



CROSSTOWN

October 2018

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



Our youth group kayaked around Weedon Island after church on September 23, then shared a “canoEucharist.” [See page 24](#) for more images.

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Come for the Brats, Stay for the Oompah: Oktoberfest Is October 5

There are just a few days left to sign up for Oktoberfest, our evening of brats, local craft beer, and live music starting at 6 p.m. Friday, October 5.

There's no charge, but we need you to let us know you plan to be there so we have an accurate count for food and seating. You can register in the Narthex or register online here: spcathedral.com/oktoberfest-2018/.



The menu: bratwurst, sauerkraut, Ted Peters' German potato salad, pretzels, apple strudel, craft beer from Mastry's Brewing Co., cider, and iced tea.

This is the start of our fall pledge campaign. Oktoberfest is a time to celebrate fellowship, community, and generosity. We'll announce the totals of volunteer hours parishioners have been tracking since last summer, a measure of the time and talent everyone contributes to the Cathedral.

Let us know when you sign up if you need child care.

Since alcoholic beverages are being served, this event is open only to those 21 and older.

Usually reliable sources say there will be a PowerPoint presentation on the big screen highlighting the work of our many committees, guilds, and

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Your pledge matters, [Page 3](#).***

organizations; and a quiz (with Cathedral T-shirts as prizes).

Entertainment will be provided by the Nu Soundz Band of Palm Harbor, which offers German, English, and Latin vocals. Expect a singalong.



Investing in Our Future: Your Pledge Makes Possible the Things You Value

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

To trust God, to serve God, and to honor God with all we are and all we have.

This is the mission of your Stewardship Committee.

Previously we have talked about the stewardship of time and talent. This month we talk about the stewardship of treasure, which is often the most difficult and uncomfortable.

Let's look first at the many things in

your life that you treasure: your family, your friends, your health, your faith, your Cathedral, your time and talents, and anything else that you identify as a treasure. Anything on which you place great value is a treasure and may be dedicated to God.

When you raise and bring your family into the church, you are sharing your treasure. The same is true when you bring friends to church or when you give of your health and energy to some project. You are sharing your treasure.

Your financial treasures are very important to the life of the Cathedral. Without them we would simply not exist.

Get your oompah on at our Oktoberfest, [Page 2](#).

It is through your financial contributions that the Cathedral is able to do the things that are right and proper: fellowship activities; outreach activities to Campbell Park Elementary and Resurrection House; a vibrant youth program; excellent music and worship; special learning experiences and outside speakers; and, yes, even paying for electricity and insurance. Feel free to add your own items to this list!

Stewardship is a year-round process. The pledge season is part of that. It is your pledge that allows us to set and live within a budget. Each year the season begins with



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Invest in Our Future

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Oktoberfest, a celebration of the harvest and bounty of last year, as we eagerly look forward to an even better coming year. It ends with the Thanks-a-Brunch in November, sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and the Cathedral Chapter.

Tithing (giving 10 percent) of one's gross income is the Biblical admonition. The Cathedral tithes to the diocese through our apportionment payments, and in turn the diocese tithes to the wider church. Some people give what they are able with the hope that they can move toward tithing in the future. Everyone's pledge is unique; there is no such thing as an average pledge. How you determine your giving percentage is up to you and your discussions with God through prayer.

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 we hear: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

As we approach our 50th anniversary as a Cathedral and our 130th year as a parish, we have a robust life that we want to continue into the next century. We are the recipients of the financial legacy of those who have come before, and we want to leave that legacy and more for the future of the Cathedral.

Some of our financial strength derives from the Peterborough Apartments financial blessing of about \$200,000 per year. Over the next years that revenue stream will taper off, ending in 2020. A portion of that blessing funds our current operating budget. If we wish to continue our programs and services at their current levels beyond 2020, we must increase our income. We can do that by increasing our individual pledges, increasing the number



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of people who pledge, and continuing to build our endowment funds (but not at the expense of our pledge income). If we fail to fulfill those options, we will have to decrease our program and service spending.

More information concerning planned giving — wills, trusts, donations, etc. — will be available in 2019, but if you have immediate questions there are people available to help you with answers.

As we move into the pledge season, we continue to ask: Will you please consider increasing your pledge of time, talent, and most certainly treasure? Help us fulfill our mission: to trust God, to serve God and to honor God with all we are and all we have.

Book Talks Return with A Story Based on True Florida Crime

Our lunchtime book talks begin their eighth year at noon on Tuesday, October 9. Our guest is Lori Roy, multiple award-winning and best-selling author of suspense novels.

Roy, a resident of Tierra Verde, will speak on her new novel, *The Disappearing*, based on two true Florida crimes: the abuses and deaths at the Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, and the final days of Ted Bundy's career as a serial murderer in North Florida.

