



# CROSSTOWN

November 2018

*At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg*

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Canon Katie Churchwell explains how she will sprinkle holy water on pets as part of our Blessing of the Animals. [See page 17](#) for more. Photo by JUDY STARK

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# Pledge Campaign: From Oktoberfest to Thanks a Brunch

Our fall pledge season began in early October with Oktoberfest, an evening of great food, fellowship, music, and dancing.

A few days later pledge cards went out in the mail, inviting you to make a financial commitment to the Cathedral for 2018-19.

“Our pledge goal is \$800,000, an increase of about \$50,000 over the current year,” Dean Morris said in that letter. “Each of us needs to give serious, prayerful thought to how much St. Peter’s means to us and commit to a pledge that makes that thought a reality.”

Throughout the fall you’ve heard sermons and testimonials about the importance of pledging, and you’ve been invited to add your Post-It



*Good talk, good times: Logan Churchwell, Sarah and David Lopez, and Kate and Andy Munkittrick share an Oktoberfest table.*



*Have you put a sticky note up on the board saying why you're pledging?*

note to our board in Harvard Hall saying why you're pledging.

The pledge season culminates November 3-4, our ingathering weekend, when you are invited to turn in your pledge if you haven't done so already. If you haven't received a pledge card, or can't find it, please

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## Thanks a Brunch!

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call the church (727-822-4173) and we'll be happy to send you one. Or pick one up at the front desk.

Then on Sunday, November 18, we'll celebrate our good fortune and your generosity with our annual complimentary "Thanks a Brunch" after the 10:15 a.m. service. Catered by A Fresh Connection, this is always a fun event, with great food, a pre-Thanksgiving holiday spirit, and a sense of how blessed we are by our Cathedral family, our leadership, and the gifts that previous generations have given us: our beautiful Cathedral, its contents, and its traditions.



Stewardship is a year-round process. Stewardship refers to our acknowledgment that all that we are and all we have comes from God. You will hear much more in the months to come about being good stewards of everything God has given us. But for now, we ask you to think about what the Cathedral means to you, and be as generous as God has been to you in making your pledge.

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*It's polka time! Jean Beshears and Jack Clark show how it's done.*

## If You Pay by Automatic Deduction, Please Update Your Account

Do you pay your pledge by having funds automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card?

If so, be aware that that withdrawal may be set to end on December 31, 2018. (When you created your account you established an "end date," which for many people is the end of the calendar year.)

If you want us to continue to make those automatic withdrawals, you need to establish a new account with a new end date. You can do this by logging into our website, <http://www.spcathedral.com>, then click on the red "give" box, and fill in the prompts to set up a new withdrawal plan.

You cannot simply change the date on your current account. (This is for your protection, so no unauthorized person can change the terms of your withdrawals.)

You can do this now; no need to wait until the end of the year. We can't continue to withdraw money from your account or credit card after December 31 unless you set up an account allowing us to do so.

If you have questions, or want someone to walk you through this step by step, please speak to our interim accounting manager, Pam Shives: (727) 822-4173, or e-mail her at [accounting@spcathedral.com](mailto:accounting@spcathedral.com).

## It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year: The Giving Tree Returns

You know Christmas cannot be far off when the Giving Tree returns to St. Peter's. This year it will arrive the weekend of November 10-11.

Every year since 2009, led by the Friends of St. Aelred, we've provided a brighter holiday season for at-risk children. Last year the Cathedral contributed 379 gifts for 129 recipients.

Here's how it works.

\* A Christmas tree is set up in Harvard Hall, decked with Christmas cards. Each one lists the Christmas wishes of a recipient. (This year we'll actually have two trees: the big tree in Harvard Hall, and a smaller tree that can be moved into the Cathedral for the 5 p.m. Saturday service and



*A Giving Tree from another year is covered with cards listing gift wishes.*

the 8 a.m. Sunday service. The rest of the week that tree will be at the front desk.)

\* You choose a card — or more than one — and shop for the requested gift.

\* Return the gift no later than Sunday, December 2, UNWRAPPED. Please include a box or gift bag, and if you can add some wrapping paper, that would be greatly appreciated.

\* On Tuesday, December 4, starting at 9:30 a.m., volunteers will meet in Harvard Hall to sort and pack the gifts and get them delivered. This is a hands-on way to be more involved with the neighbors we serve. Please speak to Ray McColgan (or e-mail him at [rmccolgan@me.com](mailto:rmccolgan@me.com)) if you can help. Bonus: We provide lunch!

This year's recipients are:

\* Children and families who live at **Resurrection House**, a faith-based ministry that provides housing, education, job training, and life skills to those families, most of which are headed by single mothers.

\* **Family Promise**, which serves homeless children and their parents with tem-

porary shelter and assistance finding permanent homes, jobs and social services.\* Campbell Park Elementary, the school we have adopted, where we support teachers and classrooms and donate backpacks, school supplies, shoes, food, and other items throughout the year and provide weekly mentoring to children.

