



# CROSSTOWN

September 2021

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

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Children make great music to end Compassion Camp: [Page 14](#). Photo by HILLARY PEETE

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## Oktoberfest Is Coming Again, This Year via Zoom!

Oktoberfest is our yearly celebration of the bounty of the current year and our eager anticipation of greater bounty in the year to come. Sponsored by the Chapter and the Stewardship Committee, this festive evening marks the beginning of our Faith-Filled Generosity campaign as we ask everyone to make a financial commitment to the Cathedral.



*Our centerpiece table at Oktoberfest 2019, the last time we were able to gather in person.  
Photo by JUDY STARK*

We had hoped that this year we'd be able to put on an in-person Oktoberfest. We envisioned Harvard Hall filled with parishioners enjoying good food and fun for the first time in a long time. The fast-spreading Delta variant of Covid-19 has persuaded us that the right decision is not to do so. So again this year, Oktoberfest will be an online celebration.

Last year — also a virtual Oktoberfest — we provided a series of videos and recipes to help you prepare the traditional food that we serve: brats cooked in beer or broth on pretzel buns, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and apple strudel. We'll post these again on our website during September and offer the links in our weekly emails. (Learn David Hill's failproof method of preparing bratwurst! Watch Ray McColgan make potato salad! Get a lesson in sauerkraut preparation from our Choucroute King and Queen, John and Irene Sumner!)

Then, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oc-

tober 1, drive by the Cathedral and pick up slices of apple strudel (baked by Café Mozart) and, if you wish, cans of beer. All note: **\*\*YOU MUST REGISTER FOR STRUDEL.\*\***

No reservation, no strudel. Don't be disappointed. Please **REGISTER FOR STRUDEL** at [spcathedral.org/oktoberfest](https://spcathedral.org/oktoberfest). Strudel reservation closes at 5 p.m. Friday, September 24.

We'll have further details about our online Oktoberfest — including a video component that night that everyone can tune in to and enjoy — during the month of September.



*Members of the Chapter and Stewardship Committee handed out strudel at last year's Oktoberfest drive-by. We'll be back again on October 1! Photo by JUDY STARK*



## Soon to be Serving

Potential acolytes got a tour August 22 of the inner sacristy, where members of the altar party vest and where the Altar Guild maintains vestments and the "holy hardware" we use at Communion. You'll be seeing new acolytes serving on the altar before long. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

## Grab a Paddle and Enjoy a Day on the Water

All ages and families are welcome to participate in this year's CanoEucharist, a combination of an afternoon of paddling off Fort DeSoto Park and a celebration of Holy Eucharist. We will meet on **Sunday, September 19** at Topwater Kayak Outpost inside the park at 2 p.m. and should be back around 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per canoe (each canoe can fit two or three people). Please register online at [spcathedral.org/canoe](https://spcathedral.org/canoe). Contact Michelle Thomas with any questions ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)).



*We're hoping for a day as sunny and bright as we had for last year's CanoEucharist at Fort DeSoto. Photo by HILLARY PEETE*





## New Art Honors Surfside Disaster

The latest addition to the Cathedral's art gallery is this new work by Rocky Bridges, titled *Disaster 2021*. It commemorates those who died in the collapse of the Surfside condominium in June near Miami Beach. It hangs at the end of the hallway leading to Harvard Hall, to the right of the drinking fountain. The explanatory note says: "Remembering the tragedy of our fellow sojourners — lives lost and their surviving loved ones. We of Saint Peter's Cathedral mourn with you."

## Chanted Compline Returns September 12

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and Michelle Thomas will chant Compline at 7 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, starting September 12.

Compline — see Page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer — is the last service of the day, the Church's way of saying "good night" as we seek "a peaceful night and a perfect end." This brief service includes 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."

The service can also be viewed via livestream.



# Bishop Search Committee Will Reveal Results of Survey, Listening Sessions

*Profile goes live, nominations open September 1:*  
[episcopalswfl.org](http://episcopalswfl.org)

During the summer the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee conducted a survey and held listening sessions around the diocese to hear what was on the minds of parishioners as we prepare to elect a successor to Bishop Dabney Smith.

The committee will present the results of its research at a Zoom presentation on Wednesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. We'll publicize the Zoom link in early October, but mark your calendar now and

prepare to watch the presentation by the search committee co-chairs, the Rev. Jessica Babcock and Trevor Whitley.

The findings of the committee will determine the characteristics we seek in our next

bishop, who will be elected in April 2022.

This Zoom presentation is one of four workshops presented in advance of our diocesan convention in mid-October. Ordinarily we'd present these workshops live at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. Because of Covid-19, the workshops and the convention business session are being presented online. We'll have details in October about how you can watch the business session.

