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Recharging, Refocusing on What's Really Important

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris, Dean

I really cannot believe that summer officially begins in a month. In our staff meeting this morning I told my colleagues that they must use their vacation time. Having just taken my first Sunday off in eight months (I attended the annual conference of North American Cathedral Deans in Washington, D.C.), I realize the value of away time. I told the staff that a sure way to fan the fire of burnout is to not take a Sunday off. I certainly do not feel too stressed. However, in my recent days off I regained perspective. I did not so much think about how good it was not to be at work (I really didn't!) but, rather, I thought about what are the essential elements of my work that sometimes get lost in the shuffle.

There have been times in my ministry when I have been consumed with the temporal affairs of church life. I have found myself thinking more about the budget than about the sick and shut-in.

At times I have been so preoccupied with the falling numbers associated with church statistics that I became distracted where worship and formation planning are concerned. As you can imagine, I am not proud about any of this. I am being honest and I am fairly certain other priests have felt the same. What is most encouraging to me, and what lifts my spirits even more than time off, is that YOU, the Cathedral family, are becoming even more focused on the spiritual affairs of our church life.

When I arrived here, some 18 months ago, I was often reminded that as excited as our lay leaders were about the future of this church, they were tired. There was a time in our not-too-distant past when just a few folks were carrying too much of the load. I am proud to say that is no longer the case. We have new ministries, new members, and many new lay leaders who now share in building up the body

of Christ in the Cathedral community.

As much as many of you are doing regarding our temporal affairs, you are doing even more so in our spiritual affairs. It is the reason we have become a healthier church family. You are inspirational to me.

I will take more time off, as will others on the Cathedral staff during the summer. In a good way, I don't want to be away. It is fun being here watching all of you grow the ministry. I will do it to recharge my batteries and regain healthy perspective. I trust you will do the same in your life this summer. We all need to. It makes us even healthier.

Thanks for all that you do and all that you have become to me. I love you all.

Meet Your Chapter Representatives

We are the Chapter, the 13-member lay board of directors elected by you, the congregation, to watch the finances and make policy decisions for the Cathedral. One-third of us are elected each January at the Annual Meeting for three-year terms. "Be part of the heart" is the vision statement we developed a year ago, and we invite you to join us in doing just that: renewing our commitment to be the heart of growth in downtown St. Petersburg. Now that you know what we look like, how to e-mail us and something about us, we hope you'll step up and introduce yourselves and let us know what's on your mind.

Karen Amundrud

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Member of St. Peter's for many years, not quite all my life. I retired a few years ago as assistant principal at Hamilton Disston. Music is what first led me to become active here; have sung in the Cathedral choir for many years. Member of the Pastoral Care and Outreach committees and office volunteer. I'm also on the board of Resurrection House and am a guardian ad litem. I am thrilled to be a chapter member as St. Peter's begins a new adventure in ministry in our new building.



Frank Casorio

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Lay reader, acolyte, member of the Cathedral Life committee, enthusiastic about continuing our welcoming spirit.



My e-mail address is a clue to my life's work: I'm a retired French teacher from Pittsburgh. Every year a college friend and I hike for several

days in the mountains, most recently in the Great Smokies.

Susan Churuti

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Member of St. Peter's since 1973; married husband Bob here in 1982. Local government attorney; served several terms on chapter, past junior warden; on Finance and Stewardship committees; co-chair of the Discernment Committee that called Dean Morris.



Blanton Garnett

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I've been a member of the Cathedral since 1984 and have served in many leadership roles, including senior warden, treasurer, stewardship chair, capital campaign co-chair. Now I co-chair the Cathedral Life committee and I'm a eucharistic minister and visitor. A great joy: leading Children's Chapel and teaching Sunday school. I've been a financial advisor for 21 years and I'm founder and president of the Garnett Retirement Group. Lela and I just celebrated our 25th anniversary and we're the parents of Elizabeth, 23; Kathleen, 20; and Caitlin, 17.



Will Hollingsworth

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Heather's dad, Patty's husband, architect with HOK in Tampa. My family has been active in the Episcopal Church for generations. I was an acolyte at St. Mark's in Jacksonville for six years. Here I'm a former greeter and I keep an eye on the kids during services. We like to travel and went skiing out West last winter.



