



CROSSTOWN

June 2007

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Living into Peace in a Long War

The Very Rev. Dr. Russell L. Johnson

I write this as Pentecost approaches, one of the major feast days of the church year when we baptize a few more of God's children. I'm thinking about the Baptismal Covenant we all respond to on that day. (Take a moment to look at it, starting on Page 298 of the Book of Common Prayer.) In that service, the things we say we will embrace are the very marks of our Christianity lived out in the world.

A newspaper story recently reported that fewer than half of Marines and only a little more than half of Army soldiers said in a survey that they would report a member of their unit for killing or harming a civilian in Iraq. More than 40 per-

cent support the idea in some cases of abusing civilians, and 10 percent reported that they had personally done so. Worst of all, only 47 percent of soldiers and 38 percent of Marines surveyed said that non-combatants should be treated with dignity and respect. Is this not deeply shocking? The part about my Marines shocks me the most.

In our baptismal covenant we promise to respect the dignity of every human being, to strive for peace and justice, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons. Many of our young warriors are churchgoing, religious people. The churches in this country certainly support the troops. If we did

as good a job of teaching the baptismal covenant as we do supporting the troops, our young men and women in the service would be far better prepared to face the world of raw stress and combat that they encounter.

The problem of long wars is that those who fight an enemy eventually become like their enemy. Our Lord invites us to much more. This Pentecost you might want to think deeply about your part in the covenant and how you live it in the world.

Be strong, be in God,

Summer Fun at the Cathedral

A number of fun events are scheduled this summer at St. Peter's. Jot 'em down! See you there for these:

*** Monday, June 11: Wee Sing** from 7 to 8 p.m. at Atlanta Bread Co., 179 First Ave. N. Music director Edward Barbieri will lead us in some easy/familiar songs and maybe a challenging tune or two. Whether you're a wonderful singer or a shower soloist (or maybe you just hum), this is your chance to shine! Bring your friends! Tickets will be for sale in advance (\$8) to cover the cost of beverage and dessert.

*** Sunday, July 15: Music for Breakfast!** Our young people will provide musical entertainment while we en-

joy the Sunday fellowship breakfast (\$3/person, \$10/family cap). Freewill offering benefits Our Daily Bread.

*** Sunday, August 12: Chill-Out Sunday!** Back by popular demand. Wear your shorts and flip-flops to the 10:30 a.m. service, then gather for cold cuts, cold drinks, ice-cream sundaes and beach games in the Parish Hall.

*** Sunday, Sept. 9:** Our annual ministry fair after the 10:30 a.m. service, followed that afternoon by the Cathedral Picnic at Fort DeSoto Park. Watch for details.



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Watch your e-mail: We are moving toward communicating as much as possible with you, our congregation, via e-mail and our web site (www.spcathedral.com). Please check the web site often for updates and news too late to get into *Crosstown*. E-mail means we can get information to you faster and at virtually no cost . . . unlike mailing out letters, which takes time, effort, and money (postage costs rose yet again May 14). This is responsible stewardship of our limited resources, which come from your pledges. If we don't have your e-mail on file, please send an e-mail to pam@spcathedral.com or stpetersplace@spcathedral.com. If you don't have e-mail, we urge you to find an "e-mail buddy" — a friend who will pass on Cathedral information to you by printing it out for you or calling you when there's news.

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A Cathedral group will walk in the **Pride Parade** on June 30 as part of the Christian Interdenominational Outreach. This group includes Lutherans, the UCC Rainbow Coalition, and Holy Spirit Ecumenical Catholic Church. Watch the web site (www.spcathedral.com) for details about where and when we'll gather to car-pool to the starting point at Third Avenue N at 31st Street. We'll also staff a booth at the street fair after the parade to hand out information about St. Peter's. Questions? E-mail Rick Waterman at tbhockeyfan@gmail.com.

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The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (H.R. 4) allows people aged 70½ or older to exclude from their income up to \$100,000 per year in retirement assets if contributed directly to a qualifying charity such as St. Peter's. This charitable rollover will be allowed only in 2007

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Visits with the Bishop

Our new bishop coadjutor, Dabney Smith, is scheduled to be at the Cathedral for a number of events in the next few months. Mark your calendars and plan to be here so you can get to know him and he can get to know you!

Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.: Ordination of two transitional deacons, Charles E. Connelly and Charles Jonathan Roberts. They will become priests in December. All are welcome at this festive service, which is followed by a reception.

