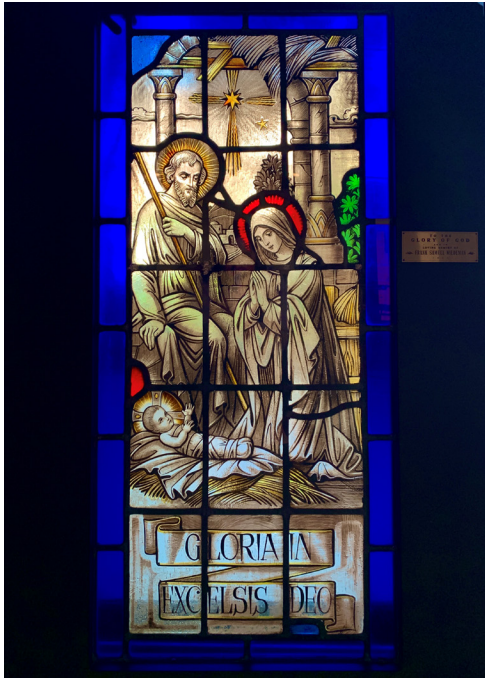




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December 2020

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Additional Services, Outdoor Worship Will Be Offered on Christmas Eve

Despite the challenges of planning ahead, many of you filled out our online form earlier this fall to indicate your interest in a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service. Based on that feedback, we have decided to offer three in-person services at the Cathedral on Christmas Eve and one outdoor service, as well as one in-person service at the Cathedral on Christmas Day.

All services at the Cathedral will also be avail-



able via live-stream. Our hope in adding two services is that we can provide safe, socially-distanced spaces where everyone can feel comfortable. **Masks will be required and we will observe social distancing.**

For the outdoor service in the very large backyard at the home of Dwight and Bruce, you are invited to bring a blanket or chair. The service will conclude with “Silent Night” and lighting of candles.

Ample street parking is available and the backyard is accessible for wheelchairs.

For the three Christmas Eve services at the Cathedral, a harpist will perform a prelude. The Cathedral Quartet will sing at all four services at the Cathedral, both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

*Image by Afro-Cuban artist
Harmonia Rosales (b.1984)*

Even with limited attendance, parking may be at a premium, so plan to consider alternatives such as the Sundial garage.

Christmas Services

Beginning Friday, December 11, visit spcathedral.org/christmas to pre-register for the following services:

Christmas Eve

4 p.m. at the Cathedral

5 p.m. outdoor service at the

home of Dwight Thomas and Bruce Rice, 1770 52nd Ave. N

6 p.m. at the Cathedral

8 p.m. at the Cathedral

Christmas Day

10 a.m. at the Cathedral

Cathedral Octet Will Offer Christmas Music Video

On Christmas Eve we will offer a special gift to our congregation: a video of readings from the Christmas story interspersed with musical selections sung by the Cathedral Octet.

“The video will be produced by a professional audio-visual production company, recorded in the Cathedral on December 19, so we will have very high production values of both sight and sound,” Canon for Music Dwight Thomas said.

The video will be posted on our website and on social media on Christmas Eve. Check your inbox on Christmas Eve for a link to the video.

There will be four or five readings and four or five anthems or solos. The video will run about 25 minutes.

“We wanted to give the congregation some Christmas cheer under less-than-cheery circumstances,” Dean Morris said.

“One of our greatest gifts and opportunities is to show the power of music to bring us together,” Dwight said. “Hearing some of the beloved old tunes that remind us of happier times in the past and good times yet to come is a great way to bring some comfort and joy to our Cathedral family this year.”



Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral

Find details about many of these events elsewhere in this newsletter and at spcathedral.org

Sunday, December 6: EYC Advent Bible study, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 — Festive holiday gathering via Zoom, 6 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 13: EYSeedlings Christmas party, White Elephant gift swap, noon-1:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13: EYC Advent Bible study, 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, December 20: EYC Christmas party, White Elephant gift swap, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 — Services at 4, 5, 6, and 8 p.m. Register at spcathedral.org/christmas

Friday, December 25 — Service at 10 a.m. Register for the service at spcathedral.org/christmas

The Cathedral will be closed December 24 through January 3 except for worship services. No meetings, no other activities. The office will reopen on Monday, January 4.

Advent Series, Jazz ‘Longest Night’ Service Will Offer Comfort and Peace in Troubled Times

An Advent series, “Lord, Save Me: Hope in Times of Trouble,” will be offered online at 7 p.m. for four Wednesday evenings, **December 2, 9, 16, and 23.**

The series will offer resources for creating sacred spaces at home and inviting God’s loving presence into our homes at a time of uncertainty, grief, and division.

The Wednesday-night gatherings will center on prayers and meditations led by members of the Cathedral community.

Then, at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 21, we will offer a Longest Night Service, both live in the Cathedral and online. This is a service of prayer and mindfulness for those dealing with loss of all kinds.

“We traditionally think of the holiday season as a time of joy and abundance, but for some the pressure to celebrate can be overwhelming,” said Hillary Peete, Director of Christian Formation. “Especially after a very challenging 2020, life situations

and loss can heighten feelings of worry and grief. This is a service of light in the midst of darkness.”

The service is scheduled for the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. “We recognize that there is darkness in all our lives,” Hillary said. Through music, silent meditation, scripture, and healing prayer, we reach out to acknowledge sadness with comfort and quiet remembrance, to reflect on the losses we have experienced and to remember together the real reason for the



David Pate

season: **The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. God is with us.**

Our guest musician will be jazz legend David Pate, who just retired after 35 years as instructor of jazz studies at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts. He will offer contemplative music on the soprano sax. Pate has played with some of the greats in jazz in the last 40 years and his music is described as “epiphanies of sound that soar to unexpected heights just as they plumb the darkest depths.” (Learn more about Pate at creativepinellas.org/magazine-items/david-pate-an-appreciation/.)

Whether you are having a difficult time this holiday season or just want a moment of quiet, please come. If you know someone who is sad, struggling, or alone, please invite them to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Details are available at spcathedral.org/advent.

Prayers Help Us Welcome God into Moments of Daily Messiness

Hillary Peete, Director of Christian Formation

Every now and then I come across an author who says just the thing I need to hear at just the right moment. Traci Smith has been that author for me over the last



10 challenging months. She is a Presbyterian pastor, mother of three, and author of several books that help families find times for connection and spiritual nourishment amid busy lives. She writes great prayers and creates meaningful rituals that weave seamlessly into the ordinary



Our EYC enjoyed a “friendsgiving” turkey dinner on November 15 followed by a youth-led service of Compline. Megan and Ellie, above, enjoyed the desserts! Left, Elise Chandler and Katherine Knippen led the Compline service in the Cathedral. Photos by HILLARY PEETE

moments of life: losing a tooth, going to the doctor, welcoming a new pet, or feeling anxious.

Traci Smith writes, “Holy moments are a gift. Sometimes the more we force them, the less they appear.” So if this Advent you find yourself wondering, “How am I going to make this year special?” or you’re disappointed that a favorite tradition will not happen, leave yourself and your family open to the possibility that the Holy Spirit is right there with you in the midst of all this messiness. Welcome the sacred presence of God into ordinary moments with a simple prayer.

Following are a few prayers from Traci Smith’s new book, *Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas*, to help you mark the sacred ordinary this Advent.

