



# CROSSTOWN

September 2007

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

## Come Pass a Good Time with Us!

The weekend of September 8-9 will be a busy one at the Cathedral: great worship, great music, great food, great fun!

Our theme is "Come Pass a Good Time with Us." That's an old New Orleans expression. Our weekend begins at 6 p.m. Saturday with a gumbo dinner and a jazz concert by the Dixieland band "Some Like It Hot," direct from New Orleans. Tickets are \$15, on sale Sundays or at the office.

We'll get a briefing on the post-Katrina recovery efforts from Elaine Clements, a candidate for the diaconate in the Diocese of Louisiana, who briefs

disaster-relief volunteers on the history of New Orleans, local lore and legend, what to expect as they move around the city. Elaine says: "With God's help we are going to love our city back to life!" A freewill offering will be taken to support relief in New Orleans.

"Some Like It Hot" will provide music for our worship the next day, at the 10:30 a.m. service. That morning, in the Parish Hall, we'll hold our annual Open House, a ministry fair at which we celebrate all our activities, ministries, organizations, and events. Come graze the tables, fill a goodie bag with hand-outs, enjoy lemonade and chocolate-

chip cookies, greet old friends and meet new ones, find out what's going on, win a door prize. This will also be the time for children to register for Sunday school, which starts September 16.

Because of the impending demolition, this weekend is the last time we'll gather as a parish family for fun and fellowship in our current (since 1938) Parish Hall. Some of the rooms will be open for a last look — the children's chapel, the Guild Room, Sunday school classrooms — so plan to make a sentimental journey to say goodbye to spaces that have been meaningful to you. And come pass a good time with us.

## Another Way of Building for Our Future

The Very Rev. Dr. Russell L. Johnson

Please mark your calendars now for our annual "Dinner with Friends" on Wednesday, October 17. We'll gather for a dinner that has been generously underwritten by a couple of your fellow parishioners. Our theme this year is "Under Construction," and our speaker will be our new bishop, Dabney Smith. Everyone is invited to this festive evening, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

I've been promising for several years now that we'd begin a campaign to refurbish our endowment with a planned giving initiative. This is the easiest of all financial efforts on the part of Christians, because it requires no money out of pocket. It simply asks that as you make

your will, you designate some portion of your estate to go to the Cathedral. This money will insure that St. Peter's is here long after we all are gone.

Those who remember St. Peter's in their wills will become members of our Legacy Society. Leaving 1 to 10 percent of your estate to St. Peter's will have little impact on your loved ones but it will have an enormous impact on our ability to minister here. Once a year we'll thank and honor Legacy Society members with a nice dinner and an evening at which we tell you about the church's plans for using the endowment.

Thanks to those who leave some of their worldly wealth to the church, 10 or 20 years down the road, the dean, staff,

and members will be able to do all sorts of things in ministry that we cannot do now. Money is ministry. It's that simple. You have more, you can do more. Planned giving is a way of building for the future.

Plans for our new construction are moving right along. Our architect, Bill Harvard, is drawing real plans. By mid-September we'll move into our temporary spaces across the street. Demolition is targeted for early November. God is truly at work among us, and so many of you are part of that work. I thank you all, and I hope that every one of us does too. Blessings on you all.

Be strong, be in God.

## Crosswinds

A third trip to do **hurricane relief work in New Orleans** is scheduled for November 23-28. Participants are responsible for their own airfare and for evening meals. (Airfare on Southwest is currently \$215.) This time, instead of gutting flooded houses, we'll be building anew! If you're interested, please speak to Canon Conner.

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Our new bishop coadjutor, **the Right Rev. Dabney T. Smith**, becomes the bishop of Southwest Florida in a colorful service at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 15, at the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend, and all are even more welcome to volunteer. We will host several hundred Episcopalians from around the diocese and beyond that day. We'll need lots of help to get people parked, welcomed, seated, fed, and watered. Virginia Rowell, Karen Amundrud, or Pam League will be delighted to see that you get an assignment.

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Come visit **our new intranet site**: [www.myspcathedral.net](http://www.myspcathedral.net). This is an "in-house" web site where you will be able to find forms, meeting minutes, a master calendar, helpful links, and much more. The site is being developed by our webmaster, Karen Saint-John, and we're steadily adding content. You'll need to register (this is easy, click on "open control panel" and fill in the form).

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We say a fond farewell this month to **Andy and Natalie Irwin and sons Peter and John**, who are relocating to Charlotte, NC, where Andy has taken a job with Bank of America. Andy has been our junior warden and chair of the building committee. Natalie was the president of Episcopal Church Women. The Irwins also have been involved in stewardship and children's ministries. We thank them for their devoted service to St. Peter's.

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## Good News and Good Progress on Our Building

**Andy Irwin, Junior Warden/Building Committee Chair**

The next update on our building plans will be in the Cathedral after the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, September 30.

We should have a good bit of news to report at that time, but for the moment, we're happy to share the following:

— The diocese has agreed that we need not pay our tithe on the capital campaign upfront. Instead, we can pay it off over 20 years. Structuring the tithe this way means we can use our money upfront to pay for the square footage we need. The tithe is \$500,000, or 10 percent of the \$5-million we have raised.