The story: After 20 years away, Lane Fielding returns to the isolated Florida town where her father was the director of an infamous boys' school. When a college student disappears — and her own daughter suddenly vanishes — Lane wonders if this is the community's payback for her father's crimes. But in a town swept by gossip and



Lori Roy

rumors, with too many enemies and no one to trust, there may not be time for a desperate Lane to find her daughter.

Lori Roy's first book, *Bent Road*, won the Edgar Award for best first novel by an American author from the Mystery Writers of America. Her second novel, *Let Me Die in His Footsteps*, won the Edgar for Best Novel. Her third, *Until She Comes Home*, was an Edgar nominee for best novel.

We sat down via e-mail with Lori Roy to talk about her new book.

Q. *The Disappearing* is your first book set in Florida. What inspired that choice? How did you invoke the mood of an isolated town in North Florida?

A. I have been following the story of the Dozier School for Boys for the last 10 years. I was certain that I needed to grow up as

a writer a little bit before tackling the subject of the school and the investigation into the allegations of death and abuse of hundreds of boys who were sent there.

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October Book Talk

Speaker: Lori Roy, on her latest novel, *The Disappearing*

When: Noon-1 p.m.
Tuesday, October 9

Where: Harvard Hall

Lunch available (\$5), or feel free to bring your own

October Book Talk

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After completing my third novel and doing some extensive research into that part of Florida — Marianna, in the Panhandle — and into the facts and circumstances surrounding what happened in the town and at the school, I decided to undertake the project. In order to evoke the mood of a small town in North Florida, I visited the area several times and walked the streets and the swamps. I also did extensive research. I have found that the little details,

perhaps the smallest of things that we might otherwise overlook, are the most important in setting the tone of a book. These are the details I attempted to capture.

Q. How did you come to tie together two notorious Florida crimes — the deaths at the Dozier School and Ted Bundy’s crime spree?

A. Both of these crimes are solidly rooted in Florida’s history. In doing my research, I spent a great time deal of time studying both. I was also interested in exploring the lingering effects of crime on those who suffered from them.

Q. You’re part of a growing group of female mystery writers. Do you see a difference between the way women write crime and the way men do?

A. I don’t believe there is any inherent difference in how a man or woman writes, and I think it would be a mistake to generalize with respect to how they write or what they choose to write

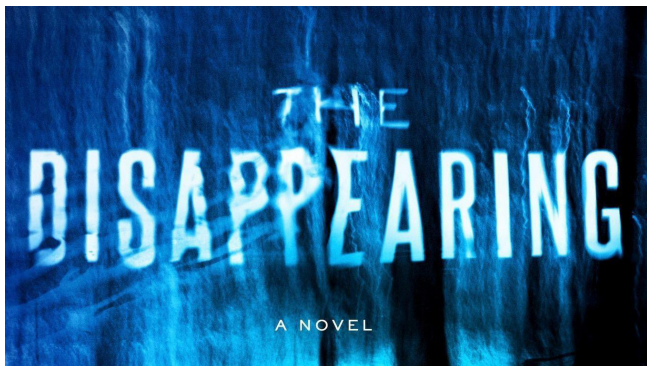
about. I also feel the work should speak for itself and the gender of its author should be irrelevant. The fact that we see so many successful women publishing today is an indication that the industry has recognized an unfulfilled need in the marketplace. Stories often told by women are fulfilling that need, and the success of such books is an indication that the demand is strong.

Q. What are you reading these days?

A. I’m reading a good deal of nonfiction in support of the research I’m doing as I write a few short stories and begin to think about my next novel. Specifically, I’m reading the work of Gilbert King at the moment. He’s the author of *Devil in the Grove* and *Beneath a Ruthless Sun*.

Q. Persuade us, in 100 words or fewer, to read your book.

A. My number one rule as I sit down to write is to write the book I want to read. I want to read a book that is deeply rooted in character and in a rich setting, that examines themes that are relevant, and that has a plot that compels me to turn the pages faster and faster. I believe *The Disappearing* offers all of these things.



New Look, New Furnishings for Narthex, Harvard Hall

You may have noticed some changes over the last month in the Narthex and in Harvard Hall.

In the Narthex, we've eliminated the bulletin boards and have moved the information table to Harvard Hall. The goal was to de-clutter the Narthex, which suffered from an overload of information that was distracting and confusing.



Watch the monitor in the Narthex for news about events and activities. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

We've installed a 55-inch flat-screen monitor on which we'll show a rotating slide show promoting upcoming events. The welcome table has been moved to a position of prominence near the front door, where we display an updated welcome packet for newcomers and our 2018-19 brochure of arts and education activities.

The changes continue in Harvard Hall. The information table is now on the east wall, with another monitor above it. This is the place to look for handouts, brochures and signup sheets.

