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Cathedral sunrise, 7:15 a.m. February 5. Photo by JUDY STARK.

Celebrate a Special Birthday With a Special Concert

A special concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12, will honor the 90th birthday of our former organist and choirmaster, Roberta Poellein.

The performers are violinist Cecilia Poellein Buss, Roberta's daughter, who has played in the first-violin section of the Seattle Symphony since 1985; and Douglas Cleveland, an internationally celebrated concert organist who teaches at the University of Washington and is director of music and liturgical arts at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Medina, WA.

The performance will include Kreisler's *Liebeslied*; Handel's *Sonata No. VI in E Major* (Adagio, Allegro, Largo, Allegro); Pamela Decker's



Cecilia Poellein Buss

(b.1955) *The Seven Last Words and Triumph of Christ* in five movements; *Melodie* from Gluck's *Orpheus and Euridice*; Massenet's *Meditation from Thais*; and Bohm's *Sarabande in G Minor*.

The concert is co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Suggested donation: \$25. A reception will follow.



Douglas Cleveland

The **FIRESTONE GRAND PRIX RACE** will disrupt traffic around the downtown waterfront the weekend of March 3 through 5. Be mindful of street closings as you make your way to church. Visit gpstpete.com for maps and details.

A Lifetime at the Keyboard: Our Former Organist Celebrates Her 90th Birthday

If you should happen to be at the Cathedral on a Friday afternoon, you may hear beautiful organ music emanating from the



worship space. It's not a recording. It's not our music director, Dwight Thomas, getting in some extra practice, and it's not one of his music students. It's our former organist and choirmaster, Roberta Poellein, who slips in on this day, when the Cathedral is otherwise closed, to keep herself musically and physically fit.

"It's a great non-weight-bearing exercise," she says. "It requires stretching every part of your body — arms, legs, every inch — and it's good for your brain and your body."

The organ and violin concert on March 12 — featuring Roberta's violinist daughter, Cecilia Poellein Buss — honors Roberta's 90th birthday (actually celebrated on January 16) and her 15 years of service at the Cathedral.

Said Canon for Music and Precentor

Roberta at the organ: "This was my favorite job." Photo by JUDY STARK

Dwight Thomas, "Roberta has been an important contributor to the legacy of fine music here at the Cathedral, and I'm thrilled we all have the opportunity to celebrate with her on this important milestone of her life."

"I loved every minute," Roberta said. "I worked harder than I ever had in my whole life and had more fun than anybody could ever have had."

Her affinity for music was apparent early on. When it became clear, at the age of 3, that she could do more at the piano than just bang out noise, she began lessons. But "I was always fascinated with the organ as a child," Roberta recalls, "and when I was in fifth or sixth grade and was interested in starting organ lessons, I was told I was not big enough, I had to be able to reach the pedals," so her organ studies waited until

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she was in the eighth grade.

She continued through high school with piano and organ lessons, and went on to major in music education at Stetson University in DeLand. She taught music in public school, including one year in northern Illinois (that was enough for this St. Petersburg native, who until then had never seen snow), then returned to St. Petersburg to teach choral music at Disston Junior High School.

She had become an Episcopalian while a student at Stetson under the tutelage of Robert Setzer, then the organist/choirmaster at St. Peter's. Upon her return to St. Petersburg, "I walked in, and I was home," Roberta recalled of her first affiliation here. She sang in the choir and studied with Setzer. "Every day after school I'd come here and practice the organ for an hour and a half or two hours," she recalled. "There was no air-conditioning, it could be 100 degrees in the church, there were mosquitoes in the organ and my legs would be covered with bites, but it didn't matter."

In 1957, after two years, she went north

again to study for a master's degree in sacred music at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. There she met her late husband, John, and they moved to Connecticut, where she worked at a Congregational church as organist for nine years and John was the choir director as well as director of choral activities at the University of Connecticut.

They moved to Illinois, where he finished his doctorate and she completed her master's. "He said he'd buy me a new sewing machine if I got my master's at the University of Illinois," Roberta recalled. "I had three kids, two in elementary school, one in day care, and how in the world I ever did that,



Roberta, far right, at the reception after the Choral Evensong in November in honor of retiring Bishop Dabney Smith, with Gail MacAulay, John and Gail McCoy, and Richard Sias and Jack Clark. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

I don't know." Her sewing skills are apparent in the colorful quilted jackets she often wears. Those "three kids" are her daughters — Cecilia, the violinist, of Seattle; Gretchen Ginnerty of Doylestown, PA, and Marilyn Bonifer, a member of our congregation.

Degrees in hand, the Poelleins returned to Connecticut, where Roberta taught elementary school music for 16 years "but

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never played the organ.”

After her husband suffered a severe stroke (he died in 2001), the Poelleins returned to St. Petersburg. In the summer of 1986 Bob Setzer decided to retire and encouraged Roberta to succeed him. She interviewed with the search committee but was unable to play for them because she'd already packed her organ shoes in preparation for a trip up North the next day. They hired her anyway. For the next 15 years she would play for two services with choir every Sunday.

