



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Cathedral of All Souls

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From the Dean

The Very Reverend Todd Donatelli

There is debate about the ability, the appropriateness, of faith communities doing annual evaluations. Some suggest that the usual statistics of organizations, numbers served, units produced, profit/loss are not fully appropriate for a community who seeks to follow Jesus. After all, it is argued, Jesus was not about numbers, but souls. Others suggest without evaluation a community can not know if it is following as it should. This is another place where the both/and of Anglicanism is important.

If we want numbers, we can say numbers of members and numbers of people participating in Cathedral liturgies and other program events has grown in the recent past. The giving of time and finances by persons in this community has also grown. These are fruitful and appreciated signs. And, numbers are moot if the mission of this community is not being served.

Thus, I find myself reflecting on this past year from a place of mission. Are we seeking to fulfill the things to which we are called by Jesus? Are we seeking to fulfill the things we name in our mission statement: are we Eucharistically centered? are we living out our Baptismal vows? are we engaged with Scripture and the world about us? is trust present? are risks taken? do we find our gifts and graces being called upon and are we deepening in our sense of who God knows us to be?

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I will leave it to the reports that follow to answer these questions more fully. What is observable here is passion for liturgy and the places to where it drives us. This is a community of 'awe and wonder' (baptismal prayer). The number of persons who engage the community in which we live, both through work of this Cathedral and through their own respective affiliations regularly moves me. The ability of this community to celebrate, grieve and be still continually deepens. The ability of the Centers for Christian Studies to serve the formational needs of this diocese, deepening our service as the Cathedral of this diocese, steadily matures.

In a world where anxiety is highly peddled and steadily supplied, it is the calling of communities of faith to provide an antidote. That is not something manufactured. It is practiced. It is found in chosen rhythms and the ordering of our common life. It is found in disciplines that name a truth more deep than the culture's zealously proclaimed gospel of scarcity. Abundance after all, is not finally about numbers. It is something measured in soul.

What follows is a report, an evaluation if you like, of soul. The questions which need to be addressed in these reports have to do with Eucharistic centering, baptismal living, engagement, trust, risks and knowing and being known by God.

For the soul which these reports represent, we give thanks.

Peace,



From the Sub-Dean

The Reverend Canon Brian Cole

This year began for me with another trip to Durgapur, India, to represent All Souls and our diocese in our relationship with Anglicans in West Bengal. I remained deeply convinced that this connection to Christians on the other side of the world has the potential to serve us well in understanding what it means for us to be Christian in our world now. My journey there included serving as a messenger from Elizabeth Douglas' homeroom class at Carolina Day School and the children of the diocese of Durgapur. The notes and photos shared between children in Asheville and India reminded me of many things we share in a world that still tends to find ways to divide God's people.

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Along with my ongoing pastoral and welcoming duties here at the Cathedral, I attended the 2009 General Convention in Anaheim and also attended my first meeting as a member from Province IV to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. I appreciate the support of All Souls for these aspects of my work that take me beyond our parish and diocese. These travels away also remind me that the ways that All Souls worships, teaches the faith, and serves the community around us has much to teach the larger Church.

I also completed my first sabbatical this fall. I focused on the writings of Thomas Merton and traveled to Wisconsin, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, New York and South Carolina during my time away. I return from sabbatical convinced that there are important aspects of encountering solitude that can help us to build a healthy and whole Christian community.

Seven years ago, on December 7, 2002, I was ordained to the priesthood at All Souls. During the singing of the litany, I lay prostrate on the nave floor. I had the very strong sense in that moment of being carried by the Spirit and the Church. It is a memory that continues to feed me.

Peace,
Brian

Senior Warden's Annual Report, Dr. Wade Saunders

Since 1973, my wife and I have been faithful members of this church and taken great pride in raising our three children here. My participation was limited and dependent on my work schedule. Upon my retirement, when I was called and asked to serve on the Vestry, I was honored but a bit surprised. Serving as Junior Warden and then Senior Warden has been a true pleasure. It has been an honor to serve in this way and get to know many fine, courageous people who make up this church family.

The Cathedral of All Souls has been strong and vibrant for many years. The last several have been outstanding in my opinion, due to the dedication, talents, and hard work of an incredible liturgical team which includes Todd, Brian, Charlotte, Kyle, Eugenia, and David Nard. The services on Sunday mornings and special religious holidays are beautiful and very meaningful. We are truly blessed. Our pews are full for most of our services and the enthusiastic participation of the congregation in the singing of hymns, the responses, and the sharing of the peace are a testimonial to the good health of this special place.

I have had the opportunity in the last several years to observe Todd and Brian as they perform many of their pastoral duties. Both have unusual abilities to reach those in need. It is clear why so many have chosen All Souls as they seek direction and discernment in their personal ministry...what better role models could they ask?

Shawna and Thomas have done wonderful jobs in developing our youth and children's programs. We are enjoying record numbers of enthusiastic families with young children as well as teens of all ages.

All Souls is doing a very good job of being a good steward of the gifts received from the congregation. Largely through the efforts of Jack Parsons, we now have a sound accounting structure to keep up with a complicated but effective financial system. We have important internal control systems in place for tracking financial movement and, as Jack says, to protect the innocent.

