

CROSSTOWN

November 2021

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Trick or treat: carving pumpkins at Youth Group. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Giving Tree Invites You to Give a Child a Brighter Christmas

Starting November 1, you can participate in our Giving Tree — the annual way we make sure that children in need have a Merry Christmas.

In the “before time,” we’d hang cards on a tree listing the wishes of children and parents from Resurrection House, Campbell Park Elementary, and Brighter Seasons for Children. You, the congregation, would choose a card (or cards!), shop for the gifts, and return them to the Cathedral. Then the



Gaye Burnsed chooses a card from the Giving Tree in 2019. Now we’ve switched to virtual sponsorships. Photo by JUDY STARK

Friends of St. Aelred, who sponsor the Giving Tree, would sort and pack the gifts and deliver them in time for Christmas.

That was then. Because of Covid-19, last year and again this year we are switching to virtual giving, since everyone isn’t back at church yet to pick cards off a tree, and many are still reluctant to venture out to crowded stores or malls.

Here’s how it works: Rather than buying a gift directly, you can sponsor a child for \$50. (You can sponsor as many children as you like. We cannot offer specific sponsorships by age, gender, or location; please know that you are helping a child in need.)

Participating children and parents have already submitted their Christmas wishes. The Friends of St. Aelred will order the gifts online and have them delivered directly to the participating agencies, where they will be sorted, wrapped, and placed under the tree of the right recipient.

You have until November 30 to sponsor a child. You can pay in any of several ways:

- * debit or credit card on our website,

spcathedral.org/giving-tree;

- * drop off or mail a check to the Cathedral. Make the check payable to Cathedral Church of St. Peter and indicate Giving Tree in the memo line;

- * use the QR Code here to make your contribution, or pick up a copy of the QR Code from the Giving Tree in the Narthex at the Cathedral.



To learn more about the participating organizations, you may view videos on the Cathedral website, spcathedral.org/community, or visit Giving Tree under the Events tab on our website.

Our online Giving Tree last year was very successful and we thank you so much for your sponsorships.

If there is money left over after we fulfill the recipients’ wishes, we’ll buy grocery-store gift cards for the families. All your sponsorship money will go to make the holidays brighter for children who need our help the most.

Help Others Have A Hearty Thanksgiving Dinner

The Cathedral is donating Thanksgiving dinner bags again this year to families at Campbell Park Elementary School and Resurrection House, and to residents of Peterborough Apartments.

You can help by donating these items:

- * Boxed mashed potatoes
- * Canned green beans
- * Cranberry sauce
- * Boxed stuffing mix
- * \$35 Publix or Walmart gift cards to be used to buy the meat of the recipients' choice.

We also need volunteers to assemble the bags at 10 a.m. Friday, November 19, in Harvard Hall.

For additional information, please contact Penny Roen (penny.roen@gmail.com).



We return to **STANDARD TIME** at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 7. Remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. Prepare for brighter early mornings ... and afternoons that grow darker earlier.

* **Thanksgiving Day service:** 10 a.m. Thursday, November 25. Come "gather together to ask the Lord's blessing."
 * **Pilgrims scorned our forebears**, the Church of England. Visit spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog

All Saints' Day: We Remember Holy Women, Holy Men

On Sunday, November 7, we will observe All Saints' Day, when we honor "saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven."

It is a day to remember that we are in communion with all who have gone before us, especially those who have lived holy lives but who are not canonized as saints. Think about the people who are saints in your life.

Bishop Barry Howe will be the presenter at the last session of our Inquirers' Class, from 9 to 10 a.m., speaking on the role of the bishop in the life of the church. He will celebrate at the 10:15 a.m. service at which candidates for baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows will be presented.

Among them are: **Baptisms:** Bruno Adams, Aiden Miller; **Confirmations/Receptions:** Terry Llewellyn, Debbie Knippen; **Receptions:** Johnny Van Heest, Mike Schillace; **Reaffirmations:** Richard Jordan.



Contemporary saint: Harriet Bedell (1875-1969) served the Seminoles in Southwest Florida as deaconess and missionary. The church honors her January 8.

