



# CROSSTOWN

June 2010

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

## St. Peter's by the Numbers

Every year the national church requires every congregation to submit a statistical profile. Here are some numbers that describe St. Peter's from the 2009 report just filed.

**817**

total active baptized members

**284**

average weekend attendance

**847**

Easter attendance

**210**

pledge cards

### In 2009, we...

- \* took 142 private eucharists to the sick or homebound
  - \* celebrated 251 weekday eucharists
    - \* held 309 daily services
    - \* performed 2 marriages
    - \* conducted 13 burials
  - \* baptized 6 children under age 16
- \* confirmed 5 people age 16 and older, and 3 people under age 16

### In the wider Episcopal Church in 2008 ...

- \* Only 5 percent of all 6,964 domestic parishes and missions had an average weekend attendance of 300.
- \* The median congregation had 69 people in worship.
- \* The median congregation had 164 active members.

Source: The Parochial Report (2008 is the most recent year for which the national church has figures.)

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### SPECIAL TIMES FOR GLORIOUS FOURTH SERVICES

Please note these special service times for the July 4 weekend:

**Saturday, July 3:**  
NO service at 5 p.m.

**Sunday, July 4:**  
ONE service at 9 a.m.

**Monday, July 5:**  
Cathedral offices closed, no services, in celebration of the holiday weekend.

## CAN YOU HELP? SIGN UP HERE

The Cathedral Life Committee is assembling a list of people willing to help with the occasional reception, party, etc. Pick up an "Ask Me Once" card in the Narthex on Sunday and return it in the offering plate or to the office. We hope to get enough names that we'll only have to ask you once.

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## SING FOR YOUR SUMMER

Summer choir began June 6. 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? Please speak to Dwight Thomas, director of music ministries: (727) 822-4173 ext. 115.

## Read Canon Neal's Book of Sermons

Sermons by the Rev. Canon Millard F. Neal have now been compiled into a book, *Chasing God*, with a foreword by Bishop Dabney Smith.

The 118-page book is a three-year labor of love by parishioners Marge Andruk and Logan Hurst, assisted by Marge's son Ken, who lives in New Jersey.

"We told Canon Neal, 'We are making a book out of your sermons,' and he was very cooperative," Marge recalled of the start of the project.

"I love Canon Neal's sermons," Marge said. "He holds my attention more than anybody. He has a nice, light-hearted feel to his sermons, yet what he has to say is so meaningful."

"The problem was deciding which ones to put in," Logan said. "We'd sit in church, and Millard would

preach, and Marge would tap my arm and say, 'We've got to have that one.' " Eventually they whittled 45 to 50 possibilities down to the 22 sermons included in the book.

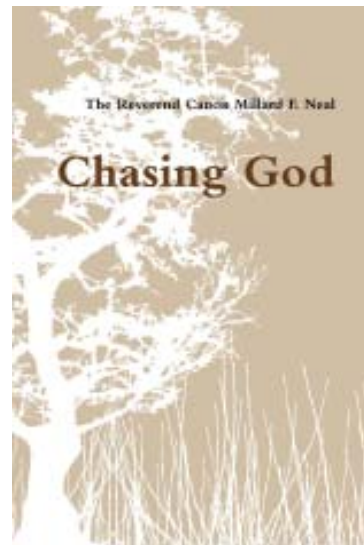
Canon Neal provided the text of the sermons "and he trusted us to create the book,"

Logan said.

In his foreword, Bishop Smith writes in part: "Preaching is an imperfect art. The preacher has the unenviable task of expressing the inexpressable: uttering the eternal glory of God in a particular moment in time. Some preachers, of course, practice the art better than others. The Rev. Canon Millard Neal is one such better practitioner."

The book is available at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) for \$24.72, or you can download it to your computer at that site for

\$6.49. A limited number of copies is available in the office for \$25.



## Outreach: Collecting Crayolas for Vacation Bible School

Andi Gorton, VBS mission chair

It's Crayola time again. As we prepare for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July, we're gathering crayons for the children in Vacation Bible School there. The Crayon Box will be out on Sundays. We ask that you buy the Crayola brand, since they don't melt in the heat. Or we'll gratefully accept cash donations for crayons and other supplies we'll need.

