



CROSSTOWN

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At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



Choirs of angels appeared at our Christmas Pageant. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

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Has It Really Been 10 Years?

Recalling the Search Process That Brought Us Dean Morris

Susan Churuti, Senior Warden

Dean Morris's recent reminiscence of his first sermon as dean of the Cathedral 10 years ago brought back a flood of memories about our mutual discernment process. Because it is our practice to shred all records of these meetings after a decision is made, these memories can be elusive.

I do remember driving to the diocesan office, then in an office park in Sarasota, to meet with Bishop Smith and receive our charge — what we were to do to call a new dean — on behalf of myself and my co-chair, Elaine New.

I remember the gentle instruction of the Rev. Michael Durning, then canon to the ordinary, about the process. I remember meeting once a week for a year,

starting with dinner provided by one of our 12 members, followed by a meditation or devotional led by another member.

I have a clear recollection of Emily Williams's devotionals ... of then-Senior Warden Sheree Graves's financial acumen and plain speech ... and of Judy Stark's reports from the trips we took to the home congregations of the finalists. Judy was so talented in her observations and her ability to capture them in writing that she continues to provide these services to the wider church as a consultant to parishes seeking new clergy leadership and to dioceses that are electing bishops.

I can recall the hospitality of Dick and Barbara Abbott, who entertained the com-

mittee and the candidates at their home. Roberta Yancey catered some dinners for us with candidates at my home at the Parkshore. Vance Wegner led some deep theological discussions with the candidates and the committee.

I remember that while we interviewed the candidates, my husband Bob took each of the clergy spouses on a tour of their prospective new home, accompanied by Fay Mackey.

And I remember the other candidates, faithful priests who offered themselves and their gifts to the Cathedral and enabled us to see, at last, who it was that God was calling to be our next dean.

My recollection of the state of the Cathedral at that time is that we were fi-



Susan Churuti

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Ten Years of Leadership

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nancially stressed, polarized, buffeted by leadership with a disparate group of interim clergy, and generally fragile. Yet we were hopeful, in drafting the job description, that we were on a path to fulfilling God's promise, and as we continued through the discernment, we became more convinced that better things were ahead for us.

Paul Meeker led us through a singing of the hymn "Jerusalem," setting the language of William Blake:

I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem ...

It felt like a heroic task, and we had a long way to go!

Our final discernment involved sitting together as a group in complete silence with eyes closed for 45 minutes, in order to discern the will of God for the Cathedral. I am sure the candidates' search for God's call was just as intense.

Stephen Morris was our unanimous choice. He seemed very young to bear the

great responsibility he was undertaking, but resolute to lead us forward.

Ten years later, through some seemingly impossible financial challenges, Dean Morris has led us forward, and together we have achieved our goals beyond our expectations. Jerusalem will always exceed our grasp, and there will always be recalibrations of our path as we move into the future — but that future is much brighter than we could have imagined a decade ago.

How grateful we are for all that God has done for our Cathedral and our Dean!

Susan Churuti



Dean Morris has led St. Peter's through challenges to a hopeful future.

January Brings New Season of Epiphany

On January 6, we move into the next season on the Christian calendar: Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit

to the infant Jesus by the Magi, the sages from the East traditionally imagined as the three kings. The arrival

of these gentiles shows that the coming of Christ was a gift to all the world, not only to the nation of Israel.

The color of vestments and hangings in Epiphany is white. In our readings we will see John the Baptizer as the forerunner of Jesus and will hear about the start of Jesus's ministry with his baptism, the calling of the disciples, and his first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

This season lasts until Shrove Tuesday, March 5. Ash Wednesday, the next day, marks the beginning of Lent.



Four Candidates Seek Election to Chapter

Four candidates are seeking election to the Chapter at the Annual Meeting on January 27.

The candidates are **Kerry Carlisle, Lucas Fleming, Herb Polson, and Karen Torrisi.**

The Chapter is the 12-member lay board of directors that, with the dean, sets policy, watches the finances,

and supports the spiritual life of the congregation. Each year four new members are elected to three-year terms.

Biographies of the candidates will be available early in the new year in print as well as on our website. spcathedral.org/cathedral-chapter.

The candidates will be introduced and will answer questions at “Meet the Candidates Day,” at coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, January 13.

A petition period, during which additional

candidates may come forward, runs through January 6. Petition forms are available at the front desk.

