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A VBS to Remember, for Adults as Well as Children

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

A few years ago, I was in the thick of planning a week of Vacation Bible School for 160 kids. The curriculum and gadgets had been ordered months before. The Costco list for snacks was ready. But there was still an overwhelming number of details left to tie up in the final days — name tags, dividing up kids into groups, ensuring all the glue sticks weren't dried up.



My mom was in town helping care for my kids and I asked her, a little exasperated, “Did I even go to VBS as a kid?” She replied, “Of course you did. Every year.”

I felt more than a little deflated by the fact that I didn't even remember my childhood VBS years. Would any of the kids remember their incredible VBS experience next week, next month, in five years?

As parents and caregivers, we often put a great deal of thought, energy, and resources towards things our children might not remember. But to say that just because we don't remember something, it does not have an effect on us, is not true. That week of VBS went off without a hitch, and more importantly, it was fun!

Fun, friendship and belonging may be the best legacies of Vacation Bible School. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Even if none of those kids remember much from it today, I know I witnessed them building friendships, hearing stories of God's love for them, and experiencing the church as a place where they belonged. Perhaps laying that foundation is more important than being able to recall the theme and craft years down the road.

I'm excited to be part of a team planning for this year's Fine Arts VBS, August 8 through 10. Our theme is **Praise!** and through music, art, nature, and creative movement we'll explore what is praise, when do we praise, how do we praise, why do we praise?

We are still planning and fleshing out the details, but I am so excited to see how we are drawing on the diverse talents of Cathedral members to bring to life all the ways we praise God through our lives.

If you are interested in joining us, please

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email me (hpeete@spcathedral.com). There are many ways you can participate! We need folks before VBS to do prep work and decorations, as well as small-group leaders, greeters, and more. Volunteer orientation is July 21 after the 10:15 a.m. service. I promise you'll remember how much fun you had!

Save the Dates!

Praise! Fine Arts VBS
Thursday and Friday, August 8 & 9:
5:30-8 p.m.
Santurday, August 10:
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Ages 3 through 11
Nursery care provided for younger
siblings
Registration open at spcathedral.org/children



COFFEE WITH CLERGY ON JULY 14

The Rev. Brandon Peete, canon for hospitality, will continue his monthly Coffee with the Clergy gatherings on Sunday, July 14, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Chapter Room.

Newcomers and others are welcome to join him and other members of the clergy staff for conversation, questions and answers, and “getting to know you.” See you there!

Get These Back-to-School Activities on Your Radar Now

It seems that summer has just begun, but it will be back-to-school time before we know it. Put these dates on your calendar now.

Sunday, August 4: Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:15 a.m. service. Back to School Brunch after that service. Children/family social.

Thursday-Saturday, August 8-10: “Praise!” fine-arts-focused Vacation Bible School. Details, [Page 2](#).

Sunday, August 11: Celebration of Vacation Bible School at 10:15 a.m. service; display of VBS creations in Harvard Hall during coffee hour.

Wednesday, August 14: First day of school for Pinellas County schools.



Summer Stewardship: Online Giving for Vacationers ... The Piggy Awaits Your Talents! ... Final Affairs Materials

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

Happy vacation time to those of you who will be away this summer. Historically we see a drop in income in the summer, when people are out of town or take a break from church. You may take a vacation, but our bills and payroll do not.

You can help us avoid those income shortfalls by arranging for an automatic deduction from your checking account or credit card, or you can set up an account to pay your pledge via your cell phone. This is a good idea even when you're not on vacation!

Our Help Desk will be open in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, July 28, to help you make these arrangements. Please let us make this as painless as possible for you.

While you're at it, you can check your information (name, address, phone, e-mail) to make sure everything is up to date, and

we can take your picture for our online directory.

Our Talent Piggy Bank continues on display in Harvard Hall. Please do stop by to jot your name and your gifts and talents on a "banknote" and deposit it in the piggy. We want to celebrate everyone's skills and gifts that contribute to our life as a faith community. Or you can e-mail that information to me: rmcolgan@me.com.

At our Final Affairs Fair on June 30 we offered information on wills, on medical

directives and medical surrogates, and on funeral planning. You can find links to the websites that were mentioned at that gathering, as well as a reading list, at <http://www.spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog>.



