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November 2020

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



Our annual CanoEucharist, [Page 17](#). Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS

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November 1 Is Our Pledge Ingathering: Have You Sent Yours In?

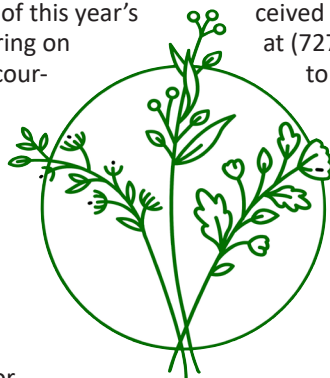
Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

We will celebrate the end of this year's pledge drive with an ingathering on Sunday, November 1. We encourage you to return your pledge card or to pledge online by that date.

Thank you — thank you — to all who have already submitted pledges.

Of course it is never too late to pledge! You can do so any time year-round, but we need to finalize our budget for 2021 during December 2020, and we would be delighted to add your pledge to our calculations as we prepare our financial plans for next year.

If we have not heard from you by November 1, we will be in touch with you. If you need a new pledge card or never re-



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ceived one, please call the Cathedral at (727) 822-4173 and we'll be happy to get a new one out to you.

To complete your pledge online, visit spcathedral.org and click on "give," then on "2021 pledge."

Thanks!

Photos by JUDY STARK

Members of the Chapter and Stewardship Committee packaged and bagged apple strudel for our October 2 online Oktoberfest celebration, the festive start of our pledge season. Later that day they provided curb service as parishioners did a drive-by pickup for 89 slices of strudel and several dozen cans of lager donated by Mastry's Brewing Co. That's Herb and Marilyn Polson in the front row in full oompah regalia.



Giving Tree Goes Virtual: Give a Child a Christmas Gift Online

Nothing gets in Santa Claus's way when it comes to delivering gifts to children at Christmas. And even Covid-19 isn't going to get in our way this year as we provide gifts to children at Resurrection House, Campbell Park Elementary, and Brighter Seasons for Children.

Ordinarily this is the time of year when we'd set up a tree in the Narthex decked with Christmas cards bearing children's wishes. You, the congregation, would choose a card (or cards!), shop for the gifts, and return them



Michael Ricciardi chooses a card from last year's Giving Tree. This year we're going virtual.

in time for us to sort and deliver them before Christmas.

This year, things are different. All of us aren't back at church, so there's no opportunity to pick cards from the tree. Many of us are reluctant to head out to crowded stores and malls.

So here's what this year's virtual Giving Tree will look like: Rather than buying a gift directly, you can sponsor a child. The cost is \$50 per child, and you can sponsor as many as you like. (We are unable to of-

fer specific sponsorships by age, gender, or location; please know that you are helping a child in need.)

From November 1 through 30, you can click [St. Peter's Giving Tree](#). Pay with your debit or credit card. Or you can mail in or bring in a check payable to the Cathedral with "Giving Tree" in the memo line.

Then we will order the gifts online and have them delivered directly to Resurrection House, Campbell Park, or Brighter Seasons, where they will be sorted and wrapped and delivered to the right recipient in time for Christmas.

"This is the most creative way we could come up with to provide gifts for the children and to meet our congregation's desire to be generous at the holidays, and still provide for everyone's health and safety," said Ray McColgan, one of the organizers.

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Giving Tree Goes Virtual

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“Every year when we hang cards on the tree, every single one is taken and people ask us for more, and they often provide more than the gift that is requested,” Ray said. “Last year we provided 235 gifts to 93 recipients. Your help will make it possible for a child who needs our help the most to have a memorable Christmas.”

Here’s more about the recipients:

* **Resurrection House** is a faith-based

ministry that provides housing, education, job training, and life skills to single parents, mostly mothers, and their children.

* **Brighter Seasons for Children** is a service of the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast’s AIDS Service Association of Pinellas (ASAP), supporting children who are infected or affected by AIDS.

* **Campbell Park Elementary** is our adopted school, where we support teachers and classrooms and donate school supplies, food, and other items throughout the year.

Photos by JUDY STARK



Santa’s helpers sorted the gifts and delivered them last year. This year UPS, FedEx, and Amazon will be Santa’s elves.



TIME TO RESET THE CLOCKS

Remember to turn your clock back one hour — fall backward — when you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31. We return to Standard Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 1.

The Season of Advent Is Coming Just When We Need It Most

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris, Dean

At this time of year, I usually hear folks talking about how we haven't even celebrated Halloween, and yet the Christmas merch is already beginning to fill the stores. I haven't heard that sentiment expressed once this year. Too many other things going on.

After Halloween, we turn our attention to Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas to close out the calendar year. Celebrating these holy seasons will not look the same this year ... at least not on the exterior. But what about the interior ... the interior of each one of us?

