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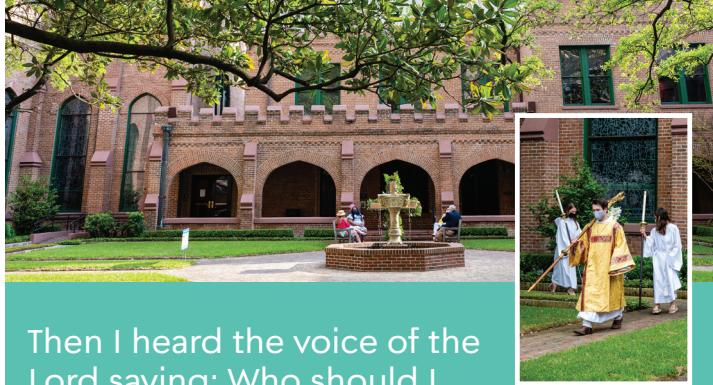
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Every Member Canvass 2022

The end of September tends to symbolize the official movement from one season to another. Here at Christ Church Cathedral, the end of September also marks the beginning of the Every Member Canvass – also known as the EMC – the annual fundraising pledge campaign that supports the mission and yearly programs of the church.

Each year for the campaign, one, two, or three families within the congregation are invited by Dean Thompson to serve as EMC co-chairs; to represent the parish, telling their story to inspire and encourage others to financially support the work of the church. This year's co-chair families are the Bechtols and the Godowns.

Hailey and Brent Bechtol have been members for over fifteen years. They've watched their three children grow up in the church "from acolyting at a Sunday service, posing for family pictures in front of the fountain on



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: Who should I send? Who will go for us?

I said: Here I am. Send me.

— Isaiah 6:8

Christmas Eve, to washing down glazed donuts with small plastic cups of lemonade," says Hailey.

Steve and Denise Godowns, along with their son, Franklin, joined the Cathedral in 2008. Denise reflected, "Franklin took part in Rhythms of Grace and enjoys attending the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, the EMC dinner, and May Fete. His taste of music is more in line with the talented guitarists and bands

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The first fruits

The first year Jill and I made a financial pledge to our church was in the fall of 1998. We were members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jackson, Tennessee, and I had been asked to become the clerk of the vestry. The annual stewardship campaign rolled around, and I'm now embarrassed to say that my first thought was about appearances. "How would it look if I, as a lay leader, didn't make a commitment to support the church?" I thought to myself. Jill and I analyzed our finances, and that year we decided to pledge \$1,200, a nice, round \$100 per month.



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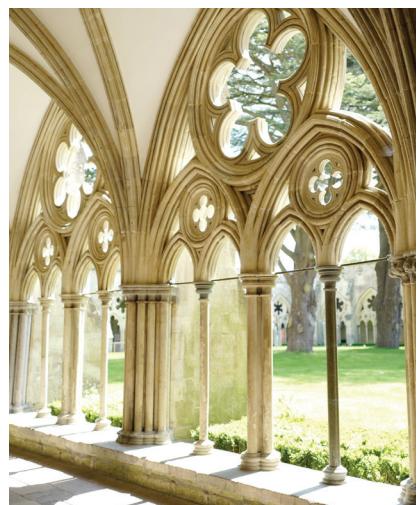
A couple of weeks after making our pledge, the rector preached a sermon about "first fruits." He cited all the biblical references to that term. He quoted Jeremiah, who said that "Israel was holy to the Lord, the first fruits of God's harvest." He read St. Paul, who says in Romans and First Corinthians that the followers of Jesus are the first fruits of the Gospel. Our priest quoted Paul in Romans a second time to say that the Holy Spirit comes to believers in need as the "first fruit" of God's promise always to be with us.

Only then did our priest at St. Luke's get around to talking about stewardship. He dutifully and responsibly talked about the budgetary needs for ministry for the coming year. But he also came back around to first fruits and quoted Exodus 23:19, the first of many places where the Bible says to the faithful, "You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord your God."

