



CROSSTOWN

December 2022

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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St. Mary of Nazareth speaks to many cultures around the world as a symbol of the joyous acceptance of God's will despite the violent disapproval of society.

Cathedral Will Host Seating of New Bishop, Diocesan Convention on December 10

All are welcome to attend the seating of our new bishop, the Right Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10.

Our resigning bishop, the Right Rev. Dabney Smith, will officially pass the crozier to Bishop Scharf, indicating the end of one episcopate and the beginning of another.

Bishop Scharf was ordained in Septem-

ber at Van Wezel Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. When the ordination takes place at a location other than the Cathedral, it is customary for the new bishop to be seated officially at the Cathedral in a separate service.

This is a colorful event that begins when the coadjutor knocks three times on the door of the Cathedral and is welcomed by

the dean and escorted to the bishop's seat, the cathedra. That's the chair on the left side as you face the altar, the one with the bishop's mitre atop the back of the seat.

A reception follows in Harvard Hall.

Earlier that day, the diocese will hold its annual convention at the Cathedral starting at 9:30 a.m. This will be a business meeting only to do the necessary work of the diocese: hear the bishop's report, approve the budget, and elect candidates to various positions.

Originally scheduled for October 14-15, the convention was postponed because of the damage created by Hurricane Ian in the southern part of the diocese. The convention is open only to registered delegates.

You can watch both the business meeting and the seating at <https://www.dioswfl.org/tv.html>, or at <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofSWFL>, or on YouTube at @EpiscopalFlorida.



At Bishop Smith's retirement party November 17, Canon Richard Norman presented him and his wife, Mary Wallis, with a model cabin containing the diocesan gift: a certificate for an extended-family holiday in the mountains near Asheville, NC. Photo by LINDSEY NICKEL

A Festive Farewell

Our service of Advent Lessons and Carols on November 27 was the Cathedral's farewell to Bishop Dabney Smith, who will resign December 10. Thanks to the choir and Music Director Dwight Thomas for gorgeous music. Holiday fun continued at a reception.

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Bishop Smith, Mike Zuravel, and the Rev. Sam Tallman.



The Wain-Nye family: Chas, one of the lectors; Rebecca, Scott, Lillyanne.



Gail MacAulay; John and Gail McCoy; Richard Sias and Jack Clark; Roberta Poellein.



Bishop Smith blesses Noah, the son of administrator Michelle Thomas and husband Shawn.

'Longest Night' Service Offers Light in the Midst of Darkness

Amid the holiday joy and cheer, some of us are hurting. Grieving. Mourning the loss of a loved one. Anxious and depressed. Lonely. It can be a hard season when the rest of the world believes that 'tis the season to be jolly, and we're just not feeling it.

On Wednesday, December 21, at 7 p.m., we will offer a Longest Night service, both live in the Cathedral and online. This is a service of prayer and mindfulness for those dealing with loss of all kinds.

We traditionally think of the holiday season as a time of joy and abundance, but for some the pressure to celebrate can be overwhelming. Life situations and loss can heighten feelings of worry and grief. This is a service of light in the midst of darkness.

The service is scheduled for the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. We recognize that there is darkness in all our lives. Through music, silent meditation, scripture, and healing prayer, we reach out to acknowledge sadness with comfort and

quiet remembrance, to reflect on the losses we have experienced and to remember together the real reason for the season: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. God is with us.

Our guest musician will be jazz pianist Judi Glover, who has played at the Straz in Tampa and at the Asolo Theater in Sarasota. She is principal pianist at the Venice Symphony. She has played with the Women of Jazz Concerts in St. Petersburg, the Naples Jazz Orchestra, the Disney Society Orchestra, and many other dates for the Tampa Jazz Club and Sarasota Jazz Club.

Whether you are having a difficult time this holiday season or just want a moment of quiet, please come. If you know someone who is sad, struggling, or alone, please invite them to attend. Everyone is welcome. View the service online at spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream.

Jazz pianist Judi Glover



Live Nativity Is Canceled

The Live Nativity planned for the evening of December 18 has been canceled.

