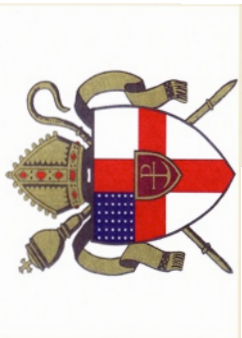


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# SEPTEMBER

## Anniversaries

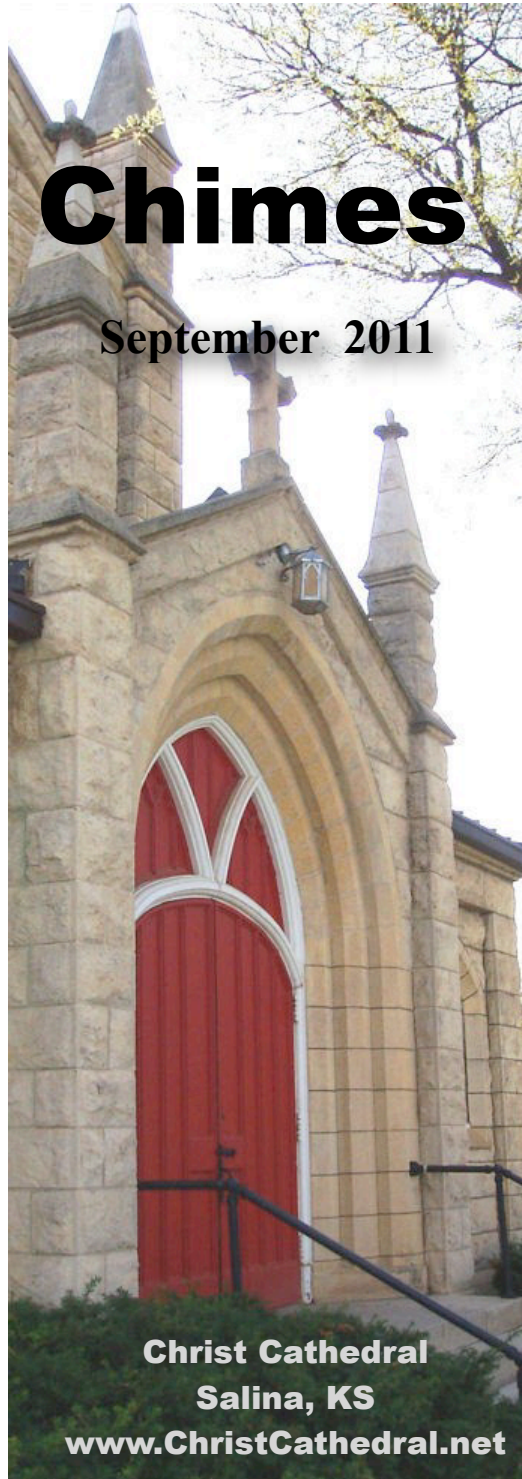
- Sept. 1 -Boo & Melissa Hodges
- Sept. 2 -Robert & Molly Hemstock
- Sept. 4 -Steve & Nancy Bressler
- Sept. 9 -Gene & Carolyn Peterson
- Sept. 21 -George & Phyllis Cramer



## Birthdays

- Sept. 2 -Gary Collette
- Sept. 4 -Autumn Dunshie, Hunter Dunshie,  
Allison Robinett
- Sept. 8 -Ruth Cox
- Sept. 9 -Phyllis Davis
- Sept. 12 -Joyce Miskwitz
- Sept. 13 -The Very Rev. Benjamin Thomas,  
Charles Ault-Duell
- Sept. 16 - Alec Weishaar, Jeff Hemstock
- Sept. 18 -Audrey Lorenz
- Sept. 19 -Jo Reed
- Sept. 20 -Deb Weishaar
- Sept. 23 -Barth Crouch
- Sept. 24 -DeMay Ault-Duell
- Sept. 25 -Jennifer Favre, Suzie Kastner,  
Donna Young
- Sept. 26 -John Vanier

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please let the office know either by emailing us at [ChristCathedral@ChristCathedral.net](mailto:ChristCathedral@ChristCathedral.net) or by calling 827-4440 and letting Katie know.



## Not Exactly a Tent

*Now when David dwelt in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar; but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent."*

-1 Chronicles 17:1

Shortly after David had established control over the scattered tribes of Israel and effectively contained the Philistines in a few cities along the coast, he began building a royal residence in Jerusalem. He moved in to his new palace, looked around, and soon realized that the values he professed and the values he acted on seemed to be somewhat at odds. David believed in God, and he remains one of the greatest religious poets of all time. He could rhapsodize about God's goodness on the timbrel and harp. He could tell the story of how God had watched over him and made him king, but David realized that as long as the royal palace was the most impressive structure in Jerusalem, people would have a hard time believing that God was more important to David than his own comfort.