Jot these two dates on your calendar: **Friday, October 4**, is our annual Oktoberfest, a time of fellowship, fun, and great food and the start of our fall pledge campaign. On **Sunday, November 17**, we'll observe our 50th anniversary as a Cathedral and mark what I know will

be the successful end of the pledge drive. This is always a delicious catered brunch that you won't want to miss.

Help Campbell Park Students Get Ready for Back to School

Penny Roen

The Cathedral Outreach focus for July is our annual collection of backpacks and school supplies for Campbell Park Elementary School.

The children will need backpacks and notebooks, paper, pencils, crayons, pens, rulers — all the usual school supplies. We've also been asked to collect markers and erasers for dry-erase boards and electric pencil sharpeners for the teachers.

The backpack/school supply collection station is in Harvard Hall. You can also give a financial donation — marked Outreach/Campbell Park — by check or online at spcathedral.org/give, then choose Campbell Park from the dropdown menu.

The backpacks for Campbell Park will be blessed along with those of Cathedral children and youth, on Sunday, August 4, at the 10:15 a.m. service.

Then, on Tuesday, August 6, Ellen Alexander and Meg Banitch will lead a team of volunteers who will take the backpacks and school supplies to Campbell Park and set up a “store” in the cafeteria where parents and school children and teachers

will be able to “shop” for their school supplies later in the week before school starts.

If you can help on August 6, please sign up on the sheet at spcathedral.org/community or in Harvard Hall.



Meg Banitch and Penny Roen sort the crayons, colored pencils and glue sticks at Campbell Park last year. Photo by JUDY STARK



The Cathedral and offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day. No services, no activities. We'll reopen on Friday, July 5



Trivia in the Tropics: Come Have Some Fun July 27

Shar Nudelman

Have some tropical fun on a hot summer evening at our Tropical Trivia Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

Our great professional trivia host, Lee, will be back to lead us in another fun-filled evening of brain-teasers and memory-joggers. We assign the teams that evening, so no ringers, sorry.

We'll have Cuban sandwiches, black beans, and mango punch to set the theme. Because we are also serving beer and wine, this event is open only to those 21 and older, please.

Tickets (\$10) will be available online at spcathedral.org/trivia beginning July 7 and during coffee hour in Harvard Hall on Sundays, July 7, 14, and 21.

Night of Crafts for VBS Mission

Andi Gorton, mission team leader

Counting, cutting, tagging, bagging: About a dozen volunteers prepared enough craft items for 220 children each day of our weeklong mission trip to the Dominican Republic that ends July 5. This annual craft night is always a fun evening of socializing while we cut tissue paper, bag yarn, count coloring sheets, punch holes, and prepare all the parts and pieces so the kids can have all the fun. Thanks so much to all whose work will make our 20th VBS in the DR fun for the kids and teachers alike.



Tissue paper by the yard! Youth minister Alicia Schmid and daughter Natalie are ready to cut. Photo by JUDY STARK

Meet Marcus Crim, the Deacon at St. Bede's: Serving the Congregation, Serving the World

Please say hello to the Rev. Marcus Crim, the deacon at our partner congregation, St. Bede's. He serves with the Rev. Canon Paige Hanks, who is both cathedral missionary and priest-in-charge at St. Bede's at 2500 16th St. N.

Tell us about yourself! I am 60 years old. I lived in San Francisco for most of my adult life. I moved to St Petersburg a year and a half ago to live nearer to my mother and sister. I worked for many years in the music industry as a marketing director.

What brought you to St. Bede's? I found St. Bede's while looking for a parish. When I came to St. Bede's, I have to say, it was love at first sight! The open, genuine, loving, and Christ-like embrace of the people I met here won me over immediately!



Deacon Marcus Crim

This is a very special congregation filled with a lot of people from different walks of life who have come together as a real family. I feel so blessed to have made this my home.

You've been an Episcopalian since ... I am a cradle Episcopalian. The best thing about being an Episcopalian is that we are in the most forward-thinking church with the most beautiful liturgy. The best thing about being a deacon is meeting people in our churches and meeting the people that we serve in the world.