A combination of logistical challenges and illness made it impossible to create an event as wonderful as last year's. We'll put this family-friendly event on our list for next December and hope we can bring back the live animals, carol-singing and holiday fun then.



Flower Guild Needs Your Help

The Flower Guild could use your help prepping flowers and decorating the Narthex and Harvard Hall to prepare for the seating of our new bishop, the Right Rev. Douglas Scharf. Help is needed Tuesday through Thursday, December 6 through 8. Please contact Ron Gallucci at (727) 906-8521 or ronbill@tam-pabay.rr.com if you'd like to help.



Christmas Flower and Music Memorials

If you'd like to make a donation for Christmas flowers and/or music, go to spcathedral.org/christmas-memorials to fill out the form and make your donation. Your gift supports the Flower Guild's special arrangements and decorations for the season as well as outstanding music in our worship services. Deadline is Sunday, December 11.

Advent and Christmas At the Cathedral

Here are the major worship services and activities at the Cathedral as we move into the holiday season. Find details about many of these events elsewhere in this newsletter or at our website, spcathedral.org.

Wednesday, December 21, 7 p.m.: Longest Night service. Music, prayer, and mindfulness for all who suffer any kind of loss in this season. Details, [Page 4](#).

Saturday, December 24, 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve Services. Music prelude at 10 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, 10 a.m.: Christmas Day service.

Monday, December 26 through Saturday, December 31: Cathedral and Cathedral office closed. No services, no activities.

Sunday, January 1, 10 a.m.: One service.

Monday, January 2: Cathedral offices closed. No services, no activities.

Tuesday, January 3: We return to normal office hours.

Still Time to Complete Your Pledge for 2022, Make Your Commitment for 2023

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

We urge you to complete the payment of your 2022 Financial Commitment by the end of the year. Third-quarter statements were emailed or mailed in October. If you would like an updated statement, please contact Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan (rmccolgan@me.com).

As of November 28, we have received 89.7 percent of the amount committed for 2022.

If you give online via Realm, you can check your balance anytime by signing into your account either on your computer or via the Realm Connect app on your cell phone.

Checks need to be received by the Cathed-

ral by December 17 to be considered tax-deductible for 2022. If you pay online, you have until December 31.

If you pay by automatic deduction from your bank account or credit card, please remember to update these accounts before the end of the year.

Many of these accounts automatically expire on December 31 and you must reset them with a new expiration date, i.e., December 31, 2023.

As for the 2023 Faith Filled Financial Commitment campaign, as of November 23 we have received 172 pledges. That is only

75 percent of the pledge commitments for 2022. Those commitments total \$728,350, or 81 percent of our goal. There's still time to make your commitment! You can do so by visiting our web page at: spcathedral.org/give-abc, or you can pick up a commitment card at the front desk, or call us at (727) 822-4173 and we will be glad to put one in the mail.

If you would like assistance in editing or setting up a new online giving account, please contact Michelle Thomas, Cathedral Administrator, at (727) 822-4173, ext. 114, mthomas@spcathedral.com, or Ray McColgan, stewardship chair, at rmccolgan@me.com.

Thanks so much for using the online giving function. It makes our job much easier.

We are so grateful for your Faith Filled Financial Commitment to the Cathedral this year.



FAITH FILLED GENEROSITY

Chapter Elections, Annual Meeting Coming in January

Mark your new 2023 calendar with these important dates in January:

Sunday, January 15: Meet the candidates for Chapter during coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service. The Chapter is the 12-member lay board of directors of the Cathedral. We'll announce the names of candidates in mid-December. Bios and photos will be available in early January. At Meet the Candidates, those seeking election will introduce themselves and respond to questions.

Sunday, January 29: Annual Meeting at coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service. We'll hear a "state of the Cathedral" report from Dean Morris and other leaders and a brief budget presentation, and will elect new Chapter members.

Newcomers are invited to **Coffee with the Clergy** from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 11, in the Chapter Room/Library, hosted by our Canon for Hospitality, the Rev. Brandon Peete. Come learn more about the Cathedral and let us get to know you.

