



CROSSTOWN

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At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Inspired by the God Who Never Leaves Us Alone

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris

I read an article recently that offered the idea that the church was born not on Pentecost but rather on Good Friday. As Jesus hung dead on the cross, the author said, his disciples gathered in desperation and fear and said, "Now what do we do?" Pentecost, he said, was the moment they got their answer.

While I'm not sure I agree with this unorthodox analysis, I do appreciate the opportunity to reflect on the answer of Pentecost. The risen Jesus had to leave the disciples again and return to the eternal realm to reign in glory with God. But he took care to provide comfort to what would otherwise be a desperate and fearful community struggling to comprehend his disappearance. Do you feel that comfort?

We all have felt alone and abandoned by God's great loving and caring power, even though we know intellectually that God is not absent. Remember, however, God does not move away from us. We move from God and thus feel the absence. But, through the power of the Spirit, God and Jesus Christ are ever-present, even in the midst of the dark night of the soul. Surrender is the key that unlocks the visceral experience of knowing Jesus fulfills his promise of guiding us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your Cathedral Chapter and I will gather on June 12 and 13 to begin developing a vision and strategic plan for St. Peter's. We imagine a time when we will evaluate all areas of ministry and ask if God's will is being done. We will de-

velop goals and tactical measures to insure progress in the name of Jesus Christ. We will not be locked behind a door feeling desperate and afraid, as the disciples were in the Upper Room before the resurrected Jesus appeared to them. We will gather in confidence with the knowledge we are not alone. And neither are you!

Thank God for his Son, Jesus the Christ. He is the way. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who empowers us to follow where the Spirit leads. I hope you all find comfort in the knowledge of our God, who will never leave us alone.

On to Phase 2: Completing Our Building's Interiors

Sheree Graves, Senior Warden

The pressure is on to complete our new building as soon as possible, Dean Morris said at an update meeting May 17.

Under our agreement with First United Methodist Church, we can stay at St. Peter's Central, the space we rent from the Methodists, rent-free until the end of this year. Then rent payments of \$8,000 a month kick in. We'd like to avoid that.

Our contractor expects to have our new building "dried in" by August. That means the exterior will be completed and there will be a roof and windows,

but no interior finish work will have been done. That will mark the completion of Phase 1.

Then comes Phase 2: building out the interior spaces. Originally we expected these costs to be covered by a pledge of \$2.7-million from our anonymous donor. That pledge will not be fulfilled, so we must seek the money elsewhere.

How will we do that? Several ways:

* Keep our operating expenses under control. We have made some difficult cuts in recent months. We are monitoring every dollar that comes in

and out. A recent review of all our contracts for such things as copiers, cell

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We have uploaded a **new Parish Directory** to our web site, www.myspcathedral.org. We need a photo of *you!* E-mail a digital image (JPG format, please) to Judy Evans at jevans@spcathedral.com. You'll need to set up your account the first time you visit this site (easy and free). Then you'll be able to view many parish-related documents in addition to the directory. We aren't printing hard copies because of the cost. Maintaining it online allows us to update it regularly, add new pictures, and change phone numbers and other information.

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We've recently acquired **"telephone tree" technology** that allows us to quickly dial everyone in the congregation to relay recorded messages: reminders of activities, announcements of changes in plans in case of emergency, and so on. We tried out the system a few weeks ago with calls to alert parishioners to the building update May 17. This is another way to relay information quickly and inexpensively, as we watch our budget and work harder at making sure everybody knows what's going on.

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Our expenses don't go away when you do. During the summer, please consider having your pledge deducted automatically from your checking account or charged to your credit card. We can set this up only for the time you're away, if you like, and you can resume paying weekly when you return. Please call Martha Goodwill in the office (727-822-

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Completing Our Building's Interior

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phones, cleaning, the security system, and pest control yielded a saving of about \$12,000.

* Secure tenants for part of the second floor and the entire third floor of our new building. We have 22,000 square feet of space available at \$24 per square foot. If we lease only 65 percent of that space — a conservative expectation — it would generate \$343,300 annually, which would go a long way toward covering our \$4.7-million mortgage on the new building.

* Generate revenue from the sale of niches in the columbarium, the City Peace Garden.

* Seek additional pledges to our capital campaign from members and friends of St. Peter's. You can help here.

