

- From the Dean
- Tower Bells
- Enao Quartet Concert

- Jazz Mass
- Parish Wide Picnic
- Choir Christmas CD

The Grapevine

Christ Church Cathedral

From the Dean

Judge a Book by its Cover

Feeling a little broken or tattered these days? Looking somewhat frayed at the edges? Not as fresh as you were in years past? Or perhaps you feel as if whole pieces of your life have been torn away by the constant push and pull of the weekly grind.

Well, if that is so, you share the reality of many of the hymnals and prayer books found in the Cathedral. Remember how we are taught not to “judge a book by its cover?” If one were to judge our community by the condition of the central used in our weekly worship, might they conclude or wonder if we too were past our prime?

One recent trend in Episcopal churches as congregations try to welcome and appeal to “seekers” and those who are not familiar with our worship books and customs – the comedian Robin Williams once characterized our sitting, standing and kneeling as “pew aerobics” in his Top 10 Reasons to be an Episcopalian – is to print every word of the service, including hymns, in a bulletin each week. Trust me; the staff has discussed this issue on many occasions. At this time, we

have not joined other churches that have moved in this direction. First, the staff believes that good stewardship of the finances of photocopying and reducing the amount of paper we purchase and use each week is a gospel-based decision: less paper, fewer trees cut down, the birds of the air are happy. And the money we save can be used for other ministries. Second, we want our members and visitors to pick up, use, and become familiar with the books that guide our common worship. The Book of Common Prayer is a literary treasure with deep historical roots – and we get to use it each week. Next time you see someone near you on Sunday who looks lost as they juggle the many books that are familiar to us, smile, and replace their book with yours – opened to the right page. I see many people do this each week. Keep doing it.

So I ask: how are the conditions of the books near where you sit for worship? Are there pages missing? Is the binding broken and whole sections falling away? Many of the books have not been replaced in 20 to 30 years and they are showing their age.

Which is why I am calling for the **Prayer Book/Hymnal Project** of

the summer and fall of 2008. For the cost of less than 5 gallons of gas (the current price as of the writing of this article) you can give a new Book of Common Prayer and/or Lift Every Voice and Sing II hymnal for \$20 each. It is a gift that will last and be used for at least another 20 to 30 years. As has been the custom in past years, you are invited to donate new books in memory of a loved one. We suggest one memorial per book. Please use the form included in this edition of the Grapevine.

Blessings,
Mark B. Pendleton+

Congregation-Wide Picnic

Join us for a congregation-wide picnic at Winding Trails Park in Farmington on **Sunday, August 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m.** We have use of the Cherokee Pavilion until 6:00 p.m. The entrance fee for the first 75 people arriving will be paid by the Cathedral; beyond this number the fee is \$8 per adult and \$4 for children. We provide lunch and soft drinks, we ask those who come to bring a dessert and snacks to share. Directions and information on the site can be found at www.windingtrails.org.

Summer Giving

All regular pledgers and contributors to the Cathedral's annual operating budget and Capital Campaign are reminded to keep up with their giving over the summer. As many people wrestle with increasing costs of gas and food, may we all think anew about priorities and the choices we make for what we spend and what we do for those things up and above the cost of housing, transportation, and food. Remember that Jesus said "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt 6:21) And as households cope with rising prices, we at the Cathedral are also a household, facing the same steep increases in energy costs. As we all know, there is no vacation from the monthly bills that we all share. So, as you receive quarterly statements, try to fulfill at least half of your pledge by the midpoint of 2008.

Tower Bells

Are there bats in our belfry? No, it's just the tower bells being played again during the summer Sundays. We are very fortunate to have a chime of 14 bells (a "carillon" is a minimum of 23 bells, a "chime" is a diatonic collection of bells numbering less than 23) in the tower and need to have them played much more regularly. To that end, a Bell Ringer's Guild is being formed. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Guild, please contact Kevin Jones, Director of Music, at the Cathedral at 527-7231 ext. 112 or by e-mail at kjones@cccathedral.org. It is helpful if you read music, but it is not necessary. Training is provided. One does need to be able to climb steps to get to the Bell Ringers desk (although it's not very far up in the

tower). Ideally, we would like a group of 5-10 people to take on this ministry and share the duties, by playing the bells before Sunday services and Diocesan events. The bells are played by one person at a time, so the time commitment is minimal and very flexible.

Enao Quartet Concert

On **Thursday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m.** Christ Church Cathedral will host the Enao Quartet in a concert of chamber music to benefit the Bishop's Fund for Children. The quartet features Jennifer Hsiao and Kei Fukuda, violins, Rachel Lefebvre, viola, and Benjamin Larsen, cello, all of whom grew up in the Hartford area. They will perform works by Bartok, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn. There will be a free-will offering, with all proceeds going directly to the Bishop's Fund for Children. Please come, enjoy some wonderful music, and support this worthy cause.

Save the Date

A trip to Six Flags on **Saturday, July 12 (rain date: Saturday, July 26), leaving the Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited. The Cathedral will share the cost, so each person pays only \$15.00. Join us for rides, fellowship, food and entertainment. Please contact Anne Cubberly at cubbart@zenarts.com or 490-6645 if you are interested in attending. Thanks! Canon St. Louis.

