



CROSSTOWN

May 2008

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Groundbreaking Weekend at St. Peter's!



Saturday, May 10, 6-8 p.m.

Gala wine and cheese party to celebrate the groundbreaking
Hors d'oeuvres and family-friendly beverages

Interior Motives Gallery

1110 Central Ave., St. Petersburg



The gallery will donate 10 percent of the price of all art purchased that night to the ECW of St. Peter's
Hosted by Sheree Graves, Emily Williams, Gary Patterson, and Jim and Susan Stewart

Sunday, May 11:

THE BIG DAY!

Services at 7:30 and 9 a.m.

NO 11:15 a.m. service

Wear red for Pentecost!

At the end of the 9 a.m. service in the Cathedral:

Welcome and introductions of guests, leaders,
donors to the capital campaign

A festive procession out to the site with a flying dove and red balloons

At the site: prayers and blessings

We turn the first shovelsful of earth

Applause and cheers!

Followed by a reception at St. Peter's Central

Come one, come all, to see the start of our future!

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Our Future Begins on May 11

The Very Rev. Dr. Russell L. Johnson

Groundbreaking! There have been times I never thought I'd live to see this day, but here it comes, on May 11.

I can't wait! This is the culmination of all your hard work, your sacrifice, and your hopes. Everyone can be proud that the day has arrived when out of the ground will arise new spaces to support and enhance the ministries of love that take life from within us.

I predict that they will have a significant impact upon the life of the congrega-

tion. New people will be attracted to these spaces. We'll be challenged to incorporate them, make space for them, and open ourselves to their ideas that will change our lives. New spaces will give rise to new ministries that we cannot even imagine. We'll be challenged to embrace them and help them flourish. New spaces will challenge our commitment to show forth radical hospitality. What a wonderful challenge to face. I am so excited for us and for those who

will succeed us in the future. We're building these spaces not for ourselves, but for them. Our work will make theirs all the better. Congratulations to all of you for seeing this through. You are champions and in the best sense you are disciples of the Lord of Love. Be strong, be in God, and I'll see you at the groundbreaking on Pentecost, May 11.

Crosswinds

For the third year, a group from St. Peter's will walk in the **Pride Parade** on June 28, starting at 11 a.m. We'll carpool from the Cathedral to the starting site, at Third Avenue N and 31st Street. It's an easy walk of about 12 blocks down Central Avenue. If you'd like to walk, let Rick Waterman know (tbhockeyfan@gmail.com). We'll have more details next month.

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Come check out the bells, no strings attached! Everyone is invited to sit in on a rehearsal of the handbell choir. We'll even let you pick up one of the bells or handchimes and ring it, just to see what it feels like. If it turns out this rings your chimes and you'd like to join the bell choir, great. If not, just come, look, listen, and go away enlightened. Speak to Rick Waterman (tbhockeyfan@gmail.com) or another member of the bell choir.

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You are invited to participate in the **Standing Women event** at 1 p.m. May 11. We will gather at Fourth Street and Second Avenue N to stand in silence for five minutes in support of the world's children, grandchildren, and future generations. Watch a video of last year's observance around the world at www.standingwomen.org.

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Just a **reminder to ministry leaders** that if you are planning an event that involves asking the congregation for money (freewill offerings, tickets, charges, sale of merchandise, fund-raising activities, meals, charges to cover costs, etc.), you must fill in a Sign-Off Form for Chapter approval and turn it in to the senior warden a minimum of one month before your event. This is to avoid calendar collisions and generosity overload on the congregation. Forms are available in the office or at www.myspcathedral.net.

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Partnering with Other Churches

Chelley Tighe, Outreach Ministries

The Outreach Ministry is meeting with representatives of other downtown churches to see how we all might work together to meet the needs for outreach downtown. This initiative was underscored at our March meeting, when we heard from the Ven. Dennis McManis, recently appointed by Bishop Dabney Smith as diocesan canon for mission and outreach. Deacon McManis worked on Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans, where he found that partnering with other churches increased visibility, staffing, and money.

Outreach meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at St. Peter's Central. Please speak with John Paul, Betsy Adams, or Chelley Tighe if you would like to join us in putting our faith into social action.



How Green Is Our Building? Very!

As we move ahead with plans for our new building, some of you have asked: Will this be a "green" building — energy-efficient, with sustainable materials and systems?

