



# CROSSTOWN

December 2021

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

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Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

## Our Live Nativity Invites Creatures Great and Small — Animals and the Cathedral Family — for Holiday Merriment

Get ready for the Cathedral's first Live Nativity! Join us to pet the camel, donkey, sheep, goats, and a mini-cow.

This event will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, December 19, in the spacious backyard at the home of Dwight Thomas and Bruce Rice, 1770 52nd Ave. N, St. Petersburg.

We'll have a host of activities — making luminarias and stuffing goodie bags for the residents of Peterborough Apartments. There will be music. Of course there will be good things to eat and drink. And we'll close the event with a candlelight carol sing.

Our Associate for Christian Formation, Michelle Thomas, and her dad are building a stable.

We'll have a variety of costumes for all ages so you can dress up and re-create the nativity scene for photographs. We'll have some classic nativity images on hand that you can try to replicate.

The animals will be in a separate pen for feeding and petting, because of Florida law. There will be no live animals in the stable.

Dwight and Bruce's home is known as the Circus House because it was once owned by someone affiliated with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Live circus animals once lived in the house!

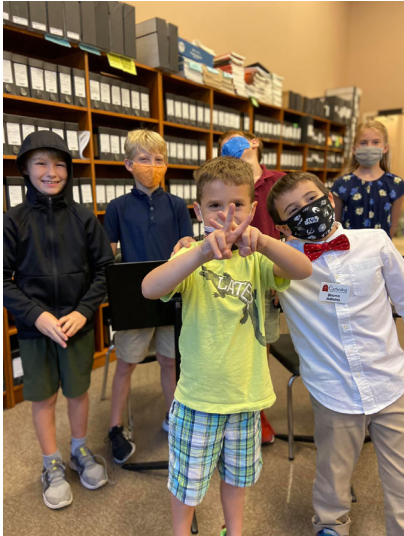
Volunteers are needed to make this event a great success. Visit [spcathedral.org/live-nativity](https://spcathedral.org/live-nativity) for more information and to volunteer.



## Don't Miss the Pageant on December 12

Our children and youth — and a couple of adults — will present our annual Christmas Pageant at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 12.

The pageant choir has been rehearsing every Sunday after church. We'll have angels, shepherds, magi, the Holy Family, and lots of animals. Come hear the Christmas story in a new way!



*After pageant choir rehearsal: front, Samuel Saut and Bruno Adams; back, Felix Peete, Jack Knippen, Aksel Erickson, Katherine Knippen. Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

## End-of-Year Reminders on Pledges, Online Accounts

We urge you to complete the payment on your 2021 pledge by the end of the year. If you want to check on the balance due, please contact Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan (727-864-6259 or [rmccolgan@me.com](mailto:rmccolgan@me.com)) or Administrator Michelle Thomas (727-822-4173 or [mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)).

If you give online via the Realm app, you can check your balance yourself. Log into your Realm account and select Giving.

Checks should be received at the Cathedral by December 20 to be considered tax-deductible for 2021. If you are paying online you have until December 31.

If you pay via automatic deduction from your checking account or credit card, please remember to update these accounts before the end of the year. Many of these accounts automatically expire on December 31 and you must reset them with a new expiration date, i.e., December 31, 2022.

To do so, just log into your Realm account, select Giving (left side bar) and then +Give where you can create a new account. Or you can edit/change your gift by clicking on the three dots ... and select Edit.

If you would like assistance in editing or setting up a new online giving account, Ray and Michelle are ready to help you.

Thanks so much for using the online giving function. It makes our job much easier.

And a final reminder that it's never too late to pledge! If you haven't yet made a faith-filled financial commitment to the Cathedral for 2022, we encourage you to do so. You can visit [spcathedral.org/give-perfect](https://spcathedral.org/give-perfect), or you can pick up a pledge card at the front desk, or call us (727-822-4173) and we'll be glad to put one in the mail.

## Service of the Longest Night Offers Peace and Light in a Dark Time

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, we will offer our second annual Longest Night Service, both live in the Cathedral and online. This is a service of prayer and mindfulness for those dealing with loss of all kinds. Canon Ethan Cole will be the officiant.

We traditionally think of the holiday season as a time of joy and abundance, but for some the pressure to celebrate can be overwhelming. Life situations and loss can heighten feelings of worry and grief. In this second year of the pandemic we are all grieving loss of one kind or another and carrying burdens of anxiety and fear. This is a service of light in the midst of darkness.

