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October 2009

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Getting a Spiritual Early Start on the Holidays

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris, Dean

I cannot believe it is October. Time does fly when you're having fun. Several of you have commented on things you would like to get done before the holiday season gets into full swing. In our staff meeting September 28 we were planning for Advent and Christmas. At that moment I realized that the season is just weeks away. Wow!

I recall from years past that the day after the candy corn is removed from the shelves at stores all decorated in black and orange, the candy canes come out and

the colors turn to red and green. The commercial aspect of this time of year is mighty. I pray that the spiritual aspect be even mightier.



Perhaps this year we can use the month of October to prepare for the season of preparation that includes Thanksgiving and Advent. I have not done so before, but this year I want to get the commercial out of the way. I love Thanksgiving and Advent as much as any time of year. For me,

this time holds deep meaning in terms of soul work. Prayer and meditation

come more readily as all around us waits to celebrate Christmas. However, this does not mean that I don't feel the stress of all that goes on during the season.

I think that as we have moved the holiday season earlier in the year for commercial purposes, so too we ought to for spiritual purposes. We have much to wait for with expectant hope and joy. The Cathedral will offer her best to you and this city as we celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. We are getting ready now. How about you?

Home Stretch for the New Building!

Doesn't our new building look fabulous?

If you were here on Open House Sunday, you took the tour of our new space, and you can begin to imagine what it will be like to live in that space. Here are some of the questions many of you asked that weekend, and the answers.

Q. What happens now? When will we move in?

A, We are arranging funding from several sources and we expect that by early next year we will be able to finish out about 3,000 square feet on the first

floor — including the glass-enclosed narthex, one set of bathrooms, and two meeting rooms. On the second floor we will finish about 5,000 square feet for administrative offices, more meeting space, and a break room. (That's 1,000 square feet more than we have now at St. Peter's Central.)

Q. When will we finish the rest of the space?

A. We're going to do this in stages



as funding becomes available. We'll start with that 8,000 square feet on the first and second floors and consolidate all

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Crosswinds

TP + PT 4 RH! Our outreach opportunity for October is Resurrection House. You are invited to bring in toilet paper and paper towels for the families on Sunday, October 4. Each month our Outreach Ministry offers you the opportunity to support a specific need in our community on the first Sunday of the month.

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The holidays are coming!

We know because holiday greenery will be on sale October 25 through November 15 for delivery the first week of December. We'll have balsam garlands, balsam wreaths, door swags, mailbox swags, and pine-cone gift baskets. Look for the tables on Sundays, or e-mail Marnie Long at ejl3ml100@earthlink.net. The funds we raise will support the choir/music program. Thank you for your support.

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The Friends of St. Aelred

will hold a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, at St. Peter's Central. The agenda: planning future outreach activities, ministries, and social events. Ideas welcome! Dessert will be served. Please join us.

Last month the Friends showed a DVD, *For the Bible Tells Me So*, which tells how five American families from varying religious traditions responded when they learned they had a gay son or daughter. Among them: former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (R-Indiana) and the parents of Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. The DVD is available to other groups who would like to watch it. Please speak to Ray McColgan to borrow the DVD.

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At the 10:15 a.m. service on October 4 we will celebrate **Acolyte Sunday**. Acolytes will be recognized by name and years of service. Those who are marking their fourth year of

our operations there on a temporary basis. That will allow us to function, weekdays and weekends, as we do now at St. Peter's Central. We'll create office, meeting, and music space first.

Later, as money becomes available, we'll complete the first floor, including the parish hall and kitchen. Then we'll move ahead to finish out the second floor. (If you've ever moved into a new home, you know what this is like: You double up in the family room until you have the money to finish and furnish the formal living room.)

Q. Why the rush? Why don't we just stay at St. Peter's Central until our new building is completely finished?

A. We need to be out of St. Peter's Central by early next year so we don't have to start paying \$8,000 a month rent to First United Methodist Church. We would rather use that money to complete our own building!

