

CROSSTOWN

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Our EYSeedlings (third through fifth grades) splish-splashed through a fun pool party on June 6. See <u>Page 16</u> for more. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Compassion Camp Will Teach Kids How to Change the World for the Better

As we look around the world, our deep need for compassion becomes more evident with each passing day, perhaps now more than ever. The goal of this summer's

Compassion Camp is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world.

We will learn about compassion and empathy in the story of Miriam. Kids will hear the story of Elijah in the wilderness and God's compassion. We will reflect on the Parable of the Samaritan and what it means to become a neighbor. Through the mystery of Pentecost, kids will

explore how we can have compassion for people and places we do not yet know. All of these stories will come together to help us find ourselves within an ancient stream

of people who have chosen compassion.

There are lots of volunteer opportunities for youth and adults: kitchen crew, setup and cleanup, small-group leader, station leader, and more! Contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) or visit spcathedral.org/compassion to sign up.

Compassion Camp

Thursday-Saturday, August 5-7

Thursday and Friday, 5:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ages 4 through 5th grade

Nursery care available for younger siblings

\$35/child, \$60/family max

spcathedral.org/compassion





Holy Hootenanny Next Month!

On Sunday, August 22, we will celebrate the kickoff of the fall program year with lunch and time for fellowship after the 10:15 a.m. service. We'll provide the fried chicken. You are invited to bring desserts and sides.

This will be our first big "eating event" since March 2020, the big hospitality event we've all looked forward to for so long. We look forward not only to great food but also to a wonderful time of being together.

We'll have details next month, but for now, mark your calendars!

Coffee Hour Returns: Now We're Really Back!

Our first coffee hour since March 2020 was a festive occasion on June 13. The donuts were delicious; the coffee was hot;

and there was great joy at socializing together for the first time in a long time. Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Mary Jane Schenck and Susan Kleine



Laurence Roberts and Scott Strader



Come Shop Our Yard Sale on July 11

We've spent some time recently cleaning out and reorganizing storage rooms around our campus. Now we're ready for a yard sale!

We have a couple of filing cabinets; some tables and chairs; a big box of various compact-fluorescent lightbulbs; books and decorative items; and some other odds and ends, both useful and ornamental. We'll put these up for sale during coffee hour on Sunday, July 11. Please, no early birds.

The rules: You are buying these items (as we say in the business) "where is, as is." Removing them from the premises promptly is your responsibility. We don't deliver. We're happy to lend you our dolly to wheel items to your car.



Cathedral Administrator Is Standing By to Help You!

What can your Cathedral administrator do for you?

Take advantage of our slightlyslowed-down summer and set up a meeting with Michelle Thomas, our Cathedral administrator! She can help you make sure that:

- * Your contact information is current
- * Your pledge and online giving information is set up correctly
- * Your membership is successfully transferred from your previous church



- * You are set up with a Realm account and know how to use it
- * Your funeral plans are on file with us

Call the office at (727) 822-4173 or email Michelle directly at mthomas@spcathedral.com.

Step Out on a Summer Night and Support Black Youth (and Have Some Fun!)

The Not My Son rallies move to the Cathedral on July 16, when everyone is invited to support Black youth and anti-crime awareness.

Not My Son is a grassroots community outreach and intervention effort to assist African-American male youth and young adults, ages 12 to 24, in St. Petersburg.

On Friday nights during the summer, organizers gather at churches all around the city to wave signs, walk the neighborhoods, hand out flyers, and invite homeowners to place signs on their lawns. Parents and youth are encouraged to sign pledge cards promising to help young people be safe and stay out of trouble during the summer. This will be the second summer the Cathedral has participated.

"The Cathedral's participation in and support of the wider community's Not My Son initiatives show our belief that as Christians we have care and concern for the life of the city. We are part of this city and its peace is our concern — not just because many of us live here, but as Christians we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves," said Canon Ethan Cole, who participated in the opening rally June 11.

"Jeremiah told the Israelites who were living abroad to 'seek the welfare of the city,' and that is what we do wherever we find ourselves," he said. "It was an honor and a joy to work side by side with religious, police, and civic leaders, as well as with folks with a heart for service and community, in canvassing the neighborhood around Faith Missionary Baptist in South St. Pete, encouraging parents and children to pledge to have a safe and healthy summer. I look forward to the Cathedral hosting a similar event on July 16."

