



May 2019

# CROSSTOWN

*At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg*

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*Jack Clark played Jesus in our 45th annual Way of the Cross on Good Friday. Photo by JUDY STARK*

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## North American Deans Gather

It's been a year since Dean Morris returned from the 2018 North American Deans Conference in Cincinnati and announced that St. Peter's would have the honor of hosting this year's gathering of more than 70 cathedral deans and spouses.

We knew part of our work would be easy: Warm spring weather after a brutal winter up North? Sunshine? Tampa Bay? The attractions of downtown St. Petersburg? No problem!

Then came the rest of it: lining up a host hotel and a caterer ... inviting speakers ... choosing locations for offsite meals and activities ... creating online registration and payment forms for participants ... thinking about everything from the color of the cocktail napkins to what to serve for breakfast to what kind of nametag holders we needed to inviting seminaries and other church agencies to contribute swag for our goodie bags.

"I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard this whole year to plan, think ahead, anticipate every detail so we can give our guests a great welcome," Dean Morris said. "Of course it's an opportunity for us to show off a little bit — we have a lovely cathedral, an attractive office building, a great location, and a mag-

nificent choir. We have a great city. I'm excited about welcoming my fellow deans."

The deans and spouses/partners — around 75 of them — will be here May 2 through 5.

Everyone is welcome to attend Choral Evensong at 6 p.m.

May 2, and the deans will be here on Sunday, May 5, at the 10:15 a.m. service, when the Very Rev. Kurt Dunkle, dean and president of the General Theological Seminary, will be our guest preacher. Other events are open only to registered participants.

"One of our Cathedral assets I'm proudest to show off is the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, who will reprise his popular presentation on the Seven Deadly Sins," Dean Morris said. "We all know how spell-



*Canon Williams will spellbind.*



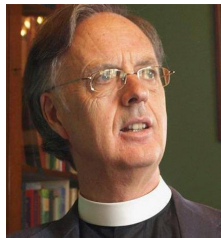
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## North American Deans

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binding Thomas is as a speaker, and this is going to be an unexpected treat for our guests.”

The other keynote speaker is the Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd, interim director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop of Canterbury’s representative to the Holy See. He will speak on “Anglicanism, Roman Catholicism, and Christian Unity in the Early 21st Century: Living Transparently in Our Diversity, Finding Common Ground.”



*The Very Rev. Dr. John Shepherd*

“I’m looking forward to Sunday morning, when I can introduce my friends the deans to my friends the congregation, and vice versa,” Dean Morris said. “I know they’re going to find St. Peter’s a dynamic and welcoming place — a good model for what cathedrals should be in the 21st century.”

## We’ll Welcome Two Guest Preachers in May

We will have guest preachers at the 10:15 a.m. service the first two Sundays in May.

\* On May 5, our preacher will be **the Very Rev. Kurt Dunkle**, dean and president of the General Theological Seminary and a native of St. Petersburg. Participants in the North American Deans Conference, which we are hosting that week, will be present at that service. (More on the deans’ conference: [Page 2.](#))



\* On May 12, our preacher will be **the Rev. Timothy Hodapp**, who heads the Office for Mission Collaboration in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. His office helps the people and parishes of that diocese reimagine and restructure to more fully participate in God’s mission. He is also working with parishes and individuals to engage in missional experiments. On May 11, he will lead the annual vestry retreat for the Diocese of Southwest Florida.




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The final **FOYER DINNER** of the year is at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, May 16. This monthly dinner group offers a delicious meal (\$5) and a chance to meet others, chat, make friends. A new season begins in September; watch for sign up sheets in August. Marion Fleming ([mimideeda@gmail.com](mailto:mimideeda@gmail.com)) is happy to tell you more.

## A New Chapter Opens in Canon Sam's Life

When Canon Sam Tallman retires on May 19, it will mark not the end, but a beginning — of new opportunities, new chapters in life, and new ways to serve the church.

“The actual date of my retirement is July 1,” Canon Sam said. “When I leave the Cathedral in May, I’ll return to St. Mary-of-the-Hills in Blowing Rock, NC, where I have served as priest associate from May through November for the last seven years. That’s where I was ordained to the priesthood seven years ago, so I’ll celebrate that anniversary and conclude my full-time ministry there.”

The Church’s mandatory retirement age for priests and bishops is 72, “and I take the wisdom of that seriously,” Canon Sam said. “There are times in life for new chapters to unfold, and I take this seriously as one of those markers in life.”



Sam is a 2012 graduate of the General Theological Seminary in New York and has served the Cathedral as canon precentor, planning liturgies with the dean and coordinating the guilds involved in worship.

For the first three months in retirement, Sam and his husband Mike Zuravel look forward to a sabbatical, “to let the ground lie fallow for a while.” There will be time for rest: Serving at St. Peter’s during our busy season from November through May, and at St. Mary’s during its busy tourist season, May through November, means

there has been virtually no down time for the last seven years. There will be time for visits to friends and family. Starting in August, there will be cooking classes in the culinary arts program at the community college in Boone, NC.

Sam and Mike will continue to spend

winters in St. Petersburg and summers in Blowing Rock. When they return in late fall, “I will be ready to engage with Dean Morris and Bishop Smith about some more limited engagement in active ministry. As Bishop Smith reminded me in conversation last week, our ordination vows are for life, and that carried his expectation that we would keep talking.”

“We say everyone is replaceable, but there are certain characteristics of a person that cannot be duplicated or replicated,” Dean Morris said. “For Sam, that is his steadiness, his even keel. He doesn’t try to be all things to all people, but most people feel he is exactly what they need whenever they need it.”

