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February 2021

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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A Year of Going Digital, Creativity in the Face of Covid-19, and Hope for Brighter Days Ahead

Four new Chapter members were elected by acclamation at the online Annual Meeting on January 24. In video presentations posted on our website ([spcathedral.org/annual-meeting](https://www.spcathedral.org/annual-meeting)), Dean Morris and other leaders reviewed the year just past, offered thanks for great service by staff and parishioners, and looked to the future.



“No one could have predicted what a challenging year 2020 would be,” Dean Morris said. We met the challenge of going all-digital because of Covid-19. We said goodbye to Canon Katie Churchwell, who has become the dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral in Oklahoma City. We welcomed the Rev. Ethan Cole full-time as Canon for Congregational Life. Michelle Thomas joined the staff as Administrator and Associate for Christian Formation. Hillary Peete’s duties expanded as she became Director of Christian Formation, and Dwight Thomas was named Canon for Music and Precentor.

The dean thanked the staff, the Chapter,

and the congregation for “your commitment to this wonderful church. I can’t wait to see us all back together here on the campus.... It’s just better when you are here.”

Dean Morris referred to Youth Poet Laurate Amanda Gorman’s poem, read at the Presidential Inauguration on January 20: “There is always light if only we are able to see it / if only we are brave enough to be it.” The dean said, “We are people of light. Even in these darker times I pray that our light shines brighter and brighter. ... In the days to come and the months and the year, I hope that our light shines even brighter.”

Treasurer **Tim Lanz** presented the budget, which anticipates income of \$1,138,600 and expenses of \$1,288,200, the difference to be made up with a draw

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St. Peter's Annual Meeting

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from our endowment. (A budget summary is available at spcathedral.org/annual-meeting.)

In 2020 we exceeded our revenue target by \$50,000. This year we anticipate a 16 percent decrease in revenue compared to last year.

We benefited in 2020 from a \$112,000 Payroll Protection grant, and we expect to benefit from a second pandemic relief package this year.

Pledges are still about \$30,000 short of our target. [See [page 4](#) for more information.] The budget reflects an anticipated \$80,000 decrease in income from Peterborough, reflected in the “other income” line in the budget.

The budget anticipates no increase in compensation for the staff, “a huge sacrifice,” Tim acknowledged, but “if we outperform our budget we will reconsider.”

Our endowment has grown from \$921,000 in 2018 to \$1.7-million in 2019 and to \$3.4-million in 2020 — “What an

accomplishment,” Tim said. We budgeted in 2020 for an \$88,000 draw from the endowment, but never actually withdrew that money from the endowment. This year we are budgeting a draw of \$149,600, or 4.4 percent of the overall endowment — well below the 6 percent that is considered a healthy draw.

Outgoing Senior Warden **Ray McColgan** recalled the major events of 2019 — our 50th anniversary as a Cathedral; hosting the North American Deans Conference — and then the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. “Thanks to everyone for your acceptance of the changes we’ve had to make ... and to our clergy and staff for the incredible job keeping everything going and being so creative in their programs.”

Ray will continue as Stewardship Chair and made an appeal for parishioners’ time and talent as well as their financial support.



“The Cathedral needs you to maintain the programs, guilds, committees, and events,” as leaders and as helpers, he said. “Please prayerfully consider answering a call if it is made.”

Incoming Senior Warden **Karen Torrisi** spoke of the “difficult year for all of us,” but observed that “the Cathedral has been here for me and for you.” She thanked Ray, Rich Rome, and Gary Patterson, who are ending their terms on the Chapter, and welcomed the newly-elected members: Susan Darrow, Lauren Durst, Wil Laroche, and Mark Myers. Their bios and photos can

also be found at spcathedral.org/annual-meeting.

Continuing Chapter members are Kerry Carlisle, Lucas Fleming, Herb Polson, and Karen Torrisi (terms ending in 2022), and Tessa Marie Burns, Jonathan Miller, Anyasia McDowall, and Michael Ricciardi (terms ending in 2023).

Still Time to Take Us Over the Top For Our Pledge Campaign

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

Pledge campaigns are really never over, so I am considering our 2021 campaign a work in progress.

As of late January, we have received pledges totaling \$797,720.74. This is almost \$33,000 under our goal of \$830,000 for 2021. Despite phone calls and emails, we still have not heard from a number of our loyal pledgers. If you happen to be one of these, we invite you to contact the Cathedral and let us know of your pledge intentions. Our budget for 2021 depends on increasing our pledge income. (You can speak to Cathedral Administrator Michelle Thomas at 727-822-4173.)