We'll meet at the Cathedral at 6 p.m. The program's chair, the Rev. Kenny Irby, pastor of Historic Bethel AME Church, will explain where we'll walk and what we'll do, and several St. Petersburg police officers will be with him to support the rally.

In addition to the rally, free Covid-19 shots will be offered in Williams Park; no appointments necessary. Heavy's Food Truck will offer free food. The evening ends at 7:30 p.m.



Canon Cole chats with Officer Jackasal as volunteers walked the streets in the Fruitland Heights neighborhood, west of 16th Street and south of 18th Avenue S. Photo by JUDY STARK

A Cathedral Treasure: The Time and Talent of Our Summer Choir

Kerry Carlisle, Stewardship Committee

Emerging from the pandemic, we are filled with a sense of anticipation as restrictions are relaxed and some of our in-person worship practices have restarted.

We particularly welcome the joyful



sound of the Cathedral Summer Choir, which will sing through August 29. All are welcome to sing in this choir (you must be fully vaccinated); there are no weeknight rehearsals, just a short rehearsal each Sun-

day at 9 a.m. led by Music Director Dwight Thomas.

Fifteen to 20 singers have turned out on each of the first three Sundays, Dwight reported. "I'm astounded at how strong the participation has been and so grateful to those who have joined us," he said.

Fred Lane, Andi Gorton, Marilyn Bonifer, John Di Pietro, Cathy Kleckner, and Liz Anderson gather around Dwight at the organ. Sydney Smith has been singing for over 30 years — she started in her elementary-school choir — and began singing with the Summer Choir in 2012. She said she jumped at the chance to sing again this summer because "singing along with the televised service from my computer just doesn't have the same feeling as physically singing in person in church. To be singing at the Cathedral again is exciting and emotional. The choir at the Cathedral has been my family for the past 8½ years and I've missed them terribly."

Michelle Thomas, our administrator and associate for Christian formation, has been singing with the Summer Choir for three years. She joined because she missed singing daily as she did as an elementary-school music teacher for six years. "I'm especially

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excited to sing anthems during the Summer Choir this year," she said. "It is so wonderful to be singing at the Cathedral again!"

Similar sentiments were expressed by John Di Pietro, who has been singing under Dwight's direction since 2010. John has been performing professionally as a drummer since the age of 15, and is classically trained on piano and all percussion instruments. He has been singing for over 40 years.



John and his partner, Andi Gorton, who is in charge of cathedral publications, both sing with the Cathedral Choir and the Evensong Choir, "so we usually take a break in the summer months and join our congregation for worship," John said. "But this year is different, isn't it? We haven't been able to sing together since the global pandemic began. For us, it was a no-brainer to join in with Summer Choir 2021. We are simply thrilled to be back together with loved ones!"

I think we can all agree! We are grateful for the time and talent of our Summer Choir. They are a treasure!

Would you like to join the summer choir? Sing one Sunday or every Sunday through the end of August. Please contact Dwight Thomas: dthomas@spcathedral.com.

Photos by KERRY CARLISLE

Sing out! From left, the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, Katherine Knipple, Administrator Michelle Thomas, and Maggie Mardirosian.



Sunday morning rehearsal: Dwight Thomas directs Maggie Mardirosian, Sydney Smith, Ricky Marenda, and Karen Amundrud.

How Your Dollars Do God's Work in the World

The Outreach Committee continues to meet monthly via Zoom. Our work involves organizing volunteer opportunities and collecting and delivering items needed by the organizations the Cathedral supports. These include backpacks and school supplies for Campbell Park Elementary and food for the Free Clinic.

Another major part of our work is to direct the funds allocated by the Cathedral and its members to nonprofit organizations in the best way possible. In November and December of each year, we allocate the total amount we have been given for the following year to the various charities the Cathedral and its members support, reserving 5 to 10 percent to be used for special needs that arise during the year.

In June, we were alerted that the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas (AAAPP) urgently needed adult diapers and other supplies. We had already directed money to AAAPP for Diapers for Dignity and had collected adult incontinence supplies earlier this year, but as seniors in our community are in need right now, we voted to send a portion of the unallocated 2021 Outreach funds to AAAPP for additional support of Diapers for Dignity.

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

Members of the EYC went out for popsicles at Hyppo recently. They're doing fun stuff these days, like a hangout at The Pier, movie night, a cookout, and a lock-in. Happy summer!

Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS



Summer at the Beach

Families spent the afternoon of June 13 on Pass-a-Grille Beach, enjoying sunshine and surf. Why should the tourists have all the fun? Photos by HILLARY PEETE











Lillian Lopez

Sean Baker

Benjamin Lopez

Campbell Park School Supplies Collection Continues

Our collection of school supplies continues through the end of July. That means you'll be able to shop those back-to-school sales. We want to make sure the supply room at Campbell Park is well stocked to welcome the students back!

The suggested list of school supplies is:

Backpacks Rulers

#2 pencils Wide-lined notebook paper
Crayons Spiral-bound notebooks
Scissors Composition books
Glue sticks Pencil sharpeners

And for the teachers: dry-erase markers and erasers; electric pencil sharpeners.

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral when you come for worship or drop them off during weekday office hours. Please do not put supplies inside the backpacks, keep them separate.

We will deliver the supplies to the school on Tuesday, August 3, and set up their new,

larger resource room. Let's hope we can fill it up! Watch the Friday Cathedral Connection closer to that date for information about volunteering to assist.



Here's a sample of the school supplies we collected for Campbell Park last time. Photo by ELLEN ALEXANDER

Please call the office (727-822-4173) to LET US KNOW WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL AT HOME. Because of privacy laws, the only way we know you are ill is if you tell us. And please let us know when good health has been restored.

Visit our new intercessory prayer web page (spcathedral.org/prayer), where you can find guidance on how to pray; view a prayer list that is updated weekly; send in prayer requests; or request a pastoral visit.

SEASON began June 1 and runs through November 30. Per diocesan guidelines, when winds blow in excess of 40 mph, all activities and services are canceled. The building is secured and the staff leaves We do not provide hurricane shelter at the Cathedral. Please think now about where you will

go if you are told to

evacuate.

HURRICANE

Family Promise: Blessings Come When We Need Them Most

Karen Amundrud

This month I want to share a story about how blessed Family Promise has been as we work to reopen by mid-July.

Services to clients have been on hold since late 2018 while the board worked toward financial stability and leadership development. During that time the rollaway beds our clients use were stored in a trailer that is used to transport them from one host congregation to another.

Unfortunately, the trailer leaked and the beds got wet and were damaged to the point that they were useless. That required replacing 16 beds at a cost of \$4.000.

We had raised about half the money we needed . . . and then came a donation that covered the

rest of the cost. What a blessing! Now our client families will have a comfortable place to sleep at night while they work to find the hous-

ing, jobs, and services they need to become self-sufficient.

Family Promise of Pinellas is part of a national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents.

They are housed at participating churches. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support.

Our new executive director, Kerrie Fine, is happy to speak with anyone about Family Promise; reach her at (727) 201-9571. Or visit our web-

site at <u>fppinellas.org</u>, or speak to me, Karen Amundrud (<u>amundrudk@yahoo.com</u>).

Her Majesty the Detective Solves the Crime

St. Peter's Book Club meets in person at 6:30 p.m. July 27 in Harvard Hall to discuss *Windsor Knot: A Novel*. Nina Berkheiser is the presenter.

This is the first in a crime series in which Queen Elizabeth II secretly plays detective while carrying out her royal duties. When a Russian pianist is found dead in his bedroom at Windsor Castle, the authorities suspect foul play, but their suspicions lead them

in the wrong direction. Queen Elizabeth has to redirect their search to bring the real criminal to justice.

"S.J. Bennett captures Queen Elizabeth's voice with skill, nuance, wit, and genuine charm in this imaginative and engaging mystery that portrays Her Majesty as she's rarely seen: kind yet worldly, decisive, shrewd, and, most important, a superb judge of character," amazon.com says.

All welcome! No need to have read the book; our lively discussion may inspire you to do so.





Revelation Class Continues, Greek Class Will Begin

Our Zoom class on the Book of Revelation, taught by Canon Ethan Cole and the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, continues from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through July 20. Register at our page specathedral.org/book-and-bible for the Zoom link.

This fall we will offer a live class in Biblical Greek, taught by John Garrigues at a time to be determined by participants. Find details at speathedral.org/greek.

Support Campbell Park Elementary School Students This Summer

Campbell Park Elementary School has 12 families with 28 students living out of hotels and motels across the St. Pete area this summer. Here are a few ways you can ensure these children have a great, safe summer.