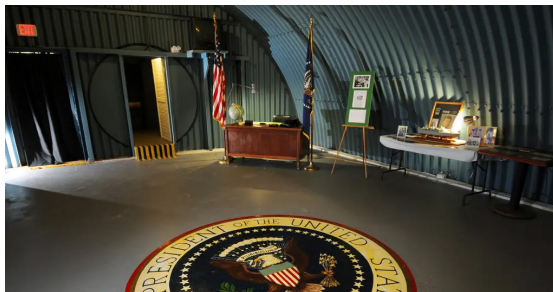


Vocalist Jen Logan performs in the Cathedral, in costume ("Wicked Witchcraft" was one of her numbers). Photo by HILLARY PEETE

All That Jazz

We observed All Hallows' Eve with fog, candlelight, scary stories from the Bible, spooky organ music, and great jazz from David Pate and his ensemble. Later: s'mores in the garden, costumes, and fun.

Great Escapes!



Middle School Christmas Party
Sunday, December 4, from 4 to 6 p.m.
The Great Escape Room
2429 Central Ave., Suite 101

Be here for the **President's Bunker Escape Challenge**: While visiting Washington, D.C., you and your group have been invited to a special private tour of the White House. The last stop is the Presidential Command Bunker. The bunker suddenly goes into automatic lockdown and you are informed of an imminent attack on the United States. Now it is just you and your fellow tour members, locked in with no hope of outside help. You have 60 minutes to prevent nuclear Armageddon!

High School Christmas Party
Sunday, December 11, from 4 to 6 p.m.
The Great Escape Room
2429 Central Ave., Suite 101

Join us for **The Final Seance Escape Challenge**:

Famed illusionist Harry Houdini passed away on October 31, 1926. Prior to his death, he and his beloved wife, Bess, had discussed how she might try to contact him in the afterlife. It is now 10 years since the death of Harry Houdini. Bess has decided that this will be her final attempt before she gives up on trying to contact Houdini forever. You have come to her aid in an attempt to help her succeed before she puts out the lights on Harry's shrine for good. Will you succeed in helping Bess to contact her beloved husband one last time . . . or will Houdini rest in silence forever?



HANG AROUND
THE ALLEY WITH
20s-40s GROUP

Join us at 7 p.m
 December 7 at Sunrise
 Lanes, 6393 M. L.
 King (Ninth) St. N,
 for a few rounds of
 bowling and a chance
 to catch up before the
 season gets too busy.
 Contact Hillary Peete
 (hpeete@spcathedral.com) so we know how
 many lanes to reserve.

COMING IN JANUARY

Let's Bowl!

Sunday, January 8

Noon-2 p.m.

To start off the year, EYSeedlings (3rd through 5th grade) will meet up at Sunrise Lanes, 6393 M. L. King (Ninth) St. N, from noon to 2 p.m. to strike up some fun. Kids can meet us there or we will carpool from church. Pizza lunch provided at Sunrise Lanes. \$10/child.

EYC (6th-12th grade) will also have an unforgetta-bowl good time. Meet up from 5 to 7 p.m. to bowl. Let Hillary know if you plan to attend so we can reserve enough lanes (hpeete@spcathedral.com).



Messy Church:

All About Baptism, Take 2!

Thursday, January 19

5:30-7:15 p.m.

Our November Messy Church was postponed due to Hurricane Ian. Kids ages 4 through 5th grade and their families are invited to join us Thursday, January 19. We'll talk about Jesus's baptism and our own. At Messy Church we learn about God through science, scripture, art, and movement, with some messy fun.

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (\$10/family) and we close with a prayer at 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Hillary hpeete@spcathedral.com by Monday, January 16.



Joining the Household of God

Bishop Barry Howe baptizes Grayson Klipsch, son of Dan and Lindsey Klipsch, assisted by Canon Brandon Peete, on November 6. Amelia Habib, daughter of Faith and Hunter Habib, was also baptized that day.

A Year of Your Generosity Has Changed Lives for So Many

Penny Roen

This has been an exciting year for the Outreach Committee as we tried to faithfully fulfill the mission the Cathedral has given us: to use the resources you provide us to transform the lives of the vulnerable through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives.

