



# CROSSTOWN

September 2020

*At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg*

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**A NEW SEASON BEGINS!**

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*Observing social distancing as we reopen for in-person worship. Story, [Page 3](#). Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS*

## New Titles, Roles for Two Members of the Staff

Dean Morris has announced changes in titles and responsibilities for two members of the staff.

**The Rev. Ethan J. Cole** becomes Canon for Congregational Life. In that role he will be responsible for creating the rota, or schedule, for presiding and preaching, in which he will share. He will make pastoral calls, participate in formation, and otherwise be the assistant to the Dean.

Since the departure of Canon Katie Churchwell to become the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City, lay people have stepped up to take on our responsibilities in the community, especially to Campbell Park Elementary. "Katie was our connector, but I'm pleased to see that there are strong links to continue our Kingdom work through the efforts of lay people," Dean Morris said.

Music Director and Organist **Dwight Thomas** has the new title of Canon for Music and Precentor. "The title of Canon recognizes his



*The Rev. Ethan J. Cole*

very significant contributions to the Cathedral over many years," the Dean said. "The title of Precentor means that he and I will take care of all the details of worship."

In the past, the role of Precentor has been taken on by our priests, including the Rev. Canon Sam Tallman and the Rev. Canon Dr.

Thomas Williams.

"As organist and music director, Dwight will not be able to fulfill the part of the role of Precentor that involves being the emcee for services like ordinations, serving with the bishop to make sure everything runs smoothly," Dean Morris said. "When Sam is here, he will function in that role (Canon Tallman spends half the year in North Carolina), and when he is not, I will take on that role."



*Dwight 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. The clergy are not making home or hospital visits as we deal with the coronavirus, but will be glad to speak with you and pray with you by phone. And please let us know when good health has been restored.

# Together Again for the First Time

Our first Sunday since March for in-person worship rolled out smoothly August 16. We had about 65 people in the pews. (If you want to attend at 10:15 a.m. Sundays, register at [spcathedral.org/health](http://spcathedral.org/health).)

We continue to fine-tune the process. We have marked clearly on the floor where you are to stand to receive the bread; the

priest will reach out and hand it to you. The ushers will direct you in stepping up to both stations to receive and then returning to your pew without a traffic jam.

We continue to work out some bugs in the computer that controls the audio, updating and repairing parts of the system that were harmed by lightning strikes that

we were not aware of.

“It was really joyful, people loved it,” Dean Morris said of the first week. “The sense of being together was palpable and real.”

Photos by HILLARY PEETE and JUDY STARK



*Signs indicate the rules for in-person worship; hand-sanitizing stations are prominent; masked worshipers leave the service; David and Mary Jane Schenck exit via the ramp.*



# This Year's Oktoberfest Becomes a Do-It-Yourself Celebration (With a Little Digital Help from Our Friends)

Yes, there will be an Oktoberfest!

We can't get together for sausage and beer and music as we usually do on the first Friday in October, but we can give you the recipes so you can prepare an Oktoberfest



*Remember this gorgeous arrangement from last year's Oktoberfest? Think about how you can create your own at home this year. Photo by JUDY STARK*

dinner on your own, then join for some on-line fun on Friday, October 2. Traditionally this festive evening is the start of our fall pledge campaign (see story, [Page 5](#)).

Here's the plan. Throughout September, leading up to Oktoberfest, we'll post videos in which the cooks who have prepared our Oktoberfest meals recently will show you how they do it:

- \* Irene and John Sumner, our Choucroute Queen and King, will share the secrets of their great sauerkraut.

- \* David Hill will explain the grill-then-boil technique that makes his bratwursts so memorable.

- \* Ray McColgan will offer his recipe for German potato salad, which he says rivals the Ted Peters version we usually serve.

We'll also post their recipes online so you can prepare your own Oktoberfest dinner.

For dessert, from 4 to 6 p.m. on October 2, we'll be handing out packages of apple strudel from Café Mozart, our regular supplier. This will be a driveby distribution on Second Avenue N. You'll need to sign up in advance to let us know how much you need. Watch for signup details closer to that date.

Then that evening we'll offer some entertainment you can watch via Zoom; details to come.

We've all missed fun and fellowship in the last six months. This is our chance for the next best thing. Watch our Connections e-mails and our website, worship bulletin, and Facebook page for details, and mark your calendars now. Help put the "fest" in Oktoberfest!

