

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

Irish writer, poet, theologian, and former Roman Catholic priest John O'Donohue (1956-2008) wrote various blessing poems, many of which are gathered into *To Bless the Space Between Us: a Book of Blessings*, published in 2008. These blessings are not saccharine but recognize the fullness and ups & downs of life, as well as God's ever-present accompanying of us across our lives. Here at the beginning of a new year, I want to share with you portions from O'Donohue's poem "Beannacht: A Blessing for the New Year"

*On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you....*

*May the nourishment of the earth be
yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be
yours,
May the protection of the ancestors
be yours.*

*And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.*

As I read in the final stanza of O'Donohue's poem, I see the Holy Spirit at work, as represented as wind in so many places in the Bible and across centuries Christian thought. There is a circle of protection in this image that is not that of fierce hard armor but instead is pliable and flexible. It is focused on Love and

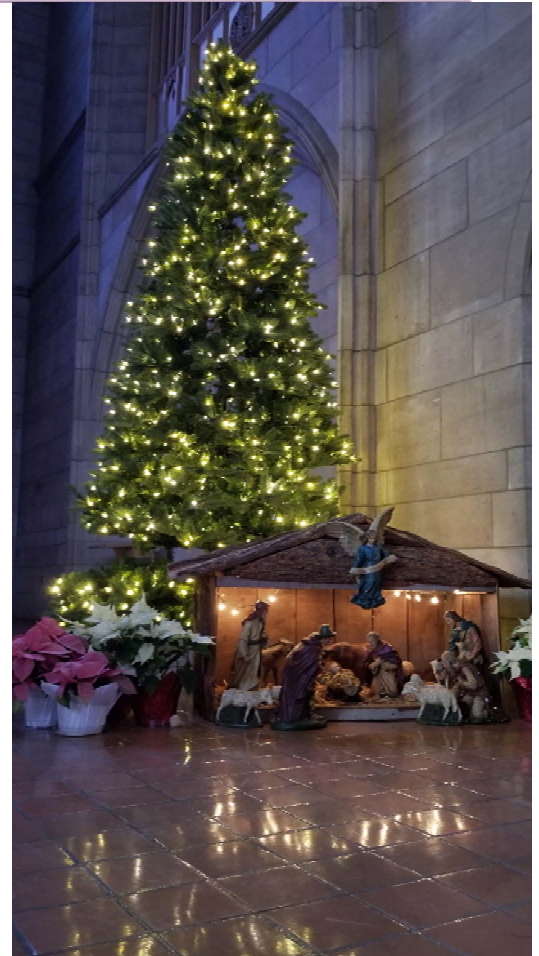
the ever-present care of that Love.

We begin 2022, this new year, in a place of hope. That hope may be tinged with weariness of these past 22 months – like the Psalmist we may say, "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?" And then answer ourselves, "But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help. I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High." (Psalm 13, v. 1, 5 – 6, BCP version)

In 2022, I look forward to seeing the continued works and gifts of the Holy Spirit at St. John's. I see these in Sunday worship in person and online, in Sunday school and adult formation opportunities, in the singing and ringing of the three Cathedral choirs, and in the ministry and work of so many committees, groups, and guilds. I look forward to welcoming Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to the Cathedral at the end of April and to rock the pulpit and raise the roof when he preaches on May 1. And I look toward the planning and preparation work beginning this year for celebrations of the various 100th anniversary moments for this Cathedral that will come as this decade continues.

With you, the people of God and family of Christ in this place and time, we trust in God's mercy, grace, and love, knowing that God surrounds us with a cloak of love.

In Christ's Peace,
Dean Heather



Chapter Recruitment

By Linda Finny, Senior Warden

As I write this, my term as Senior Warden (and on Chapter) is coming to a close. This has been a rich experience, but nothing like I had anticipated when I accepted the Dean's invitation to serve as Senior Warden in December 2019. I had several goals which all were shelved in March 2020 as everything shut down because of the Pandemic.

Clergy and Chapter had to scramble. We found ourselves walking a strange path with no map, where the route and destination kept shifting under our feet. We had to keep alert and anticipate future needs, trends, and options. We had to keep learning. We had to communicate clearly to the congregation and be open to challenges and feedback. Sometimes we were not as successful as we had wished to be, but our regard for one another and the Holy Spirit kept us moving forward together.

