



# CROSSTOWN

October 2021

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

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*Canon Brandon Peete celebrates a CanoEucharist, assisted by  
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# Your Faith-Filled Gift Keeps on Giving — To the Cathedral and the Community

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

What would be the perfect gift you'd want to receive? Have you ever received a perfect gift? What was it? Aside from the pleasure of the possession, what did these perfect gifts give you? Did you see the look on the giver's face when they saw your delight in that gift? What pleasure did you receive when you gave someone the perfect gift?

For all of us, generous giving should provide its own reward and pleasure and help us see the abundance that is all around us. Giving is not just monetary: It includes time and talent. Sometimes a smile or a hug is the perfect gift to give someone.

Your faith-filled, generous giving of time, talent, and treasure to the Cathedral is

very important. It is that perfect gift that keeps our programs, activities, and events functioning. Without you, there would be no Cathedral. Our talented but small staff could not possibly do all the work needed

to serve our greater community. Thank you for all the time and talent you have given!

Your faith-filled generosity of treasure is also critical.

When you make a commitment to the financial health of the Cathedral, you are providing us the ability to create a budget that reflects and fulfills our mission.

Last year, we set a financial goal of \$830,000. Even though it was a tough year because of the pandemic, we achieved more than 90 percent of that goal — re-



## Oktoberfest Online

**What:** The start of our fall commitment campaign. Music! Fun! Trivia! Prizes! Join the merriment while you enjoy the apple strudel and beer you picked up earlier in the day at the Cathedral.

**When:** Starts at 7 p.m. Friday, October 1, with both live and pre-recorded segments, hosted by Tessa Burnsed.

**Where:** Visit our page [spcathedral.org/oktoberfest](https://www.spcathedral.org/oktoberfest)

markable under the circumstances. Our goal this year is even higher: \$840,000, what we need to meet the operating ex-

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## Faith-Filled Giving

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penses of the Cathedral and to continue our worship, pastoral care, formation, family ministry, music, outreach, and other activities at the high level we have all come to expect.

Faith-Filled Commitment information will be mailed on Monday, October 4. If you don't receive your mailing by Friday, October 8, please contact the Cathedral. (Speak to Cathedral Administrator Michelle Thomas, [mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com), or call 727-822-4173.) Then, please prayerfully consider increasing your commitment from last year and return the Commitment Card in the enclosed envelope, drop it off at the Cathedral, place it in the offering plate, or commit online at [spcathedral.org/give-perfect](http://spcathedral.org/give-perfect).

Please know how much your Cathedral family appreciates all that you do for the Cathedral's continued growth and service, not only to ourselves but to the wider community we serve in Jesus' name. Your commitment matters because the Cathedral matters.

## Learn About Racism in the Church, Past and Present

The Diocesan Race and Reconciliation Committee offers two opportunities this month for increased understanding and healing:

**\* From 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, October 4**, join the second of two sessions devoted to Jemar Tisby's book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*. Visit our page [spcathedral.org/beloved-community](http://spcathedral.org/beloved-community) for the Zoom link and a video introduction to the book. The author will appear via video to answer previously-submitted questions, and participants will talk about concrete next steps.

**\* From 7 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, November 1 (tentative)**, learn about the Racial Justice Audit of Episcopal Leadership. This study surveyed and interviewed more than 1,300 members of the church's key leadership bodies about their experiences of racism, racial identity, and power in the life of the church. Join us to learn more about the nine dominant patterns

and about the work being done to address healing and justice in support of the Gospel. Register for the Zoom link at our page [spcathedral.org/beloved-community](http://spcathedral.org/beloved-community).



## Tricks and Treats, Scares and Surprises Coming on All Hallows' Eve

We'll celebrate All Hallows' Eve at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 30, with the Episcopal Church's very own worship for Halloween. Who knew the Church had a service that involves witches and rattling dry bones?

Among the lessons we'll hear is the story of the Witch of Endor (1 Samuel 28:3-25). Samuel, the beloved prophet, has died, and Saul, the king of Israel, is facing battle with his mortal enemies, the Philistines. Saul pressures the Witch of Endor into raising up the spirit of Samuel to tell him what to do. To Saul's horror, Samuel predicts Saul's defeat and death.

Another reading is the story of the Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14). Imagine

a valley full of dry bones that start to rattle and shake and reassemble themselves into a body ... covered with flesh ... that stands upon its feet.