One's interior life is nurtured in and through our hearts, minds, and souls. When we have a lot of distractions in our lives, it becomes more of a challenge to maintain health on the inside. To say we have distractions in our lives right now is a woeful understatement. And lurking ahead is the uncertainty and ambiguity of 2021.

So what do we do? How do we stay centered in the love and peace of Jesus Christ?

In 2017 I began an Advent sermon here at the Cathedral telling the congregation I had found beautiful Advent-blue MAGA baseball caps that I wanted to order for the entire Cathedral family. There was silence. Soon the silence turned into laughter when I said that inscribed in bold white letters on the blue cap was the slogan: **Make Advent Great Again!** Friends, that is what will center us this year.

Advent, which starts this year on November 29, is the season of waiting with expectancy and hope for the revelation of the love of God to be found in Jesus. Get into Advent this year. Turn to [Page 10](#) for a start, and know that we will provide you with many more resources in the days ahead.

We are people of great expectation and hope. Going deep into thoughts on those themes through prayer and meditation, we will find the balm that soothes the interior life, no matter how many distractions the exterior life presents.



New Times for Christmas Services: Let Us Know Your Preference

We're starting to schedule our Christmas services and we want to gauge the interest of the congregation in the times of worship.

We are planning to offer identical services (with all the music you love!) at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There will be no late service. On Christmas Day we will offer services at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. All services will be live-streamed.

Here's what you need to do: Go to spcathedral.org/christmas to indicate which of these services you are likely to attend and how many people will be in your party. Please note that this is NOT A REGISTRATION for these services. (We'll post registration sign-ups online closer to Christmas.) This is more of a straw poll to give us a sense of how many people might attend which service and whether we need to schedule additional services.

We will still be observing masking and social distancing, so seating in the Cathedral will be limited. We're hoping that by offering several services at convenient times, we will be able to spread out the congregation and give everyone an opportunity to attend worship.



Special Music for All Saints': Rejoice in the Lamb

Whether you attend church live ... or you watch online ... you'll want to be there early on November 1, All Saints' Sunday.

For the prelude that day, the Cathedral Quartet will sing *Rejoice in the Lamb* (1943) by Benjamin Britten in its entirety, about



17 minutes. The music will start about 9:55 a.m., so you'll want to be in your pew or online and ready to enjoy this special treat.

The cantata is based on the poem *Jubilate*

Agno by Christopher Smart (1722-1771). The poem, written while Smart was in an asylum, depicts idiosyncratic praise and worship of God by all created things and beings, each in its own way.

Be prepared to hear the voices of a cat and mouse, flowers and musical instruments, officers of the peace, letters of the alphabet, and the heart of God, among others. Read more at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rejoice_in_the_Lamb

Fun, Festivities, and Food: The Holidays Are Coming, and We'll Celebrate

Shar Nudelman and Michael Ricciardi

Isn't it hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner? Like so many other things this year, they'll have a different look and feel. The Fellowship and Festivities Committee invites you to share some time with your Cathedral family at a couple of virtual events.

Virtual Holiday Food Festival

Here's your opportunity to share a favorite recipe. Beginning November 15, look for the Holiday Food Festival Form under the Events section on our website, spcathedral.org, or visit spcathedral.org/holiday-food. Fill it in, and be sure to tell us why this is a favorite. If you don't



want to fill in an online form, you can print a copy from the website or pick up a paper form at the front desk on Sunday mornings; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, and return it. Deadline for recipe submissions is December 23. We'll post the recipes as they come in, so you'll want to visit the site regularly to see the latest entries and get inspiration for your own holiday cooking.

Virtual Holiday Gathering

The next best thing to being together is sharing time together on Zoom. From 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, December 12, we'll

get together online to celebrate the holidays. You must register for this event so we can e-mail you the Zoom log-in information. Go to spcathedral.org/events to sign up, or e-mail Shar Nudelman at marvshar1@msn.com. Holiday sweaters, Santa caps, light-up necklaces, and reindeer antlers are welcome. We'll have details in December.

Halloween Bingo

Thanks to all the bingo players who enjoyed our second Virtual Bingo Game on October 10. Meg Banitch and Ellen Alexander, with the help of our bingo techie Michelle Thomas, led us through three Halloween-themed games with Halloween-themed trivia questions in between. Winners were Ray McColgan, Lois Ricciardi, Susan Darrow, Jan Strimer, and Mike Schillace, each of whom received a Halloween goodie bag.

We'll Count Our Blessings November 26 As We Remember the Myth of American Origin

We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a service of Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 26. There is no need to reserve in advance for this service, but masks and social distancing are required. In this of all years we need to count our blessings.

The story of Thanksgiving is “the great myth of American origin” as well as a survival story, historians say. It is based on a ship (the Mayflower), a



The Mayflower's 102 passengers, plus captain and crew, were crowded onto a ship that was between 80 and 100 feet long and 25 feet wide.

rock (Plymouth Rock), and a meal (that first Thanksgiving feast, which surely did not take place as we imagine it).