Under our original plans, the first floor of the new building includes the parish hall, kitchen, multipurpose meeting and classroom space, the bishop's chapel, and new flower and vesting rooms. The second floor is where we plan staff offices and music space.

If our finances allow us to complete the first floor only at this time, we will simply squeeze our first- and second-floor needs into the first floor alone until such time as we can complete the second floor. The first floor has about 17,000 square feet of space. Our total space at St. Peter's Central now is 7,000 square feet, so it's still going to be way more spacious than what we currently have. If we have to wait a while to create specific spaces, that's what we'll do.

"We have eliminated a number of items to take \$300,000 to \$500,000 out of our costs," senior warden Sheree Graves said. "Because of the poor economy, prices on some items have dropped and vendors and subcontractors have been willing to work with us to bring down costs. We've probably saved another \$500,000 over what we expected to spend a year ago."

At its May meeting the Chapter voted to liquidate our endowment to pay off our line of credit, which we had maxed out at \$650,000. In effect, we are paying off the credit card, the plastic, that we had relied on to cover costs when operating income was insufficient. If we did not do this, no lender would give us the mortgage we need on the new building.

One very bright spot is that Mayor Baker and his economic development team recently toured the new building and were so impressed that they promised to put some city development muscle behind helping us find tenants.



Sing a Summer Song

Dwight Thomas, Director of Music Ministries

Summer choir begins June 7. There are no weekly rehearsals. Just show up at 9 a.m. Sundays in the choir area of the Cathedral for a rehearsal before the 10:15 a.m. service. We'll sing hymns and maybe a simple anthem.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to try out the choir, along with current choir members who want to keep singing through the summer.

Questions? Talk to Dwight Thomas, director of music ministries: (727) 822-4173 ext. 115.

Preparing for Baptist Sanctuary Demolition

Stained-glass windows were removed from the Baptist Sanctuary in mid-May in preparation for demolition of the back end of that building starting in late May or early June.

The windows were offered for sale to St. Peter's parishioners first at a "Windows, Wine and Cheese" party that also served as a farewell to parish intern Sam Tallman as he heads off to seminary, seeking ordination to the priesthood.

Remaining windows will be available to the public through a salvager, senior warden Sheree Graves said.

The volunteer staff of the columbarium project is meeting with funeral homes, retirement centers, and homeowners associations to explain our plans. "We've been getting a very favorable response from the funeral directors, who tell us a columbarium has been needed for a long time," Sheree said.

Information, including a virtual tour, is available at www.peacememorialgarden.org, or at the columbarium office at St. Peter's Central. Or call the columbarium office at (727) 388-5223.



Bring in Those Crayolas for the DR!

Andi Gorton

Color us generous! Sunday, June 7, is the day we'll be collecting Crayola crayons for our mission team to take to children in the Dominican Republic in July.

Every month our Outreach ministry invites your support of a particular need in our community. The June recipient is our mission team that will go the "the D.R."

July 25-August 2 to teach Vacation Bible School. This will be our 11th trip. Leader Andi Gorton is specifically requesting Crayola brand crayons "because they're a high-quality crayon that doesn't melt in the heat." Children in the Dominican Republic often have to share tiny stubs of crayons. Having a whole box of new crayons will be a big treat for the children our mission team works with. If shopping for crayons isn't your thing, we gratefully accept cash donations for other supplies we need.

If you are interested in learning more about our annual mission trip, or think you might like to go to the D.R., Andi will be happy to talk to you. Call her at (727) 421-7704, or e-mail her at adgorton@hotmail.com.



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4173), or email her (mgoodwill@spcathedral.com) if you would like to have your pledge automatically deducted.

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Would you like to spend a few minutes after church on Sundays delivering **altar flowers** to those who are ill or homebound? We need Sunday Callers! Please contact Alice Meyer or Betsy Reynolds if you'd like to participate in this ministry.

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We could use another bookcase for our **growing lending library** in Room 108 at St. Peter's Central. If you have one to donate, please speak to Pam League.

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Please congratulate **Kate Burnsed Munkittrick**, who was elected to fill the unexpired term on the Chapter created by the resignation last month of Pat Wahlen. Kate grew up at St. Peter's, was married here, and sings in the choir. Both her parents, Greg and Gaye Burnsed, have served on the Chapter.

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We'll honor recent graduates at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, June 7. If you're wearing a cap and gown this spring — high school, junior college, college, graduate or vocational school — please let the office know (727-822-4173) so we can include you in the festivities.

