



CROSSTOWN

September 2009

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

A New Year Starts, with Lots of Changes in Our Lives Together

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris, Dean

Well, here we are. Canon Gigi Conner is on her way to her new cure at St. Gregory's in Woodstock, N.Y. School is back in session. The new program year here at St. Peter's will soon be under way. Take a close look inside to get familiar with all that will be happening here this fall: education (Page 2), fellowship, outreach, much more. Last but certainly not least, the shell of our new building will be completed this month. We have much for which to be grateful.

I have been asked when we will begin the search for another assistant priest. Some have wondered what will become of the CAYA service at 6 p.m. Sundays. Your Chapter and I are in the midst of developing a strategic plan that will be the focus of our Annual Meeting

in January 2010. Once we have established our goals for the next three to five years, we can discern what gifts another priest should possess in order to come and serve with us. I anticipate beginning to search for an assistant in mid-2010. Until then, I will preside at most of the Eucharistic services with the help of our faithful associates, the Revs. Peter Fleming and Ted May. We will maintain our schedule of weekend and daily Masses as it now exists.

I intend to maintain the contemplative nature of Sunday evening worship. Music minister Dwight Thomas and I are methodically reviewing liturgies that will assist us in so doing. Our intention is to employ alternative liturgical resources in use in the Episcopal Church. This includes Taizé music and prayers as well

as other material that will help preserve the integrity of peaceful and prayerful reflection during vesper hours.

Some of you have commented that this is too much work for me. I am willing and ready to preside and preach more often. I truly enjoy that aspect of priestly ministry. I know that I have the support of many of you who participate in pastoral care and other ministries that serve God's people. I ask only one favor of you: Be patient with me and the Chapter leadership as we continue to faithfully and transparently guide this great Cathedral through these lean times. As always, I covet your prayers.

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!



**Our annual Harvest Gathering dinner and silent auction
Saturday, October 3
6:30 to 9 p.m.**

**St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club
559 Mirror Lake Drive**



**Tickets: \$35 per person, on sale Sundays, at the office, and at Open House Sunday, September 13
Dinner, dessert, entertainment**

**Break out your '60s miniskirts and bell-bottoms if you dare
Bid on gatherings: wine-tastings, barbecues, concerts, fish fries, children's events
Want to host a gathering? Call Sandy Hoover, (727) 398-9639**

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women

Crosswinds

Welcome, Jayne Morris!

Dean Morris and his family have officially moved to St. Petersburg, taking up residence in the Old Northeast, and the kids — Ellen, Henry, Lee and Holly — are in school here. Now we'll have a chance to officially welcome Stephen's wife, Jayne, to St. Peter's. The Episcopal Church Women will host a salad and dessert luncheon to introduce her to the women of St. Peter's. Mark your datebook: Sunday, September 20, after the 10:15 a.m. service, at St. Peter's Central. Women whose last name ends in the letters A through M are asked to bring a salad. Those whose last name ends in the letters N through Z are asked to bring a dessert. Questions? Call Sandy Hoover, (727) 398-9639.

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How do families respond

when they realize they have a gay son or daughter? The award-winning film *For the Bible Tells Me So* explores this issue with five all-American Christian families, including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (R-Indiana) and the parents of Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Commentary is offered by Archbishop Desmond Tutu; the Rev. Peter Gomes, Baptist preacher at Memorial Church, Harvard University; Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg; and former United Methodist Church pastor the Rev. Jimmy Creech.

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, at the regular meeting of the Friends of St. Aelred at St. Peter's Central. All are welcome. Information and a video clip are available at www.forthebibletellsmeso.org.

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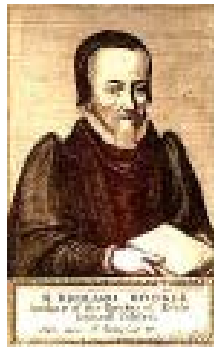
During September, **choir members will sell candles** to raise money for shelving for the choir room. We have to pay for materials only because the labor is being donated.

Meet the Famous Figures from Our Faith

Sunday mornings this fall, come meet some famous Anglicans and Episcopalians you need to know!

"A&E: Biography" is the title of our major offering for adults and older teens, meeting from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at St. Peter's Central.

You'll meet some Anglicans and Episcopalians (that's the "A&E" part) you already know, like Queen Elizabeth I and C.S. Lewis, author of *Tales of Narnia*. You'll also be introduced to some A&Es who may not quite be household names, like Richard Hooker, who wrote *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. That multi-volume work, published starting in 1594 — you



Richard Hooker,
1554-1600

read that right — first articulated the concept of the "Via Media," the "middle way" between Catholicism and Protestantism, a position we occupy to this day.