"Every year, every single card is taken off the tree, and people ask us for more," said Ron Gallucci, one of the founders and organizers of the Giving Tree. "This is such a generous congregation. Many people give far more than the requested gift. People are looking for a way to share their good fortune, and the Giving Tree offers them a way to do that."

The tags on the cards indicate the age, gender, and size of the recipient. Occasionally children will request an expensive gift. If you should pick one of those cards, please consider getting together with a couple of friends and splitting the cost among you.

Photo by JUDY STARK

# November Book Talk: In an Unreliable World, Madcap Characters and a Dazzling Ending

This month our book talk speaker is Lee Irby, author of *Unreliable*, described by *Tampa Bay Times* book reviewer Colette Bancroft as “smart” and “well-crafted,” a wedding of “tension and wild humor.”

Irby, who lives in St. Petersburg and teaches history at Eckerd College, previously published a couple of snappy crime novels, *7,000 Clams* and *The Up and Up*, set in Florida in the 1920s.

*Unreliable* lives up to its title in that virtually nothing we’re told by the hero, failed novelist and college writing instructor Edwin Stitt, is true. Believe what he says at your peril. On its face this is the story of a so-so college professor going home to Richmond to attend his mother’s second wedding ... to an arms dealer who may really be interested in marrying her inherited fortune. (There is that garage full of weapons.)



Lee Irby

“I’m confessing,” Eddie tells us early on, “but I’m also conflating, confusing, and con-torting reality, because who would want to read a book about a college professor who goes home for a wedding?”

Hence the mad — or mad-cap — cast of characters: The bridegroom’s strange trio of adult children; Eddie’s old girlfriend, Leigh Rose Wardell,

who may or may not still be carrying a torch for Eddie, but who is demonstrably ridiculously wealthy; and Lola, his sort-of girlfriend, a onetime student and “a trained assassin who shoots only for the head, seldom missing.” Well, maybe, maybe not.

And there’s Eddie himself, who confesses to lots of murders, to the surprise of several of his victims, who are very much alive.

So what to believe? Who knows? Hang on for the wild ride.

We did a Q&A with the author as an introduction to his appearance on November 13.

**Q. From history professor to writer of**

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## November Book Talk

**Speaker:** Lee Irby, on his latest novel, *Unreliable*

**When:** Noon-1 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 13

**Where:** Harvard Hall

**Lunch available (\$5), or feel free to bring your own**

## November Book Talk

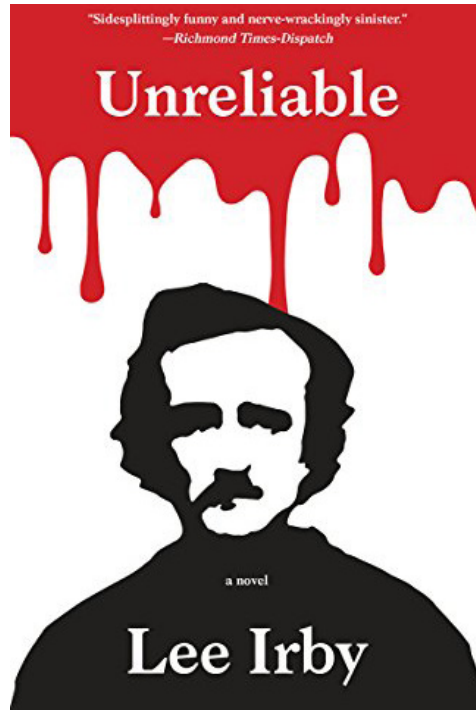
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**what one critic calls “riotous and riveting” mysteries — trace that trajectory for us!**

A. The two actually work in tandem. American history is full of scandal, intrigue, tragedy, and comedy, and presenting this all to young adults requires some creative energy, which then fuels my fiction. It’s a rather complicated dance between fact and fiction.

**Q. Okay, this is political and therefore a little dangerous. What’s true? What’s a lie? What’s fake news? Does Edwin Stith, the brutally honest liar who is the hero of *Unreliable*, remind us of anyone else in the news?**

A. I do think there is an objective truth that we humans, with our limited cognition, can comprehend. We are born liars, er, storytellers, and our ability to invent is truly stupendous — technology, novels, or lies. Fake news or hoaxes have been around since the first press run of the world’s first newspaper, and it’s fascinating how those who believe in “critical theory” dispar-



age social construction of reality with the same vehemence of a Trump supporter who probably doesn’t read books. Both think “reality” is something spooned out

by the hegemonic forces that control our lives. Both mistrust experts and the “truth claims” made by scientists. It’s very ironic how much the far left and far right have in common from an ideological perspective. As an academic, Edwin understands all of this and in fact much of the book centers on the “theory vs. praxis” debate raging among faculty members of the liberal arts. How do you combat evil in the world, and what if you’re causing the evil to flourish?

**Q. Richmond’s your home town, and the ghosts of Robert E. Lee and Edgar Allan Poe play a role in this novel — as does your own familiarity with the turf. What’s it like to set a novel in a place you know well?**

A. It was like going home. I have a very tortured relationship with Richmond, in that I love some parts of it and loathe others. But Richmond has changed a ton since I last lived there, and the collision between a progressive urban core and a suburban enclave that is quite resistant to change makes the city layered like a wedding cake. So many contradictions ...

