

# THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

## **From the Dean**

*By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer*

Dear Cathedral Family,

St. John's is Rooted in Love. If there is one thing about the Cathedral that I can say with certainty in these still uncertain and unsteady times, it is that you are Rooted in Love. Here is why I say this.

In these past 18 months of disruption and change to how we live our day to day lives, you have been Rooted in Love by picking up the phone to call someone in the congregation to check on them. You have bought school supplies and donated money for our neighbors at Grant Elementary, helping those families to make ends meet, buy groceries, and have the tools that their children need to be successful students. You have figured out new technology so that you can be at worship, at committee meetings, at faith formation, and at fellowship with one another. Some of you even took a leap of faith and sang online, letting yourself be digitally stitched together into a choir bringing music to life. You came into the Cathedral in the middle of the week to pray. You brought your lawn chair or blanket to be with the worshipping community under the cathedral of pine trees. And in the past six months – as we were able to safely regather for worship, study, fellowship, hospitality, committee and volunteer work, and music – you showed up, wore a mask, talked louder, tried harder to enunciate, and, yes, broke rules about avoiding handshakes and hugs because you were so happy to see one another. You did this Sunday in and Sunday out and across the days of the week in between. You are Rooted in Love.

For some, that love is spoken of as a love for friends and community. For others, it is the love for our beautiful and soaring Cathedral building, architecture, and stained-glass win-

dows. For still others, it is love as manifested in the opportunity to serve and to help others serve those in need. It is love in making music together and for many it is love in hearing and being uplifted by the beautiful music made by our choirs and musicians. It is the love of learning and exploring our faith together. It is love of the laughter and discovery of children, the energy and zest of our youth. It is the love of the quiet preparation of patens, chalice, oh so many cruets, linens, and paraments to adorn and support our worship together. It is the love of cooking a feast – by which I mean most coffee hour spreads – as well as feasts to feed our neighbors' stomachs and hearts. It is the love of time dedicated to prayer. It is even love of a meeting in goodly and godly order where the business of the Cathedral gets done.

All of these ways that you, that we, are Rooted in Love are rooted in our shared foundation of faith in Jesus Christ and love of God. It is God's love in which our roots are watered, grown, nourished, and given opportunity to thrive and to share God's love with the world. Psalm 1, verse 3, tells us this about



God's people:

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.*

The pledge campaign for 2022 is ready to launch. Soon you will receive a pledge card in the mail along with information about our sources of income, our areas of expenditure, and our budget goals for 2022. Making a pledge of financial support to the Cathedral is sign of your commitment to participating in St. John's congregation, ministry, and community outreach. Your gifts of time and talent shared in our common work and ministry are also signs of that commitment. All of these gifts of treasure, talent, and time are rooted in God's Love and abundance, an abundance in which we each share and which we are asked to mirror in our common life.

I ask for your financial support for St. John's in 2022 so that we may continue in strength to be a Cathedral for and with the city, to be a congregation in person and online at worship in the beauty of holiness, a people learning and serving together, not only Rooted in Love, but able to share God's love with the world.

Please take some time to pray about your pledge of financial support for 2022. Along with the other members of the Stewardship Committee, I ask those of you who can increase your pledge to do so. We also know that not everyone can do that and so we remind you that a pledge and financial commitment of any size is important and does not go to waste in our budget and operations. Let us be the people of God, growing tall and with deep roots like trees watered by God's love and grace.

In Christ's Peace,  
Dean Heather

**Announcing the 92nd Annual Cathedral of St. John Christmas Faire and Bazaar** *By Kathie Hawkins*

We are happy to announce the 92nd Annual Christmas Faire and Bazaar, Saturday November 13th, 9AM - 1 PM. As with everything post COVID19, things will be a bit different this year with no lunch or goodies served inside the building to keep everyone safe. Properly worn masks will be required to enter and the number of people inside will be limited for the safety of all. Please watch the Chime and your email for pre-order items such as *Altar Guild's Champagne Mustard* and *St. Monica's Soon to be Famous Orange Rolls*. We will have pre-order curbside pickup on Friday the 12th for those who wish to practice social distancing.