Cathedral Holiday Schedule

Here are the major worship services and activities at the Cathedral as we move into the holiday season. Mark your calendars now and plan to be here! We'll have details about all these events as the time draws near.

10 a.m. Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving service
November 25-26: Church office is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

5 p.m. Sunday, November 28: Advent Lessons & Carols ([see Page 6](#))

10:15 a.m. Sunday, December 12: Christmas Pageant
4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, December 19: Live Nativity at the home of Dwight Thomas and Bruce Rice, 1770 52nd Ave. N. Real barnyard animals! See [page 16](#) for more details.

7 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, Longest Night service. Music, prayer and mindfulness for all who suffer any kind of loss in this season.

5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve services

10 a.m. Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day service
10 a.m. Sunday, December 26: One service.
December 27-January 1: Cathedral offices closed. No services, no activities.

10 a.m. Sunday, January 2: One service.
Monday, January 3: We return to **normal office hours and service schedule.**

A New Church Year Begins

As We Prepare the Way of the Lord

The long green season after Pentecost finally comes to an end on November 21, the 26th Sunday after Pentecost, a day observed as Christ the King, when we acknowledge Jesus's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation.

Pentecost this year was May 23 — 50 days after Easter. The season after Pentecost is a time when we observe the ordered life of the church and explore what it means to live daily in faith and observe everyday sacredness.

On November 21 we end the current Christian year, during which we have been reading the Gospel of Mark. Starting on November 28, we begin the season of Advent, four weeks leading up to Christmas.

Advent is a season of preparation for the Light of Christ coming into the world. We move gradually out of darkness, singing the hymns of longing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," or of hope: "Prepare ye the way

of the Lord" and "Sleepers, wake!"

The clergy vestments and altar hangings are blue, the color of hope, expectation, and heaven. It is also the color associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus, in iconography and art.

On each of the four Sundays we will light a candle on the Advent wreath. Three of the four candles are blue. The candle for the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday (say "GOW-day-tay"), is rose. "Gaudete" means "rejoice," and pink symbolizes the joy that Jesus is almost here.

In the fourth and fifth centuries, Advent was observed for 40 days, often as a time of severe fasting, and was thought of as a "little Lent" without an explicit link to Christmas. In later centuries the deeply penitential aspect of Advent was set aside and the season was reduced to four weeks with a specific tie to the celebration of Christ's birth.

Starting on Advent 1, we will read from the Gospel of Luke. (In the Christian year that is ending we've been reading from the Gospel of Mark.) Luke's is the longest gospel, and its author is believed also to have written the Book of Acts.

Luke may have been Greek; he writes eloquently in Greek, and his audience may have been Greek Christians.

Luke's Gospel includes many beloved stories: the Prodigal Son, the Beatitudes, the Good Samaritan. He writes frequently about women — the woman who washes Jesus's feet, the woman with the lost coin, and more. And it includes the birth story that most of us can recite from memory (Luke 2:1): "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled." You know where the story goes from there!

To Start the Season of Advent, A Service of Lessons and Carols

If you enjoy the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge, that is broadcast every Christmas Eve, you have a great treat in store.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, November 28 — the First Sunday of Advent — when we would ordinarily offer Choral Evensong, we will present a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, a beautiful service of readings and music that point the way to Christmas.

"This will be the full service, not the shortened version we have offered for the last 12 years at the 10:15 a.m. service," Canon for Music and Precentor Dwight Thomas said.

The service offers eight readings that trace the story of salvation, from the Garden of Eden through the angel Gabriel's stunning announcement to Mary through the promise of the Second Coming. There are 14 carols or hymns, some familiar, some less so: "Jesus Christ the Apple

Tree," Britten's "Hymn to the Virgin," and more.

"I'm excited that we'll open the service with a candlelighting," Dwight said. "Everyone will be given a candle upon entering. The first reading comes from Genesis, where God says, 'Let there be light,' and the flame will be passed from person to person. This is something I learned from Trinity College, Cambridge, and I've been eager to try it here.

