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## Tune our hearts to sing thy grace

I learned to play guitar nineteen years ago as a seminarian. I was in my late twenties but looked like I was eighteen, and my pastoral theology professor, **Charlie Cook**, counseled me that most likely some parish would eventually hire me to be the youth minister. "If you can't strum three chords on a guitar, Mr. Thompson, you need to learn!" Charlie advised. So, I went to a music store and purchased the most inexpensive guitar I could find. Each evening, I sat on the front stoop of our rental house in Austin, attempting to learn the muscle memory required to fret chords and maintain a rhythmic strum pattern. Eventually, I figured it out. The transition from a G to a C to a D became fluid, and with great joy I learned to strum songs. I never did become a youth minister, but playing guitar became a therapeutic and relaxing activity. I was grateful that Charlie Cook spurred me to learn.



THE VERY REV.  
BARKLEY  
THOMPSON

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## All about the Every Member Canvass



See anyone you know in this parish-wide photo? Can you guess the year? Every year, the Every Member Canvass relies on parishioners like you to pledge support toward the Cathedral's mission and programs.

"Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." This year, the Every Member Canvass theme comes from 1 John 3:18. When the stewardship council met in April to conduct its annual Bible study, the words of Saint John resonated deeply with the group and seemed fitting for a community committed to doing God's work. As we look to the future and begin to think

about what comes next in the life of the Cathedral, the verse is a good reminder that this community shares a long tradition of great leaders who always have kept us at the forefront of ministry.

Every fall season, the Cathedral begins to map its operating budget for the next calendar year. One of the primary resources the

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 8!

10 a.m.

Dean's Hour in Reynolds Hall

Christian Meditation in the

Dean's Conference Room

Youth Sunday School in the Treehouse

Children's Sunday School in Jones Building

1 p.m.

Niños in the Cathedral

Grades 9-12 in the Treehouse

6 p.m.

"Tea and Toast" in Latham Hall

See the Fall Educational Guide to learn more about classes and midweek offerings. We are looking forward to seeing you.

## Savor "Tea and Toast" after The Well

"There is something in the nature of tea that leads us into a world of quiet contemplation of life," says the Chinese writer, philosopher, and linguist **Lin Yutang**. Inspired by the natures of tea, prayer, early evening, and The Well, the Cathedral has created a new program to bring those who value fellowship and contemplation together.

Starting September 8, the Cathedral is offering "Tea and Toast," a new, informal fellowship time at 6 p.m. immediately following The Well, our 5 p.m. Sunday evening Celtic Eucharist.

After The Well, parishioners are invited to cross the Bishop's Courtyard by the light of the Apostles Window and enter the Latham building, where waiting for them will be a variety of teas, some hearty bread, jam, a sampling of dried fruits, and the chance

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Try a soothing cup after The Well.



OUR CATHEDRAL FAMILY

We celebrate with

new members **Cliff Harris** and **Katy Goodrich**, **Zachary Moore**, and **Chris, Ashley**, and **Ellie Reinhackel**.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

the family of **Whitson B. “Pete” Etheridge**, who passed away July 10, 2019. Pete is father to member **Hailey Bechtol**, father-in-law to **Brent Bechtol**, and grandfather to **Pete, Mac**, and **Cal Bechtol**.

the family of member **Richard Vernotzy**, who passed away June 18, 2019. Richard is husband to member **Carolyn Vernotzy**.

the family of **Norman Goree Kittrell III**, who passed away August 3, 2019. Norman is father to member **Norman Kittrell IV**, and father-in-law to **Frances Kittrell**.

the family of **Howard Wickersham**, who passed away August 8, 2019. Howard is father to member **David Sweeney**.

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

on September 1 are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of the baptism of **Mary Compton Asby** and in remembrance of her grandfather, **James Michael Compton**, by her family.

on September 8 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Thomas E. Cobb** and **Jennifer E. Cobb**.

on September 15 are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for being 30 years cancer free from inflammatory breast cancer by **Ginger Hanning**.

on September 15 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Winston Pettus Crowder** by his family.

on September 29 are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of **Lisa Albright** by **Anne**, **Brynne**, **Joey**, and **Joe Albright**.