Q. What about the Baptist Sanctuary?

A. By the time you read this, all the rubble you saw on the Baptist Sanctuary site should have been removed. The next step is to continue to stabilize the facade, the roof and the stair towers. Once the structural engineers are satisfied that the structure is stable, the contractor, Angle & Schmid, will begin restoring the front steps, brick, windows, and doors to as close to their original state as possible. This phase is expected to last three months.

Q. We love that new glassed-in narthex! It was great to have coffee hour and a sidewalk cafe there. When can we start using that?

A. We plan to install



Etch your name in history!

The red clay bricks from the 1924 Baptist Sanctuary will become the walkways in our new City Peace Garden, to be built on the former site of the sanctuary as part of our columbarium project.

For \$100, you can buy a brick and have your name etched upon it. Or buy a brick to honor loved ones, friends, an anniversary. That brick will become a permanent part of the garden, a reminder of the past and a symbol of your commitment to the future of St. Peter's.

The bricks will also be available for purchase by those in the wider community who want to support downtown St. Petersburg and who value the preservation of the historic facade. We want our City Peace Garden to be paved with the names of all those who helped to make it possible.

Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Cart, or speak to Martha Goodwill, or call (727) 388-5223, the Columbarium/City Peace Garden office, for more information or to purchase your brick. Christmas is coming: This could be the perfect gift for many people on your list!

glass doors at the west end of the Cathedral, replacing the doors that are now blocked off. Once that happens, we'll move coffee hour to the new narthex, where we're protected from the elements and it's easier for our hospitality team to set up the food and drinks. We'll have the Welcome Cart and the nametags there, and that will once again be the main entrance to the church. We also want to make sure that the construction fencing doesn't get in the way of easy access for you on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Diocese to Gather for Convention This Month

Our annual Diocesan Convention is October 9-10 in Punta Gorda. Each October delegates from every congregation in the Diocese of Southwest Florida meet to do the business of the diocese. This year convention will elect 11 people to various leadership positions, approve a budget of \$3.15-million, vote on resolutions, and hear a "state-of-the-diocese" talk from Bishop Smith.

The two-day convention attracts about 300 voting delegates, both lay and clergy, and another 300 interested persons, guests, and spouses. The weekend includes a ministry fair, with tabletop displays from dozens of ministries around the diocese and beyond (like our Open House, but more so). This year 11 workshops are offered on topics ranging from stewardship to anti-racism, from living green in our churches to healing prayers for these tough economic times.

A new feature this year: Convention delegates will bring canned goods to divide between a food pantry in Punta Gorda — a way to give back to our host community — and a pantry recently established at St. Edmund's in Arcadia, which serves mostly Hispanic families, part of a national church outreach to Latino populations.

Two parishioners from St. Peter's are seeking election. Senior warden Sheree Graves is a candidate for Standing Committee, the diocesan council of advice to the bishop. William Moore is seeking a second term as an at-large member of Diocesan Council, which serves as the "convention between conventions," i.e., like a vestry for the diocese, keeping an eye on the financials and working with the bishop to set policy.



William Moore

Besides its priests, each parish sends three lay delegates to convention. Ours are Marian McGrath, Karen Amundrud, and Jim Stewart. Kate Munkittrick is the alternate.

Among the resolutions to be voted on is one that would give vote at convention to deacons. Others deal with financial matters and with minor corrections to the diocesan canons, which were revised last year.



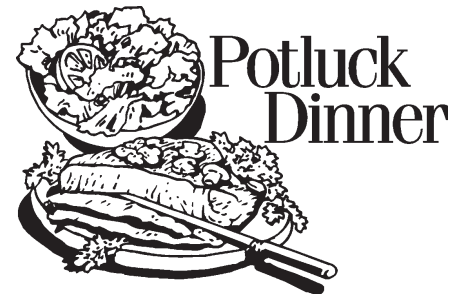
Sheree Graves

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service will receive an engraved cross to keep and cherish.