## Fall Pledge Campaign Will Lead Us ‘Together for Joy’

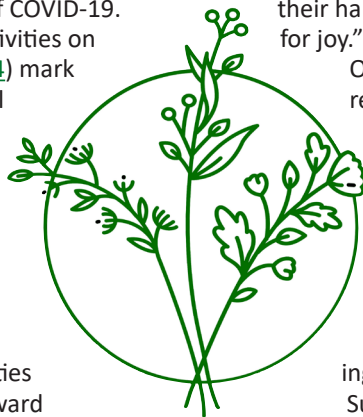
Susan Churuti

Our Stewardship Committee has been meeting monthly and planning for Oktoberfest 2020 in the midst of COVID-19. Our online Oktoberfest festivities on October 2 (see story, [Page 4](#)) mark the beginning of our annual pledge drive.

We are so grateful to our faithful pledging community for their steadfast support during this crisis. We understand the hardships that have fallen on our congregation, and the financial uncertainties we face as we all move forward in faith to support our Cathedral as we are able. We hope to increase the number of people who are willing to make a pledge to assist us in planning for our future.

Our pledge theme this year is “Together for Joy,” based on the passage in Psalm 98:

“Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.”



TOGETHER  
FOR JOY

Our pledge form has been redesigned — it is both simpler and broader, including planned-giving information. Succinct budget information will be provided, as will a giving chart for those who find it a useful tool. Pledge forms will be mailed on October 5 and ingathering will take place on Sunday, November 1.

We will have many opportunities for communicating about the lifeblood of our Cathedral, and the Stewardship Committee and clergy look forward to answering any questions you have about your pledge.

## STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT

We collected school supplies in July for Campbell Park Elementary. Below, Meg Banitch accepts a donation from Cathy Rome. Parishioners also donated directly via [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Photo by ELLEN ALEXANDER



## Two New Members Join the Chapter

Please congratulate two new members of the Chapter, who have been named to fill the seats of two members who resigned. Jonathan Miller replaces Joe Lane, with a term ending in 2023; and Susan Darrow replaces Samantha Nevins, with a term ending in 2021.

The Chapter is the lay board of directors that, with the Dean, sets policy, monitors Cathedral finances, and tends to the spiritual life of the congregation.

Jonathan is director of business operations for Community Health Centers of Pinellas, bringing administrative and financial skills to the Chapter. He and his wife, Rebecca, are the parents of Olivia, 3, and he has been active in the nursery and in Messy Church.

“Growing up as a mis-

sionary kid in Ecuador, I know how blessed and fortunate we are to be God’s people,” Jonathan says. “Jesus has entrusted us to love one another and care for those less fortunate. The church has a responsibility to share God’s word with everyone and make disciples for all the world. I feel that as a Chapter member I can assist with fulfilling God’s call. I’m a servant leader and am always willing to serve those I work with.”



*Rebecca, Olivia, and Jonathan Miller enjoy a moment at the Dali Museum.*

Susan and her husband David moved to St. Petersburg in 2019. She is involved in Foyer Groups, the book club, and the Campbell Park Elementary Dream Team. She is a member of the Outreach Committee and the Daughters of the King and is part



*Susan and David Darrow visit Washington, D.C. They’re big motor-home travelers.*

of the Becoming Beloved Community dialogue circle.

“I am so grateful for our welcome into the Cathedral family and grateful for the wonderful opportunities the Cathedral has for worship, education, fellowship, and service,” Susan said. “Feelings of gratitude always make me want to give back in

some way. I have served on vestry in other churches we have attended (she was junior and senior warden at St. Mark’s, Marco Island) and felt my past experiences might be of help in some small way to the Cathedral. I was glad to be asked to fill the open position for this term and look forward to serving with my fellow Chapter members.”

## No More Bolts from the Blue

Lightning mitigation equipment was installed in early August so that our organ and sound system will not be damaged by our city's frequent lightning strikes. Photo by DWIGHT THOMAS



## The Perfect Way to End the Week: Choral Evensong Returns

One of our beloved traditions will return at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 27: Choral Evensong.

The Cathedral Quartet will sing and Dwight Thomas, Canon for Music and Precentor, will be the organist.

The service includes Philip Radcliffe's Responses, Stanford's Service in B-flat, and the anthem "Exsultate justi" by Ludovico Viadana.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) was an Irish composer, conductor, and music teacher who greatly influenced the next generation of composers, including Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst. The "Evening" service is part of the Morning, Evening, and Communion Service in B-flat, which a reviewer called "a major milestone in the development of Anglican church music, representing the harnessing of Brahmsian symphonic technique to the needs of the Anglican liturgy."



You must reserve in advance to attend this service (make your reservation the week before at [spcathedral.org/health](http://spcathedral.org/health)); a freewill offering will be accepted the week before. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed. There is no reception afterward.

Choral Evensong will also be offered on October 25 and November 22.

# Sunday Mornings This Fall, We'll Study Our Faith's Beliefs and Practices

For six Sunday mornings this fall, our adult formation class invites you to ***Walk in Love***.

That's the title of the book we'll be studying, subtitled "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices," in a series of classes led by our clergy.