Bill Hoyt

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Husband to Silvia, dad to Abby, Emily, and Olivia. We were married here and the girls were baptized here. First vice president, investments, and managing partner of HearnHoyt Wealth Management at Raymond James & Associates. Certified Financial Planner, Certified Investment Management Analyst, so it's no surprise I'm the Cathedral treasurer. Spare time: fly fishing, boating. My friends call me Bubba. So you'd better too.



Jacqueline Jones-Blacker

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We moved here in 1993 from San Francisco, where I was an event planner. Michael and I are parents of Alexandra and Noah. Completed the four-year Education for Ministry course in 2008; I love learning. I've been a stay-at-home mom, volunteer and substitute teacher.



Mary Jo Mastry

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You've probably seen me Sunday mornings in my role as usher and greeter. I was born in St. Petersburg and was baptized at St. Peter's. I was a member of the Discernment Committee that called Dean Morris. I'm now on the newly formed Cathedral Life Committee and a member of the EfM study group. In my other life I'm a special-ed resource teacher at Pasadena Fundamental.



Marian McGrath

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Native of St. Petersburg, member of St. Peter's since 1974. I'm an attorney practicing in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration for 35 years. Besides serving as senior warden this year, I'm a verger and am enrolled in the



first year of Education for Ministry. For relaxation, I'm passionate about reading and learning, and I enjoy growing vegetables in my backyard "farm" and spending time at my river house in Homosassa.

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I am a lifelong member of St. Peter's (I grew up here as Kate Burnsed) and was married to Andy, my husband, here in 2007. I currently work with the Outreach, Worship, and Formation committees. I sing in the choir and chamber choir. Day job: I'm an attorney specializing in construction law.



Virginia Rowell

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Member for more than 60 years. Past senior warden, former administrator. Member of the George Gorton Guild of Vergers. President, board of trustees for Peterborough Inc. (low-income senior housing built by St. Peter's in 1981). Retired after 45 years in management of human service programs for City of St. Petersburg. Daughter Frances, son-in-law Craig, and grandson Trip live in Chattanooga. Enjoy traveling, gardening, and needlework.



Lisa Smithson

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Junior warden, co-chair of Stewardship Committee and liaison to the Finance Committee. Founder of Is and company, local CPA firm, with more than

35 years' experience as a CPA in accounting, tax and advisory services; Certified Financial Planner; on the board of Florida Bank. Supporter of Resurrection House. I found my love for the Lord at St. Peter's about eight years ago and was confirmed last month. Avid golfer! Two children, one grandson, companion Elliot.



Judy Stark

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Crosstown newsletter editor, lay reader, Sunday donut queen, manager of details, member of Diocesan Council, program chair of Diocesan Convention, consultant to dioceses electing new bishops, alternate deputy to General Convention 2009. Retired early as home and garden editor of the *St. Petersburg Times*. *Labora est ora*, as they say: The work is the prayer.



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Except for my baptism at St. Bartholomew's and the times I've lived out of state, I have attended St. Peter's all my life. I serve on the Altar Guild. I am married to Chris, and our children are Paige, who lives in Macon, Ga., and Charlie, who is in school in Melbourne.



Learning to Live in the New Building

At long last, we're in the new building!

Thanks to the staff and volunteers who accomplished the move from St. Peter's Central. It involved a lot of planning and logistics and a lot of heavy lifting and grunt work. Now we're all in one place, pretty well unpacked, and learning to live in our new space.

Thanks also to junior warden Lisa Smithson and her son, Shannon, who donated the landscaping and the sprinkler system in our beautiful new memorial garden. Shannon's company, Professor Green Thumb (727-417-3311), will maintain the garden and our exterior landscaping for a very favorable price. The garden was a great place for our egg hunt on Easter. The statue of St. Mary has already returned; soon the statue of St. Peter will be back in place there, keeping a watchful eye over Billy the Cat, who has also returned happily to his former home.

A couple of points we'd like everyone to know:

* The **locations of activities**, the arrangement of furniture, what is where — all this is **subject to change** as the days and weeks go by. You know what it's like when you move into a new home: You think the sofa will look great against this wall, and a couple of weeks later you realize it really should go over there. The same thing will happen here.

