



**March 2010
GoodNewsLetter**

Celebrating Margôt's Ministry

**The Reverend Canon Margôt Nesbitt
is retiring from her long and faithful service.**



**On Sunday morning, March 21, at the 11 AM Service
we will honor Margôt and celebrate the many ways
her life and ministry has blessed our Cathedral parish.**

Formation

CPR Class

*Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 PM
in the Garden Gallery*

There will be a CPR class on March 10 from 5:30-8:00 PM in the Garden Gallery. Please sign up before March 8 so we can be sure we have enough people signed up for the class to be offered.

Backward Blessings

Wednesday Nights in Lent, Starting Feb. 24

The Dean will present a series on experiencing God's blessings. The first session this Wednesday evening, February 24 at 6:45–7:30 P.M. will tell about his first realizations of God's presence as a child.

Backward Blessings Session 2

*Wednesday Night, March 3
Adolescent Trauma & Vocational Direction*

Backward Blessings Session 3

*Wednesday Night, March 10
Ministry, Marriage and Childbirth*

Backward Blessings Session 4

*Wednesday Night, March 17
St. Paul's Cathedral at Pits and Peaks*

Backward Blessings Session 5

*Wednesday Night, March 24
Second Childhood and the Soul*

St. Matthew Passion

*Sunday Mornings at 10:10 AM during Lent in
the Parlor, starting February 28*

Join Jim Jarvis in the Parlor on Sundays at 10:10 AM to listen to portions of J. S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* and discuss how music can illuminate Biblical texts.

Music

Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

March 21 at 5:00 PM

Anthems and Motets for Lent

Brightmusic – Music for Three (Part Two)

March 23 at 7:30 PM

New Work by Knight, *Two Rhapsodies* by Loefler, *Gran Duetto* by Bottesini, *Trio* by Ravel

Blessed Day

March 3 Given by Dr. James & T.R.C. Carol Hampton
In Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Our Grandson Jonathon Scott Chelberg

March 10 Given by Dr. James & T.R.C. Carol Hampton
In Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Our Grandson Luca Daniele Hampton

Youth

Lent/Easter Youth Choir

Lent/Easter Youth Choir is meeting in the undercroft with Mary Reynolds at 6:35 PM on the Wednesdays during Lent to prepare for the 9:00 services on Palm Sunday, March 28 and Easter Sunday, April 4. Youth of all ages are welcome to join us on March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Remember, “all God’s critters got a place in the choir.”

Youth Choir Beyond Easter

Shhhhhh! It’s a secret!

Miss Mary is recruiting junior and senior high youth for a special musical offering for the 9:00 service on Sunday, May 16. Please let her know if you want to sing or play your instrument. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings in April and May.

Senior High Spring Break Mission Camp

I Will Make a Difference
March 15–19 at St. Crispin’s

Flyers are available in the youth room or reception area, or for more information e-mail Evie Garren: evie4971@yahoo.com.

New Beginnings

April 10–11 at St. Crispin’s

New Beginnings, a retreat week-end for junior high youth (grades 6–9), is led primarily by youth, and focuses on the relationships young teens have with their Friends, Family, Self and God. You can find registration materials at the Diocesan web-site: www.episcopaloklahoma.org.

Questions may be directed to Kate Carney Huston by e-mail at katehuston@att.net.

St. Crispin’s Summer Camp 2010

St. Crispin’s Summer Camp is for those who have finished grade 3 through high school. Registration information and forms are available on the Diocesan web-site:

www.episcopaloklahoma.org

With Arms Wide Open promises to be “transforming, nurturing, empowering, unforgettable and fun!” If you are uncertain about sending your child, talk to a former camper.

Sunday School

Sunday School Families & Safety Preparedness

The month of March is the harbinger of both spring and tornado season. The undercroft is the safest place to be in the event of a tornado. However, if, for any reason, the Sunday School needs to evacuate the Education Building, your children would be escorted to the south parking lot. The flagpole is the designated meeting location.

Sunday School Teachers Request

Parents, church school classes are dismissed at 11:00 AM, and we would appreciate it if you would meet your child(ren) in the undercroft at or before that time. If this is not possible, please let the teachers know, and we will make arrangements for your child(ren) to be escorted to the nursery.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Cathedral Garden Columbarium



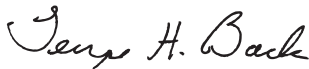
Dear Friends,

The Cathedral Garden Columbarium allows our community to be a complete home, a welcoming place from birth to death. In times of sorrow it provides a shelter of human warmth and divine consolation.

Now is the time to make appropriate plans together with the ones you love. Now is the time to address important concerns and to avoid placing on others difficult future decisions at much higher costs.

Your thoughtfulness will bless our Cathedral community and those who love you.

Faithfully,



George H. Back, Dean

Pre-Construction Prices available until April 30, 2010

Single Niche \$2,500 Double Niche \$4,000 Includes Urn & Stone Name Plate
Common Receptacle \$1,800 or On Ground \$1,800 Includes name marker

Please Call the Church Office 235-2436 for more details

Memorials & Contributions

Altar Guild

In memory: **David Glade**
Donor: Altar Guild Team I

Endowment Fund

In memory: **Randy Royse**
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mahaffey
In memory: **Tom Dulaney**
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mahaffey

Memorial Fund

In memory: **Dorthlynn Gaddis**
Donor: Ms. Ann Little Brodie
In memory: **Joe Hill**
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dennis
Rev. & Mrs. Robert J. Gates, Jr.
In memory: **George Massad**
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Blackwood
Mrs. Frank Hightower
Mr. & Mrs. K.T. Meade, Jr.
Mr. R.Z. Naifeh
Mr. & Mrs. Jan Norton
Mr. & Mrs. Paul G. Sittenfeld

Foyer Dinner Groups

New Foyer Dinner Groups will be forming in April. These are very informal groups meeting for a meal and fellowship, the groups stay together approximately six months. Each couple or person hosts one meal, furnishing the main course, while others supply the rest of the meal. You are in Foyers until you notify us that you are dropping out. Please contact us if you no longer wish to participate so we have an accurate count for forming new groups. Fill out the coupon on the enclosed page in alms basin, mail them in or call Julie or Leonard Mills at 848-4142.