The Sunday classes start at 9 a.m. September 27 and continue through November 1, via Zoom. Watch our Connections e-mail and our website for Zoom details. The sessions will be recorded and posted on our website if you can't watch the live presentations.

The book — the work of two Episcopal priests, Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe — offers "an overview of the beliefs and prac-

tices of the Episcopal Church," the authors say, "as well as a foundation for a life that is guide and nourished by the Church and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

We'll introduce the series with a preview from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 24, again via Zoom, when co-author Scott Gunn will join us for an introduction to the book and a look at trends in adult Christian formation. (See [next page](#) for more about Scott.)

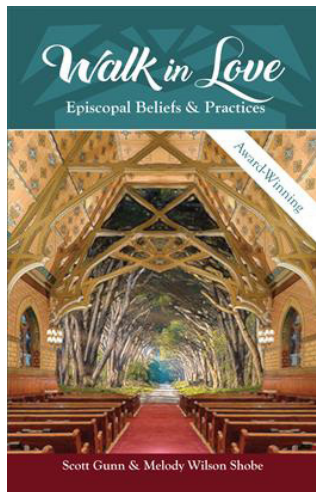
And we'll support the Sunday classes with small groups that will meet — yes, again by Zoom! — on Tuesdays or Thursdays, for follow-up conversations about what we've read. Watch the Connections e-mail and the

website for details about how to sign up.

*Walk in Love* covers the sacraments, the liturgical calendar, basic beliefs, the church's structure and governance, the Trinity, and spiritual practices and how to tell our story. The authors offer personal anecdotes and their own experiences as priests in highly readable prose that should appeal to both newcomers and longtime Episcopalians.

There's no need to sign up; just Zoom in. If you are interested in adult confirmation, reception from another denomination, or renewal of baptismal vows, please let one of the clergy know.

You can order the book from the publisher, Forward Movement (its address is [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org)), or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), or ask your local bookseller to order it for you. If you need help purchasing the book, please speak to Administrator Michelle Thomas.





## Co-Author Scott Gunn Will Launch Our Study of ‘Walk in Love’

We'll kick off our fall season of adult formation with a special video appearance from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 24, by one of the leaders in the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Scott Gunn.

Scott is the co-author, with the Rev. Melody Wilson Shobe, of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* — the book we'll be studying in a six-week series that starts Sunday, September 27. (Watch our weekly Connections e-mail and our website for Zoom details.)

He is the executive director of Forward Movement, which produces *Forward Day by Day* and many other books, pamphlets, and other printed and digital material to “inspire disciples and empower evangelists.”

Scott preaches and teaches widely throughout the church, so in addition to introducing the book and talking about how it might enhance our



*The Rev. Scott Gunn*

spiritual lives, he'll also touch on formation trends in the wider church and tell us what's coming up from Forward Movement.

Scott is a self-proclaimed technology nerd and church geek and a longtime deputy to the church's triennial General Convention, where his rundown of proposed legislation is must reading.

His other claim to fame (other than the fact that he is nearly as tall as Dean Morris) is that he and the Rev. Tim Schenck comprise the “Supreme Executive Committee of Lent Madness,” the annual round-by-round elimination competition to determine which saint will wear the Golden Halo. (In 2014 Deaconess Harriet Bedell of Southwest Florida (1875-1969) was runner-up, losing in the final round to Charles Wesley (1707-88), who wrote about 6,500 of our favorite hymns.)

Scott and Melody Shobe, who once worked together as parish priests in Rhode Island, are also the co-authors of an introduction to Christianity, *Faithful Questions: Exploring the Way with Jesus*. He blogs at [sevenwholedays.org](http://sevenwholedays.org) (church rants and raves), and is active on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter ([@scottgunn](https://twitter.com/scottgunn)), flickr, and LinkedIn.

**HURRICANE SEASON** runs through November 30. Per diocesan guidelines, when winds blow in excess of 40 mph, all activities and services are canceled. The building is secured and the staff leaves. We do not provide hurricane shelter at the Cathedral. Please think now about where you will go if you are told to evacuate.

## Fall Formation: Bible Studies, Video Series

We'll offer two multi-part Bible studies and a video series starting this month, all on Zoom.

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting September 1, Canon Ethan Cole will lead a study of the book of James. E-mail him at [ecole@spcathedral.com](mailto:ecole@spcathedral.com) to sign up.

Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., starting September 3, Canon Paige Hanks will lead a group to read and discuss the book of Matthew. E-mail her at [phanks@spcathedral.com](mailto:phanks@spcathedral.com) to sign up.

Wednesdays in September, join the Living Faith video series to explore perspectives on "Living in Faith and Confidence" and "The Family of God." The videos will be at [spcathedral.org/adults](https://spcathedral.org/adults).

