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A Model for Stewardship

Some years ago, a wise treasurer at a prior parish I served taught me a helpful model for understanding stewardship giving. The model helps reveal how many of us subconsciously think about financial giving to the church. This model has been very helpful to me in my own life over the years, as I've thought about my own stewardship. The model predicates that there are four broad types of givers to the church, all of whom are important:



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The first type are **occasional givers**, those of us who give to the church primarily when a specific initiative is announced, or at holidays, or just when it occurs to us to do so. At Christ Church, occasional givers provide 6% of our parish revenue, for which we are grateful. The challenge with regard to occasional giving as opposed to pledging to the Cathedral is that occasional giving doesn't allow us to plan ahead and project ministry into the future.

The second type are **dues-based pledgers**. For those of us who are described here, many subconsciously consider giving to the church in the way we consider our expenditures to places to which we pay dues: the gym, the college alumni association, even NPR. The thought process is "What do I receive from the church, and how much is that worth to me?" This is a healthy place to start pledging, because it imagines for the first time one's relationship to the church as a covenant, a reciprocal relationship in which the parishioner has a stake in the ongoing work of the church.

The third type are **needs-based**

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Visioning Process to Begin with Council of Councils



Cad Williford, Evelyn Nolen, and Bess Wareing at the last visioning charrette process in the fall of 2013.

When the Council of Councils of Christ Church Cathedral gathers on October 19, it signals the launch of the Cathedral's 2019-2020 visioning process.

That process, last experienced in 2013-4, is a way to set priorities and major initiatives for the Cathedral to develop into a Vision Action Plan to implement over the next several years.

In September, a Visioning Task Force commissioned by **Dean Barkley Thompson** in August held its first meeting, at which it reaffirmed the Cathedral's mission statement, "to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ through word and deed to the parish, the diocese, and the downtown community."

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Your legacy is the Cathedral's future

BY KAREN KRAYCIRIK

To be in a place like Christ Church Cathedral is to be keenly aware that we benefit greatly from the work of previous generations. Since 1839, this faith community has sat on the plot of land at the corner of Texas and Fannin, representing and sharing the Gospel in the heart of downtown Houston. Our ties to the traditions of those who came before us at times are tangible; they worshipped in this sacred space, gazed in wonder at these stained-glass windows, and lifted to God the same prayers we utter today. Our connections to the past not only influence our present, but also shape our future.

The Christ Church Cathedral Endowment Fund was officially established in 1954. As we enter this season of giving, it's important to remember that the Endowment Fund is one way to practice good stewardship. The Fund is an important source of support for the special and varied needs of the Cathedral; it provides a sense of stability in an ever-changing financial world. Throughout the years, the Endowment has met the needs of our historic buildings and provided seed money for new programs that could not be covered by the normal operating budget. It has kept the doors open in times of

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OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

- ☞ new members **Philip, Sarah, and Lucas Barba, Nancy Christian, Kate Hartman and Rishi Modi, and Nathan Navarro and Laura Sirrianni.**
- ☞ **Sara Patterson and Edward Barnard IV**, who were married in the Cathedral on August 31.
- ☞ the families of **Mary Compton Asby, Josephine Rose French, Benjamin Harrison Powell VII, and Rex Michael McLaughlin**, who were baptized at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 1.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