"In this time of pandemic, as we mourn our losses and deal with our grief, the Advent themes of promise, hope, and expectation take on a different, poignant meaning," Dwight said. "The candlelighting, the readings, and the music all lead us from darkness into light, reminders that our God will come to save us from the darkness of sin and death and to bring us to the resplendence of God's kingdom."



"Annunciation" by Patricia Brintle

Have You Made Your Faith-Filled Financial Commitment?

Sunday, October 31, is ingathering Sunday for our fall pledge campaign, when we invite the congregation to make a faith-filled financial commitment to the Cathedral for 2022.

If you didn't receive a pledge packet, or can't find it, no problem — they're available at the front desk. Or call the Cathedral (727-822-4173) and we'll be more than delighted to send you one.

It's never too late! We're happy to accept a pledge even after October 31. Your pledge matters because St. Peter's matters, to our congregation and to the community we serve.

Our goal this year is \$840,000, an increase of \$10,000 over 2021 and up from \$800,000 in 2020. Our Endowment Fund is currently valued at \$4.1-million.

Because of the pandemic, we were unable to hold our festive Oktoberfest dinner that is the usual start of our faith-filled commitment campaign. That didn't sideline us! Members of the Stewardship Committee and the Chapter handed out apple strudel and beer the afternoon of October 1, and an online Oktoberfest evening of music and fun followed.

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It's Team Strudel, handing out apple strudel and beer at curbside.

From left, in the Lederhosen T-shirts, Mike Schillace and Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan; Michael Ricciardi; and, also in Alpine attire, Steve Buyens and Lauren Durst.

Photo by JUDY STARK



Family Ministry Roundup

Messy Church Does Advent

Thursday, November 11

Messy Church is a wonderful way for families to hear Bible stories and talk about their faith together. In November, we will learn about the season of Advent and, of course, have some messy fun! Dinner is served from 5:30-6 p.m. (\$10/family) and we close with a prayer at 7:15 p.m.

EYC Friendsgiving

5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 14

Youth and families are invited to a potluck dinner, with time for fellowship, games, and a slideshow looking back at the last year of EYC together. Look for the signup in the EYC monthly email and on the website at spcathedral.org/youth.

EYC Movie Marathon

Sunday, November 21

Start off Thanksgiving break with a movie marathon, flashlight tag, and more fun with EYC friends. Check the EYC monthly email for details.



Sarah Lewis lifts a giant prayer bubble, a reminder that God is as close as our breath, at Messy Church in October. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Family Ministry Calendar

November 7: EYC

November 11:

Messy Church Does Advent

November 14: EYC Friendsgiving

November 20:

Benison Farm workday

November 21:

EYC movie marathon

December 5: EYSeedlings

White Elephant , 3-4:30 p.m.

December 5: EYC

White Elephant, 5 to 7 p.m.

December 11: Christmas

Pageant dress rehearsal

December 12:

Christmas Pageant

December 19: Live Nativity,

4 to 6 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve,

5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

December 25 | Christmas Day

at 10 a.m.



Honoring Those Who Serve at the Altar

We recognized our acolytes on October 10, thanking them for their reverent hearts and steady hands in worship each week.

Honored, in order of years of service, were: **Five years or more:** Joanie Andrews and Ken Esteb, co-acolyte wardens; Frank Casorio, Maggie Moore, Mia Moore. **Four years:** Gavin Sosa. **Three years:** Joel Burnsed, Connor Carlisle, Dustin Knight. **Two years:** Caleb Knight, Olivia Norman. (Olivia has many more years of service at other churches.) **One year:** Avary Fleming, Lydia McDowall. **New acolytes:** Millie Burnsed, Anna Chandler, Elise Chandler, Ellie Curtis, Katherine Knippen, Cole Naylor.

Bless the Beasts and Children

We celebrated the Feast of St. Francis on October 2 with a Blessing of the Animals at Benison Farm, the community garden sponsored by St. Augustine's and St. Thomas' Episcopal Churches. Canon Ethan Cole befriended this handsome German shepherd; Beatrix Peete and Bruno Adams brought their stuffed animals for a blessing; Canon Ethan, with Rick Knight, blessed the Knight family's Mary Jane.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE.



