

JUNE 2011

# THE CATHEDRAL

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## WELCOME TO SUMMER

The Membership Committee of Christ Church Cathedral wove a summer spell of good food, fun and fellowship at the annual parish picnic on Sunday, May 22. Photos courtesy of consanphotos.com and wangnews.net.



# from the interim dean

## Pentecost is coming.

Basic to the Jewish year were pilgrimage feasts. Two of those feasts were Passover and Pentecost. The early Christians continued to keep the feasts of their ancestors, but brought new meaning to them in light of Jesus. For the Hebrew community, Passover commemorated the slaying of the first born, the exodus from Egypt and the entrance into the Promised Land. It was natural for the early followers of Jesus to see him as the first born, exiting from death into the new promised land, the life of Resurrection, and hence our celebration of Easter. The Jewish week moved toward the last day of the week, the Sabbath, in remembrance of God's "resting day" after creation. The Christian week was organized around the first day of the week, honoring the first day of creation, the day of light, the day of Jesus' Resurrection and the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For the Hebrew community, the offering of barley after the Passover inaugurated the seven weeks of harvest culminating in the feast of Pentecost, which commemorated God giving the law to Moses and making a special covenant with Israel. The early Christians came to see this feast as celebrating the new law of love in Jesus and the making of a new covenant with the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the group assembled in the Upper Room.

Historically, this fifty-day period of time beginning at the baptismal Vigil of Easter and culminating with Pentecost came to be called the Great Fifty Days. Their focus was to celebrate the new life in Jesus through his death and resurrection, and the new life of those newly baptized into the church. Pentecost then remembered the "birth" of the church going forth

into the "harvest." Eventually the color red was associated with Pentecost signifying the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit. Red vestments and hangings began to be used. That custom grew so that not only the altar area and priest's vestments would be red but also the entire congregation would wear something red.

This Pentecost, June 12, will be a time to remember again that great "fiery ministry" of the disciples witnessing openly after having been locked in a room for a week for fear of being associated with Jesus. A wonderful power moved them from *scared* into the *sacred*. Let us also remember our ancestors here at Christ Church Cathedral who felt the Holy Spirit in their lives and who went into the harvest in ministry to one

another's needs and to this city's many needs. Their presence and passion are what birthed this sacred space and their ministry to proclaim the gospel to the people of the city. I invite you to personally remember those individuals from our past who are witnesses to you. You see the plaques and hear the names of a few but there are many more, perhaps nameless to us now, who tutored, nursed, clothed, fed and worked for justice in people's lives.

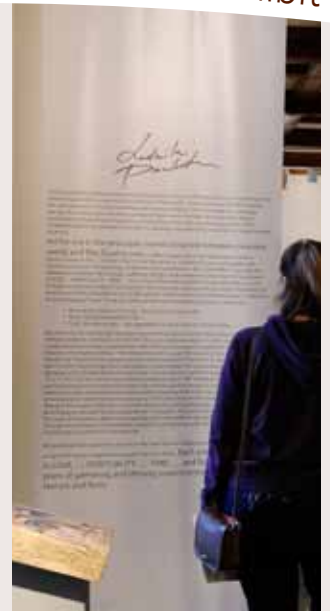
On this Pentecost Sunday, I also invite you to take some time and look around the congregation that gathers here week by week. We are the new ancestors for the future. How is this Spirit-fire alive in your life? We all are being called to move again from *scared* (keeping ourselves "locked" in our secure space) to a new understanding and action of the *sacred* (renewing our willingness to be called ministers of God by all who see our work). Start thinking now about what red clothing you will wear to church to celebrate that same Holy Spirit in our midst today.



A wonderful power moved them  
from *scared* into the *sacred*.



Scene at the cathedral: The opening reception of *Icons in Transformation* exhibit



Photos courtesy of image after photo.

## Summer recital closes *Icons* exhibit

An evening reception marking the end of Christ Church Cathedral's two-month run of the *Icons in Transformation* exhibit will be held on Friday, June 24. The reception will feature a recital by soprano Meghan Tarkington and pianist Elena Kholodova. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Patrons are welcome to come earlier to see the dramatic works of art by acclaimed abstract expressionist Ludmila Pawlowska. The doors open at 5:00 p.m.



**About Meghan Tarkington:** While studying at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, Meghan Tarkington appeared in Britten's *The Turn of the Screw* and Mozart's *le nozze di Figaro*. This summer she will play Papagena in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.



