



# CROSSTOWN

November 2019

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

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*BAY BAROQUE, Central Florida's premiere group dedicated to the performance of Baroque music on historical instruments, presents a program of late Baroque masterpieces. Free; 7 p.m. Friday, November 15.*

## Let's Gather In the Pledges, Then Celebrate

Two things to remember on the weekend of November 2 and 3:

\* That's when **we return to Standard Time**. Turn your clocks back one hour (fall backward!) when you go to bed Saturday night to ensure that you get to church on time Sunday.

\* That's also **our pledge ingathering weekend**. If you haven't already returned your 2020 pledge card, please bring it to worship services that weekend and place it

in the offering plate.

If you didn't receive a pledge card in the mail, it's never too late. You can pick one up at the front desk or at the hospitality table in Harvard Hall.

Now mark your calendar for Sunday, November 17, when we will celebrate two things:

\* **Our annual Thanks-a-Brunch** to celebrate a successful pledge campaign and show our appreciation for everyone's generosity;

\* **Our golden anniversary celebration**, as we observe our 50th anniversary as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwest Florida; the 120th anniversary of the completion of our original sanctuary; and our 130th anni-

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*This is St. Peter's in about 1959.  
Check out the tail fins on those cars!*



### Help Pack up a Thanksgiving Dinner for Campbell Park Families

All are invited to lend a hand during coffee hour on Sunday, November 3, in Harvard Hall as we pack Thanksgiving food bags for Campbell Park families.

Green beans, cornbread, stuffing — all the nonperishable Thanksgiving side dishes will be provided for us to bag so we can deliver them to the school in time for Thanksgiving.

Be Christ's hands in the world and help a family in need to have a nourishing and bountiful Thanksgiving. Questions? Please speak to Canon Katie ([kchurchwell@spcathedral.com](mailto:kchurchwell@spcathedral.com)).

## Anniversary

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versary as a worshipping community. See story, [Page 4](#).

If you were here in 1969, we hope you'll make a special effort to join us at the brunch so we can recognize those who have helped the church thrive in the last half-century.

Our stewardship Help Desk will be open on November 24 after the 10:15 a.m. service to help you set up an on-line account, take your picture for our photo directory, and answer questions. We'll also be available by request after the 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday services. Please contact me, Ray McColgan, your stewardship chair, to arrange a time: [rmccolgan@me.com](mailto:rmccolgan@me.com).

## Two Ways to Say Thank You This Thanksgiving

We offer two opportunities for Thanksgiving worship this year.

**\* On Tuesday, November 26**, at 7 p.m., four downtown churches will offer an **ecumenical service** at First United Methodist Church, 212 Third St. N (diagonally across Fourth Street from the Cathedral). Trinity Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and the Cathedral will participate along with the Methodists.

The host minister, from First United

Methodist, will welcome the congregation and give the benediction.

Spiritual leaders from each congregation — including Dean Morris — will offer short meditations interspersed with hymns they choose. A joint choir from several of the congregations will be led by the music director of First United Methodist.

The offering will go to Family Promise of Pinellas County, which helps homeless families with children find housing, social

services and and jobs. The Cathedral is a sponsor of Family Promise.

This is the second Thanksgiving service offered by the downtown churches. The Cathedral will host the service in 2020.

**\* On Thursday, November 28**, at 10 a.m., the Cathedral will hold **our annual Thanksgiving service** with Holy Communion. We'll sing the familiar Thanksgiving hymns and take time before the feast to acknowledge all the blessings of this life.



## Time to Celebrate Our 50th/120th/130th Anniversaries

We'll celebrate several anniversaries in a variety of ways this month.

It's the 50th anniversary of our designation as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. It's the 120th anniversary of the completion of our original sanctuary. And it's our 130th anniversary as a worshipping community.

It was in 1969 that the huge Diocese of South Florida — essentially everything from I-4 to the Keys — was divided into the dioceses of Southwest Florida (that's us); Central Florida (Orlando); and Southeast Florida (the Atlantic Coast/Miami/the Keys).

We'll celebrate that 50th anniversary with a complimentary catered brunch on Sunday, November 17, after the 10:15 a.m. service. That's also our annual Thanks-a-Brunch celebration for the completion of a successful pledge drive.

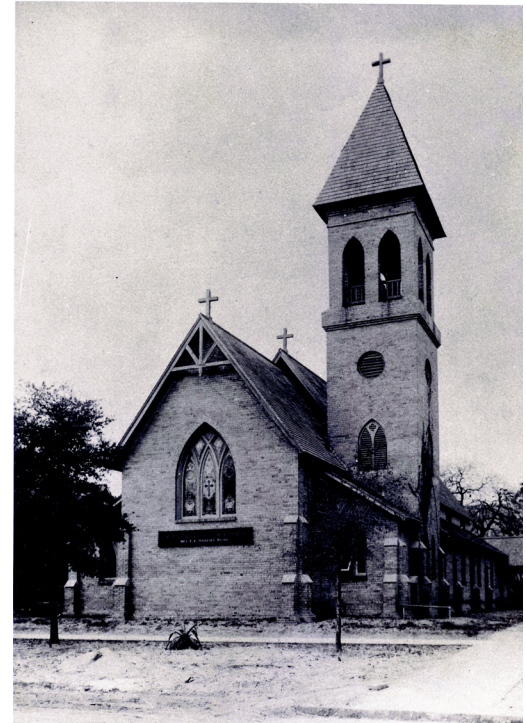
We'll have a slide show that day — images from the past — and a display in the Library/Chapter Room of more images and artifacts from our history.