Floor Vases

on September 1 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her husband, **Bob Russell**, by **Anne Flanagan**.

on September 8 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Rebecca Jane Thomas**, **Rosa Allen**, **Loula Allen Smith**, **Rosalee Smith Maffitt**, **Thomas F. Maffitt**, **James Maffitt**, and **Skylar Herring** by the **Peter Maffitt** family.

Quarterly Vestry Report

You’ve no doubt been hearing from your vestry members personally this summer. This is the time when we call all our parishioners to check in on your wellbeing and pick up any advice you have to share with us about what you particularly appreciate about your Cathedral experience as well as areas we could improve. Thanks for spending the time to connect with us!

If I had received one of those calls, one of the things I would have remarked upon is the addition of “Cathedral Reads” this summer. It inspired many of us to refresh our experience of **Harper Lee’s** masterwork *To Kill a Mockingbird* and to talk together about its impact on us personally. And what a unique person who thinks up this kind of stuff to be part of our church life — thank you, **Lucy Chambers!**

Several councils visited with the vestry to report on their activities. The Latino Ministry Council reviewed nearly a year of accomplishments since its formal designation last September. I share some of their report to give you a sense of how much they offer, including the Wednesday bilingual service, Summer Bible school in the neighborhood, the Conference Te for women held here in June, neighborhood women’s groups, three Noche Familiar events, the Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, and Las Posadas in December, to name a few.

Also, the Community Life Council reported. This hard-working group described its sense of being driven by the mission to serve a fellowship gathered around a common worship life. Council members have enhanced the experience of our shared journey with the Camp Allen Parish Retreat, the Pancake Supper, the Neighborhood Gatherings, May Fete, Episcopal Night at the Astros, and the Foyers Groups.

**Sarah Wallace** reported on the Children’s Ministry Council’s work, which she described as establishing early connections to Jesus Christ and creating easy entry points for new families to join our community. The programs they deliver

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SENIOR WARDEN  
FREDRICKA  
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Back to school with Kids Hope

This September, Kids Hope at Christ Church Cathedral is celebrating back-to-school with a variety of activities in support of its mission of transformation, affirmation, and support for at-risk, public school students.

As we begin our 12th year of mentoring and literacy work with neighborhood schools and student families, Kids Hope will be collecting uniform and school supplies for Bruce Elementary, our primary partner school.

Kids Hope would like to receive (in all children’s sizes) new and gently used solid

polo shirts with \*no\* logo in white, navy, light blue, or yellow, as well as pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts in navy, khaki, or black.

Kids Hope is also collecting the following school supplies: #2 pencils, red, blue, or black pens, highlighters, 24-count boxes of crayons, 8-count washable markers, 12-count colored pencils, erasers, composition notebooks, spiral notebooks (70 page, wide rule), notebook paper (wide rule), brad folders with pockets, 2-inch 3-ring binders, dividers, index cards, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer.

Bring uniform and supply donations

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Mentoring with Kids Hope makes a difference!

Reflections on the southern border

At the Dean’s Hour on September 15 at 10 a.m., the **Rev. Canon Simón Bautista**, canon missionary for latino ministries, will reflect upon his recent trips to the United States’ southern border. The Dean’s Hour will include a slideshow of Canon Bautista’s trips to the border and a discussion of his experiences there. It will include several perspectives: from the McAllen Catholic Charities’ Humanitarian Respite Center, the McAllen and Brownsville bus stations, meetings with **Sister Norma Pimentel** (the founder of the Respite Center and Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley), and meetings with Border Patrol Agents with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

CANON BAUTISTA LEADS  
THE DEAN’S HOUR

September 15 at 10 a.m.

In the past two months, Canon Bautista has been to the border twice, both times with Cathedral parishioners **Michael** and **Melissa Jacobs** and once with parishioner **Sterling Minor**. On his most recent trip, representatives from St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in San Antonio, and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia also participated.

“In all my 12 years of working as a priest with migrants from Haiti, I have never experienced what I experienced in McAllen, when I met with these migrants,” says Canon Bautista. “I was so moved by the experience that when I shared it with my family, they said that we had to spend one of our two family vacation weeks helping out at the border.”



Parishioner Michael Jacobs, Sister Normal Pimentel, and the Rev. Canon Simón Bautista at the border.