Through the microgrant program, we awarded a total of \$5,000 to 10 local non-profits, including food pantries and children's clothing ministries, among others.

As we were no longer so limited by Covid, we could engage in in-person activities at Campbell Park Elementary and Florida Resurrection House.

All this came through the generosity of the members of the Cathedral. Donations of gift cards for Campbell Park classroom sponsorships, for example, meant that more than \$2,000 we had budgeted for the sponsorships was not needed for that purpose and could be used to meet other needs in our community.

And, as in previous years, we have been overwhelmed by all the donations to our monthly collections—food, adult and children's diapers, school uniforms, and other supplies, and much more.



We provided 38 Thanksgiving dinner bags for Campbell Park Elementary students and 14 bags for families at Florida Resurrection House. The bags included green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, instant potatoes, and a \$35 gift card for meat and other perishables. We also provided turkeys and pies for Peterborough Apartments so the residents could enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner together. Photo by PENNY ROEN

Spreading Christmas Cheer

On Dec. 3 the Cathedral will provide pies for the residents of Peterborough Apartments as they decorate for Christmas. Continuing a project we began in 2021, we will donate gifts to be raffled off to the residents. Special thanks to Gail McCoy, who does the gift-shopping and delivery!

The annual Christmas party for the teachers and staff at Campbell Park Elementary, with cookies and gift cards for the ever-popular raffle, will be on December 16. For information, please contact Susan Darrow (sdarrow99@me.com).

Saints Among Us



Former Slave Brought Christianity to West Africa Despite Opposition of White Missionaries

Samuel Ajayi Crowther Bishop in the Niger Territories

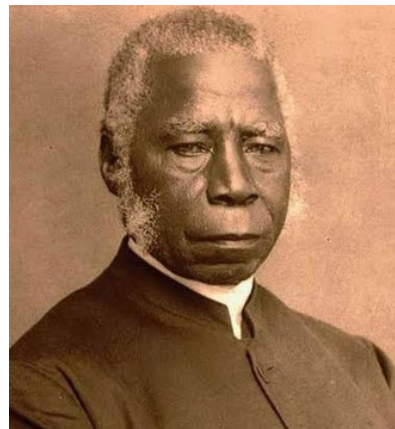
In Canterbury Cathedral, on June 29, 1864, Samuel Ajayi Crowther was ordained the first African bishop for “the countries of Western Africa beyond the limits of the Queen’s domains.”

Samuel Ajayi Crowther was born around 1807 in Osogun, Yorubaland, in what is now Nigeria. Known then as Ajayi, at approximately age 13 he was captured during a Nigerian civil war and enslaved. He was sold to a Portuguese slave-ship captain.

Great Britain abolished the slave trade in 1807 and attempted to suppress illegal traffic using Royal Navy patrols on the coast of Africa. In April 1822, a British patrol stopped and impounded the slave ship that carried Ajayi. The captives on board were transported to the colony of Sierra Leone, where they were liberated.

There, Crowther was educated at an Anglican Church Missionary Society (CMS) school, was baptized in 1825, and became a teacher at a center that sent indigenous lay and ordained ministers throughout West Africa. In 1841 Crowther began his first missionary work in Nigeria.

After this Nigerian expedition, Crowther went to England and studied at the CMS College in London. His studies there led to his ordination by the Anglican Church in 1843. Crowther and several others opened a new mission in Yorubaland. He also made extended missionary journeys to the interior of Nigeria, where, in encounters with Muslims, he was known as a humble, patient lis-



Bishop Samuel Ajayi Crowther

tener, and a thoughtful, non-polemical partner in dialogue.

A skilled linguist, Crowther helped translate the Bible and Book of Common Prayer into Yoruba and other West African languages. He also founded schools and training schools, where he encouraged study of the Gospel, traditional subjects, and farming methods that enabled students to raise basic crops and

cotton as sources of income.