**About Elena Kholodova:** Russian-born Elena Kholodova won her first international solo competition at age 13. In 2005, she received the honor of "best accompanist." She has performed concerts in Russia and abroad. Since 2009, she has been playing recitals in United States.



### SPECIAL CONCERTS

A Celebration of Choral Music  
Sunday, June 5, 5:00 p.m.

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir will be joined by the Tour Choir of the Cincinnati Boychoir to present a concert of music spanning four centuries, various countries (including England, Germany, Russia, America), and a range of styles (including jazz and spirituals). Free admission; free-will offering to benefit a local charity.

# cathedral faith

## Choral scholars

Applications for Christ Church Cathedral's High School Choral Scholar program have been extended to June 15. The program is an opportunity for young choristers from high schools throughout the greater Cincinnati area to join the cathedral choir as apprentices. Successful applicants will receive intensive training in the art of fine choral singing so that they may begin the process of learning to perform at a professional level. They learn a wide range of repertoire, such as works by Tallis, Brahms and Howells, as well as spirituals and music of other cultures. For their efforts, they will be compensated with a monthly stipend of \$125 throughout the academic year.

Choral scholars will participate in all the duties of the cathedral choir. This will include the Thursday evening rehearsals, the Sunday morning Eucharist, monthly choral evensong, observances of holy days such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, as well as other liturgies or concerts as assigned by the cathedral.

To apply for a choral scholar appointment, a student will need to submit an application form available on-line ([www.christchurchcincinnati.org/music/choralscholars](http://www.christchurchcincinnati.org/music/choralscholars)); an essay explaining why he or she is interested in the choral scholar program; and three letters of reference. One letter needs to be from a music teacher describing the student's abilities as a musician. The other two letters need to be from other teachers, members of the clergy or community leaders describing the student's personal qualities, such as maturity, responsibility and social skills.

Applications should be mailed to Christ Church Cathedral, Attn: Stephan Casurella, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-4299. Student scholars will begin their duties in September. For more information, contact Stephan at 513.842.2065 or [scasurella@cccath.org](mailto:scasurella@cccath.org).

## Easter Vigil

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The Easter Vigil at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, April 23, was a glorious celebration.

## Young chorister earns award

Julia Duell, a chorister in the Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls, has earned the White Level award through her training



under the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life curriculum. The RSCM is an international, ecumenical organization dedicated to promoting effective and inspiring music-making in worship and in the wider community.

The choir is open to any child age 7-11 (grade 2-6). Children sing at the cathedral four to five times per year, so participation does not interfere with a child's active engagement with his or her own parish. For more information, contact Stephan Casurella at 513.842.2065 or [scasurella@cccath.org](mailto:scasurella@cccath.org).



### CATHEDRAL IN THE PARK

Worship in the beauty of Mt. Echo Park at the Two Chimney Shelter. Bring a picnic. Share in fellowship after the service. The park is located at 381 Elberon Avenue in Price Hill.

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
June 19, July 17, August 21

# cathedral action



## Mission in Honduras

Slocomb Reed, director of youth ministries of Christ Church Cathedral, will be joining members of other Cincinnati area Episcopal churches traveling to Honduras this summer for a mission trip. The group will be working with students living at El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza (The Home of Love and Hope), a home for 250 abandoned, orphaned or hopelessly poor children. The orphanage is part of El Hogar Projects, which includes a farm and agricultural school, and is located in the rural area outside the capital city of Tegucigalpa.



A student at El Hogar.

Founded in 1979 by the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras, El Hogar provides a loving home and an education in a Christian environment so that children may grow to fulfill their potential and live productive lives.

“I feel especially called to serve our neighbors in Latin America,” says Slocomb who is fluent in Spanish. He will serve as the group’s translator. “I want to use my talents to express God’s love and

compassion for those who speak only Spanish. My hope is that through me and through the other Cincinnatians on our team, the orphaned Honduran children will be filled with the *amor* (love) y *esperanza* (and hope) that El Hogar strives to provide.”

Slocomb will be traveling with members from St. Barnabas, St. Timothy, Calvary churches, as well as Church of the Redeemer, which is organizing the trip. The group will depart on July 8 and return on July 15.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Volunteers are needed for Christ Church Cathedral’s Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry for the week of July 17. If you would like to be a part of the solution that helps families who are homeless, contact coordinator Elizabeth Brown at [pbrown6644@aol.com](mailto:pbrown6644@aol.com).

