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Pride Family Day: Melanie Moore and Grace Lewis with their daughter, Sarah Lewis, at our booth at Family Pride. More photos, [Page 19](#). Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

Back by Popular Demand: VBS!

Vacation Bible School returns
— Thursday, July 28, through
Saturday, July 30.

We'll meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
on Thursday and Friday and from
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Theme: "God's Dream."

Register at [spcathedral.org/
children](https://spcathedral.org/children).

Volunteers are needed; please
contact Hillary Peete ([hpeete@
spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).



Mind and Body Work Together

As a Singer Prepares for a Benefit Concert

Our Cathedral Choir countertenor David Lee Smith's concert on July 23 — a fundraiser to support his graduate studies in opera or vocal performance — is presented with the assistance of members of the Tampa Bay musical community.

Among those who will perform with David:

* **Kevin Mitchell**, a baritone and former member of the Cathedral Choir. He sang the role of the narrator in our presentation of the Bob Chilcott "St. John Passion" in 2018 and 2019. He now sings regularly with St. Pete Opera and Opera Tampa.

* **Jordan Blair**, a mezzo-soprano, is a former alto section leader at the Cathedral,



David Lee Smith

where she sang for nearly two years. She has performed as a chorister and featured artist with SPO and OT, with three mainstage roles with Opera Tampa in this season alone.

* **Stephani Jabre** is a Sarasota-based soprano who most recently sang the role of Iris in SPO's Production of *Semele*. Other recent roles include Mary Hatch Bailey in the Larry Keeton Dinner Theatre performance of *It's a Wonderful Life* and both Laretta and Suor Genovieffa in the

St. Petersburg Opera double bill of *Gianni Schicchi* and *Suor Angelica*. Stephanie made her debuts with both New York City Opera and the Metropolitan Opera Guild,

where she performed in both the ensemble and sang Laretta in the Met Guild's concert performance of *Gianni Schicchi* at Lincoln Center.

* **Accompanist Joshua Cessna** is a staff pianist at the University of Tampa, his alma mater, and St. Petersburg College. Most re-

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The David Smith Concert

What: An evening of vocal music by countertenor David Smith and friends

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23

Where: The Cathedral

Livestreamed at
spcathedral.org/worship

Admission: Free; a freewill offering will be taken

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cently he lent his talents to the chorus of SPO for its production of *La Fille du Regiment*, as well as the collaborative pianist for OT's production called "OUT Loud" in honor of Pride Month.

Nathaniel Krafve, video producer, has edited documentary shorts for Princess Cruises. He has accredited work with the Ocean's Exploration Trust and ESPN, and produced training videos for an agribusiness software company, Highland Ag Solutions. See more of his work at <http://www.natescapades.com> or @natescapades on Facebook and Instagram.

The one-hour concert, with a short intermission, includes Fauré's "Chanson d'amour," based on a poem by Armand Silvestre; Schubert's "An den Mond," based on a poem by Goethe; and Mozart's "Va, l'error mio palesa" (K. 87).

A countertenor is a modern male voice type that sings in the same tessitura (average range) of a naturally treble voice, whether it be quite low, like a contralto, or quite high, like a soprano.

The concert is part of the portfolio

David, 34, is assembling as he applies to graduate schools of music. The application process is expensive: videos and recordings are required; so are coaches, accompanists, duet singers, technical help. He respectfully hopes that friends will be generous when the freewill offering plate is passed.

Preparing for a concert like this requires a disciplined regimen, like an athlete preparing for a competition. "Vocal health for me begins with plenty of rest and water; the importance of getting enough of either cannot be overstated," he said. "I also have adjusted my own workload so that I can truly focus on putting together the best possible product for the audience.

"I don't practice rep and technique hours and hours each day," David said. "Generally, I'll warm up and work on technique, then transition into my repertoire for half an hour. I will usually spend several minutes each day reciting the poetry and revisiting the translations, so I

can effectively communicate with my audience. As the performance approaches, I increase the amount of time I sing each day to help ensure that I am in top condition."

And there is the mind-body connection. "The way one feels on any given day has a direct impact on the way the voice is produced. Traumatic experiences can make singing more difficult, introducing tension in places it shouldn't be," he said. "That can result in an inability to sleep, or to eat too little or too much. The voice and the body are one."

David has been working through the trauma of the May 14 killing of 10 people and the wounding of three, most of them Black, at a supermarket in Buffalo. "That event was proof positive that it is okay to go out and hunt Black people," he said. "It is important that I allow myself to experience the trauma instead of trying to bury it away. Holding onto it leads to bad vocal production. There aren't any shortcuts to feeling better. I live into my work and do a little bit every day."



