

FALL 2021

ADULT EDUCATIONAL  
OFFERINGS  
AND  
PROGRAM GUIDE



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

## SUNDAYS

## Dean's Hour

10 a.m. in Reynolds Hall

**THE DEAN'S HOUR IS A TIME FOR ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION. DEAN BARKLEY THOMPSON, OTHER PARISH LEADERS, AND GUEST SPEAKERS ADDRESS MATTERS OF FAITH, CHURCH LIFE, AND COMMUNITY.**

- **Entertaining Angels** Sept. 12  
Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister explores the Christian imperative of hospitality through the lenses of scripture, personal belonging, and congregational vitality.
- **Holocaust Survivor** Sept. 19  
Join the Justice and Peace Council to hear the story of a Holocaust survivor. *This event is part of the Justice & Peace Council's "Combatting Anti-Semitism" program. Learn more at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas)*
- **Dean Thompson interview with Dr. Dan Joslyn-Siemiatowski** Sept. 26  
Dean Thompson will interview Dr. Dan Joslyn-Siemiatowski, a Seminary of the Southwest professor and Episcopalian. Dr. Joslyn-Siemiatowski works on combatting anti-Semitism in the church by understanding history and how we read Scripture. He will discuss why Christians should take a pointed interest in anti-Semitism and the importance for Christians to be forthright in combatting anti-Semitism. *This event is part of the Justice & Peace Council's "Combatting Anti-Semitism" program. Learn more at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas)*
- **Thin Spaces — Dean Thompson** Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24  
Ancient Celtic Christians spoke of places where the veil between material and spiritual reality is stretched so taut as to become porous. The Celts called these "thin places." In such locations, we encounter the Divine in profound and meaningful ways. What are the characteristics of a thin place? Where are they to be found? Can

any location become thin? Dean Thompson will explore thin places with us, and even offer ways in which we can encounter God through the veil wherever we may be.

- **Things Seen and Things Not Seen**  
This three-part Dean's Hour series explores how the sacred intersects with the creative arts through liturgical fashion, architecture, and fine art.
  - **Artist Mary McCleary, Touching the Sacred** Oct. 31
  - **The Meanings Behind Sacred Textiles** Nov. 7
  - **The Meanings Behind Sacred Architecture** Nov. 14
- **Alternative Giving Market** Nov. 21  
The Alternative Giving Market (AGM) is an event held once a year by the Christ Church Cathedral Mission and Outreach Council. The AGM gathers local non-profit agencies to share the wonderful charitable work taking place in our community, and helps us understand how we can address their needs.
- **Advent Wreath Making** Nov. 28  
Creating an Advent wreath is one of the welcome traditions of the season ahead for many Cathedral families and members. Making a wreath is a time-honored call for us to slow down. Enjoy quiet Gregorian music and warm, spiced cider and join us in this joyful, meaningful activity.
- **Special Guest: Charles C. Foster** Dec. 5  
Charles C. Foster, chairman of Foster LLP and a Houston-based immigration attorney, will speak on immigration challenges facing the United States generally and Houston specifically, and discuss solutions that embody compassion and strengthen the United States. Foster was a Senior Policy Advisor for the George W. Bush presidential campaigns in 2000 and 2004, and an immigration policy advisor in Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

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## SUNDAYS CONT.

## Dean's Hour cont.

10 a.m., Reynolds Hall

- **You Have Found Favor: Embracing a Generative Spirituality** Dec. 12  
Advent, and the Annunciation in particular, serve as important reminders that we are called to be part of God's on-going ration of ways we can deepen our own generative spirituality and participate more fully in God's creating. With the Rev. Rich Nelson, author, poet, and spiritual director.
- **A Charlie Brown Christmas** Dec. 19  
Grab your security blankets and join Linus and your Cathedral family for our annual screening of A Charlie Brown Christmas. This event is for children of all ages, and children at heart.

For additional information visit  
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## CATHEDRAL 101

10–11 a.m. and 12:15–1:15 p.m., Sept. 19, Jeffers Conference Room

10–11 a.m. and 12:15–1:15 p.m., Nov. 14, Jeffers Conference Room

Led by the Welcome Council and Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister, this is a practical orientation for newcomers to life at the Cathedral.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

## TEA &amp; TOAST

5:45–6:30 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 12–Dec. 19,  
Bookstore and Latham Lobby

Each week during the program year we'll be gathering after The Well for conversation and refreshment.

## ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

## ANTI-SEMITISM PRESENTATION

6:30–8 p.m., Sept 19, Reynolds Hall

Join the Justice and Peace Council to hear a presentation by Mark Toubin, Executive Director of the Houston ADL about anti-Semitic incidents nationwide and in Houston. *This event is part of the Justice & Peace Council's "Combatting Anti-Semitism" program. Learn more at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas)*

## THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

6:15–7:30 p.m., Oct. 17, Nov 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20,  
McGehee Conference Room (third Sunday of the month)

We continue our study of ecological theology with an emphasis on interconnection and compassion.

## ANGLICAN WAY

6:15–7:45 p.m., Oct. 3, 10, 17, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28,  
Dec. 5, Sanders Hall

Dean Thompson leads this class for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Church, its faith, and its mission. Those new to the congregation and adults seeking to be baptized, confirmed, or received are especially encouraged to attend.

## AUTHOR AND MUSIC DIRECTOR

## CAMERON DEZEN HAMMON

6–8 p.m., Oct. 24, Reynolds Hall

Cameron Dezen Hammon will read from her memoir *This is My Body*, and teach a short spiritual writing workshop immediately following. No workshop experience is needed to participate! Registration required.

## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING PARTY

5:45–6:30 p.m., Dec. 19, Latham Lobby, Mellinger, Jeffers

Deck the halls (or at least wrap your Christmas presents!) with the Cathedral Bookstore.

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## WEEKNIGHTS

### CATHEDRAL 20s & 30s WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:30–8 p.m., Sept. 22–Dec. 15.  
 For more information contact  
 Canon Bradley Varnell.

### BUSCANDO LA LUZ

7–8 p.m., Sept. 1, 8, 15, 29,  
 Oct. 6, 13, 27, Nov. 3, 10,  
 Dec. 1 and 8,  
 Mellinger Room

Buscando la Luz/Seeking the Light is a program offered by the Latino Ministry of the Cathedral to our Spanish speaking congregation.

### THE DEAN'S BOOK CLUB

6:30–8 p.m., Sept. 1, Oct. 6,  
 Nov. 3, Dec. 1, McGehee  
 Conference Room, (First  
 Wednesday of the Month)

Books to be determined by group.

### AMAZING WOMEN OF FAITH

6:30–7:30 p.m.,  
 In-person, third Thursday  
 of the month, Sept. 16,  
 Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

A monthly gathering of women, where the stories and lives of Amazing Women are shared and discussed. Contact Canon Becky Zartman for more information.

## OTHER RECURRING EVENTS

### YOUNG ADULTS FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

7:30–8:30 p.m. (First Friday of the Month)

Oct. 1, Montrose Pub Crawl; Nov. 5, Friendsgiving; Dec. 3, Christmas Party

## Pastoral Care Groups

- **COMMUNITY OF HOPE — CIRCLE OF CARE**  
 6–8 p.m., Oct. 12, Nov 9, Dec. 14, **Zoom**,  
 (Second Tuesday of the Month)
- **THREADS OF COMFORT AND JOY**  
 10–11 a.m., Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11,  
 Mellinger Room, (Second Saturday of the Month)  
 A gathering for those who love to knit and crochet.
- **ALZHEIMER & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP**  
 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec. 9, **Zoom**,  
 (Second Thursday of the Month)
- **STEPPING STONES**  
 This fall the Pastoral Care Council is launching “Stepping Stones Through Life,” a program series meant to bring subject matter experts to offer discussion of topics on major life events and different phases and transitions in life. It will include content for new parents, recently married/divorced, widows/widowers, and more.
  - **Agging Solo** 4 week series starting Sept. 15, **Zoom**
  - **Funeral Planning Workshop** 10 a.m. to noon,  
 Oct. 16, McGehee Conference Room
  - **Obituary Writing Workshop** 1:30–3:30 p.m.,  
 Oct. 16, McGehee Conference Room
  - **Sandwich Generation** noon to 1:30 p.m.,  
 Oct. 21, **Zoom**

## BIBLE & STUDY GROUPS

### Cathedral Commons Bible Study

**BIBLE STUDIES THAT SHARE A COMMON CURRICULUM THROUGHOUT EACH SEASON**

This semester we're learning about the interplay of Scripture and the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. Each session explores the Scripture, the rite, and how they fuse with our lived experiences to make new meaning.

