

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

91st Annual Meeting

All Cathedral members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 31**, starting at 10:30am.

The annual meeting, including elections for Chapter and Diocesan Convention delegates, will happen via Zoom video conference.

The annual meeting packet of reports will be distributed via email to the congregation. If you need a paper copy, please contact Joan Sulser, the Cathedral secretary, to make arrangements. The agenda and financial reports will be distributed separately after January 25, along with the Zoom link to participate.

We need at least 50 people to meet the quorum requirements of our by-laws, so please mark your calendars to attend the Annual Meeting.

9am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, via Facebook

10:30am — Annual Meeting, via Zoom

Sunday Forum: The Gospel according to Mark

Starting on January 3 and continuing through February 14, come to the Sunday Forum at 10:30am for an exploration of the Gospel according to Mark. We will follow a curriculum created by Episcopal Migration Ministries and Forward Movement's Good Book Club. This Bible study will offer us a lens of current events and personal experiences with which to examine and open Scripture! Across the season after the Epiphany, we will read the Gospel according to Mark and discuss particular passages during the forum.

You are also invited to participate in the daily reading of Mark with the Good Book Club. If you wish to receive weekly emails about Mark, click on this link to sign up: <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>

Click here to join the Sunday Forum on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81531169397?pwd=cGlnaExteC8vYkVBZ0ZpbTRlREYzgxZDZ09>
Meeting ID: 815 3116 9397
Passcode: 998078

A Journey through the Gospel of Mark

Join us as we move through the Gospel of Mark, using resources from the Good Book Club and Episcopal Migration Ministries



SUNDAY FORUM IN EPIPHANY
AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
FOLLOWING SUNDAY WORSHIP
ON ZOOM
JANUARY 3-FEBRUARY 14, 2021*

*no forum January 31

Stewardship as Gratitude

By John Wallingford, Stewardship Chair

The word *gratitude* is used a lot in writings about stewardship, even by The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. But as a lone word it is lost. I think lost in the same way that the money from the pledge drive is too lonely to convey the true gratitude it symbolizes. Money suffers like that. It is efficient, but superficial.

I'm reading *Braided Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a Native American botanist and Professor of Environmental Biology at SUNY. She writes at the intersection of Native American wisdom and western science. So much of what she writes about has to do with gratitude, using custom to direct her respect for nature. Her stories sink

deep beneath my skin, awakening me to my shortcomings of gratitude. She writes about the Honorable Harvest, of not taking the first one, never taking without asking, taking only what is offered, never taking more than half, and of always giving reciprocally for what you have taken. It is because of that reciprocity that the Black Ash used to make baskets now thrives mainly near indigenous basket weavers, and sweetgrass is healthiest where it has been harvested in measure.

The forestry class I took recently emphasized the benefits of culling the diseased and damaged trees for the health of the forest, an act of reciprocity: we can give back to the forest the room for it to flourish,

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Worship

At this time, we're offering **Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, on Sundays at 9am**, with a carillon prelude beginning at 8:45am. This is live-streamed on our [Facebook page](#). If you're not able to tune in as we broadcast, you can go to the Facebook page anytime afterward and play the video.

Persons who would like to receive communion may come to the Cathedral's Welcome Center patio, 10:30am-11:30am—following the Sunday livestream service—and receive communion outside. Those with mobility issues may remain in their car in the circle drive and the clergy will bring communion to them.

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

The past few years I have shared with you a name for the year. In 2018, it was *Transition*. For 2019, *Opening* was the name. And in 2020, I had said that *Reaching* was my name for the year. As the end of 2020 approached, I was thinking about naming the year and decided to rename 2020. Its new name was *Trying*. Go ahead and argue with me that 2020 was not Trying! I think it was Trying of our patience, our cohesion, and union. It was Trying of so many systems: health care, education, justice, elections, unemployment, and social service systems. It was Trying for faith communities as well—how do we reach our congregations, our people, as well as care for our neighbors.

But 2020 was a year for Trying in other ways too.

