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January 2023

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Bishop Scharf's Official Seating Rescheduled for January 7

The Right Rev. Douglas F. Scharf will be officially seated as the sixth Bishop Diocesan of Southwest Florida at the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 7. All are welcome!

Originally, the plan was to hold a diocesan convention business meeting on the morning of December 10, to be followed in the afternoon by the ceremonial investiture

and seating at which the Right Rev. Dabney Smith, our resigned bishop diocesan, would hand over the crozier — the shepherd's crook — to his successor. But Bishop Smith was diagnosed with Covid just two days before, so the seating was rescheduled.

The convention business meeting did go on as planned. (It was delayed from its usual mid-October date because of Hurricane Ian, which damaged many churches in the south end of our diocese and also damaged the conference center where the convention had been scheduled to meet.) At the close of convention, Chancellor Ted Tripp read a statement from Presiding Bishop Michael

Dean Morris and Deacon Rosenberg assisted Bishop Scharf at the altar at the convention Eucharist.



Jean Beshears and B.J. Scarborough were lectors at the opening worship.

Curry transferring ecclesiastical authority to Bishop Scharf and recognizing him as Bishop Diocesan of Southwest Florida as of December 10.

On January 7, Bishop Scharf will knock three times on the Cathedral door. He will be greeted by Dean Morris and led to the cathedra, the official bishop's seat. It's on the left side as you face the altar, topped with a bishop's mitre.

A light reception follows in Harvard Hall.

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At the business meeting, clergy and lay delegates affirmed the budget, heard a short address from Bishop Scharf, and elected members and deputies to various positions. Full details are at episcopalswfl.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3211467, where you



Chancellor Ted Tripp, Bishop Scharf, and Canon to the Ordinary Richard Norman preside at the head table.

can find a link to a video of the entire convention.

“I want to thank the many — many! — Cathedral volunteers who made the convention run smoothly,” Dean Morris said. “When we had to shift gears at the last minute because of Bishop Smith’s illness — cancelling the seating — everyone exhibited tremendous flexibility and creativity as we pivoted to change our plans. I have had many compliments about the warm hospitality, friendliness, and grace with which our parishioners went about their duties. This was the Cathedral at its finest, and I’m grateful to all of you who made the day a great success.”

Photos by LINDSAY NICKEL



Bishop Scharf preaches at the opening Eucharist.

Faith Filled Financial Commitment Campaign: Close, But We Need to Hear from You

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

We set a goal of \$900,000 for our 2023 Financial Commitment Campaign. We are on the way to meeting that goal but still have a way to go.

As of mid-December we had recorded commitments for 2023 from 200 “pledging units” — individuals or families. That is 28 fewer than in 2022 and does not take into consideration 14 new commitment units.

From a positive standpoint, that means that 78.7 percent of those who made a commitment in the

past have continued to do so.

Another way to look at it is that 21.2 percent have not yet made their commitment.

The total pledged so far is \$816,910.

That is \$69,203 less than in 2022 and \$83,090 below our goal.

If you have not yet renewed your financial commitment, please consider doing so promptly. We need to finalize our budget, and that means we must hear from everyone about their willingness

to participate in financing the future of the Cathedral.

Some other interesting facts:

- * The average commitment increase for those age 50+ is \$185.44.

- * The average commitment increase for families is \$318.86.

Thank-you letters were mailed December 16. If you did not receive one and believe you have made your commitment for 2023, please contact Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair (RMcColgan@me.com), or Michelle Thomas, Cathedral Administrator, at (727) 822-4173. We will be happy to correct our records.

To all who have made their Faith-Filled Commitment, we offer our deepest thanks. And to those who have not yet made their investment in the future of the Cathedral: Please join us. It is never too late to commit!



FAITH FILLED GENEROSITY

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Slate of Four Will Be Approved at the Annual Meeting

We will approve by acclamation four new members of the Chapter at the Annual Meeting on January 29. The Chapter is the lay board of directors that, with the dean, sets policy, monitors the finances, and oversees the spiritual welfare of the congregation.

We will present a Meet the Candidates Forum at coffee hour on Sunday, January 15.

