



CROSSTOWN

September 2008

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Join us for Open House Sunday After the 10 a.m. service September 7

- * Explore the Cathedral and learn about the ministries that make our worship possible. Sit in the bishop's chair! Stand behind the altar! Step into the choir loft! Find out where the sacristy is! Check out the sound booth!
- * Then stroll over to St. Peter's Central for more ministries!
- * Sign up for Sunday School and other classes!
- * Meet and greet old friends and new!
- * Enjoy sandwiches, cold drinks, and goodies!



Blaze a Trail of Faithful Stewardship

The Rev. Canon Millard Neal, Vicar

Tony Campolo, an American Baptist minister and popular speaker and writer on matters of faith, recalled his experience one year when he was the keynote speaker at a women's conference.

The story, as recounted on many web sites, goes like this: The conference chair, fearful that the group would be unable to raise enough money to complete its building projects, asked Dr. Campolo if he would pray for God's blessing upon the women as they considered what they might do to achieve their goal.

To her utter surprise, Dr. Campolo came to the podium and graciously declined her invitation. "You already have

the resources necessary to complete this building project right here within this room," he said. "It would be inappropriate to ask for God's blessing when God has already blessed you with abundance and the means to achieve this goal. The necessary gifts are in your hands. As soon as we take the offering and underwrite this project, we will thank God for freeing us to be the generous, responsible, and accountable stewards that we are called to be as Christian disciples."

When the offering was taken, the mission challenge was oversubscribed, and Dr. Campolo led a joyous prayer of thanksgiving for God's abundant blessing and for the faithful stewardship of God's people.

As we give of the gift that is in our hands to meet the cost of our mission, we further the cause of Christ here at St. Peter's, in St. Petersburg, and in the world. With our gift we leave a monument for our time and a trail for lofty possibilities yet unseen. It is sometimes difficult, but in faith, we shall arrive.

As we approach our annual stewardship drive next month, I hope you will think about this story and ask yourself how you are using the blessings God has given you. How are you living into the role of generous, responsible, and accountable steward? Someone has said: Do not follow where the path may lead. Follow God, instead, where there is no path, and leave a trail.

Crosswinds

Learn about our ancient Christian faith and the difference it can make in your life in **Disciples of Christ in Community** (DOCC), an 18-week course starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24.

Each evening has two parts: first, a presentation on a theological or spiritual topic, lasting 30 to 45 minutes; then an hour-long response in small groups led by trained facilitators.

Those small groups — which stay together for the entire course — are the heart of DOCC, becoming “the church in minuscule.” Commitment to regular attendance is important. Participants in DOCC small groups build a special bond that lasts long after the course ends.

You can sign up for DOCC at Open House Sunday on September 7.

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Do you like to dig in the dirt? Join our newly forming **Garden Club**. We want to make the garden in our new campus just as special as the rest of our new spaces, and you can help.

Stop by our table at Open House for details about our first meeting. This will be a pleasurable ministry for many of us who love to garden and may not have space at home; it's good stewardship, since we will do the work rather than hire a landscaping service; and we may be able to grow some of the materials the Flower Guild needs. Questions? Suggestions? Contact Martha Goodwill at rgoodwill@earthlink.net.

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Our **Young Episcopal Stewards** will participate in the annual coastal cleanup at Fort DeSoto on September 20. Meet at St. Peter's Central at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Tampa Bay Watch. The group will meet at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of each month starting October 6 at St. Peter's Central. All youth are welcome to join us in planning this year's service projects.

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Join us for the HARVEST LUAU

6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27
St. Petersburg
Shuffleboard Club
559 Mirror Lake Drive

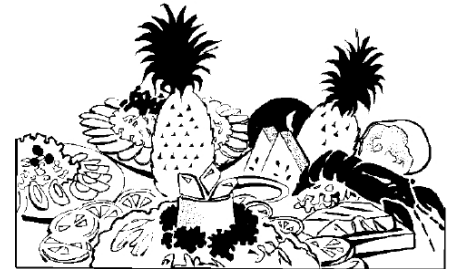
Tickets: \$35, on sale at Open House,
on Sundays, or weekdays in the office



- * A fabulous Hawaiian luau dinner
- * Grass skirts (on the tables!)
- * Wear your brightest Hawaiian shirt!
- * Fun, entertainment, fellowship

* Our legendary silent auction: Sign up for gatherings, experiences, fun things to do (teas, bridge parties, barbecues, flower arranging, antiquing expeditions, wine tastings, dinners)

* Got a gathering you'd like to host? Call Martha Goodwill, (727) 895-5032, or e-mail rgoodwill@earthlink.net



Dirt Will Be Moving, The Building's Going Up

Pat Wahlen, Building Committee Chair

September 9 is the big day when we expect to see real work begin on our construction site. Watch the dirt move!