This will be our 12th annual trip to "the D.R.," leaving July 17 and returning July 25. We

teach between 200 and 225 youngsters of all ages. Our theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit." There's Bible study, memorizing Scripture verses, and putting together crafts that go along with the Bible stories. The Sisters of the Circle and the Friends of St. Aelred are helping us stuff craft bags before we leave.

Another way to support us, both as we prepare and while we're there: Please pray for your mission team. We thank you in advance.

*Crayola brand crayons don't melt.*



## Join Us for Sunday Munch on June 27

The Friends of St. Aelred will host another of their legendary brunches after the 10:15 a.m. service on June 27. This one will be in the Narthex, replacing the usual coffee hour. Since space there is limited, this will be a buffet rather than a sit-down brunch. We'll be serving food of the "heavy hors d'oeuvres" variety: finger foods, things that are easy to eat while you stand. Hence the name of this festive occasion: Sunday Munch! A freewill offering will be taken. Plan to be there!

The brunch celebrates Pride Weekend in St. Petersburg. We invite you to join us walking in the Pride Parade the day before (Saturday, June 26) at 10 a.m. The parade route is just about a mile in length, starting at Third Avenue N at 31st Street and wending east on Central. This will be the fifth year that a con-

tingent from St. Peter's has walked in the parade.

We have attracted a number of new members through our participation in the parade and our booth at the street fair that follows. If you'd like to help staff the booth through the afternoon, or want to join the parade, please speak to Steve Bowling, Ron Gallucci, or Ray McColgan.

The parade is great fun, with many families lining the route grabbing for throws. It's also a way to live out our baptismal covenant: "to strive for peace and justice, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to respect the dignity of every human being." And it's rewarding to hear people yell

out, "Thank you, St. Peter's," because they appreciate the diversity and welcome they find here. Please come join us!

**STRIVE FOR PEACE  
AND JUSTICE; SEEK  
AND SERVE  
CHRIST IN ALL  
PERSONS, AND  
RESPECT THE  
DIGNITY OF EVERY  
HUMAN BEING.**



Photo by JUDY STARK

### **All Are Welcome Here**

Check out our welcoming new sandwich board, which stands near the Welcome Cart on Sunday mornings on Second Avenue N. Our Cathedral Life ministry is working on extending a warm greeting to our guests and making sure everyone knows where everything is.

## Variety of Openings

Nominations are open for clergy and laypersons to serve the diocese on several governing bodies, including the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council. Elections at the October 8-9 diocesan convention will fill 18 seats, including the deputation to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The open seats are:

- \* Deputation to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.
- \* Standing Committee.
- \* Diocesan Council.
- \* University of the South Trustees.
- \* Diocesan Review Committee.
- \* Ecclesiastical Court.

Nominations must be received at the diocesan office by Wednesday, July 7.

Fuller descriptions of the available openings and the web address of a nomination form are available at [www.spcathedral.net](http://www.spcathedral.net).

## **SISTERS STREAMLINE SCHEDULE**

Sisters of the Circle meetings will be held once each month, aiming for the third Tuesdays of June, July, and August. Details for each meeting will come via e-mail sent to the current Sisters e-mail list. Please watch subject line to read "Next Sisters' Gathering." Questions? Please be in touch with Mimi Aangeenbrug (381-9423), Roberta Yancey (346-5577), or Sharon Miller (527-8150).

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## **OUR DAILY BREAD**

needs one or two volunteers to staff our office at the Salvation Army One Stop Center, at 1400 Fourth St. S. We need help from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays and Fridays. Training is provided; the work is not difficult. Our Daily Bread is our outreach ministry to the homeless and impoverished. We provide bus passes, shoes, and other assistance. Please call Irene Pavese for information: (727) 452-2369.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 27:

It's the second annual "Baseball with the Bishop" night at Tropicana Field. Join Bishop Dabney Smith, his wife Mary Ellen, and Episcopalians from all around our diocese to watch the Rays vs. the Red Sox. A portion of each ticket price goes to the diocesan Episcopal Charities fund. This was a great fun event last year that attracted more than 700 fellow Episcopalians from 22 churches. If you want to attend, please notify the church office. Tickets are \$20; seats are in the upper infield. Make your check payable to St. Peter's. The deadline is August 13.