Another big change in Harvard Hall: 200 new chairs, made possible by a generous gift from the Episcopal Church Women. Thanks also to Dean Morris, who helped unload the truck; and Michael Myers and Judy Stark, who over two days removed the packing materials, tape and plastic

from every. single. one. of. those. chairs. Happy sitting, everyone!

In the Garden: Another columbarium has been installed, offering 35 niches for the remains of loved ones. Please speak to Dean Morris if you are interested in purchasing a niche.



Judy Stark and Michael Myers were happy to unpack our 200 comfortable new chairs. Photo by ANDI GORTON.

New Freestanding Altar Expands Worship Possibilities

Our new freestanding altar in Harvard Hall — handcrafted from teak by parishioner Ralph Hancock — will enrich our worship in a variety of ways.



Dean Morris, Ralph Hancock, and Mike Carroll at the blessing of the new altar. Photo by ANDI GORTON

Sometimes we need to hold our 5 p.m. Saturday service somewhere other than inside the Cathedral because another event, such as a wedding, is planned for that evening. Other times we may want to create an informal worship space — perhaps Eucharist in the round — and this altar will enable us to rearrange Harvard Hall. Or we may want to move this altar onto the marble area in the Cathedral to have a more intimate experience of the Eucharist in the Cathedral.

Ralph found a woodworker program on YouTube that showed the creation of an altar for an Episcopal church in New Jersey out of reclaimed wood after the church was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. “Because our wood is heavier than the

All Saints wood, I had to alter the design for more support,” he said.

Ralph and his woodworking partner Mike Carroll worked two or three hours a day, three days a week, in July and August. “We lost a week when the top cupped” (because of humidity) “and we had to put the altar back in the air-conditioned house to recover. That’s when we moved it down to St. Peter’s to finish.”

The altar is held together with wooden dowels and glue. Using Ralph’s father’s brace and bit, Mike drilled 32 holes in the base and 32 in the top and shelf that had to align perfectly.

Ralph describes himself as “a hobbyist who has always made this and that. After retirement I moved into larger projects: a farm table and benches for the deck, another for my son, a Craftsman settee for

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us. I made the processional candle stand in the Narthex and no idea of the number of picture frames.”

Bishop Howe blessed the altar at coffee hour on September 9.

“I’m grateful to Ralph and Mike for their craftsmanship and skill in creating this table, which will be a treasure for generations to come,” Dean Morris said. “It’s another example of how each of us can contribute our time and talent to the Cathedral. I’m looking forward to the ways in which this beautiful altar helps us find new ways to worship and new meaning in the Eucharist as we gather around it.”

For a Deeper Spiritual Life

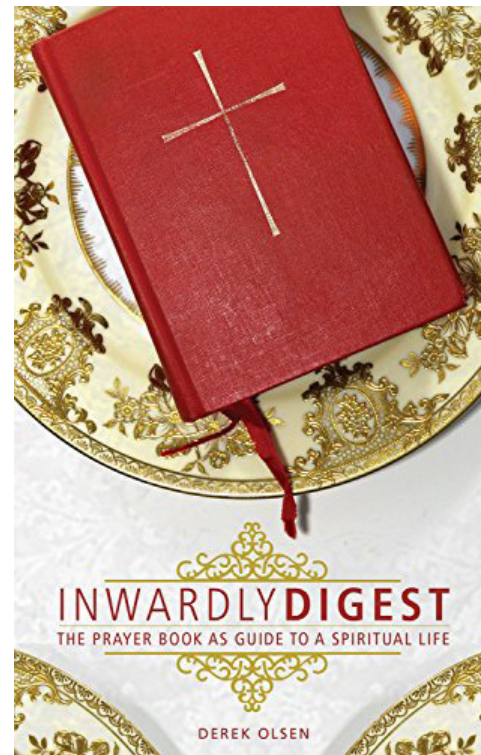
The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams will lead a class for five Sunday mornings starting October 14 on *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as a Guide to Spiritual Life*, by Derek Olsen.

“Daily spiritual practice takes dedication and discipline, and we often wonder where to start and how to keep it from feeling like yet another task on our to-do list,” [amazon.com](#) says. “In this grounded, practical book, author Derek Olsen uses the Book of Common Prayer for a template to a deeper spiritual life. Olsen explains the purpose and intention of the prayer book with fresh insight, offering practical applications for daily living.”

The class will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. on October 14, 21, and 28 and November 4 and 11 in Harvard Hall. Coffee and donuts will be available.

We’ll have a signup sheet on the information table in Harvard Hall. Participants are responsible for buying their own copy of the book, which is available in paperback for \$22 from [amazon.com](#) or from the publisher, [forwardmovement.org](#). (Scholarship help is available for book purchase; please speak to Judy Stark.)

Derek Olsen is a biblical scholar and engaged layman in the Episcopal Church. He earned an M.Div. from Emory University’s Candler School of Theology, an S.T.M. from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.