"We wanted to respond to the desire of our congregation for solid education and formation," said Dean Morris, who will lead the first couple of classes. "It's important that we know who we are, as Episcopalians and as Anglicans. We hear a lot about the 'three-legged stool' of Anglicanism — scripture, tradition, and reason. We thought it would be entertaining and appealing to talk about that concept by introducing some of the important figures in our history over the last 500 years or so."

Each week we'll have a presentation, by Dean Morris and others, about one or two A&Es. They'll also include some former A&Es, like the Wesley brothers, who founded Methodism, and John Newman, who went off to become a Roman Catholic cardinal. We'll also have a musical interlude when we meet some of the composers and hymn-writers whose music reflects and shapes our beliefs.

The class is open to all adults and older teens. It runs Sundays from September 20 through December 13.



Elizabeth Tudor, second
head of our Church

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More Opportunities to Learn

Sunrise Gospel Discussion:

This group gathers at 7 a.m. every Tuesday for one hour to study the Gospel for the coming Sunday and review the other lessons we'll hear in church. No homework, no preparation necessary, no need to be a Biblical scholar. Some members have been coming 20 years or more! Contact: Don Jenkins and David Hill.

Education for Ministry: This

four-year course covers the basics of theological education: Old and New Testament, church history, theological trends and movements. Already fully subscribed for this fall. Contact: Emily Williams.

Sunday School for Pre-K through Grade 5: Meets from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sundays. Children learn about their faith through an age-appropriate curriculum, Bible stories and crafts. Contact: Mimi Aangeenbrug.

Busy Summer, More To Come for Outreach

John Paul, Outreach Ministry

St. Peter's Outreach Ministry has had a busy summer. The first Sunday of the month has been Outreach Sunday. In June we collected supplies for our Dominican VBS Ministry; in July, items for teen girls at Brookwood; and in August canned goods for St. Vincent DePaul. Thanks to all of you for your generous support each month.

We provided a \$730 scholarship for a youth to participate in the New Horizon program at DaySpring for children of incarcerated parents. Support was also provided for the Family Promise of Pinellas, Inc., a program for homeless families, as well as the Richard Shireman Locker Project, where homeless people can store valuables and personal belongings. Please contact me if

you'd like to know more about our work:

johnhpaul3@yahoo.com.

Join us at these upcoming events:

* **Saturday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.:** Clearwater Threshers baseball versus Daytona Cubs. Game benefits Family Promise. See John Paul for tickets: \$16 gets you

admission, food and post-game fireworks.

* **Saturday, September 12:** Sixth annual AIDS Walk St. Pete. Join us for this 5K walk (3.2 miles) through downtown St. Petersburg/the Old Northeast to support AIDS Service Assn. of Pinellas. Meet at 9 a.m. in North Shore Park (12th Avenue NE at North Shore Drive) to register; walk starts at 10 a.m. If you want a Cathedral team T-shirt (\$20), contact John Paul by September 1. We welcome financial support to sponsor the walkers. Details at aidswalkstpete.org.

* **Friday, September 18, 6 p.m.:** Pinellas County Homeless Coalition silent auction and party at Synovus Bank, Third Avenue N at Fourth Street. The Outreach Ministry is putting together a basket for the silent auction. This is a fun evening of food and music for a great cause.



Diapers in September!

We're having a diaper drive! For September, the recipient of our Outreach Ministry appeal is Alpha House, which supports women in crisis pregnancies. They desperately need disposable diapers, size 1 to 6 months . . . and baby wipes. Please bring your contributions on Sunday, September 6. Each month our Outreach ministry invites your support of a particular need in our community.

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These are high-quality PartyLite candles, typically sold at home parties. Candles are priced at \$15, \$20 and \$25 and can be purchased from choir members or in the church office. We keep 50 percent of the price of each candle. Holiday entertaining and gift-giving are right around the corner (think teacher gifts!), so please go shopping!

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Last call: Our annual subscription drive for **Episcopal Life** ends September 1. In 2010 this publication will change from the monthly tabloid newspaper we're familiar with to a quarterly glossy magazine. Subscriptions are \$15. Make your check payable to St. Peter's and note "Episcopal Life" in the memo line. Questions? Please see Judy Stark.

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It's only September, but Christmas will be here, well, on December 25. Back by popular demand: our **sale of holiday greenery**. Choir parents will take orders in October for wreaths and greens, with delivery in November. This was a much-loved fund-raising effort in years gone by and we're delighted to bring it back. We'll have more information in October (when it starts to cool down and we can even think about the holidays!).

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Please save your pennies and drop them in the jar in the church office to benefit the Church Periodical Club. The CPC's "**Miles of Pennies**" fund was established in 1988 to provide books, tapes, videos, and software for children. Help us reach our goal of \$844.40, a mile of pennies laid edge to edge. In 2006 we received a grant for Bibles for our children, preschool through high school. Information: Marnie Long, (727) 526-8289.