**BE PART  
OF THE HEART!**

## SUMMER HOURS:

The office will close at noon on Fridays in June, July, and August. The 12:05 p.m. service on Fridays will continue as usual.

## Living Green in Our New Home

A "green team" has just been formed to find ways that we can live more sustainably in our new building: reducing energy costs, saving water, eliminating products that aren't bio-degradable. If you're interested in helping, please speak to Tracy Crow (727-866-2835, [tdcrow@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tdcrow@tampabay.rr.com)). As a first step, check out our recycling containers in the office area. We are all committed to maintaining the integrity of creation and preserving "this fragile Earth, our island home."

Meanwhile, it's worth noting that our new building was designed with sustainability in mind. Here are some of its "green" high points:

- \* All the lights are fluorescents. They use less energy and produce less heat, which saves energy in cooling costs and prolongs the life of the bulb.

- \* All our toilets are low-flow. They use 1.6 gallons of water per flush, as opposed to the 3.6 gallons in older toilets.

- \* Narthex windows are hurricane-proof glass, which also makes them super-insulated. This helps keep the air conditioning inside and the heat out.

- \* Internal glass in our doors and windows is fire-safe, again making them super-insulated.

**WE'RE CLEANING GREEN, USING PAPER WISELY, TURNING OFF FLUORESCENT LIGHTS, AND LOVING "OUR ISLAND HOME."**

- \* We're cleaning greener, using vinegar for mopping and ammonia for window washing.

- \* We use recycled printer paper and we print on both sides where appropriate.

Here are some things that you can do to "live green" around the building:

- \* Paper towels account for 20 to 40 percent of waste (by volume) from an office building. "Use wisely: Paper equals trees." A single tree produces around 100 pounds of paper.

- \* Turn off lights when leaving rooms.

For the future, we are looking into using less Styrofoam and plastic. However, recycled/recyclable products are more expensive initially.

## Etch Your Family's Name into Downtown History

Salvaged bricks from the 1924 First Baptist Church will be used to create the walkways in the City Peace Garden, the columbarium next door to St. Peter's.

A memorial brick etched with your name or that of a loved one is \$100.

Information: (727) 388-5223 or [info@citypeacegarden.com](mailto:info@citypeacegarden.com)

Take a virtual tour at [www.citypeacegarden.com](http://www.citypeacegarden.com)



# JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>31</b> Memorial Day--Cathedral & Office Closed	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Reflections <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>5:00 PM</b> Cathedral Life	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 AM</b> St. Veronica's Guild <b>12:05 PM</b> Healing Service	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Gathering <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Night at the Movies	<b>5</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist
<b>6</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Reflections <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 AM</b> St. Veronica's Guild <b>12:05 PM</b> Healing Service <b>7:00 PM</b> St. Aelred	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Gathering <b>8:00 AM</b> Stewardship & Finance <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Night at the Movies	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Group <b>5:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist
<b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>6:00 PM</b> Old Testament Video	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Reflections <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Sisters of the Circle	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 AM</b> St. Veronica's Guild <b>12:05 PM</b> Healing Service	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Gathering <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Night at the Movies	<b>19</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist
<b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Reflections <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 AM</b> St. Veronica's Guild <b>12:05 PM</b> Healing Service	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Gathering <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Night at the Movies	<b>26</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Holy Eucharist
<b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>10:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>11:30 AM</b> St. Aelred Brunch	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Bible Reflections <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>10:00 AM</b> St. Veronica's Guild <b>12:05 PM</b> Healing Service	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Gathering <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>12:05 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Night at the Movies	<b>3</b> <b>NO SAT. SERVICE THIS WEEK</b>