Chanson d'Amour

Returning in August: Book Discussions, Pot-Luck, and Coffee with the Clergy

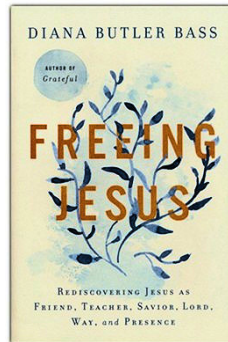
Our Sunday-morning classes and week-night pot-luck discussions get back on track in August. Start reading now! And our popular Coffee with the Clergy gatherings will reappear as well.

Sundays, August 21 and 28 and September 11 and 18 at 9 a.m.: *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. We'll meet in the Chapter Room to discuss how we can keep the teachings of Jesus relevant and alive in our daily lives.

"In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can be understood only in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Pres-

ence," [amazon.com](#) says.

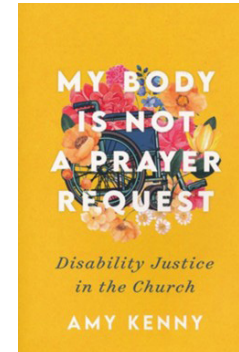
"*Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most."



Wednesday, August 31: *My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by Amy Kenny. Potluck dinner from 5:30-6:15 p.m. and discussion from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

"Written by a disabled Christian, this book shows that the church is missing out on the prophetic witness and blessing of disability," [amazon.com](#) says. "Kenny reflects on her experiences inside the church to expose unintentional ableism and cast a new vision for Christian communities

to engage disability justice. She shows that until we cultivate church spaces where peo-



ple with disabilities can fully belong, flourish, and lead, we are not valuing the diverse members of the body of Christ."

Sunday, August 14: Coffee with the Clergy at 9 a.m. Newcomers are invited to come learn more about the Episcopal church

and how to get connected with various ministries and groups at the Cathedral. Coffee and pastries will be available in the Chapter Room. Questions? Contact Canon Brandon Peete, Canon for Hospitality (bpeete@spcathedral.com).

Back-to-School Blessing on August 7

To prepare for the first day of school, we'll have a Back-to-School Blessing on Sunday, August 7, at the 10:15 a.m. service. All students, teachers, administrators, and educators are invited to come forward for a blessing and to receive a fun backpack tag.

Principal Kathleen Young-Parker from Campbell Park Elementary School, one of our community partners, will give an update on ways we can support the work of their faculty, staff, and students.

All are invited to a festive coffee hour with picnic snacks.



Batter Up! Baseball, the Bishops, and Rays vs. Yankees

Baseball with the Bishop returns to Tropicana Field on Friday, September 2, at 7:10 p.m., when the Tampa Bay Rays take on the New York Yankees.

Actually, make that “Baseball with the Bishops,” plural, since you and several hundred of your fellow Episcopalians from the Diocese of Southwest Florida will be cheering along with Bishop Dabney Smith and Bishop Coadjutor-Elect Doug Scharf.

The Cathedral has a group of tickets so we can all sit together. To purchase a ticket in the Cathedral block (\$30), please contact Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spcathedral.com). You can pay by cash or check made payable to the Cathedral (please indicate “Baseball with the Bishop” in the memo line), or via Realm by selecting “Baseball with the Bishop” in the drop-down list.

A Pioneer in Women's Ministry Returns to the Cathedral

Please welcome — actually, welcome back — the Rev. Elma J. Rosenberg, who has joined our clergy staff in the role of deacon. This is a homecoming for Deacon Elma, who served here in the past and as laywoman and clergywoman was part of the generation of women who broke numerous stained-glass ceilings at the Cathedral and in the Episcopal Church.

Meet her — or meet her again:

Q. You've been serving on the altar as deacon for the last month or so, but this isn't the first time you've been part of the clergy staff at the Cathedral. Tell us your history here.

A. I've been a member here since my husband, Cal, and I moved to St. Petersburg



Deacon Elma J. Rosenberg

in 1979. I was ordained deacon in 1989 and served at the Cathedral until 1998, then at the Diocesan Office for a couple of years with the deacon formation program, and finally back at the Cathedral until I retired from active service in Epiphany, 2006.

At that time I was still working full-time as a registered nurse. I hoped to become active as a deacon again when I was ready to retire from my nursing job. Unfortunately,

by the time I retired from nursing, my husband had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and I simply moved into a different and even more time-consuming role as his care manager and eventually full-time caregiver.