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## November Book Talk

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**Q. How does your background as a history professor play into your role as a novelist?**

A. I was a novelist before I became a history professor — a failed novelist, yes, but that was my passion. Little did I know how much writing a great history resembles writing a fine novel — history has its own



*Cleo, the muse of history*

muse, and I tend to like anything with a muse. Plus, learning the craft of the historian taught me how to be precise and careful in my work, to research everything with demonic reverence, and to think about

the bigger picture. Mostly, though, standing up in front of brilliant young minds requires me to never be fake, to constantly stretch my thinking, and to listen to the next generation, all of which a novelist needs.

**Q. Whom are you reading these days? Give us a couple of recommendations of titles or authors you are enjoying.**

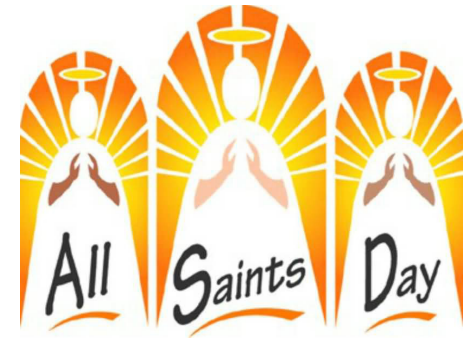
A. *The Vegetarian* by Han Kang is one of the most unforgettable and poignant books I've ever read. I can't sing this work's praises highly enough.

*There There* by Tommy Orange got much hype but it has lived up to it. A unique voice in American letters, an impressive debut.

*Under My Skin* by Lisa Unger. She's a dear friend, but regardless, this is a very fine book where nothing is what it seems. (Lisa Unger was a book talk presenter in the spring of 2017.)

**Q. In 100 words or fewer, persuade someone to read your book.**

A. *Unreliable* has an ending that will snap your head and make you want to go back and start over to see if that ending is even possible. I am so proud of that ending ... you don't know what has happened till the last sentence.



We will observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 4, a day when we honor "saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven." We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism. If you seek baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to one of the clergy. And watch for a special surprise at coffee hour, thanks to our resident baker, Gabriele Stauf.

## New Music Associate Will Lead A Children's Choir

Please welcome Maggie Coleman to the newly created position of Associate for Music Outreach.

In this part-time position, chief among her duties will be developing a Children's Choir that will perform for the first time at the Christmas pageant during the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 16. Details, [page 23](#).

She will also develop the outreach component of Cathedral Arts and Music by partnering with other arts agencies, businesses, and civic organizations to find opportunities for music outreach in the community, and evangelizing via social media. Finally, she'll be assisting with planning, rehearsals, and conducting when needed, and also joining us as a staff singer and soprano section leader. She has been singing for years with the Evensong Chamber Choir.

"Besides being a skilled and talented musician, Maggie's dedication and passion for the music of the church is inspiring, and she fully believes how the power of music can change people's lives and bring us closer to the Divine," music director Dwight Thomas said. "Needless to say, I'm excited she'll be joining us and adding her many talents and skills to our Cathedral ministry."

Reach Maggie at [mcoleman@spcathedral.com](mailto:mcoleman@spcathedral.com).



## Welcome Our New Youth Minister, Clergy Assistant

Please welcome Alicia Schmid, who joins our staff in two roles: as administrative assistant to the clergy and as youth minister.

Alicia comes to us from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tampa, where for the last three years she has been director of children's and youth ministries. Many of our youth already know Alicia from their participation in diocesan events at DaySpring, our camp and conference center.

Alicia is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and has more than 10 years' experience working in the church in various capacities. You can reach her at [aschmid@spcathedral.com](mailto:aschmid@spcathedral.com) or on her cell at (703) 341-7469.



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Our canon precentor, the Rev. Sam Tallman, will be back with us at Thanksgiving. Canon Sam spends half the year at the Cathedral and the other half as priest associate at St. Mary of the Hills in Blowing Rock, NC.

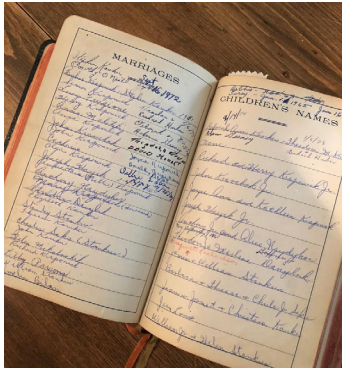


# Remember the Names, Tell the Stories of Your Family's Saints

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

While I was visiting my family in Atlanta recently, I came across an old family Bible, printed in 1905. It has been handed down for generations on my mom's side of the family. I had to turn the pages very carefully as I looked through the various illustrations and maps.

In between the Old and New Testa-



*Bibles often still have pages to record marriages, births, and deaths, like this Bible — Hillary's great-great-grandparents'.*

ments, there are pages to record marriages, births, and deaths. The first recorded dates are the deaths of my great-great-grandparents, Alexander (1888-1929) and Theodosia Kraponick (1895-1937). There is a long list of children's names as well as marriages and deaths. Some names sound familiar, but many I've never heard much about and almost none of them I've met.