That Bible story inspired the lyrics of the well-known spiritual, "Dem Bones." The melody was written in the 1920s by James Weldon Johnson and his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, lyricist and composer, respectively, of Hymn 599, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," often described as the Black national anthem.

The lyrics go, "Well, your toe bone connected to your foot bone / Your foot bone connected to your heel bone / Your heel bone connected to your ankle bone ..." and on and on from toe to head



and back again. You can hear the song sung by the Delta Rhythm Boys at [youtube.com/watch?v=pYb8Wm6-QfA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYb8Wm6-QfA)

The song "gave motivational oomph" to the Bible story at a time when spirituals were a binding force among African-Americans, the *Financial Times* reported. Ezekiel's vision that his subjugated race would survive became a popular text for Black ministers preaching in the United States at the end of the 19th Century, which is how the Johnsons heard it as children.

Canon for Music Dwight Thomas will provide a short concert including Bach's Toccata in D Minor and other spooky Halloween music.

Adults are invited to dress as their favorite saints. Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes. We'll have a costume parade in Harvard Hall, then gather in the garden for treats and s'mores around fire pits.

# Take a Guided Tour of The Florida We Love and Loathe with Craig Pittman

Our Cathedral Book Talks open their 11th season on Tuesday, October 12, when author Craig Pittman discusses his new book about the foibles, fantasies, and facts about Florida: *The State You're In: Florida Men, Florida Women, and Other Wildlife*.

*Tampa Bay Times* book critic Colette Bancroft calls the book “a smart, entertaining, and sometimes surprising look at a place that can make our blood boil one minute and enchant us the next.”

The author of five previous books and a prolific freelance writer after a career of 30-plus years as a journalist, Pittman is a great yarn-spinner, so much so that the Florida Heritage Book Festival named him a Florida Literary Legend in 2020.



The new book includes stories that range from the tale of two middle-aged St. Petersburg women who hunt pythons in the Everglades in the middle of the night ... to the sad story of Beggar, the dolphin, who was loved to death for being just too cute.

Chatting with Axios Tampa Bay, Pittman acknowledged that “there is no single Florida story that captures all the elements you’d look for — nudity, wild animals, odd weaponry, etc. — but a few come close.”

Among the contenders: “The guy who tossed the alligator through the Wendy’s drive-thru window. The man who dressed as a pirate and fired his musket at tourists on

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## October Book Talk

**Who:** Author Craig Pittman discusses his new book, *The State You’re In: Florida Men, Florida Women, and Other Wildlife*.

**When:** Noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, via Zoom. Register for the link at [spcathedral.org/book-talks](https://spcathedral.org/book-talks).

**What:** Craig Pittman knows all about Florida and loves it anyway. His discussion will be available to watch at [spcathedral.org/book-talks](https://spcathedral.org/book-talks).



## Tour Florida with Craig Pittman *continued from Page 5*

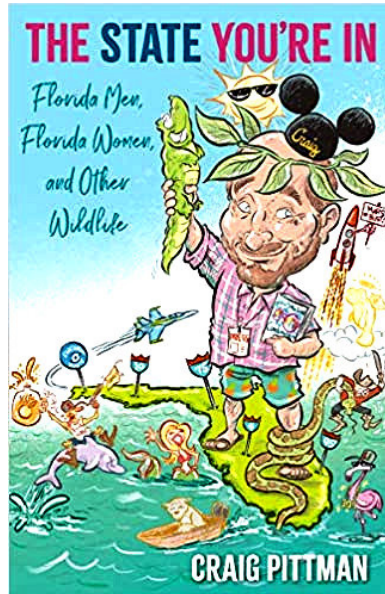
the Seven Mile Bridge (he was shooting blanks). The long and tangled saga of Kathy Willets, whose defense attorney said she and her cop husband “turned their home into a brothel as marriage therapy.”

There are laugh-out-loud stories, but there are also stories of greed and devastation, violence and bitter history. We should hand out copies of Pittman’s book at Florida welcome centers, along with the free orange juice.

If we’d been able to host this book talk live in Harvard Hall, our intention had been to serve Cuban sandwiches and Key lime cupcakes to celebrate all things Floridian. Since we’re speaking with Craig via Zoom, lunch is on your own, but do watch online and enjoy the witty observations of this true son of Florida who laughs with his beloved home state as much as he laughs at it.