## Convention Workshops Are Open to All As Diocesan Gathering Goes Online

The annual convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida will be an all-digital gathering this year. Rather than meeting in person October 16-17 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda, the diocese will conduct its business online on Facebook live or at [episcopalswfl.org/convention.html](https://episcopalswfl.org/convention.html)

What this means — for both convention delegates and for parishioners — is that you have an opportunity to participate in an array of convention workshops that will be offered online in the weeks leading up to convention. No need to register, just join the workshops at the sites listed above.

The workshops are all from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Here's the lineup:

### **September 9: Deacons: Ministering at the Margins to Bridge the Church and the World.**

Archdeacon Kathleen Moore will speak on the deacons' ministry of servanthood and how deacons are involved in our diocese in ministering to the sick, the hungry, the lonely, and the incarcerated. She will also talk about discernment for those who feel a call to this ministry.

**September 23: The Baptismal Covenant: Five Questions That Should Change Your Life.** The Rev. Thomas A. Thoeni, rector of St. Paul's, Naples, will explore the five central questions of our prayer book, their meanings, and their impacts on our lives.

**September 30: Healing in the Time of Trial.** The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Lewis will lead this workshop on finding courage and peace in a time of fear, anger, and brokenness.

**October 7: The Effects of Covid-19 on Our Communities.** The Rev. Martha Goodwill leads a conversation about the impact of Covid-19, which is more than a health crisis; it is a human, economic, and social crisis that hits already vulnerable populations the hardest. Panelists include St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor Dr. Kanika Tomalin, who has made community health a priority; and Randy Russell, president and CEO of the Center for Health Equity in St. Petersburg, which works to end differences in health due to social and structural disadvantages and to advance race equity and health equity.

# Rituals the Size of a Mustard Seed

**Hillary Peete, Director of Christian Formation**

It's often said as a joke, but it's true: Who knows what day it is, anyway?

The days, weeks, and months run together. Did we really go five months without in-person worship? Is this the longest spring break ever?

We missed precious end-of-the-school-year rituals and now we're missing out on the back-to-school stuff too. When there isn't much left of normalcy to mark our days, it can feel exhausting to manufacture it ourselves. Perhaps you, like me, yo-yo between charts and schedules and a Minecraft free-for-all.

When it doesn't really matter if it's a Tuesday or a Saturday, the small rituals we carve out for ourselves and our families are hard to hold on to. I realize I miss the chit-chat in the car driving back and forth

to school; the demarcation made in the day when lunch boxes are thrown on the counter and homework is pulled out of backpacks; gathering on Sunday mornings for worship (not in our PJs); the quiet moments I had to myself to just think.

Even though things feel uncertain, this may just be the right time to create small, mustard-seed-sized rituals. I say mustard-seed-sized because I know we are all weary, but scripture reminds us that tiny things can grow into very big things, creating places of rest and safety. Don't discredit the small

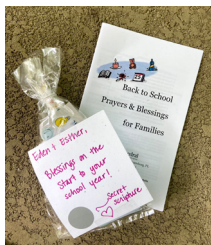
acts and rituals you practice as a family and their ability to anchor you, for God to be woven into your life in ways yet to be realized.

So what might mustard-seed-sized rituals look like?

- \* A prayer said before a meal
- \* Connection found with your child on a daily dog walk
- \* Light a candle and observe a few moments of silence
- \* Regular phone calls or FaceTime with missed family and friends

As we return to in-person school and e-learning, we have an opportunity to mark each day with prayer. I love the "Back to School Prayers & Blessings for Families" booklets delivered to each family by me and Michelle Thomas, our Associate for Christian Formation. There is a prayer for everything: back to school, at-home learning, homeschooling, putting on a mask, washing my hands, when I'm tired and overwhelmed, to start the day, to end the day. ... The list goes on.

By weaving in the ritual of prayer to our everyday actions, we invite God into these spaces, trusting that God will meet us where we are.



*We delivered back-to-school blessing bags and prayer booklets to more than 60 kids! Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

# Family Ministry Events

## Zoom Children's Chapel Resumes Sunday, September 13 10:15-11 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited to join us for activities, songs, scripture, and prayer. We will continue to use our lectionary-based Whirl curriculum, which has been easy to adapt to online gatherings. Parents, log your kids in and then join live-stream

worship at the Cathedral. The Zoom login will be shared in the monthly emails or email Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).

## EYSeedlings (grades 3 through 5) Sunday, September 13, noon-1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral

Perfection has never been a requirement of Jesus' followers. In August, we talked about and drew pictures of Saul's conversion to Paul on the road to Damascus. How can we take things like being stubborn, being impatient, or having a bad temper and allow God to work through us? Just as God could use and transform Saul, God can

*Socially distanced but together:  
EYSeedlings at our August get-together. Photo by JAMES KNIGHT*



use and transform even our most challenging qualities.