Cal died at home in December 2020.

When the Cathedral opened for in-person worship after the pandemic at the Easter Vigil 2021, I started attending services again. I volunteered to serve on Sunday mornings when I learned that Deacon Scott Nonken would be ordained priest in May, leaving the Cathedral temporarily without a deacon.

Q. What prompted you to seek ordination to the diaconate?

A. In the early 1980s I was very much involved in music ministry, playing guitar and leading singing for Bible study groups, Cursillo, St. Monica's Guild gatherings, and a weekly Spanish-language communion service. I really have no musical training, though, and I began to look for other ways to both grow and serve. A diocesan deacon formation program was just getting started and then-Dean Robert Giannini encouraged me to enter into the discernment process.

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Welcome Home, Deacon Elma

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Q. Did you have a diaconal ministry when you served at St. Peter's earlier?

How about now?

A. At first my diaconal ministry was very much tied into my work as a family nurse specialist in the neonatal intensive care unit at All Children's Hospital, now Johns Hopkins. Although I was employed as a nurse, not a chaplain, my role was to support families of infants in that unit, much as chaplains did in the rest of the hospital.

At the Cathedral I made weekly home communion visits with the rest of the clergy, taught some classes, started a prayer group, and led a support group for deacons in the St. Petersburg Deanery. I also served on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and trained in spiritual direction at a summer program at the General Theological Seminary.

Now I'm living in a retirement community and I focus mainly on looking after my neighbors.

Q. What is your favorite part of your role as a deacon on Sundays: proclaiming the Gospel? Setting the table for the Eucharist? Dismissing the congregation to "go forth to love and serve the Lord"? Something else?

A. I'm not sure I could single out one part of the deacon's liturgical role as my favorite. (Well, perhaps chanting the Exultet at the Easter Vigil, but I don't have the voice for that any more!) What I really love about serving at the altar is becoming comfortable enough with the tasks I'm performing that simply moving through them is a form of prayer.

Q. How is St. Peter's different from when you were here years ago?

A. Wow, a lot has changed in 40 years! One very visible change that is meaningful to me is the presence of women around the altar. When I came to the Cathedral in 1979 there were no women acolytes, readers, lay Eucharistic ministers, or clergy here. Kathy Frishe and I, as I recall, were the first women lay readers. I was the first woman lay Eucharistic minister and the first clergy-woman on staff. In the years since I was ordained deacon the Cathedral has had a

couple of wonderful women priests, and I'd love to see more.

Q. What can we do to introduce or re-introduce ourselves to you?

A. I am name-challenged. I can look at someone I've known for 30 years and suddenly draw a blank, so I really appreciate name tags!

The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, July 4, for **INDEPENDENCE DAY**. No services, no activities. We'll reopen Tuesday, July 5. And a reminder that we're on summer office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Fridays, through Labor Day.

Great Reading Ahead: Book Club Announces Its Selections Through November

Roberta Poellein

History, mystery, and some great stories: That's what the St. Peter's Book Club has selected to read from now until November.

The book club meets in person at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. There's also a Zoom option if you're unable to be there in person. E-mail Roberta Poellein for the link: rpln37@gmail.com.

Here's the lineup. Happy reading!

July 26: *One Must Tell the Bees: Abraham Lincoln and the Final Education of Sherlock Holmes*, by J. Lawrence Matthews (568 pages). Presenter: Shar Nudelman. This is the untold story of Sherlock Holmes's journey from the streets of London to the White



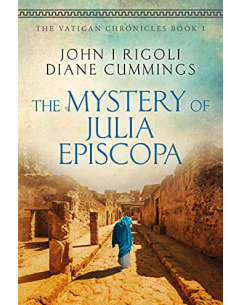
House of Abraham Lincoln and, in company with a freed slave named after the dead President, their breathtaking pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth.

August 23: *The Guardians*, by John Grisham (400 pages). Presenter: John Sumner. In the small Florida town of Seabrook, a young lawyer is killed. No suspects, no witnesses, no motive. A young Black man is wrongfully convicted. His case is taken up by an innocence project, The Guardians, run by a lawyer who is also an Episcopal priest. He discovers that powerful, ruthless people wanted the young lawyer dead, and they do not want the Black



man exonerated.

