



CROSSTOWN

July 2007

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our New Building: We're Off and Running

Andy Irwin, Junior Warden/Building Committee Chair

Many of you attended the building update on June 24. For those who didn't, we offer a recap here. You can look on our web site (www.spcathedral.com) for details and a timeline, or pick up a timeline at the Welcome Cart or in the office.

The big news is that this project is off and running, as you'll see. We have hired Joe Burdette of The Consus Group

LLC in Belleair as our construction manager. He reports to us and is responsible for recommending the general contractor and subcontractors, walking our project through the city's permitting process, and overall making it come to pass. We've all been greatly impressed with Joe's skill, knowledge, and expertise.

Here's where we are now:

Getting Ready to Move:
Decluttering Workshop,
Transitions Page

— We're seeking bids for environmental assessments and asbestos re-

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The Holy (and Enjoyable!) Work of Summer Reading

The Very Rev. Dr. Russell L. Johnson

Most people think summer is for reading beach novels, either soapy, sappy love stories or those mildly historic thrillers that are hard to put down when grandchildren want to go swimming. But there are other choices, meaty books really worth the effort. I've just finished one and have started another.

Like Trees Walking by Jane Sigloh is full of wonderful, thoughtful reflections written by a retired priest in the seventh decade of her life and thinking about its coming end. She made me weep and laugh as she pondered the slow, bitter-sweet slide towards our ends. Weaving theology, poetry, and wit, she has helped me deal with my own realization that my life is far closer to its end than to its birthing. She manages to create a sense of hope among the bittersweetness of the truth. You just might want to get a copy for yourself and give a copy to about 100 of your closest friends.

I have just begun *Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses* by Bruce Feiler. This is a longtime New York Times bestseller (even though Feiler could use a better editor: He gets a little more excited than he needs to at some of the sights he be-

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holds). Feiler makes you feel you were there with him as he explores the settings of the Hebrew Bible today. Easy reading but a good bit of it. I'm taking it in in small bites.

Of course none of us must miss the new — and final — Harry Potter story, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, when it comes out July 21. Judith and I

have promised to read it aloud on part of our vacation this summer. We have read all the earlier books to each other on other driving trips in past years.

Reading is one of the great gifts God gives to all of us who have had teachers who have helped us learn to do it and love it. It lifts us out of our little lives and into the great unknown. It helps us see life in ways we might not otherwise appreciate. It challenges us to work our brains and stretch our imaginations. It invites us to the larger, richer, deeper dimensions of life. It is, therefore, holy work, and this summer I commend it to you. Read something challenging, and then let's talk about it together.

Be strong, be in God,

Crosswinds

Please welcome two new faces in the office. **Ann Michienzi** (say "McKenzie") is our new financial coordinator/administrative assistant. Ann has a long career in business and accounting and most recently general manager and comptroller at the Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club. **Matthew LaBelle** is providing support service in the office, keeping our computers operating, and working with both administrator Pam League and facilities manager Robbie Smith to arrange our move in August.

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July 15 is **"Music for Breakfast" Sunday**. Come enjoy our fellowship breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. Our young people will provide musical entertainment and a freewill offering will be taken for Our Daily Bread. (Breakfast: \$3/person, \$10/family cap.)

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August 12 is **Chill-Out Sunday!** Wear your shorts and sandals to church at 10:30 a.m., then stroll over to the Parish Hall, where we'll have cold cuts, cold drinks, and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. (You bring salads and side dishes.) Beach games and beach music too, all brought to you by the Evangelism Committee.

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Children and former children, join us August 24-25 for **"The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe."** We'll re-enact C.S. Lewis's "Tales of Narnia." Starring as Aslan, the heroic lion: Bishop Coadjutor Dabney Smith. Reprising her legendary role as the White Witch: Gail MacAulay. Details next month.

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Please welcome another familiar face who's back at the altar sometimes and in the pew other times. **The Rev. Lynde E. "Ted" May IV** was our interim dean in 1998. He regularly celebrates the 12:05 Eucharist on Tuesdays and assists occasionally at other services. Ted also served as interim at

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moval from our buildings.

— We're signing a formal contract with the architects, Harvard Jolly.

— We are soliciting bids from the demolition contractor, general contractor, and civil engineer.

Here are a couple of key dates:

August 1: By this date we must sign off on the floor plan for the new building. Marianne Hallas has been meeting with representatives of ministry groups so everyone can study the floor plans and make their comments, suggestions, and tweaks. We are all having to compromise and meet each other in the middle here. "Shared space" is the mantra.

August 1: By this date we expect to move our office across the street, to St. Peter's Central, the space we are leasing on the northeast corner of Fourth Street and Second Avenue N. There will be limited storage and meeting space here for ministry groups.