After Dean Morris was called to the Cathedral as dean 11 years ago, but before he was officially on staff, “Bishop Smith asked if I would be willing to have an intern — someone who was going through the

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## Canon Sam Retires

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ordination process in Western North Carolina but lived half the year here and needed to do a six-month internship. Would I be willing to oversee that?

“As someone who spent half the year here, Sam was already an invaluable part of the ministry team, and he quickly became one of my closest personal friends, and for that I’m very, very grateful,” Dean Morris said.

“Sam and Mike will be back here around Thanksgiving, and Sam will be present around

### A Celebration for Sam

We will wish Canon Sam well as he moves into the future with a reception after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, May 19.

If you’d like to write a note or a card to Sam, you can drop it off at the front desk before May 19. On that Sunday we’ll have a basket in Harvard Hall to collect cards and notes.

the Cathedral, though not in the same role as in the past. He might choose to sing in the choir. He might sit in the pews. Other times I’ll ask him to participate in one way or another,” the dean said. “People may want him to preside at funerals, and I’m open to some of that. We can still see him in a priestly manner here, but also as a person who has earned the right to call the shots in retirement.”

“The Altar Guild of our cathedral has a unique relationship with Fr. Sam Tallman,” guild co-directress Sarah Hill said. “We have shared and learned from each other as we make our Episcopal liturgy come to life nearly every day. He has been a wonderful teacher when we asked how to do something related to worship, and he has learned from us as we offered our beautiful vessels, vestments, linens, and other vital elements found in our sacristy and church. We are very grateful for his willingness to answer our million questions and



*In 2017, Canon Sam made a young parishioner’s Maundy Thursday into a special joy. Photo by TESS BURNSED*

also for the pleasure of working together. He is patient and kind at all times.

“Sam, we send you off with our love, admiration, and gratitude. Never stop teaching and learning. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.”



## Cathedral, St. Bede's Join in Innovative Ministry Partnership

Starting this month, the Cathedral will enter into an exciting partner relationship with St. Bede's Episcopal Church on 16th Street N.

The Rev. Paige Hanks will become canon missionary and vicar, working part-time at St. Peter's and part-time at St. Bede's.

As vicar at St. Bede's, she will lead wor-

ship and formation and provide pastoral care. At least once a month, another member of the clergy from St. Peter's will lead worship at St. Bede's and Paige will serve liturgically here. She'll continue her pastoral-care work at the Cathedral and, with other Cathedral clergy, will lead some of our weekday liturgies and offsite Eucharists at

Westminster Palms and Westminster Shores.

Canon Paige will work with St. Bede's as it strives to define itself and develop ways to use its assets — buildings, land, and the time, talent, and treasure of its congregation — most effectively.

She will look for ways that St. Peter's can partner with St. Bede's, be a resource, learn from its congregation, and build relationships.

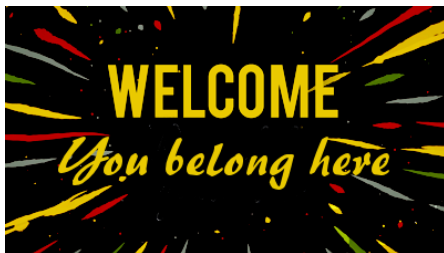
"I'm excited to be part of a clergy team that puts a priority on reaching out beyond the walls of the Cathedral," Canon Paige said. "This new position is a cathedral position, with a church partnership. This is a chance to empower the St. Bede's community to find its own identity and live into it, and to be enriched ourselves by what they have to offer us."

Dean Morris approached Bishop Smith a few years ago about the idea of a regional ministry partnership, but the time was not right. "Recently St. Bede's came to a transition point with its part-time clergy," the dean said, "and Paige moved into the diocese seeking a position where she could



Visit St. Bede's at  
2500 16th St N.

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### Welcome Tip of the Month

*How can we be the welcoming church we want to be? Each month we'll offer a tip, a hint, a way to be welcoming. This month's tip:*

\* Wear your name tag and introduce yourself. Drawing a blank on someone's name? Say, "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, have we met before?"

### New Partnership with St. Bede's *continued from Page 6*

use the skills she developed as a former school principal: Go into places that were struggling and help them determine who they are and what their mission is. It was a case of the right time, the right situation, and the right people."

Bishop Smith approached St. Bede's with the proposal. The leadership there asked "many good questions," Dean Morris said, "and then unanimously discerned this was the right way forward." The Cathedral Chapter approved the arrangement in April. The position is jointly funded by the Diocese, St. Peter's, and St. Bede's.

"I'm ready to do this out of my love for this city and the church. I want the Episcopal Church as a whole to do exceedingly well in this city," Dean Morris said. "This is a great opportunity for the Cathedral and St. Bede's to be a model to the wider church of

what two congregations, working together, can do."

St. Bede's was founded by St. Peter's in 1952 as one of eight missions in South Pinellas created to meet the need for more churches in the baby-boom years of the 1950s and '60s. St. Peter's mortgaged its rectory to make the down payment on the church site, a big tree-shaded parcel at 2500 16th St. N.

We have other ties here: the Rev. Bill Bosbyshell, former canon pastor at the Cathedral, served as an assisting priest at St. Bede's from 2000 to 2016. His wife, Caroline, who now worships at St. Peter's, was active in the St. Bede's ECW, and together they were involved in homebound

ministries and adult Sunday school. St. Peter's chapter of the Daughters of the King is already meeting at St. Bede's.

"I'd love it if people from the Cathedral would come visit St. Bede's," Canon Paige said, "and I'd love to hear ideas about how we can partner together and do more than we can individually."