We know 2020 was a difficult year for everyone and are pleased that so many of you have fulfilled your 2020 pledges. Your financial gifts support worship, outreach, formation, and all the ministries that allow us to do God's work in the world.

It is never too late to pledge and it is always appreciated. You can pledge online at www.spcathedral.org/give-joy.



20s-40s Plan a Social with Games ...

Join us on Sunday, February 7, for our first Sunday social for the 20 to 40 crowd! This month, we'll meet up in Harvard Hall and in the garden for an afternoon of games. From bocce to Settlers of Catan to Yahtzee, there will be something to play no matter your speed.

We'll meet after the 10:15 a.m. service and hang out for as long as the games are going. Light refreshments provided. We will wear masks and maintain social distancing so that we can gather safely.



... and a Zoom Podcast Discussion

In January, we had a great discussion about Kate Bowler's interview with Will Willimon, "Your Work is a Calling," on the Everything Happens podcast.

Save the date: 7 p.m. Thursday, February 25. We'll discuss "Toxic Positivity" from the Terrible, Thanks for Asking podcast. We'll explore the ways the church hinders people from expressing the full range of human emotion and how the liturgical year allows us to plug into the fullness of our humanity. Register for the Zoom link at spcathedral.org/young-adults.

Guest Preacher, Music Will Honor First Black Episcopal Priest, Absalom Jones

At the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, February 14, we will observe the Feast of Absalom Jones, the first Black priest in the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Adrienne R. Hymes, vicar of St Paul's Episcopal Church, Wesley Chapel, will be the preacher. The music will be by African-American composers, including "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

Jones was born a slave in 1746 in Delaware. He taught himself to read out of the New Testament, among other books. At 16 he was sold and sent to Philadelphia, where he attended a night school for Blacks, operated by Quakers. At 20 he married another slave and purchased her freedom. In 1784 he bought his own freedom.

Jones and his friend Richard Allen were



*The Rev.
Absalom Jones*

effective evangelists who greatly increased the Black membership of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. When the dismayed white vestry decided to segregate Black members into an upstairs gallery without notice, the Black worshipers indignantly walked out as a group.

By 1794, Black Episcopalians had built their own church, St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. Jones was ordained deacon in 1795 and priest in 1802 by William White, the first and fourth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and first bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Jones was an earnest preacher who denounced

slavery and warned oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." St. Thomas Church grew to over 500 members in its first year. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument.



*The Rev.
Adrienne R. Hymes*

Collect for Absalom Jones

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

Lent: Reflect on Your Life

The penitential season of Lent — a 40-day period leading up to Easter — begins on Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday.

This season of self-examination and self-denial corresponds to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. (Read Luke 4:1-13, Matthew 4:1-11, or Mark 1:12-13.) During this time Jesus was tempted by Satan while preparing for the start of his earthly ministry.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). Mardi Gras has long been a day of feasting and merrymaking before the somber season of Lent. Historically it was a time to use up the butter and cream, eggs and meat before the Lenten fast. (These items were often dwindling in supply at the end of winter anyway.)

The word carnival, or *carnevale* — a raucous celebration before the start of Lent —

literally means “goodbye to meat.” It is the custom, particularly in the Roman Catholic church, to observe meatless Fridays during Lent. In some parts of the country, fish fries are a popular way to socialize (and fund-raise!) in Lent while observing this custom.

As for that name, Shrove Tuesday: In centuries gone by, Christians would make their confession at the beginning of Lent, and would be “shriven” — cleansed — of their sins. (The Middle English for “absolve” is *shrive, shrove, shriven.*)

The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning “long spring days,” as the short, dark days of winter give way to the brighter days of spring. That is appropriate as we move from a dark, penitential season to the glory of Easter (April 4).

The season lasts six weeks because we do not count Sundays as part of Lent (they are, in effect, “little Easters”). Lent is a time the Church intentionally sets aside for us to

go deeper in our faith and develop spiritual practices that draw us closer to God.

The earliest Lent can begin is February 4; the latest, March 10. The start of Lent depends on the date of Easter, which is set according to the lunar calendar. (For everything you ever wanted to know about determining the date of Easter, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computus> or turn to Page 880 of the Book of Common Prayer.)

You will notice a few changes in worship during Lent. The vestments and altar hangings are a penitential purple, and we use only simple greenery rather than colorful floral displays. The music is limited and subdued. We eliminate the word “Alleluia!” from our worship.