August 24-25: Return to Narnia as we retell the beloved C.S. Lewis story of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Bishop Smith will play the role of Aslan, the heroic lion, and Gail MacAulay will be back to reprise her role as the White Witch. All generations welcome! Watch for details.

Wednesday, October 17: Our annual stewardship dinner at the Orange Blossom Cafeteria. Bishop Smith will be our speaker.

Christmas services: Bishop Smith will celebrate his first Christmas in the Diocese of Southwest Florida at the Cathedral.

Bishops are required to visit every congregation in their dioceses at least once every three years. With 78 congregations in this diocese, that keeps Bishop Smith busy, and he is scheduled months ahead. You can see his visitation schedule at the diocesan web site, www.dioceseswfla.org.



We're Off to "the D.R." Again!

Andi Gorton

Our ninth mission trip to the Dominican Republic is June 30-July 8. All the members of this year's team have been to the D.R. on previous trips.

Thank you and blessings to all who have supported our mission trip. We cannot do it without you. The children of San Lucas and La Anunciación are so grateful for your generosity.

We invite you to support our work and be with us in spirit by contributing craft supplies, most of which can be found at dollar stores or Big Lots. Bring them in on Sundays and put them in the big plastic container in the Parish Hall. If you'd rather make a cash donation, we'll gladly accept it and shop for you.

Here's what we need:

Crayons, colored pencils, scissors, pencil sharpeners, markers, glue sticks, hole punchers, and stickers (no English words, please).

We also need four large, sturdy suitcases, preferably with wheels, to transport all our materials. If you want to get rid of an old one, please bring it to church.

If you have questions, please call me, Andi Gorton, at (727) 421-7704.



Love That Changes the World

Betsy Adams, ERD representative

St. Peter's sent more than \$2,800 to Episcopal Relief and Development after Maureen Belote, diocesan ERD coordinator, spoke at the Cathedral April 29. Thank you all!

What can \$2,800 of love (charity) provide? Clean water and sanitation for 112 people; 35 goats to provide income and nourishment; 140 drought-resistant seedling trays; enough farming tools for an entire village; schooling for 35 HIV/AIDS orphans for a year; post-disaster supplies for 56 people; mobile medical clinic services for 187 people.



Food, water, medical supplies, financial stability, hope, a future — this is creating the Reign of God on earth. If you have not had the opportunity to donate to ERD or feel called to continue your giving, ERD envelopes and Gifts For Life catalogs are available on the Welcome Cart.



Celebrate Outreach!

Karin Martin / Outreach Committee

Last month we reported the results of a survey that illustrated how important outreach is for members of the Cathedral community as a part of their spiritual life. This month we begin a series of articles in *Crosstown*, each highlighting a different way we reach out to our community. We start with one of our most visible ministries, Our Daily Bread.

Our Daily Bread ("ODB" for short) operates out of the Salvation Army One-Stop Resource Center at 1400 Fourth St. S. It is staffed by Robert Pitts on-site and is supported by administrator Pam League. Robert provides assistance from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Those who seek help at the Cathedral are directed to the One-Stop Center. Many other social-service agencies and faith communities provide other services there.

ODB offers services and financial support to needy, often homeless people. They include helping someone complete the paperwork for a drivers license, DMV ID card, or birth certificate; handing out bus tokens and passes and helping people qualify for a discount pass; issuing \$10 vouchers for gas, or distributing vouchers for shoes; paying for prescriptions; and handing out personal hygiene items. A new service, voicemail boxes, will be launched this month.

Here's how you can help ODB. Pam needs assistance picking up and delivering bus passes, checks, vouchers, etc., from the Cathedral to the One-Stop Center. She also needs help inventorying personal-care items and stuffing bags for men and women.

Join us for this special event: To learn more about homelessness in St. Petersburg, the One-Stop Resource Center, Our Daily Bread, and how you can help . . . Join us from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, in the Bistro. We look forward to reaching you there!

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and must come from a traditional or Roth IRA. This is not counted as income, thus no tax is paid! Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Distribution request letters are available in the office, or call treasurer Martha Goodwill for more information: (727) 895-5032.



Our New Building: The Work Continues

Work continues on the sale of the Baptist Sanctuary and the construction of our own new buildings. The sanctuary has been listed with Allard Investment Realty and all expressions of interest are being funneled to our agent, Tom Begley.