Canon Paige Hanks

# Unity Temple of Truth Leader Will Highlight This Year's Spiritual Pride

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, when gay activists pushed back against a police raid at a popular gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village.

Such raids were common at the time, when gay people were forced to hide their orientation for fear of harassment and arrest. The Stonewall riots are widely considered the most important event leading to the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States.

What a difference half a century makes. We have lived through the plague years of the

AIDS pandemic. Four years ago the United States Supreme Court ruled that marriage equality is the law of the land. A married



*The Rev. Dr. Doral R. Pulley of the Unity Temple of Truth Church*

gay man is the Episcopal bishop-elect of Maine, and another is the mayor of South Bend, Ind., and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president.

Yet even as we celebrate Pride Month in June, with parades, concerts, worship services and street fairs, the full legal protection and the rights of LGBTQI Americans are often challenged or ignored.

For the eighth year, St. Peter's will observe Pride Month with Spiritual Pride, created to acknowledge the role of a supportive spiritual home for the LGBTQI community. This annual buffet dinner with a significant speaker is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 15. See the box on [page 9](#) for details about ticket sales.

Our speaker this year is the Rev. Dr. Doral R. Pulley, spiritual leader of the Unity Temple of Truth Church in St. Petersburg, the first Unity Church built by and for African-Americans ([unitytruth.org](http://unitytruth.org)).

Dr. Pulley is president and CEO of the Church of the Everlasting Kingdom, "a network of local assemblies, ministries, and businesses throughout the United States that manifest the Kingdom of God right here on earth." Learn more about him at his website, [doctorpulley.com](http://doctorpulley.com).

His "Kingdom Spiritual Principles"

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## Spiritual Pride

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include this: The Kingdom of God “is a kingdom of unity and equality. There is no discord, no division, no racism, no ageism, no sexism, no homophobia, no classism, no

### Eighth Annual Spiritual Pride Dinner

**When:** Saturday, June 15

**Where:** Harvard Hall

**Tickets:** \$35, available on Sundays starting May 19, or online starting May 8 at [spcathedral.org/spiritual-pride](http://spcathedral.org/spiritual-pride).

**Details:** 6 p.m., social hour; 7 p.m., buffet dinner, catered by A Fresh Connection, followed by speaker. Because alcohol will be available (beer and wine), this event is open only to those 21 and older.

discrimination, no prejudice, no isms and schisms in God’s Kingdom.”

During Pride Week 2017 Dr. Pulley was the guest speaker at the Interfaith Pride worship service at Eckerd College.

“Beyond serving his own faith community, the Rev. Dr. Doral Pulley is president of Interfaith Tampa Bay, and it is with Interfaith Tampa Bay that I have come to know him,” Canon Katie Churchwell said. “I have served on the board with Doral for the last two years. I have experienced him to be a joy-filled spiritual leader who speaks with integrity and compassion and is strongly committed to inclusivity and diversity. I am excited that he will get to experience the Cathedral, as he will find himself surrounded by others who share in his passions.”

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The Cathedral and offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of **MEMORIAL DAY**. No services, no other activities. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28.

## Fun Ahead; Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for a couple of upcoming activities, brought to you by your Fellowship and Festivities Committee:

**\* Movie night, May 31.** This is another of our wine-and-cheese movie nights. We’ll view that great Jimmy Stewart movie, *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation*, and enjoy wine, cheese, and whatever movie munchies you’d like to bring. Details, [Page 16](#). Because wine and beer are being served (along with non-alcoholic beverages), this event is limited to those age 21 and older.

**\* Pentecost picnic, Sunday, June 9.** Dress casually, and wear red as we celebrate the birthday of the church (details, [Page 7](#)), then come picnic in air-conditioned and ant-free comfort in Harvard Hall. We provide the fried chicken; you provide the sides, salads, and desserts. We’ll have kids’ activities too. Details in the June issue of *Crosstown*.

## Tampa Accountants Will Take On Our Routine Bookkeeping Tasks

Last November we engaged with an outside accounting firm to deal with the financial functions of the Cathedral that would normally be handled by a chief financial officer: budgeting, cash-flow projections, dealing with large sums of money. We also wanted to create efficiencies with banking and investment management.

Now that same firm — Fontana CPAs of Tampa — will take on our bookkeeping and accounting work as well.

“Fontana did an excellent job on the CFO functions, providing the Finance Committee, the treasurer, and the chapter with accurate, timely infor-



*Eric Fontana*

mation that helped us make good decisions and wise investments,” Dean Morris said.

“When we filled in our parochial report this year — the annual statistical report that every church is required to file — they did a great job on the financial portion,” the dean said. “We have come to realize, as the Cathedral has become financially secure and our holdings have become more sophisticated, that we need that level of expertise and advice in our day-to-day financial transactions.”

Nonprofits represent 90 percent of the clients of Fontana CPAs, founded in 2000, whose offices are in the Westchase section of Tampa. Founder Eric Fontana, a graduate of the University of South Florida, was formerly with KPMG. Read more about Fontana at [fontanacpas.com](http://fontanacpas.com).

“Even though we will not have someone sitting in an office here at the Cathedral every day, we think parishioners will see only



*Susie Harris*

a high level of service,” Dean Morris said. “An accountant at Fontana, Susie Harris, is our designated contact for day-to-day business. Anyone is welcome to call her or e-mail her at any time with questions about your own personal finan-

cial business at the Cathedral or about the financial status of your committee or guild.” (See the box on [page 11](#) for Ms. Harris’s contact information.)

“I know that finances in the church can be a sensitive subject, and I’m confident that Fontana will not only provide accurate and timely financial information, but will

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do so with a high level of pastoral care and confidentiality,” Dean Morris said.