Rotating off the chapter are Lucas Fleming, Elizabeth Hasbrouck, David Hill, and Sandy Powers. Because Lucas was serving only a one-year term, filling out the term of a Chapter member who resigned, he is eligible to seek



Lucas Fleming

a full three-year term. Continuing until January 2020 are Diane Casorio, Susan Hamilton Churuti, Shar Nudelman, and Tim Staney.

Continuing until January 2021 are Ray McColgan, Samantha Nevins, and Gary Pat-

erson. A two-year vacancy, created when Hillary Peete resigned from the Chapter to become our children’s minister, will be filled by the Chapter after the election.

Also at the Annual Meeting we will hear a “state of the Cathedral” report, hear highlights of the 2019 budget, and learn about the Strategic Plan the Chapter has been developing.



Karen Torrisi



Kerry Carlisle



Herb Polson

**St. Peter’s
Annual Meeting
and Election of Chapter
Sunday, January 27**

A Conversation with the Rev. Paige Hanks

Our transitional deacon, the Rev. Paige Hanks, will be ordained priest at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 5. All are invited to attend this service and welcome her into the next stage of her life and service in the church.

Paige was ordained deacon in June in the Diocese of Dallas and most recently lived in North Carolina. She moved to St. Petersburg in late fall because of her husband David's job with Johnson Controls.

To help us get to know each other, we asked Paige to tell us about herself. A longer version of this Q&A appears on our website, spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog/.

Q. Who is your favorite character in the Bible? Tell us why.

A. Mary Magdalene is my favorite character, although there are so many completely human folks that God draws in and equips for leadership!

Mary's presence in each of the four Gospels and as a witness to Christ's death and resurrection serves as a reminder to me that a faithful presence with Christ will be a

witness to others. I sometimes imagine that Mary and I could have been friends had we been contemporaries, as I love to be inspired by folks who are willing to be brave and speak out the truth.

Q. Tell us your favorite hymn, and why.

A. This may be the hardest question to answer, because hymnody is my prayer language. When I don't have words, or when my feelings are swirling around and I can't make sense of what's happening, I default to singing hymns and songs of praise, mostly by myself (you're welcome!). Hymns help me to center myself in a particular moment in time and help me forget about all the extras that are intruding while I am trying to be focused. I particularly love hymns that have sacramental language around the

body and blood of Christ, as I am deeply transformed and humbled at God's altar when I consider receiving the gifts of our Savior.

If you forced me to choose, I would have to say "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." There is something magical about the words and tune for me that transport me to another space where I can almost feel myself surrender to the power and love of Christ.

Q. Tell us about a time when you found yourself talking to someone you didn't know about God (gulp! an evangelism moment!).

A. First of all, we have to OWN the word evangelism and be not afraid to claim it! Talking about God to others is a sacred opportunity, and I can't think of one time (outside the church setting) where I have found myself planning to go out and tell



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Meet the Rev. Paige Hanks

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someone about God. Yet I have had countless opportunities to do so, some of which I have taken, and some of which I let slip right on by.

One of my favorites was at the dentist's office when I showed up for a routine cleaning. I had planned to go home from work to change out of my collar (to be more comfortable in that dentist's chair). But the day got really busy at church and I didn't have a chance. I walked in wearing my clerical shirt and had a great conversation about God with the new receptionist. He had never met a member of the clergy, and although we didn't talk long — because it was time for my appointment — we had such a warm conversation between two people who were just trying to understand one another.

I didn't push the conversation toward God, but was excited to answer the questions being asked by someone who didn't know much about God. It had been a busy day without much time for reflection, and this conversation gave me lots to consider

as I lay in the dentist's chair for the next hour. It really made me think about whether he would have asked those same questions if I were wearing my regular clothes. And how I can make the space and time, no matter what I am wearing, to be reflecting the image of God to all people I meet, because that is the best tool for evangelism! Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!



Women Arriving at the Tomb, by He Qi



Our Foyer Groups begin the new year on January 17 at 5:45 p.m. in Harvard Hall. They offer a good meal (\$5) and lively conversation, a chance to get to know others in a relaxed setting. Marion Fleming is eager to welcome you (reach her at mimideeda@gmail.com).

‘Way of Love’ Course Invites You to Deeper Spirituality

On Sunday mornings in Epiphany — starting January 13 — we’ll offer a seven-week course designed to deepen personal spirituality and develop a life centered on Jesus.

The course, called “The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life,” was introduced last summer at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church at the urging of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

It invites us to develop spiritual practices that help us turn away from the powers of sin, hatred, and fear and toward the way of truth, hope, and justice. We re-orient ourselves toward Jesus and toward love.