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Please bring in those used cell phones that are gathering dust in a drawer. The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking sells the phones and uses the funds to support victims of trafficking. Bring your old phones to the Welcome Cart on Sunday or to the office on weekdays. We have a collection box under the mailboxes.



Fisherfolk Return with Fall Potluck

After a brief hiatus the Fisherfolk will gather again on Saturday, October 17, at St. Peter's Central, for another of our soon-to-be-famous potluck suppers. These gatherings are a wonderful, informal way to share the fellowship of our faith community at St. Peter's. They're also a fun, casual way to meet people. All adults are welcome — newcomers, old-timers, singled, or partnered. You are already a part of the Fisherfolk because of your interest in St. Peter's.

This fall will be especially exciting as we share our ideas, hopes, and dreams for our new buildings. We encourage everyone to come and be a part of the discussions.

Mark your calendars and join us. Bring a covered dish and a friend. Hospitality time starts at 6 p.m. and we'll eat at 6:30. Bob Campbell and David Hill will be glad to tell you more.

Choral Evensong for October

St. Peter's Cathedral Arts continues this year's series with Choral Evensong at 6 p.m. Sunday, October 25, sung by the Schola Cantorum. The service features Herbert Sumsion's Evening Service in G major.

A service of Holy Eucharist is at 6 p.m. each Sunday except the last Sunday of the month, when we offer this service of Choral Evensong.

Lockers for Homeless to Open Soon

John Paul

Your busy Outreach Ministry reports these accomplishments this month:

* **Shireman's Place**, which provides the homeless with lockers and a place to shower, is almost ready to open. The facility is named for Richard Shireman, one of the primary links between the city and the homeless, who died earlier this year. It is a project of Celebrate Outreach!, a partnership of St. Petersburg faith-based congregations dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness through social justice, advocacy, community education, and direct service. Celebrate Outreach! was initiated by the Cathedral Outreach Ministry. Visit Shireman's Place at 1626 Central Ave. Call Eric Rubin for a tour (727-560-9716).

* **"A Romantic Evening"** was the title of a gift basket assembled by Kathy Paul for the Outreach Ministry for the recent Autumn Harvest fundraiser for the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless. The basket contained a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant Bella Brava, Italian wines, caviar, and gourmet chocolates. The basket fetched \$210!

* **Family Promise** is a faith-based program to house homeless families. It provides living space for a homeless family on church property for one week a quarter, four weeks per year. Our Outreach Ministry sold tickets to the Clearwater Threshers game September 5 and raised \$495 for this program.

Watch the Mail for Your Invitation! Susan Churuti, Stewardship Co-Chair

Our fall stewardship campaign takes on a new format this year. Instead of the full-member dinner we have hosted at the Orange Blossom the last few years, we will hold smaller social events in the homes of our parishioners, by invitation.

Invitations will go in the mail the first week of October. The gatherings will be scheduled during the last two weeks in October. Stewardship Sunday — the day we invite you to turn in your pledge cards for 2010 — is November 8.

At these more intimate gatherings, Dean Morris will be our speaker, focusing attention on how we have reduced our expenditures, our plans for the future as identified by the Chapter's strategic plan, and how we can achieve our goals. There will be more opportunity for dialogue and fellowship as well, in a casual setting with appetizers and drinks. Our faith community continues to give generously to St. Peter's, even in these difficult economic times. We are very grateful for all of the gifts of time, treasure, and talent we receive!



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Invites Dean Morris

Dean Morris will offer a prayer for families at the eighth annual YMCA Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, from 7 to 9 a.m. October 29 at the Coliseum.

He is one of several local clergy of various faiths asked to participate in this event "to reflect on and pray for the challenges, issues, and commonalities among us all," the YMCA says. Mayor Rick Baker is the host.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Youssef, host of "Leading the Way," an international media ministry. It is broadcast 2,300 times each week on more than 300 networks and stations throughout North America. (Locally he is heard weekdays at 11:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. on WTNB-AM 570 and 910.) He also appears on 15 television networks 20 times a week. Dr. Youssef is the author of more than 20 books, of which the most recent is *15 Secrets to a Wonderful Life*.