This is classic "adaptive leadership" as first articulated by Ronald Heifetz. I found his work very inspiring during my time as Executive Director of Leadership Spokane and have consulted it often these past couple years. (Heifetz founded the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School where he has taught for nearly four decades).

I am proud of the work the Clergy and Chapter did together as we walked this strange, bumpy, unclear road. My special thanks go to Jim Holmes, Jennifer Ogden, and Seth Robertson who are completing their terms on Chapter. Thanks to everyone on Chapter for sticking with long Zoom meetings, keeping the faith, and working together. We are not done, yet. Please join me in welcoming new members to Chapter and encouraging and supporting them and the Clergy. Please put the Annual Meeting on your calendar, 30 January. Worship at 9 am, meeting to follow. Stay tuned whether it is in-person or Zoom.

Passages

Rest in Peace

Virginia "Ginny" Majer

8/16/1924—12/24/2021

Chester "Chet" Davis

2/4/1921—1/3/2022

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 30

The 2021 Annual Meeting of St. John's Cathedral will take place on Sunday, January 30, 2022. We will gather for worship at a combined service at 9:00 am and the annual meeting will take place in the Great Hall following worship. As of this writing, we intend for the Annual Meeting to take place in person with light refreshments available and childcare provided. (If the Annual Meeting needs to be moved onto Zoom, that will be announced by January 20.)

What happens at the Annual Meeting? Together as a congregation of those at regular worship attendance and who financially supported the Cathedral in 2021, we elect lay leadership, highlight ministries, receive the 2022 budget, and consider the ministry priorities for 2022.

Two sets of lay leaders are elected by the Annual meeting: 4 new members of Chapter will be elected, as well as 7 delegates to Diocesan Convention. If you are interested in serving as a delegate to convention, which will be held at the Cathedral October 21-23, 2022, please email Dean Heather at dean@stjohns-cathedral.org or contact the Cathedral office.

Music Notes

By Andrea Olsen

Happy New Year! As we enter 2022 with continued trepidation and anxiety about safety protocols, masking guidelines, and general concern for the health and welfare of our community, I am reminded that we are called to 'make a joyful noise'. After a successful and moving Pageant with musical offerings from all our ensembles, as well as healthy participation from our congregation across the generations, it is the live goats with their joyful bleating (as if on cue) that reminded me of this. One of our jobs, as members of the music ministry, is to add to, and fill out your worship experience. As you can imagine, a lot of work goes into the preparation of the weekly anthems and special musical offerings the music ministry provides. It is our joy to come together to create our weekly

expressions of our own faith and indeed for many it is how we connect to, and worship within the service. I must share with you, however, my concerns for the continued efficacy of our hard work and preparation because very soon, I fear, you will not be able to actually hear it...Imagine a service where you can't hear the readings, the prayers, the sermon, or the choir!

Right now, from your seat in the pews, you may not realize that our cathedral sound system is on the decline. In fact, it's been on a steady decline for the past 15 years. We have been able to apply several 'band-aids' to maintain some amplification but I'm afraid the band-aid box is empty, and we are low on other triage supplies! We have managed to work around the fact that portions of the speaker array in the crossing ceiling do not work anymore. We have borrowed equipment to 'cover' our sound system shortcomings. The many microphone issues we experience are due to an outdated system which is being pushed past its capacity. Additionally, there is currently no amplification to the choir stalls because that signal is being used to support sound in the nave; this means that the choir strains to hear the readings, sermon, and prayers. In many ways, it's truly a miracle the sound system even turns on anymore, but once it no longer works, we will have no amplification whatsoever, which will particularly impact our livestream attendees. I acknowledge that a complete overhaul of the sound system is no small commitment since it has a price tag of at least \$140,000. The sound system renovation task force has been working since early 2020. Many hours have been given to researching, planning, consulting with experts, and deciding on a system that guarantees it will blend seamlessly into the architectural beauty of our space while ensuring that every pew seat is a 'good seat'.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the sound system renovation. If you have particular questions, please contact me at AndreaO@stjohns-cathedral.org or leave a message for me at the Cathedral office.