The Pilgrims were fringe English religious exiles who believed in the most literal reading of the Bible and regarded life as a spiritual journey through this world to heaven.

As Episcopalians we note that the Pilgrims wanted nothing to do with our English forebears, members of the Church of England. They rejected the hierarchy of bishops, priests, and deacons. They had no



The first Thanksgiving marked a successful harvest at the end of a year of devastating loss and grief for the Pilgrims. Fully half of the initial party died in the first 12 months.

use for rituals, vestments, candles, stained glass, church weddings, or other “Popish” trappings of the faith. They believed each person had equal access to God with no need for a bishop or pope as intermediary, and they embraced the simplicity and purity of the Gospel.

The Pilgrims believed that the depraved beliefs of mortal men, in a world of sin and iniquity, were moving them away from God.

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Thanksgiving

Malcolm Guite

Thanksgiving starts with thanks for mere survival,
 Just to have made it through another year
 With everyone still breathing. But we share
 So much beyond the outer roads we travel;
 Our interweavings on a deeper level,
 The modes of life that embodied souls can share,
 The unguessed blessings of our being here,
 The warp and weft that no one can unravel.
 So I give thanks for our deep coinherence
 Inwoven in the web of God's own grace,
 Pulling us through the grave and gate of death.
 I thank him for the truth behind
 appearance,
 I thank him for his light in every face,
 I thank him for you all, with every breath.

Malcolm Guite is an English poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest, and academic. He is a fellow and chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge, England, and associate chaplain of St. Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge.

Image by Margot Krebs Neale



Thanksgiving

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Hence their desire to find a place where they could practice their religion unhindered: the New World. They embarked in September 1620 — a voyage they believed was ordained by God — with the goal of building the ultimate spiritual community on earth.

A good introduction to the Pilgrims and their against-all-odds survival is the PBS American Experience documentary *The Pilgrims* (2015) by filmmaker Ric Burns. It's available on Amazon Prime.

Photos courtesy of PBS American Experience: The Pilgrims

A New Christian Year Begins: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

We begin a new Christian year on Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday in the four-week season of Advent.

The Sundays leading up to Christmas — November 29 and December 6, 13, and 20 — are a season of preparation and expectation that moves into hope and joy as the birth of Christ draws near.

The clergy vestments and altar hangings are blue, the color of hope, expectation, and heaven. It is also the color associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus, in iconography and art.

On each of the four Sundays we will light a candle on the Advent wreath. Three of the four candles are blue. The candle for the third Sunday, “Gaudete Sunday” (say gow-DAY-tay), is rose. Gaudete means

“rejoice,” and pink symbolizes the joy that Jesus is almost here.

The hymns of Advent are songs of yearning and hope: “O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel”; “Prepare ye the way of the Lord”; and “Sleepers, wake!”



In the fourth and fifth centuries Advent was observed for 40 days, often as a time of severe fasting, and was thought of as a “little Lent” without an explicit link to Christmas. In later centuries the deeply penitential aspect of Advent was set aside and the season was reduced to four weeks with a specific tie to the celebration of Christ’s birth.

Now we keep track of the four weeks of the season with Advent calendars that

count down the days until Christmas.

Starting with the first Sunday of Advent and continuing throughout the liturgical year — until Christ the King Sunday next November — we will read from the Gospel of Mark. (In the year that ends November 22 we have been reading from the Gospel of Matthew.) Mark’s was the first canonical Gospel, thought to have been written about 70 A.D. The shortest Gospel, it constantly implores us to “Keep awake! Be alert!” in anticipation of Jesus’s imminent return.

Mark’s is “the most studied and influential Gospel,” says scholar Gary Wills. Its source and audience, he says, are “a persecuted community with internal divisions and conflict.”

And the other seasons in the Christian year? Christmas, the season after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and the Season After Pentecost. We’ll talk about each of those in the months to come.

Honoring Those Who Served: The Cathedral Remembers Its Veterans

The nation observes Veterans Day on November 11. Originally this holiday was known as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I in 1918 at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when the Allies signed a cease-fire agreement with Germany at Rethondes, France. In 1954 Congress changed the name to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Next time you're at the Cathedral, please step into the entryway at the back of St. Mary's Chapel — what we have now designated as the "quiet room" for parents and young children.