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Praying Through Messiness

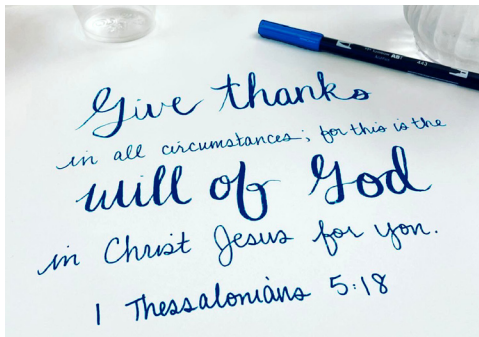
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At the Beginning of Advent

During Advent, we wait: We wait for Christmas Day. We wait to give and receive. We wait for family. God, please help us to be patient as we wait and to enjoy the journey together.

When We Decorate the Outside of Our Home

We thank you, God, for the blessing of a home to keep us warm and safe and dry. We decorate our house, today, to celebrate Advent and Christmas. May the lights shine bright and remind us of Christ's love.



For a Difficult Time

When our family is going through a difficult time, we turn to each other. We turn to God. We ask for peace.

Help us, God, to have peace in good times and in difficult times.

Cathedral EYC Sundays

5-7 p.m. December 6 and 13: Advent Bible study. Join us for discussion, games, and time with friends.

5-7 p.m. Sunday, December 20: EYC Christmas pajama party and White Elephant gift exchange. Wear your most festive PJs and bring a silly gift for a fun night of gift stealing!

Sunday, December 27: No EYC. See you in 2021!

EYSeedlings (3rd-5th graders)

Noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 13: Christmas pajama party and White Elephant gift exchange. Wear your most festive PJs and bring a silly gift for a fun afternoon of gift stealing!

Share Your Best Holiday Recipes

There's still time to share your favorite recipe in our online Holiday Food Festival. Go to the Holiday Food link in the Events tab on the Cathedral website: spcathedral.org, or visit spcathedral.org/holiday-food.

If you're not handy filling in forms online, you can download and print the form, fill in your recipe, and drop it back at the Cathedral. Or pick up a form at the front desk.



You can pick up or drop off a form before the service on Sunday, or from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Submissions are open until December 22. Remember to check back often to see if there is a new recipe you'd like to add to your holiday meals.

Questions? Email Shar Nudelman at marvshar1@msn.com.

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year — at Our Gathering December 12

This year, the next best thing to being together in person for the holidays is sharing time together on Zoom. Join us from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, December 12, when we'll get together online to celebrate the holidays with fun and games for all ages.

We don't want to give all the plans away, but one of Santa's elves told us that among the festivities there will a "Name That Tune" game hosted by Canon for Music Dwight Thomas, plus other interactive contests. If you have a favorite holiday picture and story to share (recent or from ages ago), email it to Lauren Durst (durst.buyens@gmail.com) to add to our slideshow.

Holiday sweaters, Santa caps, light-up necklaces, and reindeer antlers are welcome, and there will be prizes at the end of the night for the "Best Ugly Sweater," "Most Festively Dressed," and "Most Festive Pet."

Please pre-register for this event so we can e-mail you the Zoom log-in information. Go to spcathedral.org/holiday to sign up, or e-mail Shar Nudelman at marvshar1@msn.com. Come for the hour, or drop in as you can to enjoy a variety of activities.



Education for Ministry Course Coming in January

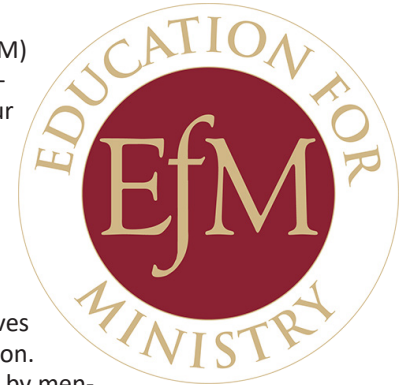
Deacon Scott Nonken will facilitate an Education for Ministry group at the Cathedral, beginning in January 2021. The group will likely meet either Sundays from noon to 2:30 p.m. or Mondays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Please e-mail Deacon Scott at scott.nonken@gmail.com to express your interest or to learn more.

Education for Ministry (EfM) will help you learn how to articulate your faith, shape your faith into action, and make a difference in your community.