Meanwhile, here are the other workshops, which everyone is welcome to watch. We'll publicize the Zoom links closer to the presentation dates.

**Discernment for Ordained Ministry** — 7

p.m. Wednesday, September 15. What is the process for those who feel a call to ordained ministry? This workshop will explain the role of the parish, the Standing Committee, the bishop, and the Commission on Ministry.

**Racial Healing as the Work of the Church** — 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 22. The Diocesan Committee on Race and Reconciliation offers an array of resources to help parishes and individuals in confronting racism. Learn about the activities you can participate in and the new anti-racism training that will be available soon.

**General Convention 80: A Preview** — 7 p.m. Thursday, September 30. The triennial meeting of General Convention — the governing body of The Episcopal Church — was postponed from this year until summer 2022 because of Covid-19. Members of our deputation will preview some of the legislation Convention will take up.



*Bishop Coadjutor Search*  
 Diocese of Southwest Florida

# 11th Season of Book Talks Announces The Lineup of Speakers

We've now completed the lineup for our 11th season of Cathedral Book Talks, which began Tuesday, October 12.

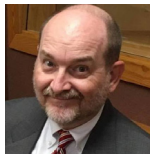
Because of the increase in Covid-19 infection, that first talk will be via Zoom. We'll post Zoom links at [spcathedral.org/book-talks](http://spcathedral.org/book-talks),

along with recordings that can be viewed later. Our

speaker will be **Craig Pittman**, whose new book, *The State You're In: Florida Men, Florida Women, and Other Wildlife*, was published August 21. Mermaids, nudists, criminals, and exotic animals: This is the state that Florida native Pittman knows, loves, and despairs over.

Our hope is that future book talks will be live; please bear with us as we watch the rate of infection.

On November 9 our presenter is the **Rev. Kenny Irby** of Historic Bethel AME Church,



Craig Pittman

on *Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice* by Yusef Salaam, one of the "Central Park Five," Black teenagers who were wrongfully convicted of the rape of the Central Park jogger in 1989.

A perennially popular speaker will be with us on January 11: **Colette Bancroft**, book editor at the *Tampa Bay Times*. We'll have her title a little closer to that date (in plenty of time for Christmas).



Colette Bancroft

On February 8, we'll hear from **Lorielle Hollaway**, founder of Cultured Books, a children's bookstore with a mission "to first foster a love of self by showing positive images and sharing great stories about people of color." Book title to be announced. The store is open



The Rev.  
Kenny Irby

from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays at The Well, a healing space at 833 22nd St. S ([culturedbooks.org](http://culturedbooks.org)).

Closing out our season on March 8 will be another book-seller, **Alsace Valentine**. She is the co-founder of Tombolo Books, the independent bookstore that has attracted a great following for its smart selections and live and online



Alsace Valentine

author events and book clubs. We'll have the title of the book she's discussing a little closer to the date. Tombolo Books is at 2153 First Ave. S, St. Petersburg.

Our free book talks run from noon to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in October, November, January, February, and March. When talks are live, lunch is available (\$5).



Lorielle Hollaway

## 'Mourner's Path' Class Offers Comfort and New Life to the Bereaved

A new series of "Walking the Mourner's Path," an eight-week program offering spiritual support and guidance to those who have lost a loved one, begins on Saturday, October 2.

The program, developed by an Episcopal priest, is widely used throughout the Episcopal Church. Led by trained facilitators, it offers the comfort of a small group for sharing, weekly homework to help participants gradually transition through the stages of grief to a new place of peace and health, and the reassurance that it's okay to ask for help.

At [mournerspath.com](http://mournerspath.com), the national organizers of the program offer these words of advice: "Be gentle with those who have suffered the death of a loved one in the pandemic. Be present to them [when] there is an empty place at the table and they are reminded of their loss. Healing is going to take time."

The group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on October 2; from 10:30 a.m. to noon on October 9, 16, 23, and 30 and November 6 and 13; and from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. November 20,

when the meeting includes Holy Eucharist, a luncheon, and evaluation.

Participants are asked to commit to the full eight weeks, since each meeting is a building block for the next session. There is no charge to participate.

To register, please contact Administrator Michelle Thomas (727-822-4173 or email [mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)).



### Covid Causes Change in Plans

The increase in Covid-19 infections means last-minute changes in some of the activities we planned for the fall. **We are now requiring masks at all services and gatherings.** Some live gatherings and classes have been canceled or moved to Zoom. Please check our website, our Facebook page, the Friday Connections e-mail blast, and the Sunday worship bulletin for the latest information on whether and how activities will take place.

If you are not receiving the Friday Connections e-mail, please send a request to Michelle Thomas ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)) and she'll get you on the e-mail list.