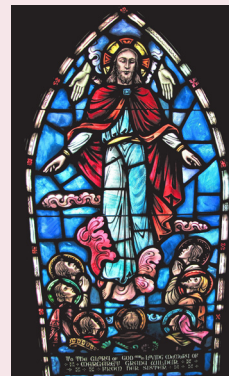
Parishioners who are seeking reimbursement or who have check requests should continue to fill in the usual forms and slide them through the mailbox in the bookkeeper’s office in Harvard Hall. A check request that is submitted by Tuesday should be dealt with by Friday of that week.

“As the Cathedral continues to grow spiritually, we are blessed that it is also growing financially,” treasurer Tim Lanz said. “Our former system, with a single

point of contact for bookkeeping, challenged our needs for sophisticated financial forecasting and frees up our staff to focus on ministry, not in-house accounting.”

As we begin to work with Fontana CPAs of Tampa, our immediate goals are these, Tim said: (1) automating payroll; (2) gaining online access to our banks; (3) shifting from reconciling accounts to analyzing and forecasting spending; (4) developing policies and procedures to document new, efficient ways to work; (5) executing financial strategies to ensure current and future financial health; and (6) producing accurate, easy-to-understand financial metrics.

We’re grateful to the **KALAMAZOO OLIVE CO.** on Central Avenue for donating our new 60-cup coffee maker. Canon Katie knew the proprietors through the Downtown Business Association, and when they offered the pot (used once!), she happily accepted.



**The Great 50 Days of Easter: The Celebration Continues. Read about the celebration at [spcathedral.com/crosstown-blog](http://spcathedral.com/crosstown-blog)**

### Have a financial question?

To reach Susie Harris, our contact  
at Fontana CPAs:

Call (727) 799-9533

E-mail her at

[susie@fontanacpas.com](mailto:susie@fontanacpas.com)

## Financial News in Brief

### Stewardship Help Is Here

Our stewardship Help Desk will be in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service on May 26 to help you set up online giving, update your contact information (address, e-mail, phone, etc.), or have your picture taken for our online directory. We want to make this as easy for you as possible!

### Quarterly Stewardship Letters

We have mailed updated Stewardship Contribution letters to everyone who has pledged for 2019. These will be mailed at the end of each quarter.

The letter will indicate your pledge amount for 2019 and the status of your payments through the end of the first quarter. If you note any discrepancy between your records and ours, please contact Susie Harris at Fontana CPAs ([susie@fontanacpas.com](mailto:susie@fontanacpas.com)) or Ray McColgan at [RMcColgan@me.com](mailto:RMcColgan@me.com).

As we transition to our new account-

ing system and mailings, we realize that there may be some glitches that need to be worked out. Please help us by letting us know of any problems you encounter.



### Endowment Fund Will Grow To Create Our Financial Future

The Cathedral's endowment fund has a current balance in excess of \$1,120,000, invested with the Episcopal Church Foundation and managed by the Domestic and Foreign Ministry Society (that's the official

corporate name of The Episcopal Church).

At a presentation on March 24, Ray McColgan, the senior warden, and Marilyn Polson, chair of the Legacy Planned Giving Committee, explained the workings of the endowment fund.

Income from the Fund may be spent as needed, but the principal will not be invaded. Currently the income is being reinvested in order to build the fund to a level where its income replaces the Peterborough Apartment blessing, as that income stream diminishes and eventually ceases.

If you would like to learn more about the endowment fund — including how it might fit with your own financial planning to make a lasting gift to the Cathedral — we invite you to speak to any member of the committee. Besides Ray and Marilyn, those members are junior warden Susan Churuti, David Hill, treasurer/finance committee chair Tim Lanz, Dean Morris, and co-treasurer/finance committee co-chair Gary Patterson.

## Parking Update

We are now renting 10 spaces in the parking garage on the site of the former Baptist Sanctuary, directly south of Harvard Hall. These spaces are for staff only and can be accessed only with a parking fob. This will free up spaces in the city-owned lot on Second Avenue N for weekday parking by parishioners. There is no public parking in the garage.

Friendly reminder: During the week you may park only in the spaces marked “Reserved for St. Peter’s Cathedral” in the lot on Second Avenue N. If you park in other spaces you run the risk of a \$35 fine. Metered spaces on the street or at the west end of the lot must be paid from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Save the Date!

**Fine Arts Vacation Bible School**

**August 8-11**

**Ages 3-11 (nursery available  
for younger siblings)**

**Explore God's story through music,  
arts, science, and more!**

**Registration will open in June**

## Co-Working Space Coming to Our Building This Fall

The long-vacant space on the second and third floors of our office building will become a co-working space by October.

WorkLodge, a Houston-based working space company, will offer office spaces and suites in 28,000 square feet of space. Most of their clients are existing companies looking to grow their business without committing to lengthy lease agreements or finishing out interiors, the *Tampa Bay Times* reported.

WorkLodge ([worklodge.com](http://worklodge.com)) provides furnished, flexible, turnkey office spaces with all the services and amenities a business needs — internet, phone, cleaning, coffee — to walk in and get to work.

St. Peter’s sold the second and third floors to the owners of the Princess Martha Hotel in November 2015. The building is actually a condominium — St. Peter’s owns the ground floor, the Princess Martha owners own the second and third floors.

*Shawn Kunkle and Tom O’Donnell of TSI Wholesale Signs install the WorkLodge sign on the Fourth Street side of the building.  
Photo by JUDY STARK*





## At Campbell Park: Staff Appreciation Week and Graduation

### The Rev. Paige Hanks

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. With that comes the mixture of emotions — stress, joy, sadness — and that is just for the students.