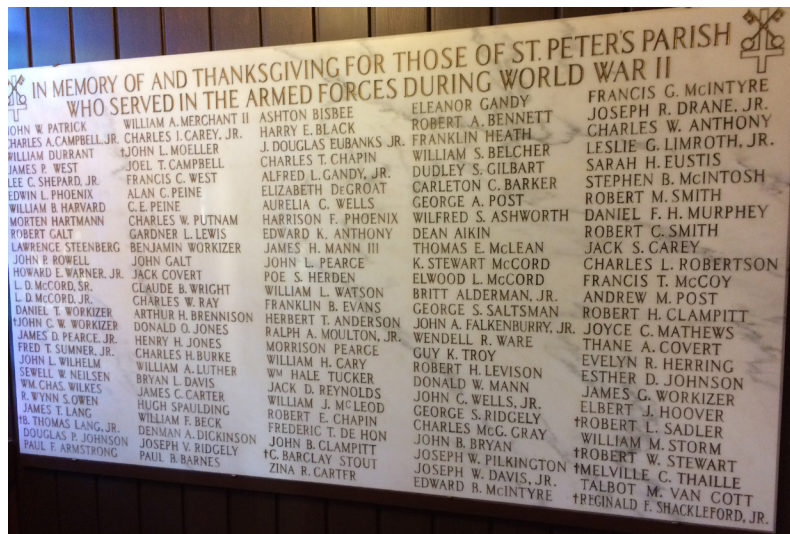
Here you will see the white marble plaque honoring Cathedral members who served their country in World War II. Both men and women are listed, and you will see familiar names whose descendants still attend the Cathedral.

On the south wall of the entryway,

plaques honor two individuals, one each from World War I and World War II, who were recognized as military heroes. Read their stories on the following pages, and

take a moment to offer up the Prayer in Wartime that was used here during World War II. To all who have served, thank you.

Photo by JUDY STARK



A Prayer in Wartime

This prayer was prayed at the Cathedral starting in 1942 until the end of World War II. Our rector at the time was the Rev. Evan A. Edwards, known as “Chaplain Edwards” for his service as a military chaplain in World War I.

O God, our refuge and our strength, we beseech thee to guide and protect our nation in the fiery trial of war. Grant us true repentance, and take away the offenses of our people, that with clean hands and pure hearts we may go forward in thy name.

Save us from hatred, cruelty, and malice. Endue our leaders with courage and wisdom. Strengthen and protect our defenders by land, by sea, and by air, and suffer no dishonor to stain our arms.

Safeguard and multiply the ministries of mercy; succor the wounded, receive the dying, comfort the bereaved. Bless those who labor in field and factory, in office and home, for our country’s welfare.

Make a speedy end of tyrannies in the earth, and deliver the desolate and oppressed of all nations. Hasten the advent of a righteous peace, and with great might establish thy Kingdom; through thy Son our Savior, Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.



A Narrow Escape for a Flying Ace

A plaque on the south wall of the entryway honors St. Peter’s very own World War I flying ace, 1st Lt. Edward Meeker Haight (born in 1896; 139th Squadron, 2d Pursuit Group). He flew a SPAD, a French biplane fighter aircraft. The text reports:

“Seven victories, of which five were officially confirmed. Among the exciting incidents was an attack by 6 or 8 Fokker aircraft. I was forced to the ground many miles behind the enemy front lines but managed a successful forced landing. The enemy Fokkers dove repeatedly, guns blazing, but miraculously failed to wound or kill me. Finally they left and I managed a successful takeoff. Subsequently I landed at the first friendly landing field south of the front line. When I had recovered somewhat, we counted 47 bullet holes in my SPAD (one through the right rear center section strut — but inches from where my head had been).”

Lt. Haight scored his victories in just over a month, from September 28 through October 30, 1918. Later he was an airmail pilot. He was recalled to active duty in World War II and achieved the rank of colonel. He died in St. Petersburg on December 5, 1975.



A Master of Submarine Warfare and a Lifesaving Inventor

Vice Admiral Charles B. Momsen is honored on a plaque in the entry for his distinguished career in the U.S. Navy. He was the inventor of the “Momsen lung,” a primitive underwater rebreather used before and during World War II by submariners as emergency escape gear. For this Momsen was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal in 1929.

He also assisted in the successful salvage and rescue of crew members from the submarine *Squalus* after she sank in approximately 240 feet of water off the Isle of Shoals, New Hampshire, in May 1939. For especially creditable and outstanding performance of duty during this operation, he was commended by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Navy.

A master of submarine warfare, “Momsen evolved a doctrine of attack whereby submarines could be organized into an attack group capable of operating deep in enemy-controlled waters while maintaining full striking power,” an online biography re-

ports. “During World War II the submarines under his command sank five Japanese ships totaling over 38,000 tons and damaged eight ships totaling 63,000 tons.”

For his special contributions to submarine warfare from February 1943 to June 1944, he was awarded the Navy Cross, the Legion of Merit, and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit, with Combat “V.”

He received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work in the repatriation of Japanese civilian and military personnel, a total of nearly 6-million people, after World War II.

Read more about his distinguished career here: <https://tinyurl.com/y592kksk>.

Vice Admiral Momsen was married to Carol Irvine Schmidt of St. Petersburg, “a very close friend of my mother, Greta Ellis,” says longtime member John Ellis. Mrs. Ellis

“was an active member of the Army-Navy Club” who was involved in honoring local military heroes. “I’m sure that my mother was involved in arranging for the plaque and having it placed in the ‘quiet room,’” he said.