Absolutely, says architect Bill Harvard. We will meet or exceed the requirements for new construction under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification program of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Among the features we'll incorporate: a tight building envelope, a high level of insulation, recycled carpeting, the use of daylight to illuminate interior spaces, energy-efficient lighting. The zoned air conditioning system can be tied into the system that cools the Cathedral and do so far better than the inefficient system we have there now. We plan to use low-emitting paints and coatings. We'll use low-flow toilets. Exterior lighting will be positioned so it doesn't create "light pollution." We'll manage construction waste on the site properly during the building process. Our landscaping will be water-efficient.

Our building will be green in ways you may not have thought about. Utilities, water, and sewer are already present on the site. (No need to bring those in from afar.) We are on public transportation lines. We are reusing an existing site. All those give us credit for sustainable building.

We'll do everything we can to make sure our building places a light footprint on the earth. That's how we acknowledge the sacred nature of creation and our role in preserving the beauty of the earth.



Sing like a Pop Star at Camp!

You can learn to sing like a pop star — if you're between the ages of 7 and 15. (Sorry, adults!) Our organ scholar, John Mason, will lead a Pop Star Music Camp at St. Peter's, July 21-25 and July 28-August 1.

Kids will write their own songs, sing with a live band, record in a studio, and create a professional photo shoot. No experience required. The camp day runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Tuition is \$120 and a sibling discount is available. Information: visit www.PopStarCamp.org.

Awards for stories by Canon Conner

Canon Gigi Conner shared two honorable mention awards in the annual competition of the Episcopal Communicators for stories published in the *Southern Cross*, our diocesan newsletter.

She shared the award with editor Jim DeLa for "We Could Learn a Lot from the People of New Orleans." Canon Conner, DeLa, and our diocesan coordinators for Episcopal Relief and Development, Jody Tiffany and Maureen Belote, shared another honorable mention for "Katrina, Two Years Later."

DeLa received an award of excellence for design for the "Katrina, Two Years Later" layout. He received three honorable mentions for other work, and an award of merit for "Audio slideshow: Good Friday," which featured images of the Cathedral's Way of the Cross in 2007.

Episcopal Communicators is an organization of 150 active and 11 associate members who have communication responsibilities in the Episcopal Church at congregational, diocesan, regional, and national levels in both print and electronic media.



Off to "the D.R." for Trip No. 10

Andi Gorton

From July 19 through 26, we'll make our 10th mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This will be our fifth year 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.

Please prayerfully consider joining the team. Your job is simple: Help the children with the daily craft projects, play games, sing songs, and meet wonderful Episcopalians in another country. They do the teaching.

How can you help?

Support the mission by becoming a team member, by sponsoring someone who would like to go but needs financial support, by donating to purchase supplies, by praying for a successful mission.

If you are interested in more information, please see Andi Gorton (727 421-7704) or adgorton@hotmail.com.



Gospel in the Cathedral!

At 3 p.m. May 18 in the Cathedral, the Gibbs High School Gladiator Gospel Choir will present "Tribe: The Kingdom of Cyrene," a dramatization arranged to the sounds of black gospel music.

The performance tells the story of Simon of Cyrene, the man of color who was compelled by the Romans to carry the cross of Jesus on the way to Calvary. By extension it tells the story of those who bear the burdens for others. "It is my hope that this story reminds all of us of our own personal obligation to this community," says the director, Dr. Cody L. Clark.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Gladiator Choir. Come enjoy the performance by these talented teenagers!

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The Episcopal Church Women recently announced **a number of grants** to organizations and individuals. The grants include \$500 to the acolytes for crosses and seed money and \$400 to our missioner in the Dominican Republic, Karen Carroll. They bought two car seats for premature newborns at All Children's Hospital. They will also provide scholarships for those in financial need covering half the cost of summer camp at DaySpring for children and youth and for the Pop Star music camp at the Cathedral in July and August.

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When we change June 1 to **our summer schedule** of Sunday morning services at 8 and 10 a.m., we'll offer a "summer bistro" after the 10 a.m. service. We'll have coffee, cold drinks and munchies for adults on the first floor of St. Peter's Central. Upstairs we'll do a children's bistro with snacks, drinks and an activity for about half an hour. Various ministry groups, families or individuals will take turns hosting. See Canon Conner if you'd like to be among them.



Movies in May

Eddy Burns

Here's the movie lineup for May. Join us for free movies (and popcorn!) at 7 p.m. Fridays in St. Peter's Central. Details about the movies are on bulletin boards or at www.spcathedral.net.