## Formation This Year Takes Us Back to Basics — and Beyond

*As the fall semester of educational offerings gets under way, we invited Hillary Peete, director of Christian formation, and the Rev. Canon Ethan Cole to give us a preview.*

**Q. Tell us what we'll be seeing in our formation opportunities in the months ahead.**

**EC:** The theme for our adult offerings is “back to basics.” We will touch on themes and topics that are foundational to Christian faith and spirituality, particularly as they are worked out in the Episcopal tradition of Christianity. Whether you are new to Christianity or to the Episcopal Church, or a seasoned believer, we believe you will be

*Our Christian formation leaders, Hillary Peete and Canon Ethan Cole. Christian formation — “nourishing Christ’s people from the riches of his grace” — is “basic to a life of faith in the Episcopal way,” Ethan says.*

enriched by reflecting on the basics.

**HP:** Children and youth are also going “back to basics” this fall with Bread + Cup, an instructed Eucharist class. Youth who are working toward confirmation will also en-



gage in the basics of the faith. Our focus in Messy Church this fall is the Lord’s Prayer. Correlating formation offerings for children, youth, and adults is one area of growth. I would like to explore more options for “whole-church” Bible studies or book studies in a way that inspires conversation and learning across all groups.

**Q. Tell us more about intergenerational learning. What will that look like?**

**HP:** Intergenerational means being intentional about not siloing ourselves off from one another in ministry. We make sure there are opportunities for people of all ages to serve and learn alongside each other. This is seen across many area of life at the Cathedral — acolytes of all ages serving together, youth and adult leaders bonding during VBS over a shared love

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of sewing, and children and grandparents exploring Bible stories together in Messy Church. The question we continue to ask is: Who does this appeal to? Who is being left out? How can we plan this Bible study, or small group, or gathering in such a way that we are engaging with people who are in a different age or life stage than we are?

### **Q. Say more about the basics we'll be covering in our adult offerings.**

**EC:** We'll examine the creed and what it means to be a Christian community that espouses creedal statements. We'll look at baptism, the entry point of our new life in Christ, and how we continually draw strength and a sense of vocation from this pivotal sacrament. We'll look at the Bible — what it is, how we can study and use it, and how it can be personally and communally transformative. And we'll reflect on how to articulate and share our own experience of being in Christ.

I'll offer a four-week Bible study called "the Big Story" that looks at the whole

book. We'll have some deep-dive Bible studies that look at the biggest stories in the Bible — the Creation, the Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babel, and Mark's Gospel. We're hoping that by late fall the pandemic will have eased off so we can offer a potluck in-person evening Bible study during Advent that studies some passages from Isaiah that speak about God's purposes in the world and the coming of the Messiah. We also want to help folks learn to go deeper in some spiritual practices like prayer and meditation.

### **Q. What is your hope as people take these classes and engage in deeper learning about the Episcopal Church and our Christian faith? Where are we going with this?**

**EC:** Growing in discipleship is a lifelong responsibility of every Christian. Going back to basics helps us keep the energy, vitality, and openness that comes with having a "beginner's mind," as the Zen Buddhists say. Yet we also want to move outward in our Christian vocation from discipleship — learning from Christ — to apostleship, where we understand ourselves as being

sent forth into the world to proclaim the risen Christ, and the way he can heal and transform human life and culture.

### **Q. How have the two of you worked together to plan our formation offerings?**

**HP:** Ethan and I both have more ideas than could ever be realized in a regular program year! We work collaboratively to sift through what seems most relevant and coordinate plans so that we aren't overlapping or overscheduling the congregation. I think we both enjoy being responsive to what the current needs of the community are, as well as identifying holes in formation and working to make sure we are addressing a diversity of interests.

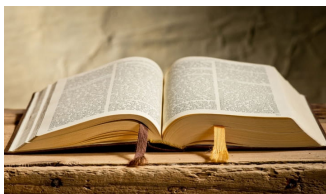
**EC:** Our offices are next door to each other, and several times a week we'll talk about what Christian formation means to us and what we'd like to see unfold at St. Peter's. We swap books back and forth. We talk about how formation interrelates with other initiatives in the life of St. Peter's, especially outreach and pastoral care. We chat about what we're hearing from parishioners and talk about how we can develop programming in response to the themes we encounter in people's lives.

# Fall Adult Formation Offerings: Bible, Prayer, Season, Inquirers

## The Big Story Bible Study

6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 7,  
14, 21, 28 via Zoom

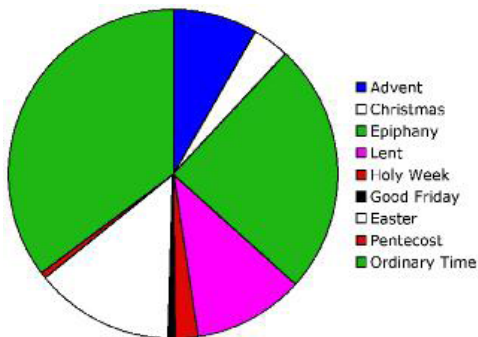
This study will provide an outline of scripture and will introduce genres found in the Bible. Gain tools to engage in Bible study and interpretation. Register at [spcathedral.org/book-and-bible](https://spcathedral.org/book-and-bible).