Despite my distance from the names listed in this Bible, there is also a strong sense of connection. I can imagine the important place this book held in my family's history. My great-great-grandparents came to this country from Russia in the early 1900s. They did not speak English and were likely not literate in their native tongue. And yet, they had a Bible that also tells the story of

their eight children and future generations. As I read through the names, it opened up space for a conversation with my mom to learn more about who they were, and in turn to learn more about who I am.

On November 4 the church celebrates All Saints' Day, when we recognize and celebrate our relationship with the "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us, known and unknown. On All Saints' at the

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## Remember the Saints

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Cathedral, we will also witness several baptisms. In the baptismal covenant we declare, “I believe in ... the communion of saints ... the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting” (BCP, pg 304).

On this All Saints’ and throughout the month of November, I encourage families to be intentional about sharing stories about the saints in your life, those in your great cloud of witnesses, who have shaped you, who we believe we are still very much connected to in the communion of saints.

Every week after Holy Communion, as we walk back to our pew, Felix and I stop at the votive candles and light one for Oliver, my mom’s dog, and Gdaddy, Brandon’s father. I’ve seen many families who have this same habit and have heard stories



from you about the prayers your children share as they light a candle.

This month I will add names of others as we light candles, perhaps names from this Bible of people I never met but who have nonetheless shaped me. I’ll also seek out other opportunities to share with Felix and Beatrix names and pictures of those in my communion of saints.

There are many ways families can start conversations. If you don’t have a family Bible, maybe you have an old quilt or special trinket that has been passed down that you can bring out to share the story. You can sing songs like “When the Saints Go Marching In” and “This Little Light of Mine” as you light a candle at home. However this looks for you family, there’s something very powerful in just saying a name aloud.

## November Ministry Highlights

November 4: Children’s Ministry Social in the garden after the 10:15 a.m. service: Games, snacks, fellowship.

November 8: Messy Church: “Messy Jesus and the 5,000”

November 11: Children’s Eucharist

November 11: Pageant Choir rehearsal starts!

November 18: Pageant Choir rehearsal



We return to Standard Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 4. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed Saturday night (fall backward!) so you arrive at church on time Sunday morning.

# Lots of New Youth Activities For the Next Two Months; Join Us!

**Alicia Schmid, youth minister**

We have tons of fun and fellowship opportunities on the calendar to wrap up 2018. As the new youth minister, I want to make sure there are plenty of opportunities to engage our youth and young people and

to give them a big sense of community, acceptance and love. Even if you haven't been attending church regularly, or you've only attended Sunday services, I hope you'll consider attending all or some of these wonderful events, most of which just last an hour or so, and take place right after the 10:15 a.m. service. Please join us:

Sunday, November 4: Youth brunch luncheon

Saturday-Sunday, November 10-11: Youth thanksgiving dinner and lock-in. Sign up to bring your favorite side or dessert. Chaperones are still

needed. Please sign up to join in the fun with Alicia and youth in grades 6 and up.

Sunday, December 2: Christmas cookie baking for downtown heroes. Bring a pack of take-and-bake cookies to bake after the 10:15 a.m. service for the Fire Department.

If you have questions about youth ministry, middler's chapel, or the Cathedral, please contact me: [aschmid@spcathedral.com](mailto:aschmid@spcathedral.com) or (703) 341-7469. My door is open to each of you, and I take the greatest joy in serving alongside you. I am so excited about all God is doing and will do here. We have a lot to look forward to, and I hope to see you and our amazing young people at these events.

Grace and peace,  
*Alicia*

*Our new middle school chapel is already popular.*

*Photo by HILLARY PEETE*



## Honors for Those Who Support Our Worship

Cathedral acolytes were honored at Acolyte Recognition Sunday on October 21.

Acolyte co-wardens Joanie Andrews and Ken Esteb and junior acolyte warden Tommy Chase acknowledged these members of the acolyte team:

- **Served five years or more:** Joanie Andrews, Julia Barlow, Frank Casorio, Tommy Chase, Connor Crosby, Ken Esteb, Anslee Long, and Tyler Long.

- **Completed four years of service,** presented with a personalized cross and chain: William Albee, Nicholas Carpenter, Mia Moore.



*Acolyte wardens Joanie Andrews, Tommy Chase, and Ken Esteb welcome our two newest acolytes, Dustin Fenoff and Natalie Schmid.*

- **Complete three years of service,** presented with a cross with a white ribbon: Maggie Moore.

- **Completed two years of service,** presented with a cross with a purple ribbon: Lynne Albee, Michael Albee, Philip Parea.

- **Completed one-year probationary period,** presented with a cross with a red ribbon: Gavin Sosa.