Tickets are \$18 per person or \$180 for a table of 10. Information and tickets: (727) 895-9622.



Come Meet the Famous A&Es!

Our Sunday morning class, "A&E: Biography!" continues from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at St. Peter's Central.

Come meet some of the famous Anglicans and Episcopalians (that's the "A&E" part) who have shaped our faith. During the month of October you'll meet Charles I of England, whose beheading saved the Church of England from extinction; the Wesleys, John (the priest who left the Anglican Church to found Methodism) and Charles (who wrote many of the hymns we still love to sing); Cardinal John Newman, an Anglican who became a Roman Catholic and left his mark via the Oxford Movement; and F.D. Maurice, prophetic social reformer.

All are welcome, adults and older teens. The class continues through December 13. It is intended to be accessible, informal, and fun and to make you a better-informed Episcopalian.

October Transitions

Birthdays

1	Nick Culise Patrick Donnelly	8	Tom Thomas	22	Ainsley Sorenson
2	Sue Martin Mia Moore	10	Judy Hoban	23	Brett Clarke Wayne Eich Susan Magee
3	Wyatt Harms Robert Kitzman	11	Annis de Brigard	24	Samantha Kirkwood Jakob Selsor
4	Yvonne Franco-Dahm	12	Sherrell Boette	25	Doris Jenkins Elaine New
5	Suzie Babcock Jillian Frers Marian McGrath Joe Witko	13	Susie Johnson AnnaMary Tamblyn	27	Bill Wing
6	Mark Ellis Bryan Putman	14	Marshall Craig	29	James Earle Mary Watts
7	Richard Cameron Bob Flannery Evelyn Kruse Sarah Wright	15	James Fryer	30	Ray Benoit Ed Caley Dottie Hirvela
		16	Lois Blauvelt Bonnie Johnson Pat Wahlen	31	Agnes Sinclair Phil Thomas
		18	John Paul		
		19	Patrick Reive		
		20	Betty Wright		
		21	Michael Wright		

Anniversaries

2	Bob and Susan Churuti	22	Vincent and Evelyn Ranuro
4	Jim and Barbara Rex Lou and Rosemary Schrader	24	Judd and Susan Chapin Mark and Catina Gordon
5	Judy and David Beck	25	Vinson Arnold and Anita Pernell- Arnold
11	Gary Bogart and Cathy Rentschler Dabney and Mary Ellen Smith		

Newcomers

Charles Clagett
Brad Davis
Benito Pastoriza-Iyodo
Tim Snyder

Baptism

Isobel Benoit

Come Party Like It's 1969! — Bring back your fashions and flare at

Flashback to 1969

. . . the year of the moonwalk . . . Woodstock . . . and our 40th anniversary as a Cathedral!

Still Time to Gather for Harvest Dinner



There's still time to make your reservation for the Harvest Dinner, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 3, at the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club, 559 Mirror Lake Drive.

The Harvest Dinner is our big annual fund-raiser, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women. It benefits St. Peter's mission and outreach efforts.

The theme: "Flashback to 1969," the year we became a Cathedral. Celebrate this anniversary in your bell-bottoms and mini-skirts if you dare (okay, a smiley-face button or a peace symbol will be fine).

Tickets: \$35 per person. Dinner, music, entertainment, and our silent auction of "gatherings" — fun events throughout the year at parishioners' homes. Call Sandy Hoover right away at (727) 398-9639.



2010 Calendar Celebrates Our Stained Glass Windows

A calendar for 2010, highlighting the Cathedral's stained glass windows, will go on sale this month.

"Stained Glass: Theology Dressed in Light" is priced at \$10 and will be available on Sunday mornings and on weekdays in the office.

"This calendar was inspired by a comment made to me months ago by Sarah Hill," said Judy Stark, who produced the calendar as part of our anniversary-year observances. "Sarah said, 'People are complaining about what we don't have while our new building is under construction. Why don't we focus on what we *do* have, like our beautiful stained glass?'"