September 27: *The Mystery of Julia Episcopa: A Tale of Ancient and Modern Rome* (The Vatican Chronicles, Book 1), by Diane Cummings and John Rigoli (295 pages). Presenter: Linda Earle. Two contemporary classical archaeologists are tasked with advising the pope on the historical legacy of women in the early Christian period. They find an ancient parchment in the Vatican archives that suggests a woman may once have been a Roman Catholic bishop. They face pressure from a venomous Vatican



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Book Club's Autumn Selections

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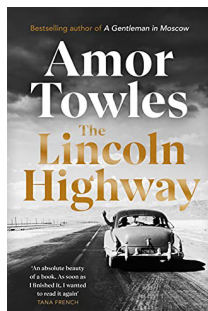
power structure, but silence would betray the teachings of this first-century Roman noblewoman who gave her life for the teachings of Jesus.

October 25: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles (592 pages). Presenter: Sydney Shollenberger.

This book is on Bill Gates's list of top books to read this summer. He writes:

"The title of this latest book refers to America's first cross-country roadway for automobiles, which stretched from New York City to San Francisco. The story takes place over

10 days in 1954, when two young brothers, Emmett and Billy, intend to drive their Studebaker from Nebraska to California. But fate, in the form of a sympathetic but volatile character named Duchess, forces them to travel in the opposite direction

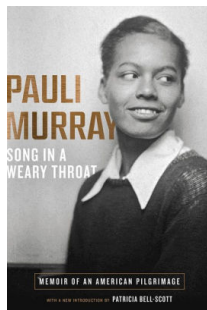


before they can have a chance to start fresh in the West.

"Towles seems to be saying that our personal journeys are never as linear or predictable as an interstate highway," Gates concludes. "But, he suggests, when something (or someone) tries to steer us off course, it is possible to take the wheel."

November 22: *Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage* (624 pages), by Pauli Murray. Presenter: Susan Darrow. This memoir by the lawyer,

civil-rights activist, early feminist, and first Black female Episcopal priest is the basis for the documentary, *My Name is Pauli Murray*. The Rev. Murray's significant influence over such legal giants as Thurgood Marshall and Ruth Bader Ginsburg contrasts with her personal story of uncertain finances, chronic fatigue, and tragic losses. One reviewer placed this book "among the great civil-rights autobiographies of the 20th century."



Want to **SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR**? Just come to the front of the Cathedral on any Sunday morning between now and August 28 at 9 a.m. for a short rehearsal. There are no weeknight rehearsals. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to try out the choir, along with current choir members who want to keep singing through the summer.

Questions? Contact Dwight Thomas: dthomas@spcathedral.com.

Saints Among Us



William Wilberforce, Steadfast Opponent of 'This Bloody Traffic' of Slavery

As we continue our exploration of Saints Among Us, the month of July finds us turning to view the life of William Wilberforce (1759-1833). A Christian hero, a statesman-saint held up as a role model for putting his faith into action, he used his gifts of white privilege and wealth to work tirelessly for



William Wilberforce

the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

William Wilberforce was born into an affluent Yorkshire family in 1759. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1780. In 1785, he became an evangelical

Christian, which generated major changes to his lifestyle and a lifelong concern for reform. In deference to his newfound evangelical beliefs, throughout his life, Wilberforce refused appointment to high office or to a peerage.

Wilberforce was convinced of the importance of religion, morality, and education. He championed many causes for social reform during his lifetime. He is probably best remembered for his persistent, uncompromising, and single-minded crusade for the abolition of the slave trade and of slavery. Wilberforce's involvement in the abolition movement was motivated by a desire to put his Christian principles into action and to serve God in public life.

In 1787, he came into contact with a group of activists opposing the slave trade. They persuaded Wilberforce to take on the cause, and he soon became the leading English abolitionist. He headed the parliamentary campaign against the British slave

Never, never will we desist till we have wiped away this scandal [of slavery] from the Christian name, released ourselves from the load of guilt under which we presently labor, and extinguished every trace of this bloody traffic, of which our posterity, looking back to the history of these enlightened times, will scarce believe that it has been suffered to exist so long a disgrace and dishonor to this country.

— William Wilberforce, speech to the House of Commons, 1791

trade for 20 years until the passage of the Slave Trade Act of 1807. It was reported that as this act received final passage in the House of Commons, tears rolled down

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William Wilberforce

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Wilberforce's cheeks. The slave trade was outlawed in the United States in 1808.

The passage of the Slave Trade Act was just the beginning of Wilberforce's campaign to abolish slavery within the British Empire. Over the next 25 years he used his eloquence as a speaker, his charisma, and his profound religious spirit to continue the work God had given him to do. His persistence did, however, take a personal toll. In 1825 he was forced to retire from Parlia-

A Prayer for William Wilberforce

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, kindle in your Church the never-failing gift of love, that we, following the example of your servant William Wilberforce, may have grace to defend the poor and maintain the cause of those who have no helper; for the sake of him who gave his life for us, your Son, our Savior Jesus, Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ment due to poor health.