Among the highlights of her years on the bench at St. Peter's: the 1990 choir trip to England, when they sang choral evensong at seven cathedrals, rehearsing on the bus along the way ... her anonymous angel, who paid for an orchestra each year for a major choir performance ... the choir's presentation of Mendelssohn's *St. Paul Oratorio*, “an unbelievable experience, it's hardly ever done, it's extremely spiritual,” and

a performance of the full *Messiah*, a two-hour production, for the Cathedral's 1989 anniversary. She was also the founder of Wonderful Wednesdays, half-hour noonday concerts that included an inexpensive lunch and attracted downtown office workers.

Music has changed at the Cathedral over the years. Painting the interior of the nave in semi-gloss paint, air-conditioning the interior, and removing several rows of pews in the front and adding marble flooring “made such a difference I couldn't believe it was the same place,” Roberta said. Where once the sound was “so dead it barely made it to the cross aisle,” it is now “an amazing place for music.”

So what are the favorite hymns of someone who has made a life in church music? Hymn 516, “Come down, O love divine,” and Hymn 469, “There's a wideness in God's mercy,” are two of her top favorites.

And as for turning 90? Ask Roberta, who just returned from a birthday trip to South Africa, where, among other things, she took a helicopter ride over Victoria Falls: “Being 90 is interesting!”

We said a fond farewell to our deacon, **THE REV. ELMA ROSENBERG**, on February 26, as she leaves St. Petersburg to move to Michigan. Elma began her career in ordained ministry here as a deacon from 1989 to 1998, then was on the diocesan staff, and returned to the Cathedral until she retired from active service in 2006. She returned to the Cathedral on a temporary basis last June to fill in after Deacon Scott Nonken was ordained a priest.



Elma's new contact information: 314 S North St., Otsego, MI 49078; phone (727) 744-5282; e-mail ejrose1@icloud.com.

Come Celebrate!

Marguerite Mastry Dawson Turns 100 Years Old



Everyone is invited to a special coffee hour on Sunday, March 12, as we celebrate the 100th birthday of lifelong member Marguerite Mastry Dawson.

“I thought I’d be an old lady” upon turning 100, Marguerite said recently, “but I don’t feel much different.”

Her actual birth date is March 8, which is also International Women’s Day, a celebration of the women’s rights movement that brings attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. That is a fortunate coincidence, since Marguerite was a pioneer businesswoman in the insurance field with a career that spanned five decades and one in which “I worked hard,” she said.

She was elected the first president of

Marguerite Mastry Dawson turned 100 on March 8, International Women’s Day.

The Insurance Women of St. Petersburg, an organization she was instrumental in creating. She was also the first female president of the Independent Insurers of Greater St. Petersburg.

Baptized and married at the Cathedral, Marguerite is a former chapter member and served on the board of Peterborough Apartments in addition to other volunteer work in the community.

She still regularly occupies the second pew on the right side in the Cathedral. “That’s been my place for a long time,” she said.

She is one of seven sons and three daughters of the large Mastry family of St. Petersburg. She is the mother of two, son James and daughter Leena St. Michael.

She was a charter season-ticket holder for the Tampa Bay Rays. And she is a passionate collector of camels, “a symbol of my

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Marguerite Mastry Dawson

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Lebanese heritage”: jewelry, artwork, crafts, knickknacks.

“Marguerite has seen many things come and go at the Cathedral in her century here,” Dean Morris said. “It’s our honor to celebrate with her a long, successful, generous, and faithful life as part of our parish family.” Among her contributions is one of the arched windows on the north side of Harvard Hall.

Come enjoy a piece of birthday cake with Marguerite on March 12. Her birthday wish? “Good health.”

In the words of her longtime friend, parishioner Virginia Rowell: “What a wonderful century and what a wonderful person: my honor to work with and know her.”

That Wonderful Year, 1923

Here’s what was going on in the world the year Marguerite Mastry Dawson was born:

At St. Peter’s: The Rev. Wiltshire Winfield Williams was the rector (1918-1927).

Born: Sen. Bob Dole; movie stars Rhonda Fleming, Charlton Heston; game-show host Bob Barker; novelist Norman Mailer; test pilot Chuck Yeager. Marguerite has outlived them all!

Major events: The Roaring ‘20s roared on even as Nazism continued its rise in Europe. President Warren G. Harding died in office and was succeeded by Calvin Coolidge. The Rosewood massacre, a racially motivated massacre of Black people and the destruction of a Black town, took place in Rosewood, FL. Yankee Stadium was built, and the Yankees defeated the Giants, 4 games to 2, to win the World Series. The Walt Disney Co. was founded.

Music: First recordings by Louis Armstrong, King Oliver, and Jelly Roll Morton. Popular songs: “Barney Google,” “Nobody Knows You When You’re Down and Out,” “Yes! We Have No Bananas.”