Tell us about your diaconal ministries. I have mostly worked with the very poor and homeless populations. In San Francisco, I was part of a group of clergy members that ran an outside church service every Thursday night and

every Sunday afternoon. It is called Open Cathedral and I would love to meet other clergy and lay folks here who would like to do something similar. I've worked in shelters, worked with kids, done lots of different things in church. I love being involved in the visions of parishes.

Hobbies? Interests? My life inside and outside the diaconate are pretty much one and the same. I volunteer at a food pantry here in St. Petersburg and I enjoy getting to know the clients and the other volunteers. Outside of church, I like to spend time with my mom and sister. I also really like gardening, a new hobby for me since I moved to Florida.

Favorite hymn? My favorite hymn is #370, St. Patrick's Breastplate ("I bind unto myself today"), because I daily make a conscious choice to bind myself to God.

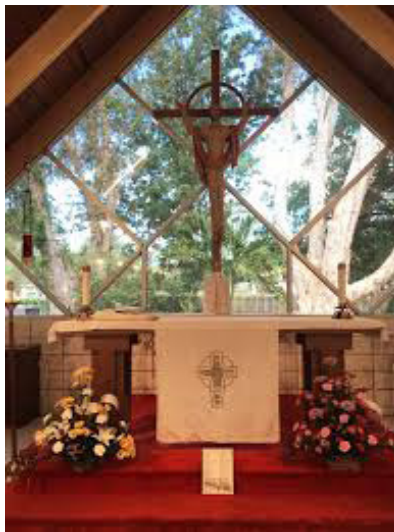
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The hymn also speaks of God's glory in nature: in the "whiteness of the moon at even," and "the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks." The ending prayer in the hymn is one that is so easy to say throughout the day: "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me..." Altogether a wonderful hymn!

Favorite Gospel passage? This one's difficult. One that really speaks to me a lot is from Matthew 25, near the end of the chapter, where Jesus says, "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink." It reminds us to seek and serve Christ in all people.



Visit St. Bede's — including Deacon Marcus Crim and our own Canon Paige Hanks — at 2500 16th St N.

I want everyone to know ... that Christ's love is alive and well at St. Bede's. We are looking forward to a great future and are looking forward to greeting you at an upcoming service!

Canon Paige says: The St. Bede's family is so grateful for the ways in which Marcus has served them liturgically and pastorally. Deacons serve as a bridge between the church and the world, and Marcus embodies that in his calling. While we are just beginning our mutual ministry, I'm excited about the ways in which Marcus and I will partner to share the Good News of Christ with all whom we will serve together. If you see Marcus at Cathedral or diocesan events, or when you come and visit us for worship at St. Bede's, please introduce yourselves!



St. Bede Seeks Crafters for Fall Fair

Our ministry partners at St. Bede's Episcopal Church will hold their second annual Gift and Craft Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 5. They're taking reservations now for crafters' spots, which start at \$25. To reserve a spot, call Joyce at (727) 495-1121 and leave a message. St. Bede's is at 2500 16th St. N.

Summertime, and the Schedule Is Busy For Cathedral Youth

Alicia Schmid, Youth Minister

This summer we offer several events and opportunities for our youth to connect and grow in our love and knowledge of God and one another.

We've sold about 50 of our tie-dyed T-shirts, to support our 2020 mission and pilgrimage trip. We have a few left, so please check with me (aschmid@spcathedral.com) to see if we have one in your size.



Cathedral youth at high school camp at DaySpring: Back row, counselor Reid Carlisle, junior counselor Tommy Chase, camper Mia Moore, head counselor Courtney Crosby, counselor Christen Crosby. Front row: campers Olivia Norman, Connor Carlisle. Photo by KERRY CARLISLE

Don't miss these upcoming activities for fellowship, food, fun, and faith:

July:

- 7-12 Elementary camp at DaySpring
- 14-19 Middle School Mission Camp at DaySpring
- 21 VBS volunteer orientation for youth and adults after the 10:15 a.m. service
- 28 VBS volunteer orientation youth make-up session if needed, after the 10:15 a.m. service

August:

- 4 Blessing of the backpacks at the 10:15 a.m. service; back-to-school brunch
- 8-10 Praise! VBS. Register at spcathedral.org/children. Adults and older teens who'd like to volunteer, please speak to me or Children's Minister Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com)
- 11 Celebration of VBS at 10:15 a.m. service
- 14 Pinellas County schools resume
- 18 Youth Back-to-School BBQ Bash after the 10:15 a.m. service
- 30 Baseball with the Bishop (watch for details about ticket sales)

September:

- 7 Diocesan Acolyte Festival

Becoming Beloved Community: Returning to our Roots

Betsy Adams

As we move forward on our journey towards Becoming Beloved Community, we must simultaneously turn back to our roots. Our lives in Christ are always rooted in our Baptismal Covenant, those promises we made to become agents of the Kingdom of God. The ministry of reconciliation is a ministry of all who have been baptized into the Body of Christ.

