



**Reaching out  
Reaching within  
Proclaiming God's Love**  
**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**

2001 Windsor Drive  
Newton, Kansas 67114  
Church: 316-283-3310  
**September/October  
2018**

# The Messenger

## A word from the Rector

Long ago, in an Episcopal church's newsletter, I learned of the Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel's article "Spiritual but Not Religious: Please Stop Boring Me". The Rev. Dr. Daniels was (is?) minister of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Her article begins with the dread she has of being on an airplane and having her seat mate (after finding out that she is a minister) spend much of the flight explaining how they are "spiritual but not religious" and how they find God in nature - sunsets, walks on the beach, in the mountains, or on hill tops or hiking trails. She makes the comment "Like people who go to church don't see God in the sunset! Like we are the monastic hermits who never leave the church building".

She goes on to say:

As if we don't hear that in the psalms, the creation stories and throughout our deep tradition. Being privately spiritual but not religious just doesn't interest me. There is nothing challenging about having deep thoughts all by oneself. What is interesting is doing this work in community, where other people might call you on stuff, or heaven forbid, disagree with you. Where life with God gets rich and provocative is when you dig deeply into a tradition that you did not invent all for yourself... She speaks of her desire to switch seats so she can "sit next to someone who has been shaped by a mighty cloud of witnesses instead", spend her time "talking to someone brave enough to encounter God in real human community", and explains "Because when this flight gets choppy, that's who I want by my side, holding my hand, saying a prayer and simply putting up with me, just like we try to do in church."

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Like Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, I have heard the "I'm spiritual but not religious" mantra many times once people have found out that I am clergy. I hear it at least once a week. The problem is that separating the messy work of being connected to a faith community from our spiritual life and experience does not work. Does God want to reveal God's own self in creation? Of course! Scripture makes that clear. But scripture also makes it clear that God is always calling a community to himself. In the Old Testament that community was known as Israel and in the New Testament it is "God's kingdom come near". These communities are intended to be the foundational connection to a spiritual and relational life. In her 2017 book *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*, Brené Brown explains this relational spiritual life by saying, "Spirituality is **recognizing and celebrating** that we are all **inextricably connected** to each other by a power greater than all of us, and that our connection to that power and to one another is grounded in love and compassion."

[The article is online as a *Huffington Post* Blog pub-

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*September Outreach Project:  
New Hope Shelter*

During September we'll be collecting hygiene and household items to support New Hope Shelter's mission of providing sanctuary for Men, Women and families experiencing homelessness. New Hope Shelter is a faith-based organization supported by donation from local churches and businesses. They do not receive federal or state funding. The following items are needed:

<b>Toiletries:</b>	<b>Paper Products, Laundry supplies, etc.</b>	<b>Over-the-Counter Meds</b>
Men & Women's razors & deodorant	Paper Towels, Toilet Paper	Ibuprofen, Tylenol, (staff administers)
Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Body Wash	Liquid Dish Soap,	
Liquid Hand Soap	Laundry Pods (HE*) *High-efficiency	

For more information visit <https://www.newhope-shelter.org>  
900 W Broadway St, Newton, KS 67114 · (316) 283-7711

**Clergy Discretionary Fund**

The loose plate offering on the first Sunday of each month is designated for the Clergy Discretionary Fund. These funds are available to the rector to help people in need of assistance with housing and utilities and, from time to time, other concerns. Checks are welcomed at any time. Your generosity in giving and extending ministry is greatly appreciated.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Meets at 6:30 p.m. Fridays in  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church's Lounge  
(the room directly west of the Parish Hall)

The meetings are designated as "open," which means other- than-alcoholics are welcome to attend. However, usually people with a desire to stop drinking are the ones who are enjoyed to attend.

**Diocesan Notes**

- **Saturday, September 8th at 2:00 pm Southwest Convocation** for clergy and elected delegates from parishes within the diocese's southwest region.

**Trinity Episcopal Church,**  
400 W. Ash, El Dorado, KS

The Mission Plan will be presented, and the upcoming Diocesan Convention will be discussed at this meeting.

- **The Rev. Mike Loyd** has accepted a call to become priest in charge at St. Andrew's, Derby, beginning Sept. 13. He was ordained a priest on Jan. 8 of this year and until May was serving an internship year at Good Shepherd, Wichita.



**St. Matthew's**  
**Welcome Back Sunday**  
**September 16, 2018**  
*We've missed seeing ya!*

Summer is coming to an end, so invite a neighbor, bring your favorite covered dish and join us for worship, fellowship and lunch.

**Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes:**

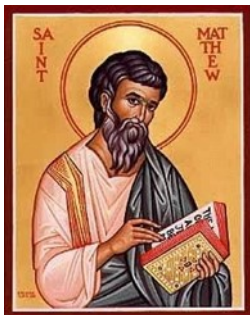
**9:00 am - Sunday School** for Children and Adults

**10:15 am - Worship**

**Guest speaker: Karen Schlabach**, Diocese of Kansas Youth & Interim Campus Missioner will speak at the Peace

**11:30 am - Parish Potluck**

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share.



**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**St. Matthew's Celebrates**

***The Feast of St. Matthew - Apostle & Evangelist***

Come join us for our annual celebration of our patron saint whose Gospel calls us to the mission of making disciples for the kingdom of heaven.

A special offering "Coins for Change" will be taken in honor of St. Matthew. Your coins will go to the Operational Endowment Fund for the long-term sustainability of the mission and work of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The OEF will be doing a "Coins For Change" as the second offering on Sunday, September 23. The money that OEF raises is used for the upkeep of St. Matthew's and to supplement the regular budget of the church. Start collecting your coins and bring them for a fun collection time. If you know you will be gone, drop by and leave your coins in the office. Let's have a great and noisy Sunday!



**Coins for Change**

**Bible Quiz**

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna and Salome



Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)



**Movie Night**  
**Sunday**  
**September 30, 2018**  
**at 6:00 pm**

Movie Night features the video  
**“Consider the Conversation 2:**

**Stories About Cure, Relief, and Comfort”**

Guest Jennifer Speer, *Newton Medical Center’s Director of Case Management* will be present to help answer questions.

American medicine’s success has created a new problem. The clear majority of patients can now expect to die in a place and in a way that most would not choose. Talking about how we want to live at the end of our life is now taboo, even though it is as natural as birth. Because of this cultural barrier, patients and families are suffering needlessly. It is a problem we never intended to create and one that must be solved, but how? Twenty-one months in the making and entirely funded by private donation, *Consider the Conversation 2: Stories About Cure, Relief, and Comfort* explores the effect of American medicine’s success on the patient/doctor relationship and sheds light on the important role communication plays in helping both patient and doctor navigate the murky waters of severe chronic disease.

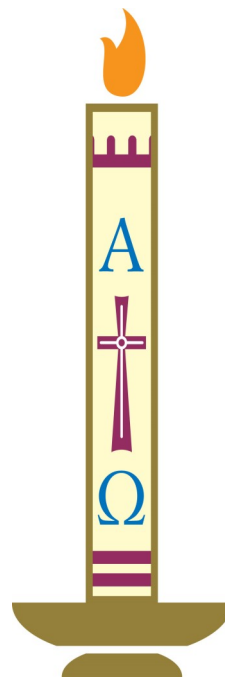
*\*The minister of the congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of persons to make wills (this would include Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare Decisions and Healthcare Treatment Directive), while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequest for the religious and charitable uses. Book of Common Prayer Page 445*

**Urgency**

Though a Canaanite not a Jew  
and an unnamed woman her  
persistence winning out not for  
herself she prayed but for the  
healing of her troubled daughter  
the heart of the Christ responding  
across cultural boundaries hearing  
unusual urgency in a public place  
by a woman with no shame in the  
humiliation it might bring she using  
a metaphor of even dogs eating table  
scraps how could he not heal this  
brave woman’s daughter his words  
“Let it be done as you wish”  
ringing down through the ages  
an unbelievable faith in this God

Joan Breit  
Summer 2018

**Paschal Candle**



This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.



**Sunday, October 7, 2018**  
**2:00 pm**  
**The Commemoration of**  
**St. Francis of Assisi**

**St. Matthew's Blessing of the Animals**  
**(in our Gazebo area)**

*Come as you are and join us as we remember St. Francis for his commitment to Christ, his friendship with the poor and his love of God's creation especially the "least of God's creatures".*



**Wednesday,**  
**October 31, 2018**  
**5:30 – 7:00 PM**  
**Halloween Safe Walk**  
**500-700 Blocks of Main**  
**Street, Newton**

St Matthew's Episcopal Church will once again participate in the (24th) annual Halloween Safe Walk sponsored by Newton Lions Club. This event allows the children of our community to trick or treat in a safe and trusted environment. The event draws about 1,000 children dressed to their Halloween best.

Candy contributions are needed as well as volunteers to hand out the candy.