**Next up:** Our book talk from noon to 1 p.m. on November 9 will feature the Rev. Kenny Irby speaking on *Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial*

*Justice* by Yusef Salaam, one of the “Central Park Five,” Black teenagers wrongfully convicted of the rape of the Central Park jogger in 1989. It has not yet been decided whether this event will be live or via Zoom. Watch the Friday e-mail blast and the worship bulletin as we see what Covid-19 allows in the way of in-person gatherings.



## Offering Support to Afghan Refugees

At their September meeting, the Outreach Committee voted to send \$1,000 of our unallocated 2021 funds to Episcopal Migration Ministries in response to an appeal from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, which Mary Howe presented to the committee.

EMM is seeking to raise \$4-million to support newly-arrived Afghans for up to six months. Donations can be made online to the [Neighbors Welcome: Afghan Allies Fund](#).

The Cathedral is gathering a subcommittee of people interested in learning more about migrant/refugee issues, both locally and nationally. The Outreach Committee is reaching out to local non-profits as well as Episcopal Migration Ministries to invite speakers to educate us about best ways to move forward. If you would like to join this group, please email Penny Roen ([pennyroen@gmail.com](mailto:pennyroen@gmail.com)).

# Classes Offer Learning About Church's Ancient Beginnings, Current Challenges

We offer several opportunities this month to deepen your knowledge and understanding of our faith:

**Inquirer's Class:** 9 a.m. Sundays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 and November 7, in Harvard Hall.

This class, for adults seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, will be led by clergy, 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 contact Michelle Thomas in the church office ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com), 727-822-4173).

**Ancient Beginnings Bible Study:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 and November 2, via Zoom.

A five-week series examining pivotal stories in Genesis 1-11, including The Creation, The First Sin, Cain and Abel, Noah, and the Tower of Babel. Led by Canon Ethan Cole. Visit [spcathedral.org/adults](http://spcathedral.org/adults) to register.

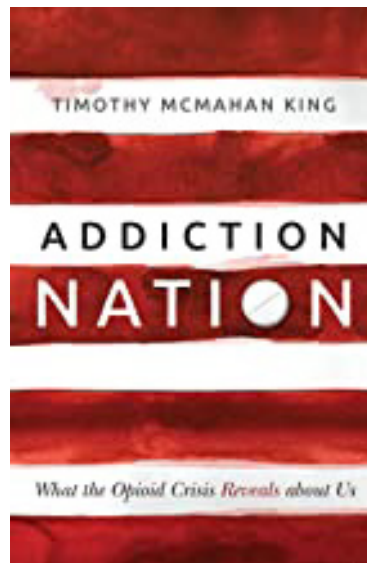
**Addiction Nation Book Study:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, October 14, 21, and 28, via Zoom.

Addiction of any kind dims the image of God and corrupts who we were created to be. *Addiction Nation: What the Opioid Crisis Reveals About Us*, by Timothy McMahan King, nudges us toward healing from the ravages of addiction

and draws us toward a spirituality sturdy enough to sate our deepest longings. Led by Canon Ethan Cole. Visit [spcathedral.org/adults](http://spcathedral.org/adults) to register for the Zoom link.

**Dogma, Devotion, and Discipline:** 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, via Zoom.

"The Lord's Prayer" is the final in this three-part webinar series by Canons Ethan Cole and Thomas Williams. Register at [spcathedral.org/adults](http://spcathedral.org/adults).



# News from Our Family Ministry

## Messy Church

**Thursday, October 14**

Messy Church is a wonderful way for families to hear Bible stories and talk about their faith together. This month we will continue our deep dive into the Lord's Prayer through art, cooking, storytelling, drama, science, spiritual practices, and 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 p.m.



*Emma Knippen with art created last month as we began our study of the Lord's Prayer. Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

## Family Ministry Calendar

**Saturday, October 2:**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 3: Bread + Cup, Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, EYC**

**Sunday, October 10: Bread + Cup, Acolyte Recognition, Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**

**Thursday, October 14: Messy Church**

**Sunday, October 17: Bread + Cup, Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, EYC**

**Saturday, October 23:**

**Benison Farm Day**

**Sunday, October 24: Bread + Cup Blessing, Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, EYC**

**Saturday, October 30: All Hallows' Eve Service**



## Bread + Cup Recognition

**Sunday, October 24 during the 10:15 a.m. service**

Families will be invited to come forward for a blessing as we recognize the conclusion of the Bread + Cup instructed Eucharist series. Children will receive "Let Us Pray: A Kid's Guide to the Eucharist."