Music News: Quiet Compline, Thomas Advent Talk, Sung Noonday Prayer

Chanted Compline

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and Michelle Thomas will offer chanted compline at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 14. 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.”

Trio of Thomases Will Talk About All Things Advent

You enjoyed the Lenten “Thomas Talk” when three church musicians talked about everything you ever wanted to know about Lent. Now get ready to hear about all things Advent! Join three of the Cathedral’s staff who, coincidentally, carry the name “Thomas” on their driver’s licenses as they pro-

vide an hour of information and nerdy facts while cracking a few jokes along the way.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, live in Harvard Hall (or watch via livestream) to hear Dwight Thomas, Thomas Williams, and Michelle Thomas explore this important season of the liturgical year and answer all your burning questions.

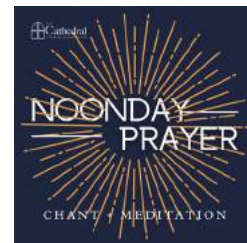
If you would like to submit a question before the Talk, you can do so at the door or via email to Michelle Thomas at mtomas@spcathedral.com.



Sung Noonday Prayer Returns November 29

Starting Monday, November 29, the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and Administrator Michelle Thomas will offer sung noonday prayer via podcast. They will offer the Order of Service for Noonday (Page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer) Monday through Saturday for the foreseeable future.

The podcasts will be posted each day at 9 a.m. at spcathedral.org/noonday, as well as on the podcast platforms Spotify and Apple Podcast. The service will last between eight and nine minutes, with the sung service lasting six minutes and a spoken meditation two or three minutes.



Out of a Miscarriage of Justice, Grace and Exoneration

Our series of book talks continues via Zoom on Tuesday, November 9, when the Rev. Kenny Irby speaks on *Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice* by Yusef Salaam.

Salaam was one of the Central Park Five — Black and Hispanic teenagers wrongfully convicted in the rape of the Central Park jogger in 1989. He served seven years for a crime he did not commit and was finally exonerated in 2002.

The book gracefully and thoughtfully tells Salaam's story of growing up in Harlem with a strong, fierce mother and grandmother. He recalls his years of incarceration and

release and how he turned this monstrous miscarriage of justice into something better: advocacy for prison reform, and spiritual grace to overcome the worst life has to offer.

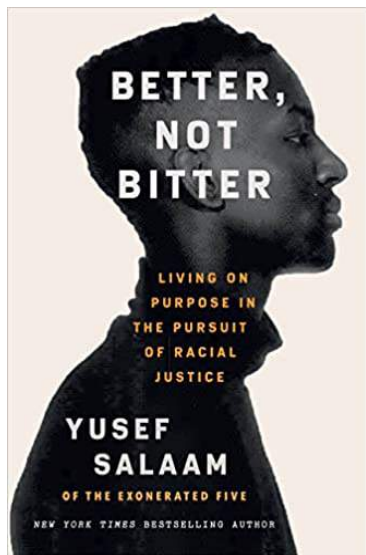
Listen to an interview with Salaam conducted by Fresh Air interviewer Terry Gross here: [tinyurl.com/2wxbhc2w](https://www.tinyurl.com/2wxbhc2w). Or watch a video interview with Salaam here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAH68XVdj_E

Pastor Irby, a longtime friend of the Cathedral, serves at Historic Bethel AME Church. He is also the leader of Men in the Making, a program to mentor Black youth, and every summer leads “Not My Son” rallies at

churches around the city — including the Cathedral — to support Black youth and families.



The Rev. Kenny Irby



November Book Talk

What: The Rev. Kenny Irby discusses *Better, Not Bitter* by Yusef Salaam.

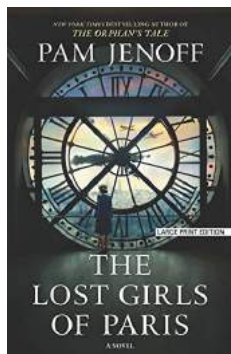
When: Noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, via Zoom. Register for the link at spcathedral.org/book-talks. Videos of previous book talks are posted at that site.