Also that day we will unveil a new Cathedral history on our website, with lots of stories and anecdotes from the past, a timeline, and lots of photos.

"It's been fascinating to read the original minutes and look at the financial documents and piece together what happened when," said Judy Stark, writer of the history. "Even as someone who has been here 30 years, I learned new things about St. Peter's. And I'm grateful to longtime parishioners who filled in the blanks and shared stories that make our history come alive."

We will offer tours of the Cathedral on two Sundays: November 10 and 24, after the 10:15 a.m. service. Meet up front in the white marble area after the organ postlude.

*This photo of St. Peter's was taken about 1912. How many differences can you find between this view and the way the Cathedral looks now?*





# Dreams of a Depression-Era Down-and-Outer: Book Talk for November

A longtime friend of our book talks, author Ben Montgomery, returns on November 12 to talk about his latest book: *The Man Who Walked Backward: An American Dreamer's Search for Meaning in the Great Depression*.

Amazon offers this description of the book: "Like most Americans at the time, Plennie Wingo was hit hard by the effects of the Great Depression. When the bank foreclosed on his small restaurant in Abilene, he found himself suddenly penniless. After months of struggling to feed his family on wages he earned digging ditches in the Texas sun, Plennie decided it was time to do something extraordinary — something to resurrect the spirit of adventure and optimism he felt he'd lost. He decided to walk around the world — backwards."



*Ben Montgomery*

Montgomery offers a vivid insight into the years of deprivation and hopelessness that gave rise to Woody Guthrie, John Steinbeck, and the New Deal. He follows the hapless Plennie through the "daring physical feats, grueling hardships, comical misadventures, and hostile foreign police he encountered along the way," and tells us what happened to Plennie when his backward adventures ended.

Montgomery is also the author of *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* and *The Leper Spy*. We caught up with him recently and asked some questions.

**\* You paint a colorful picture of what life was like during the Depression — anxiety, fear, hunger, as well as attempts to put on a happy face — dance marathons, competitions, etc. — maybe**

**a case of national denial. Do you see any parallels between then and today?**

The path to fame is different today, I think, in an age when lots of people seem

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## November Book Talk

**What:** Author Ben Montgomery speaks on his book, *The Man Who Walked Backward*.

**When:** Noon-1 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 12

**Where:** Harvard Hall

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

## The Man Who Walked Backward

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to be famous for just being famous. (Hello, Kardashians.) If there's a parallel, perhaps it's in the rise of YouTube stars. The ability to broadcast yourself — without relying on traditional media to spread the word about you — maybe makes it a little easier to get yourself into the homes of millions of people, if you employ the right gimmick. I think Plennie Wingo would've had a YouTube channel.

**\* Tell us three things you admire about Plennie Wingo, and three things that gave you pause as you learned more about him and wrote his story.**

He was a complicated guy, which is why I was drawn to him and his story. I guess I admire his gumption, his entrepreneurial spirit, and maybe even his courage; can you imagine leaving everything you know to walk around the world? On the other hand, he was selfish. He left his family in the worst hard times and, so far as I know, never sent home any financial support, even when he was flush. And he was vain-glorious to a fault. I gave a book talk about

him this summer in Archer City, Texas, where he lived for a spell later in life. An elderly gentleman came up to me after and told me he was in church the day Plennie Wingo gave his life to Jesus, at age 91. He walked backward into the baptistery. I like that image as a closing thought on the deft moral judgment I've brought upon him in the book.

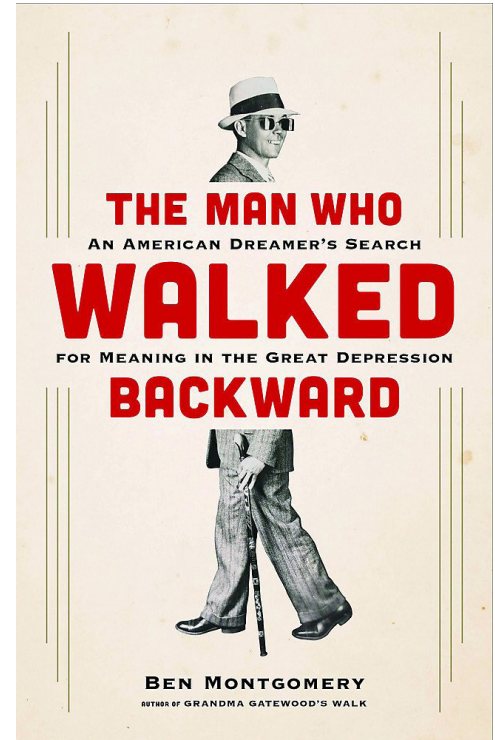
**\* Were there other Plennie Wingos out there — people who tried to do extraordinary (foolish?) things, and later faded into obscurity?**

There are hundreds — maybe thousands. But I love the story of William “Bill” Williams, of Rio Hondo, Texas, who in 1929 pushed a peanut up Pike's Peak with his nose. He wore out three pairs of shoes, 12 pairs of gloves, and 150 peanuts. It took him 21 days. Can you imagine?

**\* In 100 words or less, persuade someone to read your book.**

In the middle of the worst economic crisis in American history, some folks had to get creative to survive. Plennie Wingo lost everything he had, and to eat, quite literally, he decided he had to do something big

and bold. This is that story. A friend told me it read like a long John Prine song. Maybe that's the best pitch.