### CATHEDRAL COMMONS SEASON LAUNCH

9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sept. 11, Reynolds Hall

Cathedral Commons begins with a (non-mandatory) in-person Saturday session. *Bible Studies start Sept. 14.*

- **Tuesday Early Morning Men & Women's Bible Study**  
 7–8 a.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 14–Nov. 16, **Zoom**  
 2nd Tuesday of the month in-person, Jeffers  
 Led by Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister
- **Women's Evening Bible Study**  
 6:30–7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 14–Nov. 16, **Zoom**  
 Led by Canon Becky Zartman
- **Thursday Lunchtime Men & Women's Bible Study**  
 12–1 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 16–Nov. 18, **Zoom**  
 2nd Thursday of the month in-person, Jeffers  
 Co-led by Canons Bradley Varnell and Kathy Pfister.

To sign up for a bible study group, contact Canon Becky Zartman  
 or visit [www.christchurchcathedral.org/biblestudies](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/biblestudies)

### WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30–11 a.m., Wednesdays, **Zoom**  
 (In-person first Wednesday of each month)

Gather for sincere and truthful conversation on the appointed scripture reading for the following Sunday.

### MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7–8 a.m. Wednesdays, **Zoom**, (7:30 a.m. in-person first Wednesday of each month)

Hosted by Dean Thompson, this group gathers weekly to explore the scriptures. This fall, we will be reading Wisdom Literature, including the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes.

### HOLY CURIOSITY

6:30–8 p.m., Thursdays, begins Oct. 7, Reynolds Hall (continues on **Zoom** or in-person)

A seven-week small group offering which allows participants to have real conversations, form relationships, and ask the questions they've always wanted to ask.

### EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)

9:30 a.m. to noon and 6:30–9 p.m.,  
 Tuesdays, Sept. 7–June 7

Participants deepen their understanding of faith as they study the Old and New Testament, church history, and Christian theology.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

10–11 a.m., Sept. 12–Dec. 12,  
 Jones 201–208

Weekly time of Christian formation for children ages 2 years to 5th grade.

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

10–11 a.m., grades 6–12,  
 Sept. 12–Dec. 12, The Treehouse

A place to come together and grow in faith through teaching, discussion, and doughnuts (grades 6–12 and Confirmation class).

### LATINO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

1:30–2:30 p.m., Sept. 12–Dec. 12,  
 The Treehouse

Utilizando un currículum episcopal, los jóvenes de la Catedral se reúnen en el Treehouse.



# EVENT PROGRAM GUIDE

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### LABOR DAY POPSICLES & FELLOWSHIP

9:30–11 a.m., Sept. 5, Reynolds Hall

Come cool off with your Cathedral family! Grab a popsicle and a question card and connect with new and old friends.

### LEARNING TO PRAY

6–7 p.m., Sept. 9, Zoom

Fr. James Martin, progressive Jesuit priest and author of several award winning books, discusses his latest book, *Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone* with the Episcopal Booksellers Association. Program will include Q&A from attendees.

### CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

12:15–12:55 p.m. Sept. 12, The Treehouse

Meeting for parents of 8 grade youth and up who are interested in getting confirmed.

### HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TOUR

10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 18

Justice & Peace Council sponsored tour of the Holocaust Museum. Registration required. *This event is part of the Justice & Peace Council's "Combatting Anti-Semitism" program. Learn more at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/cas)*

### INSTRUCTION IN EUCHARIST

10–10:50, Sept. 19, Cathedral, sacristy, and Golding Chapel

Designed to help us learn/remember why and how we receive the Eucharist, geared for those who want their kiddos to get the basics this year.

### FRIENDS 4 LIFE PET BLESSING & COMPLINE

7–8 p.m., Oct. 1, Friends 4 Life facility, Heights

Join us at Friends 4 Life for Pet Blessings & Compline with Canines and Kitties.

### MES DE LA HERENCIA LATINA/ HISPANA

2:30–4 p.m., Oct. 3 and Oct. 10, Reynolds Hall

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, occurring across North America from mid-Sept. to mid-Oct., we will proudly celebrate the diversity of Latino/Hispanic culture.