Trace the History of American Musical Theater In Words and Videos This Fall

Jack Clark

Ever wonder, “Where did musicals come from?” Musical theater is uniquely American, and this series of four lectures explores the development of American musical theater on Broadway. In the hopes of making these 90-minute lectures more accessible, I am offering this series from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on four Thursdays beginning October 4. The



four lectures, loaded with videos, will cover these areas:

1. **Anything Goes: How it All Begins:** minstrel, revues, the rise of tap in musical comedy: Fred Astaire, Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, and more.
 2. **The Great White Way: Musical theater and the musical play.** Gershwin, Berlin, Hammerstein, the development of ballet and jazz choreography: Gene Kelly, George Balanchine, and more.
 3. **All That Jazz: the choreographer/director:** Robbins, Fosse, Bennett, Bernstein, and more.
 4. **The Corporation and the Mega-Musical:** Disney, Webber, and the rock/rock and roll musical.
- Please join us! No dancing required. You can e-mail me at jackaclark@hotmail.com, call me at (727) 463-3849, or just appear in Harvard Hall.

“You dance love, and you dance joy, and you dance dreams. And I know if I can make you smile by jumping over a couple of couches or running through a rainstorm, then I’ll be very glad to be a song and dance man.” – Gene Kelly

Please join us for **ACOLYTE RECOGNITION SUNDAY** at the 10:15 a.m. service on October 21. Three acolytes will receive their crosses commemorating four years of service: William Albee, Nicholas Carpenter, and Mia Moore.

Ghosts and Goblins Onstage October 24

Our Readers' Theater Players begin their fall season with a Halloween special!

Come join the spooktacular fun at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 24. Scenes include sections from *Zombie Xing*, Christopher Durang's *The Funeral*, Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart*, and Oscar Wilde's *Salome* (yes, someone loses their head). The evening will be ghostly fun, we guarantee!

Our next performance will be in December, and may include sections from *The Creation of the World and Other Business*, by Arthur Miller, and/or a rendition of the Medieval Morality play, *Everyman*.

There are still openings for new participants, so contact Jack Clark at jackaclark@hotmail.com or call (727) 463-3849 if there is an actor in you just waiting to take the stage.



Library at Peterborough Seeks Volunteers

Judy Beck

Perhaps you drive past the Peterborough Apartments on Fourth Avenue N just east of the Coliseum without realizing that St. Peter's has a strong connection here.

This 150-unit building was constructed in 1980 under the umbrella of St. Peter's, whose members populate its board of directors. The 15-story building offers non-profit downtown housing for seniors with limited incomes.

For the past year, I have been volunteering in its attractive and well-stocked library. The work is basic: keeping the shelves organized, color-coding and sorting through new donations, and helping residents find books they are interested in. Recently, parish member and Peterborough resident Elle Methven has stepped in to assist me.

It has been a real pleasure to work there. Within the next year,

we are going to take on the major task of labeling and alphabetizing the books within their categories, which has never been done. We could use another couple of volunteers, so if you're interested, please let me know. My email is jneumanbeck@yahoo.com, or see me in person.



Peterborough's library offers lots to read and pleasant places to relax. Photo by JUDY BECK

Pilgrims Will Share Stories, Pictures From Their Trip to the Holy Land

Jerry Buchert

Forty pilgrims gathered excitedly on the evening of August 7 at Tampa International Airport, ready to board a plane for a 13-day trip to the Holy Land led by Bishop Barry Howe.

Proving that we are not in control, a thunderstorm delayed our plane's takeoff by more than three hours. We made our connection in Newark to Tel Aviv, but our luggage did not. We wore the same clothes for three days until our suitcases caught up with us.

But the moment we met our guide, the knowledgeable and friendly Biblical scholar Canon Iyad Qumri, we knew we were in for the trip of a lifetime.

Iyad led our group on trips to all the major sites of Jesus's earthly ministry: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the River Jordan, Capernaum. We visited Jerusalem and meditated silently at the empty tomb.

Said Father Ronald Brokaw, "It has always been my hope and desire to walk in the way of the cross in the streets of Jerusalem. My joy was realized on that early morning when our group of pilgrims participated in the Passion of Jesus. I truly felt that, walking in the Way of the Cross, I found it to be none other than the way of life and peace."

Along the way our group visited the Church of the Beatitudes, the Church of



The pilgrims — some from St. Peter's, some not — stand in front of St. George's Cathedral in East Jerusalem. Photo courtesy of MARY HOWE

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Holy Land Pilgrimage

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the Annunciation, and the Church of the Resurrection / Holy Sepulchre. We celebrated the Eucharist and meditated silently at these and other holy sites. We made a special visit to the Western Wall, the most sacred shrine for Jews, and the Dome of the Rock, the first Muslim masterpiece built a half century after the death of the Prophet Muhammad.