We were Trying out new ways, methods, and styles of being with others. At St. John's, we participated in Trying with neighborhood groups, reaching out by phone, email, and paper mail. We exhibited Trying with hymn sings, choir rehearsals via Zoom, and virtual choir efforts. We did more Trying with livestream worship, and so much Trying behind the cameras to make that worship more authentic, more inviting, and more tech-resilient. We also engaged in Trying by having outdoor worship in the midst of the cathedral of pines in Bicentennial Park. Trying happened in various committees, small groups, the Sunday forum, youth groups, coffee hour, and the Guilds and the Brotherhood meeting via video conference. Trying happened with Compline in the evenings across the spring, with Children's Chapel offerings from outside the walls, and Advent prayer books to connect us in one prayer. Trying led us to serve our neighbors in need in new ways through traditions such as the Parish Thanksgiv-

ing Dinner, Simple Gifts, and the Tree of Sharing.

I think we discovered that we can be a congregation, a community, and the body of Christ even when we cannot be together physically. Do we want to do this forever? No! But we continue to be the congregation, community, and body of Christ at St. John's Cathedral and the Church at work, prayer, and service in the wider world.

For 2021, I hope we will keep the spirit of *Trying* and also the spirit of *Reaching*. God has led, guided, encouraged, and supported us as we have been the people of God in different ways and done so much in different ways as well. There will be more in 2021 that is Trying and disappointing—systems we rely on will continue to be challenged and our patience may be growing thin. The changes we yearn to see will take time and we are not yet at the point of knowing what a new normal will be. Yet we keep Trying and Reaching—in, out, and across—undergirded by prayer and led by faith in the steadfast Love of God as known in Jesus.

In Christ's Peace and Steadfast Love,
Dean Heather

Opportunity for Prayer

The Cathedral is open for individual private prayer by appointment with the office. Individuals who are members of the Cathedral congregation may contact the secretary to arrange for access to the Cathedral for private prayer. Please be in touch via email at least 24 hours prior: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Masks are required.

Building Access

Joan is usually in the office on Fridays, 9am-4pm. If you need to pick up/drop off something, contact her to arrange to do so at that time: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

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and in turn, with time, the forest will give us stronger and truer timber. Kimmerer writes, "one of our responsibilities as human people is to find ways to enter into reciprocity with the more-than-human world. We can do it through gratitude, through ceremony, through land stewardship, science, art, and in everyday acts of practical reverence."

I love the phrase *practical reverence*. Like saying grace before a meal and letting your thoughts extend to the meat packing plants where workers are at greatest risk of COVID-19. Or holding your gaze at the colors in a sunrise, thankful for the beauty of the day. And healthcare workers who persist against exhaustion to save one more life. Or remembering the Christmas pageant and the gifts our children give us.

It is our church that teaches us to say grace, to say our prayers and to give thanks. When we commit to stewardship of the church we endorse intentional gratitude. Maybe it is not necessary to do so; maybe people are naturally filled with gratitude. But I don't think that is the case. Our society is driven by money and self promotion, and while those are not bad by themselves, they fail to reach the mindfulness of gratitude.

The Stewardship Committee is turning its attention to aspects of stewardship other than the pledge drive—like gratitude. What does stewardship mean to different parishioners? What are you supporting when you give to the Cathedral?

I invite you to share your thoughts with our fine committee: Elliott Briggs, Robin Morissey, Kay Rafferty, Sarah Robertson, Robert Stevens, Tom Stice, Senior Warden Linda Finney and Dean Heather.

With gratitude for their gifts,
John

Music at the Cathedral

By Andrea Olsen
Director of Music Ministry

Happy New Year! To say that 2020 was a difficult year for music and music-making would be a HUGE understatement! Much music and many music-makers were forced into silence: the repercussions of which have been tremendously negative for all. And yet, much like the season of Epiphany, we are drawn to the light; to the small silver-lining; to the hope that one candle burning in the darkness can bring us. It is this sliver of hope that has brought out the creativity of our Cathedral music-makers: Cathedral (Virtual) Choir, Junior (Virtual) Choir, Cathedral Ringers, Scholars, Organ, and Carillon.

