

From The Dean . . .

Life at Christ Church Cathedral gets busier all the time, and I am pleased to report that our facilities are so well used that it is often the case that our space is totally booked, particularly on weekends. We are even exploring the possibility of making the Parish Hall available on a rental basis to outside groups and events in order to generate some extra income.

Keeping track of these many scheduling issues and making sure we are on top of the particular needs of each group or event is a complex proposition. Luckily, the company that provides our administrative software, ACS Technologies, specializes in the unique challenges and opportunities of faith communities and has created some very helpful products to support us in our ministry of administration.

Throughout the course of 2017, Canon Roberts and our technical assistant Kevin Kelly have been working tirelessly behind the scenes laying the groundwork for the implementation of this new technology. These projects include redesigning our Web page; enhancing our Social Media presence and building from scratch an extensive and user-friendly Cathedral Calendar interface. In addition, there will be an individual portal available to every member of the congregation with a home computer that will allow people to see detailed event information, update personal information and even (confidentially of course) view ones contribution and pledge records. Secure online access to this extensive information promises to enhance our ability to create and engage in ministry and service to our various constituencies on an even more efficient basis.

All of these projects will be rolling out in the very near future and they should greatly improve our ability to handle scheduling and event promotion and allow us to maintain constantly accurate Directory of Parish Members and contact information. Elsewhere in this edition of the Canticle you will find an article from Canon Roberts with more details about these exciting and innovative new products.



THE CANTICLE

The Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which commemorates Jesus' unveiling as the Son of God, and his radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James and John on a mountaintop.

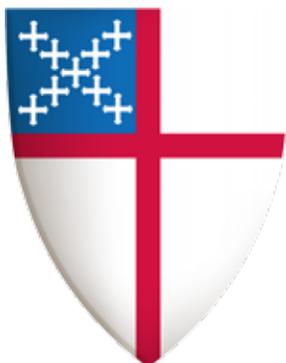
The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus "was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to make three "booths" (or "dwellings") for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." When the disciples looked up, they saw only Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8).



The Transfiguration is also mentioned in two other gospel accounts (Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28- 36) and is referred to in the Second Letter of Peter, which records that "we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" and "we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18). The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment because it revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. Some think that the setting on the mountain is significant because it becomes the point where human nature meets God, with Jesus acting as a point of connection between heaven and earth.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6, which is the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the "high mountain" of the Transfiguration. There are scholars, however, who believe the Transfiguration occurred either on Mount Hermon, which borders Syria and Lebanon, or on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

THE
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LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

August 6

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:13-21
Luke 9:28-36

August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28

August 27

Exodus 1:8—2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



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Kendall Genre,
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2019

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Dan LeGardeur (Treasurer)

2020

Alan Brackett, Laura Brown, (Secretary)
Robert Clepper

2021

John Sibal, Steve Smith,
Borden Wallace

Weekly Liturgies

Sundays

8:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
Rite II (Rite I in Lent)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
Real Presence

Weekdays (M-F)

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
Rite II

Submissions for Cathedral publications
are always welcome.

*Items for the September, 2017 issue of
The Canticle are due August 18.

Please e-mail articles to
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Send photos to
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podcast at www.wgso.com
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St. Martin's Episcopal School.

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EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GROUP is being continued. Bill Forman is seeking additional members for the Education for Ministry Group to continue in September at Christ Church Cathedral. The group is open to all denominations. EFM is a four-year study program sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and The University of the South School of Theology. EFM provides an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of Christian Theology from the Old Testament to the present. The program also gives one a perspective to consider the possibilities of various ministries. EFM is 41 years old and has thousands of graduates worldwide. The group will meet for two hours each week from September until May. For further information, please call Bill at 504-891-0524.

I publish the Banns of Marriage between

Jennifer Maynard & Jonathan Leetham

If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it.

~ The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier



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| 2 Jennifer O'Brien | 19 Braylen Benoit |
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| 9 Steven Roberts | 20 Liz King |
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| 10 Arthur Nead | 25 Chris Kirkwood |
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| 11 John Sibal | 27 Elsa Nichols |
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| 14 Peter Dorsett | 31 Robert Clepper |
| 16 Michelle Lee | 31 Rick Rhodes |
| 17 Barbara Pelton | |



O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please send an e-mail to acs@cccnola.org or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!