- ☞ the family of **Scott McPherson**, who passed away August 19, 2019. Scott is brother to member **Susan Taylor**.
- ☞ the family of **William Hadley Scott Jr.**, who passed away August 6, 2019. Hadley is brother to member **Rose Anne Scott**.
- ☞ the family of **Gale Moen**, who passed away August 15, 2019, in Waco, Texas. Gale is mother to member **Eric Moen**, mother-in-law to **Amy Moen**, and grandmother to **Jens and Elsa Moen**.
- ☞ the family of **Sally Galbreath Avery**, who passed away August 23, 2019. Sally was predeceased by her husband, **Nathan Mark Avery**.
- ☞ the family of **Montgomery Lewis Schlaich**, who passed away August 24, 2019. Monty is the husband of member **Jenifer Jackson** and father to **Celeste Schlaich**.
- ☞ the family of **John Samuel "Sam" Winters**, who passed away August 29, 2019. Sam is father to member **Leila Mischer** and father-in-law to **Walt Mischer**.
- ☞ the family of member **Leslie Stuart King**, who passed away August 29, 2019. Leslie is mother to **Kelly Kirk** and **Casey Hart Bemis**.
- ☞ the family of **John Estes**, who passed away September 7, 2019. John is father to **Grayson Estes** and father-in-law to **Haylie Treas**.
- ☞ the family of **Martha Hardy Lott**, who passed away September 10, 2019. Hardy is sister to member **Marley Lott**.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- ☞ on Sunday, September 22, were given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for **Sarah Lake-Wallace**, daughter-in-law, and the birthdays of **David A. Wallace**, son, and **Meagan Elizabeth Wallace**, granddaughter, by the **Reverend and Mrs. Thomas A. Wallace**.
- ☞ On Sunday, October 6, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Bill Renfro** by his family.
- ☞ On Sunday, October 13, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of his parents, **Frank E. Hood and Lillian Wadkins Hood**, and his aunt, **Margaret Hughes**, by **Frank E. Hood, Jr.**
- ☞ on Sunday, October 20, are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Bookstore's 37 years of service to Christ Church Cathedral, the Diocese of Texas, and the downtown community, with special thanks to our faithful volunteers and supportive parishioners.
- ☞ On Sunday, October 20, are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for her sister, **Carol Lewis**, and in loving memory of her parents, **Roy and Lois Hanning**, and brother-in-law **Bob Lewis**, by **Ginger Hanning**.
- ☞ On Sunday, October 20, are given to the glory of God in loving memory and gratitude for **Doug Hoffman** by **Mary Hoffman**.

The flowers in the floor vases

- ☞ On Sunday, October 7, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Phyllis Keese Webb** by her family.

All Saints' Flowers

BY LISA VIKTORIN

The Rev. Dr. Bill Doggett at St. James' Episcopal Church in Mount Airy, Maryland, once shared that the saints who have died are with us too, and we will call on them by name to come rejoice with us.

The flowers that adorn the Rood Screen on Sunday, November 3, will honor the memory of the saints in our lives. There are three ways to make an order for flowers for All Saints Day. You may order flowers online on our website (under "Registrations"). You may also mail in a check. If paying by check, make your check for \$10, payable to Christ Church Cathedral and on the memo line, add Altar Guild All Saints. Mail payments to Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue, Houston, TX 77002, Attn: Altar Guild. You may also visit with **Lisa Viktorin** (lviktorin@christchurchcathedral.org) in the Cloister to place your order on October 6, October 13, and October 20. Those received on or before October 20 will be listed in the November 3 service leaflet.



What is the Anglican Way?

Are you new to the Cathedral, new to Anglicanism, or wanting to (re)connect with what it means to be an Episcopalian? Beginning Sunday, October 6, 2019, through Sunday, November 24, **Dean Barkley Thompson** will offer “The Anglican Way,” a weekly class, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Sanders Hall upstairs in the Latham Building.

The Anglican Way course is a lively venue through which newcomers to the Episcopal Church as well as long-time Episcopals can learn about the things that make up our faith and tradition. Topics will include the ways we understand scripture, the history of The Episcopal Church, the Book of Common Prayer, and the sacraments. For adults interested in being baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, The Anglican Way serves as an enjoyable and thorough preparation.

The classes will culminate with **Bishop C. Andrew Doyle’s** annual fall visit to the Cathedral in November. At that time, Bishop Doyle will confirm or receive those class participants who so wish.

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scarcity, and its continued growth will ensure sustainability for the future.

The Endowment is the collective legacy from those who built and supported this Church to those who are parishioners today; but we cannot rely solely on the generosity of those who came before. Its future growth depends on support from parishioners just like you. Please prayerfully consider remembering the Cathedral in your estate and financial planning. The ways to support the Cathedral in your estate plans are vast, while the benefits have lasting effects.