Even as we face the challenges of pandemic restrictions, our music ministry team continues to find safe ways to move forward, deepening your worship and bringing you closer to God, while keeping the

Music Ministry vibrant, fulfilling, and worthy of this Cathedral community and our diocese. If you haven't enjoyed one of our many virtual offerings, I encourage you to visit our YouTube channel: [stjohnscathedralspokane](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstjohnscathedralspokane). There are many service anthems and music series concerts to deepen your worship experience, and through the 'magic' of technology you can experience them again, and again!

As with anything, there is much that happens behind the scenes to create these beautiful offerings and I am grateful to our Music Ministry Team for their dedication and diligence in doing so. It truly 'takes a village' and we have a great one!

If you feel called to participate or support our music ministry, please contact me: andreo@stjohns-cathedral.org. We are always welcoming singers to our Junior Choir (for elementary/middle school ages) and Cathedral Choir (high school ages and up).

Hosanna in the Highest!

Thankful

By the Rev. David Walker

As I write this, it is just a couple of days short of a month since being ordained to the priesthood and accepting the call to serve as the vicar among your fellow Episcopalians at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Sandpoint/Dover, Idaho. I want to thank Bishop Gretchen, Dean Heather, and the Chapter for their willingness to have the ordination service held at St. John's in light of the ongoing health concerns associated with COVID-19. I know the decision was well discerned and I feel truly blessed to have had the Cathedral host the service. I am also thankful and indebted to those whose efforts involving the technology and logistics were instrumental in making the service available to many who couldn't attend in person.

I have participated in several "firsts" since arriving at Holy Spirit: presiding over the Eucharist on

my first Sunday, December 13; attending my initial Bishop's Committee meeting; sharing the joy with the Bishop's Warden of presenting a check to Bonner Homeless Transitions, reflecting additional funding from the congregation for this vital community ministry; and preaching three times within 11 days as we concluded Advent and celebrated Christmas Eve. I am so blessed to have been called by these good and committed disciples, and look forward to what God has in store for us in this new year. With God's help, I will strive to be as good a priest to them as my colleagues here at the Cathedral have been to me.

But arriving at a new destination means having "taken leave" from somewhere or someone else. It is simply amazing to realize that my family and I arrived in Spokane in the Fall of 1994 and St. John's

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Changing Keys for the Junior Choir

Starting in January, Director of Music Ministry Andrea Olsen will serve as the Junior Choir Director for the rest of the program year.

The Junior Choir will continue to gather via Zoom. Andrea also has creative ideas for ways to make music together in person while waiting for the time when it is safe for group singing again.

If your household has an elementary or middle school student who is interested in music, singing, and ways of proclaiming God's love through music, please be in touch with Andrea at andreo@stjohns-cathedral.org.

Christmas Décor & Music

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

- Stephen Thew & Pam Kohlmeier, in thanksgiving for their children
- Dorene Decker
- Robert Stevens
- Anne Lauderbaugh, in memory of John Brewer
- Joel & Joy Moore
- Judy & Doug Beane
- Andrea Olsen
- Denny & Otto Schatz
- Stanley & Kathleen Bjorklund, in memory of their son Frank Bjorklund
- Marion Vigus Rainwater
- Jim & Elaine Foerster

Passages

Rest in Peace ~

William Hazlett Mays, age 92,
12/10/2020

Fritz Rosenkrans, age 86,
12/14/2020

Outreach Matters!

The Outreach Committee

How do we begin to summarize 2020? We have been taught many lessons about the true resiliency of ourselves and others. Through our participation with the Outreach Committee, we have seen how the agencies with whom we partner have adapted and overcome the challenges presented by a global pandemic. The need has never been greater, but through the generosity of our community and continued volunteerism, these service organizations have continued to support the most vulnerable.

In November, we learned that we had an additional \$3,000 to distribute. Karen Martin presented the idea to run a matching campaign with St. John's congregation. We all thought that was an excellent idea. Donations from parishioners totaled \$3,135 and St. John's matched that amount. Because of this campaign, an additional \$6,270 was donated to our mission partners. These organizations include "Crosswalk, Earth Ministry, Family Promise, Grant School (located in the Perry District near the Windfall Thrift Shop), Meals on Wheels, Our Place, Second Harvest, West Central Abbey, World Relief Spokane, Cup of Cool Water and

SNAP. Although not part of the matching program, we were also able to support the Novak Foundation for the important work they do in Nepal.