Vice Admiral Momsen died at age 70 in 1967 at Bay Pines and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The plaque, which lists his leadership roles and ranks, was presented on May 8, 1953, “by Submarine Flotilla One as a token of the deep gratitude and admiration felt by all submariners for the outstanding service and leadership

of R/Adm. Momsen in forwarding the progress, development, and the morale of the United States Naval Submarine Service.”

Thanks to parishioners Bob Campbell, John Ellis, Eric Lang Peterson, and Virginia Rowell, and to Adm. Jerry Talbot for contributing information about Vice Admiral Momsen.



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 <http://www.efm.sewanee.edu>.



Cathedral Will Be Open For Prayer on Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Don't forget to vote! Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, tells us: "Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote."

The Cathedral will be open for prayer on Election Day. There will be services with prayer and meditation at 9 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m. You are also welcome to come pray any time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. No registration is necessary. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Thanks for What's All Around Us



A plaque honoring all who gave to our capital campaigns in 2003, 2005, and 2011 was recently installed in the Narthex. In this month of Thanksgiving, we take time to express appreciation to all whose financial generosity made possible the buildings we occupy today. We have also installed plaques acknowledging those who have underwritten rooms, spaces, or furnishings. Faithful stewardship makes so much possible.



Future Foyer Dinners: The Saga Continues

Marion Fleming

Here it is November 2020. I was hoping to begin our Foyer Dinners this month, but the coronavirus had other plans for us. We are still having to be cautious, wear masks, social distance, and wash hands. It is not a routine that fits our monthly Foyer gatherings.

I don't foresee this November or December being viable to meet in Foyer Groups. Let's hope that January will be a safer time for our country, so stay tuned. In the meantime, continue dreaming of all those good dinners and conversations we have had together. Sweet dreams!

Children and Youth Service Projects for Pet Pal

On two Sundays in October, our EYC (Grades 6 to 12) and EYSeedlings (Grades 3 to 5) learned about the life and works of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), the patron saint of animals. St. Francis was committed to a life of helping others, so the youth took to completing some service projects to benefit Pet Pal Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter in St. Petersburg.

We wondered what we would be able to do during these current times to help Pet

Pal, but luckily they had helpful suggestions on their website, petpalanimalshelter.com.

Both groups took on two projects: baking homemade dog treats and sewing dog bandanas.

In the kitchen, we mixed ingredients for the treats, rolled them out, and used cookie cutters to shape each treat before baking. In Harvard Hall, an assembly line traced, cut, and sewed each bandana. Everyone enjoyed taking a turn at the sewing ma-

chine and learning how to guide the fabric through to make the bandanas.

The completed items are being delivered to Pet Pal, and will make quite a few pups very happy with new bandanas and treats made with love from our Cathedral EYC and EYSeedlings.

Photos by MICHELLE THOMAS



Left, Olivia Norman displays a newly-stitched dog bandana. Right, everybody took a turn at the sewing machine.



In the kitchen, eager hands cut out homemade treats.



By Water and the Spirit

We had a gorgeous Sunday afternoon October 18 for our CanoEucharist, a popular Cathedral tradition. About 20 of us

paddled off Fort DeSoto, discovering that canoeing is a great way to remain socially distanced while we have a great time and

come together to celebrate the Eucharist.
Photos by HILLARY PEETE



We were in the water and on the water!



Canon Brandon Peete, who celebrated the Eucharist on the water, offers a wafer to his daughter, Beatrix.

Family Ministry: A Month of Sundays with Saints Alive, Plus Children's Chapel and Wreathmaking

Children's Chapel

10:15a.m. Sundays on Zoom

We will continue our Zoom Children's Chapel throughout November. We are having conversations about an in-person gathering, but that is still on hold. Zoom login information is sent out through email and is posted on the Family Ministry Facebook page.

EYSeedlings

Noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 8

Saint Shields! We will talk about All Saints' Day, some holy troublemakers, and those we look up to as examples of faith. Join us to paint your own saint shield and connect with friends. Lunch provided. Please bring your mask!

EYC

5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day with prayer stations

5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 8

Painting Saint Shields and learning about holy troublemakers

5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 15

Friendsgiving with families (details to come soon!)

5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 22

All about St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians

5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 29

Family Advent wreathmaking
All families and ages are invited. We will be socially distanced, masked, and outdoors!

Creatures Great and Small

Canons Paige Hanks and Ethan Cole did a drive-by pet blessing at St. Bede's on October 3 in honor of St. Francis Day. They blessed dogs, cats, and a bird; ashes of a beloved cat who has crossed the rainbow bridge; and photos and cell-phone images.