We will maintain a very limited presence in our existing buildings through September 15 for the installation of our new bishop. After that event, however, we'll move all our operations across the street except for worship.

November — Demolition! At last the wrecking ball will swing on the CCM Building, office building, and Parish Hall. Watch for details about where we will eat, meet, learn, gather, and work together once these buildings are gone.

February 2008 — Groundbreaking for the new building. Construction of the new building is estimated to take 15 months.



Adios! Off to "the D.R." Again Karin Martin

Second in a series on mission and outreach activities

Our annual mission trip to teach Vacation Bible School in the Dominican Republic is June 30-July 7. So by the time you read this we'll be about to get on a plane, or we'll have just arrived in "the D.R."

This year's team — Andi Gorton, Kathy Gilpin, and Karin Martin — will join our full-time missionary, Karen Carroll. Working with local teachers, we'll offer a week-long Escuela Biblica de Verano (Vacation Bible School) to 100 to 150 children of all ages.

The curriculum was developed by our own Dottie Hirvela for use throughout the Dominican Republic. Daily activities include a memory verse, Bible story reading and discussion, and a craft project. And of course, fun, laughter, picture-taking (Dominican kids love a camera), praise for accomplishments, hugs (Dominican children don't know a stranger), and joy. On the last day, families are invited to watch students present what they've learned by performing a skit, giving a testimonial, singing a song, or sharing in another way as their imaginations dictate.

Escuela Biblica de Verano offers the children of La Anunciación and San Lucas a fun and productive way to spend part of their summer. We take or buy lots of craft, art, and school supplies. Thanks to all of you who contributed supplies or

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money. Any leftovers are donated to the teachers, schools, and students for use during the upcoming school year.

Vacation Bible School lasts only a week, but the missionary work by Karen Carroll continues year-round. Financial contributions to support her are always welcomed. Call Andi Gorton at (727) 421-7704 with any questions.



Come Fall: All Music, All the Time!

Edward Barbieri, Director of Music

An ambitious program of Sunday choral music; performances of major works by Bach, Handel, Albinoni and others; visiting artists; and weekday Evensong are on the music department's schedule starting in September.

In the fall we will return to three services on Sunday mornings, at 7:30 (no music), 9, and 11:15 a.m. The Choristers and Lay-Clerks will sing at 9 a.m. (avoiding conflicts with Sunday School), alternating with the St. Peter's Singers, which is open to everyone and requires no regular rehearsals.

The 11:15 a.m. service will be a full choral service with mass settings and anthems sung by the Choral Scholars and the Schola Cantorum alternating with the lower and upper voices of the Cathedral Singers.

Sunday Evensong, concerts, and other special performances will be on the schedule as well. Watch for the full calendar. Among the events: Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "St. John Passion," a guest appearance by international concert organist Maxine Thevenot, and a performance of Albinoni's "Adagio."

From October through May, we will have a sung Evensong at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our children will sing Tuesdays and Thursdays and the men of the choir will sing Wednesdays. This will make St. Peter's one of only four churches in the United States that sings the daily office. (The others are St. Thomas', New York City; the National Cathedral; and St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo.)

Joining us in September as our first organ scholar is John Mason, a recent graduate of Florida State University. He will assist director of music Edward Barbieri in training choirs, playing the organ, running the music department, and arranging musical events. This is a unique training opportunity for a young church musician.



Friday Night at the Movies in July

Here's the movie schedule for Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in July. Movies are free, shown in the Bistro; popcorn provided. Visit the web site (spcathedral.com) or check the bulletin boards for details on the films.

July 6: *Nowhere in Africa* (Germany, 2001)

July 13: *Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles* (China, 2005)

July 20: *Mrs. Henderson Presents* (UK/US 2005)

July 27: *An American Rhapsody* (US/Hungary 2001)

Friday-night moviegoers have been passing the hat for a Netflix subscription for our missioner in the Dominican Republic, Karen Carroll. She wants to show movies to the children and teens she works with, and the nearest movie theater is far away. If you'd like to contribute, drop off a donation at the office marked for Karen Carroll/Netflix.

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St. Mary's, Tampa, and St. Elizabeth's, Zephyrhills. Earlier he served churches in Delafield and Madison, Wis. Ted is an enthusiastic European traveler and a gourmet cook. His wife, Diane, a retired registered nurse, has been a parish nurse and is a spiritual director. She volunteers in our office and is a lay reader on Sundays.

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Later this summer we'll install **new carpet in the Cathedral.** We've needed this for some time now (our carpet is pretty threadbare), and we'll do this in time for the installation of our new bishop in September.

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The office will be closed
July 2, 3 and 4, reopening July 5.