## June Transitions

### June Birthdays

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|--|--|---|
| 1 David Fernandez<br>Vincent Ranuro                | 12 Diane Holtman<br>Barbara<br>Lemonopoulos<br>Ted May   | 18 Larry Arsenault<br>Lena Georges<br>Bob Fryer<br>John Garrigues<br>Mario Loehrer<br>Susan Stewart |
| 3 Pam Madden                                       | 13 Carolyn Feltner<br>Herbert Polson<br>Samuel Tallman   | 19 Eric Lang Peterson   |
| 4 Beth Kirkwood                                    | 14 Greg Burnsed<br>Christopher Gums<br>Rosemary Schrader | 20 John David Cowan<br>Rick Waterman  |
| 6 Marguerite Gilson                                | 15 Marie Dahm  | 21 Matt Burnsed   |
| 7 Carol Eich<br>Ashley Gairing<br>Elizabeth Wilsey | 16 Linda Austin  | 22 Frank Beasley<br>Lauren Holtman<br>Madison Kebler<br>Paul Meeker                                 |
| 8 Bill Morrison                                    | 17 Rick MacAulay<br>Ron Petersen                         | 23 Betsy Adams<br>A.D. Frazier<br>Kally Harvard<br>Sydni Shollenberger<br>Bob White                 |
| 9 Cindy Campbell<br>Marli Koch                     |  | 24 Shirley Davis<br>Alex Fryer  |
| 10 Russ Kirk<br>Michael Moylan<br>Evelyn Wright    |  | 25 Cal Rosenberg  |
| 11 Barbara Ader<br>Anne Giles                      |  | 29 Hope Corson<br>Cheryl Ann Rowe   |

### Deaths

Walter M. Cawthorne  
Bebe Chandler  
Robert W. "Bill" Curtis Jr.  
Marjorie Lockwood  
Marjorie Duke Peterson  
Nancy Jo Peterson

### New Member

Rose Linderman-Worlein

### June Anniversaries

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| 3 Mike and Kelly<br>Grimshaw<br>Bee Paris  | 16 Joel and Ann Giles<br>Vincent and Judith<br>Murante   |
| 4 Tom and Christina<br>Chase   | 18 Dan and Sylvia<br>Walbolt   |
| 9 Mike and Betsy<br>Adams<br>Fred and Sherrell<br>Boette<br>Peter and Marion<br>Fleming<br>David and Sarah Hill<br>Don and Barbara<br>Wright | 19 Frank and Dianne<br>Casorio<br>Karen Newman   |
| 10 Huston and Suzie<br>Babcock   | 20 Dick and Barbara<br>Abbott<br>Tim and Beth Snyder   |
| 11 Marv and Lois Atkins<br>Chris and Fay Nielsen<br>Vance and Marsha<br>Wegner   | 22 Troy and Joan Craft<br>Cary and Karen Gums  |
| 12 Bob and Rose-Helen<br>Blanc   | 23 Ted and Betsy<br>Giovanis   |
| 14 Abraham and Kirby<br>Hamdaoui<br>Rob and Jody<br>Sepulveda<br>Chris and Lynn Webb   | 24 John David and<br>Carole Cowan  |
| 15 Charlie and Fran<br>Parsons   | 28 Charles and Betty<br>Beck<br>Richard Dahm and<br>Yvonne Franco-<br>Dahm<br>Dmytro and Jane<br>Durbak<br>Tony and Rhody<br>Gecan |
|  | 29 Louie and Mary<br>Adcock  |

## Films from Around the World on Friday Nights

### Eddy Burns

Here's the lineup for our free Friday night movies, shown at 7 p.m. in the Narthex:

**June 18: *Live and Become*** (Israel, 2005). Ethiopian boy's Christian mother disguises him as an Ethiopian Jew to take the place of a boy who has just died and whose mother is being airlifted out of a Sudanese refugee camp in 1984. The mother's parting words to her nine-year-old son: "Go, live and become."