At Christ Cathedral, we find ourselves—unwittingly and unwillingly—in much the same position as King David. Although we are not worshipping in a tent, you have undoubtedly noticed that the Cathedral is not the most comfortable place during the summer. The current heating and cooling system is noisy, inefficient, and when faced with the Kansas summer, it is inadequate. This

system is, after all, over 40 years old, and in the heat of summer, it simply does not cool the building effectively. Each week, we are faced with the choice of being uncomfortably warm and not hearing the words of the liturgy or of sweating and hearing the liturgy somewhat better. As the A/C struggles against the heat, great quantities of condensation (10-15 gallons/day) pour out of the unit behind the altar and reredos which is nearest the vesting room.

Such details, I'm sure, come as a surprise to many of you, since most members of the congregation are not wandering around the passage behind the altar before the service, but those who have experienced this problem first hand—the acolytes, the ushers, LEM's, the altar guild, and a few others including our Jr. Warden, Bob Kruger—can attest to the inconvenience of having semi-perpetual puddle of standing water, even in a rather obscure corner of the building. A hole beneath a radiator allows the water to run into the basement, happily keeping the water just under half an inch deep, but unhappily contributing to other long term problems with the structure of the building that we can only imagine.

Our current, fiscally conservative approach to the problem has been the strategic placement of a number of 5 gallon buckets under the drips and streams of water, which is somewhat effective as long as someone is around to empty the buckets every 12 hours. Such a situation would be troubling enough if

Christ Cathedral were a warehouse, but in a place dedicated to the worship of God, it is particularly vexing. We sing God's praises (often using King David's own words) while the condition of God's house is one that we would not allow to persist for long in our own homes or businesses. While it is true that the water eventually subsides when the A/C is turned off, the overall problem of ineffective heating and cooling is a detriment to the Cathedral, and one which limits the long term ministry potential of this building.

It may sound odd to think that physical things could limit spiritual growth, but it is a consequence of the specific gifts of our heritage. It has been observed that man approaches God through three main paths: moral goodness, intellectual truth, and the experience of beauty. All are part of our life here at Christ Cathedral, but the first impression of most people who enter this place is that this is a place of physical and spiritual beauty. The people who come to this church looking for God are, more often than not, drawn here by the promise of beauty.

Over the years, Christ Cathedral has offered the experience of beauty in many ways. The most frequent and regular experience of beauty is and will continue to be in our worship. In addition to our regular worship services, there have been organ recitals, visiting choirs, and well-known soloists who have offered their gifts to God and to this city in our worship space. At this point, however,

## September 2011

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## Notes:

Where can you find: a printed version of Fr. Benjamin's sermons, pictures of the Cathedral youth, a list of Vestry members, information about the Montessori School, Fr. Benjamin's email address, and much, much more?  
ANSWER: The Cathedral Website, [www.christcathedral.net](http://www.christcathedral.net) Check it out! And don't forget to subscribe to receive the Cathedral news via e-mail.

**Christ Cathedral Montessori School:** The floor has been repaired, the tornado room cleared out, supplies have been ordered, new names have been placed above the coat hooks, the teachers have been hard at work, and Christ Cathedral Montessori School has a brand new year ahead of it. With full enrollment in both morning and afternoon sessions, everyone involved anticipates a busy year. Spanish classes will be taught in both sessions, the garden is ready for planting, and soon the joyous sounds of preschoolers will fill the downstairs. What a blessing!

**Reminder:** Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings with one paid person and one volunteer. We have a rotating group of volunteers who serve once every seven weeks. **If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery on a rotating basis, please contact the office at 827-4440 or by email [ChristCathedral@ChristCathedral.net](mailto:ChristCathedral@ChristCathedral.net).**

**Altar Guild:** Would you like to care for the beautiful vessels and linens that enhance our services of Holy Communion? If so, the Cathedral Altar Guild could use your help! Call the church office (827-4440) and leave your name. You will be scheduled for a short training session and can then begin serving your church in this satisfying ministry.

**Christian Education:** Wednesday evening Christian Education will begin its new school year on Wednesday September 14, 2011. We will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and activities. So mark your calendars!

Support Christ Cathedral every time you do a search on the Internet. Simply go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), enter Christ Episcopal Cathedral in the "WHO DO YOU GOODSEARCH FOR?" line and begin your search.

Christ Cathedral is now on Facebook! Just search for Christ Episcopal Cathedral in the search bar and "like" our page! This page along with the website is a good source for information about our parish!

### Feed the Hungry

Thanks to Todd Hower, Tammy Mockerman, Charles Kephart (who does double duty), and Donna Pratt, we have a full slate of those who pack lunches for our Feed the Hungry outreach program. Our numbers in August have been off the chart, and even without the final August tally, we have prepared 2,117 lunches so far this year. This means we have greater needs for donations to support this ministry. If you can help with a check to Christ Cathedral with "Feed the Hungry" on the memo line, it would be greatly appreciated. Cash donations in an envelope marked "Feed the Hungry" will find its way to our needs. We also appreciate finding a sack of oranges or apples, or some cookies, on the counter occasionally.