Here are the candidates. We invited them to tell us about them-

Martin McKinney

Member since: February 2020, when we moved to St. Petersburg. **Family at the Cathedral:** My wife, Leslie Bagli, and my mother, Jo Ann McKinney, occasionally join me at church. My older stepson, Andrew, and his wife, Leia, and our granddaughter, Lilian, will soon move from Charlotte, NC, to Tampa, which we are thrilled about. My younger stepson, Devin, has just returned from assignment in the Army. **Occupation:** I'm with Briess Malt & Ingredients, a fifth-generation, family-owned grain-processing company based in Wisconsin. As a division manager I build relationships

— their backgrounds, the gifts and skills they offer, and why they feel called to serve; their involvement at the Cathedral and in the community; what they do when not at work or church; and when they've seen the Cathedral at its best.

Their responses are also available on our website on the page spcathedral.org/annual-meeting, and we'll post links to them in our worship bulletin and other online communications.



Martin with wife Leslie Bagli and mother Jo Ann.

and knowledge of global consumer package-goods producers to support sales. **Involvement at the Cathedral or other churches:** A cradle Episcopalian, I serve as a verger, a role I also played at St. Andrew's in Tampa. When we lived in Orlando we attended the Cathedral Church of St. Luke (1990-2012), where I led stewardship drives (2001-2003) and served on the Chapter (2004-2007). **Having fun:** bicycle rides on Saturdays, cooking with friends, traveling. **Called to serve:** I'm truly flattered to be a

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candidate for chapter. Elevating my service at St. Peter's would be a true honor. **St. Peter's at its best:** Fellowship and music.

Mike Schillace

Member since: 2018, when I moved to St. Petersburg; I was received into the Episcopal Church in 2021. **Family at the Cathedral:** My partner, Ray McColgan. **Occupation:** I was a trader for several financial institutions in New York City. Later I was a staff accountant for a defense contractor in St. Augustine. **Involvement at St. Peter's or other churches:** Church has always been a big part of my life. I attended a Catholic grade school and a Jesuit high school and university. At the Cathedral I'm an usher and a member of the coffee-hour team and the Friends of St. Aelred. I volunteer to help as needed for events. **Community involvement:** When I lived in St. Augustine I supported charitable events for veterans and the local MS walk and the display of the AIDS Quilt panels on World Aids Day. In



Mike's a world traveler. In February he's off to Southeast Asia — Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam.

St. Petersburg I've participated in the Not My Son rallies. **Called to serve:** The Cathedral has become a big part of my life and I'd like to continue to be involved in its future growth. **Having fun:** Hacking up a golf course (I am an active member of the Pinel-

las County chapter of the Mediocre Golfers Association). I also spend many Sunday afternoons watching the Jets lose. **Read/watch/binge/stream:** *The Big Bang Theory* and any football or hockey game. **St. Peter's at its best:** While the events and contributions of the members and clergy are incredible all year long, this holiday time is always special, seeing the contributions and work through the Giving Tree to help make Christmas a little better for the children and families at Campbell Park, Resurrection House, and Brighter Seasons.

Judy Stark

Member since: 1987. **Family at the Cathedral:** All of you, my Cathedral family! **Occupation:** Longtime reporter/editor for the *St. Petersburg Times*. Now I'm a consultant working with Episcopal dioceses when they elect new bishops, currently working on my 23rd search. **Involvement at Cathedral:** Several previous terms on the Chapter; two years as senior warden. Capital campaign co-chair, stewardship committee, *Crosstown* editor, past forma-

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tion committee chair, book talk presenter, lector, Sunday morning donut queen. I've been the program chair of Diocesan Convention for 14 years. **Called to serve:** I offer my institutional memory and my knowledge of how St. Peter's, the diocese, and



Judy Stark addresses the recent meeting of Diocesan Convention at St. Peter's.

the wider church work. **Having fun:** I enjoy daily walks around Crescent Lake; birding (the scaups and the ring-necked ducks are back!); hiking; cooking. **Read/watch/binge/stream:** I read a lot of crime fiction (Elizabeth George, Don Winslow) and historical biographies (Ron Chernow's big bios of Hamilton and Grant, Stacy Schiff on Samuel Adams). Also literary fiction (Elizabeth Stroud, Kent Haruf). I'm addicted to British police procedurals, any and all on Acorn. Plus I'm currently loving *Fleishman Is in Trouble* and *Abbott Elementary* on Hulu, and *Slow Horses* on Apple TV. **St. Peter's at its best:** When we join as a cathedral family to love and serve — whether it's kids at Campbell Park, parishioners in need, or others we'll never meet who come to know the love of Jesus through our care and generosity.