Our priest then connected all these biblical "first fruits" references to say that stewardship is primarily about recognizing, as St. John reminds us, that "We love

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The Anglican Way offered again this fall



Each Fall, Dean Barkley Thompson offers an eight-week course entitled The Anglican Way. About the course, Dean Thompson says, "It's difficult to characterize. It covers what is distinctive about being Episcopalian in the 'Christian marketplace,' but it does

so broadly. At the end of eight weeks, students often say, 'That's what I always believed, but hadn't ever put into words!'" The Anglican Way investigates the way that

Episcopalians generally interpret Holy Scripture. It looks at the history of Christianity and focuses on why we still hold some core Christian doctrines, such as the full divinity and full humanity of Jesus. The course examines the sacraments and answers the question of

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OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

- » Sofia Anahi Flores and Samantha Abigail Paredes who were baptized September 5.
- » **We extend heartfelt sympathy**
- » to the family of **The Reverend John A. Logan Jr.** who passed away on August 14, 2021.
- » to the family of member **Thomas Elbert Noel** who passed away on August 14, 2021. Tom is husband to member **Geri Noel**.
- » to the family of member **Marian Wilkin Fleming** who passed away on August 15, 2021.
- » to the family of **Ben Ecklar** who passed away on August 27, 2021. Ben is brother-in-law to member **Michelle Hale**.
- » to the family of **Ada Dean Grundy** who passed away on August 16, 2021. Ada is mother to member **Thad Grundy**.
- » to the family of **John Patrick O'Connor** who passed away on August 17, 2021. Patrick is husband to member **Susan O'Connor** and father to member **Kate Modi**.
- » to the family of **Manuel Salgado** who passed away on August 25, 2021. Manuel is father to member **Paul Salgado**.
- » to the family of member **Carter Roberts Boyd** who passed away on September 1, 2021. Carter is husband to member **Donna Boyd** and father to members **Heather Martin** and **Brooke Priest**. He is grandfather to **Abigail** and **Katherine Martin** and **Jackson, Mason** and **Allison Priest**.
- » to the family of **Helen Stiles** who passed away on September 2, 2021. Helen is mother to member **Robert Halcomb**.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- » on September 12 were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Wes Patterson** by his daughter **Danielle Hsu**.
- » on October 3 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Lisa Ardoin Albright** by **Anne, Brynne, Joe II, and Joe Albright**.
- » on October 10 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Bill Renfro** by his family.
- » on October 17 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of his parents, **Frank E. Hood** and **Lillian Wadkins Hood** and his aunt, **Margaret Hughes** by **Frank E. Hood Jr.**
- » on October 24 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **John Dieter Ufer** by **Amy and Deiter Ufer**.
- » on October 24 are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for her sister, **Carol Lewis** and in loving memory of her parents, **Roy and Lois Hanning** and brother in law **Bob Lewis** by **Ginger Hanning**.
- » on October 24 are given to the glory of God in loving memory and gratitude for **Doug Hoffman** by **Mary Hoffman**.
- » on October 31 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **John Benzon** by his family.

The flowers in the floor vases

- » on October 10 are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of **Phyllis Keese Webb** by her family.

The flowers on the organ console

- » On September 5 were given to the glory of God in loving memory of her mother **Emily S. Shepherd** by **Frances and Norman Kittrell**.



Latino Ministries celebrate culture and heritage during Mes de la Herencia

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, Mes de la Herencia, Christ Church Cathedral will proudly celebrate the diversity of Latino/Hispanic culture on October 3 and 10. This is an annual tradition on the part of the Cathedral's latino congregation, and members are very happy to continue to share their cultural heritage with everyone.

The Reverend Canon Simón Bautista Bentancos says their goal is "to create an opportunity for people of diverse backgrounds to gather at Christ Church Cathedral and bring people together to celebrate with us ... We want members from other congregations to have a chance to get to know us better to get to know our cultures, our food, our vesting." He added that "it's about bringing community together and bringing about a sense of unity."

"We don't know exactly what it will look like this year, but we're going to do our best to represent as many cultures as possible," Bautista continued. "What we have done in the past

included people from different nationalities from Latin America who offered food from their traditions and who would dress in colors representing their heritage..." Tables are also typically decorated with the colors of the flags from different countries. "We want to make sure every part of Latin America is represented.