**Welcome Bash**

*By Linda Finny, Senior Warden*

The people of the Cathedral of St. John celebrated the Welcome Bash on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. It was unbelievably lovely to welcome the choir back for the worship service and then to see so many of our friends and families. There were tons of kids there—and I must congratulate you all on how much taller you are these last few months and what beautiful smiles you have. You are good medicine! The Cathedral Life committee, led by Karen Byrne, brought the event together. Cindy Duncan put together a delicious menu of pulled pork sandwiches (with a vegetarian option), coleslaw, potato salad, chips, and crudités in individual bags. There were a variety of ice cream bars for dessert.

The committee met on the Saturday afternoon prior. I think John Wallingford peeled 5,000 potatoes for the salad. The rest of us chopped and bagged veggies and did what Cindy told us to do, while talking our heads off. Arlen Farley arranged a course of games for the kiddos on the lawn by the labyrinth. The weather was beautiful. Mbale set up chairs and tables outside. We served the food in the Welcome Center—then everyone went outside to eat and visit and listen to a jazz trio, Zonky Jazz Band, play on the improvised stage of the White House porch. Aaron Duncan got a gold star for his coleslaw from one of the attendees, who is a chef at a local restaurant.

We estimated 75 people came together for a great time and great food. We have been waiting for this—it was so joyous to be together! Many, many thanks to the Cathedral Life committee for this gift.

**Champagne Mustard is Coming!** *By Karen Martin*

The Altar Guild is happy to announce that we will be offering your favorite Champagne Mustard at this year's Bazaar (November 13.) As in years past, we are happy to accept your advance orders for quantities over 6 jars. We hope to sell out at the Bazaar, as we have done in past years, so like to offer to our Cathedral friends prior to the Bazaar so you don't miss out.

Send your email to Karen Martin at this address [stjohns@stjohns-cathedral.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohns-cathedral.org) Please let us know the quantity you want and provide your phone number. Cash or check accepted. We will make payment and pick up arrangements as you contact Karen. (Pick up after October 23 and before November 12).



**New Comer Group**

Are you new to St. John's? Are you interested in exploring the Anglican/Episcopalian way? A new comer group/class is forming. Contact Father Arlen [arlenf@stjohns-cathedral.org](mailto:arlenf@stjohns-cathedral.org) for more information.

## Choir Notes

By Andrea Olsen

Fall is definitely upon us and with that comes the start of many things! The school year, music rehearsals, concert seasons and much more! I was delighted to be able to attend the first concert of the Spokane Symphony a few weeks ago: in-person, masked, and showing my vaccination card to be allowed entry. It reminded me of the protocols that our Music Ministry is taking to ensure our continued safe music-making to enhance your worship experience:

*all Cathedral Choir and Handbell choir members must be vaccinated members of all choirs (Cathedral, Bells, and Junior) must remain masked at all times rehearsing in larger space shorter rehearsal times*

*switching of rooms mid-way through rehearsal as needed running air-purifiers during rehearsal physical distancing*

On Sunday mornings you may notice that the choir is not processing through the congregation and singing from and remaining mostly in the choir stall area. Again, these adjust-

ments have been conscientiously made so that our energized sharing of germs while singing remains in one place as much as possible. Even with all of us being vaccinated and wearing masks we are aware of breakthrough cases with the newest covid variants, and frankly, none of us wants to go back to making music by video! We are incredibly grateful to be able to make music together again and we thank you for your continued appreciation and support of YOUR cathedral music ministry!

If you are interested in joining any of our ensembles and can follow the above listed protocols, we'd love to welcome you at any time! Please contact [andrea@stjohnscathedral.org](mailto:andrea@stjohnscathedral.org) for more details, or see the schedule listed in the Chimes and just show up at a rehearsal!

You can look forward to a beautiful anthem from the Cathedral Ringers, on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and our Junior Choir is hard at work, with 11 members...9 of them new! You can look forward to hearing them sing in November.

Hosanna in the Highest!