Over time, racial attitudes and missionary policy in the Anglican Church shifted. At the time of Crowther’s ordination as bishop, the British tried to keep missionary

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Samuel Ajayi Crowther

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activity solely under the control of white British clerics instead of African missionaries. Some of these white missionaries subsequently attacked Crowther's mission, discrediting its work, until the staff was entirely replaced by white missionaries.

Crowther patiently endured this while

A Prayer for Samuel Ajayi Crowther

O God, who leads those whom you love from captivity into the grace of the Gospel, we thank you for Samuel Ajayi Crowther, whom you called to become a bishop in your Church: Grant that your Holy Word might be heard, loved, and lived in all corners of the world, that we and all your people may proclaim, by word and example, the Good News of God in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

actively continuing his expansive work among Africans. Samuel Ajayi Crowther died from a stroke, some say brought on by distress at his treatment by the church, on December 31, 1891. A European bishop replaced him.

Though Crowther's ambitions were quelled toward the end of his life, his ordination as the first African Bishop in the Anglican Church was a milestone in 19th-century society. His translations of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer into Yoruba were instrumental in his pioneering of Christian-Muslim interactions in the Upper and Middle Niger regions. He created a solid base from which a much later generation of indigenous African leadership emerged to chart their own political and ecclesial futures.

In 2015, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby officially apologized on behalf of the Church of England for its treatment of Crowther.

The Church remembers and celebrates the humble, patient ministry of Samuel Ajayi Crowther on December 31.

Information from Wikipedia was used in this report.

How to Give to Hurricane Ian Relief

Much of the south end of the Diocese of Southwest Florida was devastated in October by Hurricane Ian.

The Cathedral has donated \$50,000 to diocesan recovery efforts.

You can make a financial donation to support hurricane relief by visiting the diocesan website, [episcopalswfl.org](https://www.episcopalswfl.org), and clicking on the "donate" button.

Please visit the diocesan Facebook page for regular updates on relief efforts.



A Year of the Saints of God

During 2022 we've featured each month a "Saint Among Us" — holy women and holy men who model for us the rich diversity of calling and discipleship within the church. Here's a year-end reprise.

January

Harriet Bedell

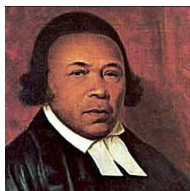
Deaconess of the
Everglades
Cared for the
Marginalized
in Southwest Florida



February

Absalom Jones

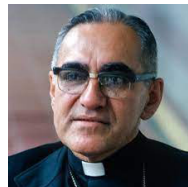
First Black Episcopal
Priest
Persisted in Face of
Slavery



March

Oscar Romero

Archbishop Who Battled
a Government
Died at the Altar



April

Daniel Wu

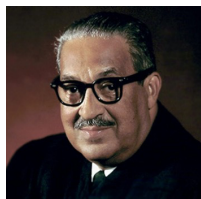
From China to China-
town, A Missionary
to Those of Asian
Descent



May

Thurgood Marshall

Faced Discrimination
and Worked Tire-
lessly to Outlaw It



June

Pauli Murray

A Boundary-Crosser, a
Pioneer, a Fighter
Against Racism and
Sexism



July

William Wilberforce

Steadfast Opponent of
"This Bloody Traffic"
of Slavery



August

Jonathan Myrick Daniels

Seminarian and Martyr
(1939-1965)
A Modern-Day Civil
Rights Martyr Who
Laid Down His Life for
His Friends



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September

Gregorio Aglipay

Priest and founder of
the Philippine Inde-
pendent Church
A Revolutionary in both
Church and State, a
Bridgebuilder to the
Future



November

**Kamehameha
and Emma,
King and Queen
of Hawaii**

Altruism and Humility
Earned This Royal
Couple the Status of
Sainthood



December

Samuel Ajayi Crowther

Bishop in the Niger Territories

We Will Remember; We Shall Overcome

Members of the Cathedral and the community on November 13 visited the historical marker at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Ninth) Street and Second Avenue S, memorializing John Evans, who was lynched near this spot on November 12, 1914. We read a litany of lament and prayed for continued healing and justice in our city.

May we go forward with hope because hopelessness is the enemy of justice.

