



# CROSSTOWN

October 2007

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

## Living Into Being a Cathedral

The Very Rev. Dr. Russell L. Johnson

If there was ever any doubt about this congregation's ability to be a Cathedral, let it be gone forever. We were magnificent at the investiture of our new bishop September 15! You all outdid yourselves in radical hospitality and in organization and performance. The investiture was wonderful. Clergy from all around the diocese have told me about your great efforts, kindness, and helpfulness.

Our construction project moves ahead. You'll read more about it in this newsletter and your Chapter will update

you regularly about the construction and our financial status. I hope that those of you who waited to make a pledge until you were certain this plan would become a reality will now come forward to support it financially. The move in mid-September to temporary spaces across the street is a major step. We will end this year with demolition and begin the new year with construction.

Now we are well into our fall activities. I invite you to come for worship, for a Bible study, for a class. Whether

you are just tentatively exploring what it means to be a member of St. Peter's, or this has been your spiritual home for years, I invite you to get involved. That is how our faith lives are nourished and enriched. Allow yourselves to enter into the lives of others here and God's spirit will reach out and touch you.

Be strong, be in God.

## Out of the Old Buildings, Preparing for the New

Pat Wahlen, Building Committee Chair

We've moved out of our old buildings — whew, a giant sigh and a BIG thank-you to everyone who had a hand in this massive undertaking.

Now we're getting settled in our temporary quarters at 201 Fourth St. N,

our home for the next 18 months or so.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 7. After the 9 a.m. service (i.e., around 10:20 a.m.), we'll hold another Building Update in the sanctuary. We'll have some news to report and will be happy to answer your questions at that time.

We'd like to answer one question right up front. Several people have asked: What will happen to the memorial garden during construction? Will it be protected?

The answer is a big YES. This is sacred ground where the ashes of many of our loved ones have been interred or scattered. At the start of demolition, we will lay down a "floor" of 3/4-inch plywood over the garden to protect the ground below.

In preparation for that, we have removed some of the liriopse (the green plants).

They are being replanted at the home of Mary Jo Mastry and Tracy Crow.

When construction is completed, they'll bring the plants back and replant them here.

We are also keeping a special eye on the St. Peter statue just inside the gates. St. Peter may be carefully moved to a less vulnerable location during construction.



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## Crosswinds

Ring in the holidays (a bit early) at a concert of **the Raleigh Ringers**, an internationally acclaimed bell choir from Raleigh, NC. Join the Cathedral Bell Choir to attend this concert, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 11, at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland. Tickets are \$18 each, \$15 if we can assemble a group of at least 10. Information and tickets: Please see John Hoover or Rick Waterman.

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Our **Friday night movies** resume this month in our new space at 201 Fourth St. N. Watch the movies in comfort on our new 50-inch flat-screen TV! Show time is 7 p.m.; popcorn is provided. The lineup: **October 5: *Before the Fall*** (Germany, 2004) **October 12: *Walkabout*** (Australia, 1971) **October 19: *The Lives of Others*** (Germany, 2006) **October 26: *The Page Turner*** (France, 2006)

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Would you like to **adopt Billy the Cathedral cat**? We're looking for someone who can give him a good home for the next two years. We're worried that once demolition starts, he may run away for good or be injured in traffic. If you can provide a good home for our faithful friend, please speak to Carolyn Randall, (727) 527-2258.

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Still time to participate in two weeknight adult education classes: **"DOC-Lite"** meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for 11 weeks starting October 2. Leader: Dean Johnson. Presentations, small-group discussions, Eucharist. **"Saving Jesus,"** 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Leader: Canon Conner. Video, small-group discussions about how political left and right have tried to claim and define Jesus. Both classes meet at 201 Fourth St. N.

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**Another mission trip to New Orleans** to help rebuild after

## Dinner with Friends: We're Saving a Seat for You

Susan Churuti and Lisa Smithson

Our new bishop, the Right Rev. Dabney T. Smith, will be our speaker Wednesday, October 17, at "Dinner with Friends," the festive evening that marks the start of our annual stewardship drive. You are invited!

There are a number of new things about this year's dinner. We'll begin the evening in our new temporary spaces at 201 Fourth St. N. We'll gather there for wine and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. If you haven't had a chance to see our new spaces, here's your opportunity. Then we'll walk across the street to Orange Blossom Catering for dinner.

The menu? Ah, yes, the menu: grilled chicken breast Alfredo, sliced roast pork with raspberry sauce, salad, vegetables, and desserts.

