He is currently an artist-in-residence and visiting scholar at Claremont School of Theology, CA (CST) and

Architect Will Cannady at the Cathedral Bookstore

One of the many reasons we are grateful to call the Cathedral our church home is the manner in which its architecture reflects the timeless traditions, spiritual strength, and loving energy of those who have worshipped here over the generations. Architecture influences us and shapes the ways we live and interact with one another. But what specifically is it about bricks and mortar that has such an impact on us?

On Sunday, February 11, we look forward to exploring the ways architecture touches our lives when the Bookstore hosts notable architect and new Cathedral member **Will Cannady**. He will sign and discuss his new book, *Four Houses: Design for Change*, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

An architectural autobiography, *Four Houses* tells the story of fifty years of Will's domestic life as it shaped and was shaped by the physical reality of his homes. It acknowledges that, like us, our dwellings will never be perfect, but our shortcomings can inspire us to employ better design in the next iteration — of our buildings and of our selves.

Cannady's career as an architect and professor has focused on the ways we inhabit space. He has been a professor of architecture at the

a distinguished visiting professor at the Art Institute of Renmin University of China (RUC), in Beijing.

Our final speaker in the series will be **Margaret Mitchell, M.A., Ph.D.**, the Shailer Mathews Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature at the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, where both **Dean Barkley Thompson** and **Canon Vicar Art Callaham** are alumni. Her studies center around the literary and religious cultures of the earliest Christians, as well as the intersection of text, images, and artifacts in the formation of early Christian culture.

The Lenten Series will take place in two sessions each Sunday during Lent in Reynolds Hall. During the 10 o'clock Dean's Hour, each week's guest will give a 45-minute lecture on his or her particular area of interest. Later, over supper, directly following The Well service, our guests will return for a less formal interview-style conversation with **Dean Thompson**. Childcare will be available during both the morning and evening sessions.

Rice University School of Architecture since 1964, and among his many roles there, he was a founder of the Rice Design Alliance. He has received the Educator of the Year Award by the

Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and has served as president of the Houston Philosophical Society and on many advisory boards and master planning committees in Houston. He holds degrees in architecture from Berkeley and Harvard, served as a Marine, and is an Eagle Scout, experiences which have informed the over two hundred projects he has designed and built.

Interested in architecture and design?

The Bookstore carries *A Vision of Place: The Work of Curtis & Windham Architects*, co-authored by **Bill Curtis** and including an introduction by **Stephen Fox**; *Constructing Houston's Future: The Architecture of Arthur Evan Jones and Lloyd Morgan Jones* by **Ben Koush**; and *Houston's Forgotten Heritage: Landscapes, Houses, Interiors, 1824-1914*, authored by a team including **Dorothy Knox Howe Houghton**; as well as in-house publications *The Windows at Christ Church Cathedral Houston*, and *Opalescence: The Cathedral in Art and Symbols*.



Christmas Pageant, Ardell Ray Day, Annual Parish Meeting, Bad Gift Bingo, and more

IN PICTURES

Right: Senior Sexton Ardell Ray was honored in January for his 40 years of service to the Cathedral.
Below: Margot and John Cater (center) were this year's recipients of the Dean's Cross.



Above: A "Eureka!" moment at this year's Gingerbread Contest.



Above: Canon Vicar Art Callaham lights the Advent wreath at the Christmas Eve service.
Right: Icicles in the Bishop's Courtyard this January.

Below: A Bad Gift Bingo winner and his prize.





Above: Dean Barkley Thompson was interviewed by KHOU reporter Deborah Duncan at his surprise five-year anniversary celebration at the Dean's Hour on January 14. Right: Two beatific players at this year's Christmas Eve pageant.

Spring parent meet-ups

BY KARIANN LESSNER

One of the main objectives of the Children's Ministry Council is to nurture relationships between families at the Cathedral. One of the major ways we encourage folks to meet parents of children in the same age range as theirs and to meet the teachers happens at one of two yearly events. In the fall, we encourage "Bring Your Parents to Sunday School" and in the spring, we press pause on the lesson portion of the Sunday School hour and host a "Parent Meet-up" on the Huffington Playground.