This four-year course of study provides the framework for a small group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading and discussion.

Meeting once a week, led by mentors trained to facilitate the experience, you will begin to think theologically, reflect faithfully, and speak civilly when confronted by beliefs and principles in opposition to your own. And that's something we can all appreciate in today's world.

For more about EfM visit facebook.com/Education.for.Ministry.



Nativity Images Reappear In Time for Christmas

The images of the Nativity that you see on Page 1 and on this page are hidden treasures of the Cathedral.

The image on our front page was until recently in the rood screen at the back of the Cathedral, in a position where it was difficult to view. In the dim light of the inner Narthex it looked sepia-toned, i.e., mostly brown and yellow. It was not until we brought it into the full light of Harvard Hall for photography that we saw its brilliant colors! The window was given in memory of Frank Samuel Wiedemann.

The second image, seen here, has been in storage since our former Parish Hall was demolished in 2008. The stained-glass windows in the Cathedral were installed between 1961 and 1965. After all those windows were underwritten, additional parishioners wanted to remember a loved one with a window. Some of those, like the Wiedemann window, were placed in the rood screen. Others were positioned in the

Parish Hall. Among them was this Nativity image, given in memory of departed members of the Dew family.

The Dew window, along with several others, was purchased by parishioner Eric Lang Peterson when St. Leo Abbey in Pasco County refurbished its monastery in the 1970s. The windows date from 1890 to 1910. Eric recalls that the rector and later first dean, the Very Rev. Leroy Lawson, would bring interested parishioners to Eric's home to view the windows, which he displayed in his dining and music rooms. Father Lawson would explain the history of the images and the theological symbols to help the families make an appropriate choice.

Information from "The Stained Glass Windows of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter," prepared to commemorate our centennial in 1989, was used in this report.



Devotionals, Calendar Offer Spiritual Resources for Advent

Looking for Advent resources to deepen your prayer life during the days leading up to Christmas? Here are some choices.

* **Luther Seminary** offers a free devotional with daily readings, “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” You can download this in regular or large print at www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/. You can sign up at the same site to receive the readings in your e-mail each day.

* At <http://www.adventword.org>, **Virginia Theological Seminary** offers daily prayers, meditations, and images starting November 29. You can also sign up for daily e-mails; listen to podcasts; or find the daily offerings at Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; and you can share your responses on social media.

* On December 1, the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem** (AFEDJ) will launch a Holy Land Advent calendar to offer a daily glimpse into the lives of Holy Land Christians and the humanitarian ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. At <http://www.afedj.org>, each day you’ll open a door to a photo or a brief video and news from one of the Episcopal ministries in the region.



Our Own Santa

Who’s behind the big white beard? It’s parishioner Bob Campbell, who for 11 years was the Santa at First Presbyterian Day



School. “The wonderful little people always gave me a cold or at minimum the sniffles, being

the little germ carriers children are,” Bob tells us. Because of Covid-19, it’s unlikely Santa will be making visits at schools or malls this year. “I will miss them more than they will miss me,” Santa Bob says.

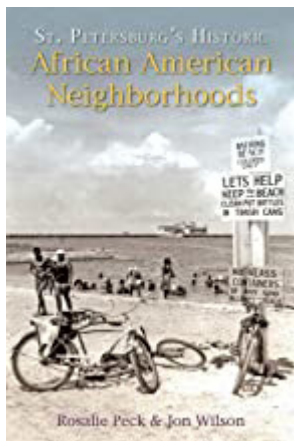


Co-Author Will Zoom In for December Book Club Meeting

Co-author Jon Wilson will chat via Zoom with the St. Peter's Book Club at 6:30 p.m. December 22 when they discuss *St. Petersburg's Historic African-American Neighborhoods*, which he wrote with Rosalie Peck.