Book Club Names Its Choices from Now Until Next May

History, Mystery, Modern Racial Struggles: Something for Everyone

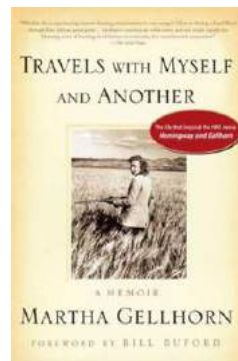
St. Peter's Book Club has announced the lineup of books they'll read and discuss from now through May 2022. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom. E-mail Roberta Poellein (rp1ln37@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Presenters of the titles will be announced later.

The selection for the meeting on **November 23** is *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff (384 pages). Young war widow sets out to discover what happened to a ring of missing female secret agents operating as couriers and radio operators in Europe during World War II. Inspired by



true events, this is a story of friendship, valor, and betrayal.

December 28: *Travels with Myself and Another* by Martha Gellhorn (320 pages). Fearless journalist Martha Gellhorn (once married to Ernest Hemingway, the “another” of the title) covered every military conflict from the Spanish Civil War to Vietnam and Nicaragua. In this memoir she tells of a tense week spent among dissidents in Moscow; long days whiled away in a disused water tank with hippies clustered at Eilat on the Red Sea; and her journeys by sampan and horse to the interior of China



during the Sino-Japanese War.

January 25: *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett (352 pages). Separated as teenagers, the light-skinned Vignes twins lead different lives. Desiree lives with her dark-skinned husband in the small Southern home town she once tried to escape. Stella lives in Southern California, where she passes for white and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Their paths and their daughters' intersect over the years. *The Vanishing Half* explores the intricacies of identity, family, and race in a provocative



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Book Club Schedule

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but compassionate way.

February 22:

The Lost City of the Monkey God:

A True Story by

Douglas Preston

(336 pages). A team of scientists in 2012

located a hidden metropolis in the

Honduran rainforest, the long-lost

sacred and wealthy

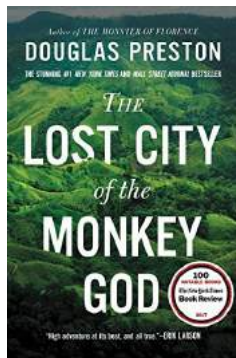
White City of the Monkey God. Indigenous tribes had long warned that anyone who enters the city will fall ill and die. When

Preston and the team returned from their exploration, they found they had contracted in the ruins a horrifying, sometimes

lethal — and incurable — disease. This is an eyewitness account of an ancient curse, a

stunning medical mystery, and one of the great discoveries of the 21st century.

March 22: ***The Paris Library*** by Janet



Skeslien Charles

(368 pages). In

World War II Paris,

librarian Odile joins

the Resistance and

fights the Nazis with

the best weapon

she has: books.

But the war ends

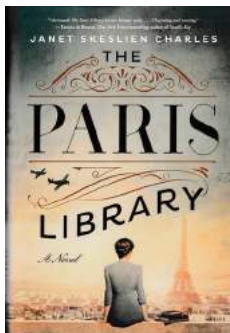
in betrayal for her.

Nearly 40 years

later, a teenager

in Montana befriends her solitary, elderly neighbor, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them.

The Paris Library explores the consequences of our



choices and shows that heroism can be found in the quietest of places.

April 26: ***When Women Invented Television: The Untold Story of the Female Powerhouses Who Pioneered the Way We Watch Today,*** by Jennifer



Keishin Armstrong (352 pages). In the early

days of television, four trailblazing women

shaped the new medium: Irna Phillips (day-

time serials), Gertrude Berg (Jewish family

comedy), Hazel Scott (first Black woman to

host a national evening variety show), and

Betty White (daytime talk show favorite

and one of the first women to produce,

write, and star in her own show).