The service is scheduled for the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year.



John Barr

We recognize that there is darkness in all our lives. Through music, silent meditation, scripture, and healing prayer, we reach out to acknowledge sadness with comfort and quiet remembrance, to reflect on the losses we have experienced and to remember together

the real reason for the season: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. God is with us.

Our guest musician will be classical guitarist John Barr, and choir member David Smith will sing.

Whether you are having a difficult time this holiday season or just want a moment of quiet, please come. If you know someone who is sad, struggling, or alone, please invite them to attend. Everyone is welcome.



*Elise Chandler and Katherine Knippen enjoy some quality time with one of the chickens at Benison Farm. This community garden, a joint project of St. Thomas and St. Augustine's Episcopal churches, offers community-building and a source of fresh produce in a food desert. Our next Benison Farm work day is January 22. Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

## All Things Advent

Please visit [spcathedral.org/advent](http://spcathedral.org/advent) for details on all our Advent activities: our meditation group, our Wednesday night class on Isaiah, our live Nativity and Longest Night service, playlists of Advent-inspired music, and more.



# Advent and Christmas At the Cathedral

*Here are the major worship services and activities at the Cathedral as we move into the holiday season. Find details about many of these events elsewhere in this newsletter or at our website, [spcathedral.org](http://spcathedral.org).*

**Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 6 p.m.:** “Advent with Isaiah,” pot-luck supper and class on Advent themes led by Canon Ethan Cole. Story, [Page 8](#).

**Sunday, December 12, 10:15 a.m.:** Christmas pageant. Details, [page 3](#).

**Sunday, December 19, 4 to 6 p.m.:** Live Nativity at the home of Dwight Thomas and Bruce Rice, 1770 52nd Ave. N. Details, [page 2](#).

**Tuesday, December 21, 7 p.m.:** Longest Night service. Music, prayer, and mindfulness for all who suffer any kind of loss in this season. Details, [Page 4](#).

**Friday, December 24, 5 p.m.:** Christmas Eve Service with organ and choir.

**Friday, December 24, 10 p.m.:** Musical prelude with organ and choir.

**Friday, December 24, 10:30 p.m.:** Christmas Eve service with organ and choir.

**Saturday, December 25, 10 a.m.:** Christmas Day service with organ and congregational singing.

**Sunday, December 26, 10 a.m.:** One service.

**Monday, December 27, through Saturday, January 1:** Cathedral closed. No services, no activities.

**Sunday, January 2, 10 a.m.:** One service

**Monday, January 3:** We return to normal office hours.



# Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord



## Christmas Flower and Music Memorials

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers and/or music, go to [spcathedral.org/christmas-memorials](https://spcathedral.org/christmas-memorials) to fill out the form and make your donation. Your gift supports the Flower Guild's special arrangements and decorations for the season as well as outstanding music in our worship services. Deadline is Friday, December 17.

## Meditation Group Will Focus on the Words of Advent

You're invited to join a worldwide community this Advent, sharing daily prayers via a global, online Advent calendar called #AdventWord.

#AdventWord provides a daily meditation and visual image focused on a word drawn from the scripture readings for that day. It invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey. Thousands have participated each year, responding to the words with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and Holy Spirit-filled posts.

Learn more at [adventword.org](https://adventword.org), and view the complete list of AdventWords here:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/2021-adventword-prompt-words-announced/>

We'll participate in #AdventWord via a weekly discussion and silent meditation group. Karen Payne-Taylor will lead a silent meditation to begin each discussion, reflect-

ing on the words of the week. You are invited to share what those words prompted for you, or a piece of art or music that you were drawn to based on that week's words. This will be a discussion about inspiration, reflection, and self-expression. We hope this will be an opportunity to get to know one another better.

The #AdventWord group will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15. You are welcome to attend the 12:05 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist and healing and bring a lunch to eat in Harvard Hall before the group begins.

To follow along with daily meditations, a devotional, Promise & Praise, is available to purchase here: [forwardmovement.org/Products/2630/promise-praise.aspx](https://forwardmovement.org/Products/2630/promise-praise.aspx)

Questions? Please contact Fay Mackey ([mfaymn@hotmail.com](mailto:mfaymn@hotmail.com)). Please register (e-mail [hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) so we can set aside enough socially-distanced meeting space. Learn more at [spcathedral.org/advent](https://spcathedral.org/advent).