## Bountiful Harvest

By Kristi Philip, Garden Manager

The season for our community garden is drawing to a close with an abundant harvest of tomatoes, squash, corn, cucumbers, potatoes, onions and just about anything you can plant in a small garden plot. The hot summer, although challenging, was a good climate for growing our gardens. This was the first year that our gardeners grew sunflowers, some of which looked like a small forest that will feed many birds.



This was also our first year with an expanded space of 34 gardens (up from 18 in 2020). Our gardeners include members of the Cathedral congregation, residents of Canterbury Court and folks from the wider community. It has been a delight to see the kind of supportive and encouraging community that emerges when we garden together.

Our gardening season will begin again in May of 2022. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at [kristip@spokanediocese.org](mailto:kristip@spokanediocese.org). The fee for a garden space is \$5 for residents of Canterbury Court and \$20 for others.



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John Wallingford  
Arlen Farley  
Linda Finney  
Kristi Philip

## From the Associate

By Arlen Farley

*“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.” – Psalm 19*

I first encountered these lines from the book of Psalms as a child and adolescent in communal prayer and church preaching. Later, the whole of Psalm 19 was used to illustrate God’s self-revelation through two channels, general revelation (in the natural world) and special revelation (in Holy Scripture). While studying Biblical Hebrew I was introduced to the place of the same psalm in Jewish prayer and worship. Still later, when I became an Episcopalian, I was invited to pray these lines regularly in the cycle of the Daily Office (a schedule of daily prayer for morning, noon, evening, and before bed) and during Holy Eucharist. When I was in seminary, I was introduced to the tradition of Anglican Chant and taught how to sing these lines

(along with the rest of the Psalter) at the pace of speaking.

I last encountered these lines, “the heavens are telling the glory of God...,” on September 12 when we chanted the morning’s psalm over the harmony of the Cathedral Choir for the first time since March 2020. The beauty of their voices giving voice to these lines from the psalter, which themselves tell of the voice of creation, was quietly stirring. One of my favorite things about the tradition of Anglican Chant is the way it holds so much emotion in such a restrained way. There is a tension there that can break your heart. It broke mine on that Sunday and reminded me of the cumulative effect of praying the psalms together in community.

This summer I used the liturgy of the Eucharist to explore arts and creativity with children at Camp Cross. I asked Bishop Gretchen if there was anything she would like me to share with our campers. She shared that one way to think of our

worship is as a rather complicated piece of music. “When you first learn it, it is a little boring. It takes practice. The only way to get there is to think about the hard parts as a kind of discipline.” Eventually, you will have more and more of the memory of the church, your personal experiences and your life with God, more and more of the scriptural world which our liturgy constantly invokes, and more and more knowledge of your place in the story of God.

This is especially the case with the psalms (the prayerbook at heart of our scripture and worship). “The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims his handiwork.” It’s true, all creation is giving voice to God, including the creation that gathers to chant these words from the psalms together online and in-person.

New to the psalms or wanting to go deeper in your understanding/practice with the psalms in prayer? send me an email at [arlenf@stjohns-cathedral.org](mailto:arlenf@stjohns-cathedral.org).

## Scenes from Sunday School



A combination of Godly Play lessons and indoor/outdoor scavenger hunts in and around the Cathedral will give us a chance to explore and wonder about how and why we worship the way we do at St. John’s. Grades K-6 are welcome!



## Notes from Outreach

By Judy Beane

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the school supply drive. We were able to give a large donation to Grant Elementary and the principal, staff and teachers were very appreciative. The supplies will be used by all students and will be of benefit to many whose families have a difficult time providing all the items the student are required to have. Service League has also purchased water bottles for every student at the school. These are necessary as the water fountains cannot be used due to COVID. We will continue to find ways to support the school and students during the year.

St. John's has partnered with Spokane Meals on Wheels for many years suppling drivers to deliver the meals to seniors who need assistance in order to have a hot, nutritious meal every day. In the past the meals served were prepared in Seattle, frozen and sent to Spokane. The facility here heated the meals and delivered them to the recipients. Over the past year Meals on Wheels has been able to completely remodel and enlarge their kitchen facility and will now be able to prepare in house all the meals delivered, which means they will be fresh. In order to make this work they are in need of volunteers to help with food prep and packaging. Anyone who is interested in this work can contact the Meals on Wheels Office.