# Make Things Merry and Bright for Others: It's Time for the Giving Tree

The Christmas season will start early when the Giving Tree makes its annual appearance the weekend of November 16-17.

Every year since 2009, led by the Friends of St. Aelred, we've provided a brighter holiday season for at-risk children. Last year the Cathedral provided 255 gifts to 102 children and adults at Resurrection House, Family Promise, and Campbell Park Elementary.

Here's how it works:

\*A Christmas tree is set up in Harvard Hall, decked with Christmas cards. Each one lists the Christmas wishes of a recipient (including gender, age and size where appropriate). This year, like last year, we'll actually have two trees: the big one in Harvard Hall and a smaller tree that can be moved into the Cathedral for the 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday services. The rest of the week that tree will be at the front desk.

\* You choose a card — or cards — and shop for the requested gift.

\* Return the gift no later than Sunday, December 8, UNWRAPPED. Please include a box or gift bag, and if you can include some wrapping paper, that would be greatly appreciated.

\* On Tuesday, December 10, starting at 9:30 a.m., volunteers will meet in Harvard Hall to sort and pack the gifts and get them delivered. This is a hands-on way to be more involved with the neighbors we serve. Please speak to Ray McColgan ([rmccolgan@me.com](mailto:rmccolgan@me.com)) if you can help. Bonus: We provide lunch!

This year's recipients are:

\* Children and families at Resurrection House, a faith-based ministry that provides housing, education, job training, and life skills to those families, most of which are headed by single mothers.

\* Brighter Seasons for Children, a service of the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast's AIDS Service

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*Herb and Marilyn Polson choose cards from last year's Giving Tree. Photo by JUDY STARK*



## Giving Tree

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Association of Pinellas (ASAP), which supports children who are infected or affected by AIDS.

\* Campbell Park Elementary, the school we have adopted, where we support teachers and classrooms and donate backpacks, school supplies, food, and other items throughout the year and provide lunchtime companionship to students.

“Every year every single card is taken off the tree and people ask us for more,” said Ron Gallucci, one of the founders and organizers of the Giving Tree. “Many people give far more than the requested gift. This is a very generous congregation of people who want to share their blessings.”

## Lectio on the Go

Now that the weather is starting to cool down, let’s strap on our walking shoes and walk our neighborhood while we pray and contemplate Holy Scripture.

Using scripture, we will use the structure of Lectio Divina to pray while we contemplate the beauty of our city. Beginning November 4, we will meet Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the front steps of the Cathedral. We will take various routes from this starting point, walking no more than a mile. We will return to the Cathedral by 10:30 a.m. You are encouraged to walk at your own pace and to bring a water bottle.

Questions? Speak to Canon Katie ([kchurchwell@spcathedral.com](mailto:kchurchwell@spcathedral.com)).





## Remembering Our Beloved Canon Neal

The St. Peter's family is grieving for the Rev. Canon Millard F. Neal, who died in a car accident on October 20. We will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 9, to celebrate his life and bid him a loving farewell. Bishop Howe will preach. May he be welcomed with the angels and the saints in light.

Canon Neal was raised up for ordination by St. Peter's. He served at a number of other parishes and was called to St. Peter's in May 1999 "to help out for three months, and I just never left," he said in December 2005, when he was making one of several attempts to retire.

He served twice as priest-in-charge and once as vicar of the Cathedral when we were between settled deans.

"Millard was here when I arrived and was very gracious and accommodating to me as I settled into my role as dean of the cathedral," Dean Morris said. "He was supportive of me and never failed to tell me what a good job he thought I was doing

as we recovered from a period of trial and tribulation.

"He even told me in the past month how well he thought things were going here and how grateful he was for it," the dean said. "And I never failed to let him know that HE was one of the main reasons we survived a difficult time and that HE was one of the main reasons we are now thriving. I will miss him dearly."

All of us have our Canon Neal stories to share, and there will be time for those happy remembrances in the days ahead, as he would have wished. (And would have told a few stories of his own.) We share some of those memories here.

**Father Neal was a very dear friend of ours.** A gracious person who always had a big smile and a warm greeting for us. At coffee hour we often talked about our Amtrak AutoTrain trips to D.C. As he would say: "A long ride through a dark green tunnel." He was a man of many talents: a priest, a



writer of training manuals for the U.S. Navy, and an author, especially of his autobiography, *Proud but Angry*. He will be missed.

— Fred and Lydia Behnke

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## Remembering Our Beloved Canon Neal

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**Father Neal came to our home on a pastoral care visit** while our young adult son was home with us after his third surgery for a brain tumor. Typical of this great storyteller, Father Neal wove into this time of comfort for our family tales of growing up while shirking his chores. His dad caught him at it but told him, “Millard, you can sweat and still not do any work.” We all had a good laugh, followed by a circle of prayer for strength and healing for our family. For months after our son’s death, Father Neal would hug me as I (Debra) cried into his vestments following church services. He too had lost his daughter unexpectedly at a young age and knew what it was to lose your child. Father Neal was always a consoler, a fortress of caring, and could even make you laugh while delivering one of his amazing sermons of God’s love, mercy and forgiveness.

— *Gareth and Debra Eich*

**Millard was the most non-controversial person I ever met.**

He practiced what he preached. He was always appreciative of anything done for him. He accepted what life threw his way without complaint. Sometimes, when I asked how he was, he would answer, “Tollable” (not “tolerable”) and we would laugh. I often served with him as an acolyte and we had years of times in the sacristy before a service that I will treasure. I remember so many of his stories and his counsel. One of my favorites was that “God loves you just as you are, but He loves you too much to let you stay that way.”