This includes 29 countries across the Caribbean, South America, and Central America," Bautista noted, adding that during the offertory at the 1 p.m. service there is usually a special procession of people holding fruits and agricultural products from various regions representing a wide array of cultures.

The music will be special as well. Mendeliz - the group who plays for the 1 p.m. service each week, will offer entertainment during one of the two Sundays. Alfredo Mendez Peimbert, who has been directing and playing with Mendeliz for six years, said "This month of Latin

Heritage means to remember our origins and to make known our culture and customs. During the event, we will play representative songs and different rhythms of Latin countries. People can expect first to know the warmth, joy, and customs that characterize us Latinos - and after that, the culture, music, and customs of our countries."

Cathedral Facilities Administrator and Sunday Concierge Frank Guevara will perform for one of the Sundays as well. "This event is a yearly celebration of our culture,

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MES DE LA HERENCIA

October 3 and 10

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God because God first loved us." God has named us God's own first fruits. In every moment of our lives, God holds the very world together in existence and keeps the forces of chaos at bay. God grants us health, family, and friends. God sends God's Holy Spirit to us when our strength falters. And, God enlivens the midst of the city through the never-ceasing ministry of Christ Church Cathedral. In all of these ways, God says to us, "You are my first fruits. There is nothing more important to me than you. My love for you is fathomless."

After hearing that stewardship sermon almost a quarter century ago, my own approach to pledging changed dramatically. Never again did I consider pledging to keep up appearances. Instead, I recognized that my pledge to the ministry of the church was my response to God's boundless love for me. I committed to the biblical tithe—giving back to God 10% of my annual income—and each month I write my stewardship check first, before paying any of my household bills. As God's first fruit, I give back to God my first fruits.

I've never regretted it, and even before I became a priest the annual stewardship campaign became an occasion for joy. Rather than the drudgery of yet-another-fundraising-campaign, it became my annual opportunity to remind myself concretely that I am beloved by God, and God is beloved by me.

2022 will, indeed, be a most challenging year for the Cathedral. Due to COVID-related revenue shortfalls from our parking garage, Treebeard's restaurant, and our preschool, we must see a 3.5% increase in EMC pledges just to maintain the level of our 2021 ministry budget, to keep proclaiming God's love and transforming lives. I plan to increase my pledge for 2022 to help close that gap, and if you are able to do so, I hope you will, too. But far more importantly, again this year I will tithe with joy in the knowledge that I am among God's first fruits, as I return my first fruits to God.



The Cathedral Bookstore thrives because of its volunteers

Christ Church Cathedral Bookstore Manager Lucy Chambers thinks of the store as the front porch of the Cathedral.

"It is a part of the Cathedral with a long tradition," Chambers said. "The Bookstore helps to create a welcome and a feeling of family."

A large part of the Bookstore's success is due to its volunteers, two of whom are being honored with a champagne tea on October 12. Cynthia Pyle and Wendy Bentlif, who both recently retired from their duties, had been there since the Bookstore opened on October 16, 1983.

Bentlif remembers her reaction when former Dean J. Pittman McGehee talked to them about staffing the store.

"I turned to [Cynthia] and said, do you think we can do it?" Bentlif said.

The answer was a resounding yes.

To understand what a community jewel the Bookstore is now, you must consider what downtown Houston was like in the early 80s.

"It was vacant," McGehee said of the area when he arrived in 1980. "I was a young ambitious priest, and my charge was to bring it back to life."

As he told Chambers for a 2017 blog, he followed Henry Ford's advice: "The greatest wisdom is in doing the obvious."

For McGehee, the obvious was taking an "old-fashioned church parlor" known as the Red Room and repurposing it as a center of intellectual curiosity. Opening a restaurant in The Cloisters was an additional community-building move.

"People started coming," McGehee said. "It became its own presence."

Pyle, who also was the store's first manager, was on board with a Bookstore from the start.

"I had asked to volunteer," Pyle said. "I'd always been involved in books, schools, and libraries. I told Dean McGehee and Canon Logan that I thought we could do it. I was sure the volunteers - with me included - would make a great team."