On the first Sunday in Lent (February 21) we will recite the Great Litany at the opening of the service (Page 148 in the prayer book). On other Sundays we will begin with the Penitential Order (Pages 319 and 351 BCP). At the end of worship, in place of the blessing, we will offer a solemn prayer over the people.



Jesus was tempted.

Sweet Treats on Shrove Tuesday ...

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with two delicious food trucks!

Ordinarily we'd celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper in Harvard Hall, with Mardi Gras music and beads. We can't do that this year, but we can still have some fun and eat well.

From 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, we'll have two food trucks at North Shore Park. (Enter at North Shore Drive NE at 12th Avenue NE.) We'll offer both funnel cakes and pancakes, and everyone will get one free ticket. (You're welcome to purchase additional items at your own expense.)



A pancake race in Olney, England, in the 1930s.

Our EYC will host games for kids, including our now-traditional pancake race. Freewill donations are welcome; they will support EYC's book drive for Resurrection House, where our youth plan to build and sustain a Little Free Library for the families there. You are invited to bring new and gently-used children's books as well.

Do wear your mask, and bring chairs or blankets. Come and enjoy sweet treats and some fun and socially-distanced fellowship.

Please indicate your interest in attending at spcathedral.org/pancakes to help us ensure we have enough supplies.

... and Ashes on Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services will be at 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. on February 17.

This is the first day of Lent, a season of penitence and fasting (read the service on Page 264 of the Book of Common Prayer).

It is customary for the priests to make the sign of the cross on worshipers' foreheads with ashes made from the palms from last Palm Sunday — a reminder that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

This year, out of health concerns, we will impose ashes by sprinkling them on the heads of those who come forward to receive them, a powerful reminder of our mortality, calling to mind as it does the sprinkling of earth on a coffin before it is lowered into the ground.



Sprinkling is a more ancient practice than imposition of ashes on the forehead — it dates back to 10th-century Germany — and a return to this practice under our current circumstances will be very salutary.

The service at 7 p.m. will be available at spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream. We will have both live and Zoom Children's Chapel at 7 p.m.

Lenten Devotional Will Offer Us A Way to Bring Beauty Out of Ashes

*Now quit your care and
anxious fear and
worry;
for schemes are vain and
fretting brings no gain.
Lent calls to prayer, to
trust and dedication;
God brings new beauty
nigh;
reply, reply, reply with
love to love most high;
reply, reply, reply with
love to love most high.
— Hymn 145*

Lent can be a time of profound repentance, discipline, and fasting. Indeed, we've had a lot of that lately. For the past year, to protect ourselves and others, we have been called upon to give



Wall sculpture by Rocky Bridges (2017) uses metal and wooden pipes from the Cathedral's 1915 Austin organ to represent the Cross of St. Peter, who was crucified upside-down. It is one of the pieces of art we'll use for our art meditation during Lent Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

up our regular routines, to stay home, perhaps feeling isolated, and to wait. Not surprisingly, many of us aren't looking forward to giving up even more for Lent this year.

But Lent can also be a time for authentic introspection, betterment, and charity, and that's what Percy Dearmer is calling us to in the text of Hymn 145 – love, truth, light, justice, care, and glory.

This lesser-known hymn is an invitation to see where God is creating new beauty and breaking through the burden of oppression. We are asked to look for

and share our blessings that we might build up the kingdom of God together.

This Lent, we will ground ourselves in the text of this hymn. Our Lenten guide, "God Brings New Beauty," will be available in print and online for you to download. In the booklet, there are prompts for you to meditate on and spaces for you to reflect, draw, and write prayers. Each week will follow a similar rhythm of lectionary texts, spiritual practice, art, saint, reflection, music, and shared devotion.

The goal of Lent is not to rend the soul "but to be led to where God's glory flashes, his beauty to come near." As we savor this hymn, let it reshape how you think about Lent and come to see God's beauty in new and surprising ways.

The devotional will be available after February 12 at spcathedral.org/lent.

Trio of Thomases Will Discuss All Things Lenten and Musical

What happens when you put three enthusiastic church musicians in a Zoom room and ask them to talk about Lent? You're about to find out! Join three of the Cathedral's staff who, coincidentally, carry the name "Thomas" on their driver's licenses as they talk all things Lenten and musical.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, vocalist



The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams

and pianist extraordinaire; Music Director and Organist Dwight Thomas; and Administrator, organist, and vocalist Michelle Thomas will provide an hour of information and nerdy facts and will crack a few jokes along the way. They'll address such topics as:

Why is music such an integral part of worship?

How does Lent present itself in music, and what do we do differently during this season?