The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is new too: "Under Construction." Our new buildings will shortly be under construction. And we are inviting you to participate in a new "Legacy Society," a group of those who have agreed to remember St. Peter's in their wills. (This is the best kind of fund-raising: It costs you nothing — you can't take it with you — and it's a way to guarantee that St. Peter's will be here long after we all are gone.)

The evening is completely without charge. The costs have been underwritten by some generous members of our congregation. However, we do ask that you call the office (727-822-4173) so we have an accurate head count for dinner and so we can assign you to a table of congenial people to socialize with during dinner.

Pledge cards will be mailed the week of the dinner, and we ask you to return them that Sunday, October 21, and bring them to the altar at each service.

We're looking forward to seeing you at "Dinner with Friends."



## New Junior Warden, New Member

Please congratulate Jim Stewart, our new junior warden. He was elected by the Chapter at its September meeting to replace Andy Irwin, who moved to North Carolina. Jim will serve until the new Chapter is elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

Also please congratulate Bob Flannery, who was elected to fill out Andy's term on the Chapter (until January 2009).

At its September meeting the Chapter gave the first of two required approvals to a revision of the Bylaws. The major changes there are to reduce the size of the Chapter from 15 members to 12 by 2009, and to streamline election procedures.

A Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates to run for four vacancies on the Chapter at the Annual Meeting in January. If you are interested, please speak to the chair, Marianne Hallas, or to committee members Cathy Bogart, David Bryant, Phil Thomas, or Emily Williams. Candidates can also self-nominate by petition; see Marianne for details.

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## Shuffle Off to the Harvest Festival

### Sandy Hoover, ECW President

"Off we're gonna shuffle, shuffle off to . . ." the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club House at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, for our annual Harvest Festival.

"Festive" is the word as we enjoy a beautiful evening outdoors and in, celebrating a piece of old St. Petersburg (the historic shuffleboard courts), and raising money for St. Peter's.

The Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women, traditionally raises about \$10,000 for scholarships, mission and outreach work, and special donations to the church.

This year, instead of holding a silent auction (since we have nowhere to store all the items), we're auctioning off "A Harvest of Gatherings." We are asking you, our parishioners, to host gatherings throughout the year. You select the date, time, number of participants, and the appropriate donation per person for your gathering. So far, people are volunteering to host teas, bridge parties, shuffleboard, soap making, flower arranging, ceramic painting, food demonstrations, cocktail parties, and dinners. Harvest Festival-goers will browse the tables, signing up for the events they'd like to participate in. All funds raised go to the Cathedral.

Got a gathering you'd like to host? Contact Sandy Hoover at (727) 398-9639 or e-mail [jhoover122@aol.com](mailto:jhoover122@aol.com).

The Shuffleboard Club is at 559 Mirror Lake Drive N, off Fifth Avenue N, just around the corner from the Cathedral. Watch for details in the weeks ahead.

On a related note, the ECW will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 13, at 201 Fourth St. N to complete the plans for the Harvest Festival. All women are warmly welcomed!



## Out of the Old Buildings, Preparing for the New

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By the time you read this, asbestos abatement should have started in all the buildings. That should be completed toward the end of October, and we are on schedule to begin demolition on or about November 10, to be completed in 90 days.

The slowdown in the housing industry is turning out to be a major benefit for us. Contractors are hungry for work and are willing to work with us to come in with very attractive bids. The asbestos abatement, for example, was about half what we estimated. So far our demolition costs will be 30 percent less than we projected in August. We have been blessed indeed!

We've come up with a name for our building project: "a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:3), ". . . building and believing in downtown." We're building both our new spaces and the body of Christ, and we're underlining the role we embrace as a downtown church. Watch for this name on our signage and in the way we talk about the building project.

We look forward to seeing you on October 7 at the update. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to e-mail me ([pwahlen@msn.com](mailto:pwahlen@msn.com)), or Senior Warden Sheree Graves ([shereegraves@asgraves.net](mailto:shereegraves@asgraves.net)), or speak to one of us on Sunday. We're happy to answer your questions!

## Crosswinds, from page 2

Hurricane Katrina will be November 23-28. Participants pay their own expenses and airfare (currently \$215 on Southwest). If you are interested, please speak to Canon Conner.

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**Classes leading to Baptism** on All Saints Sunday, November 4, will be at 10:30 a.m. October 13, 27 and November 3. If you seek baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Canon Conner.



## Great Cathedral Garage Sale

Join us for the Great Cathedral Garage Sale on October 6 in the Parish Hall. Lots of good items: desks, filing cabinets, shelving, track lighting, books, kitchen items, washer and dryer, artwork, and more. From 8 to 9 a.m., early-bird sale for Cathedral members only. Sale is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Faith and Fairness

"A Day to Celebrate Faith & Fairness," advocating for full gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality and inclusion in our religious community, will be November 3 at Trinity United Church of Christ in St. Petersburg.