Continental breakfast is served on the playground, where kids are free to play and enjoy some time with their Sunday School classmates. Parents are encouraged to spend time getting to know each other. Sunday, February 4, at 10 a.m., parents and students 3 years-1st grade (Cathedral Godly Play) will gather on the playground. Sunday, February 11, at 10 a.m., parents and students 2nd - 5th grades (Rotation Sunday School) will gather on the playground. See you then.

Join Johnny's Walkers

BY SUSAN TAYLOR

This is the 10th year the Johnny's Walkers team has participated in the annual AIDS Walk in Houston, happening this year on Sunday, March 4.

Johnny's Walkers was organized and led by **the Rev. John Logan**, Secretary of the Diocese of Texas and Canon Emeritus at Christ Church Cathedral. Canon Logan has hung up his walking shoes, but team Johnny's Walkers is ready to roll!

The walk begins at 1 p.m. downtown in Sam Houston Park, rain or shine. This year, there will even be a post-walk concert featuring a diverse lineup of local artists.

In the past 10 years, we have raised over \$140,000 and have consistently been among the top ten fundraising teams. We hope you will join Johnny's Walkers either as a donor, a walker, or both. Invite your friends and join Johnny's Walkers as we walk again to raise money to help the AIDS Foundation provide programs and lifesaving services to thousands of Houstonians.

AIDS WALK
Sunday, March 4

Use this direct link to access our team page and sign up: <https://www.aidshelp.org/team/JohnnysWalkers2018>. To donate, go to this link:

goo.gl/Fv2rNM

EVENSONG, from cover

Victoria in 1888. The Order derives from the Order of the Hospital of St. John—the Knights Hospitaller—who were first commissioned for service in the Holy Land in A.D. 1113. After the 16th Century Reformation, the English knights were separated from the Order. After invitations from French knights in the 1800s, Queen Victoria reestablished the British companion order. Among other worldwide charitable endeavors, the Order of St. John operates an eye hospital in Jerusalem.

Currently, Queen Elizabeth II is the Sovereign Head of The Order of St. John, followed by the **Grand Prior, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester**.

SEED, from cover

Legacy Fund for Cathedral Preservation so that we are prepared to meet future capital needs before they arise; and it enhances the **Mary and Walter Taylor** Outreach Fund that benefits The Beacon and other outreach efforts.

Now is an excellent time to tackle the challenge, says **Karen Kraycirik**, minister for community life and stewardship.

“We are flourishing in so many ways,” Kraycirik says, pointing to growth in weekly church attendance, the success of the Celtic service (at 5 p.m. on Sundays), the active Latino congregation, the expansion of outreach, and the rise in membership and, with it, new pledges to the annual fund. In addition, the role of the Cathedral as an urban resource to the city of Houston has been called upon to lead in times of need.

“As we continue to grow as a community, our spaces need to be able to serve the demands of that growth,” Kraycirik says. “This campaign is a once-in-a-generation endeavor. In preserving the campus, generations to come are free to focus on the Cathedral’s mission and ministry.”

Meanwhile, it has been more than 20 years since the last pass at major restoration and repair.

Fix for the Future

Repairs and restorations account for \$6 million of the campaign’s \$10 million goal.

For a compelling case to support repairs, look no further than the historic building’s exterior brickwork. “It’s notable to mention that the building is solid brick, not a brick façade,”

she says. That means the decaying brick, mortar, and masonry must be remedied. Timeline: ASAP.

Another critical improvement addresses the underground spaces beneath the sidewalks on Fannin and Prairie, areas known as “the vaults.” Deteriorating concrete in the vaults requires attention to ensure that the spaces are structurally sound.

Other repairs and updates identified by the year-long campus evaluation include renovating the worship support spaces, meaning the sacristy, acolyte and server rooms, and vesting rooms, which have not been touched since the ‘60s. The historic Golding Chapel Aeolian-Skinner organ is overdue for a major overhaul since it has never had work done. In addition, many elements of campus infrastructure are sorely in need of updating and upgrading.

Also on the list is upgrading the common areas within the Ballard Youth Center which, in addition to being our youth space, is the living and kitchen space for CUSE, the Cathedral Urban Service Experience. This integral program housed nearly 500 CUSE participants in 2016–2017, who provided more than 8,000 service hours to the Houston community.

