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Cathedral council system is a vital part of ministry

When Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister first arrived at Christ Church Cathedral last summer, she said that one of the things that most impressed her was the Council system.

“I’ve worked for the Episcopal church for over 25 years, and I’ve never come across a system for lay engagement so healthy and well defined,” she said.

Dean Barkley Thompson said that everything that the Cathedral does is sourced through the councils and that council input was vital in adopting a new vision plan, “Rooted in Christ; Built on Christ,” last year.

“These are laypeople visioning and planning,” he said. “The system ensures that the Cathedral never becomes a parish run primarily by staff and clergy.”

There is a practical application too, as the Cathedral has more than 3,000 members.

“There must be not only many enthusiastic warm bodies, but also systems in place to



accomplish ministry,” said Dean Thompson. “All in all, roughly 150 parishioners serve on councils at any given time, which ensures that we have broad representation from our congregation.”

The theological foundation for councils is also important.

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Justice & Peace Council to host “Just Mercy” film discussion and Racial Reconciliation Conference

In the Book of Common Prayer, our baptismal covenant includes the promise of all Christians to “strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.” Though in the United States we have made remarkable progress toward this promise in the past 50 years, events of the past several years have demonstrated that we have much work yet to do.

On Wednesday, January 20, from 6:30–8 p.m. the Justice & Peace Council will host a Zoom film discussion of “Just Mercy,” which chronicles the work of Civil Rights attorney Bryan

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**“JUST MERCY”
DISCUSSION**

January 20



What can I give him?

*In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

This favorite hymn seems an appropriate focus of meditation in these days. First, it speaks accurately of the winter we’re presently experiencing, metaphorically if not literally. In the midst of the pandemic, the existential chill has been particularly bitter this season, and the world’s reality is truly hard as iron. Secondly — and more importantly — “In the Bleak Midwinter” is as much an Epiphany hymn as it is a Christmas hymn. The fourth verse reads this way:



**THE VERY REV.
BARKLEY
THOMPSON**

*What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what can I give him —
give my heart.*

The very term “epiphany” means “manifestation,” and in the Epiphany season we focus upon those places in the Gospels in which the divinity of Jesus is manifested wondrously to the people.

We read about the wise men from the east, to whom Jesus’ character is revealed through the guiding star. We hear the story of Jesus’ baptism, when the sky opens and a voice from heaven proclaims, “This is my son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” (Indeed, on Christmas the shepherds discover the

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We celebrate with

- ✞ new baptism, **Emma Thomas Adams** and **Maren Elizabeth Hickman**.
- ✞ **Ann Kollenberg Neyland** and **Jack Hurt**, who were married in the Cathedral on December 19.

We extend heartfelt sympathy

- ✞ to the family of Cathedral member **Carl Lewis Estes II**, who passed away on November 28, 2020. Carl is survived by his wife **Gay Estes**, his daughters **Adrienne Bullard** and **Meg Tapp**, sons-in-law **Danny Bullard** and **Filson Tapp**, and his granddaughters, **Addie Tapp** and **Chace Bullard**.
- ✞ to the family of **David Eli Toedt**, who passed away on November 18, 2020. David is brother to member **Martha Williams**.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- ✞ on Sunday, January 10, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Scott Cawley** by his family.
- ✞ on Sunday, January 17, are given to the glory of God in honor of **Andrew Sanchez**, **Gil** and **Margaret Greenwood**, and **Elise Sargent** and her daughter for their January birthdays by **Kristy Greenwood**.

The flowers in the floor vases

- ✞ on Sunday, January 17, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Mary Anne Gibbons** by **Anne**, **Mike**, **Daniel**, and **Ben Eisner**.

Meet our 2021 vestry nominees

To be voted on at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 24

Nominated for three-year terms



KATIE BARNES is a native Houstonian. She joined Christ Church Cathedral in 2001 and is currently a member of the Altar Guild and serves as a Lector. In the past, Katie has given her time to serve as chair of the Religion and the Arts and Stewardship Councils, as a delegate to Diocesan Council and is a past Vestry member. She recently served on the Board of Directors for the Hines Center for Spirituality as board President. Katie is a graduate of Episcopal High School, Texas Christian University, and South Texas College of Law. Katie is an attorney who currently works as director of Right of Way and is in house counsel for Texas Central, a private company building high speed rail between Houston and Dallas. Katie also enjoys spending her spare time working out, traveling, and hanging out with her bees as an amateur beekeeper.