The class is a logical follow-on from Canon Thomas Williams’s class last fall, “Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as a Guide to a Spiritual Life,” and to the December class on “The Spirit World” taught by the Rev. Brandon Peete on recognizing good and evil in the world.

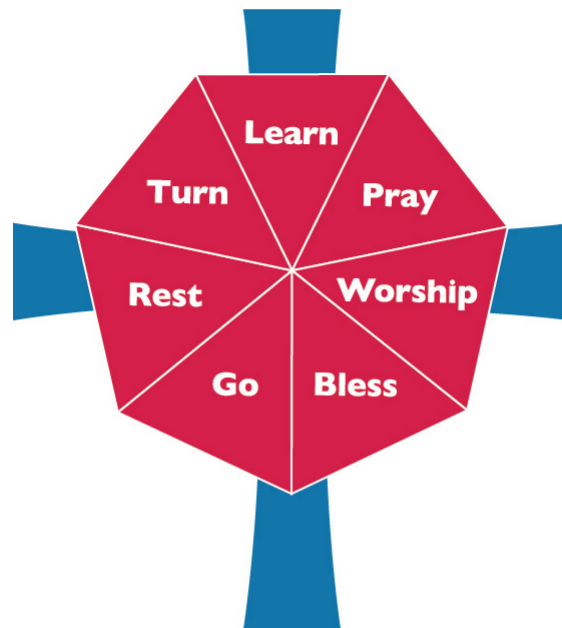
“How can we, together, grow more deeply with Jesus Christ as the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of

love in and for the world?” Bishop Curry asks. “The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a Rule of Life. The Way of Love outlines a rule for the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.”

Each week the class offers reflection, discernment, and commitment around the practices of Turn / Learn / Pray / Worship / Bless / Go / Rest. The class will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in Harvard Hall, led by Gabriele Stauf. No need to sign up, just come. (Yes, there will be coffee.)

A reflection sheet that offers more background on the Way of Love is available on the handout table in Harvard Hall, or here:

episcopalchurch.org/way-love-reflections



THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Join the Good Book Club, Read Romans in Epiphany

Starting January 7, you're invited to join tens of thousands of Episcopalians in reading Paul's Letter to the Romans during the season of Epiphany.

Learn about life in the early church and unpack central principles of our Christian faith by reading a short passage Monday through Saturday from January 7 through Shrove Tuesday (March 5).

We'll have reading lists in Harvard Hall, or view the readings online here: goodbookclub.org. That's where you'll also find a video from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and more resources to enhance your reading experience: podcasts, a downloadable booklet with meditations on the readings and questions, an introduction to "Romans 101," and much more.

This is the second year that the Good Book Club has invited the wider church to learn together. Many of you participated last spring when we read

the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent.

The Letter to the Romans was written by the Apostle Paul in 56-57 CE. Romans shares Paul's attempt to explain how the new expression of faith — following Christ — is rooted in Judaism but is available to all of humanity. As Paul writes to the new community of Christians in Rome, he explores the concepts of salvation, the power of God, and grace.

Many biblical scholars consider Romans to be Paul's most important theological treatise. While Romans is not always easy reading, this sixth book of the Christian Testament articulates what it means to be a disciple of

Christ and how that translates into daily life — lessons to inform and inspire followers of Christ from the beginning to the 21st century.



We've created something we're calling **Crosstown Blog** on our website, at www.spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog/. Here you'll find additional material that complements our print and online stories, or longer versions of stories that appear in brief form in *Crosstown*. (Exhibit A: A longer version of the Q&A with the Rev. Paige Hanks, which appears on Page 5.) Please visit us often to enjoy these enhancements.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SOCIAL:

On the first Sunday of the month we gather in the garden during coffee hour to catch up with other Cathedral families. Join us on January 6. There will be games for kids and a special Epiphany gift to take home!

JOIN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FACEBOOK GROUP!

This will be a place for Cathedral families to connect and stay up-to-date with Children's Ministry events. It will also be a space for us to share resources, ideas, invitations, and even prayer.

Quiet Day on January 26 Will Find Us 'Lost in Wonder'

The Rev. Jean Hite, associate rector at Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples, will lead an Epiphany Quiet Day at the Cathedral from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 26.

Picking up the message of wonder — born at Christmas and the focus of the season of Epiphany — the theme of the day is "Lost in Wonder."