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## Family Ministry News

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### Time to Start Rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant

**Michelle Thomas,**  
Associate for Christian Formation

Our annual Christmas pageant returns December 12. The children of the Cathedral are excited to put on their costumes, sing songs and make music together, and retell the story of Jesus' birth.

It's an exciting time to be a kid at the Cathedral! We have a great variety of instruments, and our children have the opportunity to learn to play new kinds of music. Older children have opportunities for leadership during our music-making time, and it has been really great to watch our children develop into strong musicians as they use their voices and instruments to offer praise and thanks.

This year, we will draw on hymns and spiritual songs from Black composers and will incorporate percussion instruments like tambourines, chimes, wood blocks, maracas, claves, and more. If your child would

rather have a non-musical role, we have extra costumes and speaking roles for everyone to join in.

Rehearsals begin October 3 starting right after the 10:15 a.m. service until 12:30 p.m., and continue until the date of the pageant. Come and join in the fun! Please send an email to Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) or Michelle Thomas ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)) for additional information.

#### Pageant Schedule

**Rehearsals:** Every Sunday, starting October 3, from after the 10:15 a.m. service until 12:30 p.m.

**Performance:** Sunday, December 12, during the 10:15 a.m. service



We will acknowledge the service of our acolytes at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 10. We'll also welcome a new group of acolytes, who toured the sacristy recently and learned to carry the cross and the torches. On September 19, returning acolytes Caleb Knight and Lydia McDowall, left and right, were joined by new acolytes Anna and Elise Chandler, center, to assist at the altar at the 10:15 a.m. service. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

## Can 'Ou Canoe?

On a Sunday afternoon when the rain stayed away, we paddled the waters off Fort DeSoto, celebrated a Eucharist, and had great fun getting wet. Photos by HILLARY PEETE and MICHELLE THOMAS



## Service by a Centenarian-Plus Is Centerpiece of October Evensong

Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 24 — the 22nd Sunday After Pentecost — will feature the Service in G of Francis Jackson, the 104-year-old organist who was director of music at York Minster in England for 36 years, retiring in 1982.

Jackson's extensive output of sacred and secular music includes canticles, anthems, hymn tunes (including the widely sung "East Acklam," which we know as Hymn 424, "For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God"), organ sonatas, and other organ pieces.

You can hear the service sung by the choir of St. John's, Cambridge, here:

<https://www.sjcchoir.co.uk/listen/sjc-live/jackson-f-magnificat-nunc-dimittis-g>

Our service begins with an organ prelude at 4:45, featuring Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata No. 3, played by Canon for Music Dwight Thomas.

The Anthem is John Ireland's "Greater Love Hath No Man," and the concluding hymn is No. 24, "When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth."

The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing, and a freewill offering is taken. Dwight Thomas is director and organist.



## End the Day with Compline

The Rev. Canon Thomas Williams and Michelle Thomas will offer chanted compline at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 10. You can attend live or watch the livestream of this brief, quiet 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."



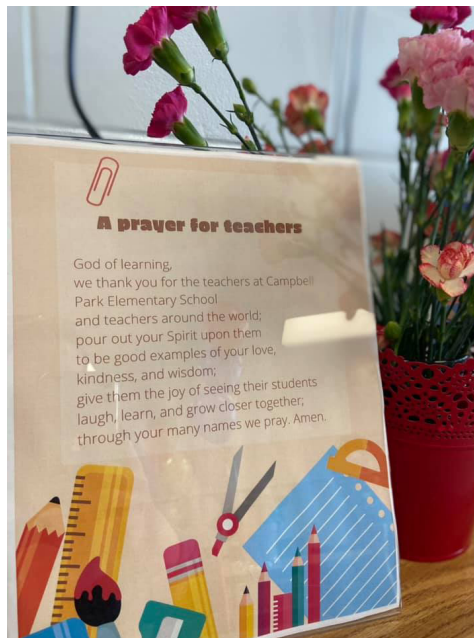
## Lunch for Campbell Park

Cathedral volunteers served a fried-chicken back-to-school lunch to approximately 100 teachers and staff of Campbell Park Elementary School on September 3. The chicken tenders were purchased

using a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant and the chips, desserts, fruit, drinks, and other items were donated by generous Cathedral members. Photos by HILLARY PEETE