Plenty has been going on that you can't see to prepare for that day, like planning the underground utilities and determining where the footers and foundations will go. There were permits to obtain and technical specifications to sign off on.

You've already seen some big changes. The executive restrooms moved into the street on Second Avenue N at the end of August. A ramp to the side entrance of the church was constructed. The roof over the porch should be removed in early September, and the main doors into the narthex will be closed for the duration of the project. Please use the doors on the Second Avenue N side.

Originally we planned to build a wooden canopy or a metal scaffold along the sidewalk on Fourth Street to shield pedestrians as they walked past our construction site. Instead, we were able to persuade the state Department of Transportation to let us legally close the sidewalk. Hence no need for the canopy. Hence a saving of money! This is good!

One excellent piece of news is that we are doing “direct purchase” of the building supplies and materials. This means, in effect, that we, the Cathedral, are buying them (rather than the contractor), and therefore we save the 7 percent sales tax . . . which

adds up to real money. This requires a lot of laborious paperwork and I want to thank our administrator, Pam League, for willingly taking on this task.

Every week we post the Two-Week Lookahead on our dedicated bulletin board at St. Peter's Central. You can look at this and know exactly what work is being done and when, then walk across the street and see whether construction crews are doing it. We meet every week with the contractor and our builder's representative to stay on top of things, check how things are going and make sure everybody — including us — is doing what needs to be done to keep the project on time and on budget.

Now we're moving ahead to choose the interior finishings: tile, carpet, paint colors. We think you're going to be pleased and proud when you see how lovely our new spaces are going to look.



Many Kinds of Music This Fall

Edward Barbieri, Director of Music

The music department has planned a rich schedule of events for the year, including choral masterworks, orchestral masses, evensongs and compline, an "organ plus" series, Christmas and Easter presentations, and jazz performances.

The full schedule is at our web site, spcathedral.net (click on "music"), or pick up a flyer at the office.

Early fall offerings include the "Missa Brevis" by Mozart at 11:15 a.m. September 21; "Horns and Pipes," a concert for brass and organ, at 4 p.m. that same day; A Victorian Evensong at 4 p.m. October 5; and a jazz Eucharist at the 9 a.m. service October 12 by the Dagari Jazz Trio.

Later in the fall we'll have spooky music on Halloween, a Medieval evensong on November 2; and a "Requiem for Iraq" on November 9.



Doing More Together for Downtown

Karen Amundrud, Outreach Ministry

On October 25 St. Peter's will join with the Unitarian Universalist Church for a workshop on how we, along with other churches, can work together on downtown outreach and ministry to the homeless.

We have invited City Council Member Jamie Bennett; Vicki Cucciari from the Salvation Army One-Stop Center; and others involved in social service work to participate in a panel discussion. We'll exchange information about what other downtown churches are doing. We'll brainstorm ideas about what we can do together to make best use of our resources and avoid duplication. The workshop will be at the UU Church, 719 Arlington Ave. N.

The Ven. Dennis McManis, diocesan canon missionary, has told us that one of his greatest learnings from doing Katrina relief work in New Orleans was that churches and other groups working together can do far more than one church working alone. That's what we'll be looking to start here. Watch for details in next month's *Crosstown* and in the Sunday bulletin.

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Sunday school resumes on September 14. We will commission the teachers at the 9 a.m. service. Children can register for classes at Open House Sunday on September 7.

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We return to **our winter schedule** of services on September 14: Sunday morning services at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m. CAYA continues at 6 p.m. Classes for all ages will meet between the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services.

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As the new year gets under way, a **couple of reminders:** (1) The Chapter must sign off on all requests for fund-raisers. Forms are available at the mailboxes. (2) The Chapter must also approve all requests to serve alcohol at Cathedral functions. (3) Please put your events on the master calendar and fill in facilities-use forms, also available at the mailboxes. We have a lot going on in limited spaces and need to avoid scheduling collisions.



Friday Night at the Movies

Eddy Burns

Movies continue, free, at 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Peter's Central. See the web site (spcathedral.net) for details. Free popcorn! Come and bring your friends. We have a great lineup this month.