This picture postcard shows what St. Peter’s looked like in the 1920s.



Let the Lenten Wilderness Show You the Way

Hillary Peete, Director of Christian Formation

It's not uncommon to be asked what you plan to give up or take on for Lent. Chocolate, social media, dedicated prayer time, a new devotional, or being kinder in traffic are some common responses. This year, however, it struck me that I don't want to pre-plan my time in the wilderness. As I prepare to enter the season of Lent, I am preparing myself to let this Lent unfold without my direction. To be sure, I still plan to attend worship, engage in Bible study, pray, and love others. Beyond that, I'm waiting to see where I find God in the penitential and reflective time of Lent and what practices

might help deepen that relationship.

It's perfectly fine if you already have an inkling of what you plan to give up or take on for Lent. There are seasons in our lives when these practices are clear to us and can even give an important sense of purpose. But if you are unsure of what direction to take during Lent, perhaps you could join me in letting the season unfold as it will. Allow yourself space to be surprised by what you hear and experience this Lent. Create space for the unknown in the wilderness in this sacred time between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

We return to Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12. Turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. Yes, this is the tough one when we lose an hour of sleep. We spring forward into **darker mornings and lighter evenings.**



Subdued Music of Lent Invites Us To Hear What We Often Miss

Dwight Thomas, Director of Music and Precentor

I have a friend who calls the music of Lent “blah.” It’s not really his fault; he was raised in nondenominational churches where the music was upbeat and high energy every week, and anything else was a downer. As an introvert, I find that completely exhausting, and not just musically. I’m dismayed that everything in my life needs to be high energy and positive, including my worship of God (and that if I’m not feeling that way I’m somehow doing something wrong).

In the Episcopal Church we have a tradition of introspection and self-examination that is highlighted during the 40-day liturgical season of Lent. We abstain from using the word “Alleluia” or having flowers at the altar. I know of parishes that fill the holy water basins with sand to remind of us of Jesus’s 40 days in the wilderness. These expressions and symbols are reminders of stripping away the non-essentials and focusing on the fundamentals.

Music during Lent also offers the opportunity to get down to the basics. It might be described as

subdued or “blah,” but I view it as an opportunity to listen to things that I might not have a chance to hear, or tune into those things that might not be right with God that might otherwise get covered up with all the adornment or decoration. This Lent I hope we’ll all have the opportunity to listen or view things in a different manner as we journey together toward the promise and miracle of Easter.



SPIRITUAL PRIDE, our annual dinner presented by the Friends of St. Aelred, returns for the first time since 2019. This festive evening recognizes the importance of a supportive faith community to LGBTQ Episcopalians. Mark your calendar and watch for details: 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, in Harvard Hall.

Walk Through the 40 Days of Lent with Prayer, Videos, Stations of the Cross, More

Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral

Palm Sunday, April 2

Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m.

Way of the Cross, April 7 at 7:30 a.m.

Good Friday, April 7 at 12 noon

Easter Vigil, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship and Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.



*Then
Jesus was
led up by
the Spirit
into the
wilderness
to be
tempted
by the
devil.*

*Matthew
4:1-11*

*Here are Lenten activities in March.
Find details at spcathedral.org/lent.*

Stations of the Cross 6 p.m. Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Led by Rick Knight, participants move about the Cathedral offering prayers and responses using images that illustrate the stages of the Passion story. Registration is not required, but it is helpful to indicate your interest. E-mail Hillary Peete at hpeete@spcathedral.com.

Bible Study: The Psalmist's Cry 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 via Zoom

We all live in a constant state of denial. Culture tells us all problems are solvable, or at least manageable; we simply need to try (or buy) the right so-

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lution. Our self-help culture is prone to masking symptoms and calling that mask a cure. But as long as we deny our pain, we lose the danger of the Gospel — the part where we give up control and allow God's mystery to unfold in our lives — and in doing so, we lose the depth of its goodness.

In brief videos we'll view together, theologian Walter Brueggemann explores psalms as scripts for lament, guides for how to express feelings honestly, in ways normally not permitted or expected within Christian community. Discover the fullness of God when we allow our lives to become about God's healing us and not about our controlling or managing our way through life. Register for the Zoom link at spcathedral.org/bible-studies.

The Way of the Cross in Nature

12 noon Sunday, March 26

Boyd Hill Nature Park

1101 Country Club Way S, St. Petersburg

Kids of all ages (and the young at heart) and families are invited to join us for an afternoon finding the Stations of the Cross written

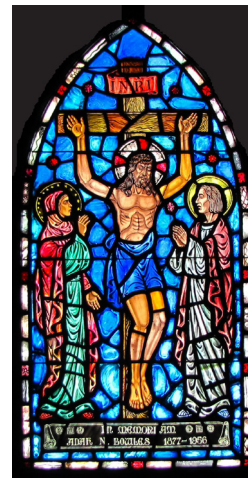
into nature with prayer, scripture, and activities. Contact Hillary Peete with questions and to register (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

Make Palm Crosses

Wednesday, March 29, time TBA

A favorite tradition! All are invited to join members of the Altar Guild as they make this year's palm crosses. Come learn how to fold a strip of palm frond into a cross and enjoy a time of fellowship and lunch with others from the Cathedral. The crosses will be handed out at services on Palm Sunday, April 2.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. We'll have details next month about services and events.