*Campbell Park teachers and staff enjoyed a buffet with chicken tenders, sides, and drinks. We offered prayers for teachers and students and thanks to these dedicated professionals. Susan Darrow reconnected with Denise Baker, a second-grade teacher she had volunteered with more than a year ago!*



## Resurrection House Seeks Some Handy Fix-It Helpers

Are you handy with basic home repairs? Do you have a little extra time to donate? Florida Resurrection House needs you!

We are putting together “Team Fix-It”: a team of 8 to 10 volunteers willing to be called upon, as needed, to help with basic maintenance and repairs on our 15-unit apartment campus. Having a team will mean you won’t have to help with every project unless your schedule allows and the task is a fit for your skills.

Jobs include changing light bulbs and ensuring other fixtures and fittings are in good working order, basic maintenance, hanging pictures, repairing drywall, changing fuses, minor plumbing and carpentry, clearing or cleaning general areas, and shifting/assembling furniture or equipment.

Your help will reduce our costs in staff time and allow repairs to be made in a timely manner. Flexible hours based on your schedule. Preference for some weekday availability during our office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or evenings/weekends. Timing will change week-to-week, depending on the project need. If you prefer to offer during a set timeframe each week, we’d love your help in that way as well.

To volunteer, visit [spcathedral.org/resurrection-house](http://spcathedral.org/resurrection-house).

## Contributions for Our Furry Friends, Blessings for Your Pets

This month we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis (1182-1226), patron saint of animals. We remember our four-legged friends by inviting you to support our October outreach collection opportunity of pet food and supplies for Pet Pal Animal Shelter, a no-kill, nonprofit shelter.

Among the items they seek are Science Diet for dogs and cats, canned and dry; dog and cat toys; Nylabones; Kongs; blankets, crates, and carriers, both new and used; and office and cleaning supplies. Pet Pal gratefully accepts gift cards to big-box stores and pet stores. A complete wish list is here: <https://petpalanimalshelter.com/donate>, then scroll down for the Wish List.

There will be a deanery-wide **Blessing of the Animals** from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, at Benison Farm, the community garden, at 2920 26th Ave. S. A short liturgy will be offered at 9:30 a.m. Dona-



tions can be dropped off during this event as well. Bring your pets (leashed or crated, please), and if they do not travel well, you can bring an image (a cell-phone photo is fine) for a blessing. Kids are welcome to bring a favorite stuffed animal.

*At last year’s Blessing of the Animals, Canon Ethan Cole’s Daisy received a blessing from Canon Paige Hanks. Photo by JUDY STARK*



## Workday, Funday

Another workday at Benison Farm is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, October 23. Learn more about this community farm, a joint project of St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's Episcopal Churches that provides fresh produce in a food desert and grows relationships. Last month we created a new sunflower bed and

cleared space for fall vegetables. Come dig in the dirt, practice your weeding skills, and play with the chickens! Information/registration: [spcathedral.org/community](http://spcathedral.org/community).

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



*Creating a sunflower bed: back, from left, Felix Peete; Debbie Knippen with grandchildren Katherine and Jack; center, Beatrix and Brandon Peete; foreground, Payson Adams with grandson Bruno.*



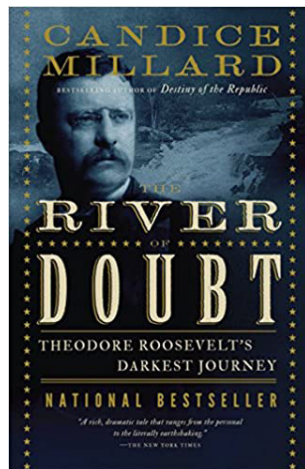
*A rooster and one of his harem are just two of the fowl who make their home at Benison Farm.*

# Looking for Something Good to Read? Look No Further!

Charles Jaynes, Librarian

Welcome to the Cathedral library!