Marilyn Vengroff

Member since: 2018. **Family at the Cathedral:** Husband Brett and son Morgan, age 6. **Occupation:** I'm a trademark attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. **Involvement at Cathedral/**



Brett, Marilyn, and Morgan enjoy the Christmas lights at Enchant at the Trop.

other churches: Grew up going to a Catholic church in a suburb of Memphis. Currently volunteer with Children's Chapel and as a Justice Minister for the Cathedral's FAST ministry. **Called to serve:** I was so humbled to receive the call. My husband and I often comment on how seamlessly things happen at the Cathedral, but I know it takes a lot of

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service, often unseen hard work, and thoughtful, prayerful decisions to ensure the Cathedral continues, both now and for future generations. I will do my best to serve our diverse community. **Having fun:** I love spending time with my family, going to many of St. Pete's playgrounds and parks, hanging out at the Pier, going to the beach, and Rays games. My husband and I recently took sailing lessons and hope to do more of that in the future.

Read/watch/binge/stream: I love to read mystery novels and am currently reading Louise Penny's latest in the Three Pines series. I watch a little of everything from spy thrillers to comedies. Currently enjoying the new season of Jack Ryan and watching Lego Masters with Morgan. **St. Peter's at its best:** When we work towards living Jesus's instruction to "love your neighbor as yourself." Fellowship at coffee hour; clergy, staff, and volunteers making youth programs like Messy Church possible; community outreach with Campbell Park Elementary, Peterborough Apartments, and Benison Farm; and participation in events like St. Petersburg's Family Pride Day are just a few examples of how we come together in celebration and service.

Please call the office (727-822-4173) to let us know when you are hospitalized or ill at home. Because of privacy laws, the only way we know you are ill is if you tell us. And please let us know when good health has been restored.

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



The Cathedral and offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**. No services, no activities. We'll reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, January 17.

St. Pete Baroque Will Surprise and Delight With Music Played the Original Way

St. Pete Baroque, a string quartet that performs music of the Baroque on historical instruments, will make a return visit to St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Sunday, January 16, with a program entitled "La Gamba." A \$25 donation is suggested. A reception follows.

The group performs on historical instruments that are set up as they were in the 17th and 18th centuries: gut strings, baroque bows, and unique instruments that are not found in modern-day musical settings. Their first appearance at the Cathedral, in February 2022, drew an enthusiastic audience.

"We are dedicated to giving new life to



old masterpieces, giving voice to newly discovered works, and bringing audiences the eccentric and improvisatory nature of Baroque music," said Dan Urbanowicz, artistic director. A member of the Sarasota Orchestra, he plays baroque violin/viola d'amore.

The program includes Biber's Partita 6 for Two Violins and Continuo; A solo work for bass viol and continuo by Marin Marais; Telemann's Paris Quartet No 4 in B minor; Louis de Caix d'Hervelois's Suite in G Major for Viola d'Amore and Continuo; Plainte's Quatrieme Suite for Bass Viol avec la Basse-Continué; and Lucretia Vizzana's Domine Dominus Noster.

The musicians in addition to Urbano-



Dan Urbanowicz

wicz are Sarah Shellman, baroque violin; Mia Mangano, bass viol; Scott Kluksdahl, baroque cello; and Brent Douglas, harpsichord.

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“The Baroque Period lasted the longest in Western musical culture and spanned roughly 150 years from about 1600-1750,” the quartet says at their website, stpetebaroque.org. “Yet we hear so little of its music in concert halls today. Most of this music was for small ensembles with unique instruments before the standardization of the orchestra that we know today. This was a flourishing point in history when cultures and ideas began to collide rapidly.

“The violin family had only just been invented while many instruments of the Old World (harpsichord, lute, viola da gamba, viola d’amore, and baroque winds) were still widely used. You can expect to see bizarre and rare instruments in our performances. We perform on period instruments and seek to capture music in the present as it was many years ago.”