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Mike Church

Heather VanDeventer

Christmas Eve and Pageant Pictures



From the Associate

By Arlen Farley

Matthew, Mark, and Luke's gospels tell us Jesus' major teaching was something like this, "***The Kingdom of God is near.***" What's the ***kingdom of God***? Jesus says it's like a mustard seed or leaven, like a treasure discovered, like a fishing net cast in a sea teeming with life, like a king who gives a wedding feast. It seems that Jesus was talking about something different than the order of the day and undeniably better, and yet simultaneously available in his presence.

What's the relationship between the availability of the ***Kingdom of God*** Jesus announced and embodied and ***the church***?

The great ecumenical leader and Bishop of the church of South India, Leslie Newbigin, has one of my favorite protestant answers to this question. He says the Church exists in relation to the Kingdom of God as, "***sign, instrument, and foretaste.***" When the church is really being the church, it is a ***sign*** pointing at the good, eternal, and just future only God can finally bring. The church is available or ***instrumental*** to God's love and desire for creation's flourishing. And the church is a ***foretaste*** of the divine feast which is God's future.

I thought of all of this when I read Nicole Sheets reflections on the Christmas/Epiphany pageant last Sunday. "Smiling about St. John's pageant yesterday: Surely it's ***a taste of God's kingdom*** when you can show up and become a sheep, shepherd, or angel and walk through a cathedral filled with music and candles, smiling at the real-live chickens, goats, & baby Jesus. Surely, too, when you can take off your mask off long enough to eat homemade cookies and catered enchiladas while your kids smack a piñata. my 6 year old and I were angels. I was the tallest and by far the oldest, but Gabriel was the most glam and resplendent."

We give thanks for all who made the pageant this year, truly a whole congregational effort involving everyone on the staff and generations of our church - characters and musicians of all ages and collaboration from St. Nicholas Guild, Family Ministry, and Cathedral Life committee on the party. We gave thanks most to God for allowing us to ***taste*** and see the ***Kingdom of God*** again in and through the life of the church.

From the Finance Office

By Rosie Banta

Just a reminder that in addition to Bill Pay and Tithe.ly you can use your Visa / MasterCard to make payments on your Cathedral pledge. If you would like to use your Visa or MasterCard but did not complete the info on your pledge card, please contact me (838-4277 ext. 117) and I will get you started.

Please remember to pick up your new **2022** pledge envelopes from the table in the hallway leading into the Cathedral. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed. Also, please **do not use previous year's envelopes** for 2021. **Your number may not be the same and this could cause posting errors.** If you would like to use envelopes but they are not on the table, please call me.

If you need to pay the remainder of your 2021 pledge in 2022 please note on the memo line of your check that it is for 2021. Otherwise, any checks received in 2022 will be posted toward your 2021 pledge.

Please remember to write on your check what it is for so that it can be posted correctly. If you are having your pledge paid online thru your bank please make the check payable to the fund you wish it applied to i.e. "St Johns Cathedral Pledge" etc. If you have any questions, please call. Thank you ~ Rosie

Christmas Décor & Music

Many thanks to those who helped beautify the Cathedral during December! Special décor and Christmas Eve music are only possible through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral.

- Dorene Decker
- Ann Harder
- Anne Lauderbaugh, in loving memory of Josephine Brewer
- Steve & Carol Albietz-Vigus
- John & Karen Wallingford, in loving memory of Regina Manser