Another area where Meals on Wheels supplies support to seniors is in their For Paws Sake program. Recognizing how important pets are to many seniors who are home bound, they provide dog and cat food to those who need it and they also can provide pet grooming. They welcome pet food donations or monetary donations earmarked for pet food.

Meals on Wheels works as an important resource for many seniors in our community. Not only by providing meals and care for pets but also as a means to check in with home bound seniors to make sure they are okay. Any time a senior does not open the door or respond to a call

## Diocesan Creation Care

By John Wallingford

Lecture Nov 10 ; Gonzaga's Center for Climate, Society and the Environment

Last November Pat Munts, on behalf of the diocese, established a Creation Care Committee. Since then we have met monthly on the third Monday of the month to discuss a common focus (Columbia watershed), explore candidate projects and offerings (pilgrimages to precious sites in that watershed), and plan outreach. We will be joining Rick Matters and the Beloved Community in reading and facilitated discussion of *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision* by Randy S. Woodley. Glad to patch interested persons in!

Ellen Davis is Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke and an Episcopalian. Her book *Scripture, Culture and Agriculture* describes four aspects of care for the Land: lists four principles: 1) the land comes first. If the land is well *tended*, society will flourish; 2) informed ignorance is good, ie we are billions of times more ignorant than we are knowledgeable, so we should pay attention to what the earth is telling us, 3) human existence requires materialism, in moderation, so we have to acknowledge the use of natural resources, but wisely and 4) there is value-- beyond current price-- in cov-

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from the driver, someone from MOW Care Management team follows up. And everyone appreciates a warm greeting and a few minutes of interaction with the MOW drivers!



enant with the land. The last phrase of the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment is often overlooked, "Honor your father and your mother, *that your days may be long upon the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee.*" The Hope for Creation Conference will pay special attention to the Land. In preparation, there will be a presentation on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm by Dr Daniel Stulac, a student of Dr Davis and now assistant Professor at Duke, showing how the Book of Kings teaches that the health of the land and the health of society are tightly linked. Dr Stulac will be joined from New York by Yoshi Silverstein, who also is expert in this subject. Yoshi is the son of Temple Beth Shalom's Pam Silverstein, one of our tree planting partners. Save this link to your calendar: <https://gonzaga.zoom.us/j/96333378163>.

Last week I spoke with Brian Henning, who leads Gonzaga's brand new Center for Climate, Society and the Environment (<https://www.gonzaga.edu/center-for-climate-society-environment>) to see how the Hope for Creation Conference might be helpful to the Center, and how the Center might help us organize and promote the conference. Brian is checking with the Board about being a formal co-sponsor of the Conference (we think the Board will agree to co-sponsorship). We have learned that there is an Earth Day march planned for noon Saturday April 23. Rather than conflicting with that march, we are adapting our program to allow our participants to join that march and return to the complete the program. This new relationship gives us fresh contacts throughout the Spokane environmental community, gains the attention of the huge Gonzaga-oriented community, and in a slightly poetic way, positions the Cathedral in our historic middle space, the via media, between the Catholics (Gonzaga) and Protestants (Whitworth).



Sunday Forum  
St John's Cathedral, Spokane  
9:15-10:15 AM  
in the Great Hall  
beginning October 24

## Sunday Forum Continues

By Katherine Karr-Cornejo

Throughout the month of October our Sunday Forum will meet in the **Great Hall from 9:15-10:15 AM** on **Sunday** mornings. We will engage with the final half of the diocesan curriculum for this year,, **Seeking Aliveness**. This four-week series features videos and conversation inviting us into the path of resurrection and new life in Jesus and in community, following the themes of Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking* (2014). No preparation is necessary, so grab your mask and join us on October 3 and October 10. We will take a break for the weekend of Diocesan Convention, and begin our next series, **STORIES OF THE SPIRIT**, October 24. Join us as we hear stories of the Holy Spirit's activities in the life of our congregation and explore our own faith stories and witness—what we see, what we experience, what we can testify to—in the context of Scripture. As is always the case with our Sunday Forum, all teenagers and adults are welcome to join us.

