From the Dean... 

“The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people from time to time about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in good health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.” (BCP 445)

The Prayer Book directive above calls me to the responsibility of occasionally reminding you of your responsibility to make provision for the proper disposal of your temporal goods when you are done with them. (You really can’t take it with you!) I am to remind you: 1. make a will (over half the people who die in this country die without a will!); 2. you should “make prudent provision” for your families—both your immediate family and your church family—in your will; and 3. review your will periodically and update it as appropriate.

As I write this article, we are in the middle of an Adult Forum class about such things—making wills, planned giving, the proper disposal of your wealth and possessions when you die. It occurred to me that by the time this newsletter is published and delivered, that the class will be all but over, and if you haven’t been

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The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

—Luke 17:5-10

(Gospel for Sunday, October 2)
provide for and support the church
people who wanted to continue to
receive gifts. The final gifts of faithful
people came from estate transfers, all the monies that have funded the annual church budget. For the most part, all the monies that have funded those endowments came from estate gifts. The final gifts of faithful people who wanted to continue to provide for and support the church and its ongoing ministry beyond their own lifetimes. Surely we all value and want the church’s work to continue after we are gone. Remembering the Cathedral in your will and helping build our endowment will help provide the means for that work.

**Some facts about giving:**

Generally speaking each generation is a little less generous toward charitable giving. Our grandparents were more generous than our parents; our parents more generous than us; our children will be less generous than we are. (While 68% of people aged 60 and older give to a church, only 58% of those between 40-59 contribute to a church, and only 36% of those between 22-39 contribute.) A strong endowment is essential for the future ministry of the church.

As the government continues to cut back on support programs for the poor and needy, more and more of the responsibility for this care will fall to the church. Future needs and ministry challenges will require a larger giving base. A strong endowment will provide a multigenerational giving base comprised of more people.

Shockers: Nationwide, the average church pledge is $849! As a percentage of household income, the average gift is about 2% of gross income! In parishes with endowments, these average numbers more than double. Generosity teaches (and inspires) generosity. A strong endowment usually increases giving.

Most church members (who earn $75,000+) give more to annual country club dues than to their church. Most church members in the same income bracket give more to their colleges than to their church. Most church members in the same income bracket leave more to schools, libraries, museums and other public charitable organizations than to their church. Considering the fact that the other institutions have a much wider base (thousands or tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of people) from which to draw, why do you think the parish church, usually with a base of only several hundred members, is one of the least remembered charities in the estate gifts of church members? A strong church endowment (and gifts to the endowment) speak to what is important to us and where our priorities and our hearts lie.

**Why make a will? / Why update and revise a will periodically?**

One half (50%) of the people who die in this country die without a will! When this happens the courts determine how your estate is to be disposed, who will get what, when and how. If you have younger children, the court will even determine where and with whom they will live, sometimes regardless of what they want or what you might have wanted for them. Wills are very important! When you have dependent children at home, it’s important that your will is in place to insure that they are cared for. You’ll want to name a guardian and reserve the bulk of your estate for your children’s welfare and support. As your children grow into adults, become wage earners themselves and are no longer in need of your financial support, you will likely want to revise and adjust your will to reflect this situation. This is the time to shift some portion of your estate from your heirs to charitable institutions, including your church, that are dependent on such gifts. As time goes on and life circumstances change, review your will to see if additional changes should be made.

If you don’t have a will, make one! If you do have a will, review it to be sure it is consistent with your desires for the disposal of your estate. If you have a will and you have not included the church as a benefactor in your estate planning, please do. Over the next 40 years, $130 trillion will pass from older Americans to younger generations!
Roughly, that’s about $2 ½ trillion in wealth that will change hands every year. It is the largest exchange of wealth from one generation to another in the history of the world. Wouldn’t it be a good thing if some of that tremendous wealth was reserved and distributed to the church and for God’s work?

We all have an opportunity to help support future ministries of the church by leaving a gift to the Cathedral Endowment Fund (a gift that will continue to provide funds in perpetuity at the rate of 5% per year of your principal gift). Please help us grow Grace Cathedral’s endowment through your final, loving and lasting gift!

Thanks for reading this LONG article. Now, please act on it!

—I’ll see you in church!

Steve+

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Come join us for our annual Stewardship Dinner on Friday, October 21. If you haven’t attended a stewardship dinner in the past several years, you don’t know the fun you’re missing! We always have a great time with good food, along with amazing entertainment by the Cathedral Players.