September 5: *Jean de Florette*
(France, 1987)

September 12: *Manon of the Spring*
(France, 1987), sequel to *Jean de Florette*

September 19: *Paper Clips* (USA,
2004)

September 26: *Ratatouille* (2006)

St. Peter's: A Guide

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

Weekend Worship thru Sept. 8

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

10 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.*



Visiting/getting in touch

Office/Parish Center: 201 Fourth St. N. (33701). Church entrance:
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www.spcathedral.net

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.

Hurricane Reminder:

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

At any time after hours you have a **pastoral emergency**, please call Vicar Neal on his
cell phone: (727) 742-8519.

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

Winter Schedule

Sunday worship services are at 7:30, 9, and 11:15
a.m. and 6 p.m., **effective September 14.**

September Transitions

Birthdays				
2 Fred Amundrud Cathy Lasky	10 Martha Legge Karen Gums Matt Schindler Julia Barlow	20 Maryalyce Johnson Karen Saint-John Melissa Sands Tim Baker Kathleen Garnett	3 Paul Bonneau and Ed Johnson	23 Jim and Jill Trubey
3 Ralph Hancock Bill Hoyt Nancy Sanborn Penny Burns	11 Gary Bogart Amanda Polson Holly Haines Dilia Singleton Andi Gorton	22 Bobby Laurie	6 Mark and Kathy Campbell	24 Cal and Elma Rosenberg
4 Gabrielle Corriveau	12 Sandy Hoover John Paul	23 Paul Schrader Tammy Ramsey Peter Barlow	7 Marshall and Diana Craig Chuck and Sue Martin	New Members David, Vicki, Victoria, and Liam Fernandez Judy Koch Elisabeth Patiala
5 Fred Williamson	13 Diana Craig	26 Judy Hamm	8 Ron and Jackie Petersen	Marriages Jody Hornsleth and Rob Sepulveda, June 14 Jane Druba and Dmytro Durbak, June 28 Heather Smelt and James Neefe, August 2
6 Pam League Chuck Parsons Kirsten Miller	14 Dolf Boll Pearl Richards	27 Benjamin Bryant	9 Bob and Joan White	
7 Darrow Neves	15 Rachel Chase	28 Marge McCabe Claudia Welch Debra Eich Jenny Amundrud	11 John and Gail McCoy	
8 Troy Craft Bonnie Tilbe Barbara Dolson Carlynn Crosby Charles V. Plummer	16 Caroline Holtman	29 Richard Dahm Brandon Clarke	13 Michael and Claudia Moore	
9 Rich Goodwill Mickey Serratore Lois Wilt	17 Kitty Safford Sarah Hill Langdon Miller James Chase Tessa Miller	30 Theresa Howe	14 Mickey and Phyllis Serratore	
		Anniversaries	18 Albert and Jane Roberts	
		1 Fred and Karen Amundrud	19 Will and Patty Hollingsworth	
			22 Matthew and Jennifer Jones	
				Deaths Grace Aylesworth John Thomas

First, Phone Interviews; Now Visits Susan Churuti and Elaine New, Discernment Co-Chairs

Your Discernment Committee, which is seeking our next dean, spent two Saturdays and one Thursday evening in August doing telephone interviews with six candidates.

"We were greatly impressed with the quality of the candidates, whose names were presented to us by Bishop Smith," said co-chair Susan Churuti.

"During the month of September our committee will be going out to visit some of them in their home parishes. Then we'll decide whom to invite to visit here at St. Peter's."

The hope is that we will call a new dean by December and that person will be in place early next year, said co-chair Elaine New.

"Meanwhile, we encourage everyone to keep praying our prayer with us," Elaine said:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church; and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a dean for this Cathedral, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Welcome Classes for New and Renewing Alike Betsy Adams, Outreach Committee

Are you new to St. Peter's? Or would you like to brush up on your knowledge of the Episcopal Church and the Cathedral community?

Our "Welcome to St. Peter's" classes will resume at 10:30 a.m. September 28. This is easy: No need to

register. Just come, to one or all. The schedule:

September 28: What we believe
October 5: How we worship
October 12: Instructed eucharist
October 19: Tour of the Cathedral,

history of St. Peter's

October 26: Christian formation:
spiritual maturity

November 2: Christian formation:
What is ministry?

November 9: Getting connected at
St. Peter's