Mary of Nazareth and the Beloved Disciple stand at the foot of the cross.

Devotionals Enrich Your Lenten Prayer Life

* **Episcopal Relief and Development** offers daily and weekly meditations that you can receive in an e-mail each day or download all at once. Subscribe at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

* **Luther Seminary** offers daily Lenten devotionals that you can download in regular-size or large print or have them delivered to your e-mail each day. <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

Evensong for Annunciation Day Hails the Blessed Mother-to-Be

Our service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, observes the Feast of the Annunciation, which falls on March 25 — the day that celebrates when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and informed her she was to bear the Son of God.

The music for this day, nine months before Christmas, focuses on Mary: “Sing We of the Blessed Mother” is the processional hymn. The Anthem is Franz Biebl’s “Ave Maria.” And Choral Evensong, of course, traditionally includes the Magnificat, Mary’s song of praise.

The service is Gerald Near’s “St. Mark’s Service.” Near (b. 1942) is considered one of the foremost composers of church music writing today.

An organ prelude is at 4:45 p.m. The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing. Dwight Thomas is Canon for Music and Precentor. A free-will offering is taken, and a reception follows.



Stained-Glass Work Is Done

Workers from Associated Crafts and Willet Hauser Architectural Glass returned in mid-February to finish cleaning, repairing, and preserving our stained glass. Here they are working on the exterior of our signature St. Peter window, which was installed in 1918. Willett Hauser is the company that designed and installed most of the windows in the nave in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Individual Quarterly Statements — Check Your In-Box

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

We've started e-mailing quarterly financial statements, which saves money on mailing costs as well as on the hours needed to prepare the statements and print and stuff the envelopes.

We still mail the statements for donors for whom we have no e-mail address on file.

You will receive an e-mail notifying you that your statement is available. Click on the link to view and/or download it. The approximate dates of these mailings: first quarter, April 19;

Annual Giving Statements

Annual giving statements were mailed the second week of February. If you did not receive a statement or have questions, please call Administrator Michelle Thomas at (727) 822-4173.

second quarter, July 19; third quarter, October 18. Your fourth-quarter giving is included in the annual statement that you use for tax purposes, which is usually mailed the second week of February.

You can, of course, look at your financial commitment statement at any time by logging into your Realm account and clicking on "Giving."

Thanks so much for your continued financial commitment to the Cathedral. It is your commitment that allows us to do so much inside the Cathedral and in the wider community as well.

It is never too late to make a financial commitment! If you have not already done so, please contact Ray McColgan, stewardship chair (RMcColgan@me.com), or Michelle Thomas, Cathedral administrator (727-822-4173 or mthomas@spcathedral.com). Or pledge online at spcathedral.org/give-abc.

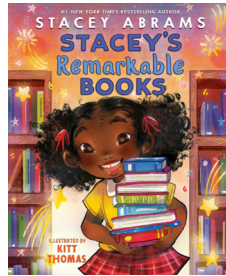
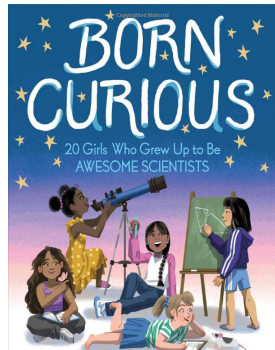


Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, continues to offer these services: blood-pressure clinic, 9-10 a.m. the first Sunday of the month in the Chapter Room/Library; and consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from noon to 1 p.m. most Thursdays at the Cathedral. E-mail her at nurse@spcathedral.com to make an appointment.

We're Collecting Books for Campbell Park, Resurrection House

During March, we will collect new and gently used books primarily for the children at Campbell Park Elementary School and Florida Resurrection House. We are particularly looking for books that will engage elementary school-age new readers and picture books for younger pre-readers.

You can donate gently used books from your own shelves or purchase favorites of your own to donate. Need or want suggestions? Visit spcathedral.org/community for an Amazon wish list and suggested titles



you can purchase directly from our local independent bookstore, Tombolo.

Bring your books to the Cathedral during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings. Please do not have the books shipped directly to the Cathedral. Packages are often left on the front steps after hours/overnight.

Gift cards to Amazon, Tombolo, and Barnes and Noble will also be accepted.



Deadline Nears for Microgrant Applications

The Cathedral offers a competitive grant program that is open to all non-profits. This microgrant program, begun in 2022, is designed to encourage connection between the Cathedral and organizations that work to transform the lives of the vulnerable through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives.