# Cathedral Will Close in January For Termite Fumigation

**Michelle Thomas, Cathedral Administrator**

The Cathedral will be closed January 6 through 10 while the worship space is fumigated for dry-wood termites.

All services and activities on the premises — including Sunday worship — will be canceled during that time.

You won't see the Cathedral draped in bright-colored circus-like canvas. The exterminators, Turner Pest Control, will use a procedure called "taped and sealed," which is safe and effective without a big tent.

All doors will be locked and chained and no one will be able to gain access during the fumigating. This includes the worship space, the Narthex, offices, Harvard Hall, the choir room, the nursery, the flower room, the youth room, and the Children's Chapel. It also includes the tenants on the second and third floors of the office building.

Cathedral staff and volunteers will be hard at work as soon as we reopen the first week of January after the Christmas break to clear out

and prepare the premises for fumigation. All consumable items (food, drinks, candy, first-aid medications, communion wafers, and more) will be removed.

Nursery cribs will be removed; all plants must go; gas and HVAC systems must be turned off; every door, cabinet, and drawer must be left open. There are many other requirements on the list prior to fumigation. After fumigation, everything must be put back, turned on, and cleaned up.

We'll have more details at the beginning of January. Watch for an announcement about an outdoor worship opportunity for Sunday, January 9 as well as a pre-recorded service for online viewing. Children's Chapel is cancelled. EYSeedlings and EYC will meet off-site for fun and fellowship. Chanted Compline for January 10 will be live-streamed only (and don't be alarmed — Thomas and Michelle pre-recorded it in the Cathedral!).



Please note our  
new office hours:  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday through  
Thursday.

## 'Advent with Isaiah' Potluck Supper and Discussion

On each of the four Wednesdays in Advent — December 1, 8, 15, and 22 — Canon Ethan Cole will lead a conversation based on readings from the prophet Isaiah that speak to an Advent theme. The themes are drawn from the Collect for each week from the Book of Common Prayer (Pages 211-212).

The gathering will start with a potluck supper in Harvard Hall from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The Cathedral will provide one entrée, such as soup and bread or a casserole. Participants will be invited to sign up to bring additional food — sides, salads, or dessert. (All are welcome whether you can bring a dish or not.) The discussion will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to come for the discussion only if that suits your schedule better.

Bring your Bible too. Extra Bibles will be available. Register with Canon Cole at [ecole@spcathedral.com](mailto:ecole@spcathedral.com).

Here are the themes and readings for each week:

**December 1:** "Cast away the works of darkness" — Isaiah 5:1-30, 27:1-13

**December 8:** "Called to repentance" — Isaiah 6:11-13, 30:1-33

**December 15:** "Bountiful grace and mercy" — Isaiah 55:1-56:8

**December 22:** "Christ with us daily" — Isaiah 61:1-11, Luke 4:14-21



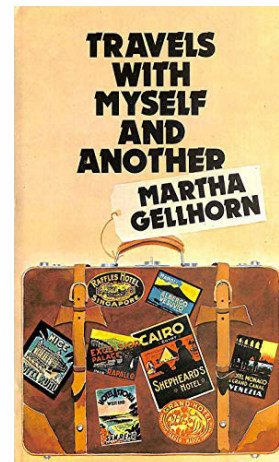
## Book Club Will Follow Adventures of War Correspondent

The St. Peter's Book Club will enjoy some post-Christmas reading enjoyment when they meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, to discuss Martha Gellhorn's *Travels with Myself and Another*.

Fearless journalist Gellhorn (once married to Ernest Hemingway, the "another" of the title) covered every military conflict from the Spanish Civil War to Vietnam and Nicaragua.

She was the only woman to land at Normandy on D-Day. She was among the first journalists to report from Dachau concentration camp after it was liberated by U.S. troops in 1945. She is regarded as one of the great war correspondents of the 20th Century.

E-mail Roberta Poellein ([rp1ln37@gmail.com](mailto:rp1ln37@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. No need to have read the book; our lively discussion may prompt you to do so!





# Meet Our New Sexton: Project Manager, Runner, History Buff

Please welcome our new sexton, Jason Ray, who joined us in late October. We'll let him introduce himself:

## **Q. Tell us about yourself — where you're from, your previous career.**

A. I'm originally from Memphis, TN. I have an MBA in Public Administration and a strong background in project management within the banking, IT, and construction industries. For the past few years, I've freelanced as a project manager for several general contractors and residential home builders.