Why are some hymns more appropriate for Lent than others?

What's a Picardy third?

Why do we sing more chant during Lent?

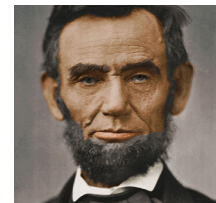
What will we be hearing/singing during Lent at the Cathedral?

Join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, to hear this trio of Thomases explore this important season of the liturgical year and answer all of your burning questions.

If you would like to submit a question in advance, you can send an email to Michelle Thomas at mthomas@spcathedral.com. Register to attend the webinar via Zoom at spcathedral.com/adults.



Michelle Thomas



The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of **PRESIDENTS' DAY**. No services, no other activities. We'll reopen on Tuesday, February 16.



Dwight Thomas

Choral Evensong Will Highlight Music of Gibbons

Evensong for the Second Sunday in Lent — February 28 — will include the opening hymn, “How lovely is thy dwelling-place,” the Responses of Richard Ayleward, and the concluding hymn, “When Christ was lifted from the earth.”

The Cathedral Quartet will sing the “Short Service” by Orlando Gibbons and his anthem, “Almighty and everlasting God.”

English composer Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) was a keyboard player in the court of King Charles I and organist at Westminster Abbey. He is buried in Canterbury Cathedral. He was one of England’s great early music composers and the last great composer of the polyphonic style.

A prelude is at 4:45 p.m. and the service begins at 5. A freewill offering is taken. Masks and social distancing are required, but there is no need to reserve in advance. Dwight Thomas is director and organist. The service is also available online at spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream.



Thomas & Thomas Will Offer Sung Noonday Prayer via Podcast

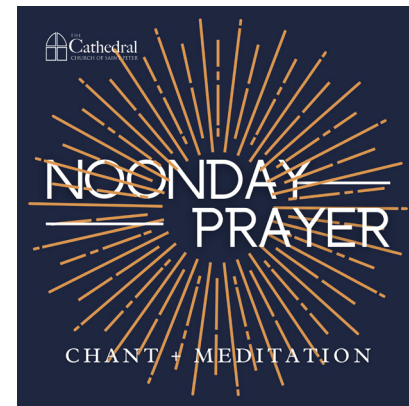
The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, whose singing abilities are well known and much admired, and Administrator Michelle Thomas, a trained vocalist, are about to debut the Cathedral’s first podcast.

Monday through Saturday at noon, from Ash Wednesday (February 17) through Easter Saturday (April 3), they will sing the Order of Service for Noonday (Page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer), with a short spoken meditation.

The podcasts will be posted each day at 9 a.m. at spcathedral.org/noonday.

The service will last between eight and nine minutes, with the sung service lasting six minutes and the meditations two to three.

“My hope is that people will listen to it when they have a chance over the course of the day,” Canon Williams said, “to take a short break for prayer, praise, and meditation.”



Every Sunday, A Different Way to Worship, Indoors and Out

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon. Reservation required.

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II and sermon. Reservation required.

4 p.m. February 7 and 21: Outdoor wor-



The Rev. Paige Hanks leads outdoor worship last November at Crescent Lake Park. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

ship at North Shore Park NE. No need to reserve. We gather on North Shore Drive NE between 12th and 13th avenues NE, near the parking lot. The area is handicap-accessible. Bring a chair or blanket. Outdoor

worship services are offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

7 p.m. February 14: Sung Compline, live and via Zoom. No need to reserve.

This service is offered the second Sunday of the month.

5 p.m. February 28: Choral Evensong, live and online; organ prelude at 4:45 p.m. Evensong is of-

fered the fourth Sunday of the month. Details about this month's service, [Page 10](#).

We also offer these weekday services:

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

Monday through Saturday, Ash Wednesday (February 17 through Holy Saturday (April 3): Sung Order for Noonday available at 9 a.m. via podcast on our page spcathedral.org/noonday. See [page 10](#) for more information.

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

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m., Choral Evensong, and Compline can be viewed on Facebook or at spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream.

Seek Through Prayer and Meditation

As prayer is talking to God, meditation is an opportunity to listen. During Lent, the Cathedral is forming a new group called "Seek Through Prayer and Meditation."

Led by Karen Payne-Taylor, a long-time Cathedral member who has practiced and led meditation groups for over 45 years, the group will meet virtually on Zoom every other week throughout the Lenten season. The meditation meeting will open with prayer and then shift to a 20-minute period of silent meditation. The evening will close with a Compline service. The entire meeting will last



about an hour.

