

The Cathedral Call

October 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

For over a year, members of the Cathedral and others have been engaged in the process of determining both the desirability and the feasibility of expanding the ministry of the present Cathedral Choir School by adding an Episcopal Day School component. Last winter the Board of Directors of the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware appointed a task force, chaired by Suzy Veasey, to carry this process forward and to bring back a recommendation about whether or not the Board should undertake the establishment of a Cathedral Episcopal Day School.

The membership of the task force consisted of men and women from the Cathedral as well as from other parishes. It was assisted by Cathedral staff, especially Lisa Slinkard, and by two consultants who volunteered their time and expertise. They were Harvey Zendt, founding Head Master of Saint Anne's School in Middletown, Delaware, and John Newlin, recently retired Head of the Middle School at Tower Hill School. A feasibility study for such a school was conducted by a team from the University of Delaware. That study produced positive results.

During this past summer the task force completed its work. In September it gave the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware Board of Directors its recommendation to go forward with the establishment of an Episcopal Day School. The intention is that this school be housed at the Cathedral Church of Saint John and that it begins operation in the next two to three years. It will start with kindergarten and eventually build out to the eighth grade. This school will stress strong academics and have a principal focus on music. The present after-school program will continue.

The Cathedral Choir School Board accepted the recommendation of the task force and requested that Suzy Veasey chair the developmental process. The next major step will be to conduct a financial feasibility study. There is still much to do and many hurdles to clear; but the possibilities are exciting and the potential contribution to children of the Brandywine Village and beyond is an incentive to keep going.

Last fall a few of us went to visit Saint Philip's Academy, an Episcopal Day School in Newark, New Jersey. As we were leaving this fine school with its wonderful facilities, I

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passed a bulletin board that had a display of photos from the School's early days. One photo was from the School's first year. It was the one and only class, about twelve little students and two teachers. That's how it started twenty years ago. It now has more than 300 students. I know that there's a lot to do to make a school happen. There is no guarantee that it will, but that photo inspired me to be a believer that it is possible.

Faithfully,
William B. Lane

LECTOR TRAINING

If you are a lector or would like to become a lector (one who reads the Old or New Testament reading during the liturgy), this message is for you.

Required lector training, for those presently serving and for those who would like to serve, will take place in October and November. The ministry of the lector contributes to good liturgy by presenting the Word of God in Scripture in a way that can be clearly and distinctly heard. The training will provide instruction and practice in public reading and in making use of the lectern microphone. *The dates are:*

Saturday the 17th of October at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday the 7th of November at 10:00 a.m.

Both sessions will take place in the Cathedral. **You need attend only one of the sessions.** Any questions please see Dean Lane.

Sign-up NOW for Cottage Meetings

We will once again be holding "Cottage Meetings" in October and November. Cottage Meetings are an opportunity for a small group of Cathedral members to meet in a member's home or after church to enjoy fellowship and discuss ways of focusing on the life and work of the Cathedral. These are wonderful evenings to get to meet new friends, deepen relationships with those you already know and learn more about what is happening at the Cathedral. As in the past, hosts/hostesses provide a main dish for dinner and others attending will bring something to add to the meal.

The following are dates for the Cottage Meetings:

Thursday, Oct. 22 at Cathy and Barry Young's in Wilmington

Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Linda Whitehead's in Wilmington

**Other dates may be added
as needed.**

To sign-up, please use the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall or call the church office at (302-654-6279). You can also email or call **Linda Whitehead** at **(302) 652-2704** to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Youth Group

Put These Sundays on Your Calendar!

October 18 | November 22 | December 13

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend Youth Group on these dates. We meet from **12:00 noon until 1:30 pm in the Common Room**. Lunch is served! Youth Group is a chance to have some fun while learning about your faith and hanging out with some friends. Remember to bring -- **2 + 2 !** That is, **\$2** to help pay for lunch AND **2 cans** to help stock the food pantry for people in the community. Questions? Call or email **Laura Eisenman, 302-683-1829**.