**June 25: *Departures*** (Japan, 2009): When his orchestra disbands, cellist moves back to his hometown

and takes a job preparing corpses for burial. Too embarrassed to admit his new career to his family, he keeps his profession a secret, until he's faced with the death of someone close to him. Academy Award Winner for Best Foreign Film.

**July 2: *Bliss*** (Turkey, 2007): Ancient and modern cultures and sex roles in contemporary Turkey clash in this landmark film. Elders plan to kill a teenage rape victim for dishonoring her village. She becomes a fugitive from her repressive, patriarchal background. Men who assist her struggle with

their own sense of manhood in this allegory of Turkish identity. Gorgeous scenery.

**July 9: *Invictus*** (South Africa, 2009): This drama, based on real-life events, tells the story of what happened after the end of apartheid. The film stars Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela and Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar, captain of the scrappy South African rugby team that makes a run for the championship.

Questions or comments:  
eddyburns@aol.com.

## Formation: Video Series on Hebrew Scriptures Continues

A video course on the Hebrew Scriptures that began on Monday, June 14, is meeting in the Narthex at 6 p.m. on alternate Mondays. The next meeting is Monday, June 28.

The group will view a series of videos featuring Amy-Jill Levine, Ph.D., professor of Christian Testament studies at Vanderbilt University's divinity school. Professor Levine will unpack the Bible from Genesis to Moses.

All are welcome to attend, but please know that this is not an introductory course. It does assume some familiarity with the Hebrew Scriptures. Those who have been enrolled in the Education for Ministry course will find this a good reinforcement for what they've been studying in their first year.

Participants are welcome to bring a brown-bag supper and beverage. The group will watch one video, about 30 minutes in length; take a 10-minute break; then watch a second video, also about 30 minutes long, followed by discussion.

It is not necessary to attend all the sessions, and the DVDs will be available for viewing at home. Thanks to David Hill for providing the series.



Photo by JUDY STARK

### *The Return of St. Peter*

*St. Peter is back on his pedestal in our newly landscaped memorial garden. Thanks to Rich Goodwill and a team of his co-workers who did the heavy lifting to put our patron saint back in place.*

## Farewell to Two Departing Staffers

Two members of the staff of St. Peter's have left us:

\* Deacon Tom Ader is relocating to Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, Barbara, came to St. Peter's in December and Tom had taken on a major role with our pastoral care ministries. We'll miss him. The Aders' last Sunday with us was June 6.

\* Matthew Brady, our sexton for the last 13 years, has retired. His last day was May 30. Matt told us he was ready for a change, already has another job lined up and may go back to school for more training. We appreciate his loving care of our Cathedral cat, Billy, and his affection for our St. Peter's family.

## Going Into the Hospital?

Please let St. Peter's know when you are going into the hospital or are ill at home, so we can add you to the prayer list, visit you, and bring you flowers.

Hospitals are prohibited by privacy laws from releasing the names of patients. The only way we know you're there is if you tell us.

And please let us know when good health returns!

Call the office at (727) 822-4173.



### **SHOW US YOUR ST. PETER'S SHIRTS!**

We're arranging to have some white T-shirts and some colored polo shirts made up with the St. Peter's red-shield logo. T-shirts have a silk-screened logo; on polo shirts, it's embroidered.

T-shirts are \$12, polos are \$25. Please e-mail Judy Evans ([jevans@spcathedral.com](mailto:jevans@spcathedral.com)) with your order, and be sure to include your size.

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### **TRUCKS, BALLS, GLOVES NEEDED**

*DaySpring, our diocesan conference center, is looking for donations of a used pickup truck, van, and utility trailer in road-worthy condition. They also need sports equipment, including basketballs, volleyballs, footballs, softballs, gloves, and tennis rackets. Please call Ken at (941) 776-1018.*

## DON'T TAKE YOUR PLEDGE ON VACATION!

Now's the time of year when we go on vacation or move to our summer locations (hello, North Carolina!). St. Peter's expenses are constant even though attendance may be lighter.

We encourage you to prepay your pledge before you leave town ... or arrange for payments to be automatically charged to your credit card or deducted from your checking account. Please see Martha Goodwill in the office (727-822-4173) to make these arrangements.