**Payee Program News**

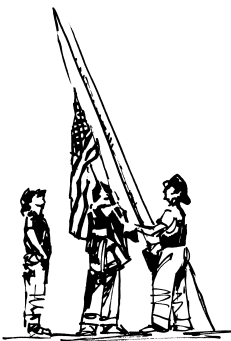
The payee program bought a new freezer this week. It is a full size freezer and we would like to share it with the church. Please feel free to use it at anytime. It is in the large storage room at the back of the church.

The Social Security Administration completed the annual audit for our bonding insurance. The audit determines how much insurance we carry to protect the clients' income and the amount in the combined bank accounts. This audit is done each year in August.

We have 6 new clients and 2 new volunteers. At this time we serve 144 clients.

Please feel free to stop by the program any Tuesday.

Katie



On December 18, 2001, Congress approved a resolution designating September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day." It's a day to remember the more than 3,000 innocent lives lost on that September morning in 2001.

The resolution requests that each year the President issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities. Those activities include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the American flag at half-staff.

In his 2003 proclamation President Bush said, "On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness."

Keep them all in your prayers this Patriot Day.



## *Prayer for the Search of the 10th Bishop of Kansas*

Gracious and loving God, thank you for the directing presence of your Holy Spirit upon those who have been set apart to discern your call of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas. Look graciously on your people as we lift up the search process in fervent prayer. Guide us to the faithful pastor, who will nurture your people and cultivate the myriad of gifts that abide in the people of this diocese. Empower this search with a spirit of joy and discernment as together we journey with Jesus the road ahead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **In case you missed it – slate of bishop candidates is finalized**

In a first for the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Kansas will select the 10th bishop of the diocese from a slate of women candidates.

The Council of Trustees, acting as the canonical Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, presents to the diocese one additional priest, added by petition, as a candidate for the 10th bishop of the diocese:

**The Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom**, Diocese of Iowa

She joins these candidates, presented by the Council on June 21:

**The Rev. Martha N. Macgill**, Diocese of Maryland  
**The Rev. Helen Svoboda-Barber**, Diocese of North Carolina

The Presiding Bishop's Office of Pastoral Development confirmed that this will be the first time that a diocesan bishop is elected from an all-women slate of candidates.

Macgill and Svoboda-Barber were presented as candidates on June 21 by the Council of Trustees, acting in its canonical role as the diocese's Standing Committee. Chittenden Bascom was added by petition and announced by the Council on Aug. 15.

### **The Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom**

Assistant Professor of Religion at Waldorf University



The Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom grew up in Denver, Colo. She earned a B.A. in English with distinction from the University of Kansas in 1984 and an M.A. in Modern Literature from Exeter University (UK) in 1991. She earned her M.Div. at Seabury-Western in 1990 and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from Iliff School of Theology in Denver in 2005. In 2017 she completed an MFA in Creative Writing and Environment at Iowa State University.

Cathleen had a faith experience that was nurtured at the Canterbury House and Trinity in Lawrence, where she explored a call to ordination. After seminary she served as curate for three years at St. Gregory's in Deerfield, Ill. She then returned to Kansas to help replant campus ministry at K-State, Washburn and Wichita State from 1993-2001, where she initiated the purchase of the St. Francis Canterbury House in Manhattan.

Cathleen then served from 2001-2007 as rector of St. Stephen's, Newton, Iowa. From 2007-2014 she served as dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Des Moines. As well as healing internal divisions, she and the cathedral were named Urban Stewards of the Year by Polk County for the installation of an urban prairie green-space.

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She currently is Assistant Professor of Religion at Waldorf University, a liberal arts college with Lutheran roots. She teaches biblical studies and was voted Professor of the Year for 2017. She is supply priest and team coach at Trinity, Emmetsburg, and oversees Iowa Creation Stewards, helping parishes plant postage stamp prairies and organize around environmental concerns.

She is married to Tim Bascom, and they have two sons, Conrad, age 25, and Luke, age 21. Cathleen likes to garden, cross country ski, travel, and enjoy the blessings of family and friends.

The Very Rev. Foster Mays, president of the Council of Trustees, said, "From the beginning of our bishop search process, grounded and directed by the Spirit, everyone has sought a slate of excellent candidates for election as the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Kansas. We now have three such candidates. The fact that they are all women, while historic, speaks to the ministry and experience of ordained women across the Episcopal Church. Kansas is delighted to be the first diocese to select their next bishop from an outstanding group of women."

More information about all three candidates is online at <https://www.kansasbishopsearch.org/>.