Bishop J. Milton Richardson oversaw the establishment of the Endowment Fund during his time as dean at Christ Church Cathedral. The Bishop Richardson Society was created to honor and recognize those who have remembered the Cathedral in their long-term financial planning. A planned gift of any amount qualifies you to become a member of the Bishop Richardson Society; all you have to do is notify the stewardship office that you have made provision for the Cathedral in your will or other estate planning. Members of the Bishop Richardson Society, in addition to knowing their gift will impact generations to come, are recognized



Bishop Richardson Society

at all services on Loyalty Sunday (November 10) and have their name engraved on the specialty bronze plaque in the Bishop’s Courtyard. Also, in November, a special event is being hosted by the Endowment Trustees in celebration of Society members at the home of **Judy and Charles Tate**.

One day, many years from now, perhaps your children’s children will sit in your same pew, exchange hellos over a cup of coffee in the cloister, or recognize a Bible story in the stained glass. It is through simple gifts, as well as large, that a parish is truly strengthened and its future assured. If you have provided for the Cathedral in your will or estate plan, please let us know. We will enroll you in the Bishop Richardson Society. For further information on how you can contribute to the Cathedral’s future, contact **Karen Kraycirik**, minister for stewardship, at 713-590-3338 or kkraycirik@christchurch-cathedral.org.

Just do it!

BY GAIL AND MIKE HENDRYX
CO-CHAIRS, EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The verse from John that is the inspiration of this year’s Every Member Canvass (EMC) really jumps to life in the New Living Translation Bible: “Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” John says that Christians need to act on love, not just think about it. We can act on that love not just individually but also as a church body. And that is why the EMC truly is a means to show the truth of our love.

Our personal connections to Christ Church Cathedral are strong. Gail grew up in this church, danced the Maypole, and several members of her Sunday School class are still members. She was confirmed here, we were married here, and our children were baptized and confirmed here. Mike became an Episcopalian because of the welcoming and loving approach of the church. We both celebrate the fact that this church recognizes and celebrates the differences in all of us. There is demonstrable love in that communion. We also love the inference, from all the intellectually

stimulating discussions and classes, that Episcopals are not asked to leave their brains outside the doors of the church. We use our heads to be purposeful and decisive in undertaking our pledge.

We simply love this church. We walk in the door, and people whom we have never met are our friends. Some faces are unfamiliar, we recognize some, and still others are our pew buddies, those adherent to the practice of regularly locating themselves in a certain geographical area in the sanctuary. We are a family which shares no DNA. There is always warmth between people. And that is even before we share worship.

In this current world that often denies respect and kindness, how does this happen? How can we make the world around us feel the love that spreads all around those of us who gather to worship together? We believe that our participation in our church and its EMC is a first step. We, the church, feel the love. Now we must show that love, we must act on that love to fulfill our mission as Christians and to take that step, even if it seems small in the giant morass of ugliness out there.



Gail and Mike Hendryx

As you consider how large a step you can take in making your financial commitment, which of course determines how big a step our church community can take, we ask that you consider what this place and communion of people mean to you, your family, and to the many others we could serve. Consider it prayerfully and then leap!

Hill Country “Fabergé”

BY RONI MCMURTREY

Religion and the Arts Council hits the road this October to Schulenburg to tour four glorious Painted Churches.

When Czech and German immigrants came to Texas in the 1800s, many settled in the central part of the state and named their towns after places they had left: Praha, Dubina, and Fredericksburg.

In an effort to make their new churches feel more like the ancient Gothic structures of their homelands, these early settlers painted the walls, altars, and arches of their simple sanctuaries in colorful patterns and clever tromp l’oeil images. These buildings became known as the Painted Churches of Texas. Thankfully, they have been preserved and stand today in honor of those whose artistry and devotion created them.

Join the Cathedral for a tour of the Painted Churches on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The bus will leave the Cathedral at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. The group will see two churches in the morning, stop for lunch (included), and then continue to see two more churches. The cost is \$55 per person. Register on the Cathedral website (under “Registrations”). Space is limited.



Save the date for the annual Parish Retreat at Camp Allen

Mark your calendar for a fun-filled weekend getaway in the piney woods. Friday, January 17 to Sunday, January 19, 2020 Fun for all ages! Pricing varies by accommodation. Registration begins October 1 on our website and in the cloister.