Please plan to join us. We need you to sign up so we’ll have an approximate headcount to help us with food preparation and seating requirements. Simply call the church office or put your name on a sign-up sheet in the Cathedral by October 16.

Childcare will be available for children 12 & younger. Please call the office to let us know if childcare will be needed.

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The space currently used as the parish hall will soon become new classrooms and offices for the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. After the first of the year, we will no longer be able to hold events in that space, but we anxiously look forward to our new main floor parish hall.

The current parish hall has been in use since Cathedral Hall was built in 1966. After fire destroyed the worship space in 1975, the “Great Hall” served as the “4th Cathedral” from December 1975 through September 1978. We did three services each Sunday to accommodate everyone in our reduced seating area. Photos in the “fire” book, written by Dean Olsen, show the sanctuary at the south end between the kitchen doors (see left photo above). The 1857 walnut altar now in All Saints’ chapel was salvaged from McClintock chapel and used during reconstruction. Church school classes each made a banner for acolytes to carry, and vases, crosses and candlesticks saved from the sacristies were used with the same Eagle lectern we have today. Before the delegate numbers grew too large, the annual diocesan convention was held in the Great Hall. Many receptions for diocesan services, weddings and funerals, classes, lectures, parish suppers (Italian Night 2013 in right photo above), and overflow seating with audio/video for major services, took place in this space over the years.
**Ground is broken for new building project**

A ground-breaking ceremony was held Sunday, Sept. 11, for a long-awaited building project that will result in a new parish hall for Grace Cathedral, new offices for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and new space for the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. A procession following the 10:30 service led clergy, parishioners and BKSM students and faculty to the site just south of the Cathedral. Dean Lipscomb; the Reverend Torey Lightcap, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Kansas; the Reverend Don Compier, Dean of BKSM; and Ed Adams, Cathedral Senior Warden helped break ground in the shape of a cross at the ceremony. It is hoped that construction will begin in October.

**DOK October meeting, Oct. 1**

Daughters of the King will meet Saturday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bubb Room. The topic of discussion will be Chapters 1-6 of *An Altar in the World*. All women of the Cathedral are invited to attend. Come get to know your sisters a little more deeply as we share our journey of faith! For more information, contact Arceile Ridgeway at 230-4272.

**Grace Bread Baking Group to hold bake sale, Oct. 23**

The Grace Bread Baking Group will hold a bake sale in the Cathedral library, October 23, at 9:30 between services, and after the 10:30 service. Proceeds will go towards purchasing supplies for bread baking. This group meets twice a month on Saturdays in the Parish Hall kitchen. If you are interested in attending and would like information, please email: deibler.michael@yahoo.com, or gwenethmcclain@gmail.com, or you can call Gwen McCain at 506-6929.

**Trunk or Treat, October 30, 2 p.m.**

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30, at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral parking lot. Car trunks decorated for the occasion will be open to pass out treats to children. Invite your children, grandchildren and neighbors for a fun fall afternoon...and adults, we need your participation too! Many neighborhood children love to come to Trunk or Treat so this is a great way for the Cathedral to reach out to our neighbors. If you would like more information, please contact the Cathedral office.

**Baptisms at Grace on Nov. 6**

The next date for Baptism is November 6, All Saints Sunday. Baptismal candidates (or their parents) must be active in this or another church, and instruction for older candidates or the parents and sponsors of younger candidates is a prerequisite to baptism. Please contact Dean Lipscomb no later than October 30.
“Silents in the Cathedral,” sponsored by the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library, is an evening of silent pictures accompanied by live music on the Cathedral organ. The event begins with two short comedy films, followed by an intermission and the “spooky” feature presentation.

SHORTS

**Do Detectives Think?** (1927)
Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy team up as detectives trying to track down a killer (Noah Young). They manage to figure out he’s going after the judge (James Finlayson) who sent him up the river and it’s going to be a pretty long and scary night before justice prevails. It will also produce one hilarious comedy short with ‘the boys’ in good form in one of their early silent gems. – 20 minutes

**The Great Pumpkin Race** (1910)
A bizarre little short film from an excellent French filmmaker. Produced in Paris for Gaumont Studios where Cohl created several early animated films. This 6-minute short film shows an impressive use of cartoon techniques for the time period.

FEATURE: **The Last Warning** (1929)
Starring Laura La Plante / Montagu Love / Roy D’Arcy; Paul Leni, Director
77 minutes - B/W

The feature film for the 19th annual “Silents in the Cathedral” is a rarely seen spooky epic from the final days of the silent era. It’s **THE LAST WARNING** featuring a great cast of suspicious characters under the direction of German emigre Paul Leni, whose 1927 ‘haunted house’ classic, **THE CAT AND THE CANARY** had been an enormous hit for Universal Pictures.