## **Q. When you're not on the job, what do you like to do? Where are we likely to see you around town?**

A. I enjoy bartending at a local craft brewery on the weekends, running around Jorgensen Lake Park daily, and spending time with family and friends whenever possible.

## **Q. What appeals to you about working at St. Peter's?**

A. Working with passionate people whose common goals seems to be the spiritual health of their community and being good stewards of the upkeep of the cathedral is very appealing.

## **Q. What's the most amazing thing you've discovered about the Cathedral in your first few weeks here?**

A. No matter how many times I've looked at the stained-glass windows, I always notice something new about them.

## **Q. How can we contact you?**

A. My Cathedral e-mail address is [jray@spcathedral.com](mailto:jray@spcathedral.com). Contact me if you:

- \* Have a maintenance-related issue
- \* Want to talk about anything related to World History
- \* Need good recommendations for running shoes.



*Our new sexton, Jason Ray.  
Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

## New Health Ministry Will Focus On Care of Body, Mind, and Spirit

Please let me introduce myself: I am your fellow parishioner, Rita Sewell, and I'm about to take on a new role as a Faith Community Nurse.

As a registered nurse with a B.S. degree in nursing, I am working with a joint program with BayCare and St. Anthony's Hospital. Our goal is to promote health and wholeness by addressing emotional, physical, and spiritual needs within the congregation.

I'll start by offering blood-pressure clinics the first Sunday of each month beginning December 5. On January 23 I'll offer a presentation at the 9 a.m. formation hour about what health ministry looks like.

My specific roles include advocate, volunteer coordinator, support group developer, health counselor, health educator, resource liaison, and integra-

tor of spirituality and health.

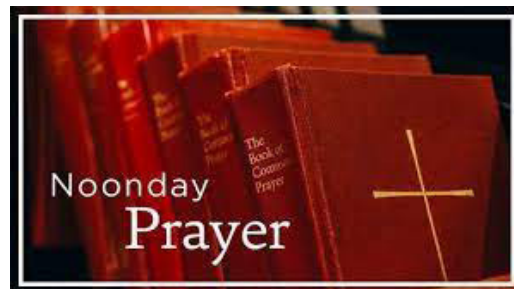
I've served in other congregations as a Faith Community Nurse for 11 years. I am a graduate of the University of Florida College of Nursing. In 2011

I completed training as a nurse advocate through the University of Arizona.

Faith Community Nursing (FCN) is a recognized specialty by the American Nurses Association. Faith community nurses are pastoral, spiritually mature, licensed registered nurses. Focusing on the intentional care of

the community members' faith and definition of living well with the science of medicine to enhance quality of life.

I look forward to seeking your wisdom and serving you as Canon Ethan Cole and I restart a health ministry at the Cathedral.



### Listen to Sung Noonday Prayer

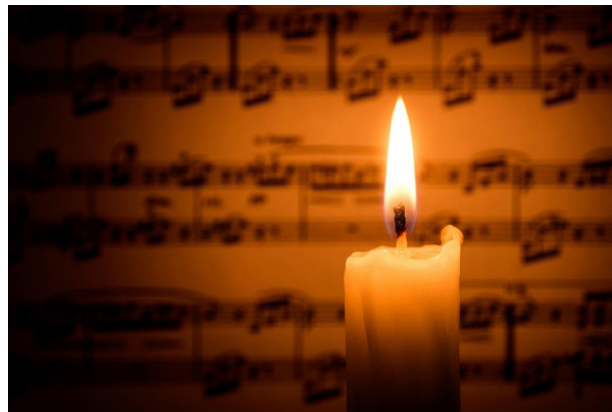
As Advent begins, we once again offer sung noonday prayer via podcast. The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and Administrator Michelle Thomas will sing the Order of Service for Noonday (Page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer) Monday through Saturday for the foreseeable future.

The podcasts will be posted each day at 9 a.m. on the podcast platforms Spotify and Apple Podcast or at [spcathedral.org/advent](http://spcathedral.org/advent). The service lasts between eight and nine minutes, with the sung service lasting six minutes and a spoken meditation two or three minutes.

This is a simple way to take a few minutes out of your day for prayer and worship. It may be just the noontime boost you need.

## New Art

Eric Peterson has added a new piece of art to our collection in Harvard Hall. Stop by and take a close look at “Wind and Fire Forest,” acrylic on canvas by Michael Pranzatelli (American, d. 2018).