PATRICK HAYES is the Co-Managing Shareholder of Andrews Myers, a mid-sized business law firm with offices in Houston and Austin. He and his wife, Shannon, have been members of the Cathedral since 1998. All three of their children were baptized and confirmed at the Cathedral. Patrick previously served on the vestry during Dean Reynolds' tenure. In addition, he was a past President of the Endowment Board, served on the search committee to replace Dean Reynolds, and also chaired the Every Member Canvass.



MARK HULL was born in Houston, Texas, and was married at Christ Church Cathedral in 2002 before moving to New York. His wife, Leslie, is a life-long member of the Cathedral. After returning to Houston, Mark became more active and joined the Children's Ministry Council from 2017 to 2019. He served on the Visioning Task Force in 2019 as a liaison with the Mission Outreach Council. Mark works as President of Operations at Ballard Exploration Company, Inc., a family-owned oil and gas company. Mark earned a BBA at The University of Texas at Austin and a MBA at The New York University's Stern School of Business. He and Leslie have one 13-year-old daughter.



BEN POWELL is a lifelong Episcopalian and officially joined the Cathedral in 2016 after many years of attending the 9 a.m. service. He has served as a Beacon board member for the past six years and was a co-chair of the 2021 Every Member Canvass with his wife, Winnie. Ben and Winnie were married at the Cathedral in 2009 and have three children: Claire, Leigh, and Ben. In his free time, he works for Chevron as an engineer.



FRANKIE SIMS has been a member of the Cathedral since 2013. She has been active in the Flower Ministry, served as Chair of the Religion and the Arts Council and currently serves on Community Life. She spent most of her adult life teaching in the Speech and Hearing Department at Texas Tech University Health Science Center and continues to teach part-time at UH. Frankie was an Episcopal school mom and school board member in Lubbock for many years. She moved to Houston to be closer to her daughter, an attorney here in Houston. She also has a son who is a minister in Philadelphia.

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nature of the babe in Bethlehem through a similar heavenly showing.) We recall the Transfiguration, when Jesus' true nature as the fulfillment of God's purposes is revealed.

And, we read about Jesus standing at the bank of a lake and calling his first disciples to be fishers of people. These men will leave everything they know behind in order to follow Jesus. In response to their recognition of Jesus, they will give him their whole hearts.

The Gospel readings in Epiphany underscore two things:

First, God reveals to us the presence of his Incarnate Son in all

sorts of ways, often when we least expect it. At times we have felt the guiding lure of Christ like that star which guided the magi. We have seen the clouds part and experienced Christ's love in new ways as happened at Jesus' baptism. We have had moments of piercing clarity, when Christ reveals God's purposes for our own lives.

Second, in Epiphany we are to meditate on such experiences, and we are to ask ourselves, "What, then?" Like the hymn writer, we are to ask, "In light of the epiphanies in my life, *what can I give him?*" And the hymn writer provides us the proper response: "What can I give him? I can give my heart." May it be so this Epiphany season.



Website Update

Christ Church Cathedral will be launching a new website design in January. The updated site will feature a responsive layout and an integrated events calendar with a goal of bringing the most used areas of the site front and center – making them easier to access. Check out christchurchcathedral.org in the coming weeks!



Annual Parish Meeting

Please join us at the annual parish meeting January 24 at 2 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity for the entire parish to come together for an update on the Cathedral.

Agenda items include:

- Recognition of outgoing vestry members, nomination of a new vestry slate, and election of new vestry members
- EMC report from the EMC co-chairs
- Treasurer’s Report, including an update on overall financial state of the Cathedral, the annual budget, our capital campaign, and our endowment fund
- Senior Warden’s report
- State of the Cathedral Address
- The annual awarding of the Dean’s Cross

This year we will gather on Zoom. Registration is required. To learn more, please visit christchurchcathedral.org/events.

Qualified charitable distributions and the benefits for those 70 ½ and older

BY KAREN KRAYCIRIK, MINISTER FOR STEWARDSHIP

In 2016, Congress passed important legislation making the IRA charitable rollover permanent. While this legislation was part of a larger package on other tax extenders and the budget, there is one point in particular that could benefit a large demographic of Christ Church Cathedral’s parishioners.