St. Aelred’s Brunch Starts the New Year Right

Returning for the first time since 2020: the annual brunch hosted by the Friends of St. Aelred! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 8, after the 10:15 a.m. service.

The Friends will provide pulled pork and beverages. Everyone else is invited to contribute side dishes and desserts. You can pick up an aluminum pan at the front desk the first week of January and bring it to the kitchen before the 10:15 a.m. service.

This brunch — on hold in 2021 and 2022 because of Covid — is always a festive “end of the holidays” event. January 5 is the 12th day of Christmas — time to wrap up the three French hens, two turtledoves, and a partridge in a pear tree for another year. January 6 is Epiphany, marking the arrival of the three kings to worship Jesus, guided by the star. Story, [Page 13](#).

The brunch promotes fellowship and kindred love following the example of Aelred, a 12th-century abbot and a significant scholar and leader in the early Church in

England. For a history of the Friends of St. Aelred at the Cathedral, please visit www.spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog.



Born in 1110 CE, Aelred of Rievaulx was an English Cistercian monk, abbot of Rievaulx from 1147 until his death in 1167. De spirituali amicitia (Spiritual Friendship), considered to be Aelred's greatest work, is a Christian counterpart of Cicero's De amicitia and designates Christ as the source and ultimate impetus of spiritual friendship.

Festive Food and Fun

The Friends of St. Aelred, the Cathedral's LGBTQ+ advocacy group, celebrated the holidays with a party at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club. Front table, from left: B.J. Scarborough, Wil Laroche, Thomas Walker, Ellen Alexander, Santiago Chavez Ayala, and Marcel Cisneros Kotte. Photo by JONATHAN SOOTS



2022 Giving Tree a Success!

Thanks to the 49 donors — families or individuals — who sponsored a child or children for the 2022 holiday season's Giving Tree. We were able to provide Christmas wishes to 81 people. Children from Campbell Park Elementary, Brighter Seasons for Children, and Resurrection House received gifts thanks to your generosity. Additionally, 12 adult residents of Resurrection House were also granted a wish.

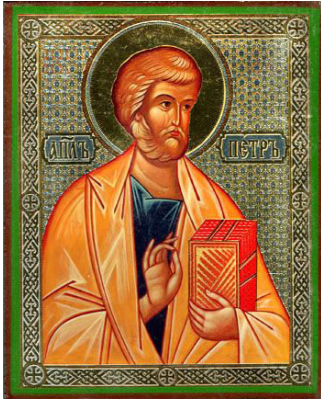
The Friends of St. Aelred are delighted with the results. Thank you, thank you, thank you! See you next November when the Giving Tree returns.



The 2013 Giving Tree. Because of the covid19 pandemic, the 2022 Giving Tree had to be virtual.

We'll Mark Our Patronal Festival With Gospel Readings...

We will observe our Patronal Festival on Sunday, January 22 — the Confession of St. Peter. This is the day we recognize the importance of our namesake, St. Peter. We read the story of his confession, or acknowledgment, of Jesus as the Messiah and celebrate our community of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.



The Gospel lesson that day (Matthew 16:13-19) portrays Peter as the first to see who Jesus really is: “You are the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Jesus praises Peter and vows to build his church “on this rock,” a play on words. Peter’s name in Greek is Petros, and the Greek word *petra* means rock.

The Roman Catholic Church interprets this statement as referring to Peter, the individual, as the first pope. The Protestant Church interprets it to mean that God will build Christian community upon the confession, the acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah by each member of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9).

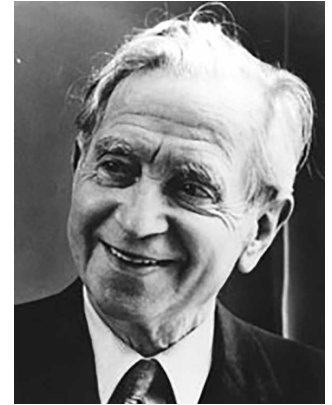
...and With Glorious Music at Choral Evensong

The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing Choral Evensong for the Confession of St. Peter — our patronal festival — at 5 p.m. Sunday, January 22.

The Gospel reading is John 21:15-22, where Jesus, in one of his post-Easter appearances, questions Peter: “Do you love me?” and Peter, who denied Christ before his crucifixion, assures him that he does.