As any of the Feed the Hungry crew can tell you, we never hand a lunch to someone without hearing "Thank you." One Sunday, when the lunch preparer handed a homeless man a lunch, he said, "Thank you and God bless you." She replied, "You're welcome, and God bless you, too." The man answered, "He already has." That simple exchange illustrates the spirit of our Feed the Hungry program.

the attraction of our Cathedral is somewhat diminished. Participation in the liturgy while the A/C is running is a lot like watching television with the vacuum cleaner running in the middle of the living room: you can see what is happening but the dialogue is obscured, if not altogether lost.

In the coming weeks and months, the Vestry will be taking up the question of how we can best solve this problem. Our most public ministry depends on the appreciation of beauty as an avenue to God and active participation in worship, and our overall ministry and outreach to this community depend greatly on people's experience during the worship services. As we consider the current need for upgrades and renovation of our most visible asset, I would encourage each of you to contact someone on the vestry to share your questions, ideas, and concerns so that whatever decisions are made in the months to come will have the benefit of the greatest possible input from the people who most frequently come here to draw closer to God.

Father Benjamin +



**Buckets and buckets of water! The area behind the altar where the AC Unit is leaking.**



## Vestry Highlights

Instead of an official Vestry meeting in August, members of the Vestry took a tour of the Parish Hall and Education building to see what repairs needed to be made and what areas needed to be cleaned out. Repairs need to be made in the apartment and the nursery. Storage areas that need to be cleaned out include: the closet by the stage, the coat closet in the Parish Hall entryway, the closet at the end of the office hallway, the furnace room, the undercroft, the old diocesan offices and entryway, the walkway behind the main altar, and the outdoor shed. A determination will need to be made as to what needs to be kept and what can be disposed of. It was suggested that work begin on these areas during Benedictine Wednesdays. Members of the congregation are welcome to join the staff on Wednesday mornings.

These are some highlights from the Vestry meeting. If you would like a copy of the complete Vestry minutes, please contact the Cathedral office.

Linda Favre  
Vestry Clerk

### Christian Education Kick-Off Party

September 14th, Feast of the Holy Cross. Mass at 5:30 p.m. Potluck dinner to follow. The Cathedral will provide Rubbing Butts BBQ, please plan to bring a side dish or dessert. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall during coffee hour.

### Stewardship Update

Plate/Pledge Budget as of 7/31: \$112,000  
Plate/Pledge Received as of 7/31: \$125,735

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

## Thanks From the Junior Warden

I would like to thank the people who have participated in "Benedictine Wednesday" activities at the Cathedral. Volunteers work for about two hours following Morning Prayer each Wednesday. We have been working on both outdoor and indoor projects. The efforts have enhanced Cathedral property. Considerable time has been spent working in the flower beds where volunteers do weeding, watering, picking up branches and twigs, trimming shrubs and sweeping of walks and entryways. Indoor projects include organizing storage areas. The Tornado Shelter/Storage Room is much safer and more orderly. Not all of the work is physically demanding. Please join us if you are available for Morning Prayer (8:10 a.m.) followed by "Benedictine Work" on Wednesdays. Thank you.

Bob Kruger, Junior Warden.

\*Benedictine Wednesdays will continue through September, so please come while you still have a chance!

## Emerge Youth

The new school year was kicked off by welcoming the 6th graders into the group and playing "Minute to Win It" games. Meetings are held every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the youth room. We have a variety of

activities planned for the upcoming school year including volunteering around the community, hosting another Fall Festival in October, movie nights, bowling, volleyball, and many other activities.

Starting this fall we will be trying something new with Emerge Youth Group. We will be producing a monthly Youth Newsletter highlighting the youth's activities both at the church and extra curricular activities they may be involved in around the community. This is being started in hopes of bettering the communication within the youth program at the church. It will be available as an E-News letter (sent out by email) but a copy can also be obtained by visiting the office.

We are thankful to the families who prepare a meal for us on Sunday Evenings. Also, continuing thanks goes out to our rotating group of volunteer helpers - Kathleen Malone Crouch, Deb Weishaar, Molly Hemstock, Jennifer Barnes, and Ashley French.

We are always looking for more people to prepare meals for us on Sundays! We are also looking for people to be the youth group volunteer helper on Sunday evenings. You can either sign up in the narthex or contact Katie in the office at 827-4440 or [ChristCathedral@ChristCathedral.net](mailto:ChristCathedral@ChristCathedral.net).

## Animal Shelter Donations

Items needed for the Animal Shelter in September: Paper Towels, Milk Bones, Canned Dog Food, Clay Cat Litter, Peanut Butter, Bleach, Rubbing Alcohol, Box Fans