—*Joanie Andrews*

**If everyone at the Cathedral thought Millard was their best friend,** it’s because he was.

— *Bob Churuti*

## Messy Church Does Science: All About Air

Families with kids of all ages and anyone who considers themselves a kid at heart, join us in Harvard Hall on Thursday, November 14, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. for more Messy Church fun. This month it’s all about air. Bible stories featuring air include the creation story, Jesus calming the storm, and Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. Air helps us understand God’s world because it’s vital for life, but also invisible.

RSVP to Hillary ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) by Sunday, November 10, to help us plan for our experiments and dinner.

In September, we had explosive fun with volcanoes and silly spoon science! Thanks so much to Lois and Michael Ricciardi, Debra Eich, Jonathan Miller, Janie Hume, Susan Regan, Marion Fleming, and Sandy Powers for being amazing volunteers that made this messy fun possible. Contact Hillary ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) if you want to join this fun team of volunteers. Photo by HILLARY PEETE





## Compline by Candlelight Continues November 10

Our new service of sung Compline continues at 8 p.m. Sunday, November 10.

This candlelit service emphasizes rest, spiritual peace, and contemplation.

Compline is traditionally the last service of the day, a moment of reflection between day and dark. It offers a time to wind down from one busy week and prepare for the one to come. The service lasts about half an hour.

We take a break in December, then continue with Compline on the second Sundays of January, February and March.

## Coming in the New Year: Chanticleer

Chanticleer, the renowned all-male chorus from San Francisco, will sing at the Cathedral at 7 p.m. January 21. Get your tickets now at [spcathedral.org/music-events](http://spcathedral.org/music-events).



We return to Standard Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 3. Turn your clocks backward one hour (fall backward) when you go to bed Saturday night so you get to church on time Sunday.



## Keep the Pages Turning: Book Club Announces Its Lineup

The St. Peter's Book Club announces its lineup from November through May 2020:

**November 26:** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owen. Presenter: Judy Beck.

**December:** No meeting.

**January 28, 2020:** *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea* by Jack E. Davis. Presenter: John Sumner.

**February 25, 2020:** *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith. Presenter: Susan Darrow.

**March 24, 2020:** *God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible* by Adam Nicolson. Presenter: Penny Roen.

**April 24, 2020:** *Night Moves* by Randy Wayne White. Presenter: Roberta Poellein.

**May 26, 2020:** *Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel* by Matt Friedman. Presenter: John Sumner.

All are welcome at these discussions, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/Chapter Room. Come even if you haven't read the book — the lively discussion may persuade you to do so! Roberta Poellein ([rp11n37@gmail.com](mailto:rp11n37@gmail.com)) is happy to tell you more.



## Recognizing Those Who Serve at the Altar

We acknowledged the 21 youth and adults who serve as acolytes at the 10:15 a.m. service on October 20. They received crosses with ribbons reflecting their years of service. Co-wardens Joanie Andrews and Ken Esteb are at far left and right, respectively.



# What We Talk About When We Talk About Baptism

**The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams**

*Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church.* — Book of Common Prayer (1979), page 298

Being a Christian is not a do-it-yourself project. We cannot be Christians apart from a community that supports us, prays for us, teaches us, and brings Jesus to us in Word and Sacrament.

And that community precedes us, not just in time, but in reality. It's not that a bunch of people who love Jesus get together, join forces, and create the Church. The Church comes first and incorporates us. Baptism is the sacrament by which the Church incorporates us—makes us part of the Body, joins us to Christ, who is the head of the Body. The lifeblood that flows through that Body begins to flow in us when we are baptized.

There is, therefore, an extraordinary seriousness about baptism. Because baptism

makes us part of the community of saints — because it joins us to Christ and to all others who have been incorporated into the fellowship of the Church — every baptism involves responsibilities of the utmost gravity.

We baptize with the solemn expectation that the baptized person will be a part of the community of the faithful, and that the community of the faithful will uphold the baptized person. Yes, baptism may also be a personal milestone, a family celebration, or a cultural rite of passage; but those things are accidental to what the Church is doing when we baptize.

Over the next few months I want to reflect further on our theology and practice of baptism. What do we mean by baptism, and how can we best express that meaning in

the way we baptize?

I will invite you to join me in looking intently at the words and symbols of the rite as we plumb the depths of this central sacrament of the Church and grow in our understanding of what baptism means for the Church and for each of us.



*The baptismal font in Salisbury Cathedral, England. Photo by PHYLLIS TAYLOR*

# Becoming Beloved Community: A Step Along the Way of Love

**Betsy Adams**

Over the past few months we have been exploring the idea of Becoming Beloved Community. We have looked at the idea of Beloved Community as the model of God's kingdom: 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 beloved 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.

We have used the image of the laby-

rinth, with all its twists and turns, moving forward and back again, to help guide us along the Way. We have explored the ideas of Telling the Truth, Proclaiming the Dream,

Repairing the Breach, and Practicing the Way of Love as they relate to the promises of the our Baptismal Covenant.

So now, clothed in our baptism, with open hearts and minds, we take our first steps along the Way of Love. We begin with honoring our baptismal promise of persevering in resisting evil, and when we fall into sin, repenting and returning to the Lord. We begin with telling the truth.

