



# ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION

After months of planning and much work by staff and member volunteers, the dramatic, large, high-profile, international art show by acclaimed abstract expressionist Ludmila Pawlowska will see the light of day in Cincinnati, come Friday, May 6. That is the opening night reception for this truly extraordinary exhibit.

Christ Church Cathedral expects to open its doors to hundreds and hundreds of art lovers and spiritual seekers during the show's two-month run – thanks to support from the Diocese of Southern Ohio (and media sponsor *CityBeat*). Worship services will continue as usual during this time, but with art throughout the nave – a first in this space – as well as elsewhere throughout the church complex, the feel will be different, perhaps richer.

As the artist explains, “Praying with icons is an ancient prayer practice that involves keeping our eyes wide open, taking into our heart what the image visually communicates. We focus not on what is seen in the icon, but rather on what is seen through it – the love of God expressed through it. This is prayer without words, with a focus on being in God’s presence rather than performing in God’s presence. It is a right-brain experience of touching and feeling what is holy – divine mystery. Icons are not simply art; they are a way into contemplative prayer, and are therefore one way to let God speak to us. They are doorways into stillness, into closeness with God. If we sit with them long enough, we too can enter into the stillness and if we listen to them closely enough, with our hearts, we just may discern the voice of God.”

Three special evenings are planned around this exhibit that drew crowds to the cathedrals of Europe. Each evening will include a recital with a Russian theme, guided tours and a reception. The opening and closing nights will also be an opportunity to meet the artist. Bishop Thomas Breidenthal will join a panel discussion on spirituality and the arts for the remaining night.

Mike Phillips and Priscilla Dunn spearheaded the effort that is bringing the art to Cincinnati. The exhibit will include as many as 180 pieces of the artist’s work, plus a collection of 24 traditional icons made by contemporary artists at monasteries in Russia. A portion of sales of any art and voluntary donations will go to the YWCA for a program that benefits girls who are at-risk. More details, including the remarkable life story of the artist, can be found at [christchurchcincinnati.org/icons](http://christchurchcincinnati.org/icons).



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Friday, May 6, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

Opening night. Activities to include: Reception with the artist, a recital by World Piano Competition winner Ilya Yakushev (6:00 p.m.) and guided tours.

*Friday, May 27, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

Bishop Thomas Breidenthal joins a panel discussion on spirituality and art. Other activities to include a performance by bass-baritone Timothy Bruno singing Russian vocal music (6:00 p.m.) and guided tours.

*Friday, June 24, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

Closing night. Activities to include: Reception with the artist, a recital (6:00 p.m.) and guided tours.

### Regular Exhibit Hours

Monday through Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

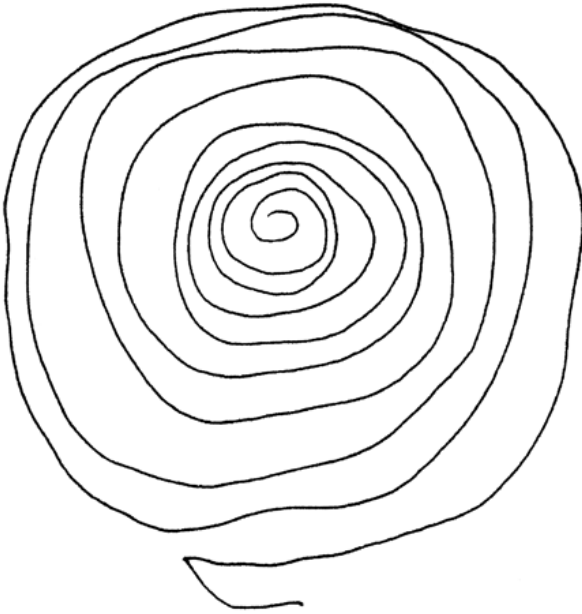
May 6 through June 24

*Special tours by appointment: Call 513.621.1817.*

Be a part of it all ... Volunteer! There are jobs throughout the show run that use all kinds of skills. Contact Priscilla Dunn at [mdphd@zoomtown.com](mailto:mdphd@zoomtown.com) or Mike Phillips at [nkymikephillips@gmail.com](mailto:nkymikephillips@gmail.com) to see how you can contribute.