The service is the “Collegium Regale” by Herbert Howells (1892-1983), considered one of the finest works by this prolific composer of Anglican church music. Howells is also the composer of the hymn-tunes for “God is love, let heaven adore him” and “All my hope on God is founded.”

An organ prelude is at 4:45 p.m. Dwight Thomas is organist and director. A freewill offering is taken.



Herbert Howells

On Epiphany and the Following Sundays We'll Learn How to Follow Jesus

This month we end the Twelve Days of Christmas on January 5 and turn to the next part of the Christian year: Epiphany and the Sundays that follow it, when we meet Jesus and learn what he expects of his followers.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, which in 2023 falls on Friday, January 6, we acknowledge the coming of the Magi to worship Jesus and present him with gifts.

Regardless of what Christmas cards or carols may depict, the Magi were not there at the stable in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. The timeline we can piece together from the Gospels is ambiguous, but the general thinking is that they arrived as long as two years after Jesus's birth.

We don't know how many there were. We assume there were three because they offered three gifts: gold, representing Jesus's kingship; frankincense, his future role as religious leader; and myrrh, his future role as prophet.

These Magi, who came from the East,

may have been royalty, or priests, or astrologers, or scientists. Or they may have been magicians, hence their title of Magi. This word comes from the Persian *magush*, member of the learned and priestly class. The Greek version of the word, *magos*, meant "magician, learned enchanter."

By legend the Magi are thought to have been Indian, Persian, and Arab. Again by legend, their names were Balthazar, Melchior, and Caspar, and Caspar is traditionally represented with dark skin.

The word "epiphany" means "appearance" or "manifestation" or "revelation," and the day marks the revelation of Jesus



as the Messiah to the Gentile world represented by the Magi, indicating that in sending the Messiah, God was reaching out to all the peoples of the world, not Israel alone.

We are reading this year from Matthew's Gospel, and the stories for the Sundays

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The Season of Epiphany

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after the Epiphany illustrate what it means to be a follower of Jesus. This is significant because it is believed that Matthew was appealing to a mainly Gentile audience, hence the teaching nature of his writings. The stories include the calling of the disciples, the Sermon on the Mount, the salt of the earth, the light of the world. (On January 22 we'll interrupt the prescribed readings to observe our patronal festival: See story, [Page 12.](#))

The last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 19, leads us up to Shrove Tuesday, February 21, which is followed by Ash Wednesday, February 22, the beginning of the 40-day penitential season of Lent that culminates in Easter, April 9.

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9). Jesus's identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration Gospel, as well as the Gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith.

Book Club: Priest, Lawyer, Activist Pauli Murray Sings a Song of Success and Loss

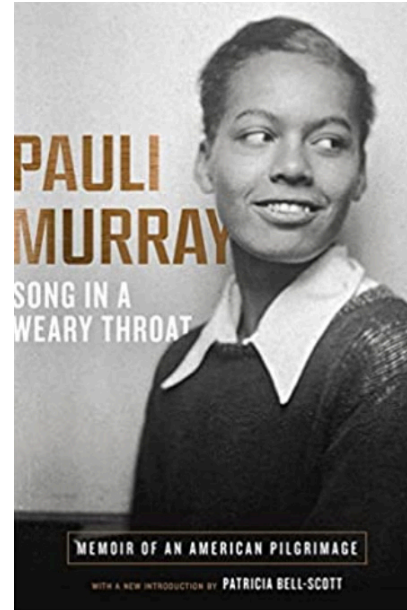
The first meeting of the St. Peter's Book Club for 2023 will offer a discussion of *Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage* by Pauli Murray and Patricia Bell-Scott. Susan Darrow is the presenter.

Murray was the first Black female Episcopal priest, a Freedom Rider, and the first African-American to earn a degree from Yale Law School. As a lawyer, she articulated the intellectual foundations of the civil-rights and women's rights movements. She worked throughout her life to address injustice, to amplify community voices, to educate, and

to promote reconciliation between races and economic classes.

These accomplishments are set against the backdrop of uncertain finances, chronic fatigue, her sexual ambiguity, and tragic losses both private and public.

The Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, in the Chapter Room, or via Zoom. Visit spcathedral.org/book-club for Zoom details and a list of books the club will read in the first half of 2023.



FAST Meeting Will Prepare Network Members For the Rally to Seek Justice for Our Community

In preparation for the February 27 FAST Rally, we will host a Network Member meeting with FAST coordinator Jacqueline Reyes at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, February 5. Jacqueline will help prepare us for what to expect at the Rally. Everyone will also have the opportunity to start thinking about who are the three people you'll ask to join you at the Rally.

What does it mean to be a Network Member? The Cathedral currently has 20 active members. Network members commit to attend four community gatherings a year: the Annual Assembly in October, Rally in March, Nehemiah Action in March and

invite 3 people, and the Joshua Assembly in May. By gathering at these assemblies, we can win more affordable housing, a better justice system, and cleaner water for our community.

Micah 6:8 reminds us that we're required by God to do three basic things: do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. We need power

to do justice – the power of God through large numbers of organized people. Please join us as we take concrete steps to fix the problems facing our community.

A sub and chip lunch will be available for those staying during coffee hour before the

meeting. Please RSVP if you'd like lunch: hpeete@spcathedral.com

Visit spcathedral.org/FAST for more information. Contacts: Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) or Betsy Adams (betsygadams@icloud.com).



What Is FAST?

Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) is a justice-ministry organization of 50 religious congregations throughout Pinellas County that band together to create positive change in our community. It has been active in Pinellas County since 2004 and includes Christian and Jewish congregations. Learn more at fast-pinellas.org.

Learn from Two Wise Women, Ruth and Esther

This Epiphany, we will join the wider Episcopal Church's Good Book Club to read and discuss Ruth and Esther, two books of the Old Testament that explore the faithfulness and courage of two remarkable women. They have much to teach us about the Hebrew concept of *chesed*, which means sacred kindness, as well as the willingness to be in sacrificial relationship with loved ones and our communities.

This group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom from January 10 through February 14, and will be co-led by Hillary Peete and Randy Ramsey. To register for the Zoom link, for additional

resources, and the reading schedule, visit spcathedral.org/bible-studies.



Counting the Days

Children and families made Advent wreaths with candles to mark the four Sundays until Christmas.



Tim Arnold clips and snips the greenery.



Helen Munkittrick just needs the candles.



Karen Amundrud and Beatrix Peete prepare greens for their wreaths.



Jack Knippen adds a finishing touch.

Bowling, Baptism, Bible Study: Children, Youth, and Family Ministry for the New Year

EYSeedlings Strike Up Some Fun

2-4 p.m. Sunday, January 8

Let's have some un-bowl-ieveable fun together at Sunrise Lanes (6393 M.L. King Jr. (Ninth) St. N)! Kids in grades 3 through 5 will bowl a few games (with bumpers if you want 'em) and win as many tickets as we can in the arcade. \$15/child covers bowling, shoes, an arcade card, pizza, and a drink. Please RSVP to Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spcathedral.com) by January 3.



EYC Bowling Night

5-7 p.m. Sunday, January 8

This evening of fun will be right up your alley. Youth in grades 6 through 12 will meet up at Sunrise Lanes (6393 M.L. King

Jr. (Ninth) St. N). Bring \$20 to cover bowling, a slice of pizza, and a \$10 arcade card. Invite friends, too! Please RSVP to Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spcathedral.com) by January 3 so we can reserve lanes. Bring a spare (pair of socks) to get some strikes!



Messy Church for Families

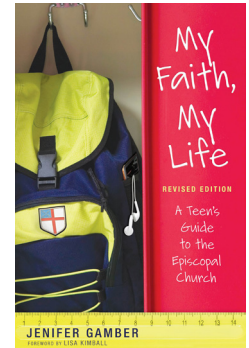
5:30-7:15 p.m. Thursday, January 19

Families with kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to learn about God through science, scripture, art, movement, and 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. This month we will

explore the story of Jesus's baptism and wonder about our own. Please RSVP to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by Monday, January 16.

Youth Confirmation Resumes!