Rally against hunger



Over 500 volunteers came together on Sunday, August 25, to pack 100,000 meals for Houston’s hungry.

ZOOM to Cathedral classes this fall

This October, our intrepid Vicar Art Callaham is offering two classes via videoconferencing, using a free, easy-to-use program called ZOOM. This videoconferencing program will make it simple for anyone to join the classes by calling or connecting from home or anywhere else.

Here are the two classes that will offer videoconferencing as well as how you can connect to them.

The Prayer Ladder

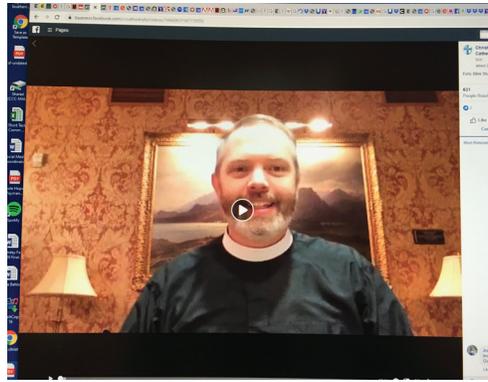
In the eleventh chapter of Luke, the disciples came to Jesus with a simple request, "Lord, teach us to pray." This year, the Cathedral Road Show (formerly, the Vicar's Road Show) will look at the theology and mechanics of prayer. Using a simple, 5-step program which he calls the "Prayer Ladder," Canon Callaham will walk participants through the major disciplines of prayer in this monthly class.

All classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about prayer. No prior experience is required, neither is attendance at every class necessary. The online meeting of the class will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., online, using Zoom video conferencing. The first session is Tuesday, October 15. To join the video conference, point your browser to <https://zoom.us/j/105890952>. You may also call in to participate by dialing 646-876-9923 and using meeting ID 105 890 952.

The materials for the Prayer Ladder will also be presented in person starting in October on the first Thursday of the month at The La Madeleine on Kimberly at Beltway 8, and on the second Tuesday of the month at the Vicarage (1915B Hazard St.) All meetings run from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

The Corinthians

St. Paul's two (or more) letters to the church at Corinth represent the most expansive view that contemporary Christians get into the ongoing relationships that Paul developed with the churches he planted. The joy, pain, love, and frustration that give texture to any relationship are on full display as Paul attempts to guide his young community to a richer understanding of their common life in God. This year, the mid-week co-ed bible studies will take their time with a close reading of



Paul's Corinthian Correspondence.

All classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about the Bible. No prior experience is required, neither is attendance at every class necessary. The online meeting of this class will be Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. starting October 2. To join the video conference, point your browser to <https://zoom.us/j/745923856>. You may also call in to participate by dialing 646-876-9923 and using meeting ID 745 923 856.

This class will also meet in real life in the Mellinger Room on Tuesday mornings from 7-8 a.m. and Thursdays at noon; the same material will be presented in each of the three sessions over the week.



In the Cloister Gallery

The paintings of Houston artist Jane Honovich will be on display from October 4 to November 15, with an opening reception October 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The show is titled *All Over Not Yet*. Inspired by handwritten correspondence from family members and rendered in acrylic on birch panels, the work signifies "the passing of time, personal memories, and life itself."

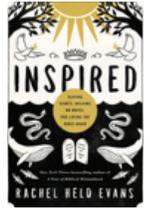
Upcoming titles for the Dean's Book Club

The Dean's Book Club discusses a different book at each meeting, including novels, nonfiction, and books on spirituality and faith. Books are selected by the group and are available for purchase from the Cathedral Bookstore. All are welcome. The club meets in the McGehee Conference Room from 6:30-8 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 2

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

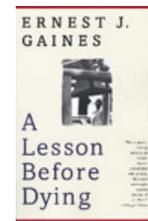
If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it will change you too. (From Amazon.com)