Under this legislation, if you are 70 ½ and older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you will be allowed to make certain charitable contributions directly from your IRA to an eligible charity (including Christ Church) and the transferred assets will not be recognized as income for tax purposes.

Parishioner Bill Turney, investigated the permanency of this law, and explains why he continues to take advantage. “Using a QCD (qualified charitable distribution) for our church contribution would lower our income by the amount of our pledge, which would lower our income tax. We no longer itemize and just take the standard deduction so our church contribution has not been tax deductible. Since I am 75, I am required to take a RMD (required minimum distribution) that is considered taxable income. The

result is taxable income without any corresponding deduction.”

After talking to his financial advisor, Bill discovered, “QCD’s can be made directly from our investment funds to qualified, public charities as part of our RMD without becoming part of our taxable income.” Bill is correct. The charitable IRA rollover, or QCD, makes it easier to use IRA assets to make charitable gifts.

Bill has utilized QCDs to pay his annual EMC pledge for several years now. Bill reflected on the fact that, “It will also effectively increase the value of our pledge since CCC will no longer have to pay credit card processing fees. This looks like a win-win situation, both for the Turney family and the Cathedral.”

Making a donation under this provision is simple and straightforward with most financial institutions. If you wonder if you qualify, and are 70 ½ and older (or will be in 2021), we recommend contacting your financial manager. If you have additional questions about financial contributions to Christ Church Cathedral you can contact Karen Kraycirik, minister for stewardship, at 713-590-3338.

Making our Home for Faith the Podcast: O Gracious Light — Epiphany

BY KARIANN LESSNER,
MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

I’m going to admit something scandalous ... I’ve never liked Epiphany. I love the fullness and brightness of Christmas, with all the twinkling lights and all the “extra”ness of the season. And I understand that Advent is a season

Making Our Home for Faith Podcast
Mondays, new episodes



of waiting and that Lent is a time to think and pray. But come January 6, when it’s time to pack up the tree and the Nativity scene, I am left feeling like someone took the light right out of my

house — and if I’m not careful, out of my heart too.

I’m working on loving Epiphany. But unlike Advent and Lent when I seem to understand the rhythm and what they culminate in, I had to dig to find the meaning and purpose of this season of “in between.” The principal themes of Epiphany: revealing Christ to the nations, Jesus’ baptism, and Jesus being celebrated as the “light of the world,”

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IN PICTURES

Right: Volunteers help out with Christmas at the Cathedral.

Below: The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso prays over confirmands on confirmation Sunday.



Above and right: Children light Advent candles for the Podcast



Above: Cookies for The Beacon's annual sale.

Below: MOHFF Podcast



MOHFF

Walking the Mourner's Path

BY JODY GILLIT, MINISTER FOR PASTORAL CARE

Walking the Mourner's Path is an eight week program designed for those who are working through the grief of a loved one who died more than a year ago. Grief has no timeline. Therefore, all are welcome no matter if the death was 1 year or 20 years ago.

Walking the Mourner's Path is a Christ-based, prayer centered, spiritually directed program. It is carefully crafted to focus on one concept per week to allow the participants to work through their grief without feeling overwhelmed. A workbook for each individual provides the framework with prayers, reflections, and exercises for each week, and homework assignments designed to enhance the experience. It is important that you are able to commit to the full eight weeks for yourself as well as the group as a whole. This session will be offered Monday evenings January 25 – March 15, 2021. Due to Covid, we will be offering this session via Zoom.

Walking the Mourners Path participants meet in intentionally small groups to allow everyone an opportunity to share. Enrollment requires registration and a brief conversation with the Minister for Pastoral Care to ensure a good fit for the participant and the group.

Facilitators are not licensed psychological counselors, but are lay ministers specifically trained to lead this program. In no sense do we offer psychological therapy. If you are dealing with grief, are seeking an open format to talk, or need someone to talk with one-on-one, please contact Jody Gillit and she will be glad to connect you to those resources.



JODY GILLIT

HOME FOR FAITH PODCAST, from page 3 — There it is ... LIGHT!

We are shifting our focus in the Making our Home for Faith podcast to reflect the Light of the World — to shine out in our world, and share what God is doing in our lives. Join us each week as a new person/family from the Cathedral shares “The Gracious Light” they have witnessed in their daily life and work — and allow the children of the Cathedral to lead you in the “Phos hilaron” — O Gracious Light prayer, each week.