The desire to form beloved community comes from the first of the five promises:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Telling the truth about our Church's historic and present story as well as examining our personal story around race — who we are and what we've done — is how we begin to fulfill the second promise:

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and when you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Naming the dream in a particular place and committing to the work necessary to live into it are directly related to the third promise:

Will you proclaim, by word and example, the Good News of God in Christ?



The fourth promise is taken up as we practice the Way of Love. We listen for the voice of God in the voice of the other. We honor the presence of Christ in all those we meet:

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

As we expand the circle of God's love and take responsibility for repairing the brokenness in our community and the world, we affirm the fifth promise:

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Let's examine the first of these promises.

As Christians we are called to community. We are called to worship together, break bread together, study God's Word together, and go out into the world to love and serve the Lord together. As we engage in these

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intentional acts of faith, there arises in us a longing for the Kingdom of God. Our call to Becoming Beloved Community is the expression of this longing. We dream of a community where all people experience dignity and abundant life and see themselves as beloved children of God. We come to learn that this is God's desire for God's children.

To begin this movement towards Becoming Beloved Community, we ask ourselves a core question: What does the Kingdom of God look like in our context?

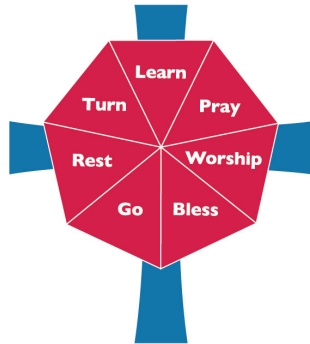
During the month of July, the BBC Team asks that we all consider this question, **“What does the kingdom of God look like at St. Peter’s Cathedral in St. Petersburg, FL?”**

Let’s dream the dream of God’s Kingdom. Let’s all begin by praying this prayer

daily and asking God for a spirit of discernment for our community:

For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

As you consider our call to Becoming Beloved Community, the BBC Team invites you to share ideas, insights, and discernment. Please speak to me, Betsy Adams, or send me an e-mail at betsyadams@earthlink.net



Please let us **KNOW WHEN YOU ENTER THE HOSPITAL** or are ill at home so we can add you to the prayer list and visit you. The hospitals are prohibited by privacy laws from releasing the names of patients. The only way we know you’re there is if you tell us. And please let us know when good health returns. Call the office at (727) 822-4173.

‘Sacred Ground’: Save the Date For Respectful Dialogue on Race and Racism

The Becoming Beloved Community team invites you to join them on Saturday, November 16, for a special diocesan-wide presentation, “Sacred Ground,” a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, produced by The Episcopal Church.

The event is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DaySpring, our diocesan camp and conference center in Parrish, just over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. You can learn more

and find resources about “Sacred Ground” at episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

“Sacred Ground” is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. You can find more information and register here (no charge):

<https://dayspringfla.org/event/race-and-reconciliation-series-2019/>

Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The series is part of the Becoming Beloved Community initiative of The Episcopal Church, a long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

This series is open to all, and is especially designed to help white people talk with other white people.

Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope, and love.

Our plan is to develop a Sacred Ground dialogue circle at St. Peter’s in early 2020. This is a good first step toward starting those conversations. We encourage you to register early while space is still available. Questions? Please speak to Betsy Adams, betsyadams@earthlink.net.



Do you feel a song coming on?
OUR SUMMER CHOIR welcomes you. No weeknight rehearsals. Just come at 9:30 a.m. Sundays for a short rehearsal in the Cathedral before the 10:15 a.m. service. Come one Sunday or all through August 25.

Successful Fund-Raising Will Mean a Return to Serving Families

Karen Amundrud

Sharon Boyes, the new executive director of Family Promise, has spent the spring and early summer getting to know supporters and friends of this program that assists homeless children and their families in Pinellas County.