We have \$5,000 available for micro-grants in 2023. We will accept applications for the first \$2,500 through March 15.

If you know of non-profit organizations that would benefit from a microgrant, please encourage them to apply.

For the full listing of eligibility requirements and applications, visit spcathedral.org/grants. More information: contact Penny Roen at pennyroen@gmail.com.

Four Easy Ways to Support Campbell Park Elementary

Sign cards during coffee hour on Sundays, March 5, 12, and 19 ...

We have been asked to provide the children and teachers at Campbell Park Elementary School with cards showing our support as the children in grades 3 through 5 take important tests during the week of

March 28. We have sent similar cards of encouragement and support in the past, which they gratefully received.

Please stop by the Outreach Table in Harvard Hall during coffee hour on Sundays, March 5, 12, and 19. We will have pre-printed cards, pens, and suggestions

for handwritten messages you can add to the cards. We hope to prepare about 300 cards—one for each child. It only takes a minute!

... Or sign the banner ...

In addition, we will make a banner to hang in the school during testing so the children will

know that the members of the Cathedral support them and their school. The banner will be in the Narthex on those same Sundays, March 5, 12, and 19. Everyone attending worship on those days is invited to add a message of encouragement.

... Or give the teachers a boost ...

On Thursday, March 23, you can sign “Thank you for all you do” cards for the teachers at Campbell Park. Come to Harvard Hall at 10 a.m. on March 23.

We will deliver all of these tokens of our support to the school on Friday, March 24, so they can be distributed (or in the case of the banner, hung) before the children begin the testing.

... And help sort the books we collect!

On Sunday, March 26, during coffee hour, volunteers will be needed to sort the books donated during the month for Campbell Park and Florida Resurrection House. There will be tables set up in Harvard Hall for this important work.



Pilgrimage to Alabama Beckons You To Walk in the Way of Justice and Peace

Betsy Adams

The Cathedral's Becoming Beloved Community committee invites you to participate in a four-day pilgrimage next April to significant racial and social-justice sites in Alabama.

We will spend April 11 through 14, 2024, exploring important sites in Montgomery, Tuskegee, and Selma, AL. Among them: the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, with its stunning commemoration of the victims of lynching; the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where marchers were beaten and fire-hosed on Bloody Sunday in 1965; and Tuskegee University on the Civil Rights Trail in Tuskegee, the home of Booker T. Washington and the Tuskegee Airmen National Monument.

We will travel together, break bread together, and pray together, asking God to strengthen our commitment to justice and healing as well as to lead us in the direction we should go.

All are invited, both those well versed in justice issues and those just beginning the journey. For more information please contact Betsy Adams (betsygadams@icloud.com).

Visit our Beloved Community website, spcathedral.org/beloved-community, and click on "Pilgrimage dates and details" for a brochure.

How to Join the Pilgrimage

If you would like to join the pilgrimage to Alabama, here's what to do:

- * Contact Betsy Adams (betsygadams@icloud.com) to notify her of your intention to participate.

- * Write a deposit check for \$100 made out to Faith Journeys, the tour operator. Deliver this check along with all of your contact information to our administrator, Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spcathedral.com).

This check will be held until we know that we have at least 20 pilgrims for the trip. We will make this decision by July 31. We will then send your name and deposit on to Faith Journeys, which will open the registration website to us. Then each pilgrim can go online to register, make payments, etc.

Before sending the deposit checks we will notify you that we are doing so. If for some reason we do not move forward with the pilgrimage plans, your deposit check will be returned to you.

Groundbreaking Episcopal Priest Pauli Murray Will Be Featured on U.S. Quarters

Episcopal News Service

The Rev. Pauli Murray, the first African-American woman to be ordained a priest and a pioneer in the struggles for racial and gender equality, will be featured on U.S. quarters in 2024, the U.S. Mint announced on February 1. She and four other women are being honored next year as part of the Mint's American Women Quarters series, celebrating the contributions of women to American history.

Others to be honored include Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii, who was the first minority female to serve in Congress; Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, a woman's rights activist and abolitionist who served as a surgeon in the American Civil War; Zitkala-Ša, an educator and activist on behalf of Native Americans who was also known as Gertrude Simmons Bonnin; and Celia Cruz, an award-winning Cuban-American singer commonly known as "The Queen of Salsa."

Designs for the coins will be released later this year.



Meet Our New Custodian

Please welcome our new custodian, Carla Escobar. You'll see her at the Cathedral on Mondays and Fridays, cleaning up from one weekend and then preparing the premises for the next. She's also with us on special occasions like the recent seating of Bishop Scharf.

"I am from Nicaragua, a small country in Central America. I came to Florida four years ago with my 23-year-old son, Goly Miguel. Since I started cleaning the Cathedral I have felt a special sense of peace. It makes me happy. I appreciate the harmony here and kindness from everyone on staff.