Gardening

Please join us on Saturday, August 19 at 8:00 AM to help spruce up our landscaping. Your help is much appreciated!



Christian Formation

Luke and the History of the Early Church:

The Gospel according to Luke and Acts of the Apostles are part of one continuous narrative about Jesus and the early Church. For some reason (limitation of space on a scroll?), Luke wrote his 'treatise' to Theophilus in two parts: first, the story of Jesus until his ascension into heaven; and second from the ascension up to the near end of Paul's missionary activities. Luke suggests (in the 'we' sections of the Acts) that he worked with Paul on several of Paul's missionary journeys; unfortunately Paul does not mention Luke in any of his letters. Luke is clearly a devotee of Paul and Paul's vision of a church that is inclusive of and focused upon outreach to gentiles (non-Jews). Biblical scholars believe Luke's Gospel was written in the late 70s or early 80s. It is dependent upon Mark's Gospel (probably written in the mid-60s) and shares material with Matthew (also believed to have been written in the late 70s or early 80s). Luke is the single source of the most beloved of the stories of Jesus birth and records many rich parables that are unique. Some scholars believe Luke may well have been a Gentile.

Tuesdays: September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14.

There will also be a Saturday session for those who are not available during on weekdays on November 11 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM with a light lunch.

Christian Education for Children:

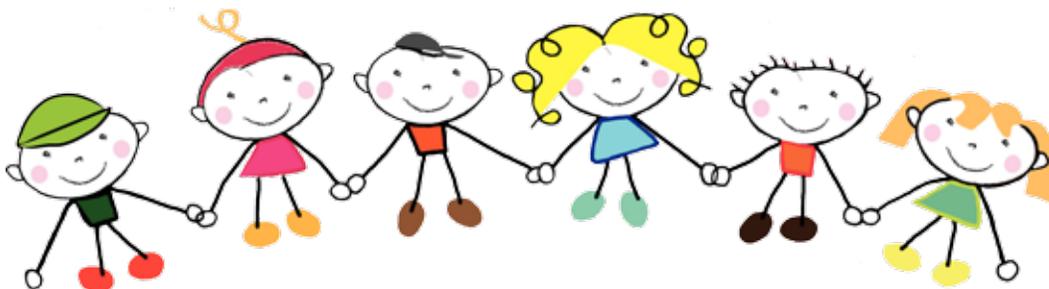
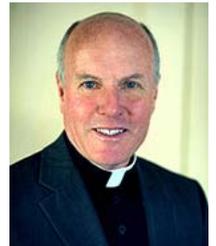
Education and breakfast will begin on Sunday, August 27 for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Breakfast will be served at 9:55 AM. The curriculum will focus on the Old Testament. The children will join their parents at worship at the offertory so they can receive Communion. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome.

Ask the Theologian-in-Residence:

Do you ever have questions about theology, liturgy, history or the scripture readings in the church? Here is your chance to ask your questions to the Theologian-in-Residence. On the third Sunday of each month, you can pick-up your goodies from coffee hour after the 10:00AM service and come to the adjacent Martin Room where Canon Lowry will attempt to answer your questions. There will be a box in the Cathedral in which you can leave your questions or you can e-mail Canon Lowry at lowrydavid36@gmail.com. That may help him answer your questions more coherently.

The Rev'd Canon David B. Lowry, Ph.D.

Canon David Lowry is theologian in Residence at Christ Church Cathedral Cathedral. He is also currently co-writing a book about business ethics and the future of religion in a hyper-globalized world. Ordained in 1972, he served as curate and rector of Christ Church, Manhasset, New York, rector of Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis, Indiana, canon pastor of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, New York and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans. He was associate professor of Biblical studies and Interim Dean of the Mercer School of Theology in the Diocese of Long Island and Interim Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at the General Theological Seminary. He is president of the board Children's Orchestra Society of New York and a member of the board of missions for the highlands of West Papua, New Guinea. From 1990 until 2004 he served as a vice president for the Freeport-McMoRan companies and president of the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.



From Advent House

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney

Talking To Grief - by Denise Levertov

Ah, Grief, I should not treat you
like a homeless dog
who comes to the back door
for a crust, for a meatless bone.
I should trust you.