We have set a goal to raise \$50,000 this summer so we can welcome families back into the program in September. Every dollar makes a difference, and every donation is a way for you to help families in crisis find their way back to stable homes and jobs. Your contribution can change lives. You can give at our website, www.fppinellas.org.

In her first weeks in office Sharon has worked on creating a timeline and goals that include funding streams and cash flow, hiring and training staff,

and — later in the summer — working with congregations and volunteers, including us here at St. Peter's.

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. More than 30 local congregations and organizations support Family Promise.

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



BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP is back for the 10th year. Join thousands of your fellow Episcopalians from all around the diocese at Tropicana Field on Friday evening, August 30, when the Rays take on the Cleveland Indians. We'll have details about ticket sales later this month.

What Will the Puff of White Smoke Reveal? A Female Pope?

A new Pope will be chosen in Rome . . . and she just might be a woman. But she's made some powerful enemies who will stop at nothing — not even murder.

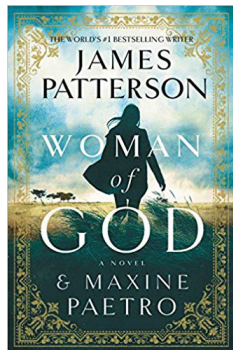
That's the story line of *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro, and it's the book of the month when the St. Peter's Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, in the Chapter Room. Shar Nudelman will lead the discussion.

From a difficult childhood with drug-addled parents, to a career as a doctor on the front lines in Sudan, to a series of trials that test her faith at every turn, Brigid Fitzgerald's convictions and callings have made her the target of all those who fear that the Church has lost its way — dangerous adversaries who abhor challenges to tradition.

Locked in a deadly, high-stakes battle with forces determined to undermine everything she believes in, Brigid must convert her enemies to her cause before she loses her faith . . . and her life.

All are welcome even if you haven't read the book! Our spirited discussion may persuade you to do so.

Questions? Roberta Poellein (rp1ln37@gmail.com) will be happy to help.



Canon Katie on Bishop Curry's Podcast

Canon Katie Churchwell is featured in an installment of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's weekly podcast on the Way of Love. You can listen to it here (it's episode 2):

<https://wayoflove.episcopalchurch.org/episodes/>

Bishop Curry reveals that he watched Canon Katie's daily Pop-Up Prayer on Facebook — www.facebook.com/popupprayer/ — while he was recovering from prostate surgery in the summer of 2017. Canon Katie is interviewed about the start of Pop-Up Prayer (during Hurricane Irma in 2017) and the response she has from followers (she currently has 1,884) who join her regularly on Facebook to pray together.



Movies for a Summer Night: Fighting Fire and War ... Plus Typing and Family Ties

Susan Regan

What better way to spend a hot summer Friday night than in the cool of Harvard Hall, watching a movie on the big screen? Show time is 7 p.m. We provide the popcorn (and there are usually other goodies and cold drinks and coffee). No charge. Bring your friends!

July 5: *Only the Brave* (2017, PG-13). Based on the true story of the Granite Mountain Hot Shots, this is the heroic story of a team of firefighters in Prescott, AZ, who — through hope, determination, and sacrifice — become one of the most elite firefighting teams in the nation.

July 12: *Tea with Mussolini* (1999, PG). A group of Englishwomen living in Italy in the 1930s take in an orphan and do everything they can to protect the child and preserve their way of life, believing that fascist leader Mussolini will protect

them from war's gathering storm clouds. Starring Cher, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, Maggie Smith.

July 19: *California Typewriter* (2017 NR). Once a key technology in business and literature, manual typewriters are viewed by most people as quaint 20th-Century artifacts. But as this engaging documentary reveals, hardcore typewriter fans are ensuring that these pre-digital marvels live on. (Watch a performance of Leroy Anderson's "The Typewriter Song" here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2LJ1i7222c>)



July 26: *Cold Comfort Farm* (1995, PG).

When Flora Poste (Kate Beckinsale), a young society woman in 1930s London, is suddenly orphaned, she's forced to take up residence with a group of her unsophisticated, oddball relatives at their farm. Despite protests from the bedridden, iron-willed matriarch of the farm, the aspiring lass tries to achieve some semblance of order and class in the house — and in her own life. Cast includes Eileen Atkins, Ian McKellen, and Joanna Lumley.