After Alberta Jones, the former manager of Episcopal Bookstore in River Oaks, helped get the store going, Pyle managed the Bookstore until Kathy Jackson became

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Youth Sunday: October 24

Youth Sunday is a Sunday dedicated to celebrating the youth of the Cathedral, and their ministry in our community. The music, readings and prayers have been selected by youth members of the Youth Ministry Council and their choices reflect not only their faith, but their hope for our church and the world. The Prayers of the People are crafted by Yuna O'Brien, and the homily is offered by Samuel Randall. We are gifted with the musical talents of the youth community and additional Cathedral Youth serve, as readers, intercessors, social media guides, ambassadors of grace and acolytes.

Advent Quiet Day with guest leader

Sister Hannah from the Community of Saint Mary, an Episcopal order of nuns, will lead an Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. in Reynolds Hall. A licensed registered dietitian, Sister Hannah will lead reflections about what really feeds us, incorporating wholeness into our lives, and preparing for the Advent season ahead.

Vestry Retreat, Confirmation Retreat, and more

IN PICTURES



Below, right: Members of the vestry gather at their annual retreat at Camp Allen.



Above: Cathedral priests Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister, Canon Becky Zartman, and some Cathedral kids enjoy a cool treat during the Labor Day Popsicles & Fellowship event.



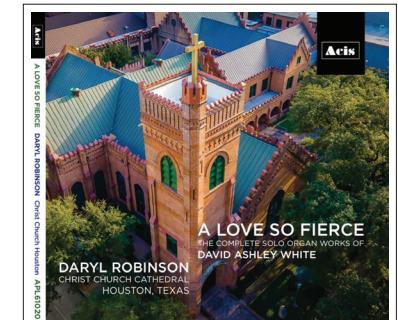
Right: Youth preparing for confirmation pose for a photo during their retreat.

Below: The Rev. Bradley Varnell.



Cathedral organist Daryl Robinson discusses latest CD launch

We asked Cathedral Organist Daryl Robinson to discuss his latest project, a CD recorded in March at the Cathedral titled *A Love So Fierce: The Complete Solo Organ Works of David Ashley White*. Available now on major music streaming platforms.



Why did you decide to produce this CD? Tell me about the project and what led up to it?

I have known David Ashley White since I was an undergraduate student at the University of Houston; I first performed his music at a student recital at UH and have programmed his organ music around the U.S.

Many of his organ works have been recorded before on various CDs, most often down the road from us at Palmer Memorial Episcopal where David is Composer-in-Residence, but there has not been a single disc dedicated to his organ music. Knowing that the Cathedral organ had not been professionally recorded, that David is well-known and beloved by the Cathedral community, and that his music would be right at home on our magnificent Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, it all seemed to be a match made in heaven!

Describe the music on your CD. What's the significance of the tracks you chose to include?

All of David's published and even one unpublished solo organ music is included on this CD. The title of the disc, *A love so fierce*, was inspired by the title of the poem that prompted David to write his hymn tune *MARYVILLE COLLEGE*. In his introductory notes for the recording, David writes, "My works for organ comprise a small—yet indispensable—part of my compositional output. In my extensive catalog of anthems, service music, and hymns, the organ has always played a significant role. However, pieces for solo organ have been fewer, most likely because I am not an organist. Thus, the idea of recording my solo organ works was something I'd never really considered. But the more I thought about it, the more appealing the idea became."

many years the CEO at KUHF-FM Radio. He was also the recording engineer for several of my earlier CDs. Robert Simpson is Canon for Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston and founding conductor of the Grammy-winning Houston Chamber Choir (HCC). HCC not only premiered my five-movement choral suite, *The Blue Estuaries*, but twice recorded the work. And it was this piece that led to my long association with the publisher E. C. Schirmer."

What was the production process like? How long did you work on this and where did you visit to produce it?

We recorded the CD March 15-18 in the Cathedral. These sessions were solo organ Monday through Wednesday and then the tracks with oboe, mezzo-soprano, narrator, and percussion were recorded on Thursday. One of the true highlights of this project was that David attended every single session and gave his blessing to all registrations, tempi, etc. To have a composer present and to have their blessing on a recording project is a huge deal; these recordings will outlive all of us, and I'm thrilled that David's musical voice could be brought to life and archived as accurately as possible!