The teachers at Campbell Park Elementary are facing the same emotions, and we are excited to be able to show them some love during Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10).

On Tuesday May 7, we will provide lunch for the whole staff. Delicious baked potatoes (with all the fixin's) are on the menu, and we can use your help to make this lunch yummy and filled with love. We have a shopping list (find it at [spcathedral.org/community](http://spcathedral.org/community)), and we ask that you please sign up to bring items and deliver them to the church kitchen on Sunday, May 5. You can sign up online or at church — the signup sheets have been out for a while, and if you cannot find them, please ask!

We also need a team of people to help set up, serve, and clean up on May 7 at the school. Sign up at [spcathedral.org/community](http://spcathedral.org/community) to serve.

Lastly, graduation for Campbell Park fifth-graders is at 9 a.m. May 23 at Johns Hopkins Middle School. Many of them will have no family present to cheer them on, and I would love for us to be their cheering section.

## Organist-Composer (and Black Belt!) Will Present Free Recital on June 2

Organist and composer Marco Jimenez, a pupil of music director Dwight Thomas, will present a free recital at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Cathedral.

He will play works of J.S. Bach, Vierne, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Ravel, and his own compositions. A reception follows.



*Marco Jimenez*

Marco, 16, plays piano, organ, and violin. The winner of the 2019 Justine LeBaron Young Artists Competition, named for the former principal horn player of the Florida Orchestra, he will play Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major with the orchestra in 2020. He is also principal second violin for the Sarasota Youth Philharmonic.

This summer Marco will attend the Boston University Tanglewood Institute for young musicians in the Berkshires of Massachusetts and the 2019 Southeastern Piano Festival.

You can watch a video of Marco in a previous recital appearance at the Cathedral, playing Prokofiev's Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Op.14, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqTJlLqUKKY>

## ‘Devil in the Grove,’ Recent Racial History, Is Book Club’s Choice for May 28

On May 28 the St. Peter’s Book Club will discuss Gilbert King’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America*.



Gilbert King

The book recounts attorney Thurgood Marshall’s defense of four young black men who were accused in 1949 of raping a white woman in the town of Groveland, north of Lakeland and east of Dade City in Lake County, where the violent, racist sheriff Willis V. McCall controlled the levers of justice.

Associates thought it was suicidal for Marshall to wade into the “Florida Terror” at a time when he was irreplaceable to the burgeoning civil rights movement, but the lawyer would not shrink from the fight —

not after the Klan had murdered one of Marshall’s NAACP associates involved with the case and Marshall had endured continual threats that he would be next.

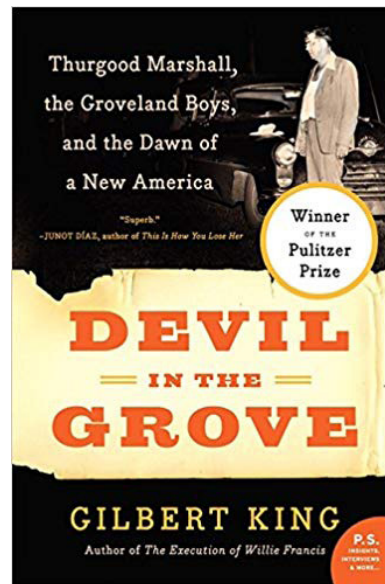
Thomas Friedman of the *New York Times* described *Devil in the Grove* as a “must-read, cannot-put-down history.”

The *Christian Science Monitor* noted that “King’s style, at once suspenseful and historically meticulous, advances the facts of the Groveland case while simultaneously weaving together details from Marshall’s professional rise within the NAACP and his home

life in Harlem. . . . *Devil* is a compelling look at the case that forged Thurgood Marshall’s perception of himself as a crusader for civil rights. . . . The story of Thurgood Marshall and his Groveland Boys reminds us that man’s capacity for evil may be deep, but so is his capacity for change.”

The discussion is at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Come whether you’ve read the book or not — the discussion may inspire you to do so. Roberta Poellein ([rp1ln37@gmail.com](mailto:rp1ln37@gmail.com)) is happy to tell you more.

Information from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) was used in this report.



## As We Head Into Summer, Movies Offer Mysteries, Memories, and Mayhem

Free movies continue three of the five Fridays in May. Join us at 7 p.m. in Harvard Hall to watch on the big screen. Bring your friends; free popcorn!

On May 31 we'll have one of our special Wine and Cheese movie nights, with a fun summer-vacation movie. Since we'll be serving wine (along with non-alcoholic

beverages), this event is open only to those 21 and over, please. We'll have cheese and crackers; you're invited to bring your own favorite movie munchie.

**May 3: No movie** (North American Deans Conference is meeting in Harvard Hall).

**May 10: *The Secret Scripture*** (2017, PG-13). Psychiatrist Stephen Grene is brought in to evaluate the condition of "Lady Rose," the last patient at a soon-to-be-raised mental institution. He is transfixed by her secret memoir, which untangles the mystery of her 50-year confinement.

**May 17: No movie** (wedding).

**May 24: *Memorial Day*** (2012, R). Thirteen-year-old Kyle finds his grandfather's World War II-era Army footlocker, and the old vet agrees to tell the lad the

combat history behind some of the objects in the trunk. The tales he tells foreshadow Kyle's own combat experiences years later.