The second piece of the campaign seeks \$1.5 million to boost the Tom Barrow and Stuart Hellmann Legacy Fund for Cathedral



The Cathedral campus will be restored for the future.

Preservation. While the Legacy Fund has already handled smaller projects, such as replacing the Cathedral’s sprinkler system in 2016, this additional funding will enable the Legacy Fund to cover future capital maintenance expenses. Fully funding the Legacy Fund is the best way to steward our campus for future generations. The third piece of the campaign accounts for \$2.5 million of the total goal. It’s earmarked to support The Beacon’s ability to plan long term, commence strategic initiatives, and manage emergencies, something Hurricane Harvey highlighted.

Margot and **John Cater** are the campaign’s co-chairs. Their message to parishioners calls for once-in-a-generation support to ensure “the continued success, vitality, growth, and life of our parish.”

“People from all walks of life are finding a spiritual home at Christ Church Cathedral. We are from every stratum of society, in every state of dress, of every color, and every background. We are a cross-section of our larger community, and that is why many people are drawn to this place. This campaign — Sowing the Seed — is a necessity for creating good soil that will sustain the life of our physical and spiritual home for years to come,” reflects John Cater.

Broad reach

The Cathedral is one of the few large and growing urban Episcopal parishes in the country. “Our mission is to embody God’s hope for the world as we minister to each other, to our diocese, and to our city. If our buildings and campus are not structurally sound, and in good working order, we cannot fulfill our mission.”

As stated by the dean, **the Very Rev. Barkley Thompson**, “We are blessed by stability and growth, generous people, and committed leadership. We will preserve the memories and the spaces of those who came before us and sow the seed for those who come after us, preparing the ground for their mission and ministry.”

Campaign materials have been mailed to parishioners and details also will be posted to the Cathedral’s website.

For information, please contact Karen Kraycirik at kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org.

Quarterly update from the vestry

During the previous year, our community was blessed to have had **Linnet Deily** serve as Senior Warden, **Bob Richter** serve as Junior Warden, and **Chris Alexander**, **Elizabeth Goza**, and **Michelle Ruch** serve as vestry members. We thank them for their steadfast leadership and dedication to the life of the Cathedral. We welcome new vestry members **Meredith Canada**, **Kristy Greenwood**, **Evelyn Nolen**, **Rob Reedy**, and **Walker Taylor**.



SENIOR WARDEN
CATHERINE
RANDALL

As is the case each year, the Cathedral vestry and ministry staff attend a retreat at Camp Allen, where we have the opportunity to come together as one body to focus on our roles as parish leaders. This year’s retreat was held January 26 and 27. Our monthly vestry meeting was conducted on Friday night, during which we adopted the 2018 Cathedral budget, and received updates on Sowing the Seed capital campaign and the building project. Saturday included

a program led by **the Rev. Dr. Michael Floyd**, St. Michael and All Angels Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at the Seminary of the Southwest. The Rev. Floyd helped guide us through scripture (which can be a challenge to us Episcopalians), with the goal of giving us the means to take what we have read and apply it to our daily lives.

Throughout the year, we will continue with monthly vestry meetings. Our February meeting will open with a tour of The Hines Center for Spirituality and Prayer. **Monica Grinage-Prince** will conduct the tour as we hear how the Hines Center has transitioned from its dependence on the Cathedral to an independent center for mind and body wellness.

2018 will be a full and exciting year for the Cathedral, with opportunities for involvement and support. We pray the Holy Spirit calls you to take part.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit christchurchcathedral.org or call **713-222-2593** to learn more about these and other events at the Cathedral.

● Registration recommended ▲ Registration required ✕ Registration closed ★ Childcare available (3 mo. to 12 yrs.) 🧑👤 Bring a friend!

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2 FRI

Bridge Night

6:30-9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Bring a dish to share with the group.

FEBRUARY 3 SAT

Brigid's Place 20th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

11 a.m., Briar Club. Featuring keynote speaker the Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge and honoring founder the Rev. Betty Adam. (\$)

FEBRUARY 4 AND 11 SUN

Parent Meet-Ups

10 a.m., Huffington Playground. Meet other parents and Sunday School teachers. Cathedral Godly Play (3yrs-1st gr.) on 2/4 and Spring Rotation (2nd-5th gr.) on 2/11.