That was the genesis of the calendar. The photographs were taken by David D. Hill, Sarah's husband. Graphic design and original explanatory material are by Mary W. Matthews, who designs our *Crosstown* newsletter.

The calendar includes more than two dozen photographs of Cathedral windows; the appropriate Biblical text; explanatory material about the images; and credits. "We gratefully acknowledge the source of much of our information: the booklet *The Stained Glass Windows of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter*, which was created to commemorate St. Peter's 100th anniversary in 1989," Judy said. "We are also grateful for the assistance of St. Peter's own historian, Will Michaels."

The calendar project acknowledges 2009 as the 120th anniversary of the founding of St. Peter's; the 110th anniversary of the completion of the original sanctuary; and our 40th anniversary as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

"We hope you'll find this a wonderful Christmas gift to share with your friends and show them just one of the things that makes St. Peter's a special place every day of the year," Judy said. Proceeds from the sale will support seminary education for students from our diocese.



Sisters Welcome Other Sisters

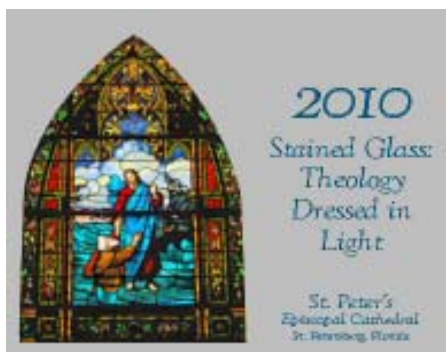
The Sisters of the Circle invite all women to join them at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Peter's Central for the following programs:

* **October 6:** The first of a series of monthly readings and discussion of *Praying with St. Francis of Assisi*, by Joseph Stoutzenberger. Several copies of this book have been ordered and will be shared.

* **October 13:** Viewing of a film on the life of St. Francis, *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*.

* **October 20:** A craft session featuring card-making, led by Cathedral publications associate Judy Evans.

* **October 27:** A talk by attorney Susan Churuti, "What Women Should Know," about finances, living wills, estate planning, and similar concerns.



Movie Night: Four War Films, One Treasure

Eddy Burns

Free movies are shown at 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Peter's Central. Free popcorn too!

October 2: *Master and Commander* (UK, 2003): Captain "Lucky Jack" Aubrey (Russell Crowe) leads his Royal Navy vessel in a high-stakes chase across two oceans to intercept and capture at any cost the French warship that inflicted casualties and severe damage on his ship. The film, set in 1805, uses a seamless combination of carefully matched ocean footage, detailed models, full-scale ships, and CGI enhancements.

October 9: *Hiroshima* (Canada/Japan, 1995): A blend of documentary and historically accurate drama that takes great pains to be as unbiased and neutral as possible. Alert: This film runs three hours.

October 16: *84, Charing Cross Road* (UK, 1986): Anne Bancroft is Helene Hanff, booklover extraordinaire, who engages in a lengthy correspondence with English bookseller Frank Doel (a young Anthony Hopkins). Oh for the days before e-mail when people wrote real letters!

October 23: *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis* (Italy, 1971): Aristocratic Jewish family members maintain their isolated, idyllic ways while Mussolini imprisons Jews outside their walled garden. Directed by Vittorio De Sica.

October 30: *Beyond the Gates* (UK, 2005): Teacher and priest struggle to protect 2,500 Tutsis during the 1994 Hutu slaughter in Rwanda.

Contact eddyburns@aol.com with comments and suggestions.

St. Peter's: A Guide

All are welcome here.

Our Worship Schedule

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

6 p.m.: Holy Eucharist and contemplative prayer

Last Sunday of the month, 6 p.m.: Choral evensong



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Monday through Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.

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

At any time after hours you have a pastoral emergency, please call Dean Morris on his cell phone: (727) 743-1614.

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