“The Universality of God struck me profoundly while in Israel,” Gail

McCoy said. “This is the birthplace of three of the world’s major religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We are all one in God’s love.”

We were never afraid as we traveled around Jerusalem and Palestine. But some of the restrictions that have been placed upon Palestinians, especially those forbidding them to use any major highways, seemed grossly unfair.

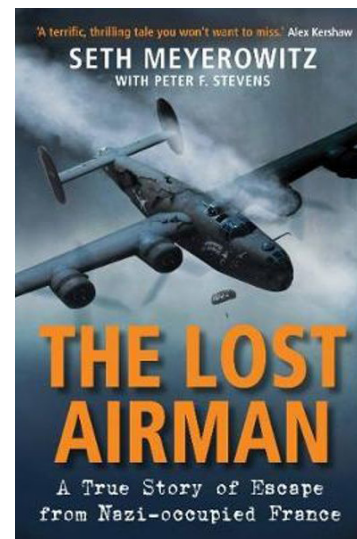
This has been the trip of a lifetime, an awesome spiritual experience, walking the steps of Jesus during His earthly ministry.

Pilgrims’ Reunion

The pilgrims will hold a reunion at the Cathedral from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 2. All are welcome to join us to hear about our experiences and see photos and mementos of the Holy Land. A light supper of hummus and salads will be served at no charge. Attendees may wish to make a donation to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a nonprofit organization. Bishop Howe was president of their board for many years.

The Lost Airman

The SPC Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. October 23 in the Library/Chapter Room for a discussion of *The Lost Airman: A True Story of Escape from Nazi-Occupied France*, by Seth Meyerowitz. Bronx-born top turret gunner Arthur Meyerowitz was one of only two crewmen who escaped death or immediate capture when his plane was shot down near Cognac, France, in 1943. Members of the Resistance transferred him among safe houses to shield him from the Gestapo. His grandson wrote the book with Peter Stevens, drawing on recently declassified material, personal interviews, and research into the Resistance. All welcome!



Evensong Will Highlight Music of Stanford

The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing a service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 28, the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude.

The liturgy is Stanford's Evening Service in the key of A major, by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), an Irish composer, music teacher and conductor. He was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music. As a teacher, Stanford was skeptical about modernism, and based his instruction chiefly on classical principles as exemplified in the music of Brahms. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

His best-remembered pieces are his choral works for church performance, chiefly composed in the Anglican tradition. Some critics regarded Stanford, together with Hubert Parry and Alexander Mackenzie, as responsible for a renaissance in music from the British Isles.

An organ prelude at 4:45 p.m. features the music of Eugene Gigout. Dwight Thomas is music director and organist. A freewill offering is taken.



All Creatures Great and Small

We'll bless our furred, finned, and feathered friends from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 20, in the Memorial Garden.

This is our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), patron saint of animals. We'll have blessings, snacks, photos, and fun. If your pet doesn't travel well, bring a picture (on your phone is fine) and we'll bless that.

Our outreach opportunity for October is pet food and supplies for **Pet Pal Animal Shelter**, a no-kill, nonprofit shelter. Among the

items they seek are Science Diet for dogs and cats, canned and dry; dog and cat toys; Nylabones; Kongs; blankets, crates, and carriers, both new and used; flea and tick repellents for dogs and cats; peanut butter; and office and cleaning supplies. Pet Pal gratefully accepts gift cards to big-box stores and pet stores. A complete wish list is here: <http://www.petpalshelter.com/donation>, then look for the wish list.



SHARE THE  LOVE

Lots on the Lineup This Fall for Cathedral Youth

Justin Walker, Youth Minister

The new school year is under way and Cathedral youth have hit the ground running! We started this year with the fourth annual Acolyte Festival, where our very own Tommy Chase led the thurifer training workshop.

We followed that with a Youth and Families luncheon and the second annual CanoEucharist. This year we joined friends from around the diocese at Weedon Island



Our second annual CanoEucharist was a great success. [See page 24](#) for more images.

for a floating communion — a movable feast, if you will.

We will have a number of repeat ministries and events like the diocesan youth ministries — New Beginnings and Hap-pening, for middle school and high school students respectively. We'll also repeat the Painting & Paintball event from last year and introduce a Thanksgiving-themed lock-in. Our regular Youth Ministry Bible & GO will be Sunday afternoons after the 10:15 service. These events will be posted on the Cathedral Youth web page, promoted on social media like the Cathedral Instagram page, and listed in the bulletin. Please make sure you communicate with me about attending these and other events.