Keeping up your pledge payments goes a long way toward helping us manage our cash flow during the summer.

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**CONSIDER A CANDLE OR FLOWER MEMORIAL** to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Please speak to administrator Martha Goodwill (727-822-4173) to arrange for the date you'd like.

## Start Your Summer Reading Here

Looking for something good to read this summer? Here are some titles to consider. They'll inform, enlighten, outrage and amuse, and you'll arrive at Labor Day a better-educated Episcopalian. Happy page-turning!

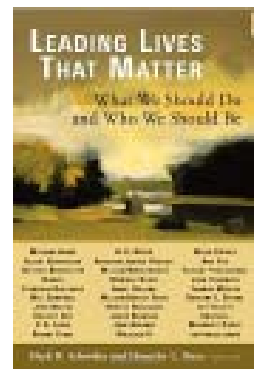
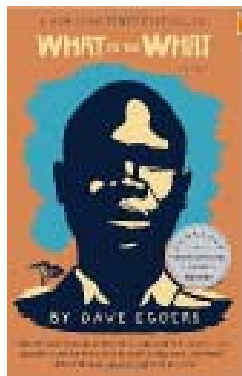
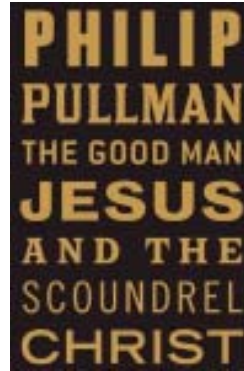
\* *The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ*, by Philip Pullman. This is the latest book from the author of the acclaimed trilogy *His Dark Materials*. The thesis: Suppose Jesus was twins! Jesus is the strong, commanding leader we know; his twin, the frailer Christ, hangs back, observes, takes copious notes on what Jesus says and does . . . and ultimately is co-opted into betraying his brother. Pullman clearly knows his Gospels, and his take on the greatest story ever told is unique. The book offers a powerful insight into how stories get told and retold, what is history, and what is truth.

\* *What Is the What*, by Dave Eggers. Eckerd College invites the community to join incoming freshmen in this summer reading project. Eggers retells the story of Valentino Achak Deng, one of the "lost boys of Sudan." These were bands of children orphaned by the slaughter in Sudan in the 1980s and '90s (Deng was seven at the time). Threatened by armed militias, lions, starvation and other perils, they struggled to seek sanctuary in Ethiopia. Deng eventually made his way to Atlanta in 2001, where he found a different sort of terror. "God has a problem with me," he said at one low point. Eggers and Deng will be in St. Petersburg in September to talk about the book. Learn more at

[www.valentinoachakdeng.org](http://www.valentinoachakdeng.org).

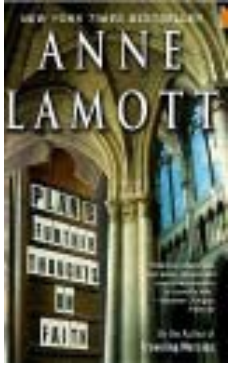
\* Krista Tippett, host of the "Speaking of Faith" radio program, interviews a wide range of scientists in *Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit*. Where do science and faith intersect? What do scientists believe and why? What about Einstein's quest to understand "if God had to make the world this way"? Tippett talks with physicists, a mathematician, a surgeon, a Darwin scholar, an immunologist, a psychologist-poet, and more. These conversations explore how "spiritual insights deepen the resonance of scientific discoveries" and underscore that science and spirituality may have more in common than we sometimes think.

\* *Leading Lives That Matter: What We Should Do and Who We Should Be*, Mark R. Schwehn and Dorothy C. Bass, editors. This anthology is good for dipping into from time to time, or reading selections with a group. The essays, stories, poems, and Scriptures are grouped around several topics: authenticity, virtue, vocation; are some lives more significant than others?; must my job be the primary source of my identity?; is a balanced life possible and preferable to a life focused primarily on work? Both young people who are wondering what to do with themselves and older people who are facing retirement or job loss and wondering what happened to their work identities will find much to ponder in these thoughtful selections. The authors anthologized range from



Annie Dillard, James Baldwin, and Robert Frost to Longfellow, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Frederick Buechner.