* As of early May, we are still able to use what we're calling the "art gallery space" for meetings, the Sunday morning nursery, and the kids' Explorers' Club. That unfinished space is not air-conditioned. Once the summer heat settles in, that space will become unusable. **The nursery and Explorers' Club will move into the narthex.**

* The narthex will be our only air-conditioned gathering space. If you plan to hold a meeting or activity here, please fill in a Facilities Use Form so we

can set up the tables and chairs you need. This space is also our front entrance, highly visible from the street, so it's important that it be attractive and professional-looking to visitors and passersby. We appreciate everyone's assistance here.

* Check the calendar to see **who else is scheduled** to use that space



Photo by JUDY STARK

St. Mary presides over our newly landscaped memorial garden, soon to be joined by St. Peter.

the same day or evening you are. If your meeting starts at 6 p.m., another group may be planning to use the space at 7 p.m. Please start and end your meetings on time.

* Get your meetings **on the calendar** well in advance so we avoid colliding events.

* We have set up a temporary kitchen in the area where our future kitchen will be located. Please note that we have **no ice machine**. (The

builder cautioned us that construction dust would get into the machine and we'd have very gritty ice.) If you need ice for your meeting or activity, you'll have to provide your own. We have coolers you can use.

* This temporary kitchen has **no sink**. If you are serving food, please plan to use disposables or to take your dishes home and wash them there. Think pot-luck.

* The only spaces open to us in the new building are the narthex, the garden, and the art gallery space. Please do not enter the areas that are still under construction. The builder has equipment and building materials there and these are unsafe areas. If you are visiting the art gallery space, please walk through the church and enter through the doors that face the garden. Please don't enter by walking through the construction area. In addition, please note that the **Cathedral offices are not open during non-office hours** (including Sunday), to protect confidential parishioner records.

* As for parking, we may no longer park in the spaces behind the former St. Peter's Central. During weekday business hours you can park in the spaces in the lot on the north side of Second Avenue N that are marked with St. Peter's signs. The rest of those spaces are reserved during business hours for city employees. If you park in the city's spots you will be ticketed (and no, we can't fix your ticket). You can also park on the street, but **for two hours only**. Evenings and weekends you can park anywhere in the lots across the street or for an unlimited time on the street.

We moved out of St. Peter's Central and into this limited new space to avoid paying rent on our former office space. We will live in this in-between state until we secure permanent financing or until we receive enough contributions to our capital campaign to pay for the next phase of build-out. Your prayers and your generous giving are welcome.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Adult Formation 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Choral Evensong	26 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM EFM Group 1	27 7:00 AM Bible Reflections 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Choristers 7:00 PM Sisters of the Circle	28 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM St. Veronica's Guild 12:05 PM Healing Service	29 7:00 AM Men's Gathering 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM EFM Group 2 7:15 PM Cathedral Choir	30 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Friday Night at the Movies	1 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist
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9 MOTHER'S DAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist	10 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM EFM Group 1	11 7:00 AM Bible Reflections 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Choristers 7:00 PM Sisters of the Circle	12 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM St. Veronica's Guild 12:05 PM Healing Service 7:00 PM St. Aelred	13 7:00 AM Men's Gathering 8:00 AM Stewardship & Finance Mtg. 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Liturgical Planning 6:30 PM EFM Group 2 7:15 PM Cathedral Choir	14 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Friday Night at the Movies	15 3:15 PM Daughters of the King 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist
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May Transitions

May Birthdays

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| 2 Rosemary Gecan
Melissa Barlow
Alexander Beard
Michael Marsh | 15 Lauren Cianca
Doug Hyland
Scott Sauers |
| 4 Julius Durphey
Richard Franco-Dahm
Bill Harvard
Steve Lasky
Stephen Morris
Carolyn Randall
Betty Scarborough | 16 Freda Caley
Kendall Webber |
| 5 Harry Aylesworth
Judy Koch | 17 Kyle Hirvela
Jackie Petersen |
| 6 Huston Babcock
Tim Lanz | 18 Tony Catron
Kelly Grimshaw |
| 8 Roberto Velarde | 19 John Hamm
Elizabeth Schroeder |
| 9 Will Hollingsworth
Michelle Salsman | 20 Bill Madison
Lee Morris
Alice Roess |
| 11 Phyllis Emerson
Sue McBride | 21 Mary Jo Mastry |
| 12 Jack Clarke
Kip Corriveau
Mark Gordon
Margaret Jacobs
Camilla Kilgroe | 22 Kathleen Beard
Lane Roney |
| 14 Gail MacAulay | 23 Jim Budd
Leeanne McDonough
Donald Skinner |
| | 24 Kit Clarke
Corey Crow
Rick Poore
Harry Sauers
Joan White |