"Never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder, and he gave it to me." — Abraham Joshua Heschel

How often do we find ourselves chasing success so exclusively that we lose all sense of wonder?

How often do we stop all that we're doing and stand in awe at the miracles God works in and around us every day?

You are invited to take some time away from your busy schedule to settle into the "stillness of the eternal" and open yourself to the "heart of wonder."

The day will be divided into three group ses-

sions with sharing and discussion, ending with worship in a celebration of wonder and praise in Holy Eucharist.

"Mankind will not perish for want of information; but only for want of appreciation. The beginning of our happiness lies in the understanding that life without wonder is not worth living. What we lack is not a will to believe but a will to wonder." — Abraham Joshua Heschel, God in Search of Man

Mother Jean has a special affinity for the ministries of reconciliation and hospitality and for things contemplative: readings of the mystics and the early church fathers. She has special training in spiritual direction and retreat ministry.

The Quiet Day is open to all; please invite your friends from other churches. There is a charge of \$5, payable at the door, for snacks and lunch. Registration and coffee are at 9:30 a.m. and the day begins at 10 a.m. We will have signup sheets at the front desk and at the table in Harvard Hall starting January 2.



The Rev. Jean Hite

We'll Honor Our Patron Saint With Cathedral Brass January 20

We will celebrate our patronal festival on Sunday, January 20, the Confession of St. Peter. The Cathedral Brass will be with us at the 10:15 a.m. service, and incense will be used at that service.

This is the day we recognize the importance of our namesake, St. Peter. We read the story of his confession, or acknowledgment, of Jesus as the Messiah, and we celebrate our community of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.



The Gospel lesson that day (Matt. 16:13-19) portrays Peter as the first male disciple to see who Jesus really is: "You are the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus praises Peter and vows to build his church "on this rock," a play on words. Peter's name in Greek is Petros, and the Greek word *petra* means rock.

The Roman Catholic Church interprets this statement as referring to Peter, the individual, as the first pope. The Protestant Church interprets it to mean that God will build Christian community upon the confession, the acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah by each member of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9).

The statue of St. Peter in our Memorial Garden. Photo by JUDY STARK

Mark Those 2019 Calendars for Trivia Night in February

Shar Nudelman and Sandy Powers

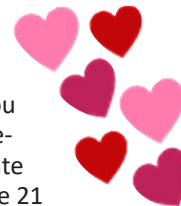
Save the date for our next Pizza and Trivia Mix-Up Night! This is a great way to start your Valentine celebrations. Join us at 6 p.m. Saturday, February 9, for another laughter-filled evening of fellowship and friendly competition.

Professional Trivia Emcee Lee will again join us to host the game. Gluten free? No worries, we'll have you covered, too. And we'll have some special Valentine treats. Wine and alternate beverages will be served, so only those 21 and older, please.

Tickets will go on sale mid-January, so be on the lookout for more information on our monitors in the Narthex and Harvard Hall and on the website.

Contact Shar Nudelman at marvshar1@msn.com or Sandy Powers at gpowers48@aol.com if you have questions about the event, or would like to join the Fellowship and Festivities Committee, a great group that has fun while providing fun for our church community.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Times Book Editor Will Explore The Underside of Florida on January 8

Our popular series of Book Talks resumes at noon Tuesday, January 8, when *Tampa Bay Times* book editor Colette Bancroft reviews *Florida* by Lauren Groff, a finalist for the National Book Award and a longtime resident of Gainesville.

Florida brings together 11 stories written over the course of the dozen years Groff lived in the state, but she never intended to pay homage, according to the *Paris Review*. “The fact that these are all Florida stories comes out of the fact that I feel ambivalent or unsettled about the place where I live,” she told the magazine.

Florida is headquartered in a “dense, damp tangle” of a state, “an Eden of dangerous things.” Writing in *The New Yorker*, critic Katy Waldman said the collection “conjures that feeling when the floor falls



Colette Bancroft

out from under you. ... Representative characters include ... a student living out of her car, a traveller caught in a storm, a woman hunkering down during a hurricane, a man stuck on a canoe. The natural world acquires an almost ceremonious menace: lush, toxic, grand.”

In her admiring review, Bancroft said, “Groff is adept at portraying people in desperate straits, recounting how their humanity is stripped away — but not entirely. In ‘Dogs Go Wolf,’ she tells the story of two very young sisters. ‘Pretty little things, strangers called them. What dolls! Their faces were exactly like their mother’s. Hoochies in waiting, their mother joked, but she watched them anxiously from the corner of her eye. She was a good mother.’