Photo by JUDY STARK



More ‘Sacred Ground’ Circles Will Form; Canon Paige Will Lead Diocesan Race and Reconciliation Efforts

Betsy Adams

Our first Sacred Ground dialogue circle is approaching the last two sessions in the current series. The experience has been rich and rewarding, with many poignant moments of sharing as well as startling moments of revelation. All of us have been enriched by these conversations. Sacred

Ground is a film-based dialogue series on race and faith developed by the Episcopal Church.

Across the St. Petersburg Deanery and the Diocese, there is growing interest in forming additional dialogue groups. Currently there are six active circles in the diocese, with several more in the planning stages. We encourage all of our St. Peter’s family to watch for new offerings and join a circle. You will be blessed.

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Canon

Paige Hanks is the chair of the new diocesan Race and Reconciliation Committee, and Rebecca Lyons, a parishioner, is a committee member. The committee’s initial priorities are to develop anti-racism training for the diocese; to develop anti-racism resources and assistance for congregations; and to provide at least one annual anti-racism diocesan event.

Becoming Beloved Community is the Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. It is the dream of a community where all people experience dignity and abundant life and see themselves as beloved children of God.



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Justice Work through
FAST:
Visit [spcathedral.org/
crosstown-blog](https://spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog)**

Church Leaders Will Talk About ‘Grace in a Year of Trials’

To enhance your understanding of Beloved Community, join us for either or both of the following two Zoom webinars, or for the visit in person by the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle. These are part of the Racial Reconciliation Series at DaySpring, our diocesan camp and conference center in Ellenton.

7-8 p.m. Monday, November 16 Reckoning with Two Pandemics

A conversation with the Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta. Followed by Compline, offered by the Pandemic Quartet from St. Thomas', St. Petersburg, at 8:15 p.m.



*The Right Rev.
Robert C. Wright*

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, November 17 The Intersection of Faith and Civic Life

A panel discussion featuring Bishop Wright; the Very Rev. Randolph M. Hollerith, dean of the Washington National Cathedral; and the Rev. Winnie Varghese, priest for ministry and program coordination at Trinity Wall Street and author of *Church Meets World*.



*The Rev.
Winnie Varghese*

You can register for either or both of these events at https://www.episcopalswfl.org/digital_faith/events/3184354

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, December 5 Ubuntu: I in You and You in Me

A day with the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, an Episcopal priest and moral theologian known for his works on spirituality, reconciliation, and the thought of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. This is an in-person event at DaySpring; cost is \$10. To register, e-mail the Rev.

Ann Dieterle at adieterle@episcopalswfl.org, or call the Diocese at (941) 556-0315.



*The Rev. Dr.
Michael Battle*



An Education That Opens Some Doors And Closes Others

Roberta Poellein

Our Book Club selection for November is *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. We'll meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 24. Nina Berkheiser is the presenter.

Westover grew up in a family of survivalists in the isolated mountains of Idaho: no school, no doctor, no knowledge of current events or recent history. She first entered a classroom at age 17 and taught herself enough to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where the world opened up for her. Eventually her studies took her to Harvard and Cambridge universities and a doctorate in intellectual history.

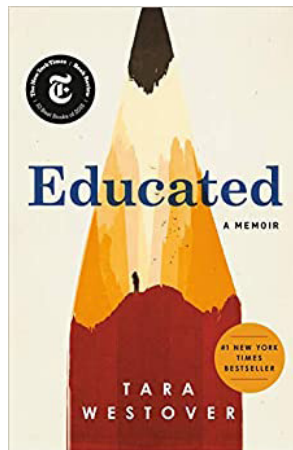
But the movement from one world to another took a costly toll in separation from her family. Westover's memoir "gets to the heart of



what an education is and what it offers," [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) says: "the perspective to see one's life through new eyes and the will to change it."

Now 34, Westover is senior research fellow at the Shorenstein Center at the Harvard Kennedy School, working on projects related to media and political polarization.

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



Please Update Your Phone Number and Address

The Chapter and the Stewardship Committee have been making phone calls to all those who make a pledge to the Cathedral, and we've come across a number of wrong numbers and "no longer in service" numbers. When we did the stewardship mailing we discovered some outdated addresses. Friends, it's time for an update!

If you've changed your phone number in the last year or so ... or if you've given up your land line and are using only your cell phone ... or if you've moved ... please take a moment to update your records. Call Administrator Michelle Thomas at (727) 822-4173 so we can make the necessary changes. Thank you.

Bishop Smith Calls for Election of Coadjutor to Succeed Him

Bishop Dabney Smith has called for the election of a bishop coadjutor, the person who will become our bishop diocesan when Bishop Smith retires.

Bishop Smith's call was affirmed by the Diocesan Convention, meeting in its first virtual session October 17.



Bishop Smith will turn 67 years old on December 7. According to the canons of the Episcopal Church, bishops must retire at age 72. Bishop Smith has not indicated a precise retirement date.