May 24: ***There There,*** by Tommy Orange

(294 pages). A dozen characters from Na-

tive communities intersect on one fateful

day at the Big Oakland Powwow. Together

they tell the story of the plight of the ur-

ban Native American, dealing with a pain-

ful history; with an inheritance of beauty

and spirituality;

with communion

and sacrifice and

heroism; and with a

plague of addiction,

abuse, and suicide.

Orange is a member

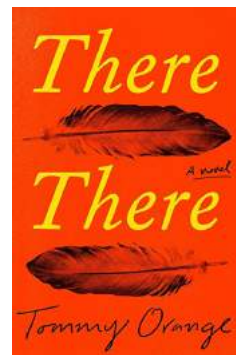
of the Arapahoe and

Cheyenne tribes.

The book was a fi-

nalist for 2019 Pulit-

zer Prize in fiction.



Helping Hands

A group of 10 Cathedral members and leaders from Peterborough Apartments put together 30 emergency kits to have in hand when a resident is unwell or under quarantine. Packed with treats

and necessities, these bags are so appreciated! This project was supported by a grant from Thrivent Financial Services.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Gail McCoy and Ginny Rowell fill the emergency bags, including such items as oatmeal, soup, snacks, and hygiene supplies.



Another Saturday Down on the Farm

Our next workday at Benison Farm — the last of the year — is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, November 20. You can work in the community garden or meet the chickens. Information: spcathedral.org/community.

The farm, at 2920 26th Ave. S, is a joint project of St. Thomas' and St. Augustin's Episcopal Churches, providing fresh produce in a food desert and engaging a diverse group of people in serving the community.

The fall farmers' market has been postponed so that 100 percent of the produce from the farm can go towards Mercy Keepers before the holidays. Learn more about

the work of this St. Petersburg organization, which provides food and housing assistance, at www.mercykeepersinc.com. Or read an article about Benison Farm in *Green Bench Monthly*, available at: greenbenchmonthly.com/not-for-profit/benison-farm-a-blessing-in-the-community/

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Left, Elise Chandler (who is also a chicken-tender volunteer). Right, Felix Peete with Dustin and Caleb Knight. Below, Marcy Crosby and James and Rick Knight.



A Real Camel, a Stable, Carols, and Fun: Live Nativity on December 19!

Get ready for the Cathedral's first Live Nativity!

Join us from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 19, to pet the camel, donkey, sheep, goats, and a mini-cow.

This event will be held in the spacious backyard at the home of Dwight Thomas and Bruce Rice at 1770 52nd Ave N. There will be stations where you can make a paper-bag luminary, prepare care packages for the residents of Peterborough Apartments, and sing some carols.

Michelle Thomas, our associate for Christian formation, and her dad are building a stable. We will have a variety of costumes for all ages and people can dress up and recreate the nativity scene for photographs. We will have some classic nativity images on hand that people can try to recreate.

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

We'll have fellowship and festivities of all kinds. Volunteers are needed! Please visit spcathedral.org/nativity for more information and to sign up to help make this event come together.



Zoom Discussion Will Analyze Church's Racial Justice Audit

The Diocesan Committee on Race and Reconciliation will offer a Zoom discussion November 1 to analyze the recent Racial Justice Audit of Episcopal Leadership conducted by the wider Church.

The audit surveyed and interviewed more than 1,300 members of The Episcopal Church's key leadership bodies about their experiences of racism, racial identity, and power in the life of the church.

Among the findings: how people of color feel either invisible or tokenized; how money is given or withheld; and the unrealistic expectations placed on people of color in mostly white settings.

Join us to learn more about the nine dominant patterns the audit identified and about the work being done to address healing and justice in support of the Gospel. You can read a summary and find the complete report here: episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/episcopal-church-releases-racial-justice-audit-of-leaders/

The discussion is from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, November 1, via Zoom. Register for the link at spcathedral.org/beloved-community.

More Activities Around the Cathedral

St. Pete's Historic 22nd St. S

Join us from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, for a book discussion of *St. Petersburg's Historic 22nd Street South* by Rosalie Peck and Jon Wilson.