This time the setting is a haunted theater where a play is to be re-enacted so that a murder can be solved. This one is drenched with great atmosphere, creepy characters and all sorts of plot twists.

This film runs just 77 minutes and includes many riveting scenes and dramatic confrontations plus some unusual camerawork that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Organist Marvin Faulwell and percussionist Bob Keckeisen have put together another dazzling musical score for this feature and they will be playing it live at the Cathedral.

**Encourage your teenagers to participate in Youth Group.**

I am happy to see new faces in our Sunday morning Youth Group, and I want to encourage all parents to give your teenagers that extra nudge on Sunday mornings. Being part of a youth group is important for teenagers because it gives them a safe place to discuss weighty issues with peers and mentors. In an age dominated by ridicule, bullying and gossip, a youth group offers teens a positive, supportive community. It gives them a place to invite friends to interact with an important aspect of their lives. It gives them a chance to wrestle with theology and make their faith their own. Breakfast is always provided. The Youth Group meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 210.

**Upcoming Events:**

October 15, 6 p.m.: Gary’s Berries and Youth Overnight at St. David’s
We have been invited to an overnight with the youth from St. David’s. We will leave for Gary’s Berries at 6 p.m. from St. David’s. Admission will be provided but youth will need to bring spending money for food and snacks. We plan on being back at St. David’s by 9:30 p.m. for more games and fun. Please RSVP to Chris at 785-249-4009 by October 9. If you can help transport kids back and forth please let me know. Thanks.

October 28, 6 p.m.: **Silents in the Cathedral** and Youth Overnight
The youth will be selling popcorn and water again for **Silents in the Cathedral**. After we are done and everyone has gone we will play games and watch a movie. Please RSVP w/ Chris 785-249-4009 by October 23.
A little over a year ago, 42 complete strangers and I hopped on a plane bound for the Dominican Republic to begin my next adventure: 27 months as a volunteer in the Peace Corps. Armed with flashlights, books, and quick-dry pants, I had no idea what to expect.

After three months of language, cultural, and technical training in the capital of Santo Domingo, I started work as a public health volunteer in a rural community in the Eastern region of the Dominican Republic. My job as a health volunteer is all about education and changing behaviors in a way that fits the customs and resources of my community. I have two main assigned projects: a program for youth focusing on HIV/AIDS and teen pregnancy prevention; and a program for adults, which teaches basic hygiene, disease prevention, disease treatment, and nutrition. Beyond these projects, my job as a volunteer depends on what my community wants.

The first three months of my time in my community were spent interviewing different households, and asking the question, “What would make your lives here easier?” When the local women’s club expressed that women in the community lacked sources of income, I was able to use the Peace Corps’ resources to teach them how to make and sell floor-cleaning solution. Now, the women are learning how to track their expenses and budget for future projects and purchases.

A big part of my job focuses on the question of sustainability. How do I make sure the work I do can be carried on after I leave? I’ve tried to accomplish this through leadership building with my youth and women’s groups. The graduates of my youth group got together and put on a radio show in the nearby provincial capital, using the airwaves to spread what they had learned about HIV/AIDS prevention. Now they’re preparing to present in high school classrooms in the area. I’m also working with a local government organization to train community workers to continue to teach my adult health classes after I leave.

In reality, the projects I do are just a small part of the Peace Corps experience. My true job is living everyday life, learning about a new culture, and sharing some of my own. I’ve learned to shower with a bucket, kill cockroaches without batting an eyelash, and have made peace with the rat that lives in the rafters of my wooden house. Countless hours of “power sitting” in plastic chairs while sipping coffee and playing dominos have made me appreciate a slower, simpler life. I’ve come a long way since I stepped off that plane into the suffocating Caribbean heat last August. I can’t wait for the new adventures and once-in-a-lifetime experiences this next year is sure to bring.

“Adventures in Learning” at Shepherd’s Center of Topeka

Shepherd’s Center is a volunteer senior organization designed for men and women 55 years of age and older that enhances physical well-being, spiritual growth, and education. It provides an opportunity to gather with others who are eager to remain vital, informed, educated and socialized.

The 2016 Fall Session is October 7, 14, 21 and 28. Classes start at 9 a.m. and the program concludes at noon. You choose from a variety of available classes with a delicious brunch provided mid-morning between the two classes. A short music session and/or exercise session concludes the activities. The cost is $30.00 for all four Friday mornings.

