

Come Say Goodbye to Russell and Judith

All are invited to two "big whoops" to bid farewell to Russell and Judith Johnson as the dean retires.



Friday, June 27

Orange Blossom Catering
220 Fourth St. N, St. Petersburg

5:30-7:30 p.m. * Program at 6:45 p.m.

Entertainment by Bryan Shuler
Wine and family-friendly beverages
Heavy hors d'oeuvres * Dessert and coffee



**Sunday, June 29 — St. Peter's Central
after the 10 a.m. service**

Cold drinks, nibbles, and time to say goodbye after Russell's last Sunday morning service



Take a Look at Our New Building!

Pat Wahlen, Building Committee Chair

Our best news this month is that we have a rendering of what the exterior of new building will look like! You're looking at it on this page. It's also on our web site (www.spcathedral.net).

We think this is an elegant and distinguished piece of architecture that will blend well with the existing Cathedral. You'll soon see the image of the new building on a banner on the construction fence. Then everybody driving down Fourth Street will know what we're doing!

Here are some other developments:

* We have signed off on the floor plan for the interior of the building. Those plans are available for your viewing at St. Peter's Central. As always, we had to make adjustments and compromises along the way. If you've ever built your own home, you know you can't afford everything you'd like to have. We're the same. But we're tremendously pleased at what we've been able to pack into the building, and we think you will be too. (Lots of bathrooms! A great commercial kitchen!)

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Crosswinds

A purse is being gathered for Dean Johnson as he retires June 30. If you'd like to contribute, make checks payable to St. Peter's Cathedral, write "dean's purse" on the memo line, and send to the office to the attention of administrator Pam League by June 23. We'll plan to present the purse to the dean at his farewell cocktail party on June 27. See Page One for details.

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Our Daily Bread, our outreach program at the Salvation Army One-Stop Center, is now led by Helen Wertel. Helen has had a long career in public administration. She was a program/project manager for the City of St. Pete Beach; a program planner for Keep Pinellas Beautiful; and recycling and solid-waste coordinator for the City of Largo.

From 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, ODB distributes the personal-hygiene items many parishioners contribute and provides bus passes, shoes, and other forms of assistance. John Paul, head of our mission and outreach ministry, will be glad to tell you more about it and how you can be involved.

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After the 8 and 10 a.m. services on Sundays from June through August, the Evangelism committee invites you to our **"summer bistro"** at St. Peter's Central. Each week we'll have cold drinks, coffee, and some tasty goodies provided by a host family, individual, or group. After the 10 a.m. service, upstairs for the children we'll offer "PB&J" — Peanut Butter and Jesus, i.e., a snack and a fun activity. If you'd like to host one of these Sundays, check the sign-up sheets at St. Peter's Central. Otherwise, see you Sundays at the bistro!

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The ECW has provided **summer camp scholarships** for four youth from our congregation to attend camp at DaySpring.

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Mark your calendar: **Chill-Out Sunday returns** for a third year, by tumultuous popular demand. This year

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* Within the next few weeks the chain-link fence will completely encircle the building site, including along the alley. The alley, incidentally, will be closed to traffic during the building process.

* July 10 is the key date when site work will actually begin. Construction crews and heavy equipment will be out there daily. We should see footers and columns by mid-August. "It'll go quickly once we get on the site," said Joe Burdette, our owner's representative who is managing the project for us.

* In the next few weeks we'll meet with interior designers from Harvard Jolly to look at color schemes for paint, tile, and other surfaces.

We'll keep you posted regularly as construction begins so you'll know what's going on and what to expect when. Thanks to all of you whose support has brought us this far. We're on our way!

As always, senior warden Sheree Graves (shereegraves@asgraves.net) and I (pwahlen@msn.com) are happy to talk to you at any time about the project.



We're Getting Ready To Leave for the D.R.!

Andi Gorton

July 19 is the big day. We depart for our annual mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This is our 10th year and our fifth in Santiago. We are fortunate to be located in one of the nicer parts of the island of Hispaniola, living in safe surroundings in the gated and locked church/church school compound, with running water and the best cook, who fixes three meals a day for us.

As always, we are counting on you for your support. Please pray for us daily, now as we are preparing and while we're there (we return July 26).

This year we are asking for your financial support. We will purchase the craft supplies we need when we get to "the D.R." Your donations are needed and deeply appreciated.

Or you can sponsor someone who would like to participate but needs financial aid.

Or you can join the mission team! We play with the children, help them with daily Vacation Bible School craft projects, sing songs, and meet fellow spirit-filled Episcopalians. The Dominicans do the teaching.

If you're interested, or if you'd like more information, please see Andi Gorton; call me at (727) 421-7704, or e-mail me at adgorton@hotmail.com.



See You at the Parade!

Rick Waterman

The Friends of St. Aelred invite the St. Peter's community to join in walking in the annual St. Petersburg Pride promenade on June 28.

This will be the third year a group from St. Peter's has participated.

The parade forms at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at 31st Street and Third Avenue N. The first units move out at 10 a.m. on the one-mile parade route, which wends through the Historic Kenwood and Grand Central neighborhoods.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day we'll share two booths at the Pride street festival (on Central Avenue between 21st and 28th streets) with our brothers and sisters from Trinity Lutheran Church (Lutherans Concerned) and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clearwater (Reconciling in Christ). There are dozens of booths full of information and merchandise, refreshment stands, and great good spirits. This is a great way for us to reach out to people who are looking for a church where they'll be welcomed.