## 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*

The clients of the Plumb Line ministry of Christ Church Cathedral, a rental assistance program, are usually the head of a single parent household with school age children. They are able to pay their rent until an unusual situation occurs, such as an illness, loss of job or unpaid maternity leave. Soon they are threatened with an eviction notice. Last year, 427 clients (out of 477 interviewed) received an average grant of \$209. The families of those receiving help included 581 children.

## Remembering Myrtle



June is Remembering Myrtle Month at the cathedral. You may honor the memory of long-time Plumb Line volunteer Myrtle Marshall with your food donations for the ministry’s cupboard through the month of June. Please leave canned meats, stews, soups, fruits and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly and boxes of macaroni and cheese in the basket outside the Plumb Line office.

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

## SUMMER IN THE CITY

Children’s Camps at Christ Church Cathedral



### Vacation Bible School

Sunday, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.  
June 26, July 10, 24, 31  
August 7, 14



### Choir Camp

Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
July 11–15

There is no charge for Vacation Bible School. Choir Camp is \$50. Scholarships are available.

For more information, go to [christchurchcincinnati.org/children](http://christchurchcincinnati.org/children).

# cathedral community

## ConGRADulations

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

#### DANIELLE BOATRIGHT

*Anderson High School, Class of 2011*  
Danielle has yet to finalize her plans for her next step in life, but initially will seek employment and perhaps continue her education as a part-time student. She was worked in the cathedral nursery on Sundays for years. She is the daughter of Beth Boatright and the granddaughter of the late Liz Dignan.

#### KRISTIN M. HENRICKSON

*Wyoming High School, Class of 2011*



Kristin will attend the University of Cincinnati in the fall, enrolling initially in its Exploratory Studies program, until she decides on a major. Among her

many interests are playing the cello and photography. She is the daughter of Joanne and Michael Henrickson.

#### MARIAH PHELAN

*Shroder High School, Class of 2011*

Mariah plans to attend Cincinnati State Technical and Community College to study nursing in the fall. She has worked in the cathedral nursery on Sundays for years and enjoys playing volleyball. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Phelan.

#### HUGH CURRY SMITH

*Walnut Hills High School, Class of 2011*



Hugh graduates with seven Advanced Placement courses and a National Merit Letter of Commendation.

This past year, he sang with the Christ Church

Cathedral Choir as a choral scholar and won the vocal segment of the 2011 Overture Awards. During the summer, he will be participating in "Oberlin in Italy," a summer opera training program in Tuscany. In the fall, he will attend DePaul University (Chicago) to major in theater. He is the son of Elizabeth Fisher-Smith and Leigh Smith.

### UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

#### JAMES P. CAREY, V



*University of Buffalo, The State University of New York, Ed.M. (higher education administration)*

James is moving to

Ashland, Ohio, where he has accepted a position as an assistant swim coach at Ashland University. He is the son of Patricia "Chris" Carey.

#### AKEEM THOMPSON



*University of Cincinnati, B.A. (psychology)*

Akeem, who attended the University of Cincinnati on a partial scholarship, is moving to

Los Angeles, where he will manage a mental health residential facility and daycare school for adults with mental disabilities. He is the son of Cheryl Whittington and Ernest Thompson.

## PARISH Life

We celebrate with **Canon Nancy Jones** the birth of her grandson, John Henry Price. Baby and parents Julie and Jay live in Birmingham, Alabama.

The photography of **Constance Sanders** will be on exhibit in two shows this summer. An opening reception for the first show, the Ohio Valley Camera Club Exhibit, will be at the Maple Knoll Village Visitor's Center, 11100 Springfield Pike, Springdale, on Friday, June 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The second opening, the Club Blatz monthly show, will be at Arnold's Bar and Grill, 210 East Eighth Street, downtown, on Saturday, June 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### FAREWELL RECEPTION



On May 1, the Christ Church Cathedral congregation held a farewell reception for Canon John Johanssen and his wife, Pam. John retired last month for the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He stepped in as priest-in-charge at the cathedral last year in a time of need. He and Pam are shown here with sons, from left, Ryan, Todd and Tim. The Johanssens have another son, John, who could not attend the reception.

### SENIOR LUNCHEON

Christ Church Cathedral will hold a senior luncheon in celebration of Pentecost on Thursday, June 16. The occasion will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a service of Holy Communion in the Centennial Chapel. The luncheon with musical entertainment will follow in the undercroft. Contact the Rev. Susan Lehman at 513.381.1378 to make a reservation.