# from the interim dean

## WHICH WAY AM I GOING?



Sometimes life is like an optical illusion! Am I falling down into the spiral – going down the tube? Or, am I coming out of the spiral – rising out of the deep?

Maybe, like me, you find yourself sometimes saying things like: “I don’t know whether I’m coming or going.” “Honestly, I don’t know which way is up!” “I feel like I’m just going around in circles.” Well, the one fact I can share with you is that we are not alone. Most of us have experiences of feeling overwhelmed. The other day, someone said to me “I am overwhelmed with all of this.” Many of you know that I am entranced by the history of words, so it’s not surprising to learn that I then began to wonder where the word “overwhelm” came from. The root word from Old English and Old German is helm, meaning the handle on the rudder of a sailing vessel. So it means that this way of guiding the ship is turned over or upside down, making the rudder useless.

But not to fear! These are all Easter statements! If you remember, the first words

Jesus said to his friends after the resurrection was, “Don’t be afraid!” So let’s take him at his word. Let’s not be afraid when we are aware we are no longer in control, or do not have all the answers, or are unable to fix it ourselves.

THE FIRST EASTER WAS NOT AN ALLELUIA DAY! They did not burst into song with the hymn “Welcome, Happy Morning.” For the followers of Jesus, those fifty days from Easter until Pentecost were days of not knowing where they were going, or what it all meant. Remember how the disciples locked themselves in because they were afraid? And it appears in the Scripture stories that at least some of that confusion lasted until that famous day when the Spirit gave them the grace to understand what it was really all about. We’re not much different than they were.

I know that there have been times when I have locked myself in because I was afraid. But looking back on those times, I also know that each time I have either been moved to unlock the door or someone just came right through it with good news for me. And sometimes even the good news was unbelievable and took me a time to absorb. Like Thomas, I had to really touch the truth and experience it for myself (no one else’s word would be convincing) before I could believe it.

So I invite you to join me in celebrating these fifty days of Easter by reflecting on times in our lives when we have been like a rudderless child on the sea of life, when we might have locked ourselves in with fear, or felt like just giving up. The Good News is that even as we go down the tube, we will also rise out of the deep. That is the Easter Promise. The Good News is that the wind is coming to blow away the clouds of fear, and like the sun, we’re gonna’ rise tomorrow. Tomorrow, tomorrow – it’s only a Pentecost Day away.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pent'.



## Coalition on Human Rights buys sun ovens

The Christ Church Cathedral Coalition on Human Rights, through its Nikah Project, is helping Haitian families struggling to put their lives back together after the devastating 2010 earthquake. With the support of Bishop Tom Breidenthal and Interim Dean Ron DelBene, the coalition raised \$3,000 for the purchase of 30 Global Sun Ovens. But thanks to matching funds provided by the manufacturer, Sun Ovens International, an additional 30 ovens were added to the April shipment. Each oven includes two cooking pots and a Water Pasteurization Indicator (WAPI). The manufacturer's nonprofit partner, Friends of Haiti Organization, covered the shipping costs and custom fees.

In addition, the coalition partnered with International Medical Corps for a health, sanitation and water project, also in Haiti. The coalition donated \$2,000 for this basic public health initiative. Curt Bubel served as the reviewer of IMC proposal.

Another \$2,000 has been earmarked for the purchase of a Villager Sun Oven that will serve 500 students at Haiti's Foyer de Sion orphanage.