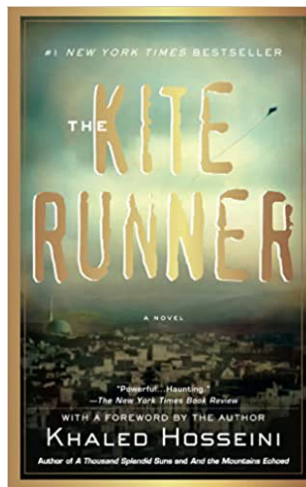
In addition to a wide selection of Bibles and Bible commentaries, you'll find poetry, many biographies, books offering private prayer and meditation, and a large fiction collection. There is also a good collection of operas on CD and DVD.



A sample of biography: *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard (2005). After his election defeat in 1912, Theodore Roosevelt set his sights on a physical challenge: the first exploration of an

unmapped, rapids-choked tributary of the Amazon River. Three men died, and Roosevelt was brought to the brink of suicide. "A powerful non-fiction narrative."

Among the fiction offerings is Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* (2003). It tells the life of Amir, the privileged young Afghan narrator, who comes of age during the last peaceful days of Afghanistan's monarchy, just before the country's revolution and its invasion by Russia in



1979. Now more timely than ever.

Stop by, browse, and take home a good book. You don't need a library card; we are using the honor system for checkouts and returns.

## What about donations?

Our storage and display space is very limited, so we cannot accept large donations of books. Please do not just drop off books. E-mail Charles Jaynes ([chasrj39@hotmail.com](mailto:chasrj39@hotmail.com)) with a description of what you have to offer and he will make a selection.

We have some restrictions: no travel books, no cookbooks, no Reader's Digest Condensed Books, no encyclopedias, dictionaries, or reference books, no textbooks, no coffee-table books, no how-tos.

# Bishop Search Committee Will Offer an Online Update

What are we looking for in our next bishop?  
How is the search going?

Leaders of the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee will present an online workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 6. They'll discuss the findings of last summer's diocesan-wide survey and listening sessions and talk about what happens next in the process. Here's the Zoom link: <https://episcopalswfl.zoom.us/j/82066801821>

The profile and other information about the search are available at [bishopsearchswfl.org](http://bishopsearchswfl.org). The slate will be announced in January 2022, and the bishop coadjutor of our diocese will be elected April 2, 2022. That person will serve with Bishop Dabney Smith until he retires.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, our canon theologian, has recently joined the Search

Committee, taking the place of a member who resigned.

Meanwhile, the Standing Committee has announced the members of the Transitions Commit-

tee, which will introduce the candidates to the diocese and the diocese to the candidates; will arrange a series of meet-and-greet events around the diocese before the election; and will play a key role in planning the consecration of our bishop coadjutor.

Chair is Kevin Fitzgerald of St. Mark's, Marco Island. Other members are Erika Cannon, St. John's, Tampa; Donna Davis, Good

Samaritan, Clearwater; Melissa Rau, St. Mark's, Venice; the Rev. Joe Hudson, Good Shepherd, Venice; Leila Mizer St. James House of Prayer, Tampa; and Liwliwa Reyes Villagomez, who worships at various parishes in our diocese where her husband, the Rev. Christian Villagomez, serves as supply clergy.



*Bishop Coadjutor Search*  
Diocese of Southwest Florida



Because of the Covid infection rate, Foyer dinner groups are on hold for the rest of 2021. We'll revisit Foyers in the new year and hope we can restart these gatherings for good food, fellowship, and fun.

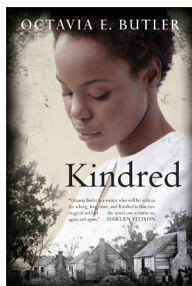
Art by Marianne Fleming



## Around the Cathedral

St. Peter's Book Club meets via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. October 26, when Susan Darrow will present *Kindred* by Octavia Butler.

Young African-American woman time-travels between her home in 1976 Los Angeles and the antebellum plantation in Maryland where she meets her ancestors: a proud Black freewoman and the white planter who has enslaved her. E-mail [Roberta Poellein \(rp1ln37@gmail.com\)](mailto:Roberta.Poellein@rp1ln37@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



Congratulations to Dean Morris, who has been elected to serve as the representative to Diocesan Council from the St. Petersburg Deanery.



His election will be confirmed at Diocesan Convention on October 16.