In the months to come, a search committee will gather information about the diocese, prepare a profile, and develop a pool of candidates, from whom a slate will be announced, and a coadjutor will be elected. Typically a search process takes about 18 months.

By canon, the coadjutor may serve no more than three years in that capacity before he or she succeeds Bishop Smith as bishop diocesan. A more precise timetable of events will be announced later.

In other convention news, please congratulate Deacon Scott Nonken, who was appointed to a three-year term on the Commission on Ministry, and Canon Ethan Cole, who was welcomed among new non-canonically resident clergy.

November Evensong Will Feature Guest Violinist, Stanford 'Service in C'

Our service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 22, will offer a violin prelude and classic English church music by one of the greats of Anglican composition.

The prelude, at 4:45 p.m., will be played by guest violinist Marco Jimenez, who is well known at the Cathedral as an organ student of Canon for Music and Precentor Dwight Thomas.

The liturgy is the Evening Service in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), an Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor who is considered one of the seminal figures of the British musical renaissance in the late 19th Century. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Cathedral Quartet will sing. Dwight Thomas is director and organist.

The Anthem is Arlen Clarke's "My song is love unknown," and the concluding hymn is No. 74, "Blest be the King whose coming." November 22 is the last Sunday of the Christian year, traditionally celebrated as Christ the King Sunday, acknowledging the kingship of Christ over all the earth. A new Christian year starts the following week on November 29, the first Sunday in Advent.

You must reserve in advance to attend this service (make your reservation the week before at spcathedral.org/music-events). A freewill offering will be taken. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed. There is no reception afterward.



Treat a Puppy to a College Education

Mary Howe, Outreach Committee

Meet Heaven Lee, our new canine-in-residence at the Cathedral.

In addition to sponsoring a puppy for its two-year training program with Southeastern Guide Dogs, our Outreach Committee is hosting a Southeastern Guide Dogs puppy bank, designed to help send puppies to college.

You will see Heaven Lee when you come to the Cathedral, and she will surely wag her tail when you place your coins and dollars in her bowl. These extraordinary guide and service dogs transform the lives of people with vision loss, veterans with disabilities, and children with significant challenges.

Once these puppies are



Heaven Lee invites your contributions to support the training of guide dogs. Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS

raised, they receive elite training at Canine University on the Southeastern Guide Dogs campus in Palmetto. We can help them reach their destiny. For every \$1,000 raised, we'll be supporting a puppy's college education.

Our Cathedral's Heaven Lee is inspired by Kids' Companion Dog Miracles. You can watch more about this amazing dog and sweet Millie here: <https://www.guidedogs.org/blog/millie-miracles-2/>

Stay tuned to meet and learn about Faith, the Cathedral's newly-sponsored puppy. She is adorable, and we will have fun watching her growth and development.

We are **COLLECTING CALENDARS** again this year for our neighbors at Peterborough. If you've been getting more charity calendars in the mail than you can use, please drop them off at the front desk. You may do so from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, or on Sunday mornings. These calendars are greatly appreciated by the residents of Peterborough.

Acolytes Are Honored for Reverent Hearts, Steady Hands in Worship

Our acolytes have been unable to serve at the altar in recent months, but we honored them in absentia on Acolyte Sunday, October 18, for their faithful service over the years. Here's the prayer offered by Dean Morris:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by one spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to acknowledge, in the name of God, all the acolytes gathered in this Cathedral today as we observe Acolyte Sunday to remind them of their high calling and responsibility; to pray that God will bless and direct them in their ministry; and to celebrate the witness of their service before the altar.

Gracious God, the epitome of light and love: You call us to light the way for your people in a world of change and uncertainty. Grant to your acolytes reverent hearts, steady hands, and the will to persevere in

service at your altar and at prayer. Bless and guide us by your wisdom and help us to spread your word throughout the world. Through Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The acolytes and their terms of service:

Five years or more: Joanie Andrews, Nicholas Carpenter, Frank Casorio, Connor Crosby, Ken Esteb, Anslee Long, Maggie Moore, Mia Moore

Four years: Phillip Pree

Three years: Connor Carlisle, Natalie Schmid, Gavin Sosa

Two years: Joel Burnsed, Dustin Knight

One year: Caleb Knight, Olivia Norman (Olivia also has many more years of service at other churches)

New this past year: Avary Fleming, Lydia McDowell



*Two acolytes at the end of Sunday worship.
Photo by AMELIA BARTLETT*



Food for Our Neighbors

Thanks to all who contributed to our food drive in September. We delivered bags and boxes of food to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic for their Hunger Free 2020 day on October 10. Total donation, confirmed by the thumbs-up crowd at the scale: 126 pounds!

The Little Free Pantry Needs Your Help To Serve the Hungry

As we move ahead to Thanksgiving, please remember the Little Free Pantry at St. Bede's, 2500 16th St. N. All are welcome to take food from the pantry, no questions asked, and all are welcome to fulfill their need to give by contributing nonperishable and non-meltable foods and hygiene items. (The pantry is outside, unrefrigerated, so please, no chocolate.)

