

From The Dean . . .

During the summer, it is my practice to meet individually with Cathedral Vestry members. This gives me the pleasant opportunity to get to know them better, and also gives the Vestry persons a chance to share with me their impressions and observations of the Cathedral Community. I am pleased to report that this year's conversations were informative, positive and productive. There is a broad spirit of optimism regarding the life and ministry of the Parish with most people commenting on the quality of liturgy and music as well as the significant growth in our children's programs. It is so exciting to see the dramatic increase of youth and young adults forging the next generations of Cathedral leadership. The ongoing building renovations are the source of considerable attention as well. There is also a universal desire by Vestry members that the wider congregation comes to understand the long-term financial challenges that take center stage in our life and work. We plan to articulate those more fully in this fall's stewardship letters.



Several people commented on the difficult and fractured mood in our nation and community over subjects ranging from the Sewerage and Water Board's recent failures to the threat of nuclear war on the horizon. While our activities do not have a direct impact on these issues, what we do provide is a place of peace, respite and reflection. In addition to the three Sunday Masses, we offer simple celebrations of the Holy Eucharist every day in the Chapel. People who make a practice of attending one or more of these on a regular basis often remark that they wish more people were aware of how healing and nurturing this simple discipline can be. Less formally, one can always come by during office hours and find a quiet place in the Cathedral or Advent House to rest, read, reflect or pray. Add to that the various book clubs, classes and prayer groups and one can always find a way to connect to the Holy on our block. There are also many opportunities to serve others. Elsewhere in this *Canticle* edition there is information about several of these, and if you want to learn about others, just ask.

When we feel lonely or disconnected, the World can be a frightening and disorienting place. A central aspect of the mission of the Church is to knit together individuals into a diverse and eclectic family. As the new program year begins, I invite you to seek out ways that you can become more connected to one another in this dynamic faith community. This is your Cathedral whether you are here for a brief season or the rest of your life. Help us make it a thriving and energetic center of good work and good news bringing hope and reconciliation to everyone that God sends our way.

THE CANTICLE

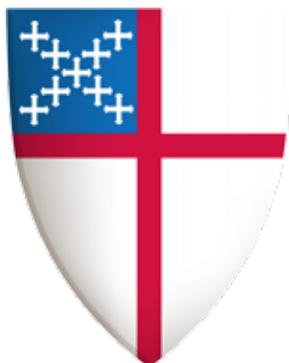
From the Hospitality Committee...

The Sunday Coffee Hour following our 10:00 AM Mass is one of our best ministry opportunities. It is here where we welcome newcomers, deepen friendships, and share important pastoral information with one another. Coffee Hours are coordinated by the Cathedral Hospitality Committee and hosted by individuals and groups within the Parish Family. After many years in leadership of this Committee, Frances Beverly has retired as Chair and newly appointed co-Chairs Annette Figueroa and Judith Loudon are succeeding her.

This transition provides a good opportunity to thank Frances, and welcome Annette and Judith into their new leadership roles. It also is a good time to invite the congregation members to consider hosting one or more Sundays during the year. You can host as an individual or with a group of friends. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall near the Martin room. The Cathedral does the table setup and provides beverages, glassware etc. The hosts are asked to arrive by 9:30 AM with enough light snack food for approximately 65 people. This can be as simple or elaborate as you like, but we try to keep the setup and cleanup to a minimum, so please keep this in mind when choosing a menu. There is also the option of dropping off food in advance (during Office Hours on Friday or Saturday morning) as there is a designated refrigerator in the Cathedral kitchen reserved for coffee hour food. If you would like to do this, please contact Annette or Judith to make the arrangements. We also ask the Hosts to help with the cleanup process at the end of Coffee Hour (which is generally around 11:45 AM). If it is not possible for you to stay, a member of the committee can help with cleanup. Feel free to contact Annette (annettefigueroa@cox.net, (504) 812-2560 or Judith (judyloudon@cox.net) with any questions.



THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU

LECTIONARY TEXTS

(Sunday Readings)

September 3

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



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Dean

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The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry,
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Priest Associate

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney,
Director of Advent House

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Mr. Kevin Kelley, *Assistant Sexton*

Ms. Sharon Henry, *Nursery Worker*

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Mr. David R. Pitts
The Reverend E. Mark Stevenson

VESTRY

2018

Kendall Genre,
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2019

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Alan Brackett, Laura Brown, (Secretary)
Robert Clepper

2021

John Sibal, Steve Smith,
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Submissions for Cathedral publications
are always welcome.

*Items for the October, 2017 issue of
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before noon on Tuesdays to
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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

WGSO 990AM

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM
Radio.

Online streaming and downloadable
podcast at www.wgso.com
Broadcasts underwritten in part by
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

Care Team

One of the most appreciated ministries in the Cathedral Community is that of the Care Team. This group provides meals to member families who have experienced a death or illness and need short term support. The Care team is led by Annette Figueroa and can always use additional participants. You can help by preparing meals to be kept in the Cathedral freezer, or being available to deliver meals from the Cathedral freezer to the families being supported. If you would like to participate or have questions please contact Annette Figueroa (annettefigueroa@cox.net or (504) 812-2560. The Clergy are generally the ones who refer people to the Care Team, so if your family could benefit from this ministry, feel free to contact the Dean's Executive Assistant, Mrs. Lisa Sibal at the Cathedral Office number or via email at lsibal@cccnola.org.

Building & Grounds Update

Karen Whitfield

The Cathedral's capital campaign repair work is progressing well. Over the summer months, the contractors from Associated Waterproofing have been hard at work, and removal of the elastomeric coating on the Cathedral and Chapel is nearly complete. The workmen are now repairing the stucco on both buildings and will soon begin painting the buildings. We are hopeful that this work will be completed by the end of this year.

Additionally, the Vestry has approved the Property Committee's recommendation to retain ADG Engineering to assist us in replacing the HVAC system. We expect to have the schematic design and construction documents by this Fall, so that the work to replace the air conditioning systems can be performed during the winter months. If you have any questions about our ongoing work, please feel free to contact me.

Gardening

Please join us on Saturday, September 16 at 8:00 AM to help spruce up our landscaping. Your help is much appreciated!



September

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 1 Sean Airey | 16 Meagan Thomas |
| 1 Pamela McCall | 18 Billy Soileau |
| 2 Steve Holzhalb | 21 Matt Rookard |
| 3 Robin George | 22 Blythe Dwyer |
| 3 Brant Walterman | 22 Susette Gaines |
| 4 Herschel Abbott | 22 Debbie Leathem |
| 4 Pam Clark | 24 Tommy Bengé |
| 5 Alma Dunlap | 25 Frances Beverly |
| 9 Amanda George | 26 Claude Kohler |
| 9 Carrie Sherwood | 26 Suzanne Champagne |
| 12 Cole Dodson | 27 Mikey Corcoran |
| 14 Elena Figueroa | 29 Gerri Edwards |
| 14 Israel Ibiwoye | 30 Carter Burwell |
| 15 Heady Dwyer | |

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!



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:

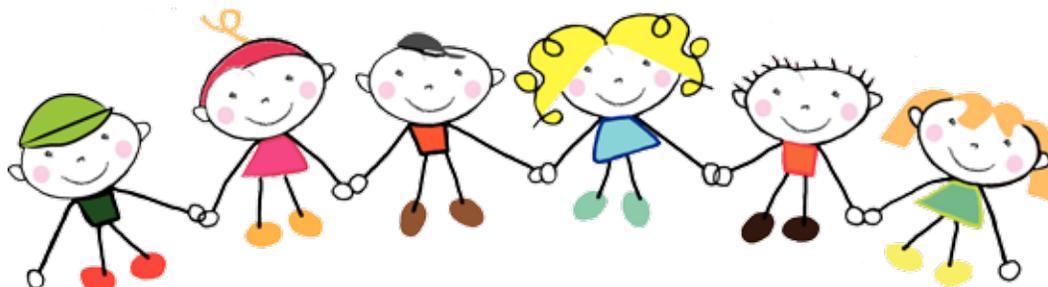
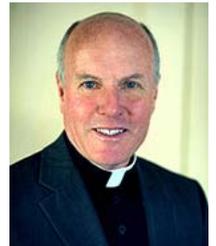
Education and breakfast will begin on Sunday, August 27 for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Breakfast will be served at 9:55 AM. The curriculum will focus on the Old Testament. The children will join their parents at worship at the offertory so they can receive Communion. Visitors and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



New Housing Development

As a community development organization that focuses on affordable housing, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative set out to invest in cutting-edge building techniques to drive revitalization at every level of the neighborhood and strives to do so with homeownership in mind. Recognizing the bleak state of affordable housing in New Orleans and a dwindling supply of foundation funders interested in supporting housing initiatives, Jericho Road fights in collaboration with other non-profit homebuilders to ensure balance in the city's quickly gentrifying neighborhoods and offer a future New Orleans that is inclusive for all income brackets.

Among these collaborations is one recent project with the City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Housing Corporation, which has since granted over \$1,150,000 in homebuilding funds to Jericho Road's efforts. This funding is specifically set aside for non-profit organizations working to ameliorate opportunities for affordable housing and drive neighborhood revitalization. With this funding, Jericho Road developed 10

new energy-efficient and universally-designed homes. These houses are reflective of the historical architectural trends of New Orleans, with sustainable, environmentally-friendly building materials, and are constructed with elements that allow people to stay in their homes at all stages of life.



Jericho Road maintains that community revitalization is not in homebuilding alone, but instead should be a philosophy where decisions are made with

the entire community in mind. It is this strategy that we believe will drive New Orleans forward and help to ensure every resident has a safe, healthy neighborhood to come home to and thrive. We are excited to be extending the dream of homeownership to working families and provide a pathway to a more financially secure and stable life.

To learn more about Jericho Road's housing development strategies, please contact Kim Washington, our Director of Asset Management, by phone at 504-293-2886 or e-mail: kimwashington@jerichohousing.org



Kellan Lyman, Missionary Update

From Louisiana, to the Philippines, rice is an important crop grown all around the world. A Young Adult Service Corps missionary from our diocese, Kellan Lyman is working with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to promote environmentally sustainable rice agriculture. In this project, small landholding farmer communities are encouraged to conserve water and reduce methane emissions through living into the Anglican Communion's 5th Mark of Mission which calls us "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." Learn more about her mission story at KellanInThePhilippines.blogspot.com.



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July 6, 2017

The Very Rev. David duPlantier,
Christ Church Cathedral
2919 St. Charles Avenue
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Dear Dean duPlantier and Friends at the Cathedral;

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We are deeply thankful for this gift in support of the Seminary, and ask that you will continue to pray for General, our students, faculty and administration, throughout this year.

Faithfully,

Jonathan Silver

Director of Development, Alumni, and Church Relations

*You continued faith and support is a blessing to our community -
Thank you! Dean Dunbar is not of the country right now but
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will want to
thank you
on his return.*

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LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

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Every Monday and Tuesday

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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: Barbara Mangum, Carol Butcher, Jennifer and Sam Buckley, Meryl Fink and others for Susan Carswell Day, Betty Foster, Sara Wallace, Mary Lowry. *Many thanks to all!*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 19
Canon David Lowry's Class begins
Luke and the History of the Early Church

Sunday, September 24
Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 8
Annual Saint Francis Day
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 29
Organ Recital by Jarrett Follette
Widor - The Fifth Symphony

Sunday, December 10
4:00 PM - A Festival of Nine
Lessons and Carols