Wrestling with God: the Character of Jacob

10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Dean Thompson leads parts two and three on this most complex biblical character.

Lent: A User's Guide ★

6 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. In this fun-filled, two-part series, Canon Callahan will unpack the history, practice, and theology of the season before Easter.



ROBERT C. STUART LENTEN SERIES ILLUSTRATIONS: VISUALIZATIONS OF FAITH ★

Sundays in Lent, Reynolds Hall. 10 a.m. class, 6 p.m. dinner, 7-8:30 p.m. conversation. Learn more in the article on p. 3 or on our website.

February 18
Columba Stewart, OSB

February 25
The Rev. Jay Sidebotham

March 4
Sana Naveed Mirza

March 11
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March 18
Margaret Mitchell, M.A., Ph.D.



FEBRUARY 7 WED

Dean's Book Club ★

6:30-8 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Discussing *The Jesus Heist: Recovering the Gospel from the Church* by The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle.

FEBRUARY 4 SUN

Treble Choir Luncheon Fundraiser

Noon, Reynolds Hall. The Treble Choir will hold a spaghetti luncheon as a fundraiser for its upcoming trip to Canada. (\$)

Youth Superbowl Party

5 p.m., Treehouse. Food, drink, friends, and the biggest football game of the year.

FEBRUARY 6 TUE

COMPASS Fundraiser 🧑👤

7-9 p.m., Music Box Theater. An annual evening of fun and music to support the ministry of COMPASS. (\$)

FEBRUARY 8 THU

Hearing the Gospel of Mark 🧑👤 ★ ●

6:30-9:30 p.m., Hines Center. Professional storyteller Kathy Culmer shares the Gospel of Mark in its entirety. (\$).

FEBRUARY 9 FRI

Religion and the Punic War ★

7 p.m., Sanders Hall. Archeologist Dr. Patrick Hunt will explore the religious aspects of Rome's greatest war.

FEBRUARY 10 SAT

Winter Quiet Day — Wandering 🧑👤

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cathedral campus. Join cathedral members, clergy, and special guests for a day of quiet reflection.

Most Venerable Order of St. John Evensong 🧑👤 ★

5 p.m., Cathedral. Evensong followed by a reception.

FEBRUARY 11 SUN

Book signing with Will Cannady

9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cathedral Bookstore. Cannady will sign and discuss *Four Houses: Design for Change*.

FEBRUARY 13 TUE

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper ● 🧑👤

6-8 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Feast and make merry on the night before Lent. Wear your Mardi Gras best and dance to live music.

FEBRUARY 14 WED

Ash Wednesday

Mark the start of Lent with the imposition of ashes at services at 7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 6 p.m. ★ in English and at 7:30 p.m. ★ in Spanish. Ashes will also be available throughout the day in Golding Chapel as well as "to go" in downtown.

FEBRUARY 18 SUN

Youth Parent Meeting ★

10 a.m., Golding Chapel. For parents of 6-12th graders, to discuss mental health and youth.

Meet Your Shepherd

10 a.m., Cloister. An opportunity for members to meet their Shepherds.

Lenten Evensong 🧑👤 ★

5 p.m., Cathedral. Featuring the Cathedral Choir.

FEBRUARY 23 FRI

20s & 30s Outing to the Rockets 🧑👤 ▲

7 p.m., Toyota Center. Join the group for a great basketball night out. (\$)

FEBRUARY 25 SUN

Service at the Houston Food Bank ●

8:45 a.m., 535 Portwall St. Youth give their time and effort to the Food Bank.

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes

10-11 a.m., various locations.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) 🧑👤

3-4:45 p.m., BYC (Treehouse). 6th-12th graders play games, and discuss pop culture, Bible stories, and life.

Celtic Eucharist, "The Well" ★ 🧑👤

5 p.m., Cathedral. Drawing inspiration and music from the Celtic tradition, this service focuses on prayer, silence, meditation, and grace.