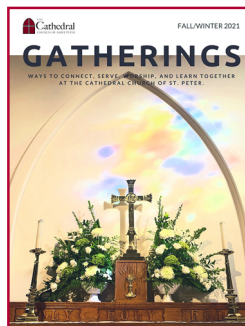


Until we can safely gather inside for eating and drinking, we'll offer lemonade and cookies in the Garden after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sundays.



Our *Gatherings* brochure, with details of events, activities, and opportunities, has been updated to include October happenings.

Download it at [spcathedral.org/gatherings](https://spcathedral.org/gatherings).



### Hometown Pride

Four members of the Friends of St. Aelred attended the Tampa Bay Rays Pride Night at Tropicana Field on August 20: Tom Walker, Wil Laroche, BJ Scarborough, and Doug Hansen. The Rays lost to the White Sox, 7-5, in extra innings. Still, it was a fun night to relax and enjoy our national pas-time!

# Our Youth Are Building A Community of Care for Each Other

**Hillary Peete, Director of Christian Formation**

The quality that stands out most to me about our youth group — 6th through 12th grade — is how welcoming they are to each other. They live all over the city, almost everyone attends a different school, some play sports, some are in chess club, we have our rabble-rousers and a few on the quiet side. But when we gather on Sunday evenings, they make space for each other.

I have witnessed our high school youth exhibit great leadership with younger youth. A few weeks ago, a new 11th-grader joined EYC. The group could have easily come off as too close-knit or cliquish. Instead, I saw them include him in their silly inside jokes and give him the starring role in the skit they created, and by the end of the evening, it was like he'd always been a part of the group.

Our EYC community has become vital to us all over the last 18 months. As one youth told

me, "This is the one time in the week that I feel truly relaxed. For just a few hours, my worries about school and sports fade into the background." We can all fall into the trap of thinking that we can always manage by ourselves and that there's no time for rest. But this go-it-alone attitude is in direct contradiction to scriptural ideals, in which community is essential and taking care of one another is a consistent teaching.

The community of care that our youth have created for themselves and others is an example of what scripture tells us about God's dream for us. We are meant to be a part of community. We're called to meet one another's needs, and to let others help meet our needs, too.

Throughout October, we'll lean into our welcoming community and explore more about God's dream for us. We will discuss how we can attend to physical, emotional,

and spiritual needs. When faced with difficult choices, we'll wonder how we can determine which is the most life-giving choice. And along the way, there will be some terrible jokes, good food, and lots of laughter.

## EYC Plans

**October 3: Hyppo Popsicles**

**October 10: No EYC** (New Beginnings weekend)

**October 17: God's Dream: All Things in Common**

**October 24: God's Dream: Life-giving Choices**

**October 31: No EYC**  
(Happy Halloween!)



# October Transitions

## Birthdays

1	Cyndy Orozco	17	Gene Blocker
2	Mia Moore	19	David Gaither
3	Althea Lazroe	20	Felix Peete
5	Jillian Frers	21	Dwight Thomas
6	Bryan Putman	21	Benjamin Lopez
6	Andrew Chandler	21	Christopher Sainz
7	Sharon Sanchez	22	Ethan Cole
7	Bob Flannery	23	Aidan Strickland
7	Jody Baden	23	Wayne Eich
8	Tom Thomas	23	Kathy Kelly
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13	Nancy Kramer	24	Esther Jacobson
14	Marshall Craig	25	Elaine New
14	Martha Alexander	25	Glen Stewart
14	Ellen Rodgers	27	Ed Long
15	Ray Spletzer	27	Aiden Miller
15	Allison Chandler	29	Tilly Earle
17	Heather Neefe	29	Connie Phillips
17	Franci Cross	30	Ray Benoit
17	Kristina Vogt	30	Ed Caley
		30	Gavin Sosa
		30	Rebecca Miller

30 Emma Knippen

## Anniversaries

2	Bob & Susan Churuti
6	James & Sarah Parker
7	Scott Nonken & Rob Porachan
10	Greg & Anna Glenn
12	Michael & Lois Ricciardi
16	Elizabeth & Robbie Hasbrouck
17	Robin & Anysia McDowall
19	Christopher Sainz & Kristina Vogt
22	Vincent & Evelyn Ranuro
24	Debra & Brad Davis
29	Glen Stewart & Jody Baden
31	Brandon & 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)

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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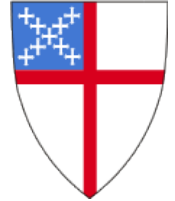
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