Earth Ministry is one of the ministries supported by the Cathedral family. Earth Ministry is an interfaith organization, serving as the Washington branch of Interfaith Power and Light. For more than twenty-five years Earth Ministry has worked for all of Creation, to promote education and Greening Congregations, empower people of faith to speak up and become advocates for future generations, for clean water, foods, homes and the list goes on. It is a gift to our community to host several events sponsored by Earth Ministry, most recently Save our Salmon. They are action-oriented and provide insight, knowledge and skills to address our Climate Crisis. If you are interested in what you can do or their updates, check out earthministry.org or email evita@krislock.com.

Please contact me with any questions. I am looking forward to when we can gather in person and resume our tradition of volunteering with our community partners.

Ann Harder, Outreach Committee Co-Chair, 509-994-8938
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became my spiritual home for the next 26 years. I have had the privilege to serve the Cathedral in a variety of capacities and consider my time singing with the choir as one of many highlights. Much of who I am today has been formed within the fabric of this Cathedral community; the people and activities that make the St. John's such an important part of our lives. I won't even attempt to thank you by name as it would take too much space in this newsletter and I would assuredly miss someone. But know this: virtually all of my closest relationships have been forged here, with several of whom who are no longer with us, either now with the Saints in Light or having moved from the area.

My departure is certainly bitter-sweet. After 26 years, I will clearly miss worshipping with you here in this magnificent space. We have shared a lot of laughs and tears, cooked and served hundreds of Thanksgiving meals in the Great Hall, purchased way too many "gotta have" items at the annual Christmas Bazaar, and watched a ton of young people, many of them infants or toddlers when I first met them, now grown with families of their own. How did a quarter of a century go by so quickly?

While I must admit to being behind in writing the numerous 'thank you' cards for all the wonderful and meaningful gifts, I do want to take this opportunity to thank you, the Cathedral family, for the beautiful aerial picture of St. John's taken by Bill Dickson in 2004, which now hangs in my office at Holy Spirit. This Cathedral community will never be far from my heart and you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I look forward to seeing you all again, be it at concerts, diocesan conventions, or just stopping by to say "hi." Who knows, maybe I'll see some of you at Holy Spirit while you enjoy some excellent skiing or Pend Oreille Lake. The doors are always open!!

Empty Bowls Fundraiser Celebration!

Just a reminder to the supporters of West Central Abbey's Empty Bowls fundraiser: West Central Abbey is holding a virtual thank you celebration via Zoom on **Friday, January 8**, at 7pm.

You can check out the raffle items and buy tickets here: <https://wca.betterworld.org/giveaways/empty-bowls-celebration-gift-bas>. Donors to the Empty Bowls campaign will receive an email the first week of January with the Zoom link.

We are also planning a short program to share with our guests. Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Please contact Ann Harder with any questions: annhharder@gmail.com or 509-994-8938.



From the Priest Associate

By the Rev. Arlen Farley

The Christmas Pageant was awesome!

We will not soon forget Oliver Haffner, dressed like a shepherd, running through a hallway filled with stuffed animals or the Weiler boys playfully wrangling a couple of real-life goats in the snow. One of my favorite scenes is the forlorn shepherd, Henry Byers, walking around in a cold-induced daze practically begging for an angel to show up with some good news. Of course they did show up—in our columbarium, walking Polly's Path, down narrow stairwells, and causing much emotion to the shepherds and Mary.

Over 70 of you were part of making the pageant this year, from landscape to acting, home videos to scripture readings, heartbreaking folk fiddle to English Handbells. Many of the gifts offered were quite personal. I want to share just a few behind the scenes stories about some of those gifts.

Darryl Gurecky shared a song about the Christmas story that he wrote when he was 18 years old. Since that time it has been used every year on Christmas Eve at the Roman Catholic parish in Richmond, TX that helped to form his faith.

Under and around the music we saw your photos of past pageants, some of which were several decades old. Pia Longinotti came up with that wonderful idea and Brendan Biele produced the video, not only contributing musically, but also thoughtfully ending the montage with a picture of our former Dean, Bill Ellis, as we grieve his death this year.