Still, Wilberforce remained a champion for the the cause of abolition. He continued to attend and chair meetings of the Anti-Slavery Society. He made a final anti-slavery speech in April 1833. The following month, the Whig government introduced the Bill for the Abolition of Slavery, formally saluting Wilberforce in the process.

On July 26, 1833, an ailing Wilberforce heard of government concessions that guaranteed the passage of the Bill for the Abolition of Slavery. The following day he grew much weaker, and he died early on the morning of July 29. One month later, the House of Lords passed the Slavery Abolition Act, which abolished slavery in most of the British Empire. (In the U.S., slavery was not abolished until the end of the Civil War, in 1865.)

One can only surmise that as William Wilberforce stood before God, he was greeted by the words we all hope to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The feast day of William Wilberforce is July 30.

Source: *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*; Wikipedia.

Come dig in the dirt and feed the chickens from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 23 at a **BENISON FARM WORK DAY**. Visit spcathedral.org/community for details. Benison Farm is a community garden at 2920 26th Ave. S.



The Long Green Season Offers a Time To Explore Faith in Daily Life

Now we are in the Season After Pentecost, the “long green season” that stretches from the day after Pentecost (which this year fell on June 5) until the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. It is the longest season in the church year.

This season is sometimes known as “ordinary time” because the Sundays have ordinal numbers — “the seventh Sunday after Pentecost,” “the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost,” and so on.

Our Gospel readings during this season

are drawn from the book of Luke. Many of them are familiar: the Good Samaritan, Martha and Mary, the Lord’s Prayer. They show us how Jesus heals and prays and sets priorities for those who want to be his followers. We explore what it means to live daily in faith, a time of growth as we explore everyday sacredness. It is no accident that the color for this season is green, symbolic of growth.

“Ordinary Time can be understood in terms of the living out of Christian faith and the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in ordinary life,” Trinity Wall Street says.

The last Sunday after Pentecost (November 20 this year) is Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate Christ’s messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. The next Sunday, November 27, we begin a new church year with the four-week season of Advent that leads up to Christmas.



*The long green season at Crescent Lake Park.
Photo by
JUDY STARK*

Come to the Cathedral, the Beach, or the Pier — Family Fun in July

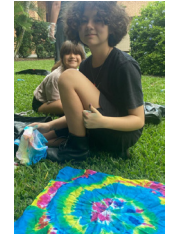
Sunday, July 3, after the 10:15 service: We'll **celebrate the Fourth of July** with an ice-cream sundae party in Harvard Hall. Let freedom ring!

Sunday, July 10: Family Ministry Beach Day. At Pass-a-Grille Beach from 4 to 7 p.m. Come hang out with families and friends from the Cathedral. We'll meet up on the beach near 17th Avenue. Bring your own unicorn float!

Friday-Saturday, July 15-16, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.: **EYC Lock-In!** Youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to come have a lot of fun and a little bit of sleep. We'll play games, watch movies, eat breakfast at midnight, and play flash-light tag. Let Hillary know if you can make it by July 11. (hpeete@spcathedral.com)



Monday, July 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.: **EYC St. Pete Pier Meet Up.** Our last meet up of the summer! Come hang out on the St. Pete Pier. Bring some money for ice cream or another snack. Friends are invited too.



Tied and Dyed for Pride

Cathedral youth spent some time in the Memorial Garden tie-dyeing T-shirts, bandanas, and scrunchies to give away on Family Pride Day on June 18. Ben Lopez goes for royal purple; Olivia Norton and Sophia Preston are tie-dye experts; Esther Jacobson is tangled up in blue.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE and MICHELLE THOMAS

Please Be Seated (Seeded?)

Our EYSeedlings — grades 3 through 5 — enjoy climbing on the Red Chairs art installation near the Courthouse on Fifth Street N. Pizza and Pops night included a trip to Hyppo Pops. That's Sarah Lewis enjoying a frosty treat. Photos by HILLARY PEETE.



When School Starts, We'll Make Sure Campbell Park Is Ready

Our Outreach focus this month is our annual collection of backpacks and school supplies for the students and teachers at Campbell Park Elementary School. We want to make sure the supply room is well-stocked when school starts in August.

Take advantage of the back-to-school sales as you shop for these supplies:

Backpacks	Spiral-bound notebooks
Rulers	Scissors
#2 pencils	Composition books
Wide-lined notebook	Glue sticks
paper	Pencil sharpeners
Crayons	

And for the teachers, dry-erase markers and erasers and electric pencil sharpeners.

