



At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Approvals, Surveys, Bids — Demolition, Here We Come!

Andy Irwin, Junior Warden/Building Committee Chair

There's lots of news to report to you about the progress on the new building. As August begins, we can tell you this:

- We expect the city to approve our site plans in mid to late August.
- For the last 10 days or so, our

environmental subcontractor has been doing an asbestos survey. That will take about 30 days.

— Once we know the extent of the asbestos situation, we can seek bids on both asbestos removal and demolition.

— On September 16, asbestos abatement will begin.

— As soon as that is done, we will begin demolition.

So mark your calendars for mid-October to early November as the time when demolition of our old buildings will begin. We're on our way.

Our next Building Committee Update will be on Sunday, September 30 after the 9 a.m. service. Please plan to come and hear the latest news and get an updated timetable.

There's a lot more going on behind the scenes, of course. Our architect, Bill Harvard, is drawing the plans. Many parishioners have looked over the floor plans in the last two months and have provided lots of feedback and suggestions. We're grateful to all those who

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Getting Ready to Let Go of the Past and Greet the Future

The Very Rev. Dr. Russell L. Johnson

Last weekend I began the process of sorting through my books for the move across the street. It is a slow and painful thing to do. As I go through them, I rediscover passages that captured me and things I never got to read and junk I should have thrown out long ago.

Why do we keep some stuff, anyway? I must downsize because my new office just won't hold all my books. Letting them go feels like letting pieces of me go, but then I remind myself that I started out with but a few books and I can do so again. Besides, a new building should have new stuff, not just our old things. The future will bring new ideas and new books if I leave space for the new.

You all know that we're moving everything either into storage or across the

street to our leased building, or we're letting it go to the dumpster or to Goodwill or to some other church or social-service agency that can use it. We have to sort through everything and make decisions about what to keep. Because our space across the street is limited, most of what we keep will be placed in storage for two years. (And if we can live without it for two years, do we need it at all?)

It's hard, painful work, because we get attached to stuff and stuff gets attached to us. Hard work, but necessary, and in the end good work because we're making space for the future and what it will bring to us. To be ready for the future always requires gently saying "goodby" to the past. That's as true for moving as it is for all the other hard pas-

sages we face in life. To be really ready for the future one has to be ready to let go. That's what we're doing. I think quite honestly that it is spiritual work.

I'm really touched that so many dozens of people are involved in the sorting and packing, people taking off vacation time from work to do this, the work bringing us together in ways I've not seen since I've been here. Thank you to everyone. Let's keep at it, honoring the past but planning for the future when we'll see what God is opening up to us as we shed our old skins and emerge as new lives into what will be.

Be strong, be in God,

Crosswinds

Episcopal Church Women will meet at 9 a.m. August 18 in the Guild Room to plan the Harvest Festival. Because September has turned into a very busy month, the festival is being rescheduled for later in the fall. Watch for details and a new date.

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It's time for our annual group subscription drive to **Episcopal Life**, the independent monthly newspaper of the Episcopal Church. Stay current with what's going on in the church nationally and around the world. Cost for a year's subscription is \$12.50. Make checks payable TO THE CATHEDRAL and give to Judy Stark on Sundays or turn in to the office, or do the same with cash. Deadline: September 2.

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The IRS has changed some of the rules on documenting contributions to churches. For cash contributions under \$250, you must have a cancelled check or a statement from the church containing the church's name, date, and amount of contribution. In the past, donors could use other "reliable written records" to substantiate cash contributions. This is no longer allowed. You can pick up a flyer on the Welcome Cart that provides additional details about "Your Charitable Contributions: Seven Things Every Church Member Needs to Know," or read it on our web site (www.spcathedral.com).

Another financial tip, from treasurer
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Name that Project!

It's time to name our building project. Think about our dreams for the future, look in your Bible, look at the world around us. Come up with a turn of phrase, a few words, something that succinctly describes our steps into our new buildings, our new life, our future. You can place your entry anonymously in the collection plate, marked for Betsy Adams, or e-mail it to betsyadams@earthlink.net.

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tweaked, provided a second set of eyes, and offered helpful observations. Many of those have been incorporated into the plans.

We are meeting with bankers to arrange bridge financing for the project and with the diocese to structure the payment of our tithe of the capital campaign.

Meanwhile, dozens of people have been working diligently all summer to clean out, throw out, and pack in preparation for the move across the street to St. Peter's Central. That will happen gradually over the next few weeks. As of Monday morning, September 16, though, every activity with the exception of worship will take place at St. Peter's Central. We will lock our old buildings and cut off the utilities in preparation for demolition.

Along with our senior warden, Sheree Graves, I want to thank all of you who have been involved in the planning and work all summer long. We're all realizing, more and more every day, that this isn't just about packing and moving. We are all on a spiritual journey here, from our past into our future, from the way things were to the way they're going to be. We know that's hard, it's a little frightening, it generates some anxiety and concern. That's natural and normal. I invite you all to remember that when the Israelites traveled in the wilderness, God was with them every step of the way. As we move ahead into our own future, let's remember that God's with us too.