As evidenced by the form prepared by the Stewardship Committee and sent to the congregation, a LOT is going on at All Souls; I am very proud of this. I am awed by the enormous gifts of time and effort offered by so many in the congregation. Susan and Mike Stevenson have expanded a retirement effort into a second vocation for each of them. During this difficult economic time, our congregation has been very thoughtful and supportive. The Vestry has been idealistic, hard working, responsible, and effective. We have had representatives from a wide range of interests.

Not all is wonderful. We are very much behind in the long term repair and maintenance of our beautiful church which, after a hundred years, is in need of much attention. The schedule for our clergy is back-breaking. We are working hard at improving old and instituting new support systems to allow them more time for important duties, for their families, and for themselves.

The Vestry is working hard to find solutions to these problems and to continue to carry out the words of the Mission Statement of All Souls. I am confident 2010 will be a wonderful year at the Cathedral. I am honored to have served as the Senior Warden, and grateful to have many new friends.

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Adult Sunday and Seasonal Formation

The Very Reverend Todd Donatelli

Themes around which groups gathered on Sunday mornings included the following: The Emergent Church movement and Re-traditioning movements, Lenten self-reflection, reconciliation of repentance, 'The Shack', the interplay of our inner and outer lives, 'The Meaning is in the Waiting', reflections in the season of Advent. Guest speakers included community persons involved in environmental issues, housing and homeless issues, and issues of hunger and peace.

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Other guests included Bishop Gene Robinson, Professor Tim Sedgwick and The Reverend Virginia Monroe. "Daily Practices for God's People", a joint work of the Centers for Christian Study and the Diocesan office, a work reflecting on virtues as the foundation upon which we shape our everyday life, was also offered by Robbin Brent Whittington and Rebecca Caldwell.

Wednesday nights in Lent focused on the specific liturgies of Holy Week, the practices, music and backgrounds and ways for deeper engagement. Leaders included, Kyle Ritter, Marilyn Kaiser, The Reverend Dorrie Pratt, The Reverend Rick Lawler, The Reverend Charles Winters, as well as Cathedral clergy, Brian Cole and Todd Donatelli.

For Community Breakfasts on Sunday mornings continue to provide a time of non-agenda gathering, getting to know members in the community and participation in the 'Apostles fellowship'. Deep gratitude to Charlie Hopper and his team of helpers is offered here.

Food Booth 2009, Jeanne Cagle

The weather was perfect for half of the weekend. The volunteers came ready to work spanning the range from age 4 to 80 plus. The artists came, bringing beautiful items to sell. The weekend was set to welcome our greater community, the artists, make money to benefit the hurting nonprofit community, and inspire comraderie within our own parish.

All of these things happened, even though the sky opened on Sunday pouring the rain, consequently people bought less and our profits were much smaller. All of us still benefitted from the weekend, and the grant recipients certainly benefitted from our efforts.

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If you would like to know more of your fellow parishioners and reach out to others while getting to know them, this is your event. Please join us this year on August 7-8, 2010 for this biggest outreach fundraiser of the year. The committee is also open to your gifts, so please watch for a meeting schedule beginning in April. If you have questions, please contact me at jctldc@aol.com.

From the Adjunct Clergy, The Rev. Mason Wilson

The Adjuncts are responsible for presiding at the 5:45 PM Eucharist each Wednesday and assisting on Sunday Mornings

The Adjunct Clergy had two of its number to have to take leave for health reasons—Bob Spangler and Sonja Hudson. Two others have taken other positions—Ross Jones as Interim at Holy Spirit, Mars Hill and Jim Curl at St. James, Rutherfordton. Jan Walker moved permanently to Richmond, VA. We have missed them very much. Bill Turner has come back to help us on Sunday mornings. Continuing to serve regularly are Delmas Hare, Everett Fredholm, Ashley Neal, Jean Scribner, Mason Wilson and Charles Winters.

The Adjuncts are responsible for presiding at the 5:45 PM Eucharist each Wednesday. We assist on Sunday mornings by communing the choir and those who come to the rail or by being at one of the two healing stations. We always stand ready to assist the Dean and other staff clergy when called upon. There was a bit more for us to do this fall while Canon Brian Cole was on sabbatical. We continue to meet monthly in one of the homes of the Adjunct Clergy, and we are always delighted when either Todd or Brian are able to join us.

Docent Report, Carol Anders

We had a very busy season. Our docents are scheduled Monday - Saturday, beginning after Easter until the end of December. We had several docents retire this year, William Dodge, Linda Spangler & Bob Spangler, we appreciate their years of faithful service. We added Victoria and Vickie Thompson to our ranks, and have a several interested in working with us for the 2010 season.

We logged in 2,268 visitors to the Cathedral this season. We hosted approximately 20 tours, for groups such as Mars Hill College and Montreat College elderhostel programs: retirement groups from Lutheridge and Charleston SC; Buncombe County schools; Chicago architects; family reunions and various tour companies. Our visitors come from all over the country, and as far away as Australia and Japan. Many are fellow Episcopalians, others students of things Vanderbilt, and many who are just curious about what it is like inside. Our tally does not include the several hundred who came in from the rain and heat during the August Craft Show and those who visit the Cathedral before a docent shift.

Our busiest months continue to be October and November for both tour guests and individuals. We had a record number of visitors in October - 401. On average a docent will have about 12-20 individuals come in during their two and half hour shift. Some docents reported as many as 53 in one shift and sometimes no one comes, and the docent is left to enjoy the serenity of our sacred space.