We will gather for an outdoor lunch and discussion at the Creole Cafe on 22nd Street S. You can purchase the book at Tombolo Books or Amazon. Please

register online to let us know you plan to attend so we can make reservations. The link is available at spcathedral.org/beloved-community or email Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com).



Scott Strader, a longtime member of the Cathedral and director of the USF Counseling Center, and Monica Burton, licensed marriage and family therapist, will help us understand how we can extend compassion, build resilience, and practice self-care as we face the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic.

Register here: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt3-9ZnyWZQwWn-LEU-tt1NbtmQMBIwPsH2ixwK2KQf3o-BAgw/viewform

New Office Hours

Effective immediately, Cathedral office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

We Walked to End Hunger

Cathedral members donated 200 pounds of nonperishable food to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic and \$150 to the CROP-

Walk in September, an annual fundraiser of Church World Service that supports grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world.

The overall Pinellas CROPWalk, which was a virtual walk, raised only about \$2,500 this year — much less than in past years, when it was a “real” walk. As in the past, 25 percent of the money donated was split between the Free Clinic and Daystar Life Center, with the remainder going to help end hunger throughout the world.

Coffee with the Clergy

Coffee with the Clergy resumes this month. The Rev. Ethan J. Cole, Canon for Congregational Life, invites newcomers (and longtimers too) to join him for coffee from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 14, in Harvard Hall. He and other clergy, staff, and lay leaders would like to welcome you, learn more about you, and tell you more about the Cathedral. No need to RSVP; just come.

Coping in a Post-Covid Community

We invite you to join us for a Zoom webinar from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8, about building resilience in a post-Covid community.

Devotional Will Guide Families Through Advent

An Illustrated Advent for Families devotional will be available for families to pick up at church beginning Sunday, November 14. The devotions are written to engage and include all ages and provide ample choices to fit your family.

The devotional says:

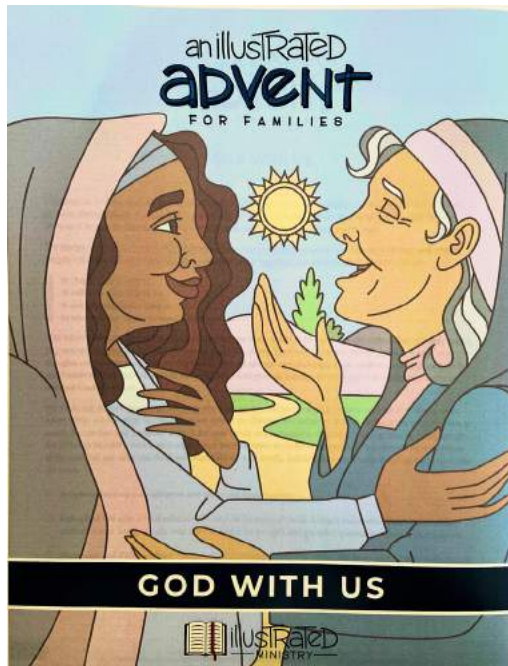
The stories of Advent are stories for hard times. Jesus was born amid upheaval and historical change and among people who seemed powerless. But when the world feels hopeless, Advent reminds us God is with us.

This Advent resource invites your family to explore the ways in which Emmanuel, God-with-us, brings hope, peace, joy, and love to your home and community, especially during hard times. Each week you will explore how the good news of God-with-us changes our perspectives and give us courage for each day.

Engage in reading scripture, reflection, coloring pages, family activities, and prayer throughout Advent to explore where you find hope, peace, joy, and God's love.

Dear God, thank you for being with us and with everyone who has come before us. May we remember that no matter how backward, sideways,

or upside-down life becomes, you will always be there. Amen.



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

November Transitions

Birthdays

1	Ellen Morris	12	Penny Robbins
1	Cole Naylor	13	Suzanne Haines
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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 encouraged at all worship services and indoor gatherings but are not mandatory.

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

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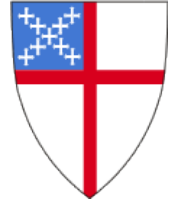
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