## Begin and End the Week with Peaceful Compline

End one week with peace and begin another the same way when you attend our service of chanted Compline at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 12. You can attend in person or watch via livestream.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and Administrator Michelle Williams present this brief service (see Page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer) that ends the day with confession, psalms, prayers, and the concluding antiphon: “Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.”

# A Trip to Rome Leads Dean Morris to a Role In Promoting Anglican-Roman Catholic Unity



It was the fall of 2018 when Dean Stephen Morris and his wife, Christina, were invited on a pilgrimage sponsored by the Anglican Centre in Rome: Come to Italy, visit the Centre, learn what we're all about and the role we play in promoting unity between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches.

When Pope Francis made his regular appearance on the steps of the Vatican to greet the faithful, the Morrises and the rest of their pilgrimage party were seated in the front row. With expert guides they toured churches and

historic sites off the beaten path that tourists never see. There were lectures and conversations and meals where friendships were kindled. "It was transformational for both of us," the dean recalled. "It really stretched me."

Now Dean Morris is vice chair of the American Friends of the Anglican Centre, in line to become the chair next year and to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop to a seat on the Centre's board of governors.

The Centre was founded in 1966, at a time "when ecumenism was all the rage," Dean Morris said. Its threefold mission

is hospitality, education, and diplomacy, developing a new relationship of friendship and deeper understanding between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church.

The executive director of the Centre is Archbishop Ian Ernest, formerly Bishop of Mauritius and Primate of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean. He is the Archbishop of Canterbury's personal liaison to the Vatican.

At the Centre's founding, in one powerful gesture, Pope Paul VI placed his Episcopal ring on the finger of then-Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey. The ring is one of the two most significant symbols of the episcopate (the other is the crozier, or shepherd's crook, symbolizing the bishop's role as pastor of the flock). At the Centre's 50th anniversary Evensong in 2016, Pope



*Dean Morris stands at a well in the house where St. Paul was imprisoned in Rome.*

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## Anglican Centre in Rome

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Francis gave Archbishop Justin Welby his crozier.

The work of the Centre is more than symbolic. Roman Catholics and Anglicans have joined to fight slavery and human trafficking and to promote relief for immigrants and asylum seekers. Another result: It is now permissible for Anglican/Episcopal and Roman Catholic clergy to co-preside at the wedding of an Anglican/Episcopalian and a Roman Catholic.

In addition, the Centre has long provided pilgrimage tours like the one the Morrises took, classes and webinars, sabbatical support, and worship and social opportunities for visitors.

What the Centre does not have is a sustainable basis of support, hence the founding of “Friends of the Anglican Center” groups in this country and in Europe. “Our goal is to raise 200,000 Euros (about \$232,000)

to provide financial stability,” the dean said. If you would like to help make that hope a reality, please speak to Dean Morris. Learn more at the Centre’s website, [anglicancentreinrome.org](http://anglicancentreinrome.org).

“It is my hope and prayer that reaching the sustainability goal, financially, will enable the pilgrimages to resume and the full life of the Centre to fully bloom once again,” Dean Morris said. “The Centre is a very special place in the Eternal City.”



*The Morrises at the Coliseum. Photos courtesy of Dean Morris.*



## Canon Norman Will Lead Quiet Day February 5

We will hold our annual Quiet Day — a day of prayer, meditation, and reflection — on Saturday, February 5. Our presenter will be the Rev. Canon Richard Norman, canon to the ordinary in our diocese and a member of our congregation.

Canon Norman and his wife, Adrienne McKee, are the parents of two teenagers, Hudson and Olivia, who have been active in our youth group and as acolytes.

We’ll have details about times and themes early in the new year. For now, mark your 2022 calendar and plan to be here for a day of peace and quiet.



# Bishop Search Committee Is Interviewing Candidates

## The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams

As a member of the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee, I have the enjoyable task of providing an update on the search process.

The final deadline for applications was

October 5. The files were first reviewed in a redacted form so that the committee could review the candidates' answers "without regard to gender, race, familial and/or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or any other identifying characteristic"

(that's language from the search website, which you can find at [bishopsearchswfl.org](http://bishopsearchswfl.org)). Only after rating their essays did we learn

the candidates' names, current calls, and so forth.

We are now in the process of interviewing candidates, and although the committee's deliberations are strictly confidential,

I can say that we are firmly on schedule. Interviews will continue through January 2022, and then the committee will submit a list of finalists to the Standing Committee.