Based on office records, as of December 3, 2009, the docents collected \$3,360, which goes to the preservation of the Cathedral. Typically a visitor leaves a dollar and tours often give us \$100. We don't solicit the donations, except for a sign and a basket on a table near the door.

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Here's a list of our loyal, dedicated docents: Prue & Mason Wilson, George Hayes, Joan Crook, Nancy Martin, Dixie Guthrie, Vince Angelico, David Beebe, Oz Henry, Victoria & Vickie Thompson, Jerry Coffey, Martha Fullington and Carol Anders.

The Centers for Christian Studies, The Reverend Canon Charlotte D. Cleghorn

2009 marked the fourth year of the work of the Centers for Christian Studies, a ministry of the Cathedral of All Souls and the Diocese of Western North Carolina. With the help of the Advisory Committee, comprised of laity and clergy from the deaneries in the Diocese, we moved into expanded work around the areas of Discernment, Spiritual Formation, and Teaching Center for the Bishop. The original mission statement: "To inspire and equip Episcopalians to live out the vows of the Baptismal Covenant" was changed at our annual visioning day to apply more specifically to the work as it has emerged over the last years. The mission statement is now: To inspire and assist Episcopalians in deepening their spiritual lives. We believe this is the work of the Centers.

27 people from all parts of the Diocese (All Souls, Trinity, and St. Matthias, Asheville; St. James, Hendersonville; Holy Cross, Tryon, St. John's, Marion, Holy Family, Mills River; Grace, Morganton, St. James, Lenoir; St. Philip's, Brevard; St. Francis, Rutherfordton; St. John's, Sylva; and St. David's, Cullowhee) participated in a nine month process, meeting one Saturday a month, called Discernment in Circles of Trust: The Clearness Committee, facilitated by Dr. Karen L. Jackson. The Clearness Committee Process is one that allows a person with an issue for discernment to sit with five to seven people who are committed to asking honest, open questions and listening deeply in order to aid the focus person to hear the wisdom already within. The intent of this

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process is to provide people in the diocese, who may be discerning some question in their lives, to have this opportunity if they so desire. If you are interested in knowing more about this process, please contact the Rev. Canon Charlotte D. Cleghorn, Director at 828-274-2681 or charlotte@allsoulscathedral.org. A second three day retreat was offered Nov. 19-21, 2009.

A group called Going Deeper comprised of twelve people from four parishes in the Western: Messiah, Murphy; All Saints Community, Franklin; Good Shepherd, Hayesville; and St. John's, Cartoogechaye, met twice monthly and used Living Simply, one of the chapters of Daily Practices for God's People. Judy Teele, a member of the Executive Committee and of the Advisory Committee also began a Going Deeper group in the Morganton area this fall.

A new two year program called the Sacred Art of Spiritual Companionship was inaugurated in October with a four day intensive. This program is designed for people who are called to the ministry of spiritual companionship/direction. The design includes three intensives a year and five Saturdays. The Saturday Offerings are open to people of the Diocese. They are held from 9:30 to noon and are advertised on the Centers web-site and in Diocesan communications. The next Saturday Offering will be December 12, on Prayer. All the Saturday Offerings are held at All Souls. Deanne Kells, from St. James, Black Mountain spent a weekend with four deacons from the Diocese doing a Spiritual Gifts training. We hope to expand that program in the spring of 2010.

Another new program inaugurated this year involves pilgrimages within one's own parish. Jane Dawson, a member of Trinity, Asheville and Advisory Group member is leading these "mini-pilgrimages" and is available to come to your parish. This offering is free of charge.

We also held a New Year Labyrinth Quiet Day at All Souls and Labyrinth Quiet Day at Grace in the Mountains, Waynesville; a Day with the Bishop in March at Calvary, Fletcher and one in August, at Redeemer, Shelby; the Zabriskie Lecture; The Trinity Institute Webcast held at Deerfield Retirement Community; a pilgrimage to Coventry and Wales; and work with Daily Practices for God's People including a presentation to the Small Churches gathering, a workshop at the Ministry & Mission Conference in June and a presentation at the Clergy Ember Day in October. I am also one of the contributor's to the project. I have been to various parishes to do programs, to preach and have facilitated parish retreats.

The Advisory Committee by Deanery

- Asheville: Anne Weatherford, St. James, Black Mountain; Jane Dawson, Trinity, Asheville
- Hendersonville: Jan Shefter, St. James, Hendersonville; The Rev. Mickey Muga, Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave
- Mountain: The Rev. Dn. Melissa Eggers, St. Mary's, Blowing Rock; Diana Donovan, St. Thomas, Burnsville
- Piedmont: The Rev. Dee Ann De Montmollin, St. Francis, Rutherfordton; The Rev. G. Miles Smith, St. Luke's, Lincolnton
- Western: Claire Marsh, St. David's, Cullowhee; The Rev. Pattie Curtis, St. John's, Sylva
- Foothills: Jennie Deal, St. James, Lenoir
- Diocese: The Rev. Gus Boone, Canon for Christian Formation
- Executive Committee Representative: Judy Teele and the Ven. Eugenia Dowdeswell who assists with the Centers' work.