Who was involved in the production? Were other parishioners helping out?

Ryan Edwards was the Producer and Engineer for this project and he was assisted by Shannon Smith. My dear friend and oboist Grace Tice is featured on two tracks and parishioner Floyd Robinson is featured reading Carl Daw's powerful poem, *How shallow former shadows seem*. The two works with oboe are particularly representative of David's music: David was an oboe major in college and Psalm 88 is an earlier and more avant-garde work than *Canzona*, which is a lush and lyrical work.

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AGM – save the date

Alternative Giving Market (AGM) convenes each year to give small, non-profit agencies a chance to share the wonderful, charitable work taking place in our community. Presented by the Christ Church Cathedral Mission and Outreach Council, the AGM gives the Cathedral family an opportunity to learn how we can help to meet their needs. This year we will be gathering in-person in Reynolds Hall Sunday, November 21. Additional details will be forthcoming. We hope you will plan to join us!

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manager around 2003 after Jackson started as assistant manager beginning in 1993. Pyle stayed on as a dedicated volunteer leader until the end of 2020.

"I loved creating something," Pyle said.

Over the years, the Bookstore has come to hold a special place in the hearts of staff, volunteers, and patrons.

"The Bookstore is special because it provides a welcoming space for members of the church, the community and the Diocese," Kathy Jackson said. "Sharing stories and experiences in such a beautiful setting draws many repeat customers who are often surprised at the variety of books and gift options this small store offers. The volunteers are absolutely the key element to the longevity of this ministry."

Author, retired priest and 19-year volunteer Earle Martin said he'd always wanted to work in a bookstore.

"I was the only man back in 2002," he said.

Earle was a widower when met his second wife Kristi there. After Kristi passed away, Earle became acquainted with his current wife Nancy through her patronage of the store.

"We just knew each other over the counter at first," he said.

Earle was pleased to do the signing for his second book, *The Boy Who Saved My Life*, there.

"The thing that makes [the bookstore] special is the people," he said. "It's just a wonderful place."

Current volunteer Jan Fitzhugh loves that there is a place to see her friends, check out books and gather on Sunday morning.

"My favorite memories revolve around children sitting on the floor in their section and discovering reading is fun," she said.

Frequent patron Ed Stein said it's important to remember that the Bookstore doesn't just serve the Cathedral community.

"[Tourists] come into the Cathedral to find something to look at, and then discover the store and the people who are working there that day and leave having had a personal welcome to the city with maybe a purchase or two – and more importantly leave with a really positive experience of the Episcopal church as a place of friendliness and welcome," Stein said.

"It's so rare to find an independent bookstore nowadays and I think we are a hidden gem in downtown Houston," adds volunteer Roxanne Dolen.

Chambers, who took over for Jackson in 2017, said that the volunteers are the ones who carry the store's history. They also start new traditions, like the 1,000 piece puzzle that Truitt Hallmark, husband of longtime volunteer Pat, oversees.

"I love being in a community of book lovers," Chambers said.

Chambers gives Pyle all the credit for the institutional procedures and sound practices she instituted in the beginning.

"We still use them today," she said.

Chambers also praised Bentlif's convivial nature.

"Wendy was always right there with you," Chambers said. "She made me feel at home."

Pyle and Bentlif say that the Bookstore will always be special to them.

"We all always got on so well together," Bentlif said.

"The store was such a big part of my life all these 40 years," added Pyle.

Volunteer Catherine Lippincott sums up the magic of the Bookstore nicely which goes beyond books.

"It's a feeling that is experienced when you walk in the door," she said. "It is mired in the history, time and tide of the shop. The books ground the space, but the fairy dust comes from the happy spirits who enter and who work there—past and present."

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that play at these events." Music runs in the Godowns family, as prior to his retirement, Steve enjoyed parish events that did not conflict with his Sunday morning church music position. He particularly enjoys CCC's music and liturgy and has been singing in the 9 a.m. parish choir over the summer.

For the Bechtols, they were first drawn to Christ Church looking for an Episcopal church with character. "We were immediately drawn to the downtown location and the architectural beauty of the buildings and the worship spaces," says Brent. But beyond the church's beauty "the reasons our family always feels lighter driving to and from the Cathedral, are the dear friendships we have formed."