Cathedral Life

By Karen Byrne

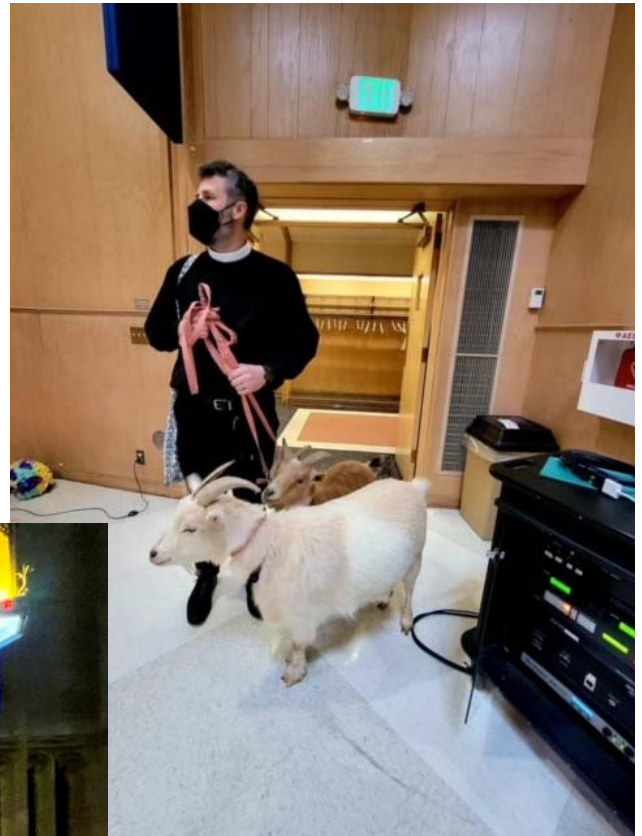
Hospitality is one of the primary jobs of the Cathedral Life committee. We welcome our members and guests to get better acquainted and share our faith and life. Coffee Hour, now that we are able to hold itw again, has proved to be a great way to get acquainted and reacquainted with our fellow worshippers. If you haven't joined us after the 10:30 service recently, please do so! Our group coordinates the help of so many groups and guilds who are able to provide for us. (A big Shout Out to St. Nicolas Guild, who provided the amazing cookies for the Epiphany Party!)

You can help, even if you are not in a group yet: How, you ask? By taking part in our PotLuck Coffee Hour, every Third Sunday! Could you bring just **one** of the following? Cookies, sweet bread, vegetables, small sandwiches, or other savory treat? Cindy Duncan, who coordinates our Coffee hour, can be reached by phone or text at 509-389-7971.. We need help on January 16. Thanks in advance for your participation. All you have to do is deliver the treats to the kitchen and we set it up!

While on the subject of hospitality, I want to thank Richie Parsons and Mbale Katumbi for their work to make our kitchen parking lot and accessible door (Guild Room Door) available and safe on Sundays. **The door is now working by touch button** and the accessible parking places are on display reserved for those who need it most. If you are able, please park in the lots behind the Deanery and White House, to save those in the kitchen lot who need to walk a shorter distance.

- Mary Ellen Mays
- Robert Stevens, in loving memory of Rev. Canon Mart K. Craft
- Janet Satre Ahrend, in loving memory of Bob Ahrend and Wendle & Jessie Satre
- Virgil & Lyn Dedas
- Stan & Cheryl McDaniel
- Andrea Olsen

Christmas Eve & Pageant Pictures



Opportunities to Serve and Share of your Time

In Worship:

The clergy seek additional people to serve as lectors, chalice bearers, and ushers during Sunday worship. These roles share with the clergy in leading and supporting worship. Training is required. Lectors, chalice bearers, greeters, and ushers serve once every 6 - 8 Sundays.

On Weekdays:

We seek a few people to be tour guides as we prepare to resume tours. Guides are people who love the Cathedral's history & architecture and who want to learn more so that you can share with the wider community. Guides serve primarily on Fridays and Sundays after worship but the schedule can be flexible.

Please contact Katie Fulkerson at secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org to volunteer or for more information.

Outreach Matters!

By Lisa Church

The Outreach Committee has voted to join Faith Action Network (fanwa.org). FAN is a multi-faith, non-profit organization through which many people and over 160 faith communities across Washington State partner for the common good. Some of the faiths represented are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Quaker, and Unitarian.