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| 25 Scott Dyer
John Meros |
| 26 Harold Butler
Liam Fernandez |
| 27 Anna Costello
Louise Garrigues
Tim Holly
Jim Wehle |
| 28 Betty Wilhelm
Ken Wolfe |
| 29 Suzanne Earle
Carol Ellis |
| 30 Mark Galvin |
| 31 Tiffany Benoit
Rose-Helen Blanc
Rosamond Dana
Jim Stewart
Charlotte Sutton |

May Anniversaries

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| 2 Max and Patricia
Bygrave
Rick and Gail
MacAulay | 14 Brad and Dottie
Hirvela |
| 6 Don DeWolf and
Gretchen
Brierley | 17 Ron and Carolyn
Rymers |
| 7 Ray and Rosemary
Benoit
George and Pearl
Richards | 19 David and Chelley
Tighe |
| 8 Phil Bowman and Bev
Taber-Bowman | 21 Michael and Liz Wright |
| 12 John and Kathy Paul | 22 Steve and Cathy Lasky |
| 13 Richard and Vicki
Burkhart
Richard and Shirley
Earle | 24 Tracy Crow and Mary
Jo Mastry |
| | 26 Rich and Martha
Goodwill |
| | 27 Walt and Pat Williams |
| | 31 Joe and Audra Benoit
Stephen Graumlich
and Russ Kirk
Charles and Cellia
Plummer |

Baptisms

Jocelyn Denise-Gabriella Beavers
Lauren Isabel Cianca

Deaths

Robert Kitzman
Maxine Lee
Robert Schutte

New Members

Jocelyn Denise-Gabriella Beavers
Lauren Isabel Cianca
Shirley Davis
Fran Spector
Diane Stewart
Judy Terwilliger

Love a Parade? Come Walk with St. Aelred's!

Members of the Friends of St. Aelred invite our fellow parishioners to join us walking in the Pride Parade, at 10 a.m. June 26 in St. Petersburg.

The parade route is just about a mile, not too taxing, starting at 31st St. and Third Ave. N and wending east on Central Ave. It's lined with families and kids cheering on the marchers. It is a lot of fun, but it's also very rewarding to hear people in the crowd yell out, "Thank you, St. Peter's," because they appreciate the diversity and the welcome they find here and in the wider Episcopal Church. We have attracted quite a few

new members who first learned about us at the parade or at our booth at the street fair that follows. Participating in the parade is also a way to live into our baptismal covenant, "to seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being."

We invite you to walk with us or to help staff the booth. Please speak to Steve Bowling, Ron Gallucci, or Ray McColgan if you'd like to join us or want to know more.

The next day, June 27, the Friends will host another of their now-legendary brunches after the 10:15 a.m. service.

All are welcome to enjoy excellent food, fun, and fellowship. A freewill offering will be taken.



Remember Mom!

Mother's Day is May 9. Remember your mother and others who've been like a mother to you!

Time for the Picnic! Come Hungry, Get Wet!

Kids, prepare to get wet at our annual Cathedral Picnic, on Sunday, May 23.

This year we'll be at Dell Holmes Park, 2741 22nd St. S, where the big attractions are the splash pad and water playground. Motion sensors set off frogs, sunflowers, and fish that shoot jets of water. Floor jets and half rings shoot more jets into the center of the splash pad. All this plus mists and sprays, using 3,000 gallons of recirculating, chlorinated water.

Don't feel like getting wet? Step over to the adjacent playground, with

slides, swings, and plenty of things to climb on or crawl under.

The park — on the shores of Lake Maggiore — also offers a fitness trail, golf driving range, canoe and kayak ramp, and fishing pier. There's always good birding around the lake, and who knows, you may even spot an alligator.

Plan to come to church that day casually dressed so you can go right to the picnic site, arriving around noon or so. We'll be at the main shelter, right next to the playground and splash pad, heavily shaded by palms and live oaks.