## Dogma, Devotion, and Discipline

6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, September  
29 via Zoom

“The Lord’s Prayer” is the second in a three-part webinar series led by Canons Ethan Cole and Thomas Williams. Register at [spcathedral.org/adults](https://spcathedral.org/adults).



## Shape of the Year: The Season After Pentecost 9 a.m. Sunday, September 12 Harvard Hall

Join this adult formation hour, led by Canon Brandon Peete, to learn about the liturgical year, what to pay attention to in this season in particular, and how we can use the rhythm of time to shape our spirituality. No need to register.

## Inquirers’ Class

9 a.m. Sundays, October 3-November 7  
Harvard Hall

An inquirers’ class for adults seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church will be led by Dean Morris and Canons Thomas Williams, Brandon Peete, and Ethan Cole, ending with a presentation by Bishop Dabney Smith.

The six weeks will cover the Cathedral’s vision for a life in Christ; Episcopal history; and several aspects of the Baptismal Covenant.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but those who are seeking reception or confirmation should make themselves known to Michelle Thomas in the office, [mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com) or (727) 822-4173.



## Youth Confirmation Classes Help Them Discover Their Faith

Youth confirmation classes are open to students in 8th grade and above. They will participate in a series of 20 sessions between August 2021 and March 2022, with confirmation during the Easter Vigil on April 16, 2022.

Our goal is for youth to have an active faith, one that they build for themselves using all the tools at their disposal. Utilizing the Confirm not Conform curriculum, students will have ample time and space for exploration, questions, debate, and discovery. We will cover a wide range of topics, from the Gospel to church history, putting our faith in action, the Book of Common Prayer, the sacraments, and world religions.

Youth are paired with mentors who will meet with them regularly and will join us for two retreat days, one this month and another in February 2022. Our confirmands are Sophia Preston, Dustin Knight, Ellie Curtis, Joseph Shideler, and Carter Curtis. Our mentors are Lauren Durst, David Lessard, and Justin Knippen.

Over the next several months, please pray for our confirmands and mentors as they bring all the gifts that God has given them to the work of living a life of faith.



**Confirm  
Not  
Conform**

## Learn About Lifelong Effects of Trauma and Resilience

**What Shapes Us: Trauma and Resilience**  
6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, September 16, 23, and 30 + October 7  
via Zoom

Ellen McDonald, CEO of Florida Resurrection House, will lead discussions of how trauma and resilience shape us all. Visit our page [spcathedral.org/adults](https://spcathedral.org/adults) for registration and more information.

Ellen offers this description:

Trauma is a word we hear a lot about right now. But what does it actually mean and how does it affect our longterm health? For more than 20 years scientists have been studying trauma and resilience and how they affect our early childhood development and longterm health outcomes. Resilience-building is the answer to the effects of trauma on our hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits.

Building awareness of how trauma affects us throughout our lives — and how we can build resilience within and outside of ourselves — means healthier lives not only for the children in your own family, but also for those in the community and your church. Come learn about resilience-building for both yourself and the children in your life whom you love.



*Ellen McDonald*

# This Fall, Youth Will Begin The Journey to Adulthood

We had a great summer! From hanging out at Hyppo Popsicles, to time at the St. Pete Pier, a movie night, and memorable lock-in — it was fun to stay connected and



to welcome our rising 6th-graders to the group.

Masks, virtual school, quarantine, social distancing ... one day these things will be behind us. Our children and youth have been deeply affected by what we have been asked to give up over the last 18 months. Our main goal for EYC gatherings has been, and remains, to be a place of refuge and connection in the safest possible environment. Thank you for being flexible and adaptable during the changing circumstances!

This fall we will delve into Journey to Adulthood (J2A), using an updated and fully revised edition of this popular Episcopal curriculum. It is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses

*At their lock-in, youth read Compline at midnight in a darkened Cathedral. Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

## September EYC Calendar

- September 5 | No EYC (Labor Day weekend)
- September 12 | EYC
- September 18 | Confirmation retreat at Dayspring
- September 19 | CanoEucharist
- September 25 | Benison Farm Work Day
- September 26 | EYC

Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries. Creative, developmentally appropriate lessons are arranged within three categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality. During EYC on Sunday evenings in September, our focus will be: made in God's image, our role in our families, and exploring spiritual gifts.



# Lots of Learning and Fun This Fall for Children and Families

Please join us for activities that deepen our children's faith.