Start Sundays with service

Lord of the Streets (LOTS) service days are our opportunity to cook and serve breakfast to approximately 250+ people who attend Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church. Our next service date is Sunday, September 22. Volunteers ages 16 or older meet at 6:15 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at 1015 Holman Street. Please park in the HCC lot catty-corner from the Church. The entrance is on Fannin. Go straight to the Parish Hall/kitchen, entrance on Holman. Dress is very casual. Please remember to wear long pants, cap/hat (to restrain hair), and closed-toed shoes. Long cotton sleeves are encouraged for protection from heat when cooking. We have CCC ball caps and aprons for all to use. Feel free to encourage family/friends interested in helping to sign up as well. We usually finish around 8:45–9:00 and eat breakfast together. Join by signing up here: <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLOTSCC> If you have any questions, please contact **Cad Willeford** ([cadwilleford@hotmail.com](mailto:cadwilleford@hotmail.com)).

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to gather in fellowship with worshipers from this peaceful, grace-filled service.

Also inside Latham, parishioners will find the warm welcome of the Cathedral Bookstore, with a plenitude of books, gifts, stationery, pleasant conversation, a puzzle table, and a cozy, easy-going atmosphere. On most Sunday nights, formation offerings will follow “Tea and Toast,” such as the Anglican Way, Theology Round Table, More Holy Mysteries, and Creating Home. See the Fall Education Guide or our website to learn more.

We hope you will extend your time at the Cathedral on Sunday nights to take a few moments to step inside the Latham Building, enjoy a cup of tea, and say hello.

Foyers? That’s a funny name

BY KAREN KRAYCIRIK

Our daily lives are filled with instances where the words we use have morphed dramatically from their original meanings. Everyone by now has “Googled” something, ordered a medium coffee called a “Grande,” or heard about the newest “trending Tweet.” The meanings these words carry in today’s encounters would have been perceived very differently a mere fifteen years ago. For more than three decades, Foyers Fellowship Groups have been a part of the Cathedral culture, and recently I’ve found myself curious about the program’s name.

Foyers Fellowship Groups (a.k.a. Foyers) are small groups made of eight to ten people who agree to get together about once a month during the upcoming year. Groups can include young and old, singles and couples, Nine O’Clockers and Other O’Clockers; joining a Foyers group is a commitment anyone can make. The primary focus when these groups get together is fellowship — that’s it.

A “foyer” is described in Merriam-Webster’s dictionary as “an entrance hallway.” After looking at that definition, the title of Foyers actually makes a lot of sense.

Your participation in Foyers is an entry point. It is a conscious decision to enter more deeply into a community, to connect with others you may not know, or to form more meaningful connections with people you’ve known a while.

If you’re interested in taking the steps to engage more intentionally with your fellow parishioners, consider registering for Foyers this fall beginning September 1 (online) or in the cloister on Sundays, September 8 through October 6. This year, the Foyers Kickoff party will be a brunch hosted on Saturday, October 12. For questions or more information, contact **Karen Kraycirik**, minister for community life.

FOYERS KICKOFF  
BRUNCH PARTY

Saturday, October 12



Cathedral Reads, Episcopal Night at the Ball Park, and more

IN PICTURES

Right: More than 190 people came to discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* as part of Cathedral Reads in August.  
Below: Go ‘Stros! It was a great night at the ballpark.



Above: The 20s & 30s Summer Hangouts included a trip to Karbach Brewery.  
Below: In July, we said goodbye to Jeremy Bradley, who moved to Virginia with his family to enter seminary.



Left: Cathedral House Episcopal School children loved giving to the Rally Against Hunger Wishing Well, learning that every penny counts.  
Below: A snapshot of the Cathedral Choir on their England tour this summer.



Above: The Tea and Victory Board Game Café drew a crowd of 20s & 30s friends this summer.  
Right: Minister for Children and Families KariAnn Lessner reads for *This is My Story*, *This is My Song*, this summer on the Huffington Playground.



**EMC**, from cover church has for budget planning is the pledge commitments that come in from parishioners during the annual fund drive — the Every Member Canvass (EMC). Parish members are asked to make a pledge of annual financial support to sustain our mission and programs. There are a variety of ways to make a pledge to the EMC, as well as several ways to fulfill them throughout the year. EMC pledges and contributions make up 71% of the dollars it takes to ensure worship, outreach, music, formation, and all other ministry work continues to make an impact in our community and beyond.

Why is it called Every Member Canvass?