Donations were collected at Cincinnati's 2010 Black Family Reunion for this effort. The following organizations and individuals also made contributions:

Herbert J. Allen  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
American Medical Supply of Loveland  
Howard Bond & Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity  
Dianne Butler  
Chemed Corporation Foundation  
Paul C. Davis  
Havaco West Virginia Group  
Orlando Henderson  
George E. Jones, Jr.  
Marjorie Koch  
Mary Kathryn Mank  
Volney E. McFarlin, Jr.  
Thomas Phillips  
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati  
Michael Weisensel, Esq.  
Charles Whitehead  
Sharon Williams

### *A report to the congregation: Strategic planning work begins*

At the 2011 annual meeting of Christ Church Cathedral, Interim Dean Ron DelBene informed the congregation about the strategic planning process that the Vestry was beginning. This report will bring you up-to-date on the most recent developments.

The Strategic Planning Committee met for its initial work session on April 6. This session lasted four and a half hours and included very honest and open dialogue.

Since the meeting, an effort is now underway on drafting both a succinct mission statement for the cathedral, as well as a one-sentence objective statement that defines success for the congregation over the next three-year planning period. These are the prescribed first steps to building a One Page Strategic Plan for our parish.

The committee also completed an initial Strength/Weakness/Opportunities/Threats assessment (known as SWOT), which will guide upcoming work on which strategic priorities will best fulfill the desired successes.

There are three more sessions scheduled. Session two (another four-hour plus meeting scheduled for May 4) is where we will finalize the objective statement and identify the five strategies we believe we should focus on over the next three years.

We will continue to keep you updated as we continue to move through the strategic planning process over the next three months.

*– Chuck Harris, Senior Warden*

# cathedral faith

## The Gift of Flowers

Each week, those who come to Christ Church Cathedral to pray are graced with the sight of beautiful flowers artistically arranged. These arrangements, thanks to the cathedral's Flower Guild and its contributors, are a visual gift to all that see them as much as they are a gift to God. Members of the Flower Guild consider it a privilege to serve in this manner.



You, too, can be an important part of this ministry, without having to clip stems or insert flowers into a vase. Your donation can sponsor one of the various arrangements found throughout the cathedral each week. This is a lovely way to memorialize or honor loved ones, celebrate significant life events or simply express gratitude for the blessings of life.

Joan Gregorich, the guild's donor coordinator, would be glad to assist you when you make your donation. You can select the Sunday you wish to make a donation and its purpose. She will see that your request is carried out and noted for the cathedral members.

To make a donation, call Joan at 513.381.2081, or go online ([christchurchcincinnati.org/flowers](http://christchurchcincinnati.org/flowers)) and use a credit card.

### SUNDAY SEMINARS

#### **Today's Bible Readings**

*Sundays, 9:00 a.m.*

Explore the history, theology and relevance of the scripture readings for the day.

#### **Seminar with the Interim Dean**

*Sunday, May 8, 11:30 a.m.*

#### **Icons in Transformation**

*Sunday, May 15, 11:30 a.m.*

Ruth Meyer, art historian, will speak about the history of the early Christian and Byzantine icons and their relationship to Russian icon painters.

### SUNDAY

May 22, 10:00 a.m.

The youth of Christ Church Cathedral will be sharing their ministry gifts with the congregation during this annual worship service.



### WORSHIP

#### **Choral Evensong**

*Sunday, April 3, 5:00 p.m.*

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir will sing this service.

### CONCERTS

#### **Music Live at Lunch**

*Tuesdays, 12:10 p.m.*

All performances are in Centennial Chapel unless otherwise listed as being in the cathedral nave.

*May 3:* Della Enns, pianist & composer

*May 10:* Bryan Mock, organ (nave)

*May 17:* Rick Arnest, composer

*May 24:* Apollo's Cabinet

*May 31:* The Prevailing Winds Woodwind Quintet of Ohio

#### **The British Cathedral Music Explosion**

*Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.*

A concert by the Cincinnati Vocal Arts Ensemble; organist Christina Haan will be the accompanist. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 students) and may be purchased at [vaecinci.org/tickets](http://vaecinci.org/tickets) or by calling 513.559.0000.