Through the years Denise has enjoyed getting to know many interesting parishioners, clergy, and staff by serving on various councils, volunteering for events, helping prepare for cathedral receptions, and being a part of the welcome team. "The uniqueness of this place was apparent on my first visit, many years ago," Denise reminisced. "It is important to me to help others see the Cathedral for the jewel that it is."

When both families were invited by the dean to serve as co-chairs, there was no hesitation. "The Cathedral is very special to countless

families and individuals, and we are proud to serve as EMC co-chairs," the Bechtols shared when asked about the invitation. Similarly, the Godowns family considers it an "honor to serve as this year's co-chairs."

"These past several years have reiterated the importance of gathering with friends in a special place to worship and feel the strength and fellowship that can only come from being part of a larger group," say the Bechtols. "Your gifts not only ensure the future of our congregation, but also allow us to serve Christ and our Houston community in a way that makes each of us feel humbled before the rest."

The Bechtols, the Godowns, members of the Stewardship Council, and other parishioners will share their stories with you throughout the campaign. We hope their love and commitment to Christ Church Cathedral will inspire you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2022 EMC. To learn more, visit the cathedral's website: www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc

Threads of Comfort and Joy

BY CATHERINE WHITNEY

Calling all knitters and crocheters! For many years, the Cathedral's prayer shawl ministry has delivered prayerfully created shawls and baby blankets to Cathedral members who are challenged by illness or celebrating the birth of a child. The Pastoral Care Council invites you to join us as we develop and expand this ministry and create an exciting and fun new community within the Cathedral.

From September 2020 through May 2021, our burgeoning group met monthly via Zoom. We shared ideas for baby blankets and Christmas gifts, and we encouraged each other in our needlework. This summer, we have been meeting in person on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. – noon in the Mellinger Room.

Some of our members are accomplished, experienced knitters or crocheters. Other members (including me!) are at the beginner stage. Whatever our experience levels, we help each other learn, and we form bonded friendships as we work together on projects.

We would love for you to join us! Upcoming meeting dates are October 9, and November 13. Just bring your enthusiasm and any yarn-based project you might be working on, and we'll discuss ideas for future projects while we work. All levels of experience are welcome.

Don't know how to knit or crochet? Now that we can meet in person, we will offer informal lessons. We can also provide yarn and needles. For now, our focus is on establishing community and providing comfort and joy to parishioners with our favorite shawl, baby blanket, and lap blanket patterns. We are also creating blankets for the Linus Project, an international non-profit organization that distributes handmade blankets to first

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community and to you and your family, you would be hard pressed to find a better way to invest your money."

On September 26, we officially launched the 2022 Every Member Canvass campaign. The EMC is more crucial than ever as several forms of Cathedral revenue have decreased due to circumstances beyond our control. While life at Christ Church starts to return to close to pre-pandemic normal with a robust fall program schedule, the parking garage is not as it once was since downtown activity is slow to return, attendance numbers are down for the Cathedral House Episcopal School and Treebeards restaurant continues to feel the economic effects like many others in the restaurant industry. The reduced returns from other revenue streams mean a greater percentage of our annual budget will need to come from parishioner pledges in order for us to achieve the same numbers as 2021.

When asked why it's important to give, Steve Godowns shared, "As Christians we are exhorted to give of our time, talent, and treasures so that is certainly reason enough, but even from a transactional perspective when you consider what the Cathedral offers to your

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though I honor and celebrate my culture every day. I am Argentinian and Mexican, my first language was Spanish. I spent summers as a kid either in Argentina and/or Mexico. I have fond memories of going there. I try to go every year and visit if I can," Guevara said. "I started playing guitar at six-years-old, he continued... My Dad is an amazing guitarist. He taught me my first chords and coached me for a year or so and then gave me my wings to explore other types of music. My music style is all over the place. You will hear Rhythms and Leads of Jazz, Latin, Caribbean, Spain - anything under the umbrella that screams Latin... I enjoy sharing the type of music that we play. There are so many styles throughout the Americas and islands that it would be a shame not to share!"