This month, we will focus on how we can be ambassadors for Christ by sharing God's love with others. We encounter lots of different "places" in our lives, physical and virtual. Where is it easy and where is it hard to share your faith? What are the ways you are uniquely able to share God's love with others? Join us as we learn more about Paul's mission to the Corinthians.

## Family Ministry Bike Ride at Fort DeSoto Saturday, September 19, 6-8 p.m.

At the end of our last ride, everyone agreed that we had to do it again! This time it's open to all families and all ages. Join us for a bike ride or stroll through Fort DeSoto. If you're able, plan to hang around after the bike ride for some time on the beach and a beautiful sunset!

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## Children's Events

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### EYC Nights

**Sundays, September 6, 13, 20, 27  
5:30-7 p.m.**

### EYC Games + Small Groups

Youth (Grades 6 through 12) will gather for dinner and games and then break into small groups for a four-part discussion series called "Faith in an Anxious World."

We don't need to look far to see that our teenagers are deeply affected by the upheaval over the last six months. Parents are aware of teen anxiety but often aren't sure how to respond, and need practical, trusted resources that spark conversation. We'll have companion resources to share with parents online and by e-mail so families can continue the conversations at home.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE

## Calling All Future Foyers!

### Marion Fleming

Here it is September 2020. In normal circumstances, we would be filling out the forms to be part of Foyer Groups. But these are not normal times. Covid-19 has put a definite hold on our plans.

I don't foresee that we will be able to meet in September or October. If the outbreak of coronavirus is under control by November, we will revisit our dinner meetings then.

In the meantime, we will just have to be satisfied with dreams of meatloaf supreme, squash casserole, chai pound cake with pecan caramel topping, corn

pudding, Marion's cheese biscuits, and, of course the dean's favorite, coconut cake (we always save him a piece). Until we can meet again, SWEET DREAMS!



*It started out as a donation. Now it's a love affair for Bob Campbell. [Page 15.](#)*

## Babycycle Provides the Ultimate Child Necessity: Diapers

Our Outreach Committee opportunity of the month is Babycycle, a diaper bank for low-income young families and single moms. A month's supply of diapers for one child can cost \$100 and is not covered by WIC or food stamps (SNAP).



Babycycle collects and distributes donated items — diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, more — to client agencies such as We Help, Boley, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, and nearly a dozen others.

By distributing to helping agencies, the dignity of the individual client is protected and there are virtually no wasted efforts, products, or resources. A client agency can call with a shopping list of needs, or come directly to the warehouse and “shop” by appointment. All products distributed are donated or purchased with donated funds.

The agency, founded by Torrie Tiernan Jasuwan, is based in Pinellas Park and serves Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco counties and beyond. It partners with Hands Across the Bay, Metropolitan Ministries, and other organizations in the Tampa Bay area. Learn

more about their story at [babycyclefl.org](https://babycyclefl.org). Last year, 2019 Babycycle distributed more than 250,000 diapers and thousands of other infant and disaster supplies. When Hurricane Michael devastated the Panhandle of Florida and the City of Mexico Beach, Babycycle sprang into action. Three donated trucks and drivers got 15,000 diapers, 18,000 wipes, cases of bottled water and baby food, and other supplies on site five days after the hurricane hit.

This year, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, Babycycle delivered more than



*Jillia Koger, right, with a resident representative at a onetime outreach at Dell Holmes Park in St. Petersburg. Photos courtesy of Babycycle*

130,000 diapers and thousands of other baby supplies to clients through partner agencies.

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# An Eye-Opening Shopping Trip Leads to a Rewarding Volunteer Job

## Bob Campbell

When the Outreach Committee designated Babycycle as its giving opportunity of the month two years ago, my first response



was, “What the heck is Babycycle?”

I learned it was a diaper bank for young families living at or near the poverty line. Cindy and I like to contribute as we can to each month’s designated outreach ministry because we know the committee has done its due diligence and there is a valid need. We figured out what we could afford to spend, and on Monday morning I headed to Walmart, debit card in hand.

Two minutes in the diaper aisle and I was in a panic. It was clear from the prices that some families had to choose between feeding their babies and keeping them in clean diapers. I called Cindy and told her that what we had planned to spend wouldn’t get a family with one child through two weeks. Cindy and I seldom

*Cindy and Bob Campbell: A donation turned into a commitment.*

argue about money. She said, “Do what you think is best.” I filled up a cart.