The Cathedral will provide chicken

and beverages. You provide everything else: salads, sides, desserts.

Don't forget folding chairs, sunscreen, hats, and towels, swimsuits and water shoes for the kids (and anyone else!) who wants to play in the water.

Directions: Take Dr. M.L. King Jr. (Ninth) Street south to 26th Avenue S. Turn right (west) and drive to 22nd Street S. Turn left (south). The park entrance is one block straight ahead. Turn left and park near the playground.

Silvia Hoyt will be glad to answer questions or accept your offer of help that day: (727) 896-6674.

Movie Nights in May

Eddy Burns

Free movies are shown at 7 p.m. Fridays in the narthex. Free popcorn! The lineup for May:

May 7: *Rashomon* (Japan, 1950): Four people recount different versions of a man's murder and his wife's rape. A masterpiece directed by Akira Kurosawa that introduced Japanese cinema to the world.

May 14: *Stolen Summer* (USA, 2002): Irish-Catholic boy tries to convert rabbi's son in hopes they'll both make it to heaven.

May 21: *A Passage to India* (UK, 1984): David Lean's adaptation of E.M. Forster's novel about British colonialism in 1928 India and the cultural and sensual divides that separate people.



May 28: *Shall We Dance?* (Japan, 1997): Middle-aged workaholic signs up for dance lessons to meet the sexy teacher, then is assigned to another class full of eccentric beginners. Fabulous music and captivating dancing.



Contact eddyburns@aol.com with suggestions or comments.

Eat, Talk, Pray: Sisters' Agenda for May

May marks the last month of regular weekly meetings for the Sisters of the Circle until they resume in August. There will, however, be once-a-month social meetings of the group in June and July. Here's the agenda for Tuesday evenings in May.

Except for May 25, the Sisters will

meet at 7 p.m. at the Columbarium of-fice, 120 Fourth St. N, just south of the Cathedral. All women are invited to join this group for social and spiritual support and friendship.

May 4: Open discussion. Local, national, international, spiritual, secular, you-name-your-topic.

May 11: Fran Colombo guides a meditation on "Right Action," from the book, *Praying with Francis of Assisi*.

May 18: Work on a service project.

May 25: Dinner at the Chattaway restaurant, 358 22nd Ave. S. This meeting convenes at 6 p.m. at the restaurant.

Major Work Begins on Columbarium

Sheree Graves

Some Sunday morning, walk behind our new building and take a look at the work that's going on at the back of the former Baptist Sanctuary. You'll be amazed at our progress on what will become the City Peace Garden and columbarium.

The week of April 13, the contractors installed a steel beam 58 feet long and weighing 8,700 pounds to support the original wooden roof trusses, which were badly bowed. This steel beam lies horizontally across two vertical beams embedded in deep-set concrete footings. This new steel skeleton will keep the historic facade perpetually in place.

(By contrast, that huge steel beam that many of us signed last spring — the last beam of the new building — weighed a mere 138 pounds.)

Eventually the hole created by the Baptist Sanctuary's former basement will be filled in to create the walled garden, where we'll have a fountain, gazebo, and labyrinth, along with outdoor niches. Walkways will be paved with the memorial bricks, salvaged from the back end of the old sanctuary, that many parishioners have purchased.

Meanwhile, on the Fourth Street side, crews have been deep-cleaning the building. Doors and framing are due to be installed soon.

Harvard Jolly Architects is completing Phase 2 drawings that will complete most of the interior infrastructure of the building. Phase 2 includes the walkways, electrical and lighting wiring, elevator, and glass-enclosed rooms on what we are calling the mezzanine and balcony levels. Phase 2 will be paid for with preconstruction sales of niches.

More than 2,000 niches are offered initially on the piazza (ground floor) and mezzanine (the entry level from the stairs on Fourth Street.): granite at the piazza and glass-front niches on the mezzanine. Until September, niches are offered at a 25 percent preconstruction discount. We have interest from downtown residents and folks from Tampa!

A press release announcing the City Peace Garden was sent in late March to more than 600 media outlets.