The Jordan Family offered us "their Bethlehem" at the base of Mt. Spokane in the form of a barn, owned by their friends Jim and Darla, where they rent space for their horses, Cricket and Star. We filmed a lot of the outdoor and

manger settings there, including the ones which Cricket contributed to with drama and dignity. Jeran and Claire Jordan also provided the perfect musical backdrop for those scenes, offering brass settings of both "In the Bleak Midwinter" and "Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming."

Speaking of family offerings, the Church and Jordan families (as well as some Farley kids) offered us enough cast members (Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, shepherds, and assorted creatures) combined that we could do that filming outdoors in a safe and socially distant way and still have the group shots that could anchor our retelling of the story. As a bonus, the only members of the Church family who couldn't get in on that filming sent us an epic video of a shepherd and a donkey emerging from a snow-dressed forest and walking for what seemed like days. Thanks to Tony and Laura Longinotti as well as Katie and Luca (it's Jesus!) for the other wonderful "group" video, including scenes in the Cathedral nave.

Our Dean and her family also offered a lot to this pageant and showed up in some unexpected places (yes, that was the Rev. David Gortner on the recorder in the plaid shirt in front of the Christmas tree). Jordan and Cassie both offered wonderful readings (re-watch for when "Jordan" says "the news was SO good!") and the whole family worked together to find and share a song about the Annunciation that gave us a strong and brave Mary.

Jordan (reading) and Andrew Steinhart (violin) as well as Miranda (vocals) and Matthew (reading) Brown and Caison Farley (piano) all showed up for several hour session recordings of readings and music (It Came Upon The Midnight Clear) under John Bodinger's direction and I'm sure you will agree their pieces were worth the time invested.

Speaking of music, the Mannan family gave us a touching version

of "Angels We Have Heard on High" and our own Music Director, Andrea Olsen, offered us so much joy and life with "Go Tell It On The Mountain," live from their family living room with Axl on percussion! Meanwhile, the Cathedral Ringers offered us a lovely setting of "Silent Night."

Thanks to all of you who helped us tell the Christmas story again this year. If you haven't seen it yet, you are in for a treat. The video is available on both the Cathedral [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Cathedral Life Committee

Cathedral Life is turning to the New Year. I just returned from a walk, the sidewalks are clear and I am looking ahead more optimistically to 2021! What will we be able to do for the Cathedral and others in our world this year? It's time to do a bit of dreaming, as we are still indoors, and not able to rub shoulders in person. The Cathedral Care group will be doing some brainstorming about how we can work together now and in the future.

What would **you** like to see happen to share our faith and life this year? Are you interested in group study, or group fellowship or service? We can do it on Zoom. Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? The Adult Forum on Sundays is meeting. Do you need help with getting connected to Facebook or Zoom?

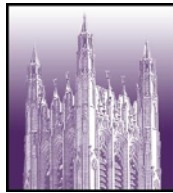
Please contact me, Linda Finney, or one of the priests with ideas, needs and questions. We need wild ideas and dreams, too!

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Youth Ministry

The Youth Group continues to gather and connect virtually. Contact youth minister Elaine Patrick for more info: youth@stjohns-cathedral.org

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

Stay Connected



Although our beautiful building is currently closed, our church isn't! We continue to gather for worship and prayer and music and pastoral care and learning and fellowship ... through phones and computers and tablets.

Our Facebook page is the place to check for most of these

offerings: [www.facebook.com/
StJohnsCathedralSpokane](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsCathedralSpokane)

Sometimes, we get inspired and add an offering at short notice.

Usually, we announce gatherings and how to check in through our Monday and Friday "Cathedral Connections" email—delivered to your email address. You can be added to the Cathedral Connections mailing list by contacting Joan: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Worship & Formation

Sunday

9am Morning Worship
via Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
StJohnsCathedralSpokane](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsCathedralSpokane)

10:30am Sunday Forum
via Zoom; watch for link in Friday
Cathedral Connections
preceded by 10:15am Coffee Hour,
via the same Zoom link

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