Wednesday, November 6

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

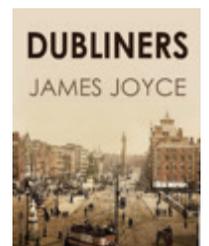
A deep and compassionate novel, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. A young man who returns to 1940s Cajun country to teach visits a black youth on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Together they come to understand the heroism of resisting. (From Amazon.com)



Wednesday, December 4

Dubliners by James Joyce

James Joyce's *Dubliners* is an exceptional collection of stories/portraits about some of the residents of Dublin, Ireland early in the 20th century. Joyce's writing is lyrical, intimate and insightful. His characters run the gamut from very poor to very wealthy, and all have their personal battles, triumphs, and jarring revelations. (From Amazon.com)



VISIONING, from cover

The task force developed guiding principles from the mission statement to serve as “both rudder and filter,” according to church consultant Mike Bonem, who is assisting with the process. “As rudder, the guiding principles will steer the Cathedral toward initiatives that are in keeping with its mission. As filter, they will help the Cathedral identify those things which are outside of that mission.”

At the Council of Councils on October 19 in Reynolds Hall, the membership of the Cathedral’s ten councils, approximately 150 parishioners in total, will gather together for a half-day workshop. Councils will be invited to reflect upon their past endeavors and begin to look ahead to the next five years. Using the work of motivational and inspirational speaker Simon Sinek, Councils will examine their core identity by asking, “What is our ‘why’?”

After the Council of Councils, each council will spend time during November, December, and January visioning their future by imagining the direction of its future work in line with the mission of the Cathedral and each council’s own core identity. Each member of the Visioning Task Force will be assigned to a council, to help facilitate its conversation and consult on its work.

In January, each council will submit its own report to the Vision Task Force, which will then coalesce all the council reports into a

single Vision Action Plan. The task force will present the plan to the Cathedral Vestry at its retreat on February 14 and 15, 2020. The Vision Action Plan will be launched to the parish during the Easter season.

Dean Thompson offered, “Six years ago our Vision Action Plan, ‘A Future Filled With Hope,’ resulted in the creation of The Well, the Hines Center for Spirituality and Prayer, our neighborhoods initiative, and the creation of the Canon for Welcome and Evangelism, a position currently held by the **Rev. Becky Zartman**. I have no doubt our next Vision Action Plan, dreamed and written by our wonderful Cathedral councils, will be equally dynamic, faithful, and forward-thinking.”

The 2019-2020 Visioning Task Force is chaired by Bill McKenzie, who said: “Now is the right time to do this.” The initiatives and programs identified by the previous Vision Action Plan have been implemented with great results.

He called the visioning process an effective mechanism Councils use to refresh and reassess how their efforts support their mission. It’s an opportunity to brainstorm and rank what is important. Taken together, these sets of ideas are shaped into the Vision Action Plan.

Task Force member **Susan Reedy** also values the task ahead: “It’s always important to

have a thoughtful process for looking at why we do what we do.”

Other members of the Task Force include vestry members **John Flanagan** and **Evelyn Nolen**, **Susan Reeves**, **Mark Hull**, **Rigoberto Ojeda**, **Sherri Allen**, **Elizabeth Goza**, **Travis Dunlap**, and **Anne Eisner**. In addition to Dean Thompson, staff members working with the Vision Task Force are Chief Operating Officer David Simpson and the Rev. Canon Becky Zartman.

“The visioning process determines not only the ‘why’ and the ‘what’ but also but the ‘how,’” Zartman said. It’s fine to dream big during the process, she added, so long as it’s tempered by what is realistic to achieve.

For those unfamiliar with how the visioning process works, Zartman said to think of it as a “focused discussion” involving the “wisdom and energy” of current leadership at the Council level. For each council the process is “an exercise of discernment. We look at what we do and what we hope to do and make decisions on how to meet our goals.”

Bonem said the task force’s expectation is that members of the congregation can and will see positive impacts from the work to come. “I hope they will be excited to see what comes out of it.”

CATHEDRAL
VESTRY RETREAT

February 14-15,
2020

Bring Your Parents to Sunday School

BY KARIANN LESSNER

Remember how excited you got when you went to work with your parents? That is the excitement your children bring to Sunday School every week! We want you to get a taste of what they experience in their work and in their play.