Please do not put supplies inside the backpacks. Keep them separate.

Bring your donations to the Cathedral when you come for worship, or drop them off during weekday office hours.

We will deliver the supplies to the school on Tuesday, August 9. Watch the Friday Cathedral Connections e-mail closer to that date for information about volunteering to assist.

Bar Association Honors Judge Marion Fleming

Judge Marion Fleming, longtime Cathedral member and Senior Judge for the State of Florida, has been honored by the St. Petersburg Bar Association with its Judicial Appreciation Award.

Awarded once in a person's judicial career, the award acknowledges judicial experience, understanding and application of the law, treatment of attorneys and litigants, and overall courtroom demeanor.

"Senior Judge Marion Fleming ... exemplifies all of the best qualities that we look for in the best of judges," said Peter N. Meros, a partner in the law firm of Meros, Smith, Lazzara, Brennan & Brennan, P.A.

"I often comment that Circuit Court judges in Florida are amongst the most powerful people in the world. They can take away your children; take away your money; and take away your life," Meros said. "Marion is one of the select few that I would trust with those powers. She is honest, hard-working, kind, and responsible."

Judge Fleming is a graduate of USF and the Stetson University College of Law. She

served two six-year terms as a Florida Circuit Court trial judge, retiring in 2009. For the past 13 years, she has served as a Senior Judge, hearing cases across Florida in the family court specialty on an as-needed basis.

"The areas of the court involving families and children are such critical areas because you have the most vulnerable. I know the law and I am seasoned in the law, and I will serve as long as I am able to do it," Judge Fleming said.

"To me, to receive the judicial award means the attorneys I serve have confirmed the kind of job I am doing," she said. "That they recognize that I treat lawyers and litigants with respect, that I know the law and apply the law on a fact-driven basis."

The Fleming family at the Cathedral includes Judge Fleming's husband, the Rev. Peter Fleming; her son and daughter-in-law, Lucas and Tara Fleming; and her granddaughter Avary Fleming.

At the Cathedral Judge Fleming is a member of the Flower Guild and a frequent cook for Messy Church and for our Foyer

dinner groups. She is a founding member of the diocesan Clergy Spouse Association and has been active in that group for more than 40 years.

"The Clergy Spouse Association is a source of strength for me. We continue to be very supportive of each other and over the past 40 years we have grown and created lasting friendships," Judge Fleming said.



Lucas Fleming, also a lawyer, enjoys a moment with his mother, Judge Marion Fleming, as she is honored by the St. Petersburg Bar Association.

Family Promise Moves Toward Renewing Its Services

Karen Amundrud

Family Promise of Pinellas continues its efforts to resume serving homeless families. Here are some of our recent accomplishments:

- * We now have 10 board members and are interviewing more.

- * We are contacting congregations that have supported us in the past to get them back on board.

- * We will soon begin the search for an executive director. Our interim, Kiersten Sutton, has done a wonderful job of getting us back on track and will leave us this month.

- * We've ordered eight new beds (at a 10 percent discount) to accommodate our guest families. (You may recall that our bed supply got soaked while stored in our trailer.)

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national nonprofit organiza-

tion serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at

Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services and permanent housing.

Services to clients have been on hold since late 2018 while the board worked toward financial stability and leadership development and dealt with the limitations imposed by the pandemic.

Want to know more? Please contact Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.



Diocese Seeking Gifts for Incoming, Resigning Bishops

Our Bishop Coadjutor-elect, the Very Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, will be ordained and consecrated on September 24. Bishop Dabney Smith has announced his resignation effective December 3.

The diocese is seeking \$50,000 in cash donations to purchase gifts for the incoming and resigning bishops, including vestments and worship clothing for the bishop-elect.



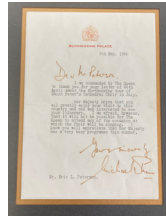
Bishop Smith, Bishop-Elect Scharf

Please visit the diocesan website (www.episcopalswfl.org) and click on the "donate" button to view samples of the coadjutor's clothing and to donate online via credit card. Or mail a check to Diocesan House, c/o Ms. Wendy Martucci, 8005 25th St. E, Parrish, FL 34219. Make the check payable to the diocese and note "Bishops' Transition" in the memo line.

Around the Cathedral

Please congratulate parishioner **Gary Patterson**, who has just been named campus dean of the Muma College of Business at the St. Petersburg campus of the University of South Florida. He will also serve as dean of the Kate Tiedemann School of Business and Finance. Gary is a member of the Cathedral's Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee.