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

New Bible Study Will Examine New Testament from Many Perspectives

A new weekday Bible study will focus on a systematic reading of the New Testament, from Matthew to Revelation.

This study, led by retired Lutheran pastor Bill Roen, will look for the themes that bind the New Testament together as a whole by closely analyzing passages from each of its books. The class meets weekly at 10 a.m. in the Chapter Room starting July 18.

United in their witness to his Cross and Resurrection, the apostles and evangelists offer different answers to the question, “Who is Jesus?,” depending upon the situation of the church for which they are writing.

We will be searching for meanings using the critical tools designed for the study of literature to delve into the meaning of each passage and deal with the deepest issues of the faith we find there.

Our goal will be to better understand the New Testament writings in their original context and apply that to the context of our own lives.

Bill Roen has a Ph.D. from Catholic University and presented a lively lecture, “Why Aren’t We All Lutherans?” in October 2018 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Bring your Bibles and be prepared for a great adventure. Questions? E-mail Bill at williamroen@gmail.com.



Welcome, Collins!

The Churchwell family — parents Canon Katie and Logan, big sister and brother Addison and Crawford — welcomed new little one Collins Joyce, on June 4, at 6 pounds 15 ounces. Mother and baby are doing fine.

A Spirited Picnic

Shar Nudelman

Thanks to all of our great Cathedral family who attended and contributed to our annual Pentecost Picnic on June 9. Chicken! Deviled eggs! Brownies! Priscilla Young's baked beans! Gabriele Stauf's onion tarts! Did you try everything?

Plan to join us on August 4 for our Back to School brunch; we'll have details as the date draws near.

"Many hands make light work" is one of the themes of the Fellowship and Festivities Committee, so please let me know if you'd like to assist with any of the events we offer. You can contact me, Shar Nudelman, at marvshar1@msn.com or by phone at (727) 687-7251.

Photos by JUDY STARK



What do you suppose it is? Adventurous diners help themselves.



Left, Gail McCoy helps herself to the chicken. Below, Meals on wheels: Canon Millard Neal fills a plate.



Right, Felix Peete gets a balloon animal from Miss Marge, the balloon lady. Below right, This picnic is brought to you by ... Nancy Lane, Shar Nudelman, Michael and Lois Ricciardi, and Michael Conti.



Happy diners: Marguerite Dawson, Rose Marie Judd, and Pat Williams.



Pride, No Doubt About It!

A float pulled by sexton Bill Buster's bright-red Jeep and a contingent ranging from children to grandparents participated in the St. Pete Pride parade June 22. We let the world know what we know: "God loves you — no exceptions!" Photos by TESSA BURNSED, KERRY CARLISLE, DAVID LOPEZ, and JUDY STARK



Evening of Pride

More than 100 people enjoyed our eighth annual Spiritual Pride dinner on June 15, emphasizing the importance of a supportive faith community for LGBTQ Episcopalians. Dean Morris, Senior Warden Ray McColgan, and Friends of St. Aelred convenor Natalie de Sousa gather with the evening's speaker, the Rev. Dr. Doral R. Pulley, spiritual leader of Today's Church in Tampa and president of Interfaith Tampa Bay.

Photo by JUDY STARK



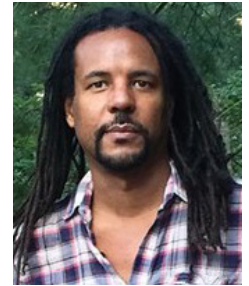
Book Talks Take Shape For Ninth Season

We're putting together our book talks for the ninth season of this lunchtime literary salon. Here's an early heads-up: Colette Bancroft, longtime book reviewer for the *Tampa Bay Times*, will be our presenter on January 14, speaking on Colson Whitehead's new book, *The Nickel Boys*, which will be published this month. Whitehead won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 2016 for his novel, *The Underground Railroad*.

On July 25, Bancroft will interview Whitehead live at the Tampa Theatre. Information and tickets here: <http://tampa-theatre.org/live/an-evening-with-colson-whitehead/>

The Nickel Boys is Whitehead's look at the infamous Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, where dozens of youth were abused and killed in state custody. Last year one of our book talk speakers was Lori Roy, who spoke on her book, *The Disappearing*, another take on the Dozier School.