To that end, we have set aside two Sundays in October for parents to come to Sunday School with their children.

If your child goes to Cathedral Godly Play (students 3 years to 1st grade) please come with your child to Sunday School in the Jones Building (Rooms 201, 203 and 204) at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 20.

If your child goes to Rotation Workshops (students 2nd – 5th grades) please come with your child to Sunday School in the Jones Building (Rooms 205-208) at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 27.

If your student is in the SPARK 2’s classroom that meets in Child-care Room 101 of the Jones Building, we invite you to try out our new Parents’ Playhouse in the 2nd floor McGehee Lobby at 10 a.m. Because your children may have trouble with separation anxiety, it may be easier for him or her if you go straight to Parents’ Playhouse to get coffee and say hello to other parents just like you.

Parents’ Playhouse happens every Sunday at 10 a.m., and it is open to all parents, no matter the age of your child.



Find out what gives your child a smile at Sunday school this October.

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!

OCTOBER



OCTOBER 1, 15, 29

Fall Neighborhood Gatherings

6-7:30 p.m. Save the date to enjoy some fellowship with others who live in the neighborhood.

OCTOBER 2

WED

Dean's Book Club ★

6:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Monthly book discussion group led by Dean Thompson.

Amazing Women of Faith

6:30-8 p.m., Pearl Restaurant, 1117 Prairie. Examining the lives of amazing women of faith.



OCTOBER 6

SUN

Blessing of the Animals

4 p.m., Bishop's Courtyard. Service in observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

OCTOBER 4

FRI

Bridge and Rummikub Night 🧑🏻

6:30-9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Enjoy a few hands of bridge or rounds of Rummikub with Cathedral friends. Bring a dish to share.

Compline with Canines and Kitties 🧑🏻

7-8 p.m., Friends For Life, 107 E. 22nd. Evening prayer with sweet kitties and pups.

OCTOBER 12

SAT

Foyers Potluck Brunch Kick-off ▲ ★

9-11 a.m., Sanders Hall. Sign up to be a part of a group of six to eight parishioners who meet once a month throughout the year to break bread and share fellowship. Group assignments will be revealed at the Foyers Kickoff Potluck Brunch.



OCTOBER 25

FRI

Cathedral Boo Bash 🧑🏻 ★

6-8 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Games, food, and fun for the whole family plus an All Hallow's Eve service.

OCTOBER 13

SUN

Youth Parent Meeting

10 a.m., Treehouse. Join other youth parents as Marcia discusses topics that youth encounter.

Theology Round Table

6:30-8 p.m., Mellinger Room. Discussing the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams's short book *The Sign and the Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection*.

OCTOBER 26

SAT

Painted Churches Tour ● 🧑🏻

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., The Religion and the Arts Council is hosting a tour of the famous Painted churches of Schulenberg, TX. (\$)

OCTOBER 20 AND 27

SUN

Bring Your Parent to Sunday School

10 a.m., Jones Building. Meet your child's Sunday School teacher and get to know other parents with children the same age as yours (Spark (ages 3 years-1st grade) on October 20; Rotation (grades 2-5) on October 27).

OCTOBER 20

More Holy Mysteries

6:30-8 p.m., Mellinger Room. Get the next book from the Bookstore, looking at mystery novels and faith.

OCTOBER 25-27

FRI-SUN

Youth Fall Retreat 🧑🏻 ▲

A retreat open to all 6-12th graders.

OCTOBER 26

SAT

Diocesan Choral Festival Evensong

4 p.m., Cathedral. Lessons and anthems will be performed for the public as part of this choral festival.

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

Dean's Hour, Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes ★

10-11 a.m., various locations, beginning September 8.

Mes de la Herencia 🧑🏻

2:30 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Four Sundays of celebrations of Latino/Hispanic heritage, open to everyone. (Oct. 6, 13)

Vanity of Vanities

10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. This new Dean's Hour class begins today and runs until November 10, where the dean will explore the idea of being in the world without clinging to it. (Starts Oct. 13)

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.