Treasurer's Report, Jack Parsons

As you read other reports that reflect a cautious and healthy growth in program or ministry, know that this also shows up in our giving and our overall financial position even in a difficult economic year.

• Our budget for 2009 was a balanced one. We struggled with keeping expenses under control and living within our means. Pledges for 2009 at first seemed to be nearly 5% lower than 2008, but after an appeal last January, the parish responded. For the year ending, we did have pledges received in the amount of \$612,000. Plate offerings and non-pledge contributions were up for the year. We are grateful to be able to tell you that we will be ending the year in the black. As we have done for the last two years, we will again engage an outside audit firm to fully examine and audit our financial records for the year.

• For 2010, we adopted a balanced budget in early January. It includes ongoing funding for the programs of the Cathedral and reflects your pledges in the amount of \$620,000. We understand that some in the parish were not able to renew pledges at the same level as last year. This is for all the reasons we know --- a lay-off, a loss of job hours, or

a significant change in investment income due to the current market conditions. Others have been able to respond with an increase. In all, clergy, staff and the vestry have been extremely grateful for the response that has been received. In the end, it was enough to allow us to include a 1% raise for clergy and staff. We will also be revisiting the budget in late spring to make adjustments if additional resources (pledges) are available.

• As you will recall we were the beneficiaries of an extraordinary gift of a house in late 2008. Although there were challenges in trying a sell such an item in today's real estate market, we did find a buyer in early November. After expenses for a few repairs, utilities and other maintenance, the net proceeds are in excess of \$501,000. Todd has convened a committee to consider some options for its distribution.

• Our records are in good shape in large part thanks to Sue Gervais, who has been our part-time book-keeper / financial assistant for nearly a year and a half.

• There are also thanks to give to a dedicated Finance Committee. The members are DeeDee Daws, John Johnson, Bob Feeser, Rob Newcomer, Bunny Keenan, and Jeff Konz (Chair). They are there to review monthly financial statements, provide direction on financial policy and to watch over the work of the Treasurer and the office financial functions.

From vestry and staff alike, there is an ongoing commitment to be more transparent in sharing financial information about our life and work. Talking about money can't be accomplished in a vacuum, but always in the context of our values and ministry. We will keep talking about it and welcome your faithful engagement with that conversation.

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Endowment Committee, Robert Feeser

At the end of October 2009, the Endowment Fund totaled \$1,180,678 following a substantial decline as a result of sharp drop in market value of assets as the economy moved into a major recession and experienced turmoil in financial markets. Since then a substantial increase in endowment assets of approximately \$265,000 has restored endowment assets to a total of \$1,444,651 as of November 30, 2009. The management of the endowment funds are managed by Wells Fargo Advisors, formerly known as Wachovia Trust with the same management team in place.

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Endowment income of \$49,400, representing a 4% total return on assets, was distributed at the end of September 2009. Income was distributed on a pro rata basis to the designated funds which compose the overall endowment; these designated funds and their values and income distributions as of September 30, 2009 are as follows:

Fund	Value	Distribution
General Endowment (for Outreach)	\$511,819	\$17,824
Garrett (Music)	\$114,848	\$4,000
Christian Education (J.Adams)	\$13,707	\$477
Dean's Discretionary (Zager)	\$13,707	\$477
Capital (Mary Adams)	\$524,125	\$18,254
Centers for Christian Studies (Mary Adams)	\$218,406	\$7,606
Kay Falk Literary Project	\$21,840	\$760

The Endowment committee is charged with the monitoring of investment management performance, asset allocation and determining along with investment managers a reasonable distribution of income based on total return on assets and growth in value after adjustment for inflation.

During 2010 the Endowment Committee expects to, with the help of others, develop and present a planned giving program to the parish. Such a program is designed to be a part of stewardship which supports the Cathedral's ministries both in the present and years ahead.

The Endowment Committee: Robert Feeser, Chair; Margaret McKeel; Rosemary Sells; J. Clarkson; Bill Russell; Miles Elmore; and ex-officio members, Todd Donatelli, Dean, and Jack Parsons, Treasurer.

Room in the Inn, Susan and Mike Stevenson

All Souls has a history in the founding of Room in the Inn (RITI), a ministry which provides meals and safe lodging for homeless women in the Asheville-Buncombe County region year round. In fact, the very first week that RITI was in action, the women were guests in Zabriskie Hall. That continues to this day four times each year, most recently during the second week of January just two weeks ago.

RITI is functioning now as an arm of Homeward Bound, an Asheville nonprofit dedicated to the eradication of homelessness in our community. Up to 12 women are selected through the staff at AHope, a day shelter for the homeless in downtown Asheville. Churches arrange transportation from the shelter to the church each evening and returned each morning. A hot meal each night, a safe night's lodging with two "innkeepers", volunteers who share the watch, a light breakfast the following morning, and a bag lunch to take with them as they return to the day shelter – that encompasses our responsibility for Sunday night through the following Sunday morning.

Room in the Inn is an ecumenical ministry for homeless women hosted four times a year

During 2009, All Souls hosted women during four weeks and we utilized approximately 60-65 volunteers each of those weeks. We continue to need volunteers in a number of roles, so please consider taking part in 2010.