**May 31: *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation*** (1962, NR). **Wine and Cheese Movie Night.**

This classic family comedy, adapted from the novel by Edward Streeter, follows the misadventures of harried city-dweller Roger Hobbs (James Stewart), who agrees to take his wife, Peggy (Maureen O'Hara), and their brood of children on vacation at the beach. What begins as a relaxing escape quickly blossoms into a four-alarm nightmare, complete with a dilapidated summer rental that's practically falling down.

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



# God's Love Letters Shared the Story of Holy Week and Easter

## LOVE, GOD

We heard the phrase “Love, God” over and over again on Messy Saturday as we journeyed through the events and stories of Holy Week.

Our day was based upon a wonderful book, *Easter Love Letters from God*. In this book we heard the stories of Holy Week and then read a letter from God to help us understand what these events might mean.

As we gathered, each of us received a mailbag, lovingly made for us by Gail McCoy. We decorated our bags and then settled in to hear the story. As each portion of the story unfolded, we participated in a hands-on experience, then collected our very own letters to read at home each evening in Holy Week.

Our first story was about Palm Sunday. We “created” our own palm branches (literally!), which we then used in a parade around Harvard Hall. This was a parade with a special twist. The children waved

their palms and the adults got to play the musical instruments! (Let’s just say the adults could take some music lessons from our kids.)

Next we learned how Jesus surprised his disciples by washing their dusty feet. He instructed the disciples to continue his example. We all practiced serving by washing each other’s feet.

We then watched a movie about “Grandma’s Bread.” While we were watching, our Messy friend, Ms. Roberta Yancey, was busy in the kitchen making that very bread for us to take home. She showed us a loaf and explained how she made it.

Then we heard about a secret supper



*The children celebrated “Palm” Sunday. Photo by BETSY ADAMS*

when Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends. Adam said that he thought that this was a lot like what we do when we go to church on Sunday! We tasted olives, cheese, dates, raisins, mini pitas, and grape juice. Chef Mimi and the Messy kitchen crew added to our meal with chicken tenders and yummy dessert.

After dinner, Ms. Gail told us about the Gloomy Garden, where Jesus felt afraid and alone. In our love letter from God we heard the promise that God will always be with us, even when we feel lonely. We made prayer bottles filled with objects that help us to pray for

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## Love Letters from God

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ourselves and others. The next part of our journey took us to Golgotha, where we heard the story of how Jesus died on the cross. We created our own Good Friday rocks to remind us how much Jesus loves us. We followed the cross to the tomb, where we learned about oils and spices that were used to clean Jesus's body. We were able to smell some frankincense, myrrh, and cloves. Canon Katie anointed



us with oil and gave us a blessing so that we can now be Jesus's hands and feet in the world.

After we peeked in the tomb, we rolled the stone across the entrance and went to the garden to decorate our pots and plant some flowers. While we were planting our flowers, a great mystery was happening back at the tomb. We followed a trail of butterflies to the tomb to discover that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty except for a great gathering of butterflies. God had given us a great surprise!

In our last love letter from God we were all invited to say thank you to Jesus and to join the most wonderful family on earth: God's family.

*Rick Knight helps the kids wash each other's feet.*  
Photo by BETSY ADAMS



*Ms. Gail displays a picture book illustrating Good Friday.* Photo by BETSY ADAMS.

*Messy Church is our monthly intergenerational family gathering involving worship, crafts, music, storytelling, and a shared meal. This was our last Messy Church for the current program year. We'll be back in the fall. Questions? Speak to Hillary Peete, children's minister, [hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com).*



# Join Us As We Explore What It Means To Become the Beloved Community

**Betsy Adams**

In spring 2018, a member of the Formation Committee called the group's attention to an initiative of the Episcopal Church called "Becoming Beloved Community." Many of us were unfamiliar with this initiative and were eager to learn more.

Becoming Beloved Community arose at the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in 2015, in acknowledgment of a churchwide stirring in many dioceses, seminaries, and networks. Responding to troubling concerns in our country — human trafficking, detention of children, mass incarceration and gun violence — the church has discerned a fresh commitment and call to

racial justice, reconciliation, and healing.

A small group, the BBC Team, formed to discover, through study and prayer, ways in which we might honor the call to Becoming Beloved Community. Over the past year the team has been meeting, studying, gathering resources, and attending lectures. Here is some of what we have learned so far:

\* Becoming Beloved Community is the practical image of the world for

which we pray when we say, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." It is the dream of a community where all people experience dignity and abundant life and see themselves as be-

loved children of God. Beloved Community is nothing new. It is a renewed commitment, in our time and context, to the call from Jesus to usher in the kingdom of God on earth.



**To Learn More**  
For additional resources, visit  
[spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog/](https://spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog/)

\* Becoming Beloved Community is not just another program, but a journey. It is a set of commitments around which we may organize our efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers.

\* In Becoming Beloved Community we cultivate the fruits of the Spirit and grow to recognize our kinship as people who love

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God and God's image in our neighbors (no exceptions), in ourselves and in creation. Beloved Community provides a positive, theologically- and biblically-based ideal towards which we can grow ... rather than the negative framework of what we are against.

\* There is a deep need for Becoming Beloved Community within our nation and our communities. We have only to turn on the news to see that there is an urgent need for this reconciling and healing work. As we attended meetings and lectures throughout the local area, BBC team members were astounded to discover the ways in which racism and social injustice persist in our own back yard.

Over the next few months, in a series of *Crosstown* articles, the BBC Team hopes to share with you more of what we have discovered in exploring this exciting, yet challenging, call from God to the church — the call to the journey of Becoming Beloved Community.

For more information contact Betsy Adams ([betsyadams@earthlink.net](mailto:betsyadams@earthlink.net)).