The four newest acolytes are Joel Burnsed, Conner Carlisle, Dustin Fenoff, and Natalie Schmid. Because Conner and Natalie have served as acolytes in other churches, they were

credited with a year of service and a red ribbon.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



## Book Club Announces Its Lineup for the Year: Read and Enjoy!

The St. Peter's Book Club has announced its dates, titles, and presenters from November through May. All are welcome to join this group, which usually meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapter Room. Come even if you haven't read the book — the discussion may inspire you to do so! Roberta Poellein ([rp1ln37@gmail.com](mailto:rp1ln37@gmail.com)) is happy to tell you more.

**November 27: *The Guns of August***, by Barbara Tuchman. Presenter: Penny Roen.

**December 18** (note the date, a week early because of Christmas): ***Rules of Civility***, by Amor Towles. Presenter: Betsy Corbin.

**January 22: *People of the Book*** by Geraldine Brooks. Presenter: John Sumner.

**February 26: *Lincoln's Last Trial: The Murder Case That Propelled Him to the Presidency***, by Dan Abrams and David Fisher. Presenter: Shar Nudelman.

**March 26: *The Hellfire Club***, by Jake Tapper. Presenter: Roberta Poellein.

**April 23: *Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring***, by Alexander Rose. Presenter: Bob Flannery.

**May 28: *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys and the Dawn of a New America***, by Gilbert King. Presenter to be announced.



## Canon Williams's Class Continues, Live or Online

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams's class on deepening one's spiritual life through the Book of Common Prayer continues from 9 to 10 a.m. on November 4 and 11 in Harvard Hall. The class is based on Derek Olsen's book, *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life*.

The class is also available for streaming on our Facebook page. Canon Williams invites everyone to join him for Daily Morning

and Evening Prayer, live on Facebook @ [ThomasPraystheOffice](#) at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., or later via the recording posted on his page and the Cathedral's Facebook page.

Photo by HILLARY PEETE



Canon Williams narrates a PowerPoint for his class on spirituality and the prayer book.

# Why Campbell Park Needs YOU — An Early New Year's Resolution

Canon Katie Churchwell

It's the beginning of November now. Our two Giving Trees will arrive soon (story, [Page 4](#)). Back in September and October we identified the families in need from Campbell Park who will join the children and adults from Resurrection House and Family

Promise. Christmas, and the unmatched joy of a child unwrapping presents, will come this year.

Thanksgiving will soon be here, with kids off from school for a whole week, and leaving more than 184 homeless students at Campbell Park without the two secure meals they receive each day from school. The Outreach Committee, on behalf of the Cathedral, will supplement

what can be gathered from food banks and other resources within the city, making sure that every child who needs food can have food. No child should go hungry.

Since last summer, we have provided shoes, school supplies, and backpacks. Soon we can add food and Christmas presents. With 99 percent of the Campbell Park student body qualifying for free lunch, and with a large population of homeless students, it is easy to pinpoint the material needs we have met and the good they provide to the recipient.

To round out the first week of school, we brought lunch for the teachers, staff, and administrators, and we will close out the semester with delicious treats during the last week of school.

*Lots of us helped sort backpacks and school supplies at Campbell Park in August. We need to find more ways to connect personally with students and staff there.*



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## Give Extravagantly

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The first semester is ending. It is time for us to assess as a Cathedral where we are meeting needs and what needs are left unmet.

And here is what I see:

We lack a personal connection with our school. We lack the names and faces of teachers and students. We lack the laughter and stories that they carry with them. And to be honest, they lack us.

My hope for the end of 2018 and for 2019 is that we be able to bring ourselves to Campbell Park. We have brought so much to our partner school, except the very best part of who we are: us!

In my two and a half years at the Cathedral, I have come to know you all as deeply compassionate, exceptional human beings. I have been impressed with your generosity and love for your neighbor. I offer to you three opportunities to bring YOU to Campbell Park:

**Be a pen-pal** with a pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or fifth-grade teacher (these are the grades we have adopted). Send a

weekly encouraging and supportive email.

**Be a classroom helper** in the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or 5th grade classes. Read to the students, read along with students, help a teacher with a project.

**Be a mentor.** Commit to having lunch with a student once a week during their lunch period (25 minutes).

These are three ways that we can have a great impact on the success of our partner school, helping Campbell Park bring up students' grades and graduate successful scholars. These are three ways that we can bring the best of the Cathedral — us — to our school. Email me, Canon Katie ([kchurchwell@spcathedral.com](mailto:kchurchwell@spcathedral.com)), to get signed up today!



## PILGRIMAGE REUNION

The pilgrims who traveled to the Holy Land last summer with Bishop Howe will hold a reunion from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 2, in Harvard Hall. All are welcome to join them to hear about their experiences and see photos and mementos of the trip. A light supper of hummus and salads will be served at no charge. Attendees may wish to make a donation to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a non-profit organization. Bishop Howe was president of their board for many years.



As we observe All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 4, we note that our new columbarium has recently been installed in the Memorial Garden. Please speak to Dean Morris if you are interested in purchasing a niche.

## Bishop Curry Delights the Diocese At 50th Annual Convention

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry inspired the Diocese of Southwest Florida with his fiery preaching, sense of humor, and loving warmth when he appeared at our 50th-anniversary convention October 12 and 13.