This month marks the 40th anniversary of the **Cathedral Choir's tour to England**, where they presented Evensong concerts at Westminster Abbey, St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle (setting of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry's royal wedding), Northampton Anglican Chapel, St. Michael's/Coventry Cathedral, and Canterbury Cathedral. Stop by the library to read this letter from one of Queen Elizabeth II's courtiers



offering her regrets at being unable to attend one of the services.

Our 20s-40s group met in June at the Par Bar for fun, hang-out time, and minigolf. Next up: Sunday, July 24, we'll meet on the steps after the 10:15 a.m. service and walk to a downtown brunch spot. RSVP to Hillary not required, but it will help us plan where to go (hpeete@spcathedral.com). Then Thursday, August 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.: Shuffleboard and adult beverages at Urban Brews & BBQ.



*Emma Zarate and
Diana Arnold*

Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, continues to offer these services: blood-pressure clinic, 9-10 a.m. the first Sunday of the month in the Library; and

consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from 10 a.m. to noon most Thursdays at the Cathedral. E-mail her at nurse@spcathedral.com to make an appointment.

The St. Veronica's Guild continues to meet at 10 a.m. Wednesdays to knit, crochet, and do other handwork. This summer they're making winter caps for the students at Campbell Park Elementary. If you've got some spare time and would like to knit or crochet caps (you can do this at home, at your convenience), please speak to Louise Bennett (peachyb43@yahoo.com) or Joanie Andrews (joaniec21@aol.com).

Hurricane season began June 1. The Cathedral does not provide hurricane shelter. Start to plan now where you will go if you are told to evacuate. Find hurricane evacuation routes and other emergency information at <https://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm>

God Loves You, No Exceptions!

Many volunteers staffed our booth at the Family Pride Festival in Straub Park on June 18. We had lots of swag to give away, and lots of conversations with families and other festival-goers inviting them to come share worship and fellowship with us. Thanks to all

who turned out on one of the steamiest days of the summer to pitch our tent, set up, tear down, and pack up.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Cathy Rome, dressed to welcome.

Brett and Marilyn Vengroff with son Morgan.



Penny Roen hands out swag to a family who stopped by our booth.

Karen Payne-Taylor, Sarah Madden, and Susan Darrow, Sarah's aunt



Abbreviated General Convention Will Meet in Baltimore This Month

The Episcopal Church will meet in Baltimore July 8 through 11 in its 80th General Convention. General Convention is the legislative body of the Episcopal Church. Its job is to vote on resolutions that determine the policies and canons of the Episcopal Church.

This convention, originally scheduled for 2021, was postponed until this year because of Covid-19. The typical convention of eight business days has been reduced to four. Each of the church's 110 dioceses may send four lay and four clergy deputies, plus alternates, to General Convention.



This year, for health reasons, no guests or visitors are allowed, and the big exhibit hall with hundreds of vendors that has been a longtime attraction for convention-goers has been canceled. Delegates and alternates must wear masks at all sessions, must present proof of vaccination, and must undergo daily testing.

The House of Bishops and the House of Deputies (clergy and laity) will take up only essential legislation, including passage of a budget, during this shortened legislative session. Many of the resolutions that would ordinarily have been

considered will be pushed to the summer of 2024, when the 81st General Convention will take place in Louisville, KY. Under normal circumstances the General Convention meets every three years.

At that time we will elect a new Presiding Bishop, successor to the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry.

At the annual convention this fall of the Diocese of Southwest Florida we will elect deputies and alternates to the 2024 General Convention. Diocesan Convention is October 14-15 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. Please visit www.episcopalswfl.org/convention for details and information about how to nominate yourself if you wish to be a deputy or if you wish to become a candidate for other diocesan offices.

You'll be able to follow the actions of General Convention at this address: episcopalnewsservice.org.

Red All Over

We celebrated Pentecost on June 5 with our annual pot-luck picnic. What fun it was to be back together for a meal, fun, games, a ministry fair and door prizes! Photos by HILLARY PEETE



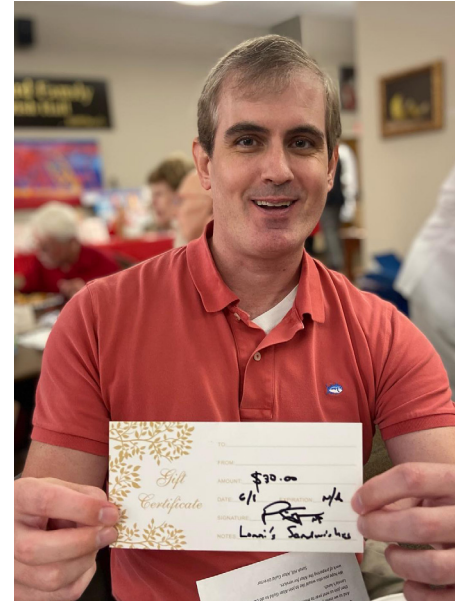
Emma Knippen made sure the homemade apple pie didn't last long.