On October 7, the "Seeing White" discussion group held its first meeting. The group is discussing a series of podcasts about what it means to be white in our

society. Canon Paige Hanks introduced us to the podcast series and shared some her personal story as relates to race. We listened to the introductory podcast and then broke into discussion groups. Members of the group were from the Cathedral, St. Thomas', and the community. It was a very good beginning. This group will continue to meet through mid-November. If you are interested in this work, but unable to attend the discussion group (6:30 p.m. Mondays through November 18), you can still listen to the podcasts here: [sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/](https://sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/)

All are invited to join any of the Cathedral offerings related to Becoming Beloved Community. For more information please visit our very rich resource page at [www.spcathedral.org/beloved-community](http://www.spcathedral.org/beloved-community) or contact Canon Hanks: [phanks@spcathedral.com](mailto:phanks@spcathedral.com)





## Contemporary Icons Will Go on Display at St. Thomas' Church

A unique exhibit of contemporary icons by a celebrated Russian-Swedish artist will be on display at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church from November 24 through February 9.

More than 100 contemporary works by Ludmila Pawlowska will be displayed in the church and in other parts of the St. Thomas' campus.

In addition, a dozen traditional icons from the Vasilievsky Monastery in Suzdal, Russia, will be on display.

The exhibit, known as Icons in Transformation, has toured cathedrals, churches, and museums in the United States and Europe. More than 150,000 people in the U.S. have viewed the works, most of which are available for purchase. Proceeds sup-

port the mission and outreach programs at St. Thomas'.

The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, or by appointment. Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

St. Thomas' is at 1200 Snell Isle Blvd., St. Petersburg. Information: (727) 896-9641, or <http://www.stthomasstpete.org>.



*Doors to Paradise*

*Artist Ludmila Pawlowska with one of her images, "Your Eyes."*



*Against a Wall*



## Choral Evensong Marks Christ the King Sunday

Our service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 24, observes the last Sunday after Pentecost, the day traditionally known as Christ the King Sunday, when we acknowledge the rulership of Jesus.

It is the final Sunday of the Christian year; a new year begins the following Sunday, Advent 1.

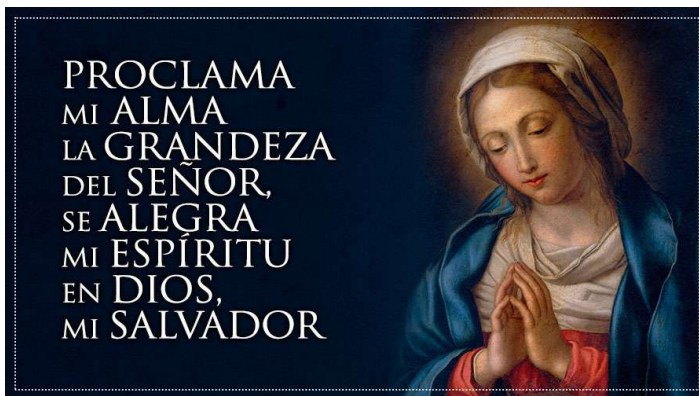
The opening hymn is #414, "God my King, thy might confessing." The anthem is Grayston Ives' "King of Glory." The concluding hymn is #481, "Rejoice, the Lord is King."

The service is the Evensong in B flat by Sir John Stainer. You can listen to the "Magnificat" here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoBiLrffuls>

Stainer (1840-1901) was an English composer and organist whose music, though not generally much performed today (except for The Crucifixion, still heard at Passiontide in many churches of the Anglican

Communion), was very popular during his lifetime. Stainer harmonized the version of "The First Nowell" that is #109 in our hymnal and wrote the music for hymn #160, "Cross of Jesus."

An organ prelude is at 4:45 p.m. The Cathedral Chamber Choir sings. Dwight Thomas is organist and music director.



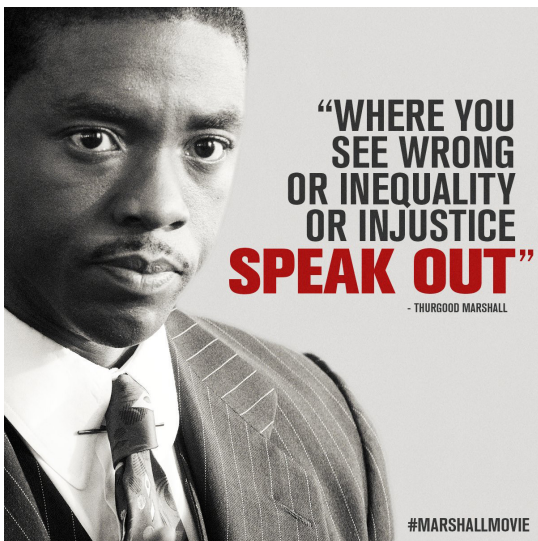
*The Magnificat of Mary of Nazareth, from the gospel of Luke, begins, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."*

On November 28, **THANKSGIVING**, the Cathedral will be open only for our 10 a.m. service of Thanksgiving and Holy Eucharist. No other services, no activities that day.

The Cathedral will be closed on Friday, November 29, the day after Thanksgiving. No services, no activities, no movie.

# Seeking Justice; Celebrating Together; Loving Vincent: Movies in November

Join us for free movies at 7 p.m. Fridays in Harvard Hall. We provide the popcorn. All welcome; bring your friends!



**November 1: *Marshall*** (2017, PG-13). Recounting an early case of attorney Thurgood Marshall, who would later become the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, this riveting drama depicts his defense of a black chauffeur accused of sexual assault.