— As you all know, we will move out of the office and meeting space on September 16. Within the next few days, once we're all moved out, asbestos abatement will start in those spaces.

— We are on track to file various applications with the city before September 10. City parking codes change that day and we need to get our paperwork in under the old rules.

— Around the beginning of September we will send out "requests for proposals" for our general contractor. We expect to select a contractor by the end of October.

— Thanks again to everyone who has worked so diligently all summer to throw out, clean out, pack up and get ready for the move. This has represented a huge investment of time by many people, a lot of literally heavy lifting, and great teamwork, cooperation and respect.

— We still anticipate that demolition will begin about November 1 and should take about 90 days. That will allow construction to begin about February 1.



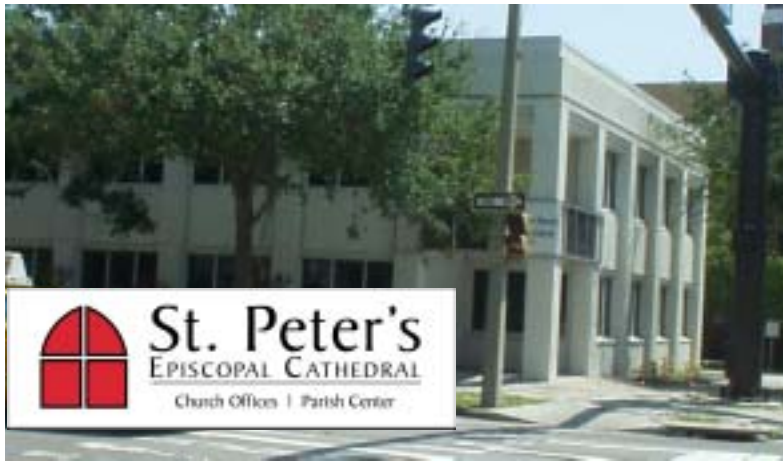
## Fall Classes for All Ages: On the Move

Our classes for all ages move across the street starting September 16. Here's a lineup of fall offerings:

\* Dean Johnson's class, "**The Dean, the Propers, and Potpourri**," will meet after the 9 a.m. service. We'll post signs to direct you to the right room.

\* The **Sunday Gospel** class led by Tony Gecan will continue to meet after the 9 a.m. service. Again, watch for room signs.

\* **Elementary-age children** meet in Room 203, **middle-school and high-school youth** in Room 201.



## Mid-September: The Big Move, Switch to Winter Schedule

### Sunday, September 16

Return to winter schedule

Sunday services at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

CAYA at 6 p.m.

Coffee hour, donuts, and Christian education for all ages  
after the 9 a.m. service

in our temporary spaces at 201 Fourth St. N

**Starting September 16**, ALL activities except worship —  
offices, meetings, classes, etc. — will be at  
201 Fourth St. N

### After the 9 a.m. service September 16:

Walk in procession out of the Cathedral and  
across the street to our new spaces

Sunday school resumes

Starting Tuesday, October 2, Dean Johnson will lead an 11-week course from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. called **"DOCC-Lite."** It's a condensed version of the popular course, Disciples of Christ in Community. The curriculum includes presentations and small-group reflection within the context of a eucharist. The material will challenge you to understand and better grasp the Good News of Jesus Christ, and more.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting Sept. 19 and continuing through the fall (dessert and beverages will be served), Canon Conner will lead **"Saving Jesus,"** a video-and-discussion group. Leading religious voices of the day talk about who Jesus was, how political right and left have tried to define him, and the relevance of Jesus for today. Video participants include Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine, John Bell (who will be at the Cathedral in January!), and more. (Visit [livingthequestions.com](http://livingthequestions.com) for details.) Guided small-group discussion follows.

## Crosswinds, from page 2

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**Sandy Hoover** will succeed Natalie Irwin as president of ECW. Sandy and her husband, John, moved here in 2004 from Louisville, Ky. She is a retired educator who taught government and economics at the high school and college levels. In Louisville, Sandy was president of Highland Community Ministries, an umbrella group of 26 denominations that provided a wide range of social services to needy adults and children. She started the bookstore at Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, and was on the Altar Guild there. At St. Peter's she sings in the choir and participates in the Altar and Needlepoint Guilds.

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At the 11:15 a.m. service on September 16, our new bishop will return to install **Sarah Hill** as director of the Altar Guild for the northern half of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Sarah has long been active in Altar Guild work at the Cathedral and on regional and national levels. Thelma Wallis of Christ Church Bradenton is the director for the southern half of the diocese.

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A series of workshops on **centering prayer** will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting September 4 at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 1200 Snell Isle Blvd., St. Petersburg. The workshop will be led by Bettina Schuller, a licensed spiritual director and the wife of St. Thomas' new rector, the Rev. Chris Schuller. For information call St. Thomas at (727) 896-9641.

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**Classes leading to baptism** on All Saints Day, November 4, will be on October 13 and 27 and November 3. If you seek baptism for yourself or for a child, please speak to Canon Conner.