## Maternity Leave

### Canon Katie Churchwell

The countdown clock has started for Baby Girl Churchwell's arrival. We are busy getting ready — in many different ways — and one of them has been spending a lot of time preparing to be on maternity leave and away from the Cathedral.

All active clergy who pay into the pension program receive numerous benefits, one of which is maternity leave for female clergy. That covers 12 weeks of paid leave, allowing for the proper bodily healing and mental preparation to return to work. In the United States this is considered a very generous leave policy, and I am grateful that the Church models for secular organizations a maternity leave policy that is equitable and values both the physical and mental needs of a woman after giving birth.

What this means in a practical sense is that once the baby is born, my maternity leave will start, and I will be out of the office in a professional sense for 12 weeks. I won't be leading worship, attending events, or responding to emails or phone

calls. I can assure you, this will be more difficult for me than for you.

Of course, the cathedral is where we worship, so you might see us from time to time on Sunday mornings, but we will be traveling some during the summer, and will of course, be taking things slowly as we learn to adjust to a family of 5.

I am grateful to the large number of people, both lay and my clergy colleagues, who have stepped up to take on the tasks for which I am normally responsible. It is a gift to serve a church filled with servant hearts, and my cup runneth over with the outpouring of love and support that we have been given at the Cathedral.

I very much look forward to having a baby in the house again, and I am also looking forward to my return with baby in tow — she will love being a member at the Cathedral!

With gratitude,

*Katie*

# What Children Read Shapes How They Think About Our Faith

**Hillary Peete, Children's Minister**

Several years ago, as I was cleaning out some closets at work, I came across a lot of children's Bibles and other illustrated Bible stories. At first, I thought I'd hit the jackpot and was excited to have new books for the kids to read.

But as I started flipping through the pages, I began looking at the stories and illustrations with a critical eye. For various reasons, I decided that most of the books from the closet didn't belong on the shelves in our children's chapel. Either there was a complete lack of diversity and representation in the illustrations, or, upon closer inspection, the theology was just plain terrible. As I began to research books I would want included on our shelves, I realized that good, theologically sound children's Bibles and books can be hard to find.

That's not to say that there are not amazing books and authors who are able to deliver sound theology, evocative illustrations, and an engaging story. I have thor-

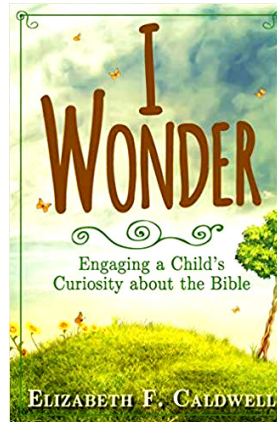
oughly enjoyed curating a list of children's storybook Bibles and books that I believe are in line with the inclusive, grace-filled theology of the Episcopal church.

It's also important to remember that these early books and Bibles are often the first encounters our children have with hearing God's story — what they hear and see matters.

In her book, *I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible*, Elizabeth Caldwell writes, "Teaching children how to read and interpret the Bible in ways they don't have to unlearn later is essential." Caldwell's book is full of age-appropriate book recommendations, but more importantly, she provides some insight into the kinds of questions we should ask ourselves as we choose books:

Which stories are included or left out? Are there stories of men *and* women? Are the illustrations good representations of what the characters would have looked like? Will this book help my child claim his or her identity as one of God's own?

We have a great selection of children's Bibles and storybooks available at the Cathedral. I'm always on the lookout for new books and authors to add to my "Favorites" list. I would love to know some of yours! On the Children's Ministry webpage ([spcathedral.org/children](http://spcathedral.org/children)) you will find a list of Bibles and books grouped both by age and topic. There are also recommendations for different websites that are great resources for finding quality children's spirituality literature. Happy reading!



# Service Projects, Spiritual Growth: What's Happening for Our Youth

**Alicia Schmid, Youth Minister**

Cathedral youth were shaking and moving in March and April, and we intend to continue that trend into the summer.



*Our youth prepare care packages for Cathedral teens who are getting ready for college exams. Photo by ALICIA SCHMID*

Several of our high-school students attended Happening #78 at DaySpring, our diocesan camp and conference center in Manatee County. Though Happening participants can't give away too much (don't want to spoil it for those who will attend future happenings), this is a unique Christian experience, and much of it is kept under wraps until participants arrive for the weekend.

We can say it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we are so pleased that several of our participants want to serve on the planning team to make the next Happening as meaningful for others as it was for them.

God is really moving in the hearts and lives of our young people.

Another project the youth tackled was organizing and preparing 14 care packages for our friends who are away at college and have finals coming up. We hope to continue this service project each year, offering love and support for the transition from teenager to young adult, and we also hope it will keep our youth in contact with us as they grow and eventually go to college and later begin their own lives.

We also had fun participating in Way of the Cross for its 45th consecutive year. Many thanks to all who participated, attended practices, and helped make it possible — you are all a blessing.

This summer there are many opportunities for youth in grades 6 and up, as well

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as elementary students in grades 3 to 5, to experience a weekend or full week at camp at DaySpring; to participate or serve during Vacation Bible School, and more. For more information on camps, visit the diocesan website at <https://www.episcopalswfl.org> and click on youth, then summer camps. You can also contact me, Alicia Schmid, for more information at [aschmid@spcathedral.com](mailto:aschmid@spcathedral.com) and to inquire about scholarships.

Look for opportunities in our weekly emails as the school year wraps up for youth to:

- \* Help during coffee hour to **sell our rainbow tie-dyed Cathedral T-shirts** (for the St. Pete Pride parade June 22) so we can raise money for our pilgrimage and mission trip in Spring of 2020.