A team representing a cross-section of the congregation has been formed to study, trouble-shoot, and tweak the floor plans for the new building, understanding that we can't have everything we want in 18,000 square feet and everyone will have to do some give and take. The floor plan is available in a handout at the Welcome Cart; on the web site (www.spcathedral.com); and in large format in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

We continue to move ahead with financial planning, seeking a project manager and a general contractor, and preparing to move to the space we rent at the northeast corner of Fourth Avenue and Second Street N. We'll have details about the Great Move as the summer goes by.

Our next briefing/Q&A session will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 24, in the Parish Hall. Enjoy breakfast first, then sit in on the update.

Questions? Comments? Please speak with Andy Irwin, junior warden and chair of the building committee, (727) 895-5306.

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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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

June Birthdays

3 Pam Madden	11 Jessica Howells Reilly Mulligan	Erich Schindler	19 Eric Lang Peterson	23 Ann Wallery Bob White
4 Curran Bridges Beth Kirkwood	12 Barbara Lemonopoulos	15 Marie Dahm	20 Bill Birch John David Cowan Joe Lane	24 Alex Fryer Aislyn Graves Corinne Graves
6 Marguerite Gilson	Diane Holtman Ted May	16 Kimberly Devin John Huggins Jessica Williams	21 Christine Spring Matt Burnsed	26 Toby Jacobs
8 Bill Morrison	Clark Robinson	17 Ron Petersen	22 Lauren Holtman Paul Meeker	27 Leah Howlett Luke Howlett Michael Moore
9 Bonnie Hughson Cindy Campbell	13 Paul Andersen Carolyn Feltner Herbert Polson Samuel Tallman	18 Bob Fryer John Garrigues David Hodgson Mario Loehrer Susan Stewart Michelle Watson	23 Betsy Adams Adolphus Frazier Kally Harvard	29 Hope Crowe-Corson
10 Evelyn Wright	14 Greg Burnsed Christopher Gums			30 Matthew Jones Mimi Mewha
11 Anne Giles Ed Murphy				

June Anniversaries

2 James & Patricia Craven	9 Betsy & Michael Adams Fred & Sherrell Boette David & Sarah Hill Jay & Jackie Jennings Don & Barbara Wright	11 Marv & Lois Atkins Chris & Fay Nielsen Vance & Marsha Wegner	16 Joel & Anne Giles Vincent & Judith Murante	23 John Bailey & Patricia Calvert Ted & Betsy Giovanis
3 Barbara & Dick Abbott Don & Vivian Covey Mike & Kelly Grimshaw	10 Huston & Suzie Babcock	12 Bob & Rose-Helen Blanc	18 Michael & Melody Brown Dan & Sylvia Walbolt	24 Carole & John Cowan
4 Tom & Christina Chase		14 Abraham & Kirby Hamdaoui	21 David & Lacey Hodgson	27 Sonny & Grace Aylesworth
		15 Charlie & Fran Parsons	22 Joan & Troy Craft Cary & Karen Gums Paul & Lynn Heaton	28 Charles & Betty Beck Richard & Yvonne Franco-Dahm Tony & Rhody Gecan Lee & Joty Puckett

More news to use

Ushers! We need ushers to hand out bulletins, gather the offering, and assist in other ways during services. This is a great way to get to know the congregation. If you're interested, please speak to Fred Stansbery, (727) 823-0380.

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You may be going on vacation, but **our bills don't take a holiday**. Please remember to keep your pledge current while you're away so we don't have to rely on plastic (i.e., the line of credit) to cover our expenses. We can do automatic transfer or payroll deduction to make it easy on you. Please

speak to treasurer Martha Goodwill, (727) 895-5032.

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Noteworthy: **episcopalcafe.org**. The national church has created this site, where you'll find daily news stories; commentaries on scripture; multimedia meditations (slide shows, music); and Daily Episcopalian, a collection of blogs on many topics from many approaches.

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Recipes for an upcoming cookbook can be submitted to Randy or Tammy Ramsey in person or via email at rramsey15@tampabay.rr.com. Sales of the book will benefit the youth group.

June movie lineup Eddy Burns

Here's the movie schedule for June. Movies are shown free at 7 p.m. Fridays in the Bistro; popcorn provided.

For plot details, see the bulletin boards or check the web site (www.spcathedral.com).

June 1: *Chaos* (France, 2001)

June 8: *The Tunnel* (Germany, 2001)

June 15: *Zelary* (Czech, 2003)

June 22: *To End All Wars* (US/UK/Thailand 2001)

June 29: *Black* (India, 2004)