As a grandfather I never thought much about baby products. Cindy usually buys the gifts we give the children or their parents in our family. While I do a fair amount of shopping for us, the cost of diapers really shocked me. (If you haven’t shopped for diapers recently: A 50-pack of Pampers is \$24.27, and you know how fast kids go through diapers.) I instantly wanted to know more about Babycycle. Here was an organization filling a really significant need.

A few days later I visited their office/warehouse in Pinellas Park to drop off our donation and met director Jillia Koger. I was awed at the meticulous way she handled the inventory. There was every quantity imaginable, from pallets down to individual

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## Babycycle

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### How to Help Babycycle

You may drop donations of diapers and wipes in the Narthex on Sundays or weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. this month. We are also planning a driveby drop-off day; watch our website, Connections e-mails, the worship bulletin, and Facebook for details.

If you would prefer to write a check, make it out to the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and put Babycycle in the notation area.



*Babycycle's director, Jillia Koger, left, accepts a check from the General Mills Foundation presented by its representative, right. The others pictured are volunteers, including Bob Campbell, second from right, in baseball cap.*

Or give online at [spcathedral.org](http://spcathedral.org). Click on "give," then on the "give today" button. On the pull-down menu select "other" and in the "optional memo" box type in "Babycycle."

## An Eye-Opening Shopping Trip

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diapers. Every item was accounted for. There was NO waste. I immediately asked Jillia how I could help.

I'm sure Jillia must have thought it strange that a man old enough to be her grandfather wanted to do something. I suggested that I might be the one to collect donations from dropoff spots. I know Pinellas County very well from my career working in home delivery for the then-*St. Petersburg Times*.



So began my two-and-a-half-year love affair with Babycycle, and I'm still committed. Working with Jillia, founder Torrie Tiernan Jasuwan, and their corps of delightful volunteers, husbands, friends, and other family members is a joy. Seeing the work these young people do in the community gives me great encouragement for our future.

If you have a donation but are having difficulty getting it to the Cathedral, call or text me at (727) 642-3694 and I'll pick up what you have during my rounds.

*Bob Campbell at the Babycycle warehouse: "Every item was accounted for. There was no waste."*



## You May Reclaim Memorial Plaques

The brass memorial plaques that formerly hung on the wall of the entryway between St. Mary's Chapel and the Memorial Garden have been replaced by the new plaques on the wall near the columbarium. Family members who would like to have the old plaques can call Cathedral Administrator Michelle Thomas (727-822-4173) to arrange a time no later than September 30 to pick them up.



## Canon Williams Will Be in Edinburgh This Fall

### The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams

I will be on leave from the Cathedral and from the University of South Florida this fall. My aim is to catch up on a backlog of writing. I have quite a bit of work under contract—two books, a translation volume, and a collection of essays—and a semester away will give me a chance to make progress that would otherwise be impossible.

I have been offered a Nominated Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh for September 14 through December 31.

I will continue to be at the Cathedral on Sunday mornings when I'm not out of the country. In the spring of 2021 I will go back to full-time at USF and return to teaching and preaching at the Cathedral as my schedule allows.



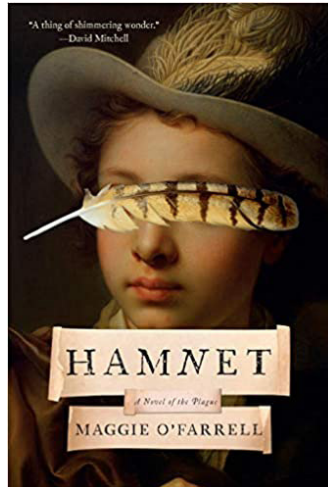
## Book Talks Will Resume in January with Must-Read New Titles

Our popular series of book talks will be back for a 10th season — starting in January.

We've delayed our usual October start hoping that by January we will be able to gather in person. If that isn't possible, we will live-stream the talk. The talks run from noon to 1 p.m.

The season begins on January 12, when Colette Bancroft, book editor at the *Tampa Bay Times*, will discuss Maggie O'Farrell's new novel, *Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague*.

National Public Radio's reviewer describes the book this way: "O'Farrell brilliantly turns to historical fiction to confront a parent's worst nightmare: the death of a child. Set in Stratford, England, in the late 16th century, *Hamnet* imagines the emotional,



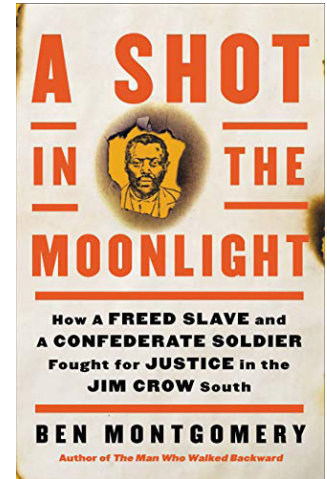
domestic, and artistic repercussions after the world's most famous (though never named) playwright and his wife lose their only son, 11-year-old Hamnet, to the bubonic plague in 1596. Four years later, the boy's father transposes his grief into his masterpiece — titled with a common variant of his son's name — in which the father dies and the son lives to avenge him."