Help Meet the Challenge

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware is delighted to report that between now and June 30, 2010, your gift to the Scholarship Fund will be doubled by a generous \$50,000 Challenge Grant created by the following loyal donors: **Ross and Evelyn Burnam, Hardy and Margriet Drane, Delbert C. Glover and The Rev. Linda L. Grenz, Tom and Mary Henderer, Judy W. Sargent, Muff and Bob Scott, Vicki and Lee Tashjian, and Norm and Suzy Veasey**. Now every dollar you give becomes two dollars for the Scholarship Fund. Your \$100 gift becomes \$200. All gifts will be matched 1:1 up to \$50,000 by the Challenge!

The Choir School's Scholarship Fund ensures that every child, regardless of income, can receive more than ten hours a week of professional choral training, piano lessons and mentoring by a caring adult. Children who participate in the Choir School have reached beyond their expectations - taking on leadership roles in school and going on to higher education. Please be sure you make your tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund before June 30, 2010, so that every dollar of the Challenge will be awarded. The \$50,000 Challenge Grant plus \$50,000 in matching gifts will mean \$100,000 for the Scholarship Fund! ***For more information, please contact Lisa Slinkard at 302.654.6279, ext. 2.***

After-School Homework Helpers Needed

School is back in session and so is the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware! Our after-school enrichment program provides our students with homework help and opportunities to enhance their learning. We meet at the Cathedral from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Can you join us one afternoon a week? Volunteers are needed to help students with individual assignments and to lead group learning activities. Contact **Leslie Acker-Rowe at 654-6279, ext. 118** to learn more.

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware to Present a Choral Evensong Concert in Philadelphia

If you enjoy choral music, come to **St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, on Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m.**, when the Choir of the Cathedral Church of Saint John, featuring boys and girls from the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, will sing a Choral Evensong Concert. This event is free and open to the public.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed backpacks and school supplies. Your generosity got our students off to a great start and filled a cabinet with replacement supplies for use throughout the year!

Neighborhood Assistance Personal Care Bags

Some of our neighbors have expressed a need for personal care items. Can you add one or two of these items to your weekly shopping trip? Bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, Q-tips, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, razor and shaving cream, toilet paper, tissues, feminine hygiene products, lip balm and body lotion would be most helpful. Laundry detergent and basic household cleaning items are useful too. Please include your donations with the food basket offerings. Thank you!

MEN'S CLUB

Recently I heard interest expressed in the possibility of starting a monthly lunch time "club" for men. Obviously this would be for men who are retired or who can get away from work for lunch. As I understand it, this gathering would be for the purpose of fellowship and service to the Cathedral. If you are interested, please give Cindy Timko a phone call at the Cathedral office (654.6279) to get your name on the list of interested persons.

Parish Life Day.....for Body and Soul.....Learning to live a healthy lifestyle....

Saturday, November 21

10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown

Join parishioners from all over the diocese for a one-day event filled with workshops, activities and fun. Check out over 30 ministry and retail exhibits including chair massage, blood pressure and other health-related displays.

Workshop offerings include:

- healthy cooking
- chiropractic
- nutrition education
- chanting
- de-stress and de-clutter
- Svaroop yoga ...and more...

PLUS

- all day children's programs

You can register online at www.dioceseofdelaware.net or contact the Cathedral at (302) 654-6279. Your \$15 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is November 7.

Ministries Fair

Join us on **Sunday, October 18** following the 10:30 a.m. service as we hold our fall Ministries Fair in the Great Hall. **Adele Meredith** will coordinate this event, which highlights the variety of programs offered to young and old at the Cathedral, and through which you can become involved. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Adele at **(302) 366-1478**.

People and Places

Miriam Coverdale, mother of **Mary Ellen Knothe** died September 2. Her memorial service was held at the Cathedral on September 11.

Betty Lewis's new address: Ingleside Retirement Apartments, 1005 N. Franklin Street, Apartment, Apt. 801, Wilmington, DE, 19806.