\* If you aren't familiar with Anne Lamott, you have a treat in store, but be warned:

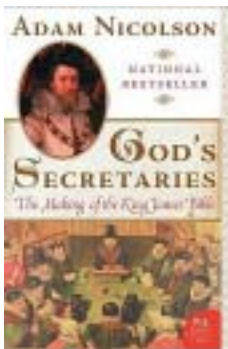


She's one tough customer. Recovering alcoholic and drug addict, single mother at age 35 to son Sam, foul-mouthed, virulently anti-Republican – but a deeply faithful Presbyterian who found life, healing, and reconciliation in Jesus. A good start among her many books: *Traveling Mercies*, *Some Thoughts on Faith*.

In laugh-till-you-cry anecdotes Lamott describes her "lurch of faith" to embrace religion, that "puzzling thing inside me that had begun to tug on my sleeve from time to time, trying to get my attention." This and the equally reverent-but-irreverent *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* are particularly popular among church reading groups.



\* *God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible*, by Adam Nicolson. Palace intrigue! Backstabbing! Romance! The plague! The Gunpowder Plot! And an overwhelming religious passion.

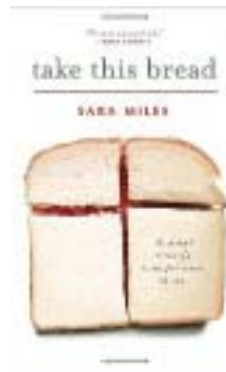


That was the setting in the early 1600s when King James I of England ordered a new translation of the Bible. It was to be a Bible for everyone, and so it was, with magnificent language rivaling Shakespeare. Meet the divines who created

that Bible: self-serving, drunk, ruthless, pedantic, ambitious. A breathtaking picture of an age "whose greatest monument is not a

painting or a building, but a book."

\* *Take This Bread*, by Sara Miles. A new convert to the Episcopal Church, Miles started a food pantry at St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco that launched nearly a dozen pantries in the city's poorest neighborhoods. Along the way she learned a lot about what it means to feed others, how the groceries were their own kind of Eucharist, and how hard it is to welcome everyone – yes, everyone – to the table.



We think of the Pilgrims as those people in the black suits with square white collars and tall black hats who celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the natives they found in Massachusetts . . . but who were they, really? What prompted them to come to this raw, unknown territory? Nick Bunker offers surprising answers in a richly researched book,



*Making Haste from Babylon: The Mayflower Pilgrims and Their World*. They were Separatists, who wanted to be rid of the too-popish Anglican church established by Elizabeth I and who had no use for an organization run by bishops, often with good reason. These were not naive bumpkins, but sophisticated merchants and businessmen who quickly learned that the success of the Plymouth colony would rise or fall — are you ready for this? — on the pelts of beavers. Oh, and did you know the first Thanksgiving is based on an ancient Jewish prayer derived from Psalm 107? An eye-opening read.

*Episcopal author note:* Charlaine Harris, author of the best-selling Sookie Stackhouse series of vampire novels, has served several terms as senior warden of her small Episcopal parish in rural Arkansas. "Absolutely addictive," readers say of this 10-volume series that starts with *Dead Until Dark*.

## HURRICANE SEASON BEGAN JUNE

**1.** Diocesan policy is, when winds are higher than 40 mph, all services and other activities are canceled. The premises are secured and the staff leaves. The Cathedral offers no hurricane shelter. Check the special section in the St. Petersburg Times for maps of evacuation zones and hurricane advice. Hurricane season runs through November 30.

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## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW SEXTON, MATT BURNSSED.

Matt, who turns 23 on June 21, is a lifelong member of the congregation and is studying for an associate's degree at St. Petersburg College. Matt replaces our longtime sexton, Matthew Brady, who retired (see story, Page 7).

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*Be part of the heart!*

## 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.: Coffee and fellowship

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

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

### Monday through Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.

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



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