During the first meeting at 7 p.m. on February 24, Karen will offer suggestions on how to enhance your meditation experience, using

a range of relaxation techniques, Scripture readings, visualizations, mantras, and the Anglican rosary. Bring your prayer book or visual aids such as candles, icons, or crosses to help shape your personal space.

The group will meet three times during Lent: at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, February 24, March 10, and March 24. For more information and to register for the Zoom link, visit spcathedral.org/meditation.

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.

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.

Freed Slave, Confederate Soldier Strive for Justice: February Book Talk

Author Ben Montgomery will be our Book Talk speaker on Tuesday, February 9, introducing his new book, *A Shot in the Moonlight: How a Freed Slave and a Confederate Soldier Fought for Justice in the Jim Crow South*.

Even before its January 26 publication date, the book has been much-heralded. Oprah Winfrey named it one of the “most anticipated books of 2021,” and *Smithsonian* magazine posted it on its list of top new releases for the month. Pulitzer Prize-winner Colson Whitehead called it “taut and tense. Inspiring and terrifying in its timelessness.”

Montgomery tells the story of a former slave whose home was attacked and set on fire by a white mob in Kentucky in 1897. The former slave, George Dinning, fired a shot into the mob, killing the son of a wealthy white farmer.

Dinning was convicted of manslaughter. He was subsequently pardoned by

the governor on grounds of self-defense. But Dinning wanted justice, so he hired a white Confederate war hero to represent him in a civil case against his attackers, and he won, becoming the first black man in America to win damages in a wrongful murder conviction.

Dinning’s lawyer, Bennet H. Young, brings an unusual dimension to the story. He was active as a Confederate veteran, a strong proponent of the Lost Cause, and the driving force behind many Confederate monuments throughout the South. But he also promoted the social welfare and the civil and legal rights of Black citizens and supported charities to benefit them.

Ben Montgomery is the author of *Grandma Gatewood’s Walk*; *The Leper Spy*; and *The Man Who Walked Backward*. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in local reporting in 2010 for his reporting for the *Tampa Bay Times* on the notorious Dozier School in North Florida, where youths were

tortured and killed. He has just started writing a daily newsletter, <https://www.axios.com/local/tampa-bay>.

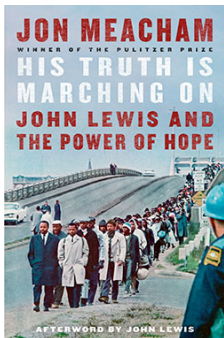
February Book Talk

What: Author Ben Montgomery on his new book, *A Shot in the Moonlight*

When: Noon-1 p.m.
Tuesday, February 9, via Zoom. Register at spcathedral.org/book-talks for the link. The talk will be recorded and available there to watch later, as is our January book talk.

Civil-Rights Icon's Biography Is Book Club's Selection for February

The St. Peter's Book Club will discuss *His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope*, a biography of the late civil-rights leader by Jon Meacham, at its meeting on February 23. Karen Raihill is the presenter.



Lewis was on the front lines of the civil-rights movement of the 1960s. He sat in at lunch counters, participated in the Freedom Rides, chaired the newly-formed Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, spoke at the March on Washington in 1963, and was injured on Bloody Sunday in 1965 when the Alabama State Police attacked marchers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL. He was elected to

Congress from Atlanta in 1986 and served until his death last July.

Jon Meacham is an editor, historian, presidential biographer, and author who won the Pulitzer Prize for *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*. You may recall his eloquent eulogies at the funerals of former President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush. An Episcopalian, he is the author of *For the Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*.

The book club meets via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. E-mail Roberta Poellein (rp11n37@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

Still Time to Read Mark's Gospel with the Good Book Club

It's not too late to join the Good Book Club and read your way through the Gospel of Mark.

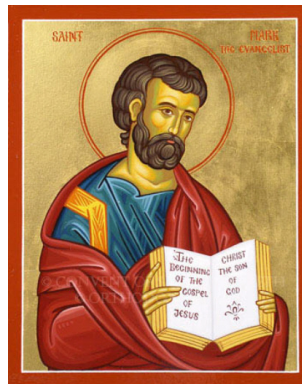
Every year the wider Episcopal Church invites everyone to participate in a churchwide reading of a book of the Bible.



Starting January 1, participants have been reading Mark. It's a short Gospel, so with a little intention you can easily catch up.

At goodbookclub.org you'll find lots of material to make the most of your reading: a two-page introduction to the Gospel of Mark, a list of the daily readings (just a few verses every day), a place to sign up for weekly preview e-mails, daily podcasts of the readings and reflections, onlinebook studies, and much more.