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### Meet the Bishop Candidates

(in Wichita)

**Thursday, October 4**

**11:30 am– 1:30 pm**

**Lunch with Clergy of the Diocese**

Episcopal Social Services

1010 north Main

**5:00 – 6:00 pm**

**Dinner with College and Youth of the Diocese**

St James Episcopal Church

**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Question & Answer Session  
(Open to Everyone)**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



**Thursday, October 18 –  
Saturday, October 20, 2018**  
**The Episcopal Diocese  
of Kansas**

### **159th Annual Convention in Topeka at Grace Cathedral and Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center**

#### **Election of the 10th bishop**

The election of the 10th bishop of Kansas will highlight the 159th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas when it meets Oct. 19-20 in Topeka.

The election of the diocese's next bishop will take place on Friday, Oct. 19, as a special order of business. These people can be present at Grace Cathedral during the time of the election:

- Lay parish delegates
- Clergy who are canonically resident
- Lay *ex officio* office holders entitled to vote
- Officers of Convention
- Lay parish alternates who have registered for convention
- Others who have registered and paid for convention
- Members of the Search Committee and Transition Committee
- Those invited to be present to support the work of the convention

Plans call for the election to be live-streamed, so anyone can watch it a via computer or mobile device.

The Rule of Order for the election of the 10th bishop, which was adopted by the Council of Trustees on Aug. 15, 2018, offers details about the election process

The convention Eucharist, to which all are invited, will take place at the cathedral at 4 p.m., with the convention banquet and awards taking place in the evening. Plans are for the bishop-elect to address those attending the banquet via live-stream.

All other convention business will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Sunflower Ballroom of the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Plans call for business sessions to meet into the afternoon and will include elections, consideration of any changes to diocesan canons or debatable resolutions, and adoption of a proposed 2019 budget.



**Register now for the Gals Only Weekend and Guys Only Weekend.** This is a weekend retreat to provide young people with tools to navigate today's changing society. We will discuss gender stereotypes and how to be comfortable no matter how God made you. We also will worship, sing, eat good food, play, rest and support one another. There will be a joint activity with both groups.

**When:** Sept. 21-23

**Where:** St. Margaret's, 5700 W. 6th. St., Lawrence (guys will be in the Parish Life Center; gals will be in the main building)

**Who:** youth females in grades 8-12; youth males in grades 9-12 (for the 2018-19 school year)

**Fee:** \$50 (\$65 after Sept. 7)

**Youth and college-age folks can sign-up to be a part of the Official Youth Presence at Diocesan Convention.**

Youth in grades 8-12 and college-age folks are invited to help out at Diocesan Convention as acolytes and pages. It's an excellent way to learn more about the Episcopal Church and meet lots of people from around the diocese. Youth and college-age participation is paid for by the diocese. Oct. 18-20 in Topeka. See <https://edokoyouth.wordpress.com/diocesan-convention/> for all the information and registration form.



**Campus Ministry**  
Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

**Campus ministry weekly gatherings continue**

**Canterbury @ K-State**, 1823 Laramie, Manhattan, Mondays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner, program and Compline.

**Canterbury House of Lawrence**, 1116 Louisiana, Lawrence, Tuesdays 6 - 7:15 p.m. Dinner and program.

**Canterbury @ Emporia State University**, Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m. Eucharist and dinner at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 828 Commercial Ave., Emporia.

**Labette Community College Laundry & Latte**, Fabric Care Laundry, 1825 Crawford, Parsons. Thursdays, 6 - 8 p.m. Coffee, tea and hospitality events provided by St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Baker University Lectionary Lean-In**, Mondays, 9 - 11 a.m. Drop by anytime and get a pastry on us and read the week's gospel at the Student Union coffee shop.

**Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita**, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner, program and Compline at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 8021 N. 21st Street N., Wichita. (The first meeting for fall 2018 will be **Tuesday, Sept. 4.**)

**Mini-Miqra**

All college-aged Episcopalians and others interested in exploring the Episcopal faith are invited to a one-night retreat to kick-off the Miqra weekend. Miqra is 3-day event where we read the entire Bible, out loud. We will read the Bible, learn more about it and how to read it, worship, and enjoy yummy food together! Pre-registration is required.

**When:** Friday, January 18, 2019, 1 pm to Saturday, January 19, 10 am

**Where:** Grace Cathedral, 701 SW 8th St., Topeka, KS

**Who:** all college-aged students (age 18-24-ish)

**Cost:** TBA

**Priority deadline:** Thursday, January 3, 2019

Online registration forms will be available here by November 15, 2018