Last month 4,000 pieces of direct mail and our new brochure were mailed to local residents. The marketing campaign continues to unfold and draw attention. St. Peter's parishioners are helping market by introducing the City Peace Garden to people they know, civic groups and related businesses like funeral homes and retirement and estate planners. This extra help is crucial to our success. Check out the website www.citypeacegarden.com and Facebook for updates.



This view shows the gazebo and water feature in the City Peace Garden that will be built at the back of the former Baptist Sanctuary as it is transformed into a columbarium.

credit: Harvard Jolly Architects



Photo by JUDY STARK

Sheree Graves and St. Petersburg Times photographer Kathleen Flynn ride in the bucket to sign the new steel beam that supports the roof trusses of the former Baptist Sanctuary.

UTO Is May's Charity Opportunity

Our Outreach Committee's opportunity for May is a request for cash donations to the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church. UTO, founded by women and administered by women since 1889, allocates as much as \$3-million each year to projects in every diocese that have a significant impact on the lives of women and children across the Anglican Communion.

We'll have UTO envelopes available on Sunday, May 2, and invite you to support this worthy program of grants. Learn more, and see the 2008 list of recipients (the most recent available), at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.

On the first Sunday of every month, Outreach offers you the opportunity to support a specific need in your community or the wider Anglican Communion.

Celebrate Pentecost May 23

May 23 is Pentecost, one of the major feast days of the church.

As we learn from Acts 2, this is the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples like a mighty wind, with tongues of fire resting upon each of them. They could speak in other

tongues and therefore were prepared to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the world.

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church. We'll celebrate with a grand liturgy and music. Red is the color for Pentecost, so plan to wear red that

day and come in a celebratory mood!

This is also a day when we traditionally celebrate the sacrament of baptism. If you seek baptism for yourself or a child, please call Martha Goodwill in the office (727-822-4173).

VBS 2010 in the Dominican Republic

Andi Gorton, VBS mission chair

Our Vacation Bible School mission team to the Dominican Republic leaves Saturday, July 17, and returns on Sunday, July 25. This is our 12th year sharing the love of Christ with our fellow Episcopalians in our companion diocese. As before, Karen Carroll, our own missionary living there, will join us.

Working with parishioners from two churches, many of whom are also schoolteachers, we will offer a weeklong Bible school to 200 to 225 children of

all ages. Daily activities include studying a Bible story (this year's theme is "Fruits of the Spirit"), memorizing a Bible verse, and putting together crafts that go along with the story. Of course, we always have fun and laughter, lots of praise for accomplishments, hugs, and joy. There are moments when a child's testimonial of faith moves you to tears.

We will be collecting crayons again this year starting this month, so be on the lookout for the "Crayon Box." If you

want to start shopping early, we ask that you buy the Crayola brand because they don't melt in the heat. If you don't want to be bothered shopping, we gratefully accept cash donations for crayons as well as other supplies we will need.

Please prayerfully consider being a team member. The ability to speak Spanish is helpful but not necessary. We also ask for your prayers as we make preparations for the trip. For information, call Andi Gorton at (727) 421-7704.

Next season's music, worship planning under way

We would like to thank everyone for their participation and support in making this season's Cathedral Arts series so successful. Choral Evensongs will re-

sume in September and information about next season's offerings will be announced during the summer.

The Worship Committee is working

on additional worship opportunities as part of our Cathedral life, details of which will be announced in the coming months.

Crosswinds

Congratulations to members of our congregation who were **confirmed or received** into the Episcopal Church at the diocesan confirmation service April 10 at the Cathedral. Confirmed were Ellen Morris, Henry Morris, Lisa Smithson, Fran Spector, and Diane Stewart. Received were Ron Gallucci, Bill Madison, Laurie Marino, and Judy Terwilliger.

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We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 6. If you're

graduating from anything — high school, college, basic training, vocational school, getting an advanced degree — we want to recognize you at the 10:15 a.m. service that day. Please call the office by June 2 (727-822-4173) and add your name to our list.

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The Cathedral and offices will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

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The Friends of St. Aelred meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. All are welcome!



Photo by JUDY STARK

"Be part of the heart," our vision statement, graced a cake contributed by John Meros at the St. Aelred's brunch April 25, attended by more than 120 hungry parishioners.

St. Peter's: A Guide

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
"Explorers Club" for children, pre-K through teens
Explorers join their families at the Peace

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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