## **EYSeedlings**

**11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 12**

In August our 3rd- through 5th-graders

learned about the orders of ministry: laity, bishops, priests, and deacons. This month, children will explore the Book of Common Prayer and will learn how we can use it to pray throughout the day. They'll create picture collages of the Daily Office. Join us for lunch, games, and fun with friends!

games. Don't miss the fun! Dinner is served from 5:30-6 p.m. (\$10/family) and we close with a prayer at 7:15 pm.

Save the dates for later Messy Church gatherings: October 7 and November 11.

## **Bread + Cup**

**10:15 a.m. Sundays, September 26 and October 3, 10, and 17**

Bread + Cup is an Instructed Eucharist series. Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to deepen their knowledge of our Episcopal worship. They learn more about scripture, worship, and our traditions. It is important to note that completion of this instruction is not a prerequisite to receiving Communion. This series is modeled on the Eucharist format itself: We gather, we hear the Word of God, we respond to the Word, we offer our gifts, we celebrate, and we are sent out. As they experience the mystery of the table, our hope is that they would know the love of Jesus found there.

## **Messy Church**

**5:30-7:15 p.m. Thursday,  
September 9**

Messy Church is a wonderful way for families (parents, grandparents, kids ages 3 through 5th grade) to hear Bible stories and talk about their faith together. This fall we will dive into the Lord's Prayer through art, cooking, storytelling, drama, science, spiritual practices, and

*EYSeedlings: Fun at church!*

*Photo by HILLARY PEETE*



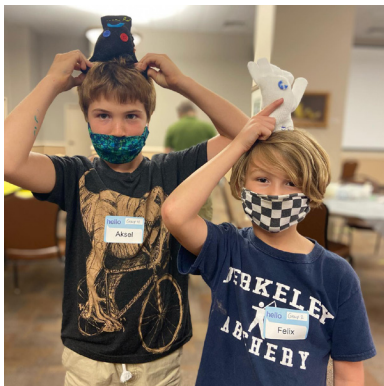
## Lessons in Crafts and Compassion

Children learned about kindness, compassion, and what it means to be a good neighbor at Compassion Camp last month

with a blend of crafts, service projects, Bible stories, and music. At the 10:15 a.m. service on August 8 they performed a song,

“What Does the Lord Require of You.” You can watch the video on our Facebook page.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Above, Aksel Erickson and Felix Peete show off their glove monsters, reminders that everyone is deserving of compassion.

Below, Anna Chandler puts together a goody bag for residents of the Peterborough Apartments.



Left, Maggie paints a flowerpot. The children decorated and planted 30 pots with succulents and gave them to residents of Peterborough.

Right, with help from Debra Eich, Isla McDowall stitches a bookmark. The children learned to use their hands and talents and heard about the work of Sew Much Hope, which helps immigrant women learn to sew to support their families.



## ‘Mount St. Alban’s Service’ Is Centerpiece of Choral Evensong

When Choral Evensong returns at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 26, the Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing the “Mount St. Alban’s Service” by David Hogan, an American composer who was killed in July 1996 in the explosion of TWA Flight 800 from New York to Paris.

The service was commissioned for the 1989 celebration of completion and consecration of the Washington National Cathedral, where Hogan had been a chorister in the late 1970s. Listen to the “Magnificat” here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqxOp061Y5A>

Hogan was an internationally known

American music educator, composer, concert tenor, and choir director. At the time of his death at the age of 47, he was tenor soloist at the American Cathedral in Paris.



*David Hogan, 1949-96*

The service includes the Responses of Philip Radcliffe and Charles Wood’s anthem, “Hail, Gladdening Light.” The concluding hymn is #24, “The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended.”

An organ prelude by Music Director Dwight Thomas is at 4:45 p.m. A freewill offering is taken. Choral Evensong

is offered on the fourth Sunday of the month, September through April, except December.

### ***SPEND A MORNING ON THE FARM***

Another workday at Benison Farm is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, September 25. Come do some weeding, meet the chickens, help to cultivate and harvest at this community garden, a joint project of St. Thomas’ and St. Augustine’s Episcopal Churches that provides fresh produce for a neighborhood that is a food desert and grows relationships along with the fruits and vegetables. The farm is at 2920 26th Ave. S. No experience necessary!

Please register at [spcathedral.org/](http://spcathedral.org/) community to let us know you plan to be there. Questions? Speak to Hillary Peete, [hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com).

# A Good Start for the School Year at Campbell Park

We've made back-to-school a great occasion for Campbell Park Elementary.

Thanks to your generosity, we delivered 100 backpacks and enough notebooks, crayons, pens and pencils, glue sticks, and

other items to fill the shelves of the newly dedicated Resource Room.