**November 8: *What's Cooking?*** (2000, PG-13). Special wine-and-cheese movie night; see article on [page 19](#).

**November 15: No movie;** Bay Baroque concert.

**November 22: *Loving Vincent*** (2017, PG-13). This animated photo biopic recounts the life and last days of tormented Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh, with each frame of the film consisting of an oil painting executed in the mas-



ter's style and a plot based on letters he wrote.

**November 29: No movie;** Thanksgiving holiday.

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

## Movie Night Gets a Diverse Dinner On the Stove for Thanksgiving

Start the holiday season a little early! The Burns Movie Series and the Fellowship and Festivities Committee invite you to a wine-and-cheese movie night on Friday, November 8, at 7 p.m.

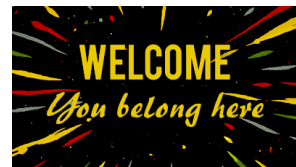
We'll provide the wine and cheese; you're invited to bring your favorite movie munchie to share. Because we're serving alcohol, this event is open only to those 21 and older, please.

Our feature film that night is a special Thanksgiving selection: *What's Cooking?* (2000, PG-13), starring Joan Chen, Julianna Margulies, Mercedes Ruehl, Kyra Sedgwick, and Alfre Woodard.



This "multicultural comedy-drama, set in Los Angeles' middle-class Fairfax neighborhood, paints an intriguing portrait of family tensions as four ethnic clans — Latino, African-American, Jewish, and Asian — get ready for Thanksgiving dinner. A gun, an affair, a boyfriend, and a pregnancy precipitate crises, forcing each family to find its center" ([IMDb.com](https://www.imdb.com)) "and discover the astonishing power love has to reconnect us all" (Amazon Prime).

The film is a "generous and charming" (*The New York Times*) "vision of 21st-century diversity and the future of the American family" (Amazon Prime).



During the month of November we're using the expanded-language booklet as well as the Book of Common Prayer AND the worship bulletin AND the hymnal. If you see newcomers struggling, juggling, looking confused, give them a hand and help them navigate the service.

And when you pass the peace, be sure you include newcomers, people standing alone, those you don't already know.

# EYSeedlings Group Starts in January

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

Beginning in January there will be a new group just for 3rd- through 5th-graders called EYSeedlings. We have more than 25 kids at the Cathedral in this age group and this is a great opportunity to dig in a little deeper and offer faith formation opportunities just for them.



In her book *Real Kids Real Faith*, Karen Marie Yust describes children between the ages of 9 and 12 as “spiritual inquirers.” She writes that there is a noticeable shift in their world perspective and the kinds of questions they have about faith. Even young children are upset when something is deemed to be “not fair,” but this age group is also able to grapple with more complicated ideas of what is right and just.

*Our first Middler Meet Up was a blast! Pictured: Six super-silently and creative kids. Not pictured: a tastebud-challenging game of Beanboozled, a fun game of hide-and-seek/scavenger hunt/freeze tag, and fun facts about snails and pirates. Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

Preteens are often quick to call out any amount of hypocrisy from adults around them (the old “do what I say, not what I do”) and see the gaps in our culture between what we say our values are and what the reality is. It’s exciting to see them begin to discern and claim their own beliefs, but it’s important that they also have a lot of support and guidance to nurture this inquisitive stage. Kids this age often push for clear, concrete answers. Our hope is to provide a place where we encourage those hard questions while acknowledging that faith does not always deliver those answers and yet God is still with us.

EYSeedlings will meet on the third Sunday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be lunch, time to hang out with friends, and then a discussion theme for each month. We’ll also meet up occasionally for other fun social events.

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## EYSeedlings sprout in January

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EYSeedlings will take the place of weekly Middler chapels on Sunday mornings. We encourage the 3rd- through 5th-graders to take a more active role in participating in worship services. Stay tuned for more details on the ministry bingo cards that we will start in January. This will be a fun way to learn more about all the ways to be a part of the ministry of the church and help them find a place to share their gifts and talents with the church.

If you have questions or want to build relationships with kids in EYSeedlings, I look forward to talking with you! You can e-mail me at [hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com).

### Make Time for Middler Meet-Ups

Before things officially kick off in January, we have two Middler Meet-Ups this fall — Sunday, November 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Anysia and Robin McDowall and daughter Lydia, and a Christmas party in December. Watch for details.

## Holiday Activities Are Filling Up the Calendar

December calendars are filling up fast. Here are some events to put on yours:

### Sunday, December

**1:** Advent Lessons and Carols at the 10:15 a.m. service.



### Saturday, December

**7:** Diocesan ordinations, 11 a.m.

**Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8:** Last days to bring in your gifts for the Giving Tree (see [Page 7](#)).

**Sunday, December 15:** Children and youth present the Christmas pageant at the 10:15 a.m. service. Christmas cookie party at coffee hour — bring in a batch of your favorites to share. (Include a note telling us what they're called, your name (so



others can ask for the recipe), and whether they contain nuts. Gluten-free goodies welcome! Please, no treats with alcohol, since children are present.

**Tuesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve services at 5 and 10:30 p.m. (music prelude at 10 p.m.).

**Wednesday, December 25:** Christmas Day service at 10 a.m.



# Gratitude All Year Long, Not Just on Turkey Day

**Alicia Schmid, Youth Minister**

The Israelites' experience in the wilderness is depicted in the book of Numbers. During their time searching for the Promised Land, the Israelites seem to prefer complaining instead of trusting that God will provide for them.