In the spring of 2022 the finalists will come to the diocese for

"walkabouts," which are opportunities for delegates (and others) to get acquainted with the finalists. The election will be held

at the Cathedral on April 2, 2022; pending the canonically required approvals, the new bishop will be consecrated on September 24, 2022.

We are electing a bishop coadjutor, who has the right of succession. He or she will serve alongside Bishop Smith for some period of time, and will become the diocesan bishop automatically when Bishop Smith retires. Bishop Smith has not set a retirement date, saying that the timing of his retirement will depend on his health and stamina as well as the diocesan budget.

Please keep the search committee, the candidates, and the electors in your prayers:

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, 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.*



*Bishop Coadjutor Search*  
Diocese of Southwest Florida

## Party and Pageant: Christmas Fun For Our Children and Youth

### EYC White Elephant Christmas Party 4-7 p.m. Sunday, December 5

The competition is real! All 6th-through 12th-graders are invited to join



*Dean Morris baptizes Bruno Adams on All Saints' Sunday, November 7. Also baptized that day: Aiden Miller; confirmed/received, Keeley Lawner and Terry Llewellyn; received, Johnny Van Heest and Mike Schillace; and reaffirmed, Richard Jordan. Bishop Barry Howe presided. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.*

us for the annual White Elephant gift exchange, hosted by Sophia Preston and family. Bring a wrapped gift. We will have dinner, play games, and spend some time on the beach. Email Michelle Thomas ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)) to RSVP and for the address.

### Cathedral Children's Choir + Christmas Pageant 10:15 a.m. Sunday, December 12

The children have been working hard on learning a variety of songs and percussion instruments for this year's pageant. Join us Sunday, December 12, during the 10:15 a.m. service. Our youth will lead as narrators and there are some new faces as the angel Gabriel, the magi, and, of course, the camel!

Pageant rehearsal on Sunday, December 5 at 11:45 a.m., and required dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 11, at 10 a.m.

## Never Too Early To Say Thanks

EYC members and their families gathered for a Friendsgiving meal in early November, complete with homemade spice cake and apple and pumpkin pie.

"Thank you for scheduling this wonderful gathering," one adult attendee wrote on our Facebook page. "It was lovely, and thank you to all that shared their tasty dishes."



## Party at Campbell Park: Can You Bake Some Cookies?

We will host a Christmas party for the Campbell Park Elementary teachers and staff on Friday, December 10, with the assistance of a grant from Thrivent Financial Services. If you would like to donate cookies for the party, either homemade or store-bought, please bring them to the Cathedral on Thursday, December 9. We'll set up at Campbell Park on Friday, December 10, at about 9:30 a.m. and clean up at 2 p.m.

Here's another opportunity: Volunteers are needed for an hour or two between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays at Campbell Park Elementary to help families who come into the Resource Room for food, clothing, or school supplies.

If you would like to volunteer for either of these opportunities, please contact Susan Darrow ([sdarrow99@me.com](mailto:sdarrow99@me.com)).



## Outreach Year-End Summary: How We Spent Our Time, Talent, and Treasure

### Penny Roen

The Outreach Committee is ending 2021 as we began it by considering how we can be good stewards of the treasure, time, and talent with which you, the congregation, have entrusted us to further the Kingdom of God.

The Cathedral has given us this mission:

*Because we are compelled by Christ to be the healing presence of God's love in the world, we work to transform the lives of the vulnerable through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives.*

In terms of treasure, we have been allocated about \$32,000, which we distribute to partner nonprofit agencies, and have been blessed with a congregation that very generously supplies food, personal-hygiene items, diapers (for adults and children), school supplies, and so forth, through monthly collections.

The nonprofit agencies the Cathedral supported financially in 2021 include Campbell Park Elementary School, Florida Resurrection House, Peterborough Apartments, Daystar, St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Babycycle, Diapers for Dignity of the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas Inc., Guardian ad Litem, and Ready for Life for children aging out of foster care.

In terms of time and talent, we have been limited in the past almost two years in scheduling volunteer activities because of Covid restrictions, but we hope to offer more in the next year.