The EMC gets its name because at one time it was a member-to-member canvass of the entire congregation. Friends called friends, neighbors called neighbors, encouraging and inviting one another to support the church with a financial commitment.

While the invitation techniques are a bit different now, there is more to the EMC that just the dollars and cents. Every parishioner is invited to prayerfully consider making a pledge. Giving financially can be a deeply spiritual practice, and it is worth taking the time to reflect on the blessings of this life and consider how to share those gifts. Everyone’s discernment process is unique. During the EMC months, parishioners receive a Reflections booklet, a collection of seven anonymous reflections written by parishioners where they share how they make their own decisions about their pledge commitments.

In the final week of September, parishioners receive a packet in the mail about the

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are too numerous to list them all, but here are a few: Compline with Kitties, Christmas Camp (where the children made SOS packs for The Beacon), the Christmas Pageant, Vacation Bible School, monthly Lighthouse Learning, May Fete performances, Touch-a-Truck, Boo Bash, This is My Story, This is My Song, Mother’s Day Craf-Tea, and of course Sunday School. This is another very energetic group of generous parishioners.

We are going through a time of change in our Cathedral staff with the departures of **Jeremy Bradley** for Virginia Theological Seminary and the **Rev. Glenice Robinson-Como** to a new program at the Diocese. We celebrated their many years of service to our Church with a celebration on July 7 for Glenice and July 14 for Jeremy to express our gratitude and best wishes for their future success.

As they departed, we were pleased to announce who’s come in our door. **Marcia Quintanilla** has joined us as minister for youth, a professional with deep experience in her field and specifically with the Diocese of Texas, several Episcopal churches locally, and the Episcopal Church nationally. In addition, CUSE Director **Christy Orman** has become minister for young adults and is pleased to take on the 20s & 30s ministry to build on Jeremy’s leadership in this area. More good news: **Jody Gillit**, well known to many of us, has joined as the minister for pastoral care with a deep background in management, training in several pastoral care programs, and commitment to our community.

Every Member Canvass, explaining more about how pledge dollars support the mission and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral. The EMC season officially begins later this month and continues through the second Sunday in November. Loyalty Sunday, when the church hopes to have all pledge cards returned, will take place on Sunday, November 10.

**The EMC Dinner**

The EMC kicks off with a fun-filled dinner theater the evening of Sunday, September 29. This year’s skit theme is “2020 Vision,” where

clergy, staff, and a few volunteers engage in comedic conversations about what’s to come for Christ Church Cathedral. This year’s skit will also include a few special musical performances you won’t want to miss. Tickets to the event can be purchased beginning September 8 both online and in the cloister on Sundays. Any questions in regard to the Every Member Canvass can be directed to Minister for Stewardship **Karen Kraycirik**.



Mugging it for a cleaner tomorrow

By David Simpson

The Justice and Peace Council and Cathedral staff are exploring several ideas to increase our “green” footprint at the Cathedral. To that end, this September we will begin offering the use of coffee mugs on Sunday in Reynolds Hall and in our conference rooms during the week. While the paper cups we use are recyclable, mugs are even more green — they are reusable and require no paper at all. By using mugs, we could also save more than \$1,000 per year! We will begin by using mugs we have on hand, and parishioners are welcome and encouraged to donate mugs for use by all. Timing of this effort will be mid to late September, so be on the lookout!

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Sundays in September to the Kids Hope Table in the Cloister between services, or contact Kids Hope Director **Jennifer Lin Sickman** (kidshope@christchurchcathedral.org) for a more convenient time.

Kids Hope will also lead the Dean’s Hour on September 22. This is a special opportunity to hear some volunteer stories, find out what experts say about poverty and learning, and discover why Kids Hope is such a vital part of Cathedral outreach.

Kids Hope Mentors, Reading Buddies, Prayer Partners, and Friends of Kids Hope meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, followed by dinner out at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome. The next gathering is Tuesday, September 10, at 4 p.m. in the Jeffers Conference Room.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit **christchurchcathedral.org** or call **713-222-2593** to learn more about these and other events at the Cathedral.

● Registration recommended ▲ Registration required ✕ Registration closed ★ Childcare available (3 mo. to 12 yrs.) 🧑 Bring a friend!