Pepper Town, Methodist Town, the Gas Plant district, 22nd Street S — these segregated neighborhoods were built by African-Americans where they opened businesses and churches, built homes and entertainment venues, and wove the bonds of community. After integration, the neighborhoods gave way to decay and urban renewal, and the memories of energy and spirit in the face of adversity began to fade. The authors share stories of community leaders who overcame hardships and persevered in hope that a better day would arrive.

All are welcome, whether you've read the book or not. E-mail Roberta Poellein for Zoom information: rplln37@gmail.com.



Four Candidates Will Seek Election To the Chapter at Annual Meeting

Four candidates have been named to fill four vacancies on the Chapter at our Annual Meeting in January.

The candidates are Susan Darrow, Lauren Durst, Wil Laroche, and Mark Myers. Susan is already on the Chapter, filling out a one-year vacancy created by the resignation of a former member, and is eligible to seek a full three-year term.

We will have bios and photos of the candidates available next month. Additional candidates may come forward by petition. Forms will be available at the front desk from December 4 through 14. No nominations from the floor are permitted at the Annual Meeting.

The Chapter is the 12-member lay “board of directors” that, with the dean, monitors Cathedral finances, sets policy, and supports the spiritual welfare of the congregation. Four members are elected each January, serving rotating three-year terms.

We will hold a “Meet the Candidates” gathering on Sunday, January 10, in a format yet to be determined. Since we are still distancing ourselves socially and are avoiding large gatherings, it will not be a big meeting in Harvard Hall, as it has been in the past. Stay tuned for details.

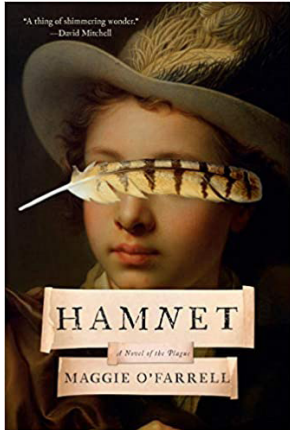
The Annual Meeting, on Sunday, January 24, includes election of new Chapter members; thanks to those who are rotating off the Chapter; a budget review, and state-of-the-Cathedral comments from Dean Morris. Again, because of Covid-19, the exact format of that meeting is yet to be determined. We will have details in January.

Lineup for Book Talks May Shape Your Christmas List

If anyone asks what you'd like for Christmas, you can suggest a couple of books that our Book Talk series will take up when we begin our 10th year in January.

On January 12, *Tampa Bay Times* book editor Colette Bancroft will review Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*, the fictionalized story of the death of Shakespeare's 11-year-old son in 1596, possibly of the plague, and how it affected his parents' marriage and his father's art.

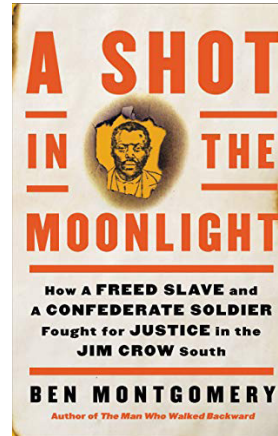
On February 9, popular speaker Ben Montgomery returns to discuss his new book, *A Shot in the Moonlight: How a Freed Slave and a Confederate Soldier Fought for Justice in the Jim*



Crow South. Publication date is January 26; available now for pre-order on Amazon.

On April 13, award-winning historian Charles B. Dew, a son of St. Petersburg and a onetime member of our congregation, will speak on his book *The Making of a Racist: A Southerner Reflects on Family, History, and the Slave Trade*. He recalls growing up in St. Petersburg in the 1940s and '50s when segregation was "just the way things are" and "better for both races," and how his research into slavery changed his mind.

Our book talks will switch to a Zoom format this season. Watch for details in January about where and when to watch.



Canon Tallman Will Lead January Quiet Day

Mark your new 2021 calendar for our annual Quiet Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, January 30. The Rev. Canon Sam Tallman will lead this day of meditation and prayer. He will focus on praying the Psalms and moving from grief to joy, a thoughtful topic in these times of loss and sorrow.

