



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## *The Grapevine*

January 2012

### From the Dean

I recently signed up for an automated e-mail service from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastic community in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Called "Brother Give Us a Word," it is also available via Facebook and Twitter. An e-mail comes every morning on the iPhone I recently acquired after years of vowing not to purchase a so-called smartphone. Perhaps my daily e-mails from holy people will serve to redeem my routine checking of e-mails through the day. Let's hope!

A note from a brother accompanies each word. For the word "wisdom" came this from Br. Kevin Hackett: "Wisdom... has to do with the deep, bodily knowing that comes from experience—our own, of course, but more that of others, testing what we know against the collective experience of a trusted community—and that presumes a lot of consultation and listening." Other words in the week were redemption, repentance and judgment.

As we enter a new year, I invite us to imagine the words that God desires us to hear and receive. There are the words we all share for all time: "love" and "forgiveness"—and others meant for our ears right here and now: perhaps "accept" and "I know" and "you are not alone" and "blessings await."

Holy God, give us a word, your Word, to begin a New Year in hope.

Mark B. Pendleton

### Join a HomeWORDS Group

The Dean's message about words reminds us of a Cathedral program for parishioners that combines prayer, Bible readings, sociability (food!) and a "word of the day." It's the HomeWORDS Groups which meet monthly in different homes. The Parish Committee offers the program with the guidance of the Rev. Geoffrey Ward.

The concept is simple. A short service of compline opens and closes each meeting. The host selects a word for discussion, and Father Ward finds relevant Bible readings. Attendees bring finger food items. The host provides beverages.

Meetings are on a weekday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The host or someone else can be the discussion leader. At recent meetings the words discussed were "humility" and "thanksgiving."

To participate, check the sign-up sheet in the Cathedral auditorium showing the next date and the host's name. Let the host know you will attend and get directions to the home. You can be a host by signing up for a particular month. Openings are available through May.

It's a great way to meet and get to know other members of the Cathedral family. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Rich Baraglia, 860-584-5607 or

snugharbor@snet.net, or Father Ward, 860-527-7231 or gward@cccathedral.org

### Report on Soup & Services

On the third Tuesday of each month, the Cathedral offers a hot evening meal for those in need through the Hands on Hartford program. The heavy lifting of food shopping and cooking is provided by our parishioners and friends. We are thankful for the dedication and hard work in 2011 by Alexandria and Isaac Scott, Martha Carlyon, Carol Porter, Shirleyann McDonald, Beth McDonald, Melinda Robidoux, Ray Robidoux, Anne Bartholomew, Jeffrey Palmer, Richard Baraglia, Yvette Garner, Pat Wrice, Vernelle Davis, Tom Smith, Kimberly Newport, Greg Hanson, Marva Gilkes, Leslie Jones, Elisa Raney, Lois Chapman, Grace Tanner and the other "Strong Women," and representatives from the Connecticut Department of Social Services and Webster Hill School. Many of these people brought friends along to help. Through the efforts of everyone we were able to provide 800 meals. Nancy Jacobs and Anne Tranberg serve as coordinators.

To volunteer, contact Nancy at 860-231-1460 or nancy\_jacobs@comcast.net; Anne at 860-513-4147 or tranberg5@yahoo.com

250 Years



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2012 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of Christ Church as a parish. The logo, designed by Leslie Pendleton, is an adaptation of the Cathedral shield and will identify communications and events during the year.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Forum on January 15

The Rev. Harlon Dalton, Canon for Transition Ministries in the Diocese of Connecticut, will be the preacher at 10 a.m. on January 15, and will lead table conversations at the Forum afterwards in the auditorium. Guests from Church Street Eats will join parishioners that day for lunch.

Father Dalton, a former professor of law, is particularly interested in race issues and civil liberties. He describes himself as a progressive liberal and believes there is much that still needs to be done to eliminate racial friction and make for a truly equal society.

## January Calendar

- 2 Cathedral and Office closed
- 9 Crafters Meeting - 10 a.m.
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Forum  
11:30 a.m.
- 16 Cathedral and Office closed
- 17 Soup and Services - 5-7 p.m.
- 17 Cathedral Chapter Meeting
- 18 Choral Evensong - 6 p.m.
- 23 Crafters Meeting - 10 a.m.
- 29 Cathedral Annual Meeting -  
11:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead: Souper Bowl  
Sunday, February 5 - Collection of  
loose change for Church Street Eats

and non-perishable items for Manna Food Pantry.

## Dean Will Attend Meetings in Mexico

Dean Mark Pendleton will represent the Episcopal Church at a meeting January 18-22 in Tuxtepec, Mexico, of the Mexico Covenant Committee. He will also attend the synod of the Anglican Diocese of Southeastern Mexico. He has chaired the committee for several years. It is charged with monitoring the ongoing relationship with the Anglican Church of Mexico which was once a part of the Episcopal Church. The trip is funded by the national Episcopal Church.

## Welcome to Father Jay Cooke

The Rev. James (Jay) Cooke has joined the non-stipendiary staff to assist the Dean and be on the preaching rota for Sundays. He is Director of Pastoral Services at Hartford Hospital and Supervisor of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. He has held posts at Bridgeport Hospital, Yale New Haven Hospital and the Institute of Living in Hartford. He has had clerical responsibilities at St. John's Episcopal Church in Essex and St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Manchester.

## Happy Birthdays in January

Paulyna Aryee  
David Ayiku  
Connie Bain  
Richard Baraglia  
Anne Barnard  
Anne Bartholomew  
Angela Benjamin  
Wayne Benjamin  
Howard Bergman  
Kathleen Coley  
Robert Coykendall  
Barbara Drayton  
Nolan Evans  
Maureen Francis-Dunn  
Arden Giligian  
Timothy Greaves  
Donna Hales  
Kenneth Hungerford  
Antoinette Ledgister  
Michael O'Brien  
Miguel Angel Ortiz  
Leslie Pendleton  
John Scott  
Cabell Thompson  
Patricia Walker  
Gregory Woodward

## Leaders to be Elected at Annual Meeting

The Cathedral's Annual Meeting will be held January 29 after the 10 a.m. service. The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas will preside. Along with reports on stewardship, finances and other matters, elections will be held to fill the following offices:

**Clerk of the Cathedral** – 1- year term

**Parish Committee Chair** – 1- year renewable term

**Parish Committee Vice-Chair** – 1- year renewable term

**Parish Committee Member** – 2 needed for full 3-year terms, 1 for an unexpired term

**Scholarship Committee Member** – 2 for 3-year terms

The following persons are continuing in their positions:

**Parish Committee:** Nancy Jacobs, Nancy Kemmerer, Patricia Wrice, Kimberly Newport

**Finance Committee:** Rose Fichera-Eagen, Matthew Dingee

**Cathedral Scholarship Committee:** Kathy Montague, Maggie Alston Claud, Louis Ruddock

**Diocesan Convention/Deanery Delegates:** Chair of Parish Committee, Delegate; Rose Fichera-Eagen, Delegate; Evelyn Noonan, First Alternate; Amy Beveridge, Second Alternate



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