You can watch his afternoon plenary session as well as the opening service of Holy Eucharist here: <https://www.dioswfl.org/Governance/diocesan-convention-2018.html> A listing of convention videos appears in the right-hand column.

Or you can watch Bishop Curry praying with Canon Katie on her Pop-Up Prayer on Facebook. ("I'm a follower!" Bishop Curry told her.)

If you watch the opening Eucharist you will see our music director, Dwight Thomas, playing the organ for the 100-voice convention choir, which includes many members of

the Cathedral Choir. You'll also see the Cathedral vergers at work, and Canon Katie at a communion station. You may spot several familiar faces among the ushers. Sarah Hill, co-directress of the diocesan Altar Guild, was involved in preparing for the Eucharist for a congregation of nearly 1,500. Judy Stark is convention program chair.

"We've talked about living fully into our role as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwest Florida," Dean Morris said. "Serving at diocesan convention is one of the ways we do that. I'm proud that so many members of the Cathedral take leadership roles at convention, share their talents

with the wider church, and remind the rest of the diocese that we are their Cathedral too."

Photo by GARLAND POLLARD



*Bishop Curry preaches at the opening Eucharist at convention.*



# Blessing of the Animals

October 20 saw St. Peter's annual Blessing of the Animals, as we shared our love for our four-legged family members.



Above, David Lopez hoists 65-pound greyhound Scarlett for a group photo.

Right, Canon Katie blesses 7-month-old Janie and her family, Valerie and Jeff Brehm.

Middle, above, Nancy and Joe Lane with Baxter.

Middle, below, Canon Katie prepares to bless a photo of Laurel Greene's cat, Navi.

Far right, Jack Waterman with Roxy.

Photos by JUDY STARK and NANCY LANE



# We're Getting Messy, and Fishy, in November

Betsy Adams



There's something fishy at the next Messy Church. On November 8 we will explore the story of Jesus and the boy who shared all he had. We will share a "picnic" dinner, then learn more about the green growing season of Pentecost with the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. All are welcome to join us starting at 5:45 p.m. for a fun-filled, messy, fishy evening!

## Save the date!

In December we'll hold a special Messy Church on **Sunday, December 2** — the first Sunday of Advent. We'll celebrate a happy new year (Advent is the start of the new church year) with *Messy Angels, Angels Everywhere*. Messy Church will meet at 10 a.m. during the Children's Chapel time and continue throughout the 10:15 a.m. service. We hope that children of all ages can join us for this special Advent Messy Church!

Messy Church is our monthly intergenerational family gathering involving worship, crafts, music, storytelling, and a shared supper. We usually meet at 5:45 p.m. on the second Thursday. For more information contact Betsy Adams ([betsyadams@earthlink.net](mailto:betsyadams@earthlink.net)).

## Messy Help Wanted!

If you've always wanted to help with Messy Church but haven't had the time for a full commitment, we have a few support items with which we would be delighted to have some help.

Handy with a needle? Spend an hour with us on Thursday, November 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to help us sew up the little "filling hole" in the fish beanbags that the children will be creating in response to the story of loaves and fishes.

Love to bake? Messy Church needs four dozen angel-shaped sugar cookies for the kids to decorate on Sunday, December 2. We will be exploring the stories of Zachariah, Mary and Joseph in "Messy Angels, Angels Everywhere."

If you feel that you can answer this call for Messy help, or just want to find out more, please contact Betsy Adams (e-mail [betsyadams@earthlink.net](mailto:betsyadams@earthlink.net)).



# Two Movies This Month: A Family Story, a Tale for the Ages

Susan Regan

Just two movies this month as the calendar starts to fill up with holiday activities. See you at 7 p.m. Fridays in Harvard Hall for these free films. You bring your friends; we provide the popcorn.

**November 2: No movie;** pilgrims who went to the Holy Land in August are holding a reunion, at which all are welcome. See story, [Page 15](#).

**November 9: *Our Little Sister*** (2006, PG). When three sisters travel to their long-absent father's rural home to attend his funeral, they meet their now-orphaned half sister for the first time and offer to take her in, setting the stage for confrontation with the family's past.

**November 16: *The Man Who Invented Christmas*** (2017, PG). With his most recent books having little success, Victorian novelist Charles Dickens finds him-

self obliged to self-publish his masterful fable, *A Christmas Carol* — which he hopes will revive his sagging career.

**November 23: Thanksgiving weekend,** no movie.

**November 30:** Harvard Hall will be set up for **diocesan ordinations** the next day; no movie.



## Special Christmas Movie Night

Because the *Paul the Apostle* wine-and-cheese movie night in August was so well attended, we'll do another special wine-and-cheese movie night on Friday, December 7. Take a break from hectic holiday preparations and come enjoy ***Love Actually***, starring Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Bill Firth, and Emma Thompson.

This romantic comedy follows the lives of eight couples dealing with their love lives (or lack thereof) in various interrelated tales, all set in London in the frantic month before Christmas.

Because wine will be available, this evening is open only to those 21 and older, please. We'll have alternative non-alcoholic beverages as well as cheese and crackers. You're invited to bring your own favorite movie munchie to share.