Congratulations to **Helen Whitson** on the birth of her great granddaughter, Ariana Klein, born September 14, 2009.

Marshall Wright, younger brother of **Bishop Wayne Wright** died in mid-September in Williamsburg, Virginia.

October Birthdays

Cailin Hayes	10/3
Jan Thomas-Walker	10/3
Chris Winslow	10/6
Mary Ellen Knothe	10/7
Francis Mase	10/10
Roland Boatswain	10/12
Julia Sardo	10/12
Wally Umberger	10/14
S. Lup Jung	10/15
Issa Mase	10/15
Angel Walker	10/15
Lee Lucas	10/16
Eleanor Twardus	10/16
Mary Megee	10/19
Charles Knothe	10/20
Solomon Ezembakwe	10/21
Chemiere White	10/23
Stanley Verbit	10/25
Audra Boyd	10/25
Emily Bravo Crespo	10/27
Jack Lindsey	10/28
Jeannine Twardus	10/30
Paula Glover	10/31

October Anniversaries

Anita Manning and Nancy Huston	10/2
Tom and Ellie Hoffman	10/19
Terry and Pat Walbert	10.23

E.C.W.

The Annual E.C.W. Gathering for all women and clergy of the Diocese will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at Christ Church, Dover, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

You can attend a workshop about the Church Periodical Club and its mission to assist church Sunday schools and children in need. Or choose the workshop, "Ministry to Women in Prison/Millennium Development on Empowering Women". In the afternoon guest speaker, **Judith Gregory**, will talk about her sabbatical in Sudan. The gathering ends with Holy Eucharist. Registration is \$18, which includes a catered lunch. Childcare is available at no additional cost, however, parents are asked to provide their child's food for lunch. Deadline for registration is **October 6**.

F R E E

Delaware Housing Workshops

Worried about missing a mortgage payment? Facing foreclosure? Suspect a foreclosure scam?

Wednesday, October 7, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the New Castle County Government Gilliam Building Multi-Purpose Room, 67 Read's Way, New Castle, DE 19720

OR

Thursday, October 8. 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Carlisle Fire Company, 615 N.W. Front Street, Milford, DE 19963

Presented by the Attorney General's Mortgage Fraud Task Force, in conjunction with the Delaware State Housing Authority Office of the State Bank Commissioner.

Talk with:

- mortgage lenders-(bring your loan information and budget)
- Certified housing counselors
- Representatives from the Attorney General's Office and other agencies

Learn about:

- Government programs for homeowners including DSHA's Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (DEMAP)
- Foreclosures and foreclosure scams

For more information visit www.deforeclosurehelp.org or www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/mortgageforeclosure or call Megan Fazio at 1-800-220-5424.

Walk-ins encouraged!!

Community Healthcare Access Program (C H A P)

If you do not have your own medical provider, CHAP can help you find out if you are eligible for medical assistance. If you are not eligible, CHAP will assist you in getting a doctor who will look after your health. CHAP can provide access to a doctor for check-ups, physicals and sick visits. The CHAP program will help you get the medical attention you need at a cost you can afford.

Eligibility:

- Those without other health insurance
- Those with an annual income that meets program guidelines
- Even if you are not a U.S. Citizen, you may be eligible for CHAP.

Call 1-800-996-9969 to be referred to a Community Care Coordinator in your neighborhood who will help you apply for the program.

You may pay a reduced fee, based on your income, for services that once were too expensive

“Expressing Grief: A Festival of Healing through the Arts”

Delaware’s First Annual Grief Awareness Week celebration on **Sunday, November 8**. A free festival with art activities, grief education and resources and opportunities to commemorate those we love. To be held at Exceptional Care for Children, 11 Independence Way, Newark, 19713, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.. All ages are welcome. Questions? Contact Supporting Kidds at (302) 235-5544 or www.degac.org

CALENDAR

To see our on-line calendar of events, visit our website at
www.cathedralsaintjohn.org