The need at the Little Free Pantry is increasing, and St. Bede's parishioners and some really dedicated neighbors are struggling to keep the pantry stocked with food at all times.

While many of us have enjoyed stability in our housing and finances, some members of our community are not so fortunate. It can be a helpless feeling when

you know that folks are struggling to eat, but your gifts to the pantry in the form of shelf-stable food and hygiene products are a way to give what you can so others can have what they need to survive.



The pantry is on the front walkway of the church and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for your donations and for those who need assistance. Please consider how you might help feed the hungry in our community.

Cash donations, checks, and gift cards may be sent to St. Bede's, 2500 16th St. N, St. Petersburg 33704. Or visit the website (stbedeepiscopalchurch.org), click on "Give to St. Bede," and under "fund," click on "food pantry fund."

Love Is the Way To Address Today's Challenges

Please take advantage of these formation opportunities in the weeks ahead:

* Starting November 10, **Canon Paige Hanks**

will lead a study via Zoom of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new book, *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*. Expanding on his message of hope delivered in his sermon at the royal wedding of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, Bishop Curry shows how the way of love addresses the challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This class meets from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through December 22. E-mail Canon Paige at phanks@spcathedral.com to register.

* **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.

* **Canon Cole's** class on the Sermon on the Mount continues on November 3, 10, and 17. Like

his class on 1 Thessalonians, this class is also conducted via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. E-mail him at ecole@spcathedral.com to register.

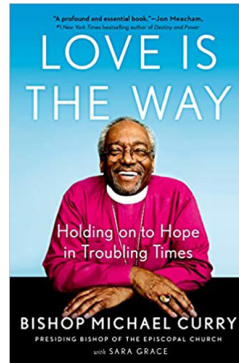
* Our six-week study of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* ends on Sunday, November 1. Director of Christian Formation **Hillary Peete** will lead the last session, from 9 to 10 a.m., via Zoom. Zoom sign-in information is available at spcathedral.org/adults, where you can also find recordings of the five previous sessions.

On Wednesdays through November, join the Living Faith video series to explore perspectives on "Living in Faith and Confidence" and "The Family of God." 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 and now a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Edinburgh while on sabbatical there. He explores connections between the Scottish Episcopal Church and our own Episcopal Church.

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.



November Transitions

Birthdays

1	Ted Larsen	11	Jeanne Fasan
1	Ellen Morris	11	Justin Grimshaw
2	Blanton Garnett	11	Jeanne Tucker
2	Greg Glenn	12	Penny Robbins
4	Emily Williams	13	Suzanne Haines
5	Raymond Lannon	13	Timothy Smithhart
5	Adelia Samaha	14	Noah Ferrell
6	Mary Matthews	14	Michael Myers
7	Andy Munkittrick	14	Sarah Parker
7	Cammeron Townsend	15	Cindy Gines
8	Ida Brophy	16	Kassidy Gums
8	Dave Darrow	16	David Ponte
9	Reece Townsend	17	Alex Costello
9	Phyllis Waters	18	Carter Curtis
10	Aaron Dobiesz	19	Patrick Beavers

Anniversaries

13	Richard & Cathy Rome	23	Fred & Susan Stansbery
15	Gregory & Maureen Depp	25	Joe & Nancy Lane
15	Jack & Susan Regan	27	Ray McColgan & Mike Schillace
15	Laurence Roberts & Scott Strader	29	Tim Staney & Matt Stewart
16	Jerry & Rosalie Lawson		

If you'd like to receive Crosstown electronically, please send an e-mail to agorton@spcathedral.com asking us to put you on our electronic mailing list.

19	Richard Gibson
19	Kristen Herman
19	Jacob Peters
19	Bob Summer
20	Matthew Lannon
21	Joe Benoit
21	Myra Witko
22	Beatrix Peete
24	Connor Gordon
24	Susan Oates
24	Bill Peet
25	Cynthia Sinclair
25	Tallulah Taylor
26	Mike Adams
26	Amelia Pastman
26	Clayton Roen
27	Caitlin Garnett
27	Heather Hollingsworth
27	Lydia McDowall
28	Karen Carroll
28	Susan Churuti
29	Steve Hawk
29	Cassie Ramsey
29	Jillian Reed
30	Evelyn Finklea



St. Peter's: A Guide

Our Worship Schedule

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

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

Fourth Sunday, 5 p.m. Choral Evensong; organ prelude at 4:45 p.m. Register at [spcathedral.org/music-events](https://www.spcathedral.org/music-events) the week before the evensong.

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](https://www.spcathedral.org/health).

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

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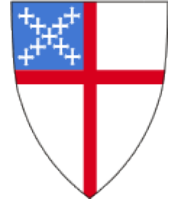
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