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Welcome back after summer vacation! Treasurer Martha Goodwill invites you to **ease the cash flow** by bringing your pledge up to date soon.

# St. Peter's: A Guide

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

## Weekend Worship Through Sept. 9

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

8 a.m.: Holy Communion and Homily  
*A traditional service, no music*

9-10 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m.: Holy Communion (child-friendly) and Homily  
*A spirit-filled celebration, with hymns and 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 address through Sept. 16: 140 Fourth St. N (33701); as of Sept. 17, 201 Fourth St. N. (33701). Church entrance: On Second Ave. N just west of Fourth St. Please use the garden door on weekdays. Until Sept. 17, office entrance is through the garden on the Fourth Street side.

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## St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

The Episcopal Seat of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

The Rt. Rev. John B. Lipscomb, D.Min., Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop Coadjutor

**Hurricane Reminder:** *When winds are 40 mph or stronger, the Cathedral is closed: no services, no hurricane shelter.*

# Transitions

## September Birthdays

1 Campbell Savage	Holly Hand	11 Inez Eddins	James Chase	23 Paul Schrader
2 Fred Amundrud	Kathy Chambers	Jean O'Brien	Tessa Miller	Tammy Ramsey
Cathy Lasky	8 Troy Craft	Gary Bogart	18 Emery McDonough	Peter Barlow
3 Ralph Hancock	Barbara Dolson	Amanda Polson	John Bailey	24 Charlotte Bacon
Bill Hoyt	Carlynn Crosby	Holly Haines	Helen Mills	25 Erma Jaeckle
Nancy Sanborn	Charles V. Plummer	Dilia Singleton	Deidra Roberts	26 Judy Hamm
Penny Burns	9 Rich Goodwill	Andi Gorton	19 Laurel Shore	27 Jeffrey Hulfish
Summerly Brown	Tim Hulfish	12 Sandy Hoover	20 Maryalyce Johnson	Benjamin Bryant
4 John Thomas	Ian Beck	Seth Howlett	Karen Saint-John	Joseph Rucks
Susan Chapin	Mickey Serratore	John Paul	Betty Jo Bennett	28 Doranne Beck
Michael Swan	Margaret S. Duncan	13 Diana Craig	Melissa Sands	Gertrude Fuller
5 Fred Williamson	Lois Wilt	14 Dolf Boll	Tim Baker	Marge McCabe
Courtland Chambers	Jackie Jennings	Pearl Richards	Chris Meyer	Claudia Welch
6 Pam League	Kurt Williams	15 Rachel Chase	Kathleen Garnett	Debra Eich
Chuck Parsons	10 Richard Townsend	16 Caroline Holtman	21 Lori Latimer	Jenny Amundrud
Kirsten Miller	Kirby Hamdaoui	17 Kitty Safford	Sharon Davy	29 David Feinberg
7 Abraham Hamdaoui	Martha Legge	Sarah Hill	Jordan Layton	Richard Dahm
Darrow Neves	Karen Gums	Langdon Miller	22 Bobby Laurie	Brandon Clarke
	Alice Leavengood	Avery Clancy	30 Theresa Howe	
	Matt Schindler			
	Julia Barlow			

## September Anniversaries

1 Fred and Karen Amundrud	7 Marshall and Diana Craig	10 George and Marie Moench	18 Albert and Jane Roberts	23 James and Jill Trubey
3 Paul Bonneau and Ed Johnson	Charles and Sue Martin	11 John and Gail McCoy	19 Dale and Chris Burridge	24 Calvin and Elma Rosenberg
6 Mark and Kathryn Campbell	8 Ronald and Jackie Petersen	13 Michael and Claudia Moore	19 Willard and Patricia Hollingsworth	30 Jeffrey and Mary Ellen Howells
	9 Robert and Joan White	14 Mickey and Phyllis Serratore		

## Let's Gather Together for Fun, Fellowship, Fund-Raising

### Sandy Hoover, ECW President

This year's Harvest Festival, one of our major fundraising — and fun-raising — events, is scheduled for Saturday, November 3. The highlight of that event, the silent auction, will take a different turn this year.

The sponsors, Episcopal Church Women, are thinking of this as "Harvest Gatherings." Instead of bidding on items, you'll be invited to bid on gatherings — get-togethers hosted by fellow parishioners over the next couple of months.

These could be anything from a bridge party to a night of cutthroat Scrabble to a Super Bowl party to an afternoon out on your boat to a tea party for children. Someone who's good at arranging flowers might like to hold a how-to session, or a gourmet chef among us might want to host an evening of cooking demonstrations and eating.

"We're hoping for a variety of experiences at a variety of price ranges," which will be set by the host, said

ECW President Sandy Hoover. "The idea is to enjoy each other's company and keep the Cathedral community together during our building project. There are so many creative people here, we know people will come up with some terrific ideas."

Details about the evening itself (location, ticket prices, etc.) will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, start thinking about the event you'd like to host, and let Sandy hear from you at (727) 398-9639.