All Souls Womens Gathering, Lisa Sellers Ridge

What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- 1 Corinthians 14:26

When I think of the All Souls Womens Gathering, the above verse speaks to me. The Womens Gathering is best described as a sacred space where women come together to share which allows us to deepen our connections to God, within ourselves and among each other.

This year the ministry has continued to build upon the fruits of previous years. We continue to invite women to offer their songs, reflections, yearnings, gifts, talents, dreams, and stirrings of the spirit. Both prayer beads and prayer shawl ministries continue for a third year.

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The monthly programs featured a diverse set of callings:

In January, Jo Taylor shared her reflections as well as her slides of her trip with Bishop Taylor to Lambeth Conference.

In April, Jocelyn Reese returned with Maggie Hopper and gave lessons on making prayer beads.

In August, Carol Anders offered us a spread of Egyptian food and a presentation on her trip to Cairo exploring the world of the Coptics.

In September, Loretta Andrews hosted a Pizza party for the movie night's viewing of "The Secret Life of Bees." Lisa Sellers Ridge facilitated a discussion on racism as portrayed in the movie and how may we participate in the work of dismantling racism.

In November, Pat Bell facilitated a series of sessions on Women Who Run with the Wolves.

In December, Nancy Harrison, Spiritual Director, offered a spiritual guided tour of St. Joseph's Labyrinth and led a period of sacred time for prayer, reflecting, and journaling

In May, a group of women made pilgrimage to Valle Crucis for a two-day retreat led by the Reverend Canon Charlotte Cleghorn called Sacred Sisters.

In 2009, the women felt callings of outreach as a group. When Jo Taylor spoke of the Burundi's Bishop's wife's passion to help provide for the children of her country, All Souls Women responded with a donation of \$500. A yearning of Loretta Andrews' was embraced by the women to help area children through the Children First organization through the Easter Basket Project, School Supply Drive and sponsoring the All Souls community-wide Christmas Wish List Project. The All Souls Community responded with such generosity providing more than 100 gifts for area children.

In 2010 offerings will include creative journaling, and Nancy Spence and Claire Edwards will be offering a session on the Enneagram. We invite you to join us this year as we continue to build and grow spiritually in the Love of God within this special group of women. If you would like to learn more about the Women's ministries, e-mail aswg@hotmail.com or call 582-4288.

Loving Food Resources, Mike Stevenson

Loving Food Resources (LFR) is an all-volunteer food pantry for people living with HIV-AIDS or who are in home Hospice care with any condition. It is located on the campus of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church in leased space and is open only on Saturdays. 70-90 clients are provided food and personal care items in a self-select grocery type atmosphere. Fresh produce, eggs, meat, and canned/dry goods are available in addition to some personal care items. An average food box taken by a client weights 40-45 pounds. For over 18 years, LFR has provided these services for a client list of approximately 200 individuals.

Currently there are 27 parishioners who volunteer with LFR as team members on Tuesdays or Saturdays, as board members, client drivers, or committee members. LFR has received several grants from the All Souls Food Booth funds that have assisted in food purchases, a nutrition program for clients, and in meeting pantry expenses. The church offered its facilities for board meetings for several years as well as for fundraisers such as the July BBQ, and an August concert by Kat Williams. For the past two years, money collected at the Lenten dinner series has been donated directly to LFR. For the past few years, the food items donated through the Human Needs Basket at the church door have all gone to the LFR pantry shelves.

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It is safe to say that the parish has made, from the very beginning, a major contribution to LFR through its members, its financial assistance, use of the campus, and its public moral support. You are invited to find out more by going to the website, www.lovingfood.org or by calling me (254-5227) or the church office.

Senior Lunch Bunch, The Rev. Mason Wilson

The Senior Lunch Bunch meets on the Fourth Wednesday of the month except in November, December, June, July and August. This year we had a series of interesting programs, and our average attendance remained about 20. Our meetings this year have all been in Zabriskie Hall. We had a small committee to help plan the program. It was composed of Vince Angelico, Joan and Tom Crook, Pat McDowell and Prue and Mason Wilson. In January Linda Spangler gave an interesting talk on Southern Authors. Alex Dunlap of the Asheville Police Department gave a very informative talk on Identity Theft. In March Pam Hardin came and spoke about service dogs, and we had one there for us to see. These dogs are used mainly in visitations at hospitals and nursing homes. In April Mason and Prue Wilson showed a DVD of their cruise to the Shetland Islands and Iceland in June of 2008. Janet Truelove and Dee Reger came in May to speak about the Buncombe County Health Department and its many services.

We emphasize that the Senior Lunch Bunch is for all those who are free to join us for a midday meal

Our largest attendance of the year was in September when Richard Hurley, a Country Singer, entertained us. Vince Angelico was our chef extraordinaire who provided us with hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers cooked on the grill outside. Our luncheons are pot-luck and as usual the food was excellent all year. We emphasize that the Senior Lunch Bunch is for all those who are free to join us for a mid-day meal. Sometimes people ask about age requirements and we tell them "senior" does not mean necessarily age. If you were once "Senior" in high school or college, then you are most welcome to join us.

Cathedral Arts, David Jordan

The mission of the Cathedral Arts Commission is to make offerings to the Cathedral Community which not only promote the Fine Arts, but also showcase the many talents present in our parish family. We believe that the Arts help us better understand ourselves, and, in so doing, bring us closer to the Divine.