"In addition to my cleaning service, I have another small business, Kelindo Design. I make crafts, flowers, edible arrangements, and charcuterie boards. I definitely enjoy making each individual order.

"Goly and I love Florida because of its beautiful beaches. We go there often and enjoy the spectacular sunsets."

Editor's note: Carla was busy on Super Bowl weekend making arrangements and charcuterie boards for her clients. We can also tell you that her son, Goly, has occasionally worked on big events at the Cathedral and is a welcome contributor to our ministry of hospitality.



FAST Network Prepares to Present Social Justice Priorities to Power

On March 27, community activists from all around Pinellas County and from St. Peter's will stand face-to-face with elected officials and other leaders and ask how they will respond to the issues of social justice identified by FAST — Faith and Action for Strength Together.

The Cathedral is a new member of FAST, joining more than 50 faith communities from around the county. Through small-group meetings and research they have identified three priorities: lack of affordable housing, unnecessary arrests for minor offenses, and water quality in Tampa Bay.

This annual gathering is called the Nehemiah Action, named after the prophet Nehemiah, who stood in a large assembly before the nobles and officials of his community and challenged them to stop charging unjust and unfair interest, and gained a promise from the nobles to stop. (Read the full story in Nehemiah 5:1-13.)

This year's Nehemiah Action is at 7 p.m. March 27 at Indian Rocks Baptist Church, 12685 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

"We expect the network members from St. Peter's, as well as guests and anyone interested in exploring the work of this organization, to join us in bringing thousands of voters to request action from officials," said Cynthia Garrels, a parishioner who is active in FAST. "Let's have as many people from the Cathedral as possible support this event. Justice ministry is hard for

individuals to do; the greater the turnout, the more impact we have with those elected to work on our behalf." Nearly 30 parishioners attended a recent lunch meeting on

a Sunday to hear updates on the work and prepare for the Action.

If you haven't already registered, please talk with Betsy Adams, Kathy Coughlan, Cynthia Garrels, or Hillary Peete to sign up or get more information, or visit [spcath-](https://www.spcathe-)

[dral.org/fast](https://www.spcathe-dral.org/fast). Car pooling can be arranged.

Remember the Biblical injunction to "do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."



Family Ministry: Lenten Lessons, Fun Outdoors, Sorting Out Good and Bad

EYSeedlings:

Faith Formation for 3rd-5th Graders

Sunday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m.

We know people aren't all good or all bad, but are we loved only when we're good? Do we do good things only if it's easy or fun? We'll watch the movie "Bad Guys" and see what we can learn (or not) from Professor Marmalade's School of Goodness and Mr. Wolf's plan to go good to stay bad. Lunch and popcorn provided! RSVP to Hillary (hpete@spcathedral.com) by Thursday, March 2.

Messy Church for Families

Thursday, March 9

During the season of Lent, we hear words like "forgiveness" and "reconciliation." What do they mean and how can we practice them in our everyday life? During this month's Messy Church, families will



engage in hands-on activities as we explore the importance of repairing broken relationships with others and with God. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and activities run from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Hillary (hpete@spcathedral.com) by Monday, March 6.

Way of the Cross in Nature

Sunday, March 26

Families and the young at heart are invited to join us at Boyd Hill to find the stations of the cross written into nature. Each station has a simple scripture, prayer, and activity. We'll end with playtime at the playground. Meet at Boyd Hill at 12:15 p.m. Sub lunch with chips will be available during coffee hour (donation of \$5) with RSVP. Park admission is \$3/adults, \$1.50/children ages 3-16, and free for children under the

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Family Ministry

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age of 3. Email Hillary Peete with any questions (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

EYC (6th-12th Graders)

Faith + Film

Sunday, March 5

Can you teach goodness? What do we do when our friends make different choices than we do? More importantly, where do we find our intrinsic motivation for kindness? Join us as we finish up part two of our Faith and Film series.

Fun Day at The Pier

Sunday, March 12

Drop off at Second Avenue NE and Beach Drive and we'll walk down to The Pier and hang out. Bring \$5-\$10 for snacks and ice cream, we'll provide pizza. Friends are invited, too!

What in the World and Way of the Cross

Sundays, March 19 and 26

Each week we'll pick a topic from something that's happening locally or in the

world and discuss where we see God in the good, the bad, and the confusing. In March, we'll also assign the Way of the Cross parts and costumes and begin our rehearsals.

Family Compline

6:45 p.m. Sunday, March 26

We always close EYC with Compline and now we would like to invite families to join us one Sunday a month. The Family Compline service will be youth-led. A student will be the officiant and a musical offering will be given, as well as a brief meditation. Please save the date and plan to join us a few minutes early.

Youth Confirmation

On Sunday, March 5, we'll discuss Chapter 9 of *My Faith, My Life*. We will look over the baptismal promises, how we are called to proclaim God's dream, and how we can use our gifts and talents.