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Now that **hurricane season** is here, this reminder: By diocesan policy, when the winds blow at 40 mph or more, all activities at churches are canceled, all worship services are canceled, the buildings will be secured and staff will leave. We provide no hurricane shelter at St. Peter's. Please stay home and batten down. If you live in an evacuation zone, now is the time to think about where you will go if emergency preparedness officials order you to leave your home.

Local Deputation Prepares for General Convention

The Episcopal Church's 76th annual General Convention will meet July 8 through 17 in Anaheim, Calif. This once-every-three-years event attracts about 10,000 deputies, alternates, friends, vendors, and volunteers.

The theme of the convention is "Ubuntu," a Zulu Xhosa word meaning "I in you and you in me" or "I am because we are," emphasizing our dependence upon one another and the importance of community.



Each of the church's 110 dioceses — including our Diocese of Southwest Florida — sends a team of deputies, both lay and clergy. Bishops meet as the House of Bishops; lay and clergy deputies meet as the House of Deputies.

They will consider legislation on a wide variety of topics: from a denominational health-care plan to revisions of the church's disciplinary rules to policies on the election of bishops in same-gender relationships. They will consider proposed liturgies and prayers for healing from loss related to childbearing and childbirth. They will learn a technique called "public narrative" designed to make it easier to talk about their own experiences of mission. They will learn about "emerging congregations," worship communities of people with little experience of formal religion that gather in places other than church.

Besides the legislative work, deputies participate in daily worship, which shows the breadth and variety of liturgy in the Episcopal Church. There is a huge exhibit hall, with thousands of booths. There are evening activities: worship services, talks, entertainment, and music. And there are special guests, most notably the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who will speak on the global economic crisis.

St. Peter's is well represented at Convention. Canon Gigi Conner and Judy Stark are the clergy and lay first alternates, respectively. They will back up and fill in for the full deputies in the team from our diocese. The clergy deputies are the Revs. Bob Hennagin, John Hiers, Sharon Lewis, and Michael Rowe. Lay deputies are Navita Cummings James, Joan Kline, Karen Patterson, and Roger Schwenke. Bishop Smith and other diocesan staff members also attend.

Canon Conner looks forward to sitting in on committee hearings and "pooling collective wisdom to make decisions for the future of the church"; attending the Episcopal Women's Caucus breakfast honoring the 35th anniversary of the first 11 women ordained as priests, "three of whom were my seminary pro-

fessors," and the 20th anniversary of the election of the first woman bishop, Barbara Harris; and watching Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori lead the convention.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the wider church at work," Judy said, "to meeting friends from across the country, and bringing back ideas about worship and mission that will enrich our lives here in Southwest Florida."

This will likely be the most media-covered convention yet. The national church has established an online "Media Hub" that will go live in early July. It will offer streaming video of many events, podcasts, Twitter feeds, Flickr photos, and much more. We'll have details next month about how you can track the events at General Convention.

Diocesan Staff Will Join Us in Worship

Dean Morris has invited the Rev. Canon Michael Durning, a member of Bishop Smith's staff, to become an honorary canon of the Cathedral.

Father Durning already carries the title of "canon" because he is the canon to the ordinary, i.e., assistant to the bishop. As an honorary canon at St. Peter's, he will visit with us a number of times in the course of the year to preach, celebrate, teach, or otherwise participate in our worship and education. The title of honorary canon conveys an acknowledgment of exemplary service to the diocese.

"I want the Cathedral community to honor the dedication and commitment of Canon Durning's ministry in the diocese," Dean Morris said. "This is one way to do that. Plus, he's a pretty darn good preacher, and the congregation will benefit spiritually by his presence."

Canon Durning's wife, Bonnie Jean, is president of the diocesan Clergy Spouse Association, and they have long been occasional visitors on Sunday mornings at the Cathedral.



In another move to increase the visibility of diocesan staff at the Cathedral, the Rev. Mary Katherine (Kit) Tate will serve as deacon from time to time on Sundays. Deacon Tate is in charge of youth and young adult ministries for the diocese. Many of you know her as the leader of diocesan summer camp, Happening weekends for youth, and other events for children and young adults.

Please welcome these members of the diocesan staff at worship services this summer and beyond.