New episodes drop on Mondays wherever you find podcasts. Look for the Cathedral Youth Ministry to take over the podcast for the season of Lent, too!

*O Gracious Light Phos hilaron
O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving
Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be
praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through
all the worlds.*

Exploring racial reconciliation

BY MARCIA QUINTANILLA, MINISTER FOR YOUTH

This summer, we have seen our community and nation struggle with issues of racism and equality. In light of recent events, we have spent time reflecting on our Baptismal covenant, specifically on the vow that says, “Will

you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” The response is, “I will, with God's help.” As followers of Jesus, we are called to be agents of healing and reconciliation, but many times we don't know where to begin. We may wonder, “what can I do to make a difference?”

Join the Episcopal Diocese of Texas in partnership with the Christ Church Cathedral on Monday, January 18 for a Racial Healing Day from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The day will begin with a conversation with a panel of leaders from the Diocese of Texas, where we will discuss racial healing in the context of our youth community. Youth will then have an opportunity to explore areas where they can put their faith into action.

Registration is required. To register, visit christchurchcathedral.org/reconciliation.

RACIAL HEALING DAY

Monday,
January 18

COUNCIL SYSTEM, from cover

Dean Thompson refers to the catechism in the 1979 Prayer Book that reclaims the ancient ecclesiology of the “ministry of all the baptized.”

“We are all ministers of the Gospels in Christ’s church,” he said.

“It is the priesthood of all believers,” Canon Pfister added. “Christian community isn’t something we consume. It is something we must create over and over again with and for one another.”

The Council system dates to the early 1980s when Pittman McGehee came to serve as Dean of the Cathedral.

When, under Dean McGehee’s leadership, the Cathedral swiftly began to grow, it became clear that a “father knows best” model of ministry was not viable. As a result, the councils were established at a vestry retreat at Camp Allen.

The first four councils were Mission, Evangelism & Communication, Education, and Liturgy. The councils are created by the vestry and come and go with changes in need and the emphases and styles of subsequent deans.

Today, there are 11 of them: Justice and Peace, Mission Outreach, Welcome and Evangelism, Pastoral Care, Community Life, Young Adult Ministries, Stewardship, Youth Ministries, Adult Formation, Children’s Ministry, Religion and the Arts, and Latino Ministries.

Service on a council is at the invitation of the dean and lasts for three years. A parishioner serves on one council at a time and traditionally takes a year break between terms. In addition to membership of 12–15 members, each council has a designated chair, a staff liaison, and a vestry representative. Councils function within the purview given them by the vestry.

“When all of the councils are fully subscribed and operational, 150 lay people are engaged in the mission and vision of the church,” Canon Pfister said. “And that is remarkable.”

Council service also benefits the individual, as well as the Cathedral, according to Bill McKenzie.

McKenzie was chair of the former Liturgy council and served on Mission Outreach, as the vestry representative.

As a member of the choir and an 11 o’clock Cathedral attendee, McKenzie said that serving on different councils broadened both his friendships and his view of the Cathedral.

“I got to know new people who were bringing in different perspectives,” he said. “All this was helpful during the visioning process. You don’t want a council to become stagnant.”

Florence (Flo) Ray has been involved with the Cathedral’s councils since their inception.

“I think they are great,” she said. “You see how the pieces fit together. Members are invested in decision making and it spreads responsibility

to a whole lot more volunteers.”

Ray, who has been a vestry representative to the Adult Formation Council, has served on that council since it was simply known as ‘education.’

“I’m sort of a teacher personality type,” she said. Ray added she now knows of other churches who have adopted the council structure. “It is a healthy way to manage church.”

During new vestry member orientation, Dean Thompson helps set a framework for how a council functions but notes that there is no one standard template. However, he said that every group does need its “thought leaders,” as well as managers and those who like to work on specified tasks. “Each council will come up with some slightly different variation that works best for it.”

As Canon Vicar, Canon Pfister noted that her goal moving forward is to support and empower the councils so that they can build on the Cathedral’s firm foundation of healthy, self-renewing ministry. Part of the way she wants to do that is to build more communication between Councils. This year, council chairs will attend a portion of the vestry retreat.