We are happy to announce that the Middlers' Chapel is going well. We're joined by some recent graduates from Children's Chapel and some older children whose perspectives includes acolyte experience. This is a special time with interesting questions

about God, life, church, and the Gospel lesson each week. Arts and crafts, charades, and jenga are staples of this weekly gathering during the 10:15 a.m. service. We follow the verger and little ones from Children's Chapel into the nave for the Eucharist, except the second Sunday of the month, when we have a Eucharist in Children's Chapel. The focus for the next few months will be the Gospel lessons, which usually have something to do with how Jesus wants us to be great and to serve others rather than trying to be first in line and wanting to be served or lauded.

We will have a number of special ministry events for Middlers and we'll make sure to identify the Youth and Middler events where all are welcome. Please let me know if you have any service opportunities to suggest or would like to volunteer in Middler Chapel on a Sunday morning or with the Youth Bible & GO on a Sunday afternoon.



Thank You, Emily

Emily Walker, who has served as both children's minister and website/social media coordinator for the past year, has ended her time with us. We are filled with gratitude for the good work that she has done at the Cathedral, and we send her off with warm wishes for what comes next for her.

New Children's Minister: Welcome Hillary Peete

Hillary Peete has joined the Cathedral staff as our new children's minister and website/social media coordinator.

Hillary was born and raised in Atlanta, Ga. She earned a master of divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 2009. She and her husband, the Rev. Brandon Peete, are the parents of Felix, 6, and Beatrix, almost 2. Brandon is the chaplain at Berkeley Prep in Tampa and frequently assists at Sunday worship and preaches at the Cathedral.

Over the last 10 years, Hillary has worked in churches serving children in diverse settings — rural and urban, small and large congregations. In children's ministry, her primary experience has been in integrating curriculum, volunteer, and program development, and equipping families with tools for faith formation. During her time in ministry, Hillary has engaged with a variety of resources and approaches that create vibrant environments



good work that has been done with our children to date. Please be sure to welcome Hillary, whom many of you know already, and make yourself known to her.

for children to explore their faith.

At the Cathedral, Hillary looks forward to building community and relationships with children and their families.

The Cathedral remains committed to bringing the best to our children and youth, and we are confident in Hillary's ability to grow, expand, and strengthen the

How Do We Nourish Children's Spirituality? Try These Ideas

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

Real Kids, Real Faith: Practices for Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives by Karen Marie Yust has deeply shaped how I understand children's ministry. When I first read it more than five years ago, it was eye-opening in its simplicity. Yust makes a compelling argument that faith development is more than a list of things a child "knows." She encourages us to embark on a spiritual journey with children, teaching, and learning from them along the way. This book is chock-full of ways to incorporate prayer, storytelling, and justice into children's ministry and our homes.

At some point I would love to explore this book with parents and others who are curious about nurturing children's spirituality. Until then, here are a few themes that help guide us as we continue on this spiritual journey.

The Importance of Community

Yust writes, "Our children will not only discover a safe place to belong, but a community that challenges them to discern their purpose and vocation in life as children of God." It is so important that each child be known by name and made to feel welcome and accepted at church. Children at the Cathedral are also blessed with an abundance of examples of a faithful life.

Faith and Faithfulness

Yust distinguishes the two: "Faith is a gift from God rather than a set of beliefs or well-developed cognitive understanding of all things spiritual. Faithfulness is our human response to that gift and welcomes God's presence." When we welcome squirmy babies and chatty toddlers into the sanctuary and small hands are held open to receive Eucharist, we acknowledge that

children are already people of faith experiencing God's presence, not just potential people of faith waiting to be filled with knowledge.

Creating an Everyday Spiritual World

This is where we find the sacred ordinary. "We want children to have the sense that God is with them always and everywhere, not just when there's a party going on," Yust says. There are plenty of High Holy Days that are met with pomp and circumstance (looking at you, Christmas and Easter!), but God is just as present on a Tuesday morning over breakfast when we give thanks for our food and pray for those in need.

I wonder how these themes have shaped and continue to shape you. I invite you to journey and grow along with us.

Peace,

Hillary

One Serious, One Silly: Movies for October

Susan Regan

Free movies continue at 7 p.m. Fridays. We provide the popcorn, you and your friends provide the audience. We're taking off two Fridays this month because of other events, but we'll see you the last two Fridays of the month.

October 5: No movie because of **Oktoberfest** dinner. (See Page 2 for details.)

October 12: No movie because of diocesan convention. (See Page 22 for details.)



October 19: *The Other Son* (France, 2012, PG-13): As he prepares to enter the Israeli military for his compulsory service, Joseph Silberg Lawrence discovers he was accidentally switched at birth with the son of an Arab couple from the West Bank — a shocking revelation that sends both families reeling.

October 26: *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* (Swedish, 2015, R): Alan Karlsson caps his long and colorful life by escaping from his nursing home on his 100th birthday. In short order he comes into possession of a suitcase stuffed with cash. With his new friend Julius, Alan decides to take it on the lam.