“But the girls are stranded in an old fish-

ing camp on a remote island as first their mother, then the sketchy couple tending them, sail away,” Bancroft writes. “They’re so young they hardly grasp how much trouble they’re in, and it’s chilling to watch their efforts to survive unfold.”

January Book Talk

Speaker: Colette Bancroft,
on Lauren Groff’s short-story collection, *Florida*

When: Noon-1 p.m.
Tuesday, January 8

Where: Harvard Hall

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

Hospitality: Where Our Discipleship Meets the Road

Canon Katie Churchwell

One of the most daunting things a person can do is to show up at a new church. Where do I park? What do I wear? What will people think of me?

Our new website (spcathedral.org) helps answer a lot of these questions, but the one it cannot answer is: Will people be friendly?

Of course, it is everyone's job to be kind and welcoming to all people who enter our doors (Jesus says so). But we also have a dedicated team of people who intentionally look out for new people. Enter our Hospitality Team! We are so grateful to Rick and Gail MacAulay for their leadership these past years, and we are glad that as they step out of leadership, they will still be on the team. We give them a big round of applause.

The Hospitality Team is specially trained to help newcomers feel welcome and at home when they enter the Cathedral. They also help newcomers to find helpful information about events and ministries at the Cathedral. If you have a warm smile and a heart for welcome, I would love to invite you to join the team. Please contact Canon Katie if you would like to be trained for this important ministry.



'St. Paul's Service' Is Centerpiece Of January Choral Evensong

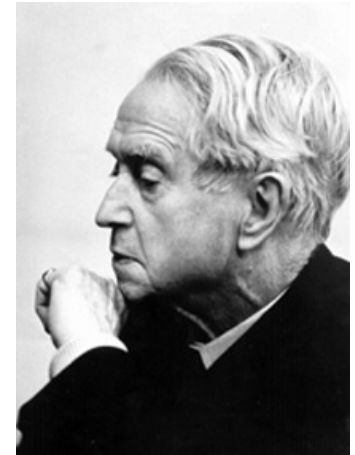
Our service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 27 — the third Sunday of Epiphany — will be the "St. Paul's Service" by Hubert Howells.

Howells (1892-1983) was a pupil of some of the greats of English church music: Charles Villiers Stanford, Walter Parratt, Charles Wood, and Hubert Parry. He was a close friend of Ralph Vaughan Williams, and liked to recall listening to the premiere of his "Variations on a Theme of Thomas Tallis," conducted by the composer.

Howells was a prolific and admired composer of church music. The "St. Paul's Service" (for St. Paul's Cathedral, 1951) is among the best known and most admired of his many settings of the Anglican liturgy.

An organ prelude will begin at 4:45 p.m.

The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing. Dwight Thomas is organist. A freewill offering is taken, and a light reception follows.



A New Year in Stewardship: Think About Legacy Giving

Early in the new year we will begin to offer information about planned legacy giving. If you have already remembered St. Peter's in your will, please let us know. Or if you indicated on your pledge card that you would like information about estate planning, we want to hear from you. We are planning an event in January to honor and thank those who have made this commitment to the Cathedral and want to be sure you are invited. Please speak to Dean Morris (or e-mail him at sbm@spcathedral.com) or Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan (e-mail him at rmccolgan@me.com).



Later this spring we will offer information sessions about planned legacy giving. The Cathedral is one of five parishes in the Diocese of Southwest Florida that are participating in a pilot study by the Episcopal Church Foundation to find effective ways of creating a "culture of stewardship." You'll be hearing more from us about this.

Our pledge drive lasts for two months in the fall, but stewardship of time, talent and treasure is something we work at every day of the year. The conversation continues! Please visit our Crosstown blog, www.spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog, for a chart that suggests ways you can offer your time, talent, and treasure in 2019. New year's resolutions, anyone?

Brighten the Post-New Year's Gloom: It's St. Aelred's Brunch Time!

We'll start the new year with a brunch after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, January 6.

This is the annual event hosted by the Friends of St. Aelred. They'll provide pulled pork; you provide the salads, sides, and desserts. There's still time to pick up an aluminum pan in the Narthex and bring it back with a pot-luck dish to share.

The Friends of St. Aelred are our LGBTQI members and their friends and supporters. St. Aelred (1109-1167) was the abbot of Rievaulx, a Cistercian monk, an author, and a major figure in English church life. Under his leadership, the abbey at Rievaulx (pictured below) grew to a membership of more than 600 monks. Aelred taught that friendship is a gift from God and allowed his monks to hold hands and give other expressions of friendship.