Confirmation retreat: Confirmands and mentors will complete our confirmation lessons on April 1 and spend the rest of the day at TreeHoppers! Details will be sent out to our confirmands and mentors. Please keep Chloe, Elise, Joel, and Katherine and their mentors Chloe, Grace, Randy, and Jessica in your prayers.



St. Petersburg's first pier was built by railroad entrepreneur Peter Demens in 1889. The 2020 Pier is a distinct improvement!

20s-40s Will Gather for Food, Drinks, Merriment and Trivia

Sunday, March 12, at noon

Lunch at Mullet's Fish Camp

Meet up for some fresh seafood

at this restaurant on Sixth Street

S. Email or text Hillary ([hpeete@](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)

[spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) if you plan to attend so we can have an idea of how many people to expect. Do you want childcare during lunch? Let Hillary know as soon as you can and we can arrange for childcare at the Cathedral.



Wednesday, March 22 at at 7 p.m.

Trivia at Pinellas Ale Works

The last time we played trivia it was '80s movies-themed. We'll see if this trivia night is harder or easier! Email Hillary Peete to RSVP so we can reserve enough seats (hpeete@spcathedral.com).



We are still planning a chartered fishing trip out of John's Pass and another Rowdies game. Stay tuned for details and dates at our page spcathedral.org/young-adults.

We're Going on the Road in Search of Happiness: Join Us!

Our Spirituality and Aging program is on the move. On the five Thursdays in March, we will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Masonic Home, 3201 First St NE.

"This will give us a chance to welcome residents of the Masonic Home who otherwise would be unable to participate," said faith community nurse Rita Sewell. "I'm collaborating with our parishioner Rex Cain, who lives at the Masonic Home."

Discussions will focus on a 1938 Harvard University study that found that the secret to a long and happy life is positive relationships. We'll look at these key-stones of support: safety and security; learning and growth; emotional closeness and confiding; identity affirmation and shared experience; romantic intimacy; help; and fun and relaxation.



Marloes De Vries for CNBC Make It

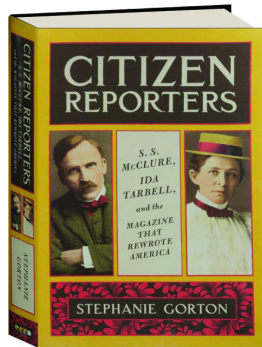
Questions? E-mail Rita at nurse@spcathedral.com, or visit our page spcathedral.org/faith-nurse. You can read more about the Harvard study here: tinyurl.com/yc2re83b

How an Influential Magazine Exposed Corruption And Changed the Nation in the Gilded Age

Talk about a ripped-from-the-headlines selection! This month the St. Peter's Book Club will discuss *Citizen Reporters: S.S. McClure, Ida Tarbell, and the Magazine That Rewrote America* by Stephanie Gorton.

The reviewer at [amazon.com](#) calls it “a fascinating history of the rise and fall of the influential Gilded Age magazine *McClure's* and the two unlikely outsiders at its helm — as well as a timely, full-throated defense of investigative journalism in America.”

The review goes on: “The president of the United States made headlines around the world when he publicly attacked the press, denouncing reporters who threatened his reputation as ‘muckrakers’ and ‘forces for evil.’ The year was 1906, the



president was Theodore Roosevelt — and the publication that provoked his fury was *McClure's* magazine.

“One of the most influential magazines in American history, *McClure's* drew over 400,000 readers and published the groundbreaking stories that defined the Gilded Age, including the investigation of Standard Oil that toppled the Rockefeller monopoly,” the

amazon review says.

“Driving this revolutionary publication were two improbable newcomers united by single-minded ambition. S. S. McClure was an Irish immigrant who, despite bouts of mania, overthrew his impoverished upbringing and bent the New York media world to his will. His steadying hand and star reporter was Ida Tarbell, a woman who

defied gender expectations and became a notoriously fearless journalist.

“From reporting on labor unrest and lynching, to their exposés of municipal corruption, their reporting brought their readers face to face with a nation mired in dysfunction,” the reviewer concludes. “Tracing *McClure's* from its meteoric rise to its spectacularly swift and dramatic combustion, *Citizen Reporters* is a thrillingly told, deeply researched biography of a powerhouse magazine that forever changed American life. It's also a timely case study that demonstrates the crucial importance of journalists who are unafraid to speak truth to power.”

The book club meets at 6:30 p.m. March 28 in the Chapter Room. Shar Nudelman is the presenter. Visit spcathedral.org/book-club for details of our Zoom option and a list of books the club will read from now through June.

More Help for More Families, Thanks to More Support from You

Denis M. Sousa, Executive Director

It was only a year ago that Family Promise of Pinellas was considering shutting its doors permanently. What a difference a year makes!