Using a Thrivent grant obtained by Penny Roen, we supplied bins and storage racks to hold school uniforms and other clothing.

On Friday, September 3, we will provide a welcome breakfast for the teachers and staff. Please contact coordinator Penny Roen ([pennyroen@gmail.com](mailto:pennyroen@gmail.com)) for more information or if you'd like to help.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Volunteers Hillary and Felix Peete, Mary Howe, and Penny and Bill Roen set up the Resource Room with items for Campbell Park students.



*Pencils,  
glue sticks,  
notebook  
paper,  
crayons,  
clothing  
— enough  
to last the  
school year  
through!*





# This Month, Fill the Shelves At the Free Clinic's Food Pantry

Our outreach opportunity for September focuses on feeding the hungry. We invite you to contribute non-perishable items for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic's We Help food pantry.



*Volunteers deliver food to the We Help Food Pantry, the #1 emergency food distributor in Pinellas County. Photo courtesy of We Help Food Pantry*

We're looking for packaged and canned goods in sizes that you'd buy to feed your family — not giant industrial-size containers. Pop-top cans are preferred, since some of the recipients may not have access to can openers. Leave your contributions on the collection cart behind the front desk in the Narthex.

We're seeking soup, beans, tomatoes, canned meat and fish, fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta, SpaghettiOs and ravioli, peanut butter and jelly, energy bars, and cereal. Don't forget condiments such as salsa, chili sauce, ketchup and mustard, hot sauce, and soy sauce. Shop the BOGOs and make your dollars go even farther!

We all know that food prices are rising. We Help is currently serving 20,000 people each month — more than double their average a year ago. Fifty percent of those households include children, up from around 20 percent pre-Covid.

## **FOYER GROUPS: KEEP DREAMING**

We are still dreaming of good times and good food yet to come. Given the continued increase of Covid cases in Florida, the best decision for now is to put off this Foyer season for another month. We will revisit a start-up of the Foyer dinner groups in October. Stay tuned and keep dreaming of your favorite recipes! — Marion Fleming/Chief Cook

*Art by Marianne Fleming*



# Get Out and Walk — and Fight Hunger Here and Abroad

You can join thousands of people who walk to end hunger in local communities and around the world when you take part in the 2021 Pinellas County CROPWalk.

In 2020, the Cathedral CROPWalk team raised \$1,200 of the over \$7,500 raised by The Pinellas County CROPWalk. With your help, we hope to do even better this year! We raise money

when walkers make their own donations or invite friends to support their efforts with contributions.

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall work of Church World Service, particularly grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. As in past years, 25 percent of the money raised by Pinellas County CROPWalkers will be split evenly between The St. Petersburg Free Clinic and The Daystar Life Center.

The 2020 walk was held in Gulfport in March,

just before the Covid-19 lockdown. This year the walk will be virtual, which means that participants can walk where they want, when they want (on or before the official walk date of October 3), for any distance they want, alone or with others.

If you would like to (really) walk with others, please join Cathedral Team members after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, September 26.

We will walk from the Cathedral down to the Pier and back.

To join and/or donate to the Cathedral CROP-Walk team, go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org). Click on the search icon on the top right. In the search box, type Cathedral of St Peter (and note that there is no period after “St”). Click on Make a Donation or Join the Team.

Please contact Penny Roen ([pennyroen@gmail.com](mailto:pennyroen@gmail.com)) for additional information.

**CROP  
HUNGER WALK**  
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME 

The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, September 6, for the **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**. No services, no activities. We'll reopen on Tuesday, September 7, when we return to our regular office hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

## Family Promise's Restart Is Delayed

**Karen Amundrud**

I'm sorry to have to report that the new executive director of Family Promise, Kerrie Fine, has stepped down for family reasons. This will delay the restart of our services to homeless families. We are also postponing our September 30 golf tournament.

Family Promise of Pinellas is part of a national nonprofit that helps homeless families find jobs, social services, and permanent housing. Guests are housed at participating churches. St. Peter's has supported Family Promise by providing meals four times a year.

Family Promise ceased services to clients in late 2018 while we sought financial stability and leadership development. With a new executive director in place, we had hoped to start serving clients in mid-August.

The board is considering next steps. I'll keep you informed about the future of Family Promise.



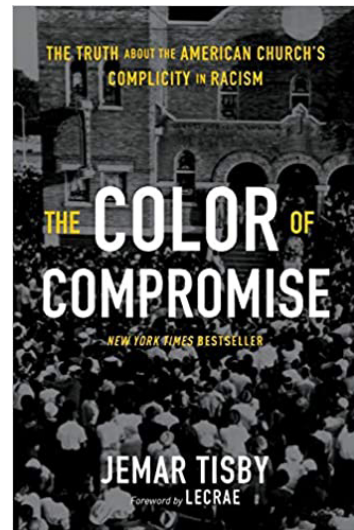
## Keep Turning the Pages on The All-Diocese Read

There's still time to participate in the diocesan-wide reading of Jemar Tisby's *The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism*.