I should coax you
into the house and give you
your own corner,
a worn mat to lie on,
your own water dish.

You think I don't know you've been living
under my porch.
You long for your real place to be readied
before winter comes. You need
your name,
your collar and tag. You need
the right to warn off intruders,
to consider
my house your own
and me your person
and yourself
my own dog.

The sense of grief is palpable at Advent House at the death of Dick Moreland - volunteer spiritual director, long serving Advent House Board member, all-around supporter and participant in many things that happen here. I simply can't imagine that I won't see his car in the parking lot, or hear his key in the back door lock. He was such a presence here.

I think the thing he would like most is that we carry on here and continue to do the things he loved and found value in and we will try our best to do that.

But gosh, we will miss you, Dick!



Cathedral E-News

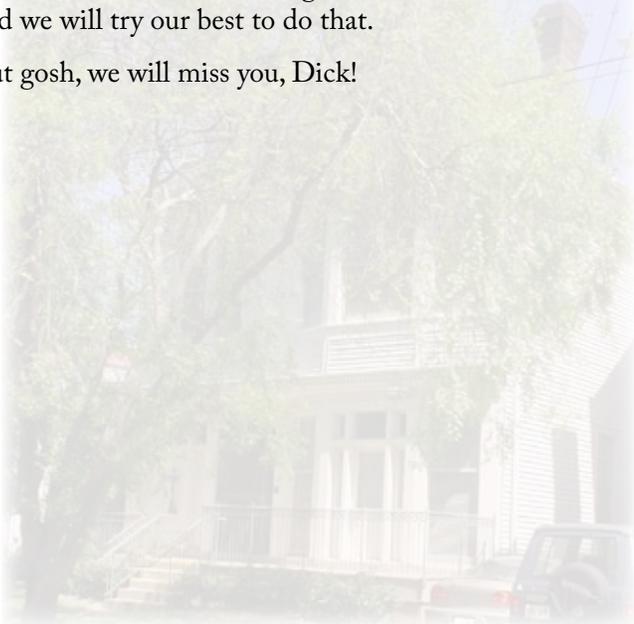
New improvements in communication and information

The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

We have some exciting things happening behind the scenes at the Cathedral that will allow every parishioner to have access to a variety of information in several different ways:

- **Free Mobile Phone, Secured App "Church Life"** – At your fingertips, you will be able to:
 - ✓ View Parish on-line directory, make telephone calls directly, send e-mails, and even update your personal information
 - ✓ View the most up-to-date church calendar
 - ✓ Make a donation to various funds
- **AccessACS Secured Website** – Similar to the App, but with more features and details, you can access on your own computer through your email address and password:
 - ✓ View Parish on-line directory, send e-mails, update your personal information, including your own photo
 - ✓ View the most up-to-date, detailed church calendar
 - ✓ Manage your Pledge, view your Giving history, make one-time contributions to specific funds
- **Online Giving** has just gotten easier – You soon will be able to manage your Giving in a variety of ways:
 - ✓ Credit Card
 - ✓ Direct bank withdrawal
 - ✓ Secure mobile phone app
 - ✓ AccessACS secure website
 - ✓ Soon-to-be launched, new Cathedral website
- **Cathedral Website** - The website has a new look and is now integrated with our social media to increase our digital footprint. It will continue to promote events in the life of the church with an increased focus towards visitors. A couple newer features:
 - ✓ Up-to-date Calendar
 - ✓ Online Giving
 - ✓ Links to our social media accounts: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
 - ✓ Link to the AccessACS website
 - ✓ Ability to sign-up for our weekly newsletter, E-blast
 - ✓ Complete visitor information

For all the changes that are happening, especially the less tech-savvy, rest assure, we will host training and support. Details soon to be released.



Meet our Summer Interns

We have three talented and dedicated interns this summer helping us to improve and further our mission of providing affording housing opportunities in Central City and the New Orleans community. We are super THANKFUL!