Bruno Adams and grandfather Payson Adams enjoyed the food.



Meet Marcel and Santiago, who volunteered during the picnic and set up our booth at Family Pride Day.



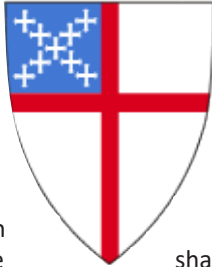
And the winner is! Matt Freeman won one of our door prizes provided by Cathedral guilds.

History of the Episcopal Church Is Reflected in Our Shield

The Episcopal Shield, which we see on the Episcopal flag and on printed materials (including the back page of this newsletter!), was adopted by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 1940 as the symbol for the Episcopal Church USA. The shield offers a brief history lesson through its design.

The Episcopal Church was founded in 1789 as a separate entity from its parent Church of England. The newborn church struggled in its early years, since many Church of England clergy fled to Canada or England during the Revolution, and after the war Britain no longer provided material support to priests in the former colonies.

The red, white, and blue are the colors of the American flag. Many of the founders of this nation, including George Washington, were Episcopalians.



The white field with a red cross is St. George's Cross, the patron saint of the Church of England. This commemorates the Episcopal Church's roots in the Church of England.

There are nine miniature crosses on the field of blue symbolizing the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to ratify the initial Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The crosslets are formed in an X-shaped Cross of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland. This memorializes the Scottish Episcopal Church's part in our history. When Samuel Seabury was elected the first American bishop in 1784, there were no Anglican bishops in America to consecrate him, so he sailed to London. In England, however, his consecration was considered to be impossible because, as an American citizen, he could no longer take the oath of

allegiance to the King. He was consecrated by three bishops of the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

The Episcopal Church today remains a part of the Anglican Communion, the name for all the churches around the world that trace their origin to the Church of England, with a membership of about 72-million.

Material from Episcopal Church websites was used in this report.



Bishop Samuel Seabury, 1729-1796

July Transitions

Birthdays

1	Marnie Long	12	Earl Beshears
1	Joseph Shideler	12	Miranda Harrison-Quillin
3	Payson Adams	14	Meghann Wu
4	Vie Cox	15	Elma Rosenberg
4	Laura Clayton	15	David Lopez
4	Katy Frederick	15	Campbell Bond
5	Joan Craft	16	Hannah Desha
7	Olivia Miller	16	Matthew McDonald
7	Jack Knippen	17	Dick Abbott
9	Rex Cain	17	Rylan Sanchez
10	Susan Regan	17	Christen Crosby
10	Tom Patterson	17	Camille Walkinshaw
10	Dylan Strickland	18	Barbara Marshall
10	Al Carrico	19	Mimi Aangeenbrug
12	Carol Nelson	19	Clyde Nabe

19	Tom Gault
20	Marilyn Hobbs
21	Joanie Andrews
21	Deanna Michael
22	Maggie Albert
23	Maverick Dahm
24	Judy Stark
24	Caroline Bosbyshell
25	Anderson Campbell-Correll
27	Rick Tourtelot
27	Ed McConnell
28	Bob Campbell
28	Scott Albee
28	Molly Brownell
30	Charlie Nielsen
31	Frank Knight
31	Ed Johnson

Anniversaries

2	Thomas & Kathy Hynes	14	Chuck & Kim Parsons
3	Bill & Melissa Barlow	16	Jonathan & Rebecca Miller
3	Andrew & Allison Chandler	20	Raymond Lannon & Mark Ferreira
5	Bob & Cindy Campbell	20	Bryan & Alice Putman
8	Mike & Penny Robbins	29	Dwight Thomas & Bruce Rice
13	Joe & Tessa Burnsed	31	Tilly & Suzanne Earle
14	Frank & Camille Knight		

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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

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

If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (727) 822-4173 ext. 1 to speak to a member of the clergy.

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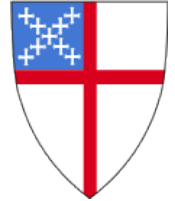
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