The daylong interfaith event includes workshops, panels, and a keynote address by the Rev. Dr. Susan Thistlethwaite, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Details of the program are at the Cathedral web site, [www.spcathedral.net](http://www.spcathedral.net), or speak to members of the Friends of St. Aelred. More information and a downloadable workshop registration form are at [www.CelebrationFD.com](http://www.CelebrationFD.com).

# St. Peter's: A Guide

*With God's help, we will welcome all people.*

## 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.

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Communion, 12:05 p.m.

## Visiting/getting in touch

Office/Parish Center: 201 Fourth St. N. (33701). Church entrance: On Second Ave. N just west of Fourth St. Please use the garden door on weekdays.

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The Episcopal Seat of the Diocese of Southwest Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop

# Transitions

## October Birthdays

1 Patrick Donnelly	7 Richard Cameron Bob Flannery Evelyn Kruse Sarah Wright	13 AnnaMary Tamblyn Susie Johnson	19 John Davy Margaret Anne Beach Patrick Reive	27 Kristie Kousheshian Mimi Johnson- Howlett
2 Sue Martin Mia Moore	8 Tom Thomas	14 Marshall Craig	20 Betty Wright	28 John Pardee
5 Marian McGrath Joe Witko Jillian Frers	9 Nicholas Haerther	15 Barbara Somerville James Fryer	21 Michael Wright	29 Tilly Earle
6 Mark Ellis Karen Hudgins	10 Judy Hoban	16 Bonnie Johnson Pat Wahlen Lois Blauvelt	23 Susan Magee Brett Clarke	30 Ray Benoit Ed Caley Dottie Hirvela
	11 Annis de Brigard	18 John Paul Gigi Conner	24 Samantha Kirkwood Jakob Selsor	31 Phil Thomas Agnes Sinclair
	12 Helen Umberger Sherrell Boette		25 Elaine New Doris Jenkins Milbrey Smith	

## October Anniversaries

2 Bob and Susan Churuti	11 Gary and Cathy Bogart	20 Arash and Kristie Kousheshian	25 Vinson Arnold and Anita Pernell- Arnold
4 Jim and Barbara Rex	12 Bill and Diana Leavengood	24 Judd and Susan Chapin Mark and Catina Gordon	26 Donald and Michelle Watson
7 Christopher and Nancy Randolph			



## Death

Dottie Pifer

## Upcoming Events

Calendars start to fill up fast. Here are the dates of some major events at the Cathedral in the next few months. We'll have details as these events draw near:

**Sunday, November 4**, at 4 p.m.:  
Cheubini's **"Requiem for All Souls."**

**Thursday, November 22**, at 10 a.m.: **Thanksgiving Day service**; 11:30 a.m., **Thanksgiving luncheon.**

**Sunday, December 2**, at 4 p.m.:  
**Advent Procession.**

**Sunday, December 9**, at 7:30 p.m.:  
Bach's **"Christmas Oratorio."**

**Sunday, December 16**, at 7:30 p.m.: Handel's **"Messiah."**

**Sunday, December 23**, at 7 p.m.:  
**"O Magnum Mysterium,"** Carols, music and readings for Christmastide.

**Sunday, January 6**, 10:30 a.m.:  
**"Meet the Candidates,"** a chance to meet and hear from candidates seeking election to the Chapter.

**Sunday, January 6**, 4 p.m.:  
**Epiphany Procession.**

**January 13-18: John Bell,** musician from the Iona Community in Scotland whose music we often use, will be our Theologian-in-Residence.

**Sunday, January 20**, 10:30 a.m.:  
Presentation of the 2008 budget.

**Sunday, January 27: Annual Meeting.**



## Fall Music

Our music program gets into full gear in October with these events:

Starting **Tuesday, October 2: Midweek evensong** at 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (through next May) with the Choristers and Lay-Clerks.

**Sunday, October 7**, at 4 p.m.:  
**Festal Evensong** sung by the Schola Cantorum. Works of Tallis and Gibbons.

**Sunday, October 21**, 11:15 a.m.:  
**Orchestral Mass.** Mozart's "Missa Brevis" (K. 65) with the Festival Orchestra and Schola Cantorum.

**Sunday October 28**, at 4 p.m.  
**Organ Fireworks with Maxine Thevenot,** French-Canadian concert organist.  
Tickets: \$20; students and seniors, \$12.