* Sponsor Summer Camp for a Child: The City of St. Petersburg offers a full-time camp program that offers two meals a day, snacks, recreational swim time, and two free field trips. The cost to sponsor a child is \$150. Contact Hillary Peete for more information (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

* Quarters for Laundry:

Homeless and struggling families who do not have access to washers and dryers can visit the local coin laundry to wash their belongings. Drop off quarters at the Cathedral.

* Gift cards for Publix or Walmart (\$25-\$50 value):

Families who are living in

hotels and motels do not have access to a full functional kitchen and their SNAP benefits allow them to buy only certain types of food. Gift cards allow them to purchase personal items or hot food to serve their families. Drop off gift cards at the Cathedral.

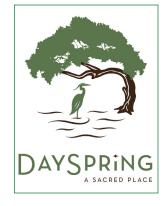




Summer Camp at DaySpring

The Cathedral was well represented last month at senior high camp at DaySpring. From left, Courtney Crosby, assistant director; Hudson Norman, counselor; Olivia Norman and Connor Carlisle, campers; Tommy Chase, counselor; and Kerry Carlisle, camp nurse.

We were also well-represented at middle-school camp by Jenna and Mason Parsons, Ellie Curtis, Katherine Knippen, Elise Chandler, and Caleb Knight.



Book Talks Will Return Live for 11th Season; Here's the Start of Our Lineup

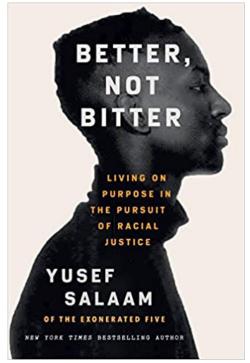
Our 11th season of lunchtime book talks begins in October. After a year of holding these literary salons via Zoom, it will be a pleasure to return to live conversations with authors and critics from noon to 1 p.m. in Harvard Hall on the second Tuesdays in October, November, January, February, and March.

We're still lining up our speakers, but we can share a couple of confirmed presentations. On November 9 our presenter will be the Rev. Kenny Irby, pastor of Historic Bethel AME Church, who will speak on Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice by Yusef Salaam. The author is one of the Central Park Five, now known as the Exonerated Five — five black teenagers who were wrongfully convicted in the rape of the Central Park jogger in New York in 1989. Ultimately their convictions were overturned and the real rapist was convicted.

During Salaam's seven years of wrongful incarceration he grew from child to man, and gained a spiritual perspective on life. He learned that we're all "born on purpose, with a purpose," amazon.com reports. Despite having confronted the racist heart of America while being "run over by the spiked wheels of injustice," Salaam channeled his energy and pain into something positive, not just for himself but for other marginalized people and communities.

Pastor Irby is the leader of Not My Son, a grassroots community outreach and intervention effort to assist African-American male youth and young adults (<u>story, Page 5</u>).

Our speaker on January 11 will be *Tampa Bay Times* book editor Colette Bancroft. We'll let you know her book title soon. And we'll announce other presenters and titles as our lineup fills out.



Bishop Search Committee Announces Timetable

The Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee has released a timetable for the search, election, and consecration of the next bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

In late June a survey was available online inviting members of the diocese to offer their preferences on the skills, interests, and mission priorities they want to see in our next bishop.

Meanwhile, Kevin Fitzgerald of St. Mark's, Marco Island, has been named chair of the Transitions Committee. Their job is to introduce the candidates to the diocese and the diocese to the candidates through videos, onsite visits, Q&A sessions, and other events open to the entire diocese once the slate is announced in January.

Here's the timetable:

Summer 2021	Information-gathering: survey and listening sessions
September 2021	Profile is posted; nominating period opens
January 2022	Slate of candidates is announced
March 2022	Candidate visits to the diocese
April 2, 2022	Electing convention
Sept. 24, 2022	Ordination and consecration of the bishop coadjutor

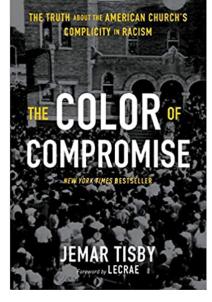
All-Diocese Read Focuses on Learning to Combat Institutional Racism

Join fellow Episcopalians from all around the Diocese of Southwest Florida for an all-diocese read in August and September of the book *The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby.

We'll begin at 7 p.m. August 23 with an opening discussion and video clips. Then you can take the next four weeks to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the book.

We'll gather again at 7 p.m. September 27 to discuss the book and the work we can undertake to challenge oppressive systems and create a racially inclusive and equitable society.