Dixieland Jazz Sunday

Dixieland Jazz Sunday returns to Christ Church Cathedral on **Sunday, July 20**. Ross Tucker's Hot Cat Jazz Band will once again be leading the music at the 10:00 a.m.

liturgy that morning. Selections will include "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and much, much more. This is always a highlight of our summer liturgies and a great way to invite people into our midst for a spiritual and uplifting service.

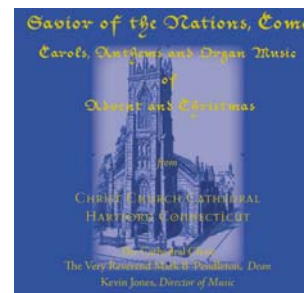
Volunteers Needed

Anne Cubberly, the artist who supervised the painting of the Youth Room, is seeking volunteers to help her paint the Children's Room. No experience is necessary! If you can help for even an hour from **noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10**, it will make a difference in how quickly we get it done. We will provide a light lunch for volunteers. Please contact Anne Cubberly at cubbart@zenarts.com or 490-6645 if you are interested in participating. Thanks! Canon St. Louis.

Choir Camp

Choir Camp is set for **Sunday, August 17, through Thursday, August 21**, at Camp Washington. If your daughter or son would like to participate, please contact Debby in the Cathedral office at 527-7231 ext. 100 or by e-mail at dvancamp@cccathedral.org for registration and health forms.

Choir Christmas CD



Choir Christmas CD will soon be available. The CD was recorded in the Cathedral in January and is ti-

led "Savior of the Nations, Come – Carols, Anthems and Organ Music of Advent and Christmas." Final touches are being put on the editing, mastering and mixing process as of this writing. Production will begin in July with the final CD available no later than **September 1**. All proceeds from the sale of this recording will go toward defraying the cost of the Youth and Choir Pilgrimage to Ely/Canterbury in August 2009. With familiar carols like "Once in Royal David's City," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful," it is hoped that this will become a holiday treasure to the Cathedral family. The CD will be sold in the Cathedral Gift Shop and music office for only \$12 each. If you want to purchase 10 or more (think original Christmas gifts), we will sell them for \$10 each. Watch for availability and ordering information in the next *Grapevine*, the Sunday bulletin and the Cathedral website.

New Collaboration with the Covenant Preparatory School

A Boy Choir returns to Christ Church Cathedral. Christ Church Cathedral will partner with the newly-formed private school, Covenant Preparatory School, beginning in September 2008. Conversations have been taking place and agreements made for the Cathedral to provide musical instruction and choral training to their students. The choir will be in residence at Christ Church Cathedral, rehearsing here with Director of Music Kevin Jones on Wednesday afternoons. It is hoped that the Covenant Boy Choir at Christ Church Cathedral will, in time, participate in Cathedral evensong once

a month. Covenant Prep is housed, for the time being, in the YWCA at Broad Street and Farmington Avenue in Hartford, and is part of the NativityMiguel Network of Schools which serves over 4,300 middle school-age boys and girls in 27 states. The school is tuition free. Their success is impressive – approximately 90% of the students attending NativityMiguel Schools qualify for the Federal Government's Free and Reduced Cost Lunch program, an indication that a family is living at or near poverty; 92% of NativityMiguel students graduate from high school; average attendance is 97%; this past fall, 96% of the students who graduated from a NativityMiguel School in 2003 enrolled in a two- or four-year college. For their first year, Covenant Prep will open its doors to 15 fifth grade and 15 sixth grade boys. The goal at Covenant Prep is to graduate young men who are academically prepared for further education, inspired to lead their lives with humility, and dedicated to serving others. This is an exciting and demonstrable sign of God's work in our midst in bringing Covenant Prep and Christ Church Cathedral together in a wonderful new partnership.

Cathedral Receives Grant
The Patricia and Charles Walker Family Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has given the Cathedral a grant of \$3,000 to assist in the expansion of the after-school piano and voice lessons that are offered as part of our overall chorister program led by Kevin Jones, Director of Music. We thank Pat for recommending the Cathedral to the Hartford Foundation and for her continued

support of our mission and ministries.

Summer Choir

Thanks to all singers for the great successes of the June Summer Choir. It's a blessing to have a choir on Sundays, and thanks belong to everyone who set aside a little extra time on Sundays to sing praises to God!

Cathedral Restoration Update

During 2007, most of the work on the Cathedral exterior restoration was completed. The stone work was re-pointed, the wood trim around the windows painted, and much of the slate roof was replaced.

The scaffolding has remained due to the fact that 12 new finials on the roof had to be carved, because of the poor condition of the originals. The finials were carved in China and shipped by container ship. They have arrived in Connecticut and will be installed by early July. After the roof work is completed, and the finials have been installed, the scaffolding around the Cathedral will come down. We will then reset the pavement stones in the front of the Cathedral.

Restoration of the Cathedral House will begin shortly, when scaffolding from the Cathedral will be moved to the Cathedral House. We anticipate that work on the Cathedral House will be completed by year end. As it stands now, the total project cost comes to \$1,765,029.