"Tea and Toast"

6 p.m., Latham Hall. Refreshments and fellowship for worshippers after The Well.

Anglican Way

6:30 p.m., Sanders Hall. For those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Church, its faith, and mission.

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. (Begins Sept. 9)

TUESDAYS

Education for Ministry (EFM) ▲

6:30-9 p.m., Mellinger Room. Comprehensive adult theology program. Registration for new students open until Sept. 17. (\$)

Seed Group — Central and West

6:30-8 p.m., off campus. Middle school youth group in a parishioner's home.

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

Men's Morning Bible Study

7-8 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

Women's Morning Bible Study

9:30-11 a.m., Mellinger Room.

Bilingual Eucharist

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

Walk the Mourner's Path ▲

6-7:30 p.m., Dean's Conference Room. A grief support ministry meeting for eight weeks. Register with Minister for Pastoral Care Jody Gillit.

Cathedral 20s & 30s ★

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

Buscando la Luz ▲

6:30-8 p.m., Mellinger Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

Women's Evening Bible Study ★

6:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. This new group will study the parables of Jesus this fall.

Root Group — Central

6:30 p.m., off campus. High school youth group in a parishioner's home.

THURSDAYS

Branch Out

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., various locations. Minister for Youth Marcia Quintanilla visits youth in their schools.

Cathedral Road Show:

Prayer Ladder ▲

6:30-8 p.m., meets monthly at a choice of locations. Canon Callahan takes a close look at the meaning and practice of prayer.

Tue., Oct. 8, in Montrose

Tue., Oct. 15, online via Zoom

Thu., Oct. 3, in Town & Country

The Corinthians

A weekly, co-ed Bible study on St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

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Try Mindfulness at the Hines Center



The Hines Center for Spirituality and Prayer is hosting a six-week Beginning Mindfulness class series on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., starting October 15. This workshop series is taught by **Michelle Pola, Ed.D.**, and **Ann Friedman, Ph.D.**, of Mindful Being, and they provide an introduction to mindfulness meditation and mindful awareness practices.

Classes include guided instruction, meditation practice, group discussion, walking meditation, presentation of research on the mental and physical health benefits, dealing with challenging emotions and thoughts, dealing with physical pain, mindful eating, downloadable guided meditations, and home practices. Registration is now open at www.hinescenter.org or via phone at (713) 590-3302.

STEWARDSHIP, from cover

pledgers. When we consider stewardship from a needs-based perspective, it marks an important shift in thinking. Rather than "What do I receive from the church?" The subconscious question becomes, "What are the church's needs, and what is my share in meeting them?" I had a parishioner at a prior parish who would always call the last week of the stewardship campaign and ask, "What is the gap between our budget needs and our pledge total?" And he'd always pledge that amount, whether large or small! His was an extreme case, but it makes the point. Needs-based pledgers respond positively to the appeal for an increased EMC to meet fixed costs and advance ministry, which enables us always to plan in a forward-oriented, rather than retrenching, way.

The fourth and final type of giver is what my treasurer called **faith-based pledgers.** This is a final shift in thinking. It often comes after an epiphany or an "A-ha!" moment in which we are profoundly moved by the realization of what God, often through the church, has done in our lives. Faith-based pledgers are often working toward a true 10% tithe of income. In some instances, faith-based pledgers actually pledge more than a tithe. Sometimes a faith-based pledge is a huge sum; other times it is not. But it is almost always a sacrificial sum relative to the pledger's circumstance. It is almost always an instance where the pledger has said, "I will give up this other thing in my life [whatever it may be] in order to support my church." A faith-based pledge is a response from deep within in gratitude for the difference one's faith has made in one's life. If we all pledged in this way, the difference the church could make in the world would be incalculable!

Each and every financial contribution to the Cathedral is a cherished gift for the God's work in the world. Each and every gift is honored. The hope for the Cathedral is that each of us—whatever our age, however long our membership at the Cathedral, wherever we are in this model—will move along the model's trajectory over time. This month, I am praying about my own stewardship to the Cathedral, and I hope you'll do the same. How we support Christ Church is deeply personal. It can also transform us as we contribute to God's ministry in the midst of the city.