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1 SUN

**Popsicles + Paletas** ★  
10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Cool down and chill out with your parish family on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

SEPTEMBER 2 MON

**Labor Day Holiday**  
Cathedral and offices are closed.

SEPTEMBER 4 WED

**Special Dean's Book Club** 🧑 ★  
6:30–8 p.m., Sanders Hall. Special continued discussion of the Cathedral Reads summer novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

SEPTEMBER 6 FRI

**Bridge and Rummikub Night** 🧑  
6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Enjoy a few hands of bridge or rounds of Rummikub with Cathedral friends. Bring a dish to share.

SEPTEMBER 6–8 FRI–SUN

**Happening** ▲  
Camp Allen. Diocesan spiritual retreat for 9–12th graders. (\$)



**SEPTEMBER 7 SAT**  
**Mendeliz Group Concert and CD launch**  
7 p.m., Reynolds Hall. This concert marks the launching of a CD produced by Mendeliz Group, the group that makes the music for the one o'clock service. (\$)

SEPTEMBER 8 SUN

**Sunday School starts** ★  
Various times and locations. Sunday School for adults, youth, and children starts today, as does “Tea and Toast,” a new fellowship event at 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 TUE

**Kids Hope Task Force**  
4–5 p.m., Jeffers Conference Room. Monthly meeting of Kids Hope to discuss curriculum and materials.

SEPTEMBER 11 WED

**20s & 30s Fajita Fiesta** ● ★ 🧑  
6:30–8 p.m., BYC (Treehouse). Fajitas, cerveza, Mexican Coke, and fellowship.



**SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 1, 15, 29**  
**Fall Neighborhood Gatherings**  
6–7:30 p.m. Save the date to enjoy some fellowship with others who live in the neighborhood.

SEPTEMBER 15 SUN

**Reflections on the Southern Border** ★  
10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Canon Simón Bautista Betances reports on his experiences visiting the southern border of the United States.

SEPTEMBER 19 THU

**Come to the Table** ▲  
Annual fundraiser and gala dinner in support of The Beacon. (\$)

SEPTEMBER 23 MON

**Marie Forleo and Brené Brown** ✕  
7 p.m., Cathedral. In conjunction with Brazos Bookstore, the Cathedral hosts Marie Forleo discussing her new book *Everything is Figureoutable*, interviewed by **Brené** Brown. (sold out)



**SEPTEMBER 29 SUN**  
**EMC Kickoff Dinner** ★ ▲  
6 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Join your Cathedral family for “2020 Vision” Dinner and performance to kick off stewardship season. (\$20/adult, \$10/kids 12 and under)

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

**Dean's Hour, Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes** ★  
10–11 a.m., various locations, beginning September 8.

**Mes de la Herencia** 🧑  
2:30 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Four Sundays of celebrations of Latino/Hispanic heritage, open to everyone. (Sept. 15, 22, and Oct. 6, 13)

**Celtic Eucharist, “The Well”** ★ 🧑  
5 p.m., Cathedral. Drawing inspiration and music from the Celtic tradition, this service focuses on prayer, silence, meditation, and grace.

**“Tea and Toast”**  
6 p.m., Latham Hall. Refreshments and fellowship for worshippers after The Well. (Starts Sept. 8)

MONDAYS

**Centering Prayer** ●  
11:15–11:45 a.m., Hines Center.

**Healing Service**  
12:05 p.m., Golding Chapel.

**Bible “By the Glass”** 🧑  
6:30–8 p.m., OKRA, 924 Congress. Fellowship and Bible study. (Begins Sept. 9)

TUESDAYS

**Education for Ministry (EFM)** ▲  
6:30–9 p.m., Mellinger Room. Comprehensive adult theology program. Registration for new students open until Sept. 17. (\$)

**Seed Group — Central**  
6:30–8 p.m., off campus. Middle school youth group in a parishioner's home. (Starts Sept. 10)

**Bible by the Glass North** 🧑  
7 p.m., Brixology in the Vintage; 110 Vintage Park. An extension of our popular downtown bible study, hosted in Spring Cypress.

WEDNESDAYS

**Men's Morning Bible Study**  
7–8 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

**Women's Morning Bible Study**  
9:30–11 a.m., Mellinger Room.

**Bilingual Eucharist**  
6–6:30 p.m., Golding Chapel.

WEDNESDAYS CONT.