Religion, Art, and Intrigue: This Month's Book Club Selection

St. Peter's Book Club starts the new year on January 22 with a discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. John Sumner is the presenter.

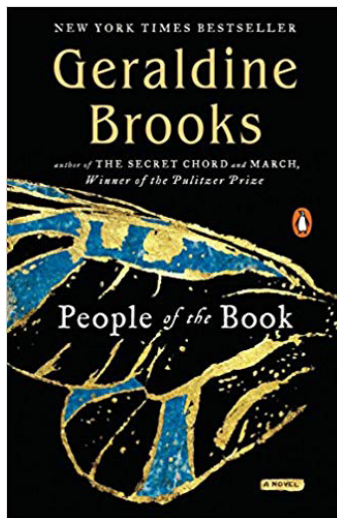
In this sweeping novel, based on a true story, Australian conservator Hanna Heath is called upon to examine the 15th-century Sarajevo Haggadah, a treasured illuminated Hebrew manuscript that disappeared during the siege of Sarajevo in 1992 and has now resurfaced. The back story, starting in Seville in 1480, tells how the manuscript was created, lost, and found, and offers a look into the intrigues of fine-art forgers and ultranationalist fanatics.

"Brooks's depiction of the Haggadah bringing together Jews, Christians, and Muslims could not be more timely," *Publisher's Weekly* said in a review.

Brooks won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2006 for her novel *March*, which retold Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* from the

viewpoint of the girls' absentee father.

All are welcome, whether you've read the book or not! The Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapter Room/Library.



Braving the Wilderness: Entering Lent Wholeheartedly

In February we will welcome a special guest, the Rev. Callie Swanlund, to lead a weekend retreat intended to help make one's Lenten season intentional and meaningful. Using the work of Brene Brown, founder of *The Daring Way* (www.thedaringway.org), participants will take a deep look at themselves and their walk with Christ as they prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. More details to come, but for now, save the date: the weekend of February 23.

Mother Callie is the creator of the How2charist: Digital Instructed Eucharist — a video explaining what we do in the celebration of Holy Eucharist, and why. You can view Mother Callie's video on our website, spcathedral.org.



*The Rev. Callie
Swanlund*

Dance in Movie Musicals: From Busby Berkeley to Chita Rivera and Beyond

Jack Clark

This six-part lecture series, “A Brief, Live-ly History of Dance in Musical Film,” looks at the development of dance in the musical film industry. The focus is on the intersections of dance with film technology, the rise and fall of studio industry, the director generations, and those dancers and choreographers who brought dance musicals to the screen.

We’ll meet in Harvard Hall at 2 p.m. to view video clips on the big screen. Each session lasts about 90 minutes. Here’s the lineup:

January 24: Part 1, the 1920s-30s — Musical Film Beginnings. The rise of studios, Busby Berkeley, and the innovations of Fred Astaire, Hermes Pan and Ginger Rogers.

January 31: Part 2, the Fred Astaire Legacy. Astaire’s other partners: Leslie Caron, Jane Powell, Eleanor Powell, Vera-Ellen, Rita Hayworth, Cyd Charisse.

February 14: Part 3, Gene Kelly: The Creative Giant of Film.

February 28: Part 4, the 1940s-60s: The Golden Era of Musicals. Choreographers, and Dancers: Marge and Gower Champion, Bob Fosse, Debbie Reynolds, Nick Castle, Robert Alton, Ann Miller.

March 7: Part 5, the 1970s-80s: Blame It on Elvis. The death of the mega-musical and the return of Broadway. Elvis and rock and roll; Onna White, Alex Romero, Shirley Maclaine, Chita Rivera, Julie Andrews.

March 14: Part 6, 1980s through the 21st Century: The TV generation of directors. Actors stop training. The blockbuster film; Disney; the non-dancer celebrity.



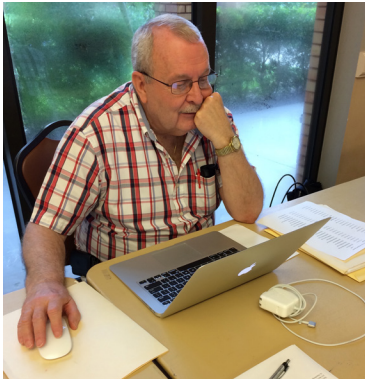
Eleanor Powell and Fred Astaire dance to “Begin the Beguine” in Broadway Melody of 1941.