Canon Pfister thinks the system excels because it is so deeply rooted and egalitarian.

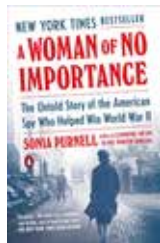
“People understand on a fundamental level that it is how we do ministry,” she said. “I believe we can embody the goals set forth in the Vision Action Plan and build a culture in which all of the baptized are nurtured to discover and share their gifts for the sake of the gospel.”

Dean’s Book Club selections

A different book is discussed each month. Everyone is encouraged to attend and join the discussion, and to order books from the Cathedral Bookstore. Contact Dean Barkley Thompson at bthompson@christchurchcathedral.org to learn how to participate.

Wednesday, February 3

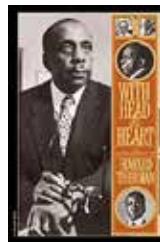
***A Woman of No Importance*, by Sonia Purnell**



In 1942, the Gestapo sent out an urgent transmission: “She is the most dangerous of all Allied spies. We must find and destroy her.” The target in their sights was Virginia Hall, a Baltimore socialite who talked her way into Special Operations Executive, the spy organization dubbed Winston Churchill’s “Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare.” She became the first Allied woman deployed behind enemy lines and — despite her prosthetic leg — helped to light the flame of the French Resistance, revolutionizing secret warfare as we know it. Chosen as a “Best Book of the Year” by NPR, the New York Public Library, Amazon, the Seattle Times, the Washington Independent Review of Books, PopSugar, the Minneapolis Star Tribune, BookBrowse, the Spectator, and the Times of London. (*Amazon.com*)

Wednesday, March 3

With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman



Howard Washington Thurman was an American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century. Thurman’s theology of radical nonviolence influenced and shaped a generation of civil rights activists, and he was a key mentor to leaders within the civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King Jr. (*From Wikipedia*)

Wednesday, April 7

***The King at the Edge of the World*, a novel by Arthur Phillips**



The year is 1601. Queen Elizabeth I is dying, childless. Her nervous kingdom has no heir. It is a capital crime even to think that Elizabeth will ever die. Potential successors secretly maneuver to be in position when the inevitable occurs. The leading candidate is King James VI of Scotland, but there is a problem. The queen’s spymasters — hardened veterans of a long war on terror and religious extremism — fear that James is not what he appears. He has every reason to claim to be a Protestant, but if he secretly shares his family’s

Catholicism, then forty years of religious war will have been for nothing, and a bloodbath will ensue. With time running out, London confronts a seemingly impossible question: What does James truly believe? (*From Amazon.com*)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit christchurchcathedral.org/events 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!

JANUARY

JANUARY 3 SUN

Dean's Hour Matinee: The Mystery of the Christmas Star ▲
2-3:30 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 5 TUE

Women's Evening Bible Study: The Psalms ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 6 WED

Epiphany
Men's Morning Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom
Buscando La Luz ▲
7 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 7 THU

Amazing Women of Faith ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom
Facilitating Firm Foundations ▲
7-8:00 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 8 FRI

BridgeNight ▲ 👥
6:30 p.m., Zoom
20s & 30s First Friday Fellowship ▲ 👥
7:30-8:30 p.m. Attending Bridge Night

JANUARY 9 SUN

Grab your Passport: An Adventure into Prayer Quiet Day ▲
9 a.m. to noon, Zoom

JANUARY 10 SUN

Virtual Coffee Hour ▲
10 a.m., Zoom
Dean's Hour Matinee: Reading Mark An Introduction to the First Gospel ▲
(Part 1), 2-3 p.m., Zoom Webinar

JANUARY 12 TUE

Tuesday Early Morning Men & Women's Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom
WEBS: Women's Evening Bible Study ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom
Community of Hope – Circle of Care ▲
6-8 p.m., Zoom
Seed Group ▲
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 13 WED

Men's Morning Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom
20s & 30s Wednesday Nights ▲ 👥
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

Buscando La Luz ▲
7 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 14 THU

Alzheimer's Association/Dementia Support Group ▲
11:30 a.m., Zoom

Thursday Lunctime Men & Women's Bible Study ▲
12-1 p.m., Zoom

Dr. Ilia Delio Discusses her new book Re-Enchanting the Earth: Why AI Needs Religion ▲
6 p.m., Zoom

