



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Grapevine

February 2012

From the Dean

The bandwagon effect comes into play when individuals start doing something based on the proportion of others already doing so. Fads and trends start this way. It happens when I start rooting for a team only when they start winning, or when I vote for the candidate whose poll numbers are climbing the days preceding an election. Human beings often conform. We do act like sheep sometimes—following the voice of the latest, the most popular and talked about. We will often join the bandwagon.

There is a bandwagon effect taking place in the Episcopal Church today. And it is a good one. Join us in taking The Bible Challenge to read the Bible on a daily basis. That's it. In the morning, at work, on your iPhone or at the end of a day. While some individuals and whole parishes will commit to read the entire Bible in one year, cover to cover, we are going to begin by reading the entire New Testament in 2012. You can read more about The Challenge and get daily reflections at <http://thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org/>

We are starting with Matthew's gospel and will read a chapter a day, excluding Sundays, when we will enjoy hearing the Scripture read aloud in church. You are welcome to join us each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the auditorium to share our experiences of the previous chapters for the week and look ahead. If you don't have a Bible, we have plenty to distribute free. Look for the schedule in the Sunday bulletins and on the website.

Mark B. Pendleton

Souper Bowl Sunday

Before enjoying Buffalo wings on football Super Sunday, help those less fortunate by dropping loose change (or bills!) on Sunday, February 5, in soup pots at the rear of the Cathedral or in the auditorium after both services. Proceeds will support the Church Street Eats ministries providing more than 10,000 meals annually. Canned goods will also be collected for the Manna Food Pantry.

Happy Birthdays in February

Victor Brathwaite
David Carlson
Kate Dixon
Christina Dunn
Llonia Gordon
Terrence Greaves
Evan Grube
Wilbert Hales
LaTonna Hales-Francis
Sarah Higbie
Dolores Howard
Nancy Jacobs
Heather Jordan-Greaves
Dasani Karjohn
Lillian Kezerian
Marnie Mueller
Linda Murray
Lydia Pendleton
James Platts
James Romanik
Natasha Samuels
Samuel Scinto
John Spence
Win-Lin Su
Elizabeth Yebram

Update on Stewardship Campaign

As of January 24, \$192,650 has been pledged for 2012. In 2011, paid pledges amounted to \$193,891.

Average 2012 pledge - \$1,888
Median 2012 pledge - \$1,080
increased pledges - 38
decreased pledges - 16
staying the same - 32
new pledges - 15
Total received to date - 101

Midday Organ Recitals Are Back

The popular Midday Organ Recitals resume on Tuesday, February 7, with Kevin Jones playing the music of J. S. Bach. On the 14th he will play Healey Willan's masterful work, *Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue*. Guest organist Woosug Kang, director of music at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, plays a varied program on February 21. On February 28 Kevin Jones plays *Symphonie I* by Louis Vierne.

Pre-Lenten Pancake Brunch

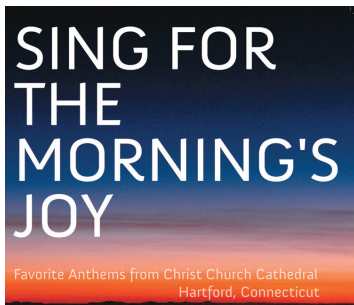
The annual Pancake Brunch will be on Sunday, February 19, at 8:45 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. following the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Donations at the door are welcomed.

Celebrate Valentine's with Jazz

The Human Race, a jazz ensemble led by Dane Scozzari, will perform a Valentine's Day Show on February 11 at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral House auditorium. The group, the Cathedral Ensemble-in-Residence, is known for its straight-ahead approach to music as well as for its modal and contemporary sounds. Vocal arrangements are a focal point of their performances. Scozzari is a graduate of the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz. Cost for the show is \$15, \$10 students/seniors at the door.

Ash Wednesday Services

The observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. One of the most important seasons of the church year, Lent invites us to take stock of our lives and relationships to discover and change as we prepare for Easter and the new life promised in the Resurrection. During Lent's 40 days, Christians traditionally take on positive actions done in the name of Christ, or give up something as a reminder of the sufferings of Christ. Ashes will be distributed at two Ash Wednesday services, noon and 6 p.m.