June Transitions

Birthdays

1 David Fernandez Vincent Ranuro	13 Carolyn Feltner Herbert Polson Samuel Tallman	21 Matt Burnsed
3 Pam Madden	14 Greg Burnsed Christopher Gums Rosemary Schrader	22 Lauren Holtman Madison Kebler Paul Meeker
4 Beth Kirkwood	15 Marie Dahm	23 Betsy Adams A.D. Frazier Kally Harvard Sydney Shollenberger Bob White
6 Marguerite Gilson	17 Rick MacAulay Ron Petersen	24 Alex Fryer
7 Carol Eich Elizabeth Wilsey	18 Larry Arsenault Lena Georges Bob Fryer John Garrigues Mario Loehrer Susan Stewart	25 Cal Rosenberg
8 Bill Morrison	19 Eric Lang Peterson	27 Michael Moore
9 Cindy Campbell Marli Koch	20 John-David Cowan Rick Waterman	29 Hope Corson Cheryl Ann Rowe
10 Michael Moylan Evelyn Wright		30 Matthew Jones Mimi Mewha
12 Diane Holtman Barbara Lemonopoulos Ted May		

Anniversaries

3 Don and Vivian Covey Mike and Kelly Grimshaw	15 Charlie and Fran Parsons
4 Tom and Christina Chase	16 Joel and Anne Giles Vincent and Judith Murante
9 Michael and Betsy Adams Fred and Sherrell Boette Peter and Marion Fleming David and Sarah Hill Don and Barbara Wright	18 Dan and Sylvia Walbolt
10 Huston and Suzanne Babcock	19 Frank and Dianne Casorio
11 Marv and Lois Atkins Chris and Fay Nielsen Vance and Marsha Wegner	20 Dick and Barbara Abbott
12 Bob and Rose-Helen Blanc	22 Troy and Joan Craft Cary and Karen Gums
14 Rob and Jody Sepulveda Chris and Lynn Webb	24 John-David and Carole Cowan
	27 Andy and Emily Ellis
	28 Charles and Elizabeth Beck Dmytro and Jane Durbak Richard and Yvonne Franco-Dahm Tony and Rosemary Gecan
	29 Louie and Mary Adcock

New Members

Rick Poore
Lynn Saunders
Lane Roney

Death

Virginia Brew

Briefly Noted . . .

The irreverent Anglican web site Ship of Fools (<http://www.shipoffools.com/features/2001/RFather.html>) recently held a competition: rewrite the Lord's Prayer in 160 characters or fewer, as it might be text-messaged on a cell phone. (The traditional version of the Lord's Prayer is 372 characters long.) More than 100 entries came in. The competition was judged for Ship of Fools by the Churches' Broadcasting Conference.

Third Place: The Rev. Stephen E. Moore, Bellevue, Wash.: God@heaven.org, You rule, up and down. We need grub and a break. Will pass it on. Keep us focused. You totally rule, long term. Amen.

Second place: Steve Seymour, Bristol, England:
r pa in evan, respect 2 u, may u rain ear as in evan. giv us
r needs, 4giv r sin as we 4giv r NMEs. resq us from the evil l.
4 ur always the most xlent dude. yo

First place: Matthew Campbell, York, England:
dad@hvn,ur spshl.we want wot u want&urth2b like hvn.giv
us food&4giv r sins lyk we 4giv uvaz.don't test us!save us!bcos
we kno ur boss,ur tuf&ur cool 4 evalok?

Ordination Welcomes Five New Clergy

Bishop Smith will ordain three new deacons and receive two Roman Catholic priests into the Episcopal Church at an ordination service at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Cathedral.

David Jackson from Epiphany, Cape Coral, and Jane Kelly from St. James, Port Charlotte, will be ordained as vocational, or permanent, deacons. Sarah Kerr from St. Thomas, St. Petersburg, will be ordained as a transitional deacon, a step in the process of being ordained as a priest.

The Rev. Ronald Kowalski, from Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach, and the Rev. Dwayne Varas, from St. John's, Tampa, will be received as priests. A reception will follow.

All are welcome to join with our diocesan family at this colorful and dramatic service.



Henry VIII of England, a founder of the Anglican Church, was born on June 2, 1491, in Greenwich.

Walk with Us in the Parade

Rick Waterman

The Friends of St. Aelred will participate in the St. Pete Pride promenade and street festival at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27. This is the fourth year that a contingent from the Cathedral will participate. The promenade starts at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at 31st Street and Third Avenue N and winds its way eastward on Central Avenue. This is always a great fun event, with lots of families and kids lining the parade route, grabbing for throws and cheering the marchers. All are welcome to join us!