#### **Organ Recitals on Third Sundays**

*Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m.*

Stephan Casurella, director of music, Christ Church Cathedral will perform. This series is presented in collaboration with the Cincinnati chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



#### **Special Event**

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir will join forces with the Xavier University Choir to perform with Jean-Baptiste Robin at the Cincinnati Museum Center on Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is offered as part of the museum center's organ series. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased at [cincymuseum.org](http://cincymuseum.org) or by calling 513.287.7000.

### FAITH, FRIENDS & POPCORN

*Friday, 7:00 p.m., Forum Room*

See a movie that explores a concept of faith.

Talk about it. Eat popcorn. All free.



*May 13*

*Bridge Over the River Kwai (1957), directed by David Lean:*

After settling his differences with a Japanese POW camp commander, a British colonel cooperates to oversee his men's construction of a railway bridge for their captors – oblivious to a plan by the Allies to destroy it. Often named as one of the top films of all time.

# cathedral action



The \$20 Hunger Walk registration fee buys 100 lbs. of food.

## Hunger walk

Cooperation and collaboration is one way to fight hunger, as the 5000 Club of Christ Church Cathedral has discovered. While the products from Cincinnati's FreestoreFoodbank are not completely appropriate for 5000 Club meals, the cathedral's downtown neighbor, Nast Trinity United Methodist Church, uses over 7,500 pounds of food annually from the FSFB for its Over-the-Rhine ministry. The Madisonville Education & Assistance Center uses far more than this for its food pantry that serves over 150 families each week. In 2010, for example, it purchased 124,943 pounds of food from the FSFB

So the 5000 Club is partnering with Nast Trinity and MEAC for Cincinnati's 2011 Hunger Walk & 5K Race to help both organizations earn credits that can be used for the purchase of food from FSFB, which sponsors the annual event. The Hunger Walk takes place on Memorial Day each year. This year, the 8th annual walk will be on Monday, May 30.

As 5000 Club coordinator Mark Sackett explains, "We will march, walk, run, skip, jump and crawl, on Memorial Day, to raise money for credits for Nast Trinity and MEAC. They in turn can use these credits to purchase food from the Foodbank. Each \$20 registration fee or supporting donation will provide enough credits for 78 meals at an agency pantry – that's 100 pounds of food!"

For details on how you can join in by participating or simply supporting the Hunger Walk, go to [christchurchcincinnati.org/5000club](http://christchurchcincinnati.org/5000club).

## COMMUNITY ISSUES FORUM

Discuss topics of civic interest with Cincinnati leaders.

Alternate Thursdays at noon

This month's dates: May 12 & 26

Purchase lunch for \$5.00 or bring your own. To see videos of past forums, go to [www.airinc.org](http://www.airinc.org).

## The Plumb Line Ministry

*Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel ..." – Amos 7:8*

Over the past two decades, the Plumb Line ministry of Christ Church Cathedral has provided rental assistance, on a one-time emergency basis, to approximately 370 people each year. It is one of the largest providers of rental assistance in Hamilton County, staffed entirely by volunteers.

Before taking action to help a client, Plumb Line volunteers consider the cathedral funds at their disposal, any funds other agencies may be able to contribute and other resources the client may be able to provide. The goal is to close the gap between what a client can provide and what is needed to move the client to a sustainable position.



Toni Grate points to a monthly schedule of meetings with clients.

The Plumb Line volunteers give additional referrals to clients when possible and as needed, as well as provide food and personal items that have been contributed by members of the congregation. During the month of May, the ministry is seeking donations of canned fruits and vegetables. Please leave your donations in the basket outside the Plumb Line office. Thank you.

*This article is the third in a five-part series that looks at the ministry and how it functions. – Editor*

# cathedral community

## Church picnic

The Membership Committee of Christ Church Cathedral will once again weave a summer spell of good food, fun and fellowship at the annual picnic on Sunday, May 22, at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the celebration of Youth Sunday. As has become the tradition, the picnic will be held in the Bishop's Garden, spilling out onto Sycamore Street, which will be closed for the occasion. Wizards at the grill will be serving up the best of cookout fare, all complemented with tables laden with delicious side dishes. There are even rumors of a return of last year's successful pie tasting contest.