Dominican Republic Trip

Will Pendleton will join eight other high school students from around the diocese on a week-long trip to the island nation of the Dominican Republic from June 28 to July 6. The trip is led again this year by Richard Schulze of Greenwich. The young people from Connecticut will participate in vacation Bible camp in Santa Domingo. Part of their assignments will be to bring craft materials to compliment the content of the Bible lessons. Vaya con Dios! Will.

Amy Beveridge Honored in Retirement

Colleagues and friends at the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ celebrated the 23-year ministry and retirement of Amy Beveridge on June 19. Amy, who serves as the Vice Chair of the Cathedral Parish Committee, served as Director of the Ruth Dudley Resource Center and Coordinator of Christian Education for the Connecticut Conference. Blessings, Amy!

How to Become a Member of the Cathedral

The easiest way to be considered a member of the Cathedral is to worship on a regular basis and to make a financial pledge or donation to the work of God through our ministries. To be a member of the Cathedral it is necessary that one is baptized, either in the Episcopal or another Christian denomination. Also:

If you are a baptized member of another Episcopal Church in this country, you should contact that church office and request a transfer

of membership to be sent to the Cathedral.

If you were a member of another Christian denomination, you may contact them about sending the Cathedral a letter of membership. Or if they are unwilling to do so, you might ask them to take you off their rolls so that you are not counted twice.

If you are not baptized, simply contact one of the clergy and he or she will connect you with others in a process leading to baptism.

We also encourage you to consider becoming a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church during the Easter Vigil service each year when the Bishop visits.

We welcome the following who have become members in the past year.

Glen and Cynthia Anderson
from Bethany Lutheran Church,
West Hartford

Jacob and Anne Harney and
their children, Corinne and
Benjamin
from St. James' Episcopal
Church, West Hartford

Neil Alan and Franciene
Lehmann and their children,
Ahryn and Margaret
from St. James's Episcopal
Church, West Hartford

Judy Wilson
from Christ Episcopal Church,
Ponte Vedra, Florida.

Update on the Financials

Income Statement

Total income for the first five months of the year ran approximately \$22,000 behind budget. This may represent a timing issue, but is of concern as we move into the summer months when many parishioners are away. Almost two-thirds of the shortfall is accounted for in the canvass pledge income line, with modest shortfalls in several other lines. If possible, please consider paying your pledge for the summer months in advance, or regularly during the period to help us with cash flow.

The actual withdrawal from our endowment to offset the budgeted deficit totaled approximately \$108,500, so it is really important for us to make up the shortfall in pledge income over the balance of the year.

Capital Campaign income during the period totaled \$42,600. Since the beginning of the campaign, over \$160,000 has been received.

Expense Statement

Total expenses for the period were approximately \$552,500 - close to \$6,500 below budget. This despite heating and hot water costs that ran \$15,500 over budget for the period. We had entered a contract to spread the cost of oil for the Cathedral House out evenly over the year, but cancelled that contract, and changed to gas heat (taking advantage of our dual fuel burner), which at this time is significantly less expensive. Our budgeted number, on the other hand, is artificially low because we had budgeted to pay for oil evenly over the

year. I expect we will come more into line with budget by the end of the year. We were able to buy the gas from a bulk supplier, and so achieved a very attractive rate. That said, we can expect that our heating costs will only go higher in the current environment.

Year to date we have incurred almost \$10,000 less in financing costs than budgeted, as work has been delayed due to the later than expected arrival of the finials and the weather. We have not yet had an additional draw on our bank line this year.

Other line items show modest positive and negative variances. Overall, we are tracking the expense side of the budget quite closely.

Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet remains strong, although there has been a shift from investment to fixed assets, and our total assets have declined by almost \$500,000. Our investment assets are down by \$1.3 million, somewhat offset by an increase in fixed assets of \$700,000. The financial markets have taken a toll, but we have also withdrawn more than the 5% "standard" to support operations. The impact will be on future years, when the purchasing power of the endowment will not have kept up with inflation, and will decline if we don't reverse this trend.

Judith Radasch
Administrator

July

- 04 – Holiday, Cathedral & Cathedral Office closed
- 12 – Six Flags Trip
- 15 – Chapter Meeting
- 20 – Jazz Mass

August

- 03 – Parish-Wide Picnic
- 10 – Paint Youth Room
- 17-21 – Choir Camp

The Grapevine

Published by Christ Church Cathedral, the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. Please submit articles for the September/October issue by Tuesday, August 5.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith
Bishop of Connecticut
The Very Rev. Mark B. Pendleton,
Dean
The Rev. Canon J. Allison St. Louis,
Vicar

J. Michael Wells,
Parish Committee Chair
Amy Beveridge,
Parish Committee Vice-Chair

Christ Church Cathedral
45 Church Street
Hartford, CT 06103-1202

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT
ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 579
HARTFORD CT

Leslie and Mark Pendleton hosted another successful Pig Roast at the Deanery on May 27. Over 100 people, among them Cathedral members and Westerly Terrace neighbors, enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Many thanks to Raul Pino for his cooking skills.