If you can't walk in the parade, you're welcome to stand along the parade route and cheer us on. This is a big family-friendly event that's always attended by lots of kids and pets. One of the big moments is the unrolling of the rainbow banner, said to be the world's largest Pride flag!

For information, or if you'd like to walk in the parade, please contact Rick Waterman at (727) 481-8128. Watch the Sunday worship bulletin and the weekly e-mail blast for details as parade day draws near.



The E-Mail Must Go Through

More and more of our communications with you, the congregation, come in the form of e-mail. There are two reasons for that. One is immediacy: When there's news, we want you to hear it from your lay and clergy leaders first, not when you pick up the newspaper. The second is cost. You know the price of postage increased recently.

If we were to send a first-class letter (42 cents) to all 639 names on our master mailing list, it would cost \$268.38, plus the better part of two days of staff and volunteer time to print, fold, stuff, and stamp envelopes. (And that doesn't count the cost of copier ink and stationery.) An e-mail takes minutes to prepare and send at virtually no cost.

We use bulk mail whenever possible, at a cost of 0.118 cents per piece. We'll be glad to send news by mail to those who don't have e-mail or who prefer to receive their news this way. But those costs add up in the course of the year, and bulk mail is slow to arrive.

So we urge you again: If you don't have e-mail, find yourself an e-mail buddy, someone who will let you know when there's news from the Cathedral. We're trying to be good stewards of our resources and get news to you as fast as possible, even as we stay in close and personal touch with all of you.



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it's August 10. That's the Sunday everyone wears shorts and sandals to church. After the 10 a.m. service we'll have beach-themed activities and an indoor picnic-style lunch with cold cuts and make-your-own sundaes.



Movies for June

Eddy Burns

Here's the June lineup for our free movies, shown at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Central. Great films this month! Bring your friends! We provide the popcorn.



June 6: *Love in the Time of Cholera* (USA, 2007)

June 13: *Silk* (France, 2006)

June 20: *Juno* (USA, 2007)

June 27: No movie



Search Committee Members Named

Members have been named to the Search Committee, which in July will begin the work of seeking a new dean.

Co-chairs Susan Churuti and Elaine New will be joined by Dick Abbott, Karen Amundrud, Blanton Gannett, Mary Jo Mastry, Marian McGrath, Paul Meeker, Virginia Rowell, Judy Stark, Jim Stewart, and Emily Williams. All are current or former members of the Chapter.

Planning and preparation are going on now, Susan said, "but the congregation will be hearing more from us in July about ways that you can let us know what is important to you in a new dean."

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

10 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.

Hurricane Reminder:

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

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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Transitions

June Birthdays

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| 1 Vincent Ranuro | 14 Greg Burnsed
Jim W. Sweeney
Christopher Gums
Erich Schindler | 21 Matt Burnsed |
| 4 Curran Bridges | 15 Marie Dahm | 22 Paul Meeker
Madison Kebler |
| 6 Marguerite Gilson | 17 Ron Petersen | 23 Sydney Shollenberger
Bob White
A.D. Frazier
Kally Harvard
Betsy Adams |
| 7 Herbert Rowe
Elizabeth Wilsey | 18 Mario Loehrer
John Garrigues
Bob Fryer
Larry Arsenault
Lena Georges
Michelle Watson
Susan Stewart | 24 Alex Fryer |
| 8 Bill Morrison | 19 Eric Lang Peterson | 25 Cal Rosenberg |
| 9 Cindy Campbell | 20 John David Cowan | 27 Michael Moore |
| 10 Evelyn Wright | | 29 Hope Corson |
| 12 Barbara
Lemonopoulos
Ted May | | 30 Mimi Mewha
Matthew Jones |
| 13 Samuel Tallman
Herbert Polson
Carolyn Feltner | | |

June Anniversaries

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| 3 Don and
Vivian Covey
Mike and
Kelly Grimshaw | 15 Charlie and
Fran Parsons |
| 4 Tom and
Christina Chase | 18 Dan and
Sylvia Walbolt |
| 9 Michael and
Betsy Adams
Fred and
Sherrell Boette
David and Sarah Hill
Don and
Barbara Wright | 20 Dick and
Barbara Abbott |
| 10 Huston and
Suzie Babcock | 22 Troy and Joan Craft
Cary and Karen Gums |
| 11 Marv and Lois Atkins
Chris and Fay Nielsen
Vance and
Marsha Wegner | 23 Herbert and
Eleanor Rowe |
| 12 Bob and
Rose-Helen Blanc | 24 John and
Carole Cowan |
| | 28 Betty and
Charles Beck
Richard and Yvonne
Franco-Dahm
Tony and
Rosemary Gecan |

Summer Schedule

Sunday services are at 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., effective June 1.



Glorious Groundbreaking!

On May 11 the Cathedral was decked with red balloons for Pentecost and the groundbreaking on our new building. Dean Johnson led the ceremony at the site. Lots of parishioners, young and old, wanted to take turn with the golden shovels. Later everyone enjoyed a festive reception. Photos by John Ellis.