# cathedral updates

## Strategic Planning update

The Strategic Planning group of Christ Church Cathedral held its second four-and-a-half-hour meeting, facilitated by our consultant, Harry Kangiss, on Wednesday evening, May 4. The discussion was, again, frank, honest and constructive. The enthusiasm was very high.

The first half of the meeting focused on ways to express a mission statement for Christ Church Cathedral and understand the objectives of that statement. There was positive movement toward consensus on these issues.

The second half of the meeting focused on identifying five topics or issues which we felt were the best ways to group, organize and encompass our ministry and structural needs for now and into a two-to-three year future. It is important to note that these strategic choices can both reinforce our current strengths and extend us in new areas where our strengths are relevant. By the end of this second session, five strategic choices were identified. Teams of two or three members each were then formed to more fully develop each strategy.

Over the next month, our goal is to identify four or five plans (initiatives) that will be implemented to bring each strategy to life. The teams helping to develop each strategy will be reaching out via phone, email and meetings to members of the congregation to solicit input as to what specific plans will be initiated in the next year. These plans (initiatives) will be reviewed, debated and discussed at our next meeting on June 7.

The members of the Strategic Planning Team are: Prince Brown, Sigred Coyle, Megan Emery, Ron DelBene, Lorna Harrell, Chuck Harris, Sarah Johnson, Kathy Jose, Bertie Ray, Susan Sargen, Jane Page-Steiner and David Thomson. We will continue to keep you updated.

— Chuck Harris, Senior Warden

## Coordinator steps down

Stacy Park, director of Children's Ministries since July of 2008, has stepped down from her part-time staff position at Christ Church Cathedral. She has accepted a full-time position as director of Atria Summit Hills, a residential facility for those living with Alzheimer's disease, in Crestview Hills, Kentucky.

This is work she did prior to starting her family, and now that her boys, Andrew and Matthew, are older, she is pleased to be able to return to her first career.

Stacy was recognized for her contributions to the Children's Ministries program on Celebration Sunday, May 22, a day set aside to recognize all cathedral teachers.

Stacy and her husband, Harold, began worshipping at the cathedral in 2007 and will continue to be members of the congregation. Both are active volunteers in the children's programs and family ministries. Stacy says that will not change.

"This is our church home," says Stacy. "This is where our friends are."



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## BLESSINGS FOR THE OCCASION

Beginning in June, during the announcement time, the clergy will invite those worshipping at Christ Church Cathedral on the first Sunday of the month to stand to receive blessing if they are celebrating an anniversary of a marriage, union or friendship. On the third Sundays, those celebrating birthdays during the month will be invited to stand for a blessing. On other Sundays, those involved in particular ministries will be invited to stand. This new addition to Sunday worship is a way to bless the special occasions of members' lives and to recognize the work that they do as a community.

## FILMING IN JUNE

Church Publishing, the official publisher for the Episcopal Church, is filming a segment of its series, *Embracing an Adult Faith*, at Christ Church Cathedral. This is the third of the series and will feature Walter Brueggemann. Earlier segments featured Marcus Borg and Phyllis Tickle. Each segment is being shot at a different location. The filming will take place in the cathedral library on Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2. The library will be closed to patrons on both days.



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# calendar

JUNE AND JULY

2011

at the cathedral

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THE CATHEDRAL & CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4.

## WORSHIP

### Holy Communion

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 12:10 p.m.

### Evening Prayer

Tuesdays, 4:40 p.m.

### Confirmation Service

Sunday, June 12, 3:00 p.m.

### Cathedral in the Park

Mount Echo Park  
Sundays, June 19 & July 17, 10:00 a.m.

## CLASSES

### Men's Bible study

Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.

## COMMUNITY

### Pentecost Senior Luncheon

Thursday, June 16, 11:30 a.m.

## CHILDREN

### Summer in the City

### Vacation Bible School

Sundays, June 26, July 10, 24, 31, August 7, 14

### Choir Camp

Monday-Friday, July 11-15

## YOUTH

### Youth Group Meeting

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

### Mission Trip

Saturday-Saturday, June 11-18

## OUTREACH & SERVICE

### 5000 Club community suppers

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.

### Cathedral night at the Drop-Inn Center

Mondays, June 13 & July 11, 6:00 p.m.

### Interfaith Hospitality Hosting

Week of July 17

## MUSIC & THE ARTS

### Cathedral Tour

Sunday, June 5, 11:30 a.m.

### Cathedral Choir Concert

Sunday, June 5, 5:00 p.m.

### Icons in Transformation

Exhibit open daily

Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Reception with recital

Friday, June 24, 5:00 p.m.