This past May, in lieu of the Bonnie Lundblad Faith in Fiction series, the Cathedral Arts and Accent on Books cosponsored a reading by Barbara Brown Taylor from her latest book, *An Altar in the World*. The sanctuary was filled to capacity with people not only from our parish, but from all over the diocese and other parts of the south east as she read about her experience in finding the Divine not only in "sacred spaces" but also in the world she encountered day to day.

At this year's Arts and Crafts Fair the Arts Commission was proud to present a new set of note cards based on the art work of Carroll Ensley.

Before Carroll's passing he was an active member of the parish, a long time member of the choir, a graduate of EFM, an early leader in worship at the Church of the Advocate, and a great friend to many in the community. Few knew of his talent with visual arts. These cards were taken from a series of pastels simply called *Organ Op. 1 - 6*. They playfully depict the pipes of an organ and reflect the brightness, color, and vivacity of Carroll's spirit. The cards are available in the Cathedral office.

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October brought an offering by Ted Ahl and his long time piano partner Browne Hollowell in a recital for piano four hands. Attendants enjoyed joyful and heartfelt works by Schumann, Fauré, Mozart, and others.

The Cathedral Arts Commission will soon be presenting a brand new series for the parish community: The Jane Bingham Prize for Spiritual Theater. The prize calls for dramatic works that have a spiritual component. The scripts submitted are reviewed and the one judged to be the best is awarded a prize of five hundred dollars. The works will be presented to the community either as a dramatic reading with discussion or as a fully produced play. This years winner is *Distant Music* by James McLindon.

The Cathedral Arts Commission would like to thank Suzzy Sams for her tireless leadership of this committee for the past several years. Suzzy has been instrumental in the growth of this commission and our thanks fall short of her contribution. She has decided to step down as chairperson of the commission, but we are very grateful for her continued presence and dedication to our mission in the community.

Our mission statement includes this statement by Robert Shaw the renowned conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and best sums up our guiding principle: "The Arts are not simply skills: Their concern is the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual maturity of human life. They are the custodians of those values which most worthily define humanity, which most sensitively define divinity."

Choir and Music Ministries, Kyle Ritter

Our music program remains strong and vibrant, and we rejoice in that. The Cathedral Choir has had a strong year, including a performance with orchestra of the "Requiem" of Mozart at the Feast of All Souls, celebrated on November 1, 2009. The congregation was filled to capacity. The Cathedral Choir continues to lend musical support to seasonal services throughout the year, including Advent and Christmas Lessons and Carols. Members of the cathedral choir offer extra time and talent by forming motet choirs to sing Compline every Sunday evening in Lent, and to offer music at the 9:00 liturgy one Sunday a month. The annual choir retreat to Lake Logan continues to be very successful with solid and enthusiastic participation by choir members.

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We continue to be blessed by the talents of our scholarship singers. The scholarship singer program is in its seventh year. Those who are chosen to be a scholarship singer receive a stipend to sing in the Cathedral Choir and the Motet Choir. A large majority of the former scholarship singers have gone on to receive formal training in music on the college level. Our current scholarship singers include Jonna Capone, soprano; Corey Hart, tenor; and Sean Langberg, bass.

The St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs continue to sing at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy on two Sundays each month. The St. Nicholas Choir is for young people in first and second grade and rehearses on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals consist of voice building, note reading, musical games, and discussions about anthem texts and the liturgical year. The St. Cecilia Choir rehearses from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday, and is open to any young person grade 3 through high school. The St. Cecilia Choir sings a rich and varied repertoire of music, from Renaissance to folk and everything in between! On two occasions this year, the St. Cecilia Choir joined with other youth choral groups to have choral festivals. The other choirs involved include the choristers from Holy Innocents, Atlanta; the Black Mountain Youth Chorale (directed by Cathedral Choir member Aline Carillon); and the Hilton Head Symphony Children's Chorus.

Kindermusik Program 2008-2009, Lora Scott

Our Kindermusik program continues to be offered to and participated in by Cathedral families as well as people from the larger community. The four well-researched music/movement curricula are designed as a joyful introduction to music that addresses every aspect of development. Multiple learnings take place, special needs are met, parent/child relationships are enhanced, and a warm fellowship develops among the parents and children. And every year at least one family is drawn into the Cathedral through this offering. Our graduates go on to excel in instrumental study and choral singing.

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In the Fall of 2008 our classes included 25 families, 4 from All Souls. In the Spring of 2009 there were 25 children: 6 from All Souls, two with special needs. Over the year 7 children received full or partial tuition scholarships.

We try to communicate with all Cathedral families by phone, email, bulletin board, the Connection, and/or mail. We also network with other teachers to advertise Kindermusik to the wider community.

Kindermusik's philosophy is founded upon rigorous research and these fundamental beliefs tie in well with All Souls' mission statement. *Every parent is the child's most important teacher. Every child is musical. The home is the most important learning environment.* Music nurtures a child's cognitive, emotional, social, language, and physical development. Every child should experience the joy, fun, and learning which music brings to life.

Properties Commission, Martha Fullington

Mission Statement: The Properties Commission at the Cathedral of All Souls is dedicated to the proper overseeing of church property: grounds and buildings, exterior and interior, upkeep and usage.