Our youth confirmands, Joel, Katherine, and Elise, will resume classes this month, meeting from 3:45 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, January 22 and 29. We are using *My Faith, My Life: A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber. This month we will discuss the history of the Episcopal Church as



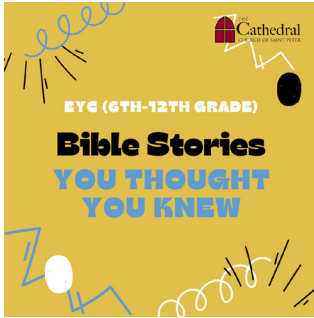
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well as exploring the question, “What do I believe?”

Please keep confirmands and their mentors, Randy, Jessica, and Grace, in your prayers.



EYC

5-7 p.m. Sundays, January 22 and 29
Bible Stories You Thought You Knew

Youth in grades 6 through 12 will explore Bible stories that you might think you're familiar with and make some surprising discoveries! There will also be a friendly meme competition to go with each story.

The winning team gets to pick the movie for our series in February.

Family Compline

6:45 p.m. Sunday, January 29

We always close EYC with Compline and now we would like to invite families to join us one Sunday a month. The Family Compline service will be youth-led: A student will be the officiant and a musical offering will be given as well as a brief mediation. Please save the date and plan to join us a few minutes early.

Support Our Growing EYC!

One of the best ways you can support our growing group is to sign up to bring us dinner. We average 14 to 20 youth and adults each week. Store-bought, delivered, or homemade, we aren't picky! You can view the sign-up list at spcathedral.org/youth. Contact Hillary Peete with any questions (hpeete@spcathedral.com).



Newcomers are invited to
COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY
 from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 8, in the Chapter Room/Library, hosted by our Canon for Hospitality, the Rev. Brandon Peete. Come learn more about the Cathedral and let us get to know you.

Scaling the Heights

Our EYSeedlings went wall-climbing at Vertical Ventures in St. Petersburg. That's Emma Knippen pulling her way upwall; Karsyn Galvin and Abigail Albert displaying their chalked hands for good



grips; and Celia Erickson, at left, reaching for a handhold as she works her way to the top. The whole fearless group cheers on their success!

Photos by HILLARY PEETE.



Attention, **HOT-TEA DRINKERS:** We've just added a hot-water dispenser to our coffee-hour beverage table. This should provide piping-hot water rather than lukewarm. Please also notice our handsome display box of assorted teas. Let us know if there are favorite blends you'd like us to stock.

Honoring Our Own Local Saint

On January 8 the Church remembers Deaconess Harriet Bedell, our own saint who hailed from South-west Florida.

Blessed Harriet Bedell (1875-1969) ministered among the Miccosukee and Seminole Indians in the Naples area, focusing on restoring respect, dignity, and empowerment to the indigenous people of the Everglades who had been ignored or exploited by government officials and rapacious developers.

Read her story at spcathedral.org/cross-town-blog and give thanks for this extraordinary woman.



Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, continues to offer these services: blood-pressure clinic, 9-10 a.m. the first Sunday of the month in the Chapter Room/Library; and consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from noon to 1 p.m. most Thursdays at the Cathedral. E-mail her at nurse@spcathedral.com to make an appointment.

Aging and Spirituality Class Gets Off To a Healthy New Year

Our class on Aging and Spirituality continues from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays in January. Here's the lineup. Please join us in the Chapter Room; no need to sign up. We also offer a Zoom option at the same time. Questions? Speak to our faith community nurse, Rita Sewell, rita195832@gmail.com.

You can access the suggested readings in Prevention and Wholehearted Living at this link: <https://churchhealth.org/for-congregations/church-health-reader-archive/>



January 5: Spring 2019 issue: Prevention and Wholehearted Living: God's Good Gift from the Garden: Stewardship and Care of the Body

January 12: No meeting.

January 19: Spring 2019 issue: Prevention and Wholehearted Living: Health, Faith and Prevention

January 26: Spring 2019 issue: Prevention and Wholehearted Living: Opening Eyes With Lifestyle Medicine



20s/40s Meet-Up at Mastry's Brewing

Saturday, January 28,
from 12ish to 2ish

Take advantage of our gorgeous Florida winter weather and enjoy catching up with Cathedral folks at Mastry's Brewing in St. Pete Beach. There's a food truck and a variety of drinks. Drop by for as long as you can! Contact Hillary Peete or comment in the 20s/40s Facebook page if you plan to join us (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

Fill the Backpacks for Hungry Children This Month

Penny Roen, Outreach Chair

During January, the Outreach Committee will collect food for The Kind Mouse, a St. Petersburg-based nonprofit that serves children who experience chronic hunger and food insecurity.