MONDAYS

Centering Prayer ●

11:15-11:45 a.m., Hines Center.

Healing Service

12:05 p.m., Golding Chapel.

Bible "By the Glass" 🧑👤

6:30-8 p.m., OKRA, 924 Congress. Fellowship and Bible study.

The Vicar's Road Show:

Simple Systematics ▲

6:30-8 p.m., meets monthly at a choice of locations. Canon Callahan leads a search for a simple explanation for God, the universe, and everything. See our website for full location addresses.

Tue., Feb. 6, in Tanglewood

Thu., Feb. 8, at Town & Country

Tue., Feb. 20, in Montrose

TUESDAYS

Prophets

7 a.m., Mellinger Room. Join Canon Callahan for a weekly Bible study series that examines the stories and writings of the prophets. Material in this class is (largely) identical on Tuesdays mornings and Thursday noontimes.

Education for Ministry (EFM) ▲ ✕

6:30-9 p.m., Mellinger Room. Comprehensive adult theology program. (\$)

Bible by the Glass North 🧑👤

7 p.m., Brixology in the Vintage; 110 Vintage Park. An extension of our popular downtown bible study, hosted in Spring Cypress.

WEDNESDAYS

Dean's Men's Morning Bible Study

7-8 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room. Join Dean Thompson this spring for a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Women's Morning Bible Study

9:30-11 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

Bilingual Eucharist

6-6:30 p.m., Golding Chapel.

Cathedral 20s & 30s ★ 🧑👤

6:30-8 p.m., Treehouse. Weekly discussion group and social gathering of young adults.

Buscando la Luz ▲

(Second, third, and fourth Wednesdays) 6:30-8 p.m., Bride's Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

THURSDAYS

Prophets

12 p.m., Mellinger Room. This is a repeat of the Tuesday morning bible study by the same name.

Branch Out

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., various locations. Jeremy Bradley and Christy Orman visit youth group members at school.



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attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or family member who is curious about Jesus and the Christian faith.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a reception of Mediterranean tapas, and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Parking is available in the Cathedral parking garage. Seating is limited; tickets are \$10 for Hines Center members and \$20 for nonmembers, and they may be purchased on the Hines Center website. More questions? Contact **Canon Genevieve Razim** at grazim@christchurchcathedral.org or **Vanessa Wade** at vwade@hinescenter.org.



In the Cloister Gallery: *Loving Mystery: An Invitation* by **Brooke Summers-Perry**

The artist notes that these works are the expressions that flow from meditation and reading spiritual texts. Opening reception: Friday, February 2, from 6–8 p.m.

Les bons temps sont ici!

When you think of indulgence, do things like eggs, milk, and sugar come to mind? When you're on a mission to "treat yourself," does it normally involve going into the kitchen and putting together your next meal? In society today, our ideas of extravagance and luxury come more in the forms of a day at the spa, a massage, or a giant bowl of queso.

At one time, Christians worldwide, on the eve before Ash Wednesday, would clear out their pantries to prepare for the coming of

Lent. How exactly does getting rid of food pave the way for repentance?

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER **Tuesday, February 13**

It was common practice to indulge in rich, luxurious foods that one might sacrifice during the upcoming forty days – eggs, milk, and sugar. Pancakes are a simple and tasty recipe that includes all these ingredients, making it easier to ensure that temptations were removed from the cupboard without waste.

This tradition continues at the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! The Community Life Council invites you to revel on February 13 in Reynolds Hall from 6 – 8 p.m. Make merry by wearing your Mardi Gras costume and colors — that's purple for justice, green for faith, and



gold for power. We will have live jazz music to dance the night away from the **Gary Michael Dahl** Band, face painting, and the annual bead toss from the balcony for all the kids. We will again serve our customary pancake bread pudding with rum sauce, along with regular pancakes, bacon, sausage, and fresh fruit cups.

Sign up at the Cloister Table on Sundays to attend the event. Sign up to volunteer for a shift on the Cathedral website. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and a \$25 family maximum. This is a great event to invite your friends, family, co-workers, and school mates to "laissez les bon temps rouler!" If you have any questions or need more information, please contact **Jeremy Bradley**: jbradley@christchurchcathedral.org.