Two new faith communities have joined the network of congregations dedicated to sheltering homeless families: Northwest Church of Christ and Pinellas Park United Methodist Church. We are now nine congregations strong — St. Peter's is among our support congregations — and we seek five more.

Another family graduated in January. They stayed the course through collaboration with community partners and are now in their own home, looking at a prosperous future.



*The Road Back Home
Begins with a
Promise*

We were able to keep two families in their homes and we kept the lights on for four families experiencing temporary financial hardship. We welcomed two new families into our shelter program and are working with them to find housing and provide them the tools they need to ensure their future success.

Thanks to your generous contributions,

we are able to support homeless and low-income families in Pinellas County.

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week.

Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services and permanent housing.

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

5K Walk/Run Will Benefit Family Promise

Family Promise will hold its first-ever 5K run/walk, **Gimme Promise**, on April 22 at Walsingham Park in Largo, starting at 9 a.m.



This 5K will be chip-timed by Florida Race Day with live results and awards to the top five overall female and male runners.

Walkers must be able to complete the course within 75 minutes.

Everyone who signs up before March 22 is guaranteed a race T-shirt. Registration and more information are at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Largo/FPPC5K-Race>. Registration is \$40 plus a \$2.80 sign-up fee. If you can't run or walk, Family Promise welcomes sponsorships and donations.

Busy Hands, Prodigious Work

Our St. Veronica's needlework guild was busy in 2022 crocheting caps. They donated 492 to the Infusion Center at St. Anthony's for kidney dialysis patients and gave 172 to students at Campbell Park Elementary School — all

"graciously and gratefully received," member Joanie Andrews reports. The guild meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Chapter Room.

Photos by JUDY STARK



Left, Joanie Andrews, Debra Eich, and Mary Jo Mastry work on crocheted caps.



Right, Cynthia Garrels positions a crocheted rosette on a twiddle miff. Buttons, beads, ribbons, charms, even hair curlers are attached to the miffs. The varieties of textures and shapes are soothing to those with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Learn an Age-Old Ukrainian Art Form, Create a One-of-a-Kind Egg

Create your own pysanky — elaborately decorated eggs — through this batik method of design, adapting ancient traditions from Ukraine to fit your personal meaning and style. In a workshop at the Cathedral on May 20, your pure white egg will slowly become a brilliantly dyed symbol of the advent of Spring and resurgence of life, along with any additional intentions and meanings you personally add.

This is a mindful and meditative process, and fun to do with others. Please allow a minimum of 2.5 hours to create an egg, especially if it's your first time. You are welcome to make a second egg if time allows. You'll find the method of creation with candlelight and wax to be meditative and healing, and it results in a beautiful end product you will love.



Workshop leader Johanna Zenobia Krynytzky has been "writing" these eggs since she was old enough to hold a kistka (that's a sort of heated fountain pen that is used to draw the design on the eggs). Taught by her mother and grandmother, Johanna continues this age-old tradition that was banned in Ukraine by the USSR (as were Ukrainian language, religion, and other traditions). Today it thrives, in and out of Ukraine, as a national symbol of resilience, expression, and rebirth.

The pysanka (that's the singular of "pysanky") was the topic of Johanna's B.A. thesis in Art History at the University of Chicago. She is proud to carry on this powerful, magical part of her heritage, and equally excited to share it with you.

All materials are included. A donation

of \$20 to \$50 is suggested. A percentage of proceeds go towards humanitarian aid for Ukraine. You can learn more at www.pysankyforpeace.com.

Registration will be available at <http://spcathedral.org/easter-eggs>. Please pre-register as far in advance as possible so we have enough supplies for everyone. All welcome; please bring your friends.

Pysanka: The Art of Ukrainian Egg Design

Workshop led by pysanky artist
Johanna Krynytzky
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 20
Harvard Hall
Register at spcathedral.org/easter-eggs

Suggested donation: \$20-\$50

Party with the Pancakes

We ate ourselves silly at our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 21. Pancakes, sausages, bacon, king cake (thank you, Jean Beshears, for the gluten-free version!), Mardi Gras

music, beads, and fun put us on the road to a thoughtful Lent.
Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Above, Cyndi Orozco outdid herself with this year's mask.

Left, pancakes, whipped cream, and strawberries for Caleb Knight.



Al Carrico and Michelle Plichta served up bacon and sausage.

March Transitions

Birthdays

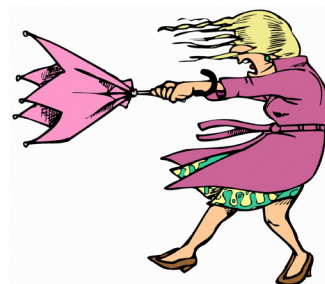
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Those Who Have Died

Harry Aylesworth

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

**Fourth Sunday, 5 p.m., Choral Evensong
(through April except December)**

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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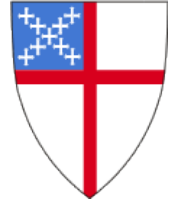
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