Mobile Meals

In memory: **Dorthlynn Gaddis**
Donor: Mrs. Marilyn J. Hale
In memory: **George Massad**
Donor: Ms. Sally Alworth

St. George's Guild

In memory: **Ella Baer**
Donor: Dr. & Mrs. Donald Resler

St. Paul's Fund at OKC Community Foundation

In memory: **George Massad**
Donor: Bob & Nancy Anthony
Mrs. Donna Kennedy Vogel

Foyer Dinner Groups

- I want to join Foyer Dinner Groups!
- I'm in Foyer Dinner Groups now, but won't be participating this time around.

Please fill in this coupon and mail to St. Paul's or turn in at the reception desk.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number Attending _____

A Vestry Review

by Gypsy Hogan

The February vestry meeting started with a warm welcome to John Koons, Jane Magrath, Buzz McDonald and Amy Fischer who attended the first meeting of their new three-year terms. The commissioning of all current vestry members is planned for Sunday, March 7.

By acclamation, vestry members happily elected Molly Tolbert as the year's vestry secretary. She follows Rachel Pringle, who can never be replaced after so many faithful years of taking vestry minutes. Yet, Molly is willing to try! Also, Rick Hill was unanimously approved to continue in his diligent role as treasurer. Grateful hearts are many for these two.

The group was saddened to hear the news that Canon Margôt Nesbitt is retiring from her full schedule of church activities. Vestry members quickly signed up to help plan a March celebration of this wonderful woman's life and work at St. Paul's.

Vestry member Sharon Stewart proposed a St. Paul's vestry retreat to help new and old vestry members better understand their roles and responsibilities. The idea was readily accepted and plans are underway for a Saturday morning session, possibly in April.

Meanwhile, the Diocesan Vestry Academy is planned for Saturday, March 13, at St. Crispin's, and a large number of St. Paul's vestry members are preparing to attend.

For the Columbarium, vestry approved the expenditure of up to \$30,000 from funds that have been donated specifically for that project. The approved funding is to be used for further architectural and civil services, as well the purchase of mosaic stones for the columns. The Dean reported that about \$28,000 has been spent of the

\$32,000 approved last year to move design plans forward.

The Bishop has asked St. Paul's to provide him with vestments to match those worn by Cathedral clergy at the Christmas and Easter services. Current vestments are too small for the much taller Bishop Ed. Cost was estimated at \$5,000 with funding to come from St. Paul's Undesignated Memorial Corpus Fund. Vestry approved.

For the second year in a row, vestry voted to have an outside audit done by an accounting member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, using Diocesan guidelines. Vestry approved a \$500 donation to the organization in appreciation of its services.

Vestry also approved a \$200 donation from the Outreach Committee to the ministry of Lauren Cook, daughter of St. Paul's members Meredith and Rodney Cook. She is serving her second year of a three-year commitment to work in India with Student Mobilization.

Finally, the treasurer's report showed January revenues greater than projected. That reduced the monthly loss to \$17,324 as opposed to the projected \$19,888. No amount is too small to lessen the deficit.

Back Talk

Dear Friends,

When the English word 'privacy' emerged in the 14th Century it meant 'privation'. A person was deprived of his or her participation in community. Now we live in a culture that idolizes privacy. Even though we live the most isolated, separated existence in the history of humanity, many feel that their 'privacy' is insufficient or threatened.

The illusion of privacy goes back to Adam and Eve. When they try to be like God they end up by hiding in the bushes. 'Who told you that you were naked' asks God. What is it that drives us to cover up who we are? What secret are we protecting?

Lent begins with a message about secrecy. "When you pray, pray to your father in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." The secret sanctuary for humanity is the soul. This is the center of our human 'beingness' that becomes manifest on earth through body and mind.

The body and mind are subject to all the diseases, abuses, oppressions and sins of the world. The soul is God's secret location for you, so that these forces cannot destroy you. Many live outside their soul, they do not know that their soul exists. Many others think that the soul is merely some little appendix to the body or mind.

A huge amount of time, energy and attention is wasted on attempts to protect the privacy of body and mind – we construct mental 'cover ups' for lust, greed, resentment, fear, selfishness, etc. We even hide from ourselves what is being revealed by our actions, creating justification by rationalization. Pretentious words rarely fool attentive neighbors, and never God. There is one covering allowed in the sight of God, "love covers a multitude of sins".

It is not privacy from the world, but intimacy with God, that is the source of spiritual vitality and pure love. Now is the time to enter the secret workshop of God at the center of your being. God is the great artist seeking to create beings that fulfill and reveal divine presence.

Let God, from out of the secret place of your soul, work with the feelings of your body and the thoughts of your mind. Let God reward you, and those around you, with a holy, joyful and loving presence, that is truly divine and truly yours.

Faithfully,

George H. Back