The readings run through February 16, Shrove Tuesday — the end of the season of Epiphany and the day before Lent begins, Ash Wednesday.



Our Deacon Is Now Chaplain at USF Episcopal Center

Bishop Smith has appointed the Rev. Scott Nonken as chaplain at the Episcopal Center, University of South Florida.

Although current university activities are somewhat constrained by Covid-19, his duties will include weekly Evening Prayer, Bible study, a shared meal, and fellowship.

The chaplain also is a resource to the entire USF community; participates in university-wide prayer services and other activities; and makes the St. Anselm's Episcopal Chapel Center available to other university groups as appropriate.

"I'm excited to be there," Deacon Scott said. "I want to support the students in their activities — recitals, plays, and so on, and be a friendly resource, especially for students who may not have family nearby." He has been serving at the Chapel Center for the last year and a half, working with the former chaplain, the Rev. Adrienne Hymes.

"I intend to reach out to local clergy to assist with our monthly Eucharists, and to

encourage the students to be involved in activities of local Episcopal churches and local churches to offer outreach opportunities for students that we can't do on our own," Deacon Scott said.

"We know that students are often less interested in what churches do on Sunday mornings, and more interested in what they do on Saturday afternoons — food

ministries, working with children, caring for the environment," he said. "I want to tap into that."

Deacon Scott will have a presence on the USF campus four days a week, but he will maintain his role at the Cathedral on Sundays.

Chaplain Scott Nonken enjoys dinner and conversation with USF students. Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.



Bags to Make Bad Days Better

We assembled 30 bags of emergency supplies for residents of Peterborough Apartments to use when they cannot get out because of weather or Covid-19. The supplies included paper products, powdered soups and other food, snacks, and hand sanitizer. Rita Sewell and Virginia Rowell organized the project, which was supported by a grant from Thrivent Financial.

The enthusiastic packers were, from left: Susan Churuti, Virginia Rowell (seated, in red sweater); Sandy Warfel, Yvette Battle, and Karen White, all from Peterborough; Cathy Rome, Ellen Alexander, Al Phillips, Susan Darrow, Karen Amundrud, Rita Sewell, and Meg Banitch. Photo by PENNY ROEN.



Continuing Formation Opportunities in February

Canon Ethan Cole continues his study of **2 Thessalonians** at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, February 4 and 11. Register for the Zoom link at spcathedral.org/book-and-bible

Canon Cole's **Epiphany Bible study** continues at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, February 2 and 9. Register for the Zoom link on our page spcathedral.org/book-and-bible

Canon Cole will lead a **study of Lamentations** starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 23. Register at spcathedral.org/adults.

Canon Brandon Peete continues his Epiphany series, "**Let There Be Light,**" at 9 a.m. Sundays, February 2 and 9. Register for the Zoom link at spcathedral.org/adults. These presentations are being recorded and are available to watch later at that same location.

The Rev. Paige Hanks and Director of Christian Formation Hillary Peete continue their study of Kaitlin B. Curtice's **Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God**, through February 23. Note that there is no meeting on February 9. Register for the Zoom link at spcathedral.org/book-and-bible

Focusing Our Efforts to Maximize Our Impact

Penny Roen, Outreach Chair

When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." — Matthew 14:15-17.

With faith, they did feed those people in that place at that time.

Over the last several months, the Outreach Committee has prayerfully and thoughtfully considered our role in the work of the Cathedral. As we look at the overwhelming needs in our society, we are faced with the questions, "What are we called to do?" and "How should we do it?" And, of course, the answers are further complicated by the restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic.

The Committee has the responsibility to allocate the money the Cathedral designates for Outreach to agencies to be spent to address the needs of the wider community.

In addition, we collect in-kind donations (food, diapers, etc.) to be given to various organizations to distribute to those in need. In February, we will collect adult diapers and incontinence supplies for the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas. (See [page 20](#) for more information.)

While we will continue those activities, we have discerned that to meet the needs we face in this time and in this place, we should focus our efforts on Campbell Park Elementary, Florida Resurrection House, and Peterborough Apartments. These organizations have had, and continue to have, a special relationship to the Cathedral.

To that end, we are setting up volunteer teams for each of these organizations. Volunteers will sign up to serve now or in the future (after the pandemic restrictions end) either on a regular basis or for specific projects. As needs arise, the team leader will contact all those who have added their contact information to the volunteer team list. More information and opportunities to sign up for the volunteer teams will be forthcoming.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON LENTEN FRIDAYS

Deacon Scott Nonken will offer the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral at 6 p.m. Friday evenings in Lent: February 19 and 26 and March 5, 12, 19, and 26. Participants move about the Cathedral offering prayers and responses. No need to register, but masks and social distancing are required.