We hear them get very grumbly AFTER they have seen God's wonders and miracles. They might have been wandering in the wilderness, but even then God sent manna from heaven and provided water from a rock. Even after God delivered them from slavery in Egypt, and continued to provide for them, they kept turning their hearts away. It seems as if they took God's miraculous provision for granted.

Their faith and focus were not where they should have been, and I realize that I probably am not much different. How many times do I experience God's love and provision in my life, but then I focus on the next "issue" that needs fixing, and I complain instead of being thankful?

Here in the U.S., we set aside just one special day a year to give thanks. Many of us gather with loved ones and enjoy a day of food, fellowship, and football. We go around the dinner table and say what we are thankful for.

Sadly, our thanksgiving often ends there. Rather than maintaining that attitude of gratitude, we complain about the dirty dishes, the lines in the stores on Black Friday, and going back to work and school after a long weekend. We forget that God is loving and kind and good every day, not only on the fourth Thursday in November.

So this November, the Cathedral EYC (Episcopal Youth Community — there's the big new name reveal!) will focus on gratitude all month, and perhaps we can keep our hearts and minds in a grateful state going into 2020. Please invite your friends and join us for our **Youth Friends-giving Picnic and Retreat** and our **Youth Third Sunday Huddle Groups**:



*St. Leo Abbey in Pasco County, on the shore of Lake Jovita, welcomes visitors.*

**Youth Friends-giving  
Picnic and Retreat  
St. Leo Abbey in St. Leo, FL  
Sunday, November 17**

A caravan carpool will leave the Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. and return at 5 p.m.

Invite friends and bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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## Gratitude All Year

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### Youth Third Sunday Huddle Groups

**Sunday, November 17**

EYC Jr. (Middle School) will meet at 9 a.m.

EYC (High School) will meet at 11:30 a.m.

Both Groups will meet in the youth room for a faith talk, games, fellowship, and snacks!

In December, join us for:

**Youth Huddle Groups** (we will meet only at 11:30 a.m. because of Christmas Pageant) and our **Tacky Christmas Sweater Party** (EYC Jr. & EYC) on Sunday, December 15

**Cookie Baking & Delivery** for the DTSP Fire Department & Police (EYC Jr. & EYC) on Sunday, December 22

If you have questions, would like to serve with our youth, or want to RSVP, please contact Alicia Schmid at [aschmid@spc.com](mailto:aschmid@spc.com).

## Join the Sisters of Bede For Musical Merriment

All are invited for a rousing evening of entertainment as the Sisters of Bede perform **Jonah — The Musical** on Saturday, November 9, in the Parish Hall at St. Bede's, 2500 16th St. N. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and the hilarious show starts at 6 p.m. The Sisters of Bede have been performing for years, and their escapades and silly songs make for a great evening of entertainment. You can RSVP on the event page on St. Bede's Facebook page.

The Sisters of St. Bede Present

### “JONAH - The Musical”

Come!  
Dinner at 5:00pm  
In the Parish Hall

November 9th



*You won't want to miss seeing them!*

## Have a Cup of Coffee with the Clergy

Our series of Coffee with the Clergy gatherings continues from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, November 10, led by the Rev. Brandon Peete, canon for hospitality. If you're new to the Cathedral (and even if you're not), you're invited to join him and other clergy in the Chapter Room for introductions, questions and answers — whatever you'd like to talk about.



## You've Got Mail!

The Cathedral sends out a weekly email on Fridays listing events and offerings for the upcoming week. It's a great reminder so you don't miss out on anything. The Cathedral also sends out *Crosstown* via email monthly. If you'd like to start receiving these emails, please email [hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com) to be added to the list.





## We're Adopting One Class at Campbell Park: How Can You Help?

### Canon Katie Churchwell

Every year the Cathedral sponsors 10 classrooms at Campbell Park Elementary at a cost of \$1,500. This provides each classroom with \$150 of discretionary funds that the teachers can use as they see fit. This year we have adopted all five kindergarten classes and all five first-grade classes.

In addition, this year we are adopting one class with which to build a special relationship. Please meet Ms. Denise Baker. She teaches first grade, and we have committed to support her and her class this 2019-2020 academic year.

There are no set rules as to how we



*Denise Baker*

do this. Susan Darrow, a member of the Cathedral, is our classroom coordinator, and she will let us know when the class or teacher have needs. Prepping classwork for the teacher or helping prepare for class projects, reading in the classroom, sending encouraging notes and emails to Ms. Baker, and maybe even helping to throw a party every now and again for the class are all examples of things we might do.

If you would like be part of the team of people who support Ms. Baker's class, please contact Canon Katie ([kchurchwell@spcathedral.com](mailto:kchurchwell@spcathedral.com)) or Susan Darrow ([sdarrow99@me.com](mailto:sdarrow99@me.com)) or (239) 580-7313).



Our Foyer Groups continue to meet at 5:45 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month — this month that's November 21 — for a good meal (\$5) and good conversation. Signup sheets are on the hospitality table in Harvard Hall, or speak to Marion Fleming ([mimideeda@gmail.com](mailto:mimideeda@gmail.com)). Foyers are a great way to meet people, learn your way around, and enjoy lively talk.

## Still Life with Pumpkins

Some of the newest members of the Flower Guild were responsible for this gorgeous harvest arrangement at our Oktoberfest last month. Want to learn to arrange flow-

ers? The Flower Guild is seeking new members. No experience is necessary; we'll teach you everything you need to know. Men and women welcome. Flower arranging is a great skill to learn: Besides beautifying the Cathedral, you can create beautiful arrangements at home or to give as gifts.