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Yes! We will collect calendars this year to be donated to the local seafar-

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ers' mission and other charitable sources. Please leave them on the Welcome Cart or in the box under the mailboxes in the office. (We received our first donations of 2010 calendars in August — they seem to arrive earlier every year!)

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The Fisherfolk had a fine time at July's "Salads and Sangria" pot-luck get-together (and by popular demand, the sangria will stay on the menu). Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 17, when we'll gather again for food and fellowship with a warm welcome for all. We hope to channel our collective energies to help develop the exciting new opportunities that lie ahead with the opening of the new building. Stay tuned. We'll have details in the October issue of *Crosstown* about coming gatherings of the Fisherfolk.

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The Cathedral office returns this month to **winter hours**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Join us for a
TAILGATE BRUNCH!
Sunday, September 27 after the
10:15 a.m. service
at St. Peter's Central
The Bucs play the Giants at home
at 1 p.m., so we'll have the
pregame on the big screen and lots
of tasty brunch goodies.
Wear your Bucs caps and jerseys
and show some team spirit!
All welcome! Sponsored by the
Friends of St. Aelred

A New Format for Fall Stewardship Drive

Susan Churuti, Stewardship Co-Chair

Our fall stewardship campaign takes on a new look this year. Instead of a big parish dinner, we're arranging social events in members' homes, inviting smaller groups with something in common: parents of young children, young adults, retirees, and so on. We'll have social time, appetizers, and beverages.

Dean Morris will be the speaker, focusing our attention on future plans as set out in the strategic plan the Chapter is developing. There will be time for questions and answers as well as fun and fellowship in small-group settings.

These gatherings will be scheduled in the last two weeks of October. Stewardship Sunday, when you are invited to turn in your pledge card with your financial commitment for 2010, will be November 8. Our giving remains robust even in these difficult economic times, for which we thank you. We are grateful for all of the gifts of time, treasure, and talent our faith community provides!



Sing Along with Us!

Dwight Thomas, Director of Music Ministries

Choir rehearsals begin this month and we're looking for interested singers! Our music ministry is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). This program, which originated in England and is used by Anglican choirs around the world, emphasizes the importance of understanding not only what we sing and how to sing well, but also why we sing in worship as an expression of our faith.

Currently we offer these ensembles:

The Cathedral Choir rehearses from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 10 and sings for the Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. Sundays and for concerts and special liturgies as scheduled. Singers should be able to read music and have some experience in ensemble singing.

The Schola

Cantorum comprises singers from within and outside St. Peter's with very good music-reading ability and more extensive singing and ensemble experience. The cantorum rehearses from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning September 8 and sings for Choral Evensongs, concerts and special liturgies as scheduled.

The St. Peter's Treble Choir involves girls and boys who are trained in the Royal School of Church Music program. Rehearsals are Tuesdays starting September 8 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. for singers grade 3 and younger and 5:30 to 6:30 for grade 4 and older.

For information about any of these ensembles, please contact Dwight Thomas, Director of Music Ministries, at (727) 822-4173, ext. 115.



Sunday Choral Evensong

St. Peter's Cathedral Arts begins this year's series with Choral Evensong at 6 p.m. Sunday, September 27, sung by the Schola Cantorum. Music by Stanford, Ayleward and others.

September Transitions

Birthdays

2	Cathy Lasky Fred Amundrud	10	Julia Barlow Karen Gums Addie Hildebrand Martha Legge	18	Emery McDonough
3	Penny Burns Ralph Hancock Bill Hoyt	11	Gary Bogart Andi Gorton Holly Haines Amanda Polson Dilia Singleton	20	Tim Baker Melissa Sands Kathleen Garnett Maryalyce Johnson Karen Saint-John
4	Susan Chapin Gabrielle Corriveau	12	Sandy Hoover John Paul	21	Marion Fleming
5	Fred Williamson	13	Diana Craig	22	Bobby Laurie
6	Pam League Kirsten Miller Chuck Parsons	14	Dolf Boll Pearl Richards	23	Peter Barlow Tammy Ramsey
7	Frank Casorio Darrow Neves	15	Rachel Chase	25	Cathy O'Kelley
8	Troy Craft Carlynn Crosby Barbara Dolson Charles V. Plummer Bonnie Tilbe	16	Caroline Holtman	26	Judy Hamm
9	Rich Goodwill Mickey Serratore Lois Wilt	17	James Chase Sarah Hill Langdon Miller Tessa Miller Loreen O'Brien Kitty Safford	27	Benjamin Bryant
				28	Jenny Amundrud Debra Eich Marge McCabe Claudia Welch
				29	Brandon Clarke Richard Dahm
				30	Theresa Howe