The Burns Movie Series honors our late founder and programmer, Eddy Burns. Comments and suggestions: Susan Regan, sfrcpa23@gmail.com.

A Messy Year Gets Off to a Good Samaritan Start

Betsy Adams

Messy Seasons of the Spirit are off to a great, messy start. Nineteen children and their families on September 13 began the journey of living the seasons of the church year. This Messy year will focus on stories and activities that help us to learn how Jesus wants us to live.

We began our time together by coloring



The kids made Band-aid biscuits (see right) and stamped their handprints on Good Samaritan towels. Photos by BETSY ADAMS

in a calendar of the seasons of the church year. Next Messy Church we will begin to learn a song that helps us remember those colors and what they mean.

We begin the Messy year in the season of Pentecost. This is a green season for growing in God. After another yummy dinner created by Chef Mimi (Marion Fleming) and her team, we gathered for worship. It was great to sing some of our old familiar songs like “Marching in the Light of God” and “Holy Ground.” We learned “Jesu, Jesu,” a song about caring for our neighbors.

Canon Katie shared the story of The Good Samaritan with us, complete with smashed banana (you’ll have to ask a Messy Church member about that!). We learned that God wants us to know that ev-



eryone is our neighbor. Our activities for the evening included practicing our bandaging skills, creating yummy Band-aid biscuits, using our handprints to make “servant towels,” and assembling very special first-aid kits.

We will not meet in October.

All are welcome to join us for our next Messy Church gathering on **Thursday, November 8**, as we continue to explore the green growing season of Pentecost with the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000.

Messy Church is our monthly intergenerational family gathering involving worship, crafts, music, storytelling, and a shared supper at 5:45 p.m. on the second Thursday. For more information contact Betsy Adams (betsyadams@earthlink.net).



Food, Fun, Fellowship: Foyers

Good food, good fellowship: Our Foyer Groups welcome you at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, October 18, for a good meal (\$5) and a chance to meet others and engage in entertaining conversation. Marion Fleming (mimideeda@gmail.com) is eager to make you feel right at home. Please fill out a form on the information table in Harvard Hall. (Yes, you need to do this even if you've participated in Foyers in the past.)

More Families Graduate; Your Donations Welcome

Karen Amundrud

Two families graduated from Family Promise last month, bringing the total number of families to 33, including 76 children. They are moving into their own homes and will participate in the community programs of Family Promise.

Did you ever wonder where the beds come from that the families sleep on when they are at the host congregations? Our wonderful volunteer trailer drivers get them there. Each weekend they move the beds from congregation to congregation. This ministry would not be possible without them, so a big THANK YOU to them for all their hard work.

You can help Family Promise with donations of these much-needed items: antibacterial cleaning wipes, Windex and other surface cleaners; gas cards (in the amounts of \$5 or \$10), paper towels, toilet paper, laundry

detergent, body lotion, flashlights, and emergency supplies. Please speak to Karen Amundrud or Maura Meitz if you have a donation to pass on.

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 Maura Meitz (mmeitz@tampabay.rr.com) or Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.



Family Promise
of Pinellas County

The Star of the Show Makes a Guest Appearance

It's not often that the star of the show appears at our Friday movie night, but that's what happened in August, when St. Paul himself came to a showing of the movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ."

We exaggerate only slightly. This was St. Paul embodied by Frank Casorio, who played the same role last spring when our Messy Church program created a Roman marketplace. Paul/Frank appeared there to describe his travels around the Mediterranean spreading the Gospel and his imprisonment in a Roman jail, accused of fomenting riots against the state.

Frank did a great job setting up the movie, in which Paul and his old friend Luke struggle against determined Roman enemies to help an embattled band of followers of Jesus survive.

We enjoyed special refreshments, including wine, and the consensus

was that a movie night for those 21 and older was so much fun, we'll plan to do it again before the year is over. Watch for details!



Frank Casorio as Paul prepares the movie-night audience for the Hollywood version of his life. Photo by SHAR NUDELMAN

We will offer the sacrament of **HOLY BAPTISM** on Sunday, November 4, All Saints' Sunday. If you seek baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to one of the clergy.



The 20/40 Group will gather at 4 p.m. October 21 in Harvard Hall to carve pumpkins. Bring a fall-themed drink or snack of your choice.

Crosswinds

VIP Tour of Campbell Park

Mark your calendar for a VIP tour of Campbell Park Elementary on Tuesday, October 16. Get a full tour of the campus, paying close attention to the classes the Cathedral has adopted for the current school year. Principal Kathleen Young-Parker will welcome the group and the tour will be led by community coordinator Carlos Childs. Meet at 10 a.m. at the front office at the school at 1051 Seventh Ave. S. The tour will be followed by lunch with Canon Katie at the Frog Pond (buy your own lunch). If you plan to attend, e-mail Canon Katie (kcchurchwell@spcathedral.com), or via the link at <http://www.spcathedral.com/workshops/>) or sign up at the front desk or in Harvard Hall.