Please speak to Ron Gallucci (727-906-8521) or [ronbill@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ronbill@tampabay.rr.com).

Photo by JUDY STARK



## A Menu to Remember

Some of you have asked about the sources of the (delicious!) food served at Oktoberfest. The bratwurst is the Sheboygan brand, sold at GFS at 3131 Fourth St. N in five-pound frozen bags of about 20 sausages for \$19.99. It was steamed in either beer or beef broth and onions. The sauerkraut was the German-style kraut from Aldi, doctored up (bacon fat, beef broth, white wine, apple, onions studded with cloves and bay leaves, finely grated potato) by our own Madame Choucroute, Irene Sumner. The potato salad was from Ted Peters Smoked Fish at 1350 S Pasadena Ave., and the strudel was from Cafe Mozart at 6754 Fourth St. N.

## Creatures Great and Small

Under the shady trees at St. Bede's, we celebrated the Blessing of the Animals on October 5. Fur babies of parishioners from both St. Bede's and the Cathedral were blessed by the Rev. Ethan Cole and the Rev. Canon Paige Hanks.

Photos by JUDY STARK



*Canon Paige Hanks says hello to one of God's little blessings.*

*The Rev. Ethan Cole blesses BJ Scarborough's dog, Finnegan.*



*Joe and Nancy Lane brought Baxter in his stroller for a blessing from the Rev. Ethan Cole.*



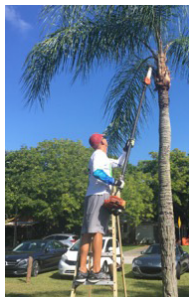
## Caring Together

We had a great turnout of parishioners from the Cathedral and St. Bede's at the Carefest workday at St. Bede's on September 28. Most of the work was done in the Memorial Garden, trimming trees and bushes and tending to this sacred space. The pile of debris cleared by this dedicated group of volunteers was about seven feet tall and about 12 feet wide, and we even had another truckload of branches that were hauled away.

The Memorial Garden holds a special place in the heart of St. Bede's, and it has once again been restored to a place of reflection and remembrance. Stop by and see the results of the volunteers' hard work on the south side of the church property.

Photos by CANON  
PAIGE HANKS

*Trimming the tree: A palm gets some attention from the man with the saw.*



*Volunteers from the Cathedral and St. Bede's take a break from the work for a photo.*

*The Cathedral Youth Group seeks out some shade during Carefest*





# November Transitions

## Birthdays

- 1 Ted Larsen
- 1 Ellen Morris
- 2 Cathy Rentschler
- 2 Blanton Garnett
- 2 Greg Glenn
- 2 Anjali O’Kelley
- 4 Emily Williams
- 5 Adelia Samaha
- 5 Raymond Lannon
- 6 Mary Matthews
- 7 Andy Munkittrick
- 7 Cammeron Townsend
- 8 Ida Brophy
- 8 Dave Darrow
- 9 Phyllis Waters
- 9 Reece Townsend
- 10 Aaron Dobiesz
- 11 Jeanne Tucker
- 11 Justin Grimshaw
- 12 Penny Robbins
- 13 Timothy Smithhart
- 13 Suzanne Haines
- 14 Michael Myers
- 14 Sarah Parker
- 14 Noah Ferrell
- 15 Cindy Gines
- 16 David Ponte
- 16 Cassidy Gums
- 17 Ellen Hyland
- 18 Carter Curtis

- 19 Bob Summer
- 19 Richard Gibson
- 19 Patrick Beavers
- 19 Kristen Herman
- 19 Jacob Peters
- 20 Matthew Lannon
- 21 Myra Witko
- 21 Joe Benoit
- 21 Alexandra Blacker-Kunis
- 22 Beatrix Peete
- 24 Bill Peet
- 24 Susan Oates
- 24 Connor Gordon
- 25 Tallulah Taylor
- 25 Cynthia Sinclair
- 26 Michael Adams
- 26 Owen Breen
- 26 Clayton Roen
- 26 Amelia Pastman
- 27 Caitlin Garnett
- 27 Heather Hollingsworth
- 28 Karen Carroll
- 28 Susan Churuti

- 29 Jillian Reed
- 29 Steve Hawk

- 29 Cassie Ramsey
- 30 Evelyn Finklea

## Anniversaries

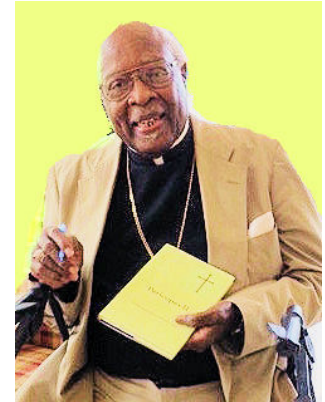
- 13 Richard & Cathy Rome
- 15 Jack & Susan Regan
- 15 Gregory & Maureen Depp
- 16 Jerry & Rosalie Lawson
- 23 Fred & Susan Stansbery
- 25 Joe & Nancy Lane
- 29 Tim Staney & Matt Stewart



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## Death

The Rev. Canon Millard F. Neal



## 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.  
Monday through Friday  
Holy Eucharist and Healing:  
Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.

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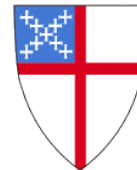
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