The first session, on August 23, introduced the book and offered video clips, which are still available at [spcathedral.org/beloved-community](https://spcathedral.org/beloved-community).

The second session will be at 7 p.m. October 4 via Zoom. Participants will discuss the book and talk about concrete solutions to end racist practices and create a more inclusive church. Details are at that same website.

You have plenty of time to read the book, which details how American churches — not just the Episcopal Church — have created and maintained racist ideas and practices. Now, says the author, "it is up to Christians ... to end compromise with racism within the church."



## ‘Where Do We Go from Here’ In Fighting Racism?

### *A Leader in the Struggle Will Offer Her Perspective*

Dr. Catherine Meeks, executive director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, will lead an all-day Zoom workshop for our diocese on Saturday, September 18, on the topic, “Where Are We Now and Where Do We Go from Here?”



A sought-after teacher and workshop leader, Dr. Meeks brings four decades of experience to the work of dismantling racism in Atlanta. The core of her work has been with people who have been marginalized because of economic status, race, gender, or physical ability.

This work grows out of her understanding of her call to the vocation of teacher as well as her realization that all of humanity is one family whom God desires to unite. Dr. Meeks is the editor of *Living into God’s Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*.

There is no charge for the workshop. Register here: <https://dayspringfla.org/event/racial-reconciliation-2021/>

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## Earthquake Repairs at National Cathedral Reach Halfway Point

Ten years after a 5.8-magnitude earthquake, the Washington National Cathedral is halfway restored, the Washington Post reported last month.

Stone angels fell from the top of the Cathedral when the earthquake struck on August 23, 2011. Pinnacles shifted, pieces of stone weighing as much as two tons fell onto the roof, and cracks appeared in the flying buttresses.

Repairs were estimated at \$34-million. The Cathedral has raised about \$16-million.

Phase One involved stabilizing the central tower with scaffolding, patching holes in the roof, and restoring pinnacles and repairing the buttresses. The second phase will target the central tower, where most of the substantive damage occurred, which will take another 10 years.

Find images and video of the repair work at <https://cathedral.org/architecture/earthquake/>





# Our Guide Dog Puppy, Faith, Is Growing and Learning Fast

Mary Howe

Remember Faith? She's the gorgeous Southeastern Guide Dogs puppy the Cathedral is sponsoring for her first two years of development to become a service dog.

At our last report, Faith was ready to leave Puppy Academy and move in with her puppy raiser, Rick. Now, a new progress report tells us that she continues to grow, and clearly she and Rick have bonded beautifully.

"She loves her daily routine of basic skills practice, walks, errands, and naps," the report says. "After dinner, a game of retrieve leads to a cozy bedtime, snuggled in her crate next to Rick's bed."

"Building upon the strong start she experienced with the staff and volunteers in Puppy Kindergarten, Faith is learning to perfect her down, sit, stay, and stand when given verbal or hand cues," according to the progress report.

She is learning impulse control and behaves beautifully around temptations when Rick takes her to their local grocery store, despite her love of treats.

Faith apparently shows remarkable restraint. She loves to please, a trait called "biddability." At playtime her favorite activities involve retrieving a throw toy and entertaining herself by flipping her chew toy and chasing it around the room.

"This girl is adorable and just a bit cheeky! Someday, Faith may guide a visually impaired person safely and confidently, with a trustworthy and reliable demeanor," the report concludes. "Or she may be asked to reassure a veteran with close, personal, and loving contact that calms a reaction to post-traumatic stress."

We follow with joy Faith's journey as she becomes all she can be. Stay tuned for our next Pupdate!



*Faith and her puppy raiser, Rick, have formed a loving bond. Photo courtesy of Southeastern Guide Dogs*

# Church Reaction to 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic: Some Things Never Change

As churches struggle to deal with Covid-19, it is instructive to look back and see how the Episcopal Church dealt with an earlier pandemic: the Spanish Flu of 1918.

Churchless Sundays! Bread but no wine! Providing food to those who were isolated at home! Does this sound familiar?

But it went further, documents in the Church Archives tell us. Parish buildings

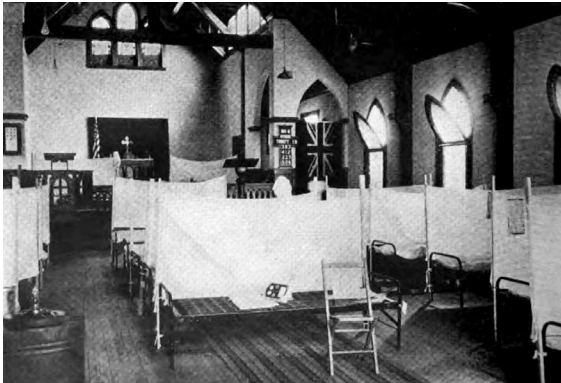
were converted to hospitals and isolation wards. Churches opened their kitchens to prepare food for health-care workers. Churches cared for children whose parents were sick or deceased.