- \* Sign up to serve during **Vacation Bible School** (August 8-10).

- \* Enjoy an **end-of-school-year ice cream social** (check your weekly emails and bulletins, date TBD).

## Getting Ready for the D.R.: School Supplies Needed

### Andi Gorton

This month we invite you to contribute school supplies for our 20th annual mission trip to teach Vacation Bible School in the Dominican Republic from June 29 to July 5.

Our curriculum this year highlights five parables of Jesus: the sower, the lost sheep, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, and the Pharisee and the tax collector. Our mission team created the booklet that will be used this year by all U.S. mission trips to the D.R.

Each day the children will create a craft based on the parable, such as little flower pots with tissue pompom flowers for the sower, or a sheep with a cotton ball for wool and googly eyes.

We invite you to contribute these items: Crayola crayons (Crayola brand only, please; they hold up in the intense heat); #2 pencils; colored pencils; pencil sharpeners; glue sticks; Scotch tape.

We'll have a box in Harvard Hall, or you can leave your donations at the front desk. We gratefully accept cash donations, either by check or online, to buy additional supplies in the D.R. To give online, go to [spcathedral.org/give](http://spcathedral.org/give) and under the Select a Fund dropdown list, select Outreach and in Optional Memo type DR VBS. If giving by check, please make it out to the Cathedral with memo line: DR VBS.

It is a blessing to have served our Lord, our church, and our diocese in the D.R. This is our 15th year in Santiago at the churches of St. Luke (San Lucas) and the Annunciation (La Anunciacion).

Save the date: Our annual craft night is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11. We'll have details next month.



*Andi Gorton at  
Craft Night in 2018.*



# New Executive Director Is a Development Expert

## Karen Amundrud

Family Promise is delighted to welcome its new executive director, Sharon Boyes, a longtime marketing and development professional with 20 years' experience at nonprofit organizations.

Sharon moved to Florida from Cleveland, OH, where she was executive director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and director of development for an organization called Shoes and Clothes for Kids.

She worked in development for the Humane Society in Sarasota, then became director of development for the Pinellas Humane Society.



Sharon told Family Promise that she sold her first candy bar at age 6 to help raise funds for charity and hasn't looked back since. She will work to put Family Promise on a sound financial footing and develop best practices.

Sharon will hold meet-and-greet sessions for volunteers and then for the wider community. Look for information in future editions of *Crosstown* about an opportunity to visit the Family Promise Day Center and meet Sharon at an Open House.

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



**Family Promise  
of Pinellas County**

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](mailto:amundrudk@yahoo.com)) for details. Learn more at [fppinellas.org](http://fppinellas.org).

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Through a parishioner's gift, we now have five copies of **A LARGE-PRINT ORDER FOR EUCHARIST AND A LARGE-PRINT HYMNAL** (which contains selected hymns). If you would like to use either of these during worship services, please speak to an usher.

# May Transitions

## Birthdays

- 2 Rhody Gecan
- 2 Robbie Hasbrouck
- 3 Melissa Barlow
- 4 Carolyn Randall
- 4 Betty Scarborough
- 4 Julius Durphey
- 4 Bill Harvard
- 4 Maureen Depp
- 4 Stephen Morris
- 5 Thomas Foster
- 5 Judy Koch
- 6 Robert Doyle
- 6 Tim Lanz
- 6 Katie Churchwell
- 6 Lillian Lopez

- 8 Bennett Flint
- 9 Mark Myers
- 9 Will Hollingsworth
- 9 Emily Henegar
- 10 Tessa Burnsed
- 10 Joseph Kast
- 11 Thomas Williams
- 11 Suzanne Haerther
- 12 Jack Clarke
- 12 Camilla Kilgroe
- 12 Eden Jacobson
- 13 Darrell Menscer
- 13 Barbara Albin
- 13 Rich Kral

- 13 Matthew McCue
- 13 Emily Bardell
- 14 Gail MacAulay
- 15 Donna Southard
- 15 Mattingly Pizzo
- 15 Lauren Cianca
- 16 Huston Babcock
- 16 Freda Caley
- 16 Kendall Webber
- 16 Samuel Albert
- 17 Suzanne Love
- 17 Phillip Patee
- 18 Kelly Grimshaw
- 19 John Hamm
- 19 Neal Ward
- 19 Elizabeth Schroeder
- 20 Bill Madison
- 20 Matthew Howe
- 20 Lee Morris
- 21 Mary Jo Mastry
- 22 Louise Funk
- 22 Aletta Fenoff
- 23 Donald Skinner
- 23 Millie Busch

- 24 Kit Clarke
- 24 Corey Crow
- 25 John Meros
- 25 Scott Dyer
- 26 Hazel Hough
- 26 Harold Butler
- 26 Fred Waters
- 27 Louise Garrigues
- 27 Tim Holly

- 28 Ken Wolfe
- 28 Elliott Curtis
- 29 Carol Ellis
- 29 Suzanne Earle
- 29 Jacob Singleton
- 31 Rose-Helen Blanc
- 31 Tiffany Benoit
- 31 Noah Pozo

## Anniversaries

- 2 Fred & Phyllis Waters
- 2 Max & Pat Bygrave
- 2 Rick & Gail MacAulay
- 3 Fred & Lydia Behnke
- 6 Al & Connie Phillips
- 7 Ray & Rosemary Benoit
- 19 Spencer & Jessica Curtis

- 24 Mary Jo Mastry & Tracy Crow
- 27 John & Mary K. Wilson
- 29 Rich & Mary Kral
- 29 Ted & Zara Larsen
- 31 Joe & Audra Benoit

## Death

Robert Setzer



## 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:  
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