Tom Posey leads the Properties Commission in carrying out this challenging mission statement. Assisted by Susan Stevenson and Martha Fullington, who meet weekly with the sexton, Tom and the half-dozen or so members of the commission meet monthly and have had another productive year.

After training and saying good-bye to Robert Morrow's replacement earlier this year, the commission is thrilled to have one of its own David Fortney in this crucial position. David is able to fix problems as they occur or meet with experts called in to assist.

Here are some of the year's highlights:

- Mike Stevenson has organized teams of volunteers to regularly tend to lawn maintenance and lead the "green" conversion from gasoline to battery-powered lawn equipment.
- 4 successful workdays saw parishioners---long-time and newcomers, young and old, cleaning windows and gutters, wiping down wood work and vacuuming, climbing on ladders and under pews, laughing and eating pizza.
- Working with the Capital Campaign Committee, a brick handicap ramp was installed and encroaching shrubbery and diseased hemlocks were removed; a secure steel door was installed in the Parish Hall basement; supplemental lighting was added to rear of the nave.
- Handicap escalator in Warner Building was repaired.
- Faucets and toilets received extra attention.
- Furnace and air conditioning units were repaired or replaced as needed.
- Bell maintenance, clock changing, and perching-bird deterrents were all handled by Properties.
- Properties explored safety and security issues and made recommendations. Also emergency procedure and maintenance manuals were drafted.
- Drainage and gutter repairs were made.
- After extensive research and interviewing, painters began repainting exterior wood-work on all historic buildings.

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Youth Ministries, Shawna Gilmore

We have had an action packed year for 2009! Our Episcopal Youth Community continues to be a thriving ministry that now serves just over 45 youth between the 6th and 12th grades. These numbers represent about 55 different family units from our parish. The All Souls EYC program continues to focus on education, service, fellowship, worship and involvement with the Diocesan Youth Community at large as we seek to serve our young people in their spiritual formation.

Education components include the Sunday morning 10:10 am classes where the middle school and Senior high meet on a weekly basis. Lessons involve material from the "Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum" which include a regular focus on the liturgical seasons and scripture from the lectionary cycle. Adults who have played a key role in Sunday school leadership for 2009 include: Maggie Hopper, Geoffrey Rollins, Leslie Huntley, J Clarkson, AK Benninghofen, George & Dorrie Sieburg, and Rebecca Caldwell.

We were also blessed to have the leadership and guidance of Jocelyn Reese and Jim Julien for the fall 2009 Rite 13 program. The Rite 13 program consisted of a series of eight classes and participation in the New Beginnings Conference and Overnight Cave trip before the October initiation ceremony that celebrated the "coming of age" of over a dozen of our middle school EYC members. Participants were also matched with mentors from our faith community who have committed to serve as an additional support in their spiritual formation.

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Service is a primary component of our EYC program as we strive to live into the Cathedral's mission statement to "engage with the world around us". At least one Sunday of each month's programming is dedicated to "Sacred Service" within the church and the community at large. In 2009 our EYC has participated in many church wide service events including Food Booth, the All Souls 5K & Fun Run, CROPWALK, and the Earth Day Event. With the support from our parish the 2009 5K raised just over \$1,200 toward the Next Step Fund to assist women in housing transition. And the EYC's "Earth Day Café" raised an additional \$1,000 toward environmental upgrades at the ABCCM shelter. Service projects in the community have included providing meals at the ABCCM women's shelter, Veteran's Quarters and at Church of the Advocate. EYC has also donated food, raised funds and organized the pantry for LFR, Loving Food Resources.

In addition to local service projects one of our real highlights for 2009 was the Summer Mission Trip with Youthworks! Eight of our middle school youth traveled to Savannah, Georgia to join other youth groups for a week of service in soup kitchens, thrift stores, a food pantry, and homeless shelters. In addition to the hard work, we also had a great deal of fun and fellowship together as a group. A great deal of our fellowship is accomplished in the service and learning components but our EYC is also good at spending time together for pure fun. Some of our recreational endeavors for 2009 have included bible studies, Christmas caroling, bon-fires, hay-rides, corn mazes, craft nights, dance parties and dinner outings.

EYC members are not only present at services but are also actively engaged in contributing to worship. In addition to a dozen young choir members we also represent half of the acolyte participants and also have youth who serve as ushers, greeters and readers.

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The Cathedral of All Souls EYC remains an active part of our vibrant diocesan youth ministries. 2009 saw participation by our young people as conference attendees and leadership teams for New Beginnings middle school conference, Senior High Fall and Spring Conferences, and the Radix confirmation retreat at Kanuga. Other diocesan fellowship events have included attendance at "SPLASH" diocesan fall kickoff event and the Diocesan Ski Day. Our diocese also hosted its 2nd KIDS 4 PEACE program, where two of our EYC members participated in an event that unites a dozen youth from the Middle East with a dozen youth from the Diocese of WNC. And of course there is always the beloved CAMP HENRY which has for decades served as the common denominator for the young Episcopalians of WNC. All Souls had just over twenty children and youth participate in the 2009 summer camp sessions. We also continue to have a strong presence in the leadership provided by CIT's (counselors-in-training), counselors and staff.