# Messy Church Finds the Way Through Advent

Messy Church in November was all about orienting our hearts towards Jesus as we journey through Advent. We talked about how Jesus' birth was the catalyst for love in the world and experimented with baking-soda painted stars. We learned how to find the

North Star and build marshmallow constellations. And we made a compass with magnets, needles, and water and wondered about Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



*Charting the way: making constellations with marshmallows ... painting stars with baking soda ... creating a compass.*





## New Sacred Ground Circle Is Forming

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. It is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

A new Sacred Ground circle will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. starting January 20, a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Snell Isle. Additional meeting dates are February 3 and 17, March 3 and 17, April 14 and 28, and May 5 and 19.

To register, or for more information, please contact Bill Barns ([williambarns@cox.net](mailto:williambarns@cox.net)) at (757) 646-5146 or Misty Landers ([mistylanders@gmail.com](mailto:mistylanders@gmail.com)) at (479) 445-8052. Visit [spcathedral.org/beloved-community](http://spcathedral.org/beloved-community) for more information about Sacred Ground.

## Please Update Your Phone Number and Address

The senior and junior wardens and the stewardship chair have been making phone calls to close out our "faith-filled generosity" pledge drive, and we've come across a number of wrong numbers and "no longer in service" numbers. When we did

the stewardship mailing in October we discovered some outdated addresses. It's time for an update!

If you've changed your phone number ... or if you've given up your land line and are using only your cell phone ... or if you've moved ... please take a moment to update your records. Call Administrator Michelle Thomas at (727) 822-4173 so we can make the necessary changes. Thank you.

## Chapter Elections, Annual Meeting Coming in January

Mark your calendar with these important dates in January:

**Sunday, January 16:** Meet the candidates for Chapter during coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service. The Chapter is the 12-member lay board of directors of the Cathedral. We'll announce the names of candidates for four vacancies in mid-December. Bios and photos will be available in early January. At Meet the Candidates those seeking election will introduce themselves and respond to questions.

**Sunday, January 30:** Annual Meeting at coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service. We'll hear a "state of the Cathedral" report from Dean Morris and other leaders and a brief budget presentation, and elect four new Chapter members.



Yes! We're **COLLECTING CALENDARS** again this year for our neighbors at the Peterborough Apartments. Bring in all those charity calendars you get in the mail and leave them at the front desk. The deadline: December 15.



# December Transitions

## Birthdays

2	Deborah Abraham	9	Seth Hunnicutt
3	Cary Gums	9	Terry Llewellyn
3	Theresa Holly	11	Rick Neefe
3	John Di Pietro	11	Judy Sallows
3	Chas Wain-Nye	12	Maggie Moore
4	Carmen Moore	13	John McCoy
5	Tom Southard	13	Claudia Botero
5	Lee Salviski	14	Catherine Cole
5	Nancy Lurker	15	Aksel Erickson
6	Meg Banitch	16	Luke Goodwill
6	David Schenck	16	Tim Snyder
7	Dabney Smith	16	Phillip Ketchum
7	John Palen	17	Don Fritz
8	Ron Gallucci	17	Ellen Methvin
8	Blake Bardell	18	David Andrews
9	Alice Putman		

## Anniversaries

17	Camilo & Amanda Cotrino	27	Maggie & Haig Mardirosian
23	Deborah & Bob Abraham	29	Bill & Elaine Clark
27	Bill & Kally Harvard	29	David & Nancy Kramer
		30	Ralph & Kathy Hancock
		30	Tom & Donna Southard

20	Christy Dunn
20	Lydia Behnke
21	Dick Risk
21	Louise Bennett
21	Mark Ferreira
23	Gail McCoy
23	Jean Curtis
23	Campbell Foster
23	Melissa Klima
24	Carole Cowan
24	Michelle Thomas
25	Wil Laroche
26	Anne Charles Donaldson
27	Tony Gecan
27	Vivian Crona
28	Sarah Gecan
30	Nancy Thomas
30	Connor Crosby
30	Cathy Kleckner
30	Noelle Moore
31	Barbara Abbott
31	Hillary Peete



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### Our Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon

Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II and sermon

Wednesday, 12:05 p.m., Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday, 7 p.m., Chanted Compline  
(September through April)

Fourth Sunday, 5 p.m., Choral Evensong  
(September through April; no Evensong in December)

Masks are encouraged at all worship services and indoor gatherings but are not mandatory.

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](https://www.spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream), where the order of service can be downloaded.

**If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (727) 822-4173 ext. 1 to speak to a member of the clergy.**

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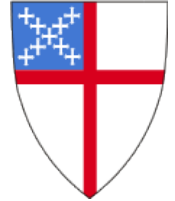
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