Events are planned following the weekly 1 p.m. Spanish-language services and the celebration is designed to represent various cultural traditions. The celebrations will start at 2:30 p.m. in Reynolds Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, and if they wish, they may wear colorful garments to help celebrate this important and fun event. For more information please contact Sylvia García, assistant to the Latino Ministry, at 713-590-3329 or email sgarcia@christchurchcathedral.org

EMC CO-CHAIRS**THE BECHTOL FAMILY****THE GODOWNS FAMILY****CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Visit christchurchcathedral.org/events or call 713-222-2593 to learn more about these and other events at the Cathedral.

● Registration recommended ▲ Registration required ✕ Registration closed ★ Childcare available (3 mo. to 12 yrs.)

OCTOBER**OCT. 1****FRI****Bridge Night**

6:30 p.m., McGehee Conference room.

Friends 4 Life Pet Blessing & Compline

7-8 p.m., Facebook live only.

20s & 30s First Friday Fellowship

9-11 p.m.

OCT. 2**SAT****Funeral Service for The Reverend Canon John Logan**

10:30 a.m., Cathedral.

**OCT. 3, 10****Mes de la Herencia**

2:30 p.m., Reynolds Hall.

OCT. 3**SUN****Blessing of the Animals**

4-5 p.m., Bishop's Courtyard. This annual service occurs in observance of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Parishioners are invited to bring their pets to be blessed.

**OCT. 5, 21, NOV. 9****Neighborhood Gatherings**

RSVP required. Please reach out to Lisa Cantu at at least two days in advance of the event you wish to attend.

OCT. 6**WED****The Dean's Book Club**

6:30-8 p.m., McGehee Conference Room Discusses *The Warden*, a novel by Anthony Trollope.

OCT. 7**THU****Holy Curiosity Small Group Fall Session****Kick-off Event**

6:30-8:30pm, Reynolds Hall. Small groups meet weekly at a time and place convenient to them from Oct. 10-Nov. 14.

OCT. 9**SAT****Threads of Comfort and Joy**

10-11 a.m. A gathering for those who love to knit and crochet. Second Saturday of the month, on-going.

OCT. 21**THU****Sandwich Generation**

12-1:30 p.m. Online via Zoom. Register in advance www.christchurchcathedral.org/steppingstones/

**OCT. 10-NOV. 7****Wreath Sale**

The Cathedral Choir's annual Wreath Sale offers Cathedral members an opportunity to support the Choir while bringing holiday cheer to friends, family, and business associates. Details at www.christchurchcathedral.org/wreathsales

OCT. 24**SUN****Youth Sunday**

9, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. services, Cathedral.

OCT. 29**FRI****Alan Morrison Organ Recital**

7:30-9 p.m., Cathedral

OCT. 12**TUE****Community of Hope — Circle of Care**

6-8 p.m., Zoom. Second Tuesday of the month.

OCT. 14**THU****Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Zoom. Second Thursday of the month.

EBA Talks Marilynne Robinson

6-7 p.m., Zoom. Notable author Marilynne Robinson discusses Jack, the fourth novel in her Gilead series, with the Episcopal Booksellers Association. Register in advance. www.christchurchcathedral.org/ebatalks

OCT. 16**SAT****Funeral Planning Workshop**

10 a.m. to noon. In-person (limited seating) or online via Zoom. Register in advance www.christchurchcathedral.org/steppingstones/

OCT. 6**WED****Obituary Writing Workshop**

1:30-3:30 p.m. In person (limited seating) or online via Zoom. Register in advance www.christchurchcathedral.org/steppingstones/

OCT. 17**SUN****Cathedral Tours**

Tours will be held the third Sunday of each month following services at 9 a.m. and The Well. They will be held each week following the 11 a.m. service.

OCT. 21**THU****Theology Roundtable**

6:15-7:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Meets third Sunday of the month.

OCT. 21**THU****TUESDAYS**

Education for Ministry, Class 1

9:30 to noon, Bride's Room in Latham.

Tuesday Early Morning Men & Women's Bible Study

7-8 a.m., Zoom. Led by Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister. This Cathedral Commons Bible Study explores the scripture found in the Book of Common Prayer.