The Giving Tree Gave Generously

Thanks to all who participated in the Giving Tree in December. Through the generosity of the congregation, we were able to provide 255 gifts to 102 children and adults at Resurrection House, Brighter Seasons, and Campbell Park Elementary.

A special thanks to all the elves who worked diligently on December 4 to sort, check, and deliver the gifts!

Photos by JUDY STARK



Organizer Ray McColgan keeps the names, gifts, and locations straight.



Dressed for the part: Elves Meg Banitch, Ellen Alexander, and visitor Eve Chico.



Judy Beck (left), Jim Jeffries (below left), and James Knight (below) tend to the sorting, packing, and carrying.



Making Spirits Bright

Just before Christmas we delivered 236 pounds of food and personal hygiene items to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, contributed by the congregation during our November food drive. That's Andrew Lucas, the Free Clinic warehouse manager, at the scale. Thanks to Craig Bryant and Phil Ketchum for helping to load up the contributions for delivery.

Photo by JUDY STARK

Surrounded by Angels, We Welcomed a New Church Year

Betsy Adams

In December we held a special Messy Sunday where we were surrounded by Angels, Angels, Everywhere! During our worship time Ms. Gail told us three wonderful stories of these glorious messengers bringing Good News.



We heard about Zechariah serving in the temple where an angel told this old man that he was going to be a father. When Zechariah couldn't believe it, he was struck dumb (literally) until the baby was born.

Next we heard about the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to ask her to become the mother of God.

Finally Ms. Gail told us how Mary's fiancé, Joseph, was visited in a dream by an angel who reassured him that it was okay to marry her and raise her baby as his own.

We also learned that we had entered a new church season, Advent. We talked about the meaning of the word "advent" and noticed that we had changed colors in the church. Next we began to learn the Liturgical Colors Song. We had high hilarity

*All the participants gathered to celebrate the church's Happy New Year, the start of a new church year with the season of Advent.
Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

as we had to jump up when we sang the color word that we were holding: "Purple and green, red and white. These are the colors of the year. Purple and green, red and white, remind us of the light."

Best of all, we learned a secret about First Advent: It's really the church's Happy New Year. We each got a New Year's hat and some noisemakers to celebrate.

In response to our angel stories, as we remembered Zechariah being struck dumb, we decorated our own chalkboards so we could communicate. We thought of Joseph as we made our own dreamcatchers to welcome good dreams and catch the bad dreams. We used magnifying glasses to help us draw mini pictures and write tiny words that expressed the glory of God. Then we used our own little magnifying glasses to "magnify" our work. Lastly, we decorated gingerbread angels.

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Messy Angels

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We were blessed by the presence of Dr. Anthony Albert, an orthopedic surgeon, who used frosting to repair some of our broken (we hope not “fallen”) angels.

Messy Church will gather at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, to continue the story. In “Past, Present, and Future,” we will explore the idea of prophecy as we enter the story of Simeon and Anna, two people who had been waiting for all their long lives for God to send a promised savior. We will also learn about Candlemas and a new season of Epiphany.

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

MLK Day of Service on January 21

Canon Katie Churchwell

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

On Monday, January 21, the Cathedral will hold its first MLK Day of Service. Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Outreach Committee has organized a day of service to benefit the lives of those we love and support in our community.

Beginning at 10 a.m., ALL are invited to meet at the Cathedral for a moment of prayer and gathering. From there, people will have four opportunities to serve their community. We will send out teams to three sites: Campbell Park Elementary, Resurrection House, and Peterborough Apartments. The fourth site will be here at the Cathedral, where there will be on-site opportunities of service especially geared toward families with small children and those with mobility issues.

Our goal on this day is to answer the question posed by Dr. King himself when he offered: “Life’s most persistent and urgent

question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” Let us show up for our community, the missions of this congregation, with our hands and feet and the love of Christ. May January 21 be more than a federal holiday. May it be a day in which we “learn to live together as brothers” and not a day that we “perish as fools.”

There will be many opportunities to sign up, gear up, and show up: so keep your eyes open early in the New Year for your opportunity to do so!



January Movies Beckon with Dancing, Identifying, Dining — and Beatrix Potter

Susan Regan

Here's a New Year's resolution for you: Vow to start coming to our free movies at 7 p.m. Fridays in Harvard Hall. Free popcorn; bring your friends.