### ST. FRANCIS CELEBRATION: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

4–5 p.m., Oct. 3, Bishop's Courtyard

An annual in observance of the feast day of the patron saint of animals.

### BOOKSTORE CELEBRATION TEA

4–5:30, Oct. 12, Mellinger Room

The Cathedral will host a Tea to celebrate the bookstore's rich history and honor the retirement of founders Cynthia Pyle and Wendy Bentlif.

### CONVERSATION WITH MARILYNNE ROBINSON

6–7 p.m., Oct. 14, Zoom

Notable author discusses *Jack*, the fourth novel in her Gilead series, with the Episcopal Booksellers Association. Conversation will include Q&A with attendees.

### DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR

7 p.m., Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 at noon, Cathedral

To celebrate and remember our loved ones who have passed.

### BOO-BASH

6–8 p.m., Oct. 29, Reynolds Hall

Creatures of all ages will be treated (not tricked), and we'll have a brief All Hallows' Eve service in the columbarium followed by food, games, and a ton of fun!

## SPECIAL EVENTS CONT.

### CONVERSATION WITH KATE BOWLER

6–7, p.m., Nov. 11, Zoom

Bestselling author Kate Bowler asks: "How do you move forward with a life you didn't choose?" in a conversation with the Episcopal Booksellers Association about her newest book, *No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)*.

### FALL BEACH RETREAT Nov. 12–14, Galveston

Join us for a unique retreat in Galveston that gives youth (grades 6–12) a time to escape the chaos of life and reconnect with God.

### LATINO MINISTRY NOCHE FAMILIAR

6–9 p.m., Nov. 19, Reynold's Hall

A wonderful program intended to build community and strengthen relationships among participant families.

### MISA DE VISPERA DE ACCIA DE GRACIAS

7–9 p.m., Nov. 24, Location TBA

The Latino Congregation gets together to have a service for Thanksgiving Eve.

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

10–11 a.m., Nov. 28, Reynolds Hall

Gather with your Cathedral family to welcome Advent by creating Advent Wreaths!

### ADVENT QUIET DAY

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 4, Reynolds Hall

Sister Hannah from the Community of Saint Mary, an Episcopal order of nuns and a registered dietician, will lead reflections about what really feeds us, incorporating wholeness into our lives, and preparing for the Advent season ahead.

### CHRISTMAS CAMP (DRESS REHEARSAL FOR PAGEANT)

9:30–11:30 a.m., Dec. 18, Jones 205–208

Come get all costumed up and run through our annual Christmas Eve Pageant. There is room at the manger for you!

### LAS POSADAS

7–9 p.m., December 16–23, Location TBA

The Latino Ministry will get together to commemorate the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

3–5 p.m., Dec. 24, Reynolds Hall & the Cathedral

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### Blessing of the Animals

4–5 p.m., Oct. 3,  
Bishops Courtyard

### All Saints Day Service

12:05–12:45 p.m., Nov. 1,  
Cathedral

### All Souls Day: Personal Quiet Time

9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 2,  
Cathedral

### All Saints Evensong

5 p.m., Nov. 7, Cathedral

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

6:30–7:30 p.m., Nov. 24, Cathedral

### Advent Lessons and Carols

5 p.m., Dec. 5, Cathedral

### The Longest Night

5:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
6:30 p.m., Dec. 20, Cathedral,

### Pastorela

noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 26, Cathedral



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## NEIGHBORHOOD FALL GATHERINGS

Every fall and spring, it has become customary to socialize with parishioners, clergy, and staff of the Cathedral either at the homes of fellow parishioners or in other venues around Houston. We hope you'll join us at one of the dates that works best for you.

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RSVP to Lisa Cantu indicating the date of the party at least two days before your preferred date (lcantu@christchurchcathedral.org / 713-222-2593). Capacity is limited at each venue and a reservation is required. We look forward to seeing you!



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**Bill and Jane Curtis**

*River Oaks — Sept. 28*

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**Ruth and Dan Hawk**

*West University — Sept. 30*

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**Carol and Andy Vickery**

*Tanglewood — Oct. 5*

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**Alison and Chris Bell**

*Downtown — Oct. 21*

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**Sherri and John Allen**

*Energy Corridor — Nov. 9*