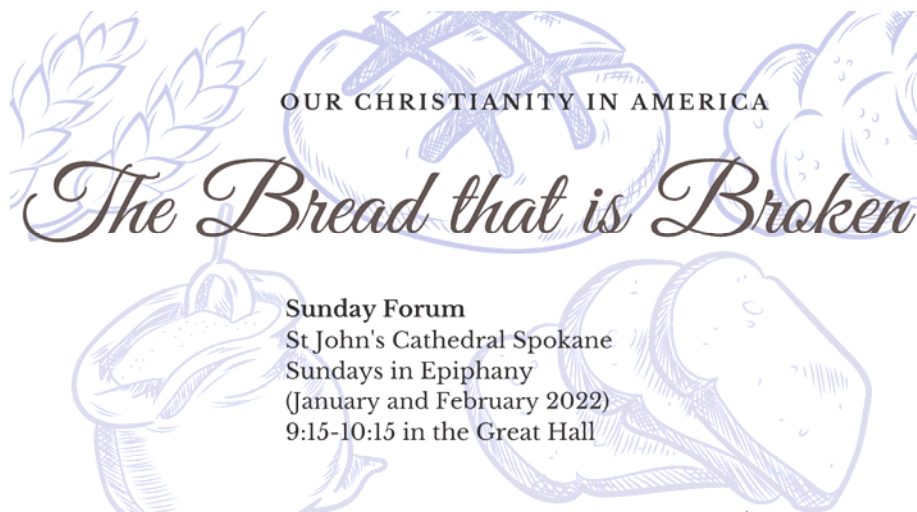
Congregations that participate in FAN join their voices with people of faith from across the state. Together, our congregations represent a powerful, moral voice for social change. Participation in FAN also provides congregations with access to FAN's wide range of advocacy resources, from education curriculum and legislative updates to advocacy training and leadership development.

Participation in FAN also allows congregations to better communicate and collaborate with other FAN congregations.

FAN depends heavily on congregations to help determine advocacy issues. Congregations are encouraged to discern issues by communicating with their local communities and reflecting on their religious traditions. FAN hosts annual summits where congregations from across the state share the issues that they have discerned. FAN has previously worked on issues related to hunger, homelessness & affordable housing, economic justice, the environment, sustainable agriculture, education, health care access, criminal justice reform, and human rights.

The Outreach Committee is planning to host a 9:15 Sunday Forum in 2022 to discuss FAN and issues important to our congregation.

Together, we are powerful voices of the faith and conscience advocating for a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world. We are excited about being a part of this exciting group!



Sunday Forum
St John's Cathedral Spokane
Sundays in Epiphany
(January and February 2022)
9:15-10:15 in the Great Hall

Sunday Forum Continues

By Katherine Karr-Cornejo

The Bread that is Broken
Our Christianity in America
Sunday Forum in January and February
'Join us for Sunday Forum in 2022!
Open to all teenagers and adults, we
meet in the **Great Hall from 9:15-10:15 AM on Sunday** mornings.
'Beginning on January 9 we embark on
a new series: **The Bread that is Broken: Our Christianity in America**. Grounding ourselves in Scripture, we will explore the intersections of our culture in the

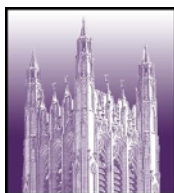
United States in the 21st century, the practices of the church, and the mandates of our faith. How do we live as God's people, One Body, in a culture that prizes the individual? What does our expression of Christianity, the Way of Love, contribute to or challenge our culture? How do we grow in our knowledge and love of God in this time and in this place? All are welcome as we focus on topics such as boundaries, hospitality, leadership, stewardship, success, and more. Our conversations will be richer with your presence.

'This series runs January 9-February 27, but will not meet the Sunday of the Annual Meeting (January 30).

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts to the Tree of Sharing and the Simple Gifts at the Pageant! It is a delight for us to deliver this abundance to our community partners at Our Place, Cup of Cool Water, Crosswalk Teen Shelter, Shalom Ministries, Daybreak Teen Youth Services and Family Promise. Your donations to the Novak Foundation in Nepal are much appreciated as well.

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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

Office Closures

The Cathedral offices will be closed January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Windfall

The Windfall is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with regular hours: Thursday and Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday noon-5pm. Come visit us at 1024 S. Perry. Donations are currently being accepted at the store during business hours.

If you are able, please volunteer: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Sock It to Spokane

We invite you to donate new socks for those in need. There are baskets in the Welcome Center and Cathedral in which to place your sock donations. A pair of new socks is a precious gift to someone living on the streets!

Pastoral Care

Do you have a pastoral care concern? Contact the clergy staff, 509-838-4277.

Moving? New phone number?
Let the office know:
rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org

Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(Guild Room)

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The deadline for the February *Chimes* is **Friday, January 21**
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