Come September: The Big Move!

Major changes in schedules and locations will take place in September. We will move out of our current office and meeting spaces and transfer our operations to St. Peter's Central at the northeast corner of Fourth Street and Second Avenue N.

Here's the schedule:

Sunday, September 2 (Labor Day weekend): Our last full breakfast served in the Parish Hall between 9 and 10 a.m. Our spaces across the street do not have the kitchen facilities or dining space to accommodate full meal service. (We'll be tapering off on our usual lavish breakfasts throughout August as we use up supplies. Don't worry, you won't go hungry.)

Sunday, September 9 (Open House Sunday): Continental breakfast served in the Guild Room. (See the story on Page 3 about other activities the weekend of September 8-9.)

Sunday, September 16: Return to three services on Sunday morning (7:30, 9, and 11:15 a.m.), plus CAYA at 6 p.m. After the 9 a.m. service this day we will process across the street to our new spaces at St. Peter's Central. Everyone will get a chance to look around and check out the new spaces and enjoy coffee and donuts. (We'll have coffee and donuts here every Sunday after the 9 a.m. service.)

This is where meetings, gatherings, office work, fellowship, and Christian education for all ages will take place for the next two years while our new buildings are under construction. From September 16 on, all activities except worship will be scheduled here.

Come Chill Out on August 12!

Wear your shorts, flip-flops, and Hawaiian shirts to church on Sunday, August 12! That's Chill-Out Sunday, brought to you by the Evangelism Committee. Since school will start in the next week or so, we will offer a special blessing that day at the 10:30 a.m. service to all students and all teachers.

After the 10:30 a.m. service, stroll into the Parish Hall for lunch: cold cuts, cold drinks, and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. You're invited to bring salads and other cold side dishes to share. We'll have beach music and beach games.

That same day, looking ahead to the imminent start of school, you're invited to help Pack the Backpacks. Bring school supplies that will be given to youngsters in mental-health programs provided by SequelCare of Florida (formerly Gift of Life).

The list includes pens, #2 pencils, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, 2-pocket folders, printer paper, notebook paper, highlighters, markers, backpacks, and more. You can pick up the full list on the Welcome Cart, or see the bulletin boards or the web site (www.spcathedral.com).



Gumbo, Jazz, and a Grand Open House!

"Come Pass a Good Time with Us!" That's what they say in New Orleans . . . and you know what it means to miss New Orleans. We'll be passing a good time at St. Peter's the weekend of September 8 and 9, and you don't want to miss it.

On Saturday, September 8, at 6 p.m., you're invited to a gumbo dinner (\$15; tickets go on sale later this month). Our entertainment that night will be provided by "Some Like It Hot," a jazz band direct from New Orleans. They'll take a moment between numbers to give us an update on recovery efforts there post-Katrina.

Sunday morning, September 9, we'll serve Continental breakfast in the Guild Room from 9 to 10 a.m. The band will provide music for the 10:30 a.m. service.

Then please stroll into the Parish Hall, where it's Open House Sunday. That's our annual Ministry Fair, when the hall is lined with tables for each of the ministries here at the Cathedral. You'll find refreshments, handouts, and things to take away. You may find something you want to get involved in. (But no arm-twisting allowed.)

The busy weekend ends at 6 p.m. with our Come As You Are service, Celtic worship followed by a shared dinner.

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Martha Goodwill: When you contribute to a specific activity or ministry (examples: Our Daily Bread, or Vacation Bible School in the DR), make your check out to St. Peter's Cathedral and note on the memo line where you want it credited. If you write a check to an individual, that donation is not a tax-deductible charitable contribution. And when money goes to individuals and is not recorded in the church bookkeeping system, we end up underreporting just how much we give to various ministries and efforts.

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Still looking for **good summer reading**? Visit the web site (www.spcathedral.com) for additional suggestions.

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We've rolled out the red carpet! A beautiful new red carpet was installed in the Cathedral in late July, replacing our threadbare and worn blue carpet. We'll be putting our best foot forward as we welcome the Diocese on September 15 for the investiture of our new diocesan bishop, Dabney T. Smith. (See the story below.)

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Join **St. Veronica's Guild** in a special block of seats at the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Stitch 'N' Pitch game at 7:10 p.m. August 18. For tickets (\$8), contact Marguerite Dawson at (727) 898-1834.

The Investiture of Bishop Dabney Smith

The weekend of September 14-15, major events will take place at the Cathedral and in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Our new bishop coadjutor, the Right Rev. Dabney T. Smith, will be officially invested as our diocesan bishop, and our current bishop, the Right Rev.

John B. Lipscomb, will retire.

Friday night we will hold a wine-and-cheese party in the Parish Hall for the entire diocese. The investiture, at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Cathedral, is a non-ticketed event to which all are welcome; first come, first seated.

As the hosts for these dramatic events, we need volunteers to do everything from directing traffic to parking lots to serving food to greeting and guiding people around our campus. Virginia Rowell and Karen Amundrud, volunteer coordinators, will be happy to hear from you and find an assignment for you that weekend.