**Walk the Mourner's Path** ▲  
6–7:30 p.m., Dean's Conference Room. A grief support ministry meeting for eight weeks. Register with Minister for Pastoral Care Jody Gillit. (Starts Sept. 18)

**Cathedral 20s & 30s** ★  
6:30–8 p.m., BYC (Treehouse). Weekly discussion group and social gathering of young adults. (Starts Sept. 11)

**Buscando la Luz** ▲  
6:30–8 p.m., Mellinger Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

**Women's Evening Bible Study** ★  
6:30 p.m., Jeffers Conference Room. This new group will study the parables of Jesus this fall. (Starts Sept. 11)

**Root Group — Central**  
6:30 p.m., off campus. High school youth group in a parishioner's home. (Starts Sept. 11)

THURSDAYS

**Branch Out**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., various locations. Minister for Youth Marcia Quintanilla visits youth in their schools.

UPCOMING

OCTOBER 2 WED

**Dean's Book Club** ★  
6:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Monthly book discussion group led by Dean Thompson.

OCTOBER 4 FRI

**Compline with Canines and Kitties** 🧑  
7–8 p.m., Friends For Life, 107 E. 22nd. Evening prayer with sweet kitties and pups.



**OCTOBER 6 SUN**  
**Blessing of the Animals** 🧑  
4 p.m., Bishop's Courtyard. Service in observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.





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## Weekday Cathedral tours are back

BY THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN

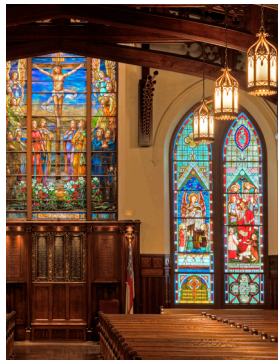
Christ Church Cathedral is not only the home of a robust community of faith, but also an integral part of Houston's history. One of the ways we celebrate our Houston heritage is by educating parishioners, Houstonians, and visitors about our historic building and community.

With the completion of the restoration, weekday tours of the Cathedral will resume after Labor Day. To join a weekday tour, meet at the courtyard fountain at 12:35 p.m. The priest who celebrated the 12:05 p.m. Eucharist in Golding Chapel will meet you there and guide you through the Cathedral. Tours will be offered every weekday the Cathedral is open.

More robust tours are also offered by our well-trained tour guides each Sunday after the 11 a.m. service. To join a tour, wait at the back of the church. There will be a tour guide wearing a red badge.

Tours can also be scheduled with special interests and groups in mind. The Cathedral has offered tours to school groups and various civic organizations. Keep us in mind next time you're looking for a fun and informative activity for your group.

There are so many stories to tell about our Cathedral. Come learn about our history!



Weekday tours at 12:35 p.m.

### TUNE, from cover

Years later, my daughter **Eliza** — who is much more musically talented than I am — taught herself to play the ukulele. She and I would teach each other songs, and we'd spend glorious father-daughter time playing together. But as often happens, life got in the way. I now own a nice Taylor guitar, but it mostly sits in the corner of my bedroom unused. Last week, when I had a moment to spare, I picked it up. I was so out of practice that, as I fretted chords, my fingers ached and my hand cramped. When I took my guitar into Eliza's room, and we began to play in tandem, Eliza said, "Daddy, you're way out of tune." So I was. Our music was dissonant, and I hadn't played in so long I couldn't even hear how flat I was until I attempted to meld my music with Eliza's. Only after I retuned my guitar did our music resonate and harmonize.

In September, our Cathedral fall formation and programming begin in earnest. But for many of us, the summer has held other attentions.

Our thoughts may have strayed from grace and God. We may have lost some of the soul memory that comes with regular fidelity to worship, prayer, and one another. In the observance of our faith, we may be out of practice and out of tune. In his beloved hymn "Come thou font of every blessing," **Robert Robinson** asks of God, "Tune my heart to sing thy grace." How does this occur? Like playing the guitar, our hearts are retuned in the doing. By coming together with our fellow parishioners in worship, formation, and service; by standing and kneeling and approaching the altar rail, we regain the soul memory of adoration for God. We retune our hearts, so that they resonate with grace and our lives move in harmony with the God of love.

I am excited about all that will happen at the Cathedral this year. I'm limbering my soul, and I hope you will, too. See you at the Cathedral, in the midst of the city, as we tune our hearts to sing God's grace. Together, we'll make music!