On February 9 we'll welcome back a popular author, Ben Montgomery, to talk about his new book, to be published on January 26: *A Shot in the Moonlight: How a Freed Slave and a Confederate Soldier Fought for Justice in the Jim Crow South*.

The former slave, George Dinning, was wrongfully accused in 1897 of stealing livestock by a white mob that fired shots through the doors and windows of

Dinning's home. He fired back in self-defense, shooting and killing the son of a wealthy Kentucky family. Convicted of murder, Dinning hired a white lawyer, a former Confederate war hero, to handle his appeal. He became the first black man in America to win damages after a wrongful murder conviction.

We'll have more titles and presenters to announce as the months go by. Your suggestions welcome; please e-mail Judy Stark ([judystark@yahoo.com](mailto:judy Stark@yahoo.com)).



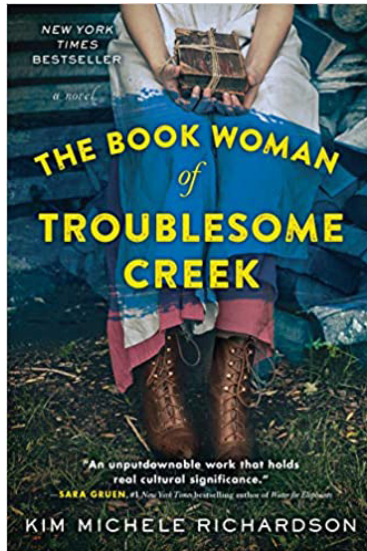
## How Literacy Came to Appalachia: By Pack Horse

St. Peter's Book Club meets via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Shar Nudelman is the presenter.

The Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project brought books, literacy, and hope to Appalachia during the 1930s. This is the story of one "book woman" whose skin, a shade of blue (caused by a rare genetic trait), often inspired suspicion and prejudice in rural Kentucky.

At that same meeting the group will select seven titles to read from November through May. Bring your suggestions — fiction and non-fiction — and a brief synopsis.

All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. The lively discussion may inspire you to do so. Please e-mail Roberta Poellein ([rp11n37@gmail.com](mailto:rp11n37@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.



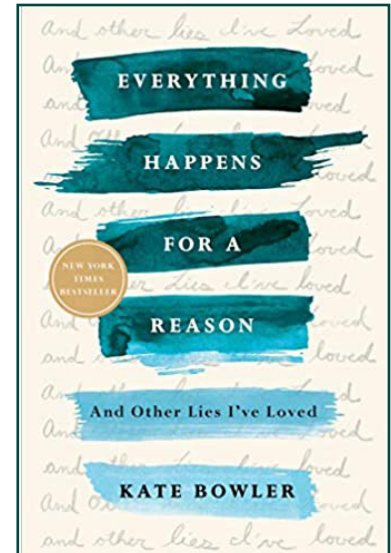
## Book Study on 'Everything Happens for a Reason'

Starting September 1, Canon Paige Hanks will lead a multi-week book study via Zoom from noon to 1 p.m. on *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler.

Bowler had a great job, a loving husband, and a newborn son when she was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. No amount of positive thinking will shrink her tumors. What does it mean to die, she asks, in a society that believes everything happens for a reason?

"This is a way to understand grief, what is helpful and what is not helpful, and how our understanding of God gets distorted in the face of a crisis," Canon Paige said. "Now more than ever, we need to stand firm in our faith in these unprecedented times."

E-mail her at [phanks@spcathedral.com](mailto:phanks@spcathedral.com) to sign up.



# Two Opportunities to Learn More About Racial Justice Efforts

## The Rev. Canon Paige Hanks

The Becoming Beloved Community team invites everyone to attend two events via Zoom to learn what is happening in our diocese and to hear about research into the racial history of the Episcopal Church.

Zoom links will be posted on our website and through our Connections e-mails closer to the events.

### Beloved Community Virtual Town Hall

**7 p.m. Tuesday,  
September 8**

This event will cover the work of Becoming Beloved Community throughout the diocese. All are invited to come and hear what is already being done and be part of planning this grassroots effort to fulfill our baptismal covenant to seek

and serve Christ in all persons as we strive for justice and peace in love.

### The Church and Race in the South 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 28



*The Rev. Hannah  
Pommersheim*

The participants in the diocesan Sacred Ground dialogue circles invite all to participate in a virtual opportunity with the Rev. Hannah Pommersheim, curate at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. She will discuss some of the findings from her work as a research associate with the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN (<https://new.sewanee.edu/roberson-project/>), particularly as it relates to the history of the Church within the unfolding of the Confederacy.