Family Ministry: Choose Your Lenten Adventure!

Michelle Thomas, Associate for Christian Formation

We have been living a completely different lifestyle for almost a year now. Though these times have been tough, we've created ways to make it work and bring our community together – in some ways, even a little bit closer – with new insights, activities, and ways of connecting.

Our Family Ministry staff and volunteers have provided resources to help families get through online learning, summertime, back-to-school, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Epiphany. Lent this year will be no different!

Each week, there will be activities to pray, create, and marvel in all that God has created. Here are some highlights:

Week 1: Do the “five finger

prayer,” praying for a different set of people with each finger, or follow the “finger labyrinth.”

Week 2: Pray in color! Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to create words and doodles. Pray with photos and passages from scripture.

Week 3: Make a meditation jar and learn about “Breath Prayers.”

Week 4: Take a “Nature Prayer Walk,” and SHOUT with a “Shouting Prayer!”

Week 5: What’s a “Pretzel Prayer”? You’ll find out!

Pray more prayers with building blocks and body movement.

More information about these unique prayers will be on our website, spcathedral.org, and available to-go after our Ash Wednesday services February 17.



Cathedral Arts Troupe

Six-week series,
Sundays, February 21-March 28

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Ages 4 through 5th grade

Children’s Arts Troupe Will Create Its Way Through Lent

Children are invited to embark on a Lenten journey through interactive arts and music.

Each week we will have time for fellowship and creativity. Children will learn handbell pieces (we can’t wait until we can sing again!) and will work on communal and individual art pieces.

This will culminate in a musical performance for the Cathedral community along with art reflecting on the seven last words of Jesus.

We hope to be able to perform the music live for the congregation, but will share a recorded video if necessary.

The art will be available for the congregation to view at the Cathedral on Good Friday, April 2.

Families can register at spcathedral.org/children. If you have questions, please contact Hillary Peete or Michelle Thomas.

Welcoming God In as a New Year Begins

Our Drop-In Epiphany Party on January 10 offered hands-on opportunities to create sacred spaces at home: flower arranging,

blessing cards, chalk blessing bags to invite God's blessing on a house, portable sacred spaces in small boxes. They're all ways to

ask God's blessing on our homes and those we love.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



*Ben Lopez
and Felix
Peete*



*Caroline
Albert*



*Lucy Foster (rear) with children Campbell,
Charlotte, and Caroline*



*Caroline
Foster
(near)
and
Abigail
Albert*



*Esther
Jacobson
and Lois
Ricciardi*

February Outreach: Diapers for Dignity

We are collecting adult diapers and other incontinence aids for the Diapers for Dignity program of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas.

These supplies are distributed to those in need through local sites such as the Sunshine Center and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Because of limited funding, this program is sustainable only through donations. Medicaid and basic Medicare do not cover the significant cost of adult diapers.

Seniors without a ready supply of adult diapers are subject to infection, social isolation, and embarrassment. Your donations make it possible for them to lead normal, healthy lives, important at any time but especially so in this time of Covid-19.

We are seeking:

- * Pull-up (rather than tab-style) diapers of all adult sizes

- * Bed pads

- * Latex gloves

You can drop off your donations at the Cathedral weekdays or on Sundays. Or bring them to the Drive-by Diaper Dropoff at the entrance on Second Avenue N from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 25.



Available: 10-inch contractor's saw (Rockwell brand), manufactured around 1980. Lots of accessories like extra blades; no blade guard. Tim Baker, (727) 401-8276.

Help Yourself to Some Fun and Fellowship

Every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. the Handy Helpers get together in Harvard Hall to work on projects for the teachers at Campbell Park Elementary or for our family ministries. In early January they prepared materials for our Epiphany Party: organizing

craft supplies, packaging materials to mark home doorways, setting up a table to create prayer boxes.

Got some time for easy and fun activities? Looking to get out of the house (we

wear masks and observe social distancing)? Susan Darrow would love to hear from you. Call the Cathedral at (727) 822-4173 and let us know you'd like to help.

Photos by JUDY STARK



Karen Amundrud and Susan Darrow set up a table with colorful paper. Jean Curtis gets ready to trim labels for prayer boxes. Rita Sewell packages chalk for Epiphany door-marking. Debra Eich and Cynthia Garrels fill bags with frankincense and myrrh (we offered chocolate gold coins on the side).