May 2: *Atonement* (U.S., 2007)

May 9: *Divorce, Italian Style* (Italy, 1962)

May 16: *La Vie en Rose* (France, 2007)

May 23: *Molière* (France, 2007)

May 30: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* (France, 2007)

Weekend Worship

Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Communion and Homily
A traditional service, no music

Sunday

7:30 a.m.: Holy Communion and Homily
A traditional service, no music

9 a.m.: Holy Communion (child-friendly) and Homily
A spirit-filled celebration, with hymns and choir

11:15 a.m.: Choral Holy Communion and Homily
A sung service with 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.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Choral Evensong, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Communion, 12:05 p.m.

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Transitions

May Birthdays

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| 2 Rhody Gecan | 12 Mark Gordon Camilla Kilgroe Kip Corriveau | 24 Harry Sauers Al Smith Kit Clarke Joan White |
| 3 Melissa Barlow Alexander Beard | 15 Will Holly Scott Sauers | 25 John Meros |
| 4 Bill Harvard Betty Scarborough Steve Lasky Richard Franco-Dahm Julius Durphey Carolyn Randall | 16 Freda Caley | 26 Hazel Hough |
| 5 Harry Aylesworth | 17 Jackie Petersen Kyle Hirvela | 27 Tim Holly Louise Garrigues Anna Costello |
| 6 Huston Babcock Tim Lanz | 18 Tony Catron Kelly Grimshaw | 28 Betty Wilhelm |
| 7 Will Bennett | 19 John Hamm Elizabeth Schroeder | 29 Suzanne Earle Carol Ellis Niki Cross Julie Clarke |
| 9 Will Hollingsworth Michelle Salsman | 20 Alice Roess | 30 Mark Galvin |
| 11 Phyllis Emerson Sue McBride | 21 Mary Jo Mastry | 31 Rosamond Dana Jim Stewart Rose-Helen Blanc |
| 12 Margaret Jacobs Jack Clarke | 22 Kathleen Beard | |
| | 23 Jim Budd Donald Skinner Four Dunton | |

May Anniversaries

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| 2 Max and Pat Bygrave | 17 Ron and Carolyn Rymers |
| 6 Don DeWolf and Gretchen Brierley | 19 David and Chelley Tighe |
| 7 George and Pearl Richards | 21 Four and Laura Dunton |
| 8 Phil Bowman and Bev Taber-Bowman | 22 Steve and Cathy Lasky |
| 12 John and Kathy Paul | 24 Tracy Crow and Mary Jo Mastry Jeff and Nicole Jones |
| 13 Dick and Vicki Burkhart Richard and Shirley Earle | 26 Rich and Martha Goodwill |
| 14 Brad and Dottie Hirvela | 31 Stephen Graumlich and Russ Kirk Charles and Cellia Plummer |

UTO Ingathering: Grants for God's Work

Chelley Tighe

Twice each year you're invited to contribute to the United Thank Offering via a special envelope. The spring ingathering is Sunday, May 18. What's the United Thank Offering? What happens to this money?

UTO, as it's commonly known, was founded by Episcopal women in 1889 and has been administered by women ever since. Every cent that is gathered from the 7,000 churches in this country and abroad is immediately distributed through grants to congregations. UTO grants focus particularly on projects that implement change toward alleviating the profound human suffering addressed by the Millennium Development Goals.

In 2007 UTO gave 104 grants totaling almost \$2.5-million. The complete list of grants is available at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto. Two con-

gregations in our diocese received grants. Lamb of God in Fort Myers got \$12,600 to support a Haitian ministry. Holy Spirit in Safety Harbor got \$30,000 for a van to support outreach to migrant workers, the elderly, and the hearing-impaired.

The coins or bills you tuck into the UTO envelope you're handed on May 18 go directly to doing God's work in the world. The Cathedral's Episcopal Church Women invite you to be generous.



Search for a New Dean

Susan Churuti and Elaine New have been named co-chairs of the search committee for a new dean. They invite you to contact them — in person or by e-mail — to share your thoughts on what we should seek in a new spiritual leader. Reach Susan at lovzchopin@gmail.com; e-mail Elaine at benew1025@yahoo.com. Dean Johnson will leave on a preretirement sabbatical at the end of June.

Merry May Music

Music events in May include a concert of Cathedral Choral Classics at 4 p.m. May 4. Combined Cathedral choirs will perform, and the music includes Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb." Tickets are \$15 (students/seniors \$10) at the door.

At the 11:15 a.m. service May 18 we will hear Schubert's Mass in G with the Schola Cantorum and the Festival Orchestra.