This will be an in-person event in Harvard Hall, and participation will be limited to 25 people so we can observe social distancing. Masks will be required. There is a \$5 charge to cover materials and snacks. Online signups will be available in January.

Pledge Drive Update: The Numbers Are Looking Good; Is Your Pledge In?

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

The Stewardship Committee set three goals for our 2021 Pledge Campaign:

- Increase the number of pledging households,
- Increase the number of online givers, and
- Increase our pledge amount to \$830,000.

As of late November, we have increased our pledging households by 16. The number of households pledging online has also increased. More good news is that of those who have pledged, we are seeing about a 6 percent increase in the pledge amount. We really are moving ahead “Together for Joy,” as our pledge campaign theme stated.

About 80 households have not yet responded to the pledge campaign. We will be reaching out to them through emails



and phone calls.

It is never too late to pledge! You can do it in a number of ways:

- Return the pledge card that was mailed to you several weeks ago. Can't find it? Call the Cathedral at (727) 822-4173 and we'll be glad to send you another one.
- Call the Cathedral at (727) 822-4173 and speak to Administrator Michelle Thomas, who will be glad to take your pledge information over the phone.
- Email me (RMcColgan@me.com) with your pledge information.
- Use our secure online pledge portal at <https://www.spcathedral.org/give-joy>

As we continue to work on our 2021 budget, knowing your intent is extremely important to us. It is your dedication and generosity that keep this vibrant Cathedral moving forward!

Year-End Giving Tips

As the end of the year approaches:

* If you want to check on the remaining balance of your pledge, you can contact Susie Harris at Fontana CPAs, our bookkeepers. Her e-mail is susie@fontanacpas.com; or call her at (727) 799-3826. Or you can email me, Ray McColgan, at RMcColgan@me.com.

* If you wish to make a year-end gift that you intend to deduct from your 2020 income taxes, it must be in the office by December 31.

As always, thank you for your gift of time, talent, and treasure to the Cathedral.

Enjoying the Beauty of the Earth

Our gathering at Crescent Lake Park on November 14 was the first of three outdoor worship services we're offering this fall for those who may not feel comfortable returning to indoor worship. The second was No-

vember 22 at Bayou Highlands Park. There's still time to attend the third, at 4 p.m. on December 6 at Denver Park, Denver Street NE at Ohio Avenue. These are brief services — 15 or 20 minutes — with prayer, a short

meditation, and Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament. Bring a chair or a blanket and wear your mask. Register to attend at spcathedral.org/outdoor-worship.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Anysia McDowall and daughters Isla and Lydia attended the Crescent Lake service, led by Canon Paige Hanks.



Book and Bible Studies, Video Series Offer Chances to Learn at Home

Please take advantage of these opportunities for Christian formation via Zoom.

* Canon Ethan Cole will lead a Bible study on **1 Thessalonians** on December 1, 8, 15, and 22. These will be conducted via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. E-mail him at ecole@spcathedral.com to register.

* Our six-week study of **Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices** has ended, but the six sessions, led by Cathedral clergy and staff, were recorded and are available at spcathedral.org/adults.

* If you're



looking for videos to catch up on, the **Living Faith video series** explores Cathedral clergy perspectives on a variety of topics, including "Living in Faith and Confidence," "Wisdom," and "The Human Heart." The videos are available at spcathedral.org/living-faith.

* At that same website you can catch up with a three-part video series posted in October by the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, our canon theologian, while on sabbatical in Edinburgh. He explores connections between the Scottish Episcopal Church and our own Episcopal Church.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND MUSIC MEMORIALS

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers and/or music, go to spcathedral.org/christmas-memorials to fill out the form and make your donation. Your gift supports the Flower Guild's special arrangements and decorations for the season as well as outstanding music in our worship services.