WEBS: Women's Evening Bible Study

6:30-7:30 p.m., Zoom. Led by Canon Becky Zartman. This Cathedral Commons Bible Study explores the scripture found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Seed Group

6:30-8 p.m. alternating Tuesdays.

Education for Ministry, Class 2

6:30-9 p.m., Mellinger.

WEEKLY**SUNDAYS****Children's Sunday School**

10-11 a.m., Jones 201-208.

Men's Morning Bible Study

7 a.m., Zoom, (In-person 7:30 a.m. first Wednesday of each month). Hosted by Dean Barkley Thompson, the group gathers weekly to explore the scriptures.

Women's Morning Bible Study

9:30-11 a.m., Zoom, (In-person first Wednesday of each month.) Gather for sincere and truthful conversation on Sunday's appointed scripture reading.

20s & 30s Wednesday Nights

6:30-8 p.m., Zoom.

Buscando La Luz

7 p.m., Mellinger. Buscando La Luz/Seeking the Light is a program offered by the Latino Ministry of the Cathedral to our Spanish speaking language congregation (Sept. 1, 8, 15, 29).

THURSDAYS**Thursday Lunchtime Men & Women's Bible Study**

Noon to 1 p.m., Zoom. Co-led by Canon Vicar Kathy Rock Pfister and Canon Bradley Varnell. This Cathedral Commons Bible Study explores the scripture found in the Book of Common Prayer.



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Cathedral Tours return

Remembering - An important part of anyone's life is hearing family stories. We bring the past to the present. We get to know family history and our predecessors as if we've shared meals, good times, and their difficulties with them.

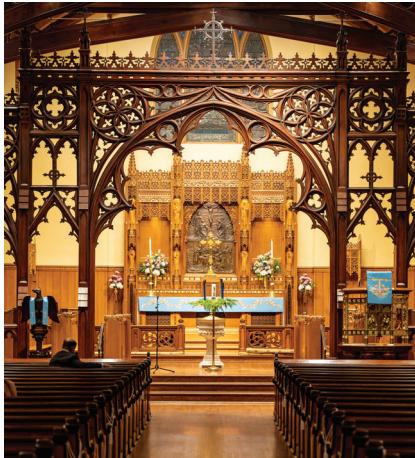
That's what we do when we come to church. We listen to the stories read to us, hear the homily expand on the stories, and share a meal. We do it all as part of a family remembering together.

So, too, are the tours given after services at Christ Church Cathedral. Those tours don't just give pertinent dates.

They tell the Christ Church family story. Tour guides share hopes, successes, and disappointments of the people who sat in the Christ Church pews since 1839.

The short, after-service tours of the Cathedral begin again on Sunday, October 17. For the first time, there will be tours after the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services on the third Sunday of each month. There will be tours after the 11 a.m. service each week.

The tour guides look forward to sharing Christ Church Cathedral's story with you.



COMFORT AND JOY, from page 6

responders and hospitals to give as comfort items to children who are victims of trauma.

For more information or to join our group, please contact Pastoral Care Council member Catherine Whitney at catherine.whitney@att.net or minister for pastoral care Jody Gillit, at jgillit@christchurchcathedral.org.

ANGLICAN WAY, from cover

whether there are two or seven. (Spoiler alert: It's both!) Some have described The Anglican Way course as "EfM Cliff Notes." The course serves as adult preparation to be Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church. It also serves as a general refresher for any interested Episcopalian. "Teaching The Anglican Way is one of my favorite things each fall," Dean Thompson added, "It's great fun, and it always reminds me why I am an Episcopalian. The Anglican Way will meet in person on Sunday evening from 6:15-7:45 p.m. beginning on October 3.

CD LAUNCH, from page 5

Are there other major projects planned for the future?

I am currently planning another recording project for the summer of 2022, a disc that will feature exclusively organ music by female composers.

Parishioner and Cathedral

*Choir member Charlotte Jones generously underwrote the commissioning of a new composition, *Dptych*, by Canadian composer Rachel Laurin. This work will conclude the disc and there will be music by Ethel Smyth, Judith Weir, Anne Wilson, Florence Beatrice Price, and a few others TBD.*



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