Family Promise Is Ready to Hire New Executive Director

The Board of Family Promise of Pinellas County is about to start interviewing candidates for executive director with the intention of hiring someone by March 1 or close to that date.

The position is posted at www.indeed.com.

Family Promise of Pinellas is part of a national nonprofit organization that helps homeless families with children by providing transitional housing and assistance in finding jobs, social services, and permanent housing. Its services have been on hold since December 2018 as it sought new leadership and financial stability and later because of Covid-19.

Previously, families spent a week in residence at each of 13 host churches, assisted by support churches such as St. Peter's, which provided meals once per quarter. When Family Promise reopens, because of Covid-19 they will switch to a static model in which families stay at one place. Central Christian Church has volunteered to host up to two families.

Please speak to Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for more information, or visit the website at fppinellas.org.



Thanks to the Cathedral, Resurrection House Thrives

Al Phillips, Director, Florida Resurrection House

Thank you!

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Cathedral, Florida Resurrection House has continued to thrive during challenging times. We have a new roof, refurbished apartments, and an expanded program for our participants. With 15 families in residence, we are at capacity. Thank you, St. Peter's, for all you do!

Interested in volunteering your time and talents at Resurrection House? Look for volunteer opportunities on the Cathedral's website coming soon.

Florida Resurrection House is a faith-based residential program that works to break the cycle of generational poverty for families with children through transitional housing, education, counseling, life-skills training, and child enrichment. It accepts no public funds. Learn more at floridaresurrectionhouse.org.



February Transitions

Birthdays

1	Patty Hollingsworth	6	Isla McDowall
1	Bob MacDonald	6	Kate Munkittrick
1	Byron Shouppe	6	Roberta Yancey
2	Jim Jeffries	9	Nicolina Neefe
2	Ezekiel Miccichi	11	Alice Meyer
2	Jenna Parsons	11	Rob Pinion
2	Mason Parsons	12	Robert Denk
3	Rendall Sanchez	12	Mike Grimshaw
4	Johnathan Ellis	12	Ray McColgan
4	Nathaniel Norris	12	Len McCue
4	Tom Walker	13	Eli Dobiesz
5	Christopher Etter	14	Monnie Moore
5	Fran Spector	14	Lance Orchid
6	Courtney Crosby	15	Jaclyn Hager
6	Kathy Hancock	15	Elizabeth Howlett

15	Garrett Mastry
15	Fred Stansbery
15	Mike Zuravel
16	Judy Ferrara
16	Adrienne Haines
16	Faith Ryan
17	Savanna Andrews
17	Brad Davis
17	Emily Lenhardt
17	Peyton Parker
17	Ed Shamas
18	Presley Emma Ponte
20	Lynne Albee
20	Bill Barlow
20	John Wilson
21	Melissa Smith
23	Sue Bracci
23	John Ellis
23	Ayla Fuchs
23	Dorothy Longstaff
24	Gunnar Peters
24	Marilyn Polson
25	Jessica Grimshaw
25	Grace Hamilton

25	Barbara Martin	28	Bronwyn Gairing
25	Kim Parsons	28	Clark Gairing
25	Gina Sansone	28	Audrey Hamm
26	Marianne Hallas	28	Rosamond Katzel
26	Orin Linder	28	Scott Nonken
27	Lou Schrader		

Anniversaries

2	Shands & Joan McKeithen	14	Mario & Judith Loehrer
5	Gareth & Debra Eich	14	Peter & Ashley Gairing
5	Neil & Susan Savage	14	John & Lisa Beck
6	Michael & Carol Piper	14	Sam Tallman & Mike Zuravel
14	Jack & Kit Clarke	18	Brent & Marion Huber
14	Stephen & Elizabeth Schroeder	28	James & Rick Knight

Deaths

Marian McGrath
Betsy Pheil



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St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon
Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II 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.

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/services.

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream, where the order of service can be downloaded.

First and third Sundays, outdoor worship at 4 p.m.
(see [Page 11](#))

Second Sundays, 7 p.m., Sung Compline (see [Page 11](#))

Fourth Sundays, 5 p.m., Choral Evensong; organ prelude at 4:45 p.m. (see [Page 10](#))

Sung Order for Noonday available Monday-Saturday, Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, via podcast on our page spcathedral.org/noonday (see [Page 10](#))

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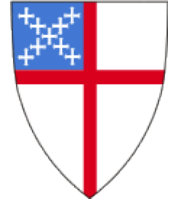
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