Lively music. Fun games. Children's laughter. It will all be part of the magic as the cathedral congregation says hello to summer. Want to help pull this event off? Contact Bertie Ray at [bertie @ switchcollection.com](mailto:bertie@switchcollection.com) to volunteer.

## PARISH *Life*

The Easter Vigil at Christ Church Cathedral was a particularly blessed event with the baptism, confirmation and reception of 13 members of the congregation. We rejoice over the baptism of Jaynes Anuforo, Xavier Coach, Caroline Joyce Thaler and Ronan McLeod Thaler; the confirmation of Albert Black, Donna Adair Breault and Robert P. Shanklin; the reception of Rick A. Breault, Linda Gossman, Carl Farland Harbour II, Jane Ellen Harbour and Kenneth H. Richards; and the reaffirmation of Charles Ellman.

In addition, we warmly welcome new members Charles Ellman, Rusty Lockett and Michael Thompson. And we grieve over the deaths of members Terry Murphy and Norma Grimm.

## PARKING NEWS

With the completion of the Queen City Square garage, the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral voted not to renew its lease agreement with the Queen City Club for parking on Sundays, as of June 1. Instead, Sunday worshipers and concert-goers can simply pull into the new garage directly across from the cathedral and find plenty of safe, convenient, "under cover" parking.

The cathedral will continue to issue vouchers at the church reception desk to cover the cost of parking during Sunday services.

## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Camping and Youth Opportunities Committee at Christ Church Cathedral is accepting applications for its annual college scholarship awards. These scholarships are based on need, merit and service, and are awarded only to those attending an accredited educational institution. Any young person who has been confirmed and who actively participates in the life of the congregation is eligible to apply. The applicant may be either beginning or continuing post secondary studies.

Additional information and applications are available at the cathedral reception desk. The application deadline is noon on June 1, 2011. For more information, contact Denis Murphy at [denismurphy@fuse.net](mailto:denismurphy@fuse.net).

## HONORING GRADS

Each year, Christ Church Cathedral honors its members who are graduating from high school, college or a graduate program by recognizing their achievements and sharing their future plans in the June issue of the *Cathedral Tower*. If you or your son or daughter is graduating this spring or summer, please send the name and age of the graduate with a photo, along with the school name, the diploma or field of study, any honors and future plans, to Canon Nancy Jones at [njones@cccath.org](mailto:njones@cccath.org) (or care of the cathedral) by Monday, May 9.

consamphotos.com



# NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL NEWS

## Cathedral hosts Visioning Conference

On April 4-7, Christ Church Cathedral hosted the first Visioning Conference meeting of the Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries of the Episcopal Church as it relates to the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (D035), which was adopted at the Church's 2009 General Convention. The Doctrine of Discovery served as the foundation for the mistreatment of Native Americans during the United States' formative years and led to the social injustice inequities that continue to this day. The repudiation was the first step toward reconciliation and healing from the colonial marginalization of indigenous peoples around the world, policies in which the Church was a partner.

The purpose of the meeting in April was to begin the process of determining the best way to move forward on the repudiation, as well as an additional resolution (A155), which called for "establishing programs for the alleviation of domestic poverty."

The meeting was co-funded by the Native American Council of Christ Church Cathedral and the Native American/Indigenous Ministries for the Episcopal Church.

wangnews.net



The Executive Committee of the Council of Indigenous Ministries of the Episcopal Church met at the cathedral in April.

### Friends of Navajoland Mission Trip

The Rev. Paul Daggett, of Trinity Episcopal Church in Hamilton, Ohio, is inviting members of Christ Church Cathedral to participate in a mission trip to Navajoland this summer. The trip is sponsored by the Friends of Navajoland, a group of Episcopal churches that have been active in an outreach ministry in Monument Valley on the Arizona and Utah border for 15 years. Their ministry, which includes Vacation Bible School and home repair projects, is highly respected.