Shepherd’s Center is located at Lowman Hill United Methodist Church, 4101 SW 15th St. (SW corner of 15th and Gage Blvd.). All activities are on one level of the church and easily accessible to all participants. First time guests are welcome to attend one Friday morning at no cost. Registration forms are available in the church kiosk. Call Rita Starr for more information, 232-4854, or you can learn more about Shepherd’s Center on their website: www.sherpherdscentertopeka.org.
AUGUST ATTENDANCE

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Treasurer’s Report
August 31, 2016

For the month of August, operating income was $102,655, and operating expense was $66,908, which resulted in a positive balance of $35,747.

Operating income for the year to date was $588,439, and operating expense for the year to date was $565,893, resulting in a positive balance of $22,546.

Cash in the bank checking account, per books, on August 31, 2016 was $50,224.

— Paul Smith, Treasurer

FOOD SUNDAY
October 2

Bring non-perishable food items to fill the grocery cart in the Cathedral. The food is distributed to Let’s Help and Doorstep.

October
Flower Memorials

1. John August Carlson
   Frances V. Cairl
   Leonard A. Sheafor
   Sharon Ahrens
2. Elizabeth Greer
3. Roy H. Burton
4. Merle B. Stephens
   Mary Gill Updegraff
5. Beulah B. Carlson
   Alma May George
6. John August Carlson, Jr.
   Myrle S. Furney
   Ethel Morton Mitchell
7. Mary E. Burrow
   Philadelphia Reed Ladd
8. Clarkson Millspaugh
9. Harlan R. Price
10. Willard V. Haskell
    John W. Lewis
    Blanche Mercer Taylor
11. Stanley E. Olmstead
    Elizabeth Simpson
12. Margarete Jones Snattinger
    Julia E. Zahner
13. Verna Ellen Dickerson
14. Jeanette B. Marlin
15. John Nelson Meade
    Boneita M. Wadsworth
16. Frances Crary Griest
17. Theodore R. Griest
    Wesley M. Tucker
18. Josephine Richards Snook
19. Helen McKenna Mulvane
20. John P. Davis II
    Francis Dell Moore
21. Erastus H. Crosby
    Edwin Francis Ernest
    Phyllis Crow Culliford
22. Edna H. Goss
23. Charles L. Cooke
    Oma Smith Cooke
    Theodore Tete Snattinger
24. William J. Curtis
    Willard Shaffer
25. John Macky Meade
    Robert D. Miller
    Harriet Perry & Eldon Sloan

October
BIRTHDAYS

1. Peggy Palmer
2. Jean North
   Eleanor Shipman
3. Gwen McCain
4. Deborah Barnes
5. Austin Nothern
6. Brenda Escalante
7. Catherine La Rue
8. Lynne Horne
   Margaret McGillivary
   George Pejakovich
9. John Dowell
10. Mallory Raugewitz
11. Nate Lipscomb
    Shirley Moses
12. Payge Quintana
    Mason Vosburgh
13. Adrian Horne
    Beverly Rector
14. Doyle Comfort
    Wim Gunasegaram
15. Ed Adams
    Bill Neiswanger
    Ann Tenpenny
16. Molina Quintana
    Jim Turner
17. Karla Denton
    Lynne Overman
18. Susan Weber
19. Vanessa Hill
    Roy Menninger
    Margaret Scharf
20. Mary Coldsnow
    Stephen Durrell
    Hannah Langston
    Evan McWilliams
21. Barbara Traaylor
22. Dennis Weikel

We apologize if we have missed your birthday or have incorrect information. Please call the office at 235-3457 with any corrections.
Weekly Schedule

Sunday
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion, Rite I
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School (Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m.—Children’s Chapel
10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion, Rite II

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY
The Very Reverend Steve Lipscomb, Dean
The Reverend George Pejakovich, Assistant to the Dean
Deacon Donald Chubb
Deacon Anne Flynn

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Connie Vosburgh, Office Administrator
Steve Burk, Organist/Choirmaster
Sylvia Hamilton, Maggie Burk, Assistant Organists
Alan Martin, Music Assistant
Michael Massey, Ministry Coordinator
Kathy Smith, Director of Children’s Ministries
Chris Escalante, Youth Director
Michael Godfrey, Sexton
John Barber, Security

VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL
Paul Smith, Treasurer; Phil Elwood, Chancellor
Ed Adams (Senior Warden), Deborah Barnes, Alan Johnson (Junior Warden)
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