Update Your Information

Members of the Stewardship Committee and the Chapter will be in Harvard Hall after the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services on October 14, 21 and 28 to

help you update your contact information in our database and even make your annual pledge on-line. Look for the folks with the laptops.

Special Guest at Diocesan Convention

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be our special guest at the 50th anniversary convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida on Friday, October 12. All are welcome to attend his afternoon address, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., or the opening Eucharist at 5 p.m., at which he will preach and celebrate. Both his afternoon session and the Eucharist will be live-streamed at <http://www.episcopalswfl.org>.



The convention is at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda 33950. Please register (no charge) at: http://www.dioswfl.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3191865



We'll have a trick-or-treat event at the 10:15 a.m. service on October 28. Kids can wear their costumes to church and have them blessed, and there will be trick-or-treating at the tables during coffee hour in Harvard Hall.

A Festival of Acolytes

More than 400 youth acolytes and their adult supporters attended the fourth annual diocesan Acolyte Festival on September 15 at the Cathedral. There were workshops for acolytes, readers, and thurifers as well as food and fun, a dramatic procession, and a worship service led by Bishop Smith.

Photos by GARLAND POLLARD



Top left, Bishop Dabney Smith reads from material held by Dean Stephen Morris, while left, Canon Katie shows acolytes the Altar Book. Above, Susan Regan and Sandy Powers of the Altar Guild explain worship clothing, while right, junior acolyte warden Tommy Chase demonstrates how to swing a thurible.



Worship on the Water



Our youth group paddled their kayaks around Weedon Island after church on September 23, then shared a Eucharist celebrated by Canon Katie. Photos by JUSTIN WALKER and MARCY CROSBY



October Transitions

Birthdays

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| 1 | Angello Castro | 9 | Jessica Curtis |
| 1 | Connor Carlisle | 9 | Nicholas Haerther |
| 2 | Mia Moore | 10 | Judy LeVan |
| | Wyatt Harms | 10 | Daniel Charette |
| 4 | Hobie Hind | 12 | Sherrell Boette |
| 5 | Marian McGrath | 13 | Nancy Kramer |
| 5 | Jillian Frers | 13 | Tracy Crow |
| 5 | Joe Witko | 14 | Marshall Craig |
| 5 | Jacob Huber | 14 | Michael Kilgore |
| 6 | Bryan Putman | 14 | Brent Huber |
| 6 | Mark Ellis | 15 | James Fryer |
| 7 | Bob Flannery | 16 | Dan Keller |
| 7 | Sharon Sanchez | 17 | Kristina Vogt |
| 8 | Tom Thomas | 17 | Heather Neeffe |

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| 20 | Felix Peete |
| 21 | Dwight Thomas |
| 21 | Christopher Sainz |
| 21 | Benjamin Lopez |
| 22 | Mike Lenhardt |
| 23 | Fred Behnke |
| 23 | Patty Robinson |
| 23 | Wayne Eich |
| 23 | Kathy Kelly |
| 23 | Blair Clarke |
| 23 | Aidan Strickland |
| 24 | Samantha Kirkwood |
| 24 | Julian Cotrino |
| 25 | Doris Jenkins |
| 25 | Elaine New |
| 27 | Bill Wing |
| 27 | Ed Long |
| 27 | Addison Howe |
| 28 | John Pardee |
| 28 | Justin Walker |
| 29 | Tilly Earle |
| 29 | Richard Turley |
| 29 | Connie Phillips |


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| 30 | Ed Caley | 30 | Rebecca Miller |
| 30 | Ray Benoit | 30 | Gavin Sosa |

Anniversaries

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| 2 | Bob & Susan Churuti | 16 | Elizabeth & Robbie Hasbrouck |
| 4 | Rosemary & Lou Schrader | 22 | Vincent & Evelyn Ranuro |
| 6 | James & Sarah Parker | 22 | Ross & Laura Sanchez |
| 7 | Scott Nonken & Rob Porachan | 24 | Judd & Susan Chapin |
| 10 | Greg & Anna Glenn | 24 | Brad & Debra Davis |
| | | 31 | Brandon & Hillary Peete |

Death

Fran Parsons



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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
A traditional service, no music

10 a.m.: Children's Chapel and
Middlers' Chapel

10:15 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II
and Sermon
Worship music led by choirs

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II and
Sermon
A traditional service, no music

Monday through Friday

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.
Holy Eucharist and Healing:
Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.

**If you have a pastoral emergency after hours,
please call Canon Katie Churchwell
on her cell phone, (727) 771-5552.**

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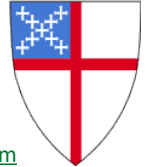
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