Our interns, Sara Balte, Autumn McMillan, and Paul-Antoine, have settled in with host families from the Episcopal community in New Orleans. We are grateful to Mr. Chris and Mrs. Page Beary, and their four daughters: Claiborne, Caroline, Claire, and Mary Catherine – who are parishioners at Christ Church Cathedral – for hosting Sara. We also want thank Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Carrie Lewis and their two sons: Henry and Gordon – who are parishioners at Trinity Episcopal Church - for hosting Autumn. Lastly, we want to thank Dean David (our Board Chairman) and Mrs. Karla duPlantier of Christ Church Cathedral for hosting Paul-Antoine. These families' hospitality, support, and generosity make it possible for our interns to impact the community and learn more about New Orleans!

Learn more about our summer interns below:



Sara Balte recently graduated from Sewanee: The University of the South with honors in Psychology and a minor in Anthropology. President of the all-female a-cappella group on campus, Sara also co-directed the Community Engagement House and was part of the Bonner Leaders Program. With the Bonner program, Sara started a partnership between Sewanee and a local non-profit organization for adults with special needs.

Sara discovered Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative and decided that the intersectionality of the housing development sphere aligned with her passion for community engagement/development work. This summer, Sara will develop and implement a plan for recruitment of participants in Jericho Road's Housing Sustainability programming and ultimately recruitment of potential homebuyers. She will also serve to develop marketing materials for housing sustainability program events and home sales. After a summer with Jericho Road, and a year with the Episcopal Service Corps, Sara hopes to return to school to earn a Master's Degree in Social Anthropology. Her time with Jericho Road will further Sara's knowledge about community development in addition to her ability to engage with community members. Sara is grateful to be a part of a team that seeks to transform

lives through meaningful engagement and work with local communities.



Autumn McMillan joins us this summer as the Community Engagement Intern. She is a rising second year at Grinnell College from New York City and majors in Sociology with a concentration in American studies and Eastern European Studies. At Grinnell, Autumn helps to lead the multicultural center, specifically with the group Concerned Black Students as the Events Coordinator.

During her tenure at Grinnell, she plans to strengthen the relationship between multicultural groups on Grinnell's campus and unite with minority groups at neighboring institutions. Autumn believes practicing her outreach skills at Jericho Road will help her build a larger community around diversity at Grinnell.

This summer Autumn's key responsibilities include the collection and management of data on Central City residents, and tracking Jericho Road's impact in the Central City area. In addition, she works with the community engagement team to facilitate community events focused on unifying neighborhood associations that work toward improvements in their neighborhoods. Autumn is thrilled by the chance to cultivate the philosophy offered at Jericho Road, as well as learn more about the history and culture of New Orleans.

Paul-Antoine is a French engineering student. He just finished his second year of college, where he studies general engineering at EIGSI Engineering School in La Rochelle, France. Paul-Antoine serves as Vice-President of Planet EIGSI which is an international student group on campus. Paul-Antoine joined Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative this summer to work on projects that will improve information technology in order to optimize the staff productivity and maintain data safety.



Paul-Antoine is excited about the opportunity to build his knowledge in community development and further his professional skills in information technology.

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July 11, 2017

The Very Rev. David du Plantier
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*- Iris
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Liz Kinchen
Executive Director, El Hogar Ministries

P.S. You'll be receiving news about El Hogar periodically throughout the year, so you can see and read more about the impact you're having on the education and lives of our students.

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LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

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Baptism

is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a Bishop is present. (BCP, page 312). *Our next opportunity for baptism is November 5.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.



Coffee Hour

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday. Drinks are provided by the cathedral

and volunteers provide their choice of food. Host with a friend or two. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. Back-up refreshment supplies are low and contributions are welcome. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com. Recent hosts: Daughters of the King and others for Pentecost picnic; Pudney Pointer; Linda Roberts; Rick and Haley Pardo; the Montero family; Barbara Mangum; Pam Lanoux; Sandy Jackson; Betty Foster; Annette Figueroa; Judy Loudon, Kathy Boyd. *Many thanks to all!*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6

The Feast of The Transfiguration

Sunday, August 20

The Choir returns at the 10:00 AM Eucharist

Sunday, August 27

Children/Youth Christian Formation Begins

Led by The Theologian in Residence

The Rev. Canon David B. Lowry, Ph.D.

9:45 AM

Tuesday, September 19

Canon David Lowry's Class begins

Luke and the History of the Early Church

Sunday, October 1

Annual Saint Francis Day

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 10

4:00 PM - A Festival of Nine

Lessons and Carols