Bishop's Investiture

Our new bishop coadjutor, the Right Rev. Dabney T. Smith, will become our diocesan bishop at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 15 at the Cathedral. This is his formal installation as our new bishop. Our current bishop, the Right Rev. John B. Lipscomb, will retire that same day.

Hundreds of Episcopalians from all around the diocese and beyond will be here for this colorful and dramatic service. As we did for the convention last December when Bishop Smith was elected, we're going to need lots of volunteers to greet, welcome, park, feed, water, and direct our visitors. We've earned ourselves a sterling reputation around the diocese for our radical hospitality. This is another opportunity for us to shine.

If you'd like to help, administrator Pam League will be happy to take your name and see that you get an assignment for that day. We'll have more details about how that day takes shape in August and September.

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.*



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.

Visiting/getting in touch

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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

July Birthdays

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Alexandra Feinberg
Vicki Huggins
Judith Loehrer
Marnie Long | 2 Nancy Lane
Chelley Tighe | 4 Helen Bohman
Vie Cox
Katherine Gecan
Irene Pavese | 5 Joan Craft | 6 Judi Andersen | 7 Nicole Jones | 8 Dede Natale | 9 Beau Bourgeois
Deborah Oster
Nancy Randolph | 10 Lew Andrews
Terry Crow
Tom Patterson
Carol Phillips
Joty Puckett
Susan Regan
Andrew Roberts | 11 Barbara Applegate
Raley Long
Lizabeth Moody | 12 Carol Nelson
Carmen Sellas
Bunny Smith | 14 Bryan Shuler | 15 Jeff Hahn
Abigail Hoyt
Jeanie Locicero
Elma Rosenberg
Jean Slone
Mary Margaret
Staples | 16 Tom Blackwell
Don Jenkins
Phyllis Serratore | 17 Dick Abbott
Christen Crosby
Mary Beth Tucker | 18 Danielle Benoit
Betsy Giovanis
Carlisle Hickey
Bev Lacy | 19 Mimi Aangeenbrug
Clyde Nabe
Geoffrey Holtman | 20 Chuck Martin
Jessie Hess | 21 Joanie Andrews
Deanna Michael
John Miller
Carl Robinson | 23 Carolyn Rymers | 24 Sonny Aylesworth
Aliesha Hornbeck
Judy Stark | 25 Joey Chambers
Jane Druba
Kalil Hamdaoui
John Lipscomb | Shelby Williams | 26 Millard Neal
Buddy Sauter
Anne Turner
Vance Wegner | 27 Jennifer Botsolas
Bob Campbell
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Charlie Nielsen
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July Anniversaries

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Gary Patterson and
John Veasey | 4 Adophus and
Clair Frazier | 5 Bob and
Cindy Campbell | Claire and
Peter Schaeffer | 8 Michael and
Penny Robbins
Andy and Warren
Skinner-Denning | 9 Kelly and
Vincent Roth | 10 John and
Kirsten Miller | 14 Chuck and
Kim Parsons | 15 Nancy and
Robert Beck | 15 Anne and
Frank Turner | 16 Gary and Jean Slone | 18 Laurie and Patrick
Long | 21 Clark and
Diane Robinson | 25 George and
Mary Scott | 26 Jerry and
Sharon Miller
Lenoir and
Peter Clancy | 27 Kenton and Lisa Smith | 29 Kathy and
Lance Chambers | 31 Suzanne and
Tilly Earle |
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Death

Merle Morgan

Free from Clutter

As we prepare for the demolition of our existing buildings, one of our biggest tasks this summer is clearing out, throwing away, and packing up all the stuff that has accumulated over the years.

To make that easier, everyone is invited to a free workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, in the Parish Hall: "Lighten Up! Free Yourself from Clutter."

Our presenter is Michelle Passoff, a professional organizer, author, and Channel 8 TV personality. Michelle's theory is that when we get rid of junk/

clutter/stuff, we open the way to new possibilities and new experiences and free ourselves spiritually.

So whether you're the leader of a ministry group who has to clear out cabinets and closets here at the Cathedral . . . or you'd like to pick up tips for setting priorities, making decisions and getting rid of stuff at home . . . this workshop is for you. All are welcome! Bring your friends. We'll have donuts and coffee at 9 and start lightening up at 9:30 a.m. Visit Michelle's web site at freefromclutter.com.

All Things New Orleans

"Come Pass a Good Time with Us" with jazz, gumbo, and all things New Orleans, the weekend of September 8-9. Saturday night at 6 features an authentic gumbo dinner in the Parish Hall (\$15), followed by "Some Like It Hot," a jazz band from New Orleans. At the 10:30 a.m. service the next day, "Some Like It Hot" will provide music for our worship. Then we'll all adjourn to the Parish Hall for Open House Sunday.

Come pass a good time with us!