Both gatherings will be via Zoom. Check <u>spcathedral.org/</u>beloved-community for updates.



Jemar Tisby is CEO of The Witness, Inc., an organization dedicated to Black uplift. He is also cohost of the Pass the Mic podcast.

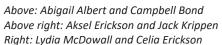
Sunday in the Pool with Friends

Our EYSeedlings (third through fifth grades) started the summer off June 6 with a pool party at the home of the Alberts (Sarah, Anthony, Maggie, Caroline, Abigail, and Samuel). Water! Popsicles! Fun!

Photos by HILLARY PEETE











Around the Cathedral

Fourth of July

We'll be closed for the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 2, and Monday, July 5.We'll reopen on Tuesday, July 6. Our summer hours continue through Labor



Day weekend: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Clothes Closet Needs Volunteers

Volunteers will be needed in mid-July to help set up the new Clothes Closet at Campbell Park Elementary. Please watch the Friday Cathedral Connection for details.

The closet will provide uniforms for children who come to school without the right clothing or who need a change of clothes during the school day. Questions? Please contact Penny Roen (pennyroen@gmail.com).

New to the Cathedral?

Come enjoy a cup of coffee with the clergy and meet some parishioners at Coffee with the Clergy, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday, July 18. No need to RSVP; just come. But if you do have questions, Canon for Hospitality Brandon Peete will be happy to speak with you. Email him at bpeete@spcathedral.com.





St. Peter's rejoices that a new patriotic holiday has been added to America's calendar. To the Fourth of July and Memorial Day has been added the Juneteenth Day of Observance, commemorating June 19, 1865, the day many Americans learned they were no longer slaves.

Episcopal Church Supports Same-Sex Parents After High Court Ruling

Episcopal News Service

The Episcopal Church is responding to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in a pivotal case about religious groups' anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination by expressing support for same-sex parents and concern about the case's implications.

On June 17, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of Catholic Social Services in its suit against the city of Philadelphia, which ended its contract with CSS to provide foster care because CSS refused to work with same-sex couples.

"My heart is with my LGBTQ siblings in light of today's ruling," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in a statement. "LGBTQ siblings, we stand with you in this moment, and we continue to affirm that you are — and have always been — a blessing to our church. But above all, you are children of God with the entire human family. The Episcopal Church is committed to the fullness of

human equality and to building a just future that is free from discrimination against LGBTQ people."

The case has broad ramifications. While civil protections for LGBTQ+ people have become enshrined in local and federal laws over the last decade, the Supreme Court has also consistently upheld religious exemptions to those laws in recent years. The Episcopal Church has opposed anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination dating back to the 1970s.

Philadelphia has prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation since 1982. In 2018, the city dropped its contract with CSS to place children in foster homes after learning that CSS had a policy against placing children with same-sex couples, saying CSS was in violation of the city's antidiscrimination laws.

CSS said the city, in requiring CSS to drop its policy of not working with same-sex cou-

ples, was forcing the organization to violate its religious beliefs.

CSS sued the city, arguing that the city's termination of the contract violated CSS' First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion. After two lower courts upheld the city's right to terminate the contract, the Supreme Court reversed those rulings, with all nine justices in agreement.

In reacting to the ruling, Curry focused less on the legal arguments and more on the theological and social.

"We are also concerned for this ruling's impact on the foster care system, in which so many Episcopalians care for vulnerable children, many of whom are LGBTQ themselves," Curry said. "The New Testament teaches that 'religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress' (James 1:27)."

July Transitions

Birthdays

- Judith Loehrer Marnie Long Laura Sanchez Nancy Lane **Payson Adams** Laura Clayton Vie Cox Katy Frederick Joan Craft Marion Huber Jack Knippen Olivia Miller Rex Cain Carroll Risk Deborah Rowens
- Al Carrico Terry Crow Olivia Hovt Tom Patterson Susan Regan **Dvlan Strickland** Farl Beshears Carol Nelson Meghann Wu Campbell Bond Barrie Cunningham Abigail Hoyt Jeanie Locicero David Lopez Elma Rosenberg Hannah Desha

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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

Masks and social distancing are optional for those fully vaccinated and are highly recommended for non-vaccinated individuals.

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at speathedral.org/worship-live-stream, where the order of service can be downloaded.

If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (727) 238-5998 to speak to a member of the clergy.

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