The mission trips are scheduled for July 23-30 and July 30-August 6. The cathedral will be able to send up to ten people each week. Participants will stay at the rectory of St. Mary of the Moonlight Episcopal Church in Oljato, Utah. The rectory has running water, but no air conditioning – and there are only a few bathrooms.

Members interested in participating must pay their own travel expenses and contribute \$100 to the FONL, which is supplying room and board. Scholarships are available through the cathedral's Native American Council. Members must be 14 years of age to apply. The deadline for applications is June 15. For additional information, contact Bob Shawver at rshawver1@yahoo.com.

### CONTACT US!

Christ Church Cathedral  
318 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202-4202  
513.621.1817

The Very Rev. Ronald N. DelBene, Interim Dean;  
513.842.2050; rdelbene@cccath.org

Mr. Mark Priest, Cathedral Administrator;  
513.842.2056; mpriest@cccath.org

Ms. Barbara Lyghtel Rohrer, Communications  
Manager Consultant; Editor, *The Cathedral Tower*;  
513.528.2290; rohrer@fuse.net

*The Cathedral Tower* is published by Christ Church Cathedral © 2011 Christ Church Cathedral. All rights reserved. **Deadline for submission of information for the June issue is May 16.**

### LIBRARY DONATION

The Native American Council of Christ Church Cathedral has donated a collection of new books on Native Americans, their culture, religion and rights to the church library. The titles include:

*Behind the Trail of Broken Tears: An Indian Declaration of Independence*  
*Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*  
*God is Red: A Native View of Religion*  
*If It Takes a Village*  
*IndiVisble: African-Native American Lives in the Americas*  
*Last Standing Woman*  
*Mankiller: A Chief and Her People*  
*Mediations with the Navajo*  
*Tales of the North American Indians*  
*The Book of the Navajo*  
*The Rights of Indians and Tribes: The Authoritative ACLU Guide*  
*Wisdomkeepers: Meetings with Native American Spiritual Elders*

The books are located on the freestanding shelves under the weaving loom near the center of the library. Any of the titles may be checked out by members of the congregation for two weeks.



# Christ Church Cathedral

318 EAST FOURTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202-4299

## calendar

5.2011

at the cathedral

[www.christchurchcincinnati.org](http://www.christchurchcincinnati.org)

THE CATHEDRAL & CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30.

### WORSHIP

#### Holy Communion

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:10 p.m.

#### Evening Prayer

Tuesdays, 4:40 p.m.

#### Service of Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 1, 5:00 p.m.

#### Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.

### SEMINARS, DISCUSSIONS & FORUMS

#### Today's Bible Readings

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

#### Men's Bible study

Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.

#### Dean's Monthly Seminar

Sunday, May 8, 11:30 a.m.

#### Community Issues Forum

Thursdays, May 12 & 26, noon

### Films on Fridays

Friday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

### Icons in Transformation Seminar

Sunday, May 15, 11:30 a.m.

### CHILDREN

#### Weaving the Promises of The Good Shepherd

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

#### Parent Retreat

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

### YOUTH

#### Teen Bible Study

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

#### Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.

### MUSIC & THE ARTS

#### Music Live at Lunch

Tuesdays, 12:10 p.m.

#### Cathedral Tour

Sunday, May 1, 11:30 a.m.

### Vocal Arts Ensemble Concert

Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

### Organ Recital

Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m.

### Icons in Transformation

Exhibit opening with reception

Friday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.

Reception & discussion with Bishop

Friday, May 27, 5:00 p.m.

### OUTREACH & SERVICE

#### 5000 Club community suppers

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.

#### Cathedral night at the Drop-Inn Center

Monday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

### COMMUNITY

#### Church Picnic

Sunday, May 22, 11:30 a.m.