Cathedral Choir CD Available

The long-awaited new CD by the Cathedral Choir, *Sing for the Morning's Joy—Favorite Anthems from Christ Church Cathedral*, can be purchased in three ways: from the Gift Shop; asking a Choir Member; calling the music office at 860-527-7231, ext. 112. The CD contains 18 anthems from the liturgical year and features many favorites of the Cathedral community. \$12, including sales tax.

Learn about the Episcopal Church

To help persons new to the faith become familiar with the basic teachings of the church, the program *An Introduction to the Episcopal Church* will be held on four Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Dean's Office, Cathedral House. The dates are February 8 and 15, and March 7 and 21.

The program is open also to persons wanting to refresh their knowledge of the church.

Participants may decide to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at the Easter Vigil on April 7. Please let the Dean know if you will be attending the series: mpendleton@cccathedral.org or 860-527-7231.

Take Part in the Yes! Program for Lent

During Lent the Yes! Program will be offered to Cathedral members. Six to eight persons come together in a process called "Appreciative Inquiry." The group shares remembering how each has been blessed in life, and how these blessings can help create a positive future, living purpose-centered lives in which they can say "Yes!" to God, to neighbors and themselves.

Meetings will be at the Deanery, 118 Westerly Terrace, Hartford, for five consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 28, with a daylong Day of

Discovery on Saturday, March 10. For more information and to participate, contact our Ecumenical Associate, the Rev. Thomas Beveridge at tandoasl@yahoo.com or at 860-243-3388.

From the Register Baptisms on January 8

- Moses Izaiah Kelly, 6 months, son of Moses Kelly III and Tamika Barnett of Bloomfield; grandson of Marcia and Joslin Barnett
- Delano Romano, age 8, son of Ralph Romano and Rosalee Figueroa of East Hartford

Wedding on December 31

- Julie Marie Rossi and Tyler Matthew Stevens, of Farmington

Funerals

- December 5: Richard A. Johnson of West Palm Beach, Florida
- December 29: Phoebe Owen Spiers Urban of Hartford

Choral Evensong for February

On February 15 the Cathedral Choristers will offer Evensong at 6 p.m., a service of music and prayer that is a beautiful part of our liturgy.

February Calendar

(all events either in the Cathedral or Cathedral House unless otherwise noted)

- 5 Souper Bowl Sunday
- 6 Cathedral Crafters, 10 a.m.
- 7 Midday Organ Recital, 12:35 p.m.
- 8 An Introduction to the Episcopal Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 The Human Emotion – Valentine's Day Show
- 12 Absalom Jones Service, 4 p.m.
- 14 Midday Organ Recital, 12:35 p.m.
- 15 Choral Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 16 An Introduction to the Episcopal Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 St. Barnabas Meeting
- 19 Pancake Breakfast, 8:45 & 11:20 a.m.
- 20 President's Day – Cathedral and Office closed
- 21 Midday Organ Recital, 12:35 p.m.
- 21 Soup and Services, 5-7 p.m.
- 22 Cathedral Crafters, 10 a.m.
- 22 Ash Wednesday Services, noon and 6 p.m.
- 28 Yes! Program at Deanery



In 1762, Connecticut was still an English colony, but the dominant religion was not the Church of England. The Congregational Church, founded by the Puritans, was the established state-supported church. Other religions were frowned upon and even actively discouraged. But that didn't stop a group of Episcopalians determined to organize the first Episcopal church in Hartford. Property was purchased on what is now the northwest corner of Main and Church Streets. Stones were gathered for a foundation, but both the building lot and materials were illegally confiscated by Samuel Talcott, Jr., Congregationalist and revolutionary. It was not until 1792, after the Revolutionary War, that a cornerstone for a new sanctuary was laid by the chief mason and parish member Prince Brewster who said, "I lay this stone for the foundation of an Episcopal Church, and Sam Talcott and the gates of Hell cannot prevail against it!"

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