January 4: *Dancing at Lughnasa* (1998, PG). Despite numerous challenges to their quiet life in 1930s Ireland, life goes on for five unmarried sisters in this adaptation of Brian Friel's renowned play. Powerhouse actors Meryl Streep, Catherine McCormack, and Sophie Thompson portray women who provide emotional support for each other in times of trouble — especially when their elderly brother (Michael Gambon) comes home from missionary work in Africa to die.

January 11: *Three Identical Strangers* (2018, PG13). This riveting documentary charts the story of identical triplets, separated at birth, who reconnected

by chance at age 19. What starts as a happy reunion soon sets off a series of events that lead to shocking and sinister secrets.

January 18: *Miss Potter* (2006, PG). Blending lush animation sequences with live action drama, director Chris Noonan constructs this unconventional biopic about the personal life of beloved children's author and illustrator Beatrix Potter.

January 25: *East Side Sushi* (2015, PG). When she begins working at a Japanese restaurant, single mother Juana soon learns the journey from fruit-cart vendor to sushi chef isn't an easy one — especially if neither your race nor your gender matches up with people's expectations.

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



Christmas at Campbell Park

Canon Katie Churchwell

Thanks to the generosity of the Cathedral and the hard work of the Friends of St. Aelred, families at Campbell Park Elementary who needed assistance in making a Merry Christmas were well tended this holiday season.

Seeing the appreciation and relief in the eyes of the parents as they came to collect the presents for their families — contributed by parishioners through the Giving Tree project — filled my heart with humble pride for our church community.



Of course, it's not just the families at Campbell Park that we remembered during this joyous season. On December 19, the teachers' lounge was transformed into a cookie-and-milk factory, showing appreciation and gratitude for the staff and teachers before they headed off for winter break. It is always so much fun to make sure that there are fun surprises throughout the year for the hard workers at Campbell Park. We topped off the cookies and milk with a gift card raffle, giving away more than \$600 worth of gift cards to janitors, cafeteria workers, support staff and teachers.

I leave you with some photos of the kids I mentor. Every Monday that school is in session, I join Marquel and Shannon (both in fifth grade) and David (kindergarten) for

their lunch. They are funny, sweet, and all-around great kids. We celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas both with feasts! These are just some of the faces you get to see when you step on campus, and they just don't come any sweeter than these.



That's David with the big grin, and Canon Katie with Marquel, left, and Shannon, right. Photos by KATIE CHURCHWELL.

January Transitions

Birthdays

1	Bill Hough	10	Harry Evertz
1	David Hill	10	Emily Fasan
1	Kylie Crow	11	Camille Knight
2	Anslee Long	11	Jesse Monzingo
3	Melody Brown	12	Michael Castillo
4	Richard Knight	12	Bill Moore
4	Hannah Singleton	13	Lois Atkins
6	Lucy Bond	14	Betty Shamas
6	James Knight	15	Mark Campbell
6	Addyson Sylvester	15	Isabella Beavers
8	Michael Robbins	16	Milo Burnsed
8	Fay Mackey	16	Bethia Caffery
8	Sarah Howlett	16	Caleb Fenoff
9	Patty Leavengood	16	Ann Meuse
10	Maggie Burnsed	16	Roberta Poellein

16	Sylvia Walbolt
17	Ginny Rowell
17	Randy Ramsey
18	Shands McKeithan
19	Albert Edgemon
19	Lacey Hodgson
19	Iris Juarez
20	Clancey Miller
20	Alex Ramsey
21	James Parker
21	Robert Powers
22	Ryan Sandy
23	Don Wright
24	Jillian Gairing
24	Madison Hancock
25	Phil Bowman
25	Jan Strimer
26	Marcy Crosby
27	George Wilsey
28	Bill Wheatland
28	Paul Bonneau
28	Ron Felicelli

29	Laurel Greene
31	Averill Summer

31	Lela Garnett
31	Liam Dunn

Anniversaries

1	John & Jan Dooley	22	Bill & Silvia Hoyt
13	Earl & Jean Beshears	26	Wil Laroche & Tom Walker
18	Richard & Lori Townsend	30	Ria-Ann & Patrick Beavers
18	Peter & Sara Pastman		
21	Bob & Averill Summer		
21	Logan & Katie Churchwell		

Death

Carolyn Rymers



St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite I and
Sermon
A traditional service, no music

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

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

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

Saturday

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

Monday through Friday

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

**If you have a pastoral emergency after hours,
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