## Fellowship on Tap for 20s/40s

Bring your mask and join our 20/40 friends at Bayboro Brewing Company (2390 Fifth Ave. S) on Wednesday, September 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy award-winning craft brews, half-off flights of beer and cider, and socially-distanced fellowship with your Cathedral friends. Contact Michelle Thomas if you have any questions: (727) 822-4173 or [mthomas@spcathedral.org](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.org).

## We'll Bless the Animals at St. Bede's On October 3

For the second consecutive year, we'll hold a Blessing of the Animals on the grass and under the shade at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2500 16th St. N, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 3.

Bring the animal members of your household for a blessing by one of our clergy. If your pet doesn't travel well, you can bring a picture (a cell-phone image is fine) for a blessing.

Blessing of the Animals celebrations are held in conjunction with St. Francis Day, traditionally observed on October 4. The day honors Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), who identified with the poverty and suffering of Christ and embraced all creatures great and small as his friends.

*At last year's pet blessing, Canon Ethan Cole blesses BJ Scarborough's Finnegan while his niece, Nicole Moore, watches.*

*Photo by JUDY STARK*



### **NO RETURN TO NORMAL**

*We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-Corona existence was not normal other than we normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate, and lack. We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature.*

*— Sonya Renee Taylor*

# Summer's End for EYC

A perfect end to the summer! EYC was so much fun on August 23 — Compline (accompanied by ukulele), perfectly roasted s'mores, and a game of capture the Fritos bag (we didn't have a

flag) in the streets. A perfect sendoff the night before the first day of school.

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# September Transitions

## Birthdays

1	Mike Schillace	8	Brandon Peete	14	Tom McGowan
2	Rosalie Lawson	8	Anysia McDowall	14	Jimmy Putman
3	Penny Burns	8	Carlynn Crosby	15	Rachel Chase
3	Ralph Hancock	9	Lois Wilt	15	Addison Churchwell
3	Karen Raihill	10	Al Phillips	16	Bill Clark
3	Bill Hoyt	10	Karen Gums	16	Gary Johnson
4	Susan Chapin	10	Richard Townsend	16	Maddie Hasbrouck
4	Gwennie Sosa	10	Julia Barlow	17	Sarah Hill
6	Chuck Parsons	10	Ellis Lenhardt	17	Tommy Chase
6	Glenda Rice	11	Jannie Hume	17	Emory Nevins
7	Mary K. Wilson	11	Andi Gorton	18	Ryder Dobiesz
7	Frank Casorio	11	Holly Haines	19	Karen Torrisi
8	Dottie Choate	11	Amanda Cotrino	20	Tim Baker
8	Troy Craft	11	Jonathan Soots	20	Kathleen Peters
8	Janet Bryant	11	Michael Smelcer	21	Marion Fleming
8	Reid Carlisle	13	Diana Craig	21	Jean Beshears
		13	Lydia Frederick	22	Jean Ann Echternach

23	Peter Barlow	28	Elizabeth Stevenson
24	Charlotte Bacon	28	Debra Eich
24	Carol Butler	28	Stephanie Klima
25	Cathy Rome	28	Jenny Amundrud
25	Cecilia McManus	29	Richard Dahm
26	Judy Hamm	29	Frank Cramer
27	Elaine Clark	29	AJ Maddox-Clarke
27	John Dooley	29	Danie Dahm
27	Logan Churchwell	30	Jay Marshall
27	Benjamin Bryant	30	Helen MacIntyre
28	Marge McCabe	30	Malcolm MacIntyre

## Anniversaries

1	Jacob & Kathleen Peters	19	Will & Patty Hollingsworth
3	Paul Bonneau & Ed Johnson	22	Jim Jeffries & Neal Ward
6	Mark & Kathy Campbell	24	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cross
7	Marshall & Diana Craig	25	Tim & Theresa Holly
9	Tom & Nancy Thomas		
11	John & Gail McCoy		
13	Bud Miller & Jack Westfall		
16	Jean Ann & John Echternach		
19	Marilyn & David Hobbs		

## Deaths

Judith "Judi" Andersen  
 Harry "Bud" A. Evertz III  
 Daniel "Dan" Keller

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## St. Peter's: A Guide

### Our Worship Schedule

We offer one service of in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. You must reserve online in advance at [spcathedral.org/health](http://spcathedral.org/health). Masks are required and we observe social distancing.

Services will continue to be posted at [spcathedral.org](http://spcathedral.org) and on Facebook. The order of worship can be found at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](http://spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream).

**If you have a pastoral emergency  
after hours, please call  
(727) 238-5998 to speak to  
a member of the clergy.**

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## At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

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