“Some clergy developed and circulated materials for home worship while others experimented with open-air or limited-attendance gatherings,” the Archives say.

“Some clergy risked arrest” for conducting live services despite local prohibitions, while others defended “the application of science over thoughtless exposure.”

Here are some comments from news reports of the time:

*St. James's in Pullman, Wash., turned its nave into a hospital and its pews into beds for flu patients. Photo courtesy of Episcopal Church Archives.*



In October 1918, as the U.S. was sending troops to Europe to fight in World War I, clergy in the Diocese of Washington protested the closing of churches, saying, “Closing our churches means a serious loss of moral and spiritual power. ... Spiritual force is even more necessary for victory than shot and shell and ships and cannon and aeroplanes.”

A letter to *The Living Church* magazine in November 1918 suggested that incense was an effective cure for the flu, citing Numbers 16:47-48, where Aaron “put on incense, and made an atonement for the people ... and the plague was stayed.” The writer asked: “Can we show any authority why we should not, or do not, obey God’s command?”

*The Witness*, a church publication, advised its readers in February 1919: “Cover every cough and sneeze, if we don’t we’ll spread disease.”

# September Transitions

## Birthdays

1	Mike Schillace	8	Carlynn Crosby	17	Emory Nevins
2	Rosalie Lawson	8	Anysia McDowall	18	Ryder Dobiesz
3	Penny Burns	8	Brandon Peete	19	Karen Torrisi
3	Ralph Hancock	10	Julia Barlow	20	Tim Baker
3	Bill Hoyt	10	Karen Gums	20	Kathleen Peters
3	Karen Raihill	10	Ellis Lenhardt	21	Jean Beshears
4	Susan Chapin	10	Al Phillips	21	Marion Fleming
4	Gwennie Sosa	10	Richard Townsend	22	Jean Ann Echternach
6	Chuck Parsons	11	Amanda Cotrino	22	Darlene Limtiaco
6	Glenda Rice	11	Andi Gorton	22	Scott Strader
7	Frank Casorio	11	Holly Haines	23	Peter Barlow
7	Mary K Wilson	11	Jannie Hume	23	Audra Benoit
8	Janet Bryant	11	Michael Smelcer	23	Jack Clark
8	Reid Carlisle	11	Jonathan Soots	23	Maggie Mardirosian
8	Dottie Choate	13	Diana Craig	23	Tammy Ramsey
8	Troy Craft	13	Lydia Frederick	23	Starin Shouppe
		14	Ellen McDonald	23	Starin Shouppe
		14	Tom McGowan	24	Charlotte Bacon
		14	Jimmy Putman	24	Carol Butler
		15	Rachel Chase	25	Cece McManus
		16	Bill Clark	25	Cathy Rome
		16	Maddie Hasbrouck	26	Judy Hamm
		16	Gary Johnson	27	Benjamin Bryant
		17	Tommy Chase	27	Elaine Clark
		17	Sarah Hill	27	John Dooley

28	Jenny Amundrud	29	Frank Cramer
28	Debra Eich	29	Danie Dahm
28	Stephanie Klima	29	Richard Dahm
28	Marge McCabe	29	AJ Maddox-Clarke
28	Elizabeth Stevenson	30	Jay Marshall

## Anniversaries

1	Kathleen & Jacob Peters	20	Ellen Alexander & Meg Banitch
2	Robert Culpepper & Peter Hamarich	22	Neal Ward & Jim Jeffries
3	Paul Bonneau & Ed Johnson	24	Bill & Franci Cross
6	Mark & Kathy Campbell	24	Dana & Suzanne Green
7	Marshall & Diana Craig	24	Thomas Williams & Marty Gould
9	Tom & Nancy Thomas	25	Tim & Theresa Holly
11	John & Gail McCoy		
13	Bud Miller & Jack Westfall		
16	John & Jean Ann Echternach		
19	David & Marilyn Hobbs		
19	Will & Patty Hollingsworth		

## Deaths

Jerry Buchert  
Rosamond Dana  
Maureen Depp  
Jeanne Tucker



## St. Peter's: A Guide

### 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)

Masks are required at all worship services and indoor gatherings.

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](http://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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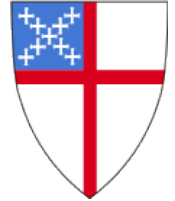
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