New Year's Resolutions Start Now To Support Our Community Partners

Penny Roen, Outreach Chair

Along with everyone else in the Cathedral, in our community, and in the world, the Outreach Committee faced unexpected challenges in 2020 and we look ahead to 2021 knowing our work will be affected by the continuing health and economic problems our community faces.

Nonetheless, in 2021, our goal will be to continue to help all the members of the Cathedral live out our mission to love our neighbors. To that end, we plan to expand our efforts to provide opportunities to support Campbell Park Elementary, Resurrection House, Peterborough Apartments, Daystar, the Free Clinic, and other community agencies that feed, clothe, shelter, and educate our neighbors, through donations and hands-on activities.



To get a head start on 2021, we are looking for volunteers RIGHT NOW for these projects:

The Happy Helpers program for Campbell Park Elementary. Susan Darrow leads a group of volunteers at the Cathedral from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays to assist teachers with easy but meaningful projects, like tracing and cutting for classroom projects or assembling worksheet packets.

The Helpers met for the first time on November 10. The 10 volunteers (Debra Eich, Karen Amundrud, Rita Sewell, Meg Banitch, Ellen Alexander, Jean Curtis, David Blackwell, Mike Nesspor, Carol Nelson, and Susan Darrow) completed 10 projects for six teachers. They included notes of ap-

preciation to the teachers in the completed packets.

Volunteers wear masks and observe social distancing. Please call the Cathedral office at (727) 822-4173 to volunteer.

At Resurrection House we need volunteers:

*** to manage their pantry.** We hope to have four two-person volunteer teams. Each team would come in once a month to inventory, stock, and manage the pantry.

*** to help in the office** from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays, answering phones, receiving deliveries, etc.

At Peterborough Apartments we are considering several projects where volunteers will be welcomed and needed.

Please check the Cathedral website (www.spcathedral.org/community) or call the Cathedral office for more information about any of these volunteer opportunities.

Giving Thanks, Giving Food Bags for Campbell Park, Resurrection House

Penny Roen, Outreach Committee

A week before Thanksgiving, we put together 44 Thanksgiving dinner bags — 35 for Campbell Park Elementary and nine for Resurrection House.

Tessa Burnsed did the Sam's Club shopping — boxed potatoes and stuffing, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, and brownie mix for dessert. We gave each family a \$30 Publix gift certificate for meat and perishables. The funding for this was provided by the Cathedral through the Outreach Committee budget and with \$250 in seed money from Thrivent, the faith-based financial services company.

We were also asked to put together bags of groceries for the week school is closed for the 13 homeless families with special-needs children at Campbell Park. I was astonished at the amount of food that had been donated. Then people who came to bag groceries brought even more! We ended up putting together two extra-large bags for each family, again, along with Publix gift certificates for perishables.

To all who donated and all who helped bag groceries, deliver them, and clean up Harvard Hall afterwards — a great “Well-done!” I feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.



The energetic packers and their tables of contents for Thanksgiving dinners: Ellen Alexander, Penny Roen, Al Phillips, Karen Amundrud, Susan Darrow, Karen Raihill, Rita Sewell. Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS

Please call the office (727-822-4173) to let us know when you are hospitalized or ill at home; because of privacy laws, the only way we know you are ill is if you tell us. And please let us know when good health has been restored.

And please visit our new intercessory prayer web page (spcathedral.org/prayer), where you can find guidance on how to pray; view a prayer list that is updated weekly; send in prayer requests; or request a pastoral visit.

Family Promise Calls Volunteer Bookkeeper

Lisa Hill of Lutheran Church of the Cross is the new volunteer bookkeeper for Family Promise.

As an accountant, Lisa is exceptionally well-qualified, and even more importantly, she is familiar with our Family Promise ministry. Lisa is a



**Family Promise
of Pinellas County**

member of Lutheran Church of the Cross (LCC). She knows the power of this ministry, having served our guests in the past, and is a true cheerleader for FPPC.