After the promenade, we'll share a booth with our Lutheran brothers and sisters at the street festival. There are dozens of booths full of information and merchandise, refreshment stands, music, and great good spirits.

If you'd like to walk with our group or help out at the booth, please contact Rick Waterman at tbhockeyfan@gmail.com, or leave a message in the Cathedral office.

The next day (Sunday, June 28), the Friends will host a brunch at St. Peter's Central after the 10:15 a.m. service. All are welcome to enjoy great food and fellowship. (If the first brunch a few months ago is any indication, the Friends are great cooks and bakers and know how to put on a fabulous breakfast buffet.)



Take Thee Out to the Ball Game!

Our diocese is sponsoring "Baseball with the Bishop" on Friday, October 2, at Tropicana Field. The Rays take on the New York Yankees. This game is during the last week of the regular season, will likely be a sellout, and could have playoff implications.

Outfield seats are \$24 each, with \$4 benefitting our diocesan Episcopal Charities Fund. Elizabeth Garnett and Robbie Hasbrouck are chairing the ticket drive.

If you'd like to sit with lots of other Episcopalians from Southwest Florida, including Bishop Smith, and root, root, root for the home team, here's what to do: We have a signup sheet at the Welcome Cart and at the front desk at St. Peter's Central. Sign up indicating how many tickets you want, and turn in a check for \$24 per ticket payable to St. Peter's. Tickets will be distributed in September.



St. Peter's Will Welcome Asian Visitors

On Sunday, June 21, St. Peter's will welcome several participants in the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry Conference, an annual worldwide gathering that this year is being held June 18-22 at DaySpring, our diocesan conference center in Ellenton. The conference theme is, "Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord: Mission and Evangelism in an Age of Globalization."

The Asiamerica Ministry is part of the national church's Office of Ethnic Congregational Development and includes Episcopalians in China, the Philippines, Korea, Japan and other parts of Asia. Bishop Dabney Smith invited the ministry to hold this year's conference at DaySpring when he attended the 2008 conference in Taiwan. About 100 participants are expected. Conference workshops cover such topics as human trafficking and the use of technology in evangelism and worship.

On that Sunday, conference participants will divide into small groups to visit churches around the diocese. Our guests will attend our 10:15 a.m. service, tour the Cathedral, go to lunch, then spend the afternoon visiting the Andy Warhol exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts for some cultural immersion. Our Evangelism Team is escorting them. If you'd like to help, please speak to Roberta Yancey.

Friday Night at the Movies

Eddy Burns

Free movies continue at 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Peter's Central. Here's the June lineup. All are welcome! Bring your friends and enjoy free popcorn.

June 5: *Happy Go Lucky* (UK, 2008).

A joyous, feel-good movie about free-spirited schoolteacher Poppy, who charms everyone she meets: a cranky driving teacher, a fiery flamenco instructor. Golden Globe nominee.



June 12: *Il Postino* (Italy, 1995):

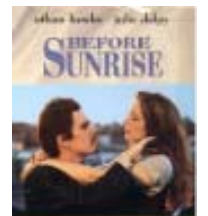
Bumbling mailman, in love with the town's most beautiful woman, is inspired by poet Pablo Neruda to win her heart. Academy Award winner.

June 19: *Cyrano de Bergerac* (PBS,

2008): Filmed from the hit Broadway production, with Kevin Kline, Jennifer Garner, Daniel Sunhata. Classic tale of romance and tragedy: Big-nosed poet/philosopher Cyrano feeds poetry of love to handsome but empty-headed young lad so he can win the woman Cyrano loves.

June 26: *Before Sunrise* (France,

1995): Strangers on a train in Europe (Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy) spend 14 hours together in Vienna sharing thoughts, affections and experiences in this romantic and witty film.



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St. Peter's: A Guide

All are welcome here.

Our Worship Schedule

Saturday

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



Sunday

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

8:45 a.m.: Early-bird bistro and fellowship

9 a.m.: Christian education for all ages
Nursery care available starting at 9 a.m.

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

11:20 a.m.: Sidewalk bistro outside the Cathedral

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 through Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.

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

Evening Prayer, Monday and Friday, 6 p.m.

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