Facilitating Firm Foundations ▲
7-8 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 16 SAT

Threads of Comfort and Joy ▲
10-11 a.m., Zoom

JANUARY 17 SUN

Dean's Hour Matinee: Reading Mark An Introduction to the First Gospel (Part 2) ▲
2-3 p.m., Zoom Webinar

Theology Roundtable ▲
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 18 MON

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Cathedral offices closed
Racial Healing Day For Youth ▲
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 19 TUE

Tuesday Early Morning Men & Women's Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom

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JANUARY 20 WED

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6:30-8 p.m., Zoom
20s & 30s Wednesday Nights ▲
6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom

Buscando La Luz ▲
7 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 21 THU

Thursday Lunctime Men & Women's Bible Study ▲
12-1 p.m., Zoom
Facilitating Firm Foundations ▲
7-8 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 23 SAT

Parish Retreat ▲
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Camp Allen

JANUARY 24 SUN

Annual Parish Meeting ▲
2 p.m. Zoom

JANUARY 25 MON

Walking the Mourner's Path ▲
6 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 26 TUE

Tuesday Early Morning Men & Women's Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom
WEBS: Women's Evening Bible Study ▲
6:30-7 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 27 WED

Men's Morning Bible Study ▲
7-8 a.m., Zoom
20s & 30s Wednesday Nights ▲ 👥
6:30-7:30p.m., Zoom, Council

JANUARY 28 THU

Thursday Lunctime Men & Women's Bible Study ▲
12-1 p.m., Zoom
Facilitating Firm Foundations ▲
7-8 p.m., Zoom

JANUARY 31 SUN

Dean's Hour Matinee How Do You Solve a Problem Like Corinth? ▲
2-3 p.m., Zoom

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 MON

Walking the Mourner's Path ▲
6 p.m., Zoom

FEBRUARY 2 TUE

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FEBRUARY 3 WED

Men's Morning Bible Study ▲
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6 p.m., Zoom

Facilitating Firm Foundations ▲
7-8 p.m., Zoom

FEBRUARY 12-13 FRI-SAT

Vestry Retreat at Camp Allen ▲



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RACIAL RECONCILIATION, from cover

Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. The film focuses on the case of Walter McMillian, a Black man sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. Parishioners are asked to watch the film in advance. It is available on several

RACIAL RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE

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streaming networks. The film discussion will be facilitated by Wall Street Journal reporter and Cathedral parishioner Chris Matthews.

On February 19-21, the Cathedral Justice & Peace Council will host the conference "Racial Reconciliation and the Baptismal Covenant: Striving for Justice and Peace Among All People." The conference will include award-winning and inspiring speakers of both local and national note and will encourage the Cathedral to embody God's Beloved Community. The conference will be held via Zoom and Facebook Premiere.

Register to participate in the Just Mercy film discussion and the February racial reconciliation conference at:

christchurchcathedral.org/reconciliation

Parish Retreat

2021 Come Away

BY BETHANY PODGORNÝ, MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY LIFE

Picture this: Your morning drive up to Camp Allen is peaceful as you play your favorite radio station or the greatest hits of James Taylor. When you pull into the parking lot by the All Saints' complex, you're greeted with an air hug and a cup of coffee. Fellow parishioners join in the courtyard with anticipation for a new kind of retreat. Spread out in All Saints' Chapel, you are invited to push the pause button, lay down your burdens, and keep an eye out for glimpses of grace.

This year, our day-long retreat at Camp Allen will have moments of peace and reflection, as well as games, crafts, a picnic lunch, and plenty of time to explore and hang out without an agenda. Our home base will be the All Saints' complex, but we will also have activities for everyone available at Campsite 2. And, as



PARISH RETREAT

Saturday, January 23,
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

always, you'll have the chance to ride horses, skeet shoot, go canoeing, and stay for a bonfire. Drinks and snacks will be available all day as well as lunch from the conference center that

we'll bring outside for a picnic. This year's confirmation class will also be joining the retreat and breaking off in the afternoon for their own events.

To reserve a spot, please visit christchurchcathedral.org/events. The cost is \$30 per person and there are scholarships available for anyone who may need assistance. If you have any questions, contact minister for Community Life Bethany Podgorny at bpodgorny@christchurchcathedral.org.