May we go forward with courage because peace requires bravery.

May we go forward with persistence because justice is a constant struggle.

May we go forward with faith because we shall overcome.



Start the New Year with St. Aelred's Festive Brunch

The Friends of St. Aelred, the Cathedral's LGBTQ+ advocacy group, will celebrate their patronal feast with a brunch in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, January 8. Come start the new year with good food and fun. All are welcome!

The Friends will supply pulled pork sandwiches. Everyone else is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. To make it easy, we'll have aluminum pans and lids in the Narthex on Sundays December 11 and 18. Fill up a pan with a favorite treat and deliver it to the kitchen before the 10:15 a.m. service on January 8.

The event promotes fellowship and friendship among all people following the example of St. Aelred of Rievaulx. Aelred was a significant figure in the English church, a Cistercian monk and abbot in the 12th century who promoted fellowship and friendship among his monks and, by extension, among all people.

The Friends participate in local LGBTQ+ events in St. Petersburg, including the annual PrideFest and Pride Parade each June. Their mission is to

love and serve each other, respecting all persons as diverse creatures of God.



Born in 1110 CE, Aelred of Rievaulx was an English Cistercian monk, abbot of Rievaulx from 1147 until his death in 1167. De spirituali amicitia (Spiritual Friendship), considered to be Aelred's greatest work, is a Christian counterpart of Cicero's De amicitia and designates Christ as the source and ultimate impetus of spiritual friendship.

A five-part series on **AGING AND SPIRITUALITY** will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Thursday, Dec. 1. The topics will be: Health and Aging, Fitness and Lifestyle, Chronic Conditions, Cognitive Aging, and Depression and Aging. You can sign up at the front desk, or just come. A Zoom option will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays starting December 6. Information: Rita Sewell, rita195382@gmail.com.

By Water and the Spirit

Delayed by Hurricane Ian, our annual Canoeucharist finally paddled kayaks and canoes into the water off Fort DeSoto Park where Tampa Bay meets the Gulf of Mexico on November 13. It was a sunny afternoon of faith and fun.



Canon Brandon Peete, assisted by Sophia Preston, celebrates the Eucharist on the water. Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS



Gary Patterson, Ray McColgan, and Mark Myers of the Stewardship Committee (Mark is also a member of the Chapter) preside over the serving line. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Thanks to You

Our annual Thanks-a-Brunch on November 13 was a chance to give thanks for parishioners' generosity in our Faith Filled Commitment Campaign, and for their gifts of time and talent throughout the year.



Good Book Club Invites You to Explore the Teachings of Ruth and Esther

Every January since 2018, Episcopalians across the wider church have joined to read a book of the Bible in community. Next month, the Good Book Club will read the books of Ruth and Esther, which explore the faithfulness and courage of two remarkable women.

The stories of Ruth and Esther have much to teach us about the Hebrew concept of *chesed*, which means sacred kindness, as well as the willingness to be in sacrificial relationship with loved ones and our communities.

You can download the list of daily readings at this address: goodbookclub.org/readings. There you can sign up for a daily e-mail, and you'll also find free downloads, a six-part study guide, and many more resources, some free, some not.

Join the Good Book Club with daily scripture readings, reflections, and teachings, from Epiphany — Friday, January 6 — to Shrove Tuesday, February 21.

Housing Success; Now Seeking To Make the Season Bright

Denis M. Souza, Executive Director

Our shelter for homeless families is at capacity. That means we are fully up and running and serving our clients!

Our first family has left us to move into a permanent home. From homeless to housed in just 37 days, exceeding the goal I'd set of 45 days.

We have eight families who are in need of holiday cheer. If you'd like to make the season brighter for them, please e-mail me (director@fppinellas.org) and I'll be glad to share their wish lists with you.

I'm in awe of the generosity of the people who support Family Promise.

About Family Promise

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national non-profit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. St. Peter's has provided meals for the families several times a year. Families 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? Contact Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.