The Kind Mouse feeds children who have nothing to eat outside of school breakfasts and lunches and who often go hungry on the weekend.

Before the pandemic, in 2019, they “filled 101,015 tummies,” their website, thekind-mouse.org, reports — a number that rose to 166,050 in 2021.

More than 7,000 children in Pinellas County live with chronic hunger and more than 36,000 live every day with food insecurities, the website says.

The Cathedral awarded a grant of \$500



to The Kind Mouse in 2022 for its weekend feeding program through its Outreach Microgrant Program, which offers financial support to nonprofits that serve the vulnerable in our community through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives.

In other outreach news, we reported in the December issue of Crosstown that our committee ended the year with unspent funds. This surplus is thanks to the generosity of Cathedral members in donating gift cards for Thanksgiving baskets and Campbell Park Elementary classroom sponsorships, Thrivent Financial Action Team grants, donations from the Daughters of the King, and all of the food, school uniforms, school supplies, and other donations. The committee voted to send the unspent funds to the Diocese of Southwest Florida to assist churches affected by Hurricane Ian in meeting their immediate needs.

Feeding the Children

The Kind Mouse requests food items that first-graders who are eating alone would carry in their backpacks. Those items include:

Vanilla and chocolate milk	Beanee Weenees, Vienna sausage (single-serve flip-top cans)
Tuna snack packs or tuna	Hospitality-size cereals (single-serve boxes)
Juice boxes	Slim Jims
Spaghetti and meatballs, ravioli, pasta-and-meat snack packs (the kind you can heat in the microwave)	Applesauce cups, fruit cups, Jell-O and pudding
Canned Spaghetti	Pop Tarts
tios	Peanut butter or cheese crackers
	Granola bars

January Transitions

Birthdays

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| 1 Hank Sharp | 9 Michael Lyons |
| 1 David Hill | 9 George Gramling |
| 2 Anslee Long | 9 Todd Llewellyn |
| 2 Cameron Katzel | 10 Emily Fasan |
| 4 Rick Knight | 10 Leslie Bagli |
| 5 Christopher Haas | 10 Dana Green |
| 6 Addyson Sylvester | 10 Maggie Burnsed |
| 6 Lucy Bond | 12 Keeley Pape |
| 7 Ellen Alexander | 14 Betty Shamas |
| 7 Banner Clark | 15 Mark Campbell |
| 7 Jenny Koester | 16 Bethia Caffery |
| 7 Katelyn Hancock | 16 Roberta Poellein |
| 8 Mike Robbins | 16 Caleb Knight |
| 8 Fay Mackey | 16 Milo Burnsed |
| 8 Jeanne Wolfe | 17 Ginny Rowell |
| 8 Sarah Howlett | 17 Randy Ramsey |

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| 18 Michael Plahs |
| 19 Albert Edgemon |
| 19 Kelly Casey |
| 19 Lacey Hodgson |
| 19 Jillian McCoy |
| 19 Iris Juarez |
| 20 Alex Ramsey |
| 21 Scott Nye |
| 21 James Parker |
| 22 Dan Klipsch |
| 23 Don Wright |
| 24 Marcel Cisneros Kotte |
| 24 Jillian Gairing |
| 24 Madison Hancock |
| 25 Jan Strimer |
| 26 James Knight |
| 26 Marcy Arigo |
| 27 George Wilsey |
| 27 Lillyanne Wain-Nye |
| 28 Paul Bonneau |
| 29 Laurel Greene |

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| 31 Averill Summer | 31 Liz Snyder |
| 31 Lela Garnett | 31 Liam Dunn |

Anniversaries

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| 1 Ben & Keeley Pape | 13 Earl & Jean Beshears |
| 7 Roger & Sydney Pine | 21 Bob & Averill Summer |
| 7 Michelle & Shawn Thomas | 26 Tom Walker & Wil Laroche |



Those Who Have Died

Louise Bennett

St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

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

**Fourth Sunday, 5 p.m., Choral Evensong
(through April except December)**

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

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

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