The news comes as Family Promise continues to work on financial stability and leadership development, including the hire of a new

executive director. The group suspended services in March 2018 and activities continue on hold because of Covid-19.

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services and permanent housing.

Please speak to Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.



A Prayer for Putting On A Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds be filled with your love. In your name and in that love I pray. Amen.

— The Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator
Presbyterian Church of Canada

Two Guide Dogs Move On to Next Phases of Training

We have updates on two Southeastern Guide Dogs that have been part of our Cathedral family.

First, Audie, the yellow Lab that Elaine New was fostering. (Audie was an honorary member of the Cathedral Choir.)

Audie recently moved from Elaine's home to Southeastern Guide Dogs' headquarters in East Palmetto for more training. But it turned out that energetic Audie did not do well living in a kennel, which made it hard to train him as a guide or service dog. So Audie has moved to Oregon, where he is working with Dogs for Better Lives in Central Point, OR. Audie may become an assistant to someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, or a friend of a child with autism, or a helper to children with disabilities. His new trainers say they'll let Audie tell them what he wants to do.

Elaine reports that "I got to see him and say goodbye" before Audie departed for the Pacific Northwest.

Second: Candace Miller's guide dog, Charlie, was blessed at the 12:05 p.m. service on

November 18 as he prepares to move on for more training. Good luck to you, Charlie!



Elaine and Audie enjoy a few moments in the sun before Audie left for more training in Oregon.

Say Hello to Faith

Meet Faith, the puppy the Cathedral is sponsoring for her first two years of training with Southeastern Guide Dogs.



Sponsorship pays for necessities like dog food, care, and training. The Southeastern Guide Dog program, based in East Palmetto, receives no government funding and provides all dogs, services, and lifetime support at no cost.

Our puppy could become a guide dog for someone with vision loss, or a service dog for a veteran with a disability, or she could serve in some other capacity.

We'll have regular "pup-dates" on Faith's progress. You can support her training by making donations at the Guide Dogs collection dish in the Narthex.

December Transitions

Birthdays

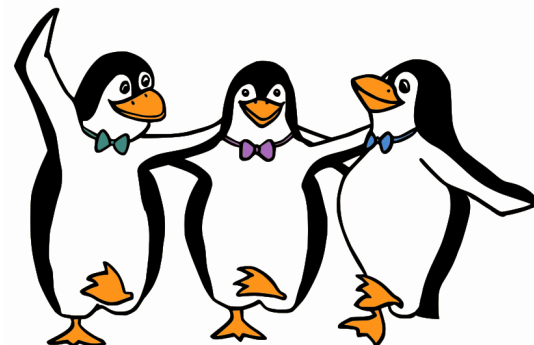
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4	Helen Galletly	13	John McCoy
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21	Mark Ferreira
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23	Jean Curtis
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28	Sarah Gecan
28	Penny Adams
29	Ryan Ferrell
30	Nancy Thomas

30	Catherine Kleckner	31	Okey Ryan
30	Connor Crosby	31	Brittney Smelcer
31	Barbara Abbott	31	Hillary Peete

Anniversaries

4	Gene & Holly Haines	29	Bill & Elaine Clark
17	Amanda & Camilo Cotrino	29	David & Nancy Kramer
23	Deborah & Bob Abraham	30	Ralph & Kathy Hancock
27	Bill & Kally Harvard	30	Donna & Tom Southard
27	Maggie & Haig Mardirosian		



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Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist and sermon.

Wednesday, 12:05 p.m., Holy Eucharist and prayers for healing.

Masks and social distancing are required for all services. For the Sunday morning services you must reserve in advance during the week before that Sunday at spcathedral.org/health.

Sunday services will continue to be posted at spcathedral.org and on Facebook. The order of worship can be found at this address: spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream.

**If you have a pastoral emergency
after hours, please call
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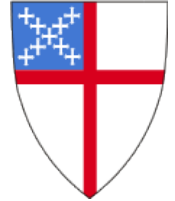
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