## Children and Youth

**Sundays @ 9:15am**

Sunday School (age 3-12)

**Sundays @ 6pm**

HS Youth Group (grade 9-12)

**Wednesdays @ 4:30pm**

MS Youth Group (grade 6-8)  
at St Stephen's Church, 5720 S. Perry

## A Reminder from the Finance Office

By Rosie Banta

As we are beginning to return to "normal", or a new normal, here is a reminder regarding the process for purchase reimbursements. The information below was taken from the Cathedral's Spending Policy approved by Chapter and revised in 2012. A Request For Reimbursement form (Green Slip) and receipt must be submitted with each reimbursement / purchase request. An email may be substituted for the Green Slip as long as all the necessary information is included in the email. If you have any questions, please let me know prior to making a purchase. Expenditures not pre-authorized by the committee chair or staff will not be reimbursed.

There are two types of spending:

1. Pre-authorized major purchases  
For example, major items which are purchased through a bid process. Once the bid process is complete, the requestor obtains verification of money available to be expended from the Finance Secretary.
2. Pre-authorized other purchases  
The second type of spending is discretionary funds that are expended prior to funds available verification by the Finance Secretary.

Example: The committee chair sends a committee person to purchase center pieces for a dinner event. The purchase is in the budget. Reimbursement will occur when the receipt along with a pre-authorized form is turned in from the committee chair.

For both the pre-authorized purchase request and the request for reimbursement the reimbursement form needs to be signed by the committee chair/staff member prior to purchase.

All expenditures are paid as funds become available.

## Email change for Kristi.

Due to difficulty with the account, Kristi's Cathedral email address will be discontinued. However, Kristi will continue her volunteer services for the Cathedral and you can contact at her at [kristiphilip@gmail.com](mailto:kristiphilip@gmail.com).

## Windfall

The Windfall is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with regular hours: Thursday and Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday noon-5pm ... 1024 S. Perry. Donations are currently being accepted at the store during business hours.

**Windfall needs more volunteers.** Those who do not feel comfortable working in the store while customers are present, may assist on other days by processing donations. Others are needed to assist customers on Thursday and Saturday. **If you are able, please volunteer:** [secretary@stjohnscathedral.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnscathedral.org)



## Looking ahead ...

On *Sunday, October 3* at 4pm we will have our annual **Blessing of the Pets** in honor of St. Francis' Day. The service will be held on the Labyrinth Lawn.

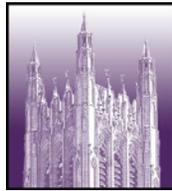
On Sunday, October 31 at 5pm, we will have a spooky Mask-erade Service. Spooky music and lessons before trick or treating.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 8a Worship 9:15a Forum 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Outdoor Communion 11:30a Coffee Hour 4p Pet Blessing 6p Sr. High Youth	<b>4</b> 5:15p Youth Sym	<b>5</b> 9:30a Staff 1p St Nicholas 4p Stewardship 6:30p Scouts	<b>6</b> 10a Worship 11a Bible Study 6:30p Al Anon 2	<b>7</b> 9:30a Tapestry 10:30a Jean Elston Funeral 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbells 7p Choir 7p Cathedral Life	<b>1</b> 6p Al Anon	<b>2</b>
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8a Worship  
9:15a Forum  
9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship  
11:30a Outdoor Communion  
11:30a Coffee Hour  
5p All Hallows' Eve  
6p Sr. High Youth



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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education  
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

The Cathedral and offices will  
be closed on  
**Monday, October 11**  
in observance of  
Columbus Day.

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The deadline for the November  
*Chimes* is **Friday, October 22**  
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## Passages

### Rest in Peace

Topper O'Connell

Oct. 23, 1937– Sept. 11, 2021

Ellen Ferris

July 13, 1924—Sept. 23, 2021

Isolde Whichelow

Nov. 16, 1959—Sept. 23, 2021

## Pastoral Care

Do you have a pastoral care  
concern? Contact the clergy staff,  
509-838-4277.

## Worship Services

### Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(Guild Room)

Moving? New phone number?

Let the office know:  
rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org