## Poinsettia Sale Benefits Family Promise

**Karen Amundrud**



Family Promise of Pinellas is selling potted poinsettias as a holiday fund-raiser.

A 6-inch pot (14- to 16-inch plant) is \$10; an 8-inch pot (18- to 24-inch plant) is \$25; and a 10-inch pot (20- to 24-inch plant) is \$35.

An order form can be downloaded at <https://fppinellas.org/events>. Deadline for orders is November 27 and plants must be picked up on December 15 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Central Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 6161 22nd Ave. N.

For questions, or to obtain a printed order form, please speak to Karen Amundrud.

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national non-profit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services and permanent housing.

Want to know more? Please contact Maura Meitz ([mmeitz@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mmeitz@tampabay.rr.com)) or Karen Amundrud ([amundrudk@yahoo.com](mailto:amundrudk@yahoo.com)) for details. Learn more at [fppinellas.org](http://fppinellas.org).

## Presenting 'Creation of the World': Readers' Theatre Takes the Stage

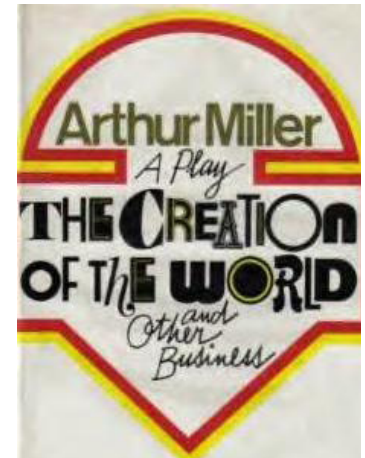
**Jack Clark**

The Cathedral Readers' Theatre offers an early Christmas present: a holiday performance of selections from *The Creation of the World and Other Business* by Arthur Miller.

The curtain rises (well, metaphorically) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, in Harvard Hall on this tongue-in-cheek tale in which God wants grandchildren. Sadly, Adam, in his innocence, would as soon kiss a tree as "beget" God's wishes. But Archangel Lucifer has some pretty good ideas on the matter, and you know how the story ends.

Also on the program are some comedic shorts on telepathy, becoming a queen bee, dealing with the Department of Motor Vehicles, and murder.

Set aside your holiday busyness and come enjoy a fun evening (no charge!) of theatre with us.



## Tap into Your Inner Performer at Our Video Dance Series

Two more sessions remain in our lecture-and-video series, “A Brief, but Lively, History of Dance in the American Musical Theater.”

Join us from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, for “All That Jazz: The Choreographer/Director — Robbins, Fosse, Bennett, and More.”

Or come on November 8 for “The Corporation and the Mega-Musical: Disney, Webber, and the Rock /Rock and Roll Musical.”

This series is created and presented by Jack Clark, retired professional choreographer, dancer, and director. We meet in Harvard Hall. No dancing required, but feel free to tap your toes to the irresistible music and imagine yourself winging across the stage.



*Dancers perform in Bob Fosse's Chicago.*

## Santa's Coming, and So Are Holiday Events at the Cathedral

The calendars are filling up fast with holiday activities. Here are some events at the Cathedral to get on your schedule. We'll have details next month.

**\* Advent Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 2**, during the 10:15 a.m. service.

**\* Special Messy Church: Sunday, December 2**, starting at 10 a.m.

**\* Christmas Movie Night: Friday, December 7**, at 7 p.m. Wine-and-cheese night and a screening of *Love Actually* (21 and older only, please).

**\* Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 16**, during the 10:15 a.m. service. Holiday coffee hour.

**\* Christmas services: 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday, December 24; 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 25.**

**\* First Night: Monday, December 31.** St. Peter's hosts musical groups during downtown family-friendly music and arts New Year's event (purchased First Night button required for admission).



## Choral Evensong Offers Traditional Anglican Work of Composer Vann

Our November service of Choral Evensong is at 5 p.m. Sunday, November 25: the last Sunday after Pentecost, also known as Christ the King Sunday.

The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing the service in E minor of W. Stanley Vann (1910-2010), English composer, organist, choral conductor, and choir trainer, primarily in the Anglican cathedral tradition.

Stanley Vann was one of the most widely respected church musicians of his time, as well as one of the most prolific. His compositions include 117 anthems, motets, and carols; 13 Communion services; 17 settings of morning/evening canticles; 77 organ pieces; 11 songs; seven hymn tunes; eight instrumental pieces; 32 chants; and the Billingshurst Mass.

Although Vann was a competent organist, his real gift was in the sphere of choir training and conducting. For many years evensong in Peterbor-



ough Cathedral — usually in the presence of tiny congregations — was close to the perfection for which he always strived. John Betjeman described the choir as “matchless.”

The singing of psalms there — quietly, rhythmically, and with clear enunciation of the words — was renowned throughout the country. And the devotional aspect was never neglected. Before a broadcast evensong Vann would tell the choir: “Now remember, this is not a performance. We are singing to God.”

The responses are by Bernard Rose, and the anthem is Cooman’s “King of glory, King of peace.”

An organ prelude, at 4:45 p.m., will feature the music of René

Louis Becker.