Weekend Worship

Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Communion and Homily
A traditional service, no music

Sunday

8 a.m.: Holy Communion and Homily
A traditional service, no music

9-10 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m.: Holy Communion (child-friendly) and Homily
A spirit-filled celebration, with hymns and choir

6 p.m.: CAYA (Come As You Are)
*Holy Communion in the round, followed by a shared supper.
Celtic prayers and music from around the world.*



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Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. ☩ Evening Prayer, 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday Service of Healing, 10 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Communion, 12:05 p.m.

At any time after hours you have a **pastoral emergency**, call (727) 742-3371 (Dean Johnson) or (727) 742-8509 (Canon Conner).

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St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

The Episcopal Seat of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

The Rt. Rev. John B. Lipscomb, D.Min., Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop Coadjutor

Hurricane Reminder: When winds are 40 mph or stronger, the Cathedral is closed: no services, no hurricane shelter.

Transitions

August Birthdays

1	Patricia Bygrave Gretchen Hamm Bill Sharp Mary-Jane Stokes	7	Molly Goodwill John Hamm Helen Johnson Brandie Kirkwood Diane McClure Nanette Owen	12	Susan Wade	18	Ruth Denniston Gary Patterson Kerrie Richards Sondra Seay Joan Street	23	Ashleigh Sheridan Kenton Smith
2	Bonita Cobb Savannah Hamilton Mary Scott David Tighe	8	Carrie Ashton Ralph Beyhl Joseph Bourdow	13	Susannah Costello Russell Johnson Walter Koral	19	Evelyn Lozraites Jane Roberts	24	Peter Cross Melissa Richards Kurt Williams
3	Betsy Pheil Lea Scarritt Ryan Witko	9	Elizabeth Allen James Stevens	14	Jay Allen Richard Burkhardt Robert Churuti Marjorie Donnelly Barbara Wright	20	Vonnie Bennett Lenoir Clancy William Hodgson Tyler de Silva	25	Richard Beach Sara Campbell
4	Robert Pitts Kayelynn Salsman	11	Marjorie Andruk William Barnett Diane Giacobbe Tyrone Hinson Ronald Rymers Judith Stanton	15	Rosanne Blass Adrienne Cox Mary Hind Jacqueline Jones- Blacker	21	Warren Frers Patrick Long	26	Priscilla Hobby Kimberly Johnson Anna Randolph
5	Donald Covey Charles Parsons	12	Catherine McGarry LaNona Robinson Lisa Smith	17	Matthew Dahm Parker Hickey Diane Robinson	22	Christina Chase Bill Williams Robert Williamson	27	Linda Haley
6	Christopher Cantrell Walter Tillsley			18	Mackenzie Chance	23	Paul Chance Alice Giammaria C. Samuel Newman	28	Pat Williams Rebecca Wright
7	Hunter Chance Sarah Duffy							30	Karen Amundrud Laura Blackwell Joe Burnsed
								31	George Billias Dan Walbolt

August Anniversaries

1	Eric and Kathleen Beard	5	Russell and Judith Johnson	13	Samuel Tallman and Mike Zuravel	17	Ronald and Deanne Lamroux	23	Greg Donham and Melissa Sands
	Michael Blacker and Jacqueline Jones-Blacker	7	Greg and Gaye Burnsed		George and Elizabeth Wilsey	19	Jack and Eleanor Huggins		John and Martha Legge
	John and Louise Garrigues	12	Mark Howlett and Miriam Johnson- Howlett	15	Richard and Margaret Anne Beach	20	Terry and Larissa Crow	27	Ed and Freda Caley John and Carol Ellis
4	Matthew and Nicole Dahm		Ed and Marnie Long	16	Edward and Betty Shamas		Joseph and Hilary Sosa	29	Keith and Carol Sales

Join Us in the Land of Narnia

Canon Gigi Conner

Kids and parents are invited to step through the wardrobe into the Land of Narnia the weekend of August 24-25. If you know "Tales of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis or the movie version of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," you know what to expect. If you don't . . . we've got treats and thrills in store for you!

We'll start with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, watch some of the movie, then go ever so carefully through the wardrobe to catch a glimpse of Narnia.

On Saturday, we'll enlist the aid of

the Beavers to find "a safe place in times of trouble." The White Witch will tempt us with Turkish Delight, and Aslan the Lion will assure us that all will be well. (And we'll have to return later in the year to find out what happens next, or go on a voyage on the Dawn Treader.)

Among our guest performers that weekend will be our own bishop coadjutor, Dabney Smith, as Aslan; and Gail MacAulay as the White Witch.

We'll have more details later this month, or speak to Canon Conner.

Movies for August

Here's the schedule for movies at 7 p.m. Fridays in August in the Bistro. Plot summaries are available on the bulletin boards or on our web site, www.spcahedral.com.

PLEASE NOTE that the film series will take a break in September while we move and get a sense of space availability.

August 3: *Before the Fall* (Germany, 2004).

August 10: *A Love to Hide* (France, 2005).

August 17: *Rififi* (France, 1956).

August 24, 31: No movie.