I could not submit a 2009 annual report with out special mention of our most monumental event! After almost 18 months of planning, preparing and fundraising a group of ten youth and four adults were able to undertake a journey to an international pilgrimage site in Southern France. The experience was rich beyond measure and the fruits of our time together are still being discovered and shared. We are deeply grateful for the support of this parish, and for those of you who were not able to attend our pilgrimage group's presentation over the Summer, we invite you to join us on March 21st 2010 for an additional time of sharing that will take place before the evening's Taize' worship service.

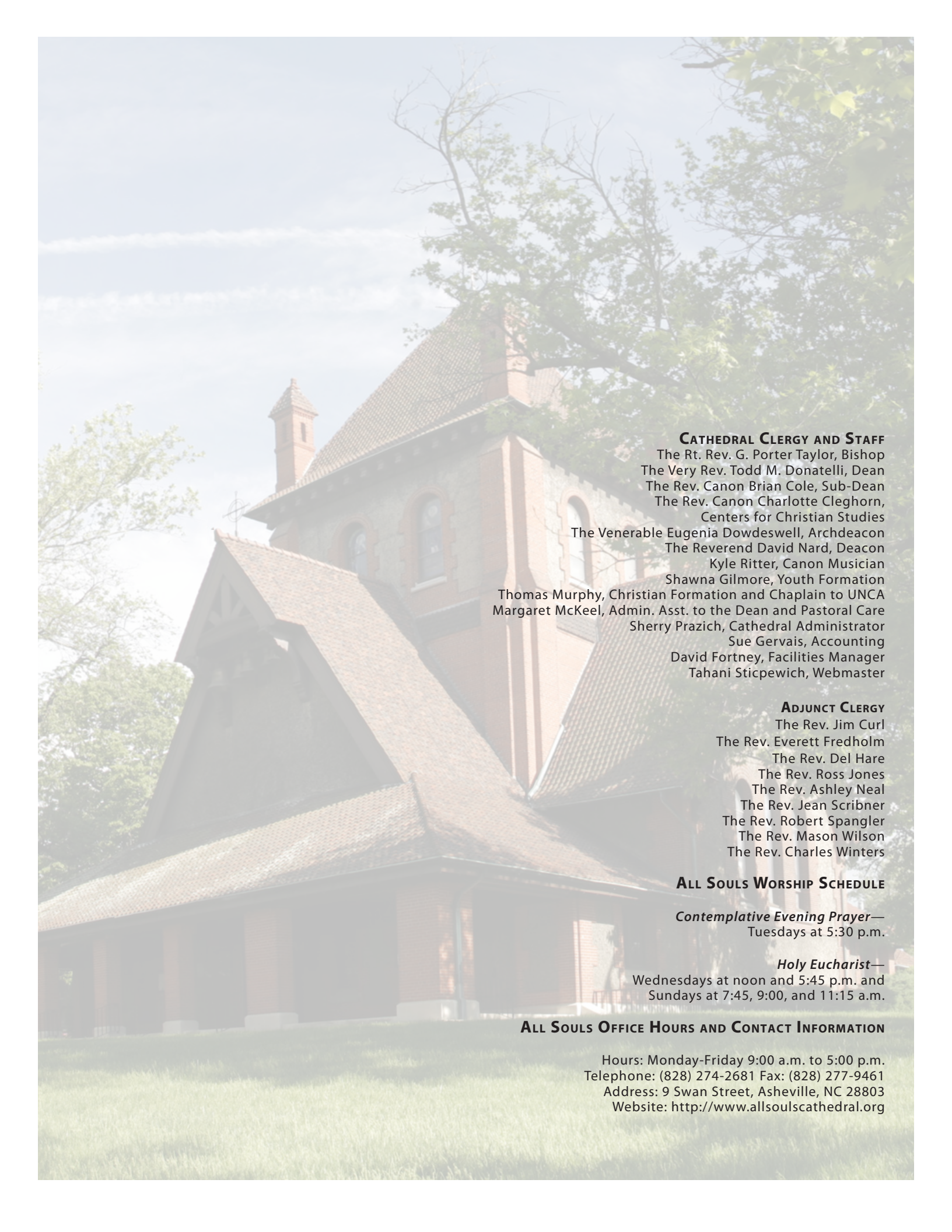
From the Children's and Family Ministries, Thomas Murphy

What a busy year! Highlights include: the Epiphany celebration, the annual porch sale fundraiser, the young family Lenten Series, the Kanuga Parish Family Weekend, the Marketplace Summer Program, the End-of-Summer Picnic, the annual Chili Cook-off, the Advent Wine & Cheese Party, the St. Nicolas Brunch, and the Advent Wreath Making Pot-Luck, not to mention the dedicated teachers who provide the heart of Christian formation during Sunday School and the Gospel for Small Children. Such programs and events have greatly increased our hospitality to visiting families. The abundance of small children at the Cathedral is in no small part a result of the funds directed toward such programs and the dedication of all of our volunteers.

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This coming year will include some addressing some new challenges. First is to communicate the shift of the Kanuga weekend from an event just for families to something that includes the entire parish community. Second, planning will soon begin to examine how our young families could participate in the many outreach activities in our community, whether through programs already supported by the Cathedral or new opportunities for service. Finally, we hope to create several events that provides nighttime activity for our children and also allow parents a night out with some of their church peers.

Again, thank you to everyone who makes these programs both possible and a joy to coordinate.



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ALL SOULS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemplative Evening Prayer—
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist—
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