We'll have details next month on additional speakers and book titles. The book talks are free (lunch available for purchase) from noon to 1 p.m., usually on the second Tuesdays in October, November, January, February, and March.



Colson Whitehead

Crosswinds

Summer Schedule

The Cathedral office is now on a summer schedule. We are open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We offer our 12:05 p.m. Eucharists on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Wednesday will continue to be the healing service.

Serve Your Diocese

Nominations are now open for a number of diocesan offices that will be filled at our annual Diocesan Convention in October.

There are lay and clergy vacancies on the Standing Committee, two lay vacancies on Diocesan Council, three clergy vacancies on the Disciplinary Board and one lay vacancy for trustee of the University of the South.

There are also four lay and four clergy vacancies for deputies to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, to be

held June 30-July 9, 2021, in Baltimore, MD.

Details about all these positions and directions for self-nomination are available at https://episcopalswfl.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3198132



Hurricane Season

Hurricane season began June 1 and runs through November 30. Per diocesan guidelines, when winds blow in excess of 40 mph, all activities and services are canceled. The building is secured and the staff leaves. We do not provide hurricane shelter at the Cathedral. Please think now about where you will go if you are told to evacuate.

Blessing for a Guide Dog

Canon Paige Hanks recently blessed Erny, a guide/service dog in training. A few days after the blessing his trainer, Candace Miller, returned Erny to Southeastern Guide Dogs for his next stage of training. Erny was donated to the program by the accounting firm of Ernst & Young, hence his name.



July Transitions

Birthdays

1	Judith Loehrer	9	Rex Cain
1	Marnie Long	9	Deborah Rowens
1	Laura Sanchez	10	Neslin Wainwright
2	Nancy Lane	10	Susan Regan
4	Helen Bohman	10	Al Carrico
4	Vee Cox	10	Terry Crow
4	Laura Clayton	10	Christopher Haerther
4	Katherine G. Frederick	10	Tom Patterson
5	Joan Craft	10	Dylan Strickland
5	Sandy Powers	10	Olivia Hoyt
6	Judi Andersen	12	Carol Nelson
6	Sarah Redding	1	G2 Earl Beshears
7	Lise Amundrud	13	Jacques Pare
7	Marion Huber	13	Luke Powers
7	Olivia Miller	15	Barrie Cunningham

15	Jeanie Locicero
15	David Lopez
15	Abigail Hoyt
15	Campbell Bond
16	Hannah Desha
17	Dick Abbott
17	Mary Beth Tucker
17	Rylan Sanchez
17	Christen Crosby
18	Betsy Giovanis
18	Barbara Marshall
18	Danielle Benoit
19	Clyde Nabe
19	Geoffrey Holtman
20	Jerry Lawson
20	Marilyn Hobbs
20	Fred Schmid
21	Joanie Andrews
21	Deanna Michael
21	Donna Carpenter
22	Stephen Schroeder
22	Maggie Albert
24	Caroline Bosbyshell
24	Judy Stark

25	Anderson Campbell-Correll	29	Les Crawford
26	Millard Neal	29	Blakelie Vimond
26	Anne Turner	30	Marv Atkins
27	Rick Tourtelot	30	Arthur Riddlesworth
27	Edward McConnell	30	Charlie Nielsen
28	Scott Albee	31	Ed Johnson
28	Bob Campbell	31	Frank Knight
28	Susan Savage	31	Ross Sanchez

Anniversaries

1	Joe & Myra Witko	14	Chuck & Kim Parsons
2	Thomas & Kathy Hynes	15	Frank & Anne Turner
3	Bill & Melissa Barlow	16	Jonathan & Rebecca Miller
5	Bob & Cindy Campbell	20	Alice & Bryan Putman
8	Michael & Penny Robbins	29	Dwight Thomas & Bruce Rice
13	Joe & Tessa Burnsed	31	Tilly & Suzanne Earle
14	Frank & Camille Knight		



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St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
Rite I and Sermon
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

Weekday Worship

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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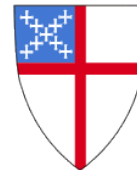
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