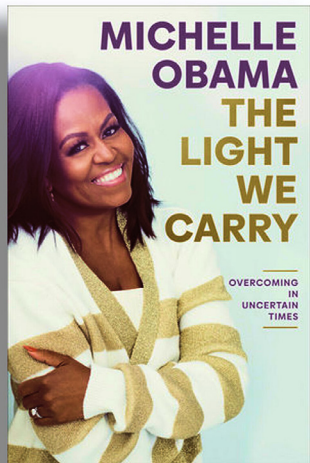
Just in Time for Christmas, Book Club Chooses Its List of Winter-Spring Reading

St. Peter's Book Club has chosen the books it will read from February through June. These titles might make good Christmas gifts for yourself or fellow readers.

The book club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapter Room, or via Zoom. (See [spcathedral.org/book-club](https://www.spcathedral.org/book-club) for how to participate by Zoom.)

There's no Book Club meeting in December. On January 24 they'll discuss *Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage* by Pauli Murray and Patricia Bell-Scott. **Susan Darrow is the presenter.**

Here is the lineup from February to June:



February: *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, by Michelle Obama (335 pages). **Presenter: Lois McMullin.** The former First Lady tells how she adapted to change and overcame obstacles.

March: *Citizen Reporters: S.S. McClure, Ida Tarbell, and the Magazine That Rewrote America* by Stephanie Gortan (384 pages). **Presenter: Shar Nudelman.** A history of the influential Gilded Age magazine *McClure's* and the two unlikely outsiders who spearheaded its powerful investigative journalism.

April: *The Cathedral* by Ben Hopkins (697 pages). **Presenter: Ro-**

berta Poellein. A cathedral slowly rises in the 12th and 13th centuries in the fictional town of Hagenburg, against a background of obsession, mysticism, art, politics, economics, and earthly desire on the part of a large cast of unforgettable characters.

May: *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley. (248 pages). **Presenter: Sydni Shollenberger.** A runaway racehorse, a stray dog, and a boy who shelters them in an adventure that celebrates curiosity, ingenuity, and the desire of all creatures for true love and freedom.

June: *Dreams in the New Century: Instant Cities, Shattered Hopes, and Florida's Turning Point* (548 pages) by Gary Mormino. **Presenter: Nina Berkheiser.** A leading Florida historian explores one of the state's most consequential eras, the early 21st century. It was a time of stunning episodes of boom and bust, an era of extremes, a decade of historic changes that point to Florida's future.

December Transitions

Birthdays

2	Deborah Abraham David Smith	8	Blake Bardell	17	Ellen Methvin
3	John Di Pietro	9	Alice Putman	17	Don Fritz
3	Theresa Holly	9	Terry Llewellyn	19	Tatum Llewellyn
3	Cary Gums	9	Seth Hunnicutt	20	Lydia Behnke
3	Chas Wain-Nye	11	Judy Sallows	20	Christy Dunn
4	Carmen Moore	11	Rick Neefe	21	Louise Bennett
5	Tom Southard	12	Marshall Moyle	21	Mark Ferreira
5	Lee Salviski	12	Maggie Moore	23	Jean Curtis
5	Nancy Lurker	13	John McCoy	23	Gail McCoy
6	David Schenck	13	Claudia Botero	23	Campbell Foster
6	Meg Banitch	14	Catherine Cole	24	Michelle Thomas
7	Dabney Smith	15	Aksel Erickson	25	Wil Laroche
7	John Palen	16	Phillip Ketchum	27	Tony Gecan
8	Ron Gallucci	16	Tim Snyder	27	Vivian Crona
		16	Luke Goodwill	28	Sarah Gecan

Anniversaries

9	Scott & Gaby Gramling	27	Bill & Kally Harvard
17	Amanda & Camilo Cotrino	27	Maggie & Haig Mardirosian
18	Banner & Haley Clark	29	Bill & Elaine Clark
23	Deborah &	29	David & Nancy Kramer
		30	Ralph & Kathy Hancock
		30	Tom & Donna Southard
			Bob Abraham



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Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II and sermon

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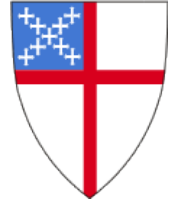
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