Anniversaries

1	Fred and Karen Amundrud	19	Will and Patty Hollingsworth
6	Mark and Kathryn Campbell	22	Matthew and Jennifer Jones
7	Marshall and Diana Craig Chuck and Sue Martin	24	Cal and Elma Rosenberg
8	Ron and Jackie Petersen		
9	Rob and Joan White		
11	Gail and John McCoy		
13	Michael and Claudia Moore		
14	Mickey and Phyllis Serratore		
18	William and Carmen Moore		

Deaths

Mary Beth Pells
John Sinclair

New Members

Courtney Miller Thornburg

General Convention 2009: A First-Timer's Report

Judy Stark, Lay Alternate Deputy

The 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church took place in July. It was a big machine with a lot of moving parts: 10,000 participants, all told, including 1,500 volunteers; 109 dioceses represented by laity, 110 by clergy; an exhibit hall of three and a half acres. Plus a complicated legislative apparatus that spends early mornings, late nights, and time behind the scenes hammering out legislation, and most daylight hours introducing it and voting on it. Some 419 resolutions were submitted, and final action was taken on 290.

I'm proud of a number of accomplishments at GC, where we "claimed God's mission as the heartbeat of The Episcopal Church," as Bishop Katharine put it. Many of the important ones never made it into the news. Among them (read the full text at <http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation>):

* Our commitment to a major evangelism effort among Latinos/Hispanics, the fastest-growing demographic group in the nation.

* Approval of the Five Marks of Mission as our top strategic priorities: proclaiming the Good News; teaching and baptizing new believers; responding to human need by loving service; transforming unjust structures of society; and striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth.

* Challenging dioceses and congregations to participate in one new or ongoing project that engages in a relationship with another part of the Body of Christ in the world.

* Approval of a denominational health plan and of a pension program for lay employees. In the interests of stewardship and justice, these are huge.

* The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation.

* The "80-Cent Solution": This resolution invites every Episcopalian to contribute 80 cents a year for the next three years, which will allow us to double the number of missionaries in the Episcopal Church. There's a grass-roots solution we can all afford to support.

What Did Make the Headlines (Not Always Accurately)

* The movement on two resolutions on human sexuality. One says the church will start gathering sample liturgies for same-sex blessings and look at them in 2012. It also allows bishops to provide "generous pastoral response." The other says that gay and lesbian Episcopalians have been, and may be, called to any ordained ministry in the church, including bishop.

And Then There Was the Good News

For me, the most powerful moments at convention came when I volunteered as a bread minister a couple of times at the daily Eucharist. I stood in front of an endless wave of people coming at me, hungry, eager, hands outstretched. I'd pull off a tuft from the round loaf of dark bread I held in a basket, look each person in the eye, and, using the name I saw on their credentials, say, "Charlie . . . Rosemary . . . Hector . . . the body of Christ, the bread of heaven." In those moments, we all were one.



Down it goes! Demolition has begun on the back of the former Baptist Sanctuary and should be finished early this month. Workers have had to proceed carefully in order to preserve the front part of the building, which will be restored and used as part of our Cathedral Columbarium project. Hence the demolition is slower and less dramatic than the teardown of our former office and parish hall buildings. The space once occupied by the soon-to-be-demolished back of the sanctuary will become the City Peace Garden, a tranquil gated spot with sitting areas, a water feature, and more columbarium niches.

Photos by SHEREE GRAVES



Movie Night: There'll Always Be an England

Eddy Burns

Join us for free movies and popcorn at 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Peter's Central. All welcome! The September lineup (we're all Anglophiles, all the time, this month):

September 4: *Victoria and Albert, Part I* (U.K., 2001).

As the young Queen Victoria grows into a shrewd and powerful monarch, her husband Prince Albert struggles to find a role for himself in the family and the nation.



September 11: *Victoria and Albert, Part II*. See above. Enjoyable even if you haven't seen Part I.

September 18: *The Remains of the Day* (U.K., 1993). Life in an English country home just before World War II, as seen by the butler, Stevens (Anthony Hopkins), as he serves his Nazi-sympathizer master, Lord Darlington.

September 25: *Brideshead Revisited* (U.K., 2008). You loved the classic 1945 Evelyn Waugh novel and the celebrated 1982 TV series. The film tracks the maturation of artist-turned-soldier Charles Ryder, from his Oxford years through his relationship with the Catholic Marchmain clan, particularly son Sebastian and daughter Julia, at their historic estate Brideshead, through his military service in World War II. Gorgeous to look at, riveting performances, a subtext about the abiding nature of religious faith.

Contact eddyburns@aol.com for 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
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serving God since 1889



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