Dwight Thomas is director and organist. A free-will offering is taken, and a reception follows.

*Material from Wikipedia and from the British newspaper the Telegraph was used in this report.*

Come, ye thankful people, come ... and celebrate Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 22. The church will be beautifully decorated with harvest bounty and we'll sing the familiar Thanksgiving hymns as we give thanks for all God's blessings in our lives.

Other than the Thanksgiving Day service, the Cathedral and offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23.



## Thank you, Justin

Justin Walker, who served as our youth minister, ended his time with us on October 7. Justin is pursuing an opportunity with Sail Future, an innovative child-welfare and juvenile-justice program for teens that incorporates sailing as a way to learn life skills.

“We will miss Justin,” Dean Morris said. “He has done a great job with our youth program. We trust God will continue to bless his journey as he serves young people and seeks to help them.”

## Children 4 to 12, Come Sing in the Pageant Choir

Do you like Christmas carols? Do you like to have fun? Are you 4 to 12 years old? Then the Pageant Choir is for you! This new group will meet for the first time at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, November 11, in the Children’s Chapel. We’ll have snacks and play time, and then the group will move to the choir room from 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for some fun music warmups, music learning, and singing.

The group will meet every Sunday until the pageant on December 16, when they will perform a song during the pageant.

Parents or responsible adults should speak to Maggie Coleman on Sunday or e-mail her at [mcoleman@spcathedral.com](mailto:mcoleman@spcathedral.com) to sign up for this fun new music opportunity.



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We continue to collect those 2019 charity calendars that are filling your mailbox these days. Bring them to the front desk and we’ll distribute them to our friends at Peterborough, who appreciate this annual donation from the Cathedral.

## The Spirit World

How do spirits move and spark and inhabit the world around us? What control might they have on our bodies? Why do some places and people seem to be affected more than others? And what does all of this have to do with notions of good and evil?

These are some of the questions we will explore during formation hour (9-10 a.m.) the four Sundays of Advent (De-

ember 2, 9, 16, 23). The Rev. Brandon Peete will guide this fascinating journey of the Spirit World, taking a glimpse at how different cultures and religions, including our own tradition, understand these extraordinary forces.

No reading or preparation required — just come with curiosity and a sense of wonder!



### It made a fun Halloween, Charlie Brown

The 20s-40s group and families got together to carve pumpkins. Nice work!  
Photo by HILLARY PEETE



Foyer Groups will meet at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, November 15, for conversation, a good meal, and a chance to get to know each other. If you haven't signed up yet for a foyer group, please fill in a form on the table in Harvard Hall. Marion Fleming ([mimideeda@gmail.com](mailto:mimideeda@gmail.com)) is eager to welcome you and answer your questions. Foyer Groups meet on the third Thursday of the month for a shared meal and fellowship. It's a great way to meet others and get to know your way around the Cathedral.



# November Transitions

## Birthdays

1	Ted Larsen	11	Jeanne Tucker
1	Ellen Morris	11	Justin Grimshaw
2	Cathy Rentschler	12	Penny Robbins
2	Blanton Garnett	13	Tim Smithhart
2	Greg Glenn	13	Suzanne Haines
2	Anjali O'Kelley	14	Mike Myers
4	Emily Williams	14	Sarah Parker
5	Adelia Samaha	14	Noah Ferrell
6	Mary Matthews	16	David Ponte
7	Andy Munkittrick	16	Kassidy Gums
7	Cammeron Townsend	17	Ellen Hyland
8	Ida Brophy	17	Phoebe Hind
9	Phyllis Waters	18	Carter Curtis
9	Reece Townsend	19	Bob Summer

19	Jane Lane
19	Richard Gibson
19	Patrick Beavers
19	Kristen Herman
21	Myra Witko
21	Joe Benoit
21	Alexandra Blacker-Kunis
22	Beatrix Peete
24	Bill Peet
24	Susan Oates
24	Connor Gordon
25	Tallulah Taylor
25	Cynthia Sinclair
26	Mike Adams
26	Owen Breen
26	Sidney Carpenter
26	Clayton Roen
27	Caitlin Garnett
27	Heather Hollingsworth
28	Karen Carroll
28	Susan Churuti
29	Jillian Reed

29	Steve Hawk	29	Cassie Ramsey
29	Haviland Kebler	30	Evelyn Finklea

## Anniversaries

13	Richard & Cathy Rome	23	Fred & Susan Stansbery
15	Maureen & Gregory Depp	25	Joe & Nancy Lane
15	Jack & Susan Regan		
16	Jerry & Rosalie Lawson		
17	Bill & Sally Kebler		
20	Jeff & Beth Kirkwood		

## Deaths

Judith Martin LeVan  
Michael Marsh



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# St. Peter's: A Guide

# At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

## Our Worship Schedule

### Sunday

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

10 a.m.: Children's Chapel and Middlers' Chapel

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

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

### Saturday

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

### Monday through Friday

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

**If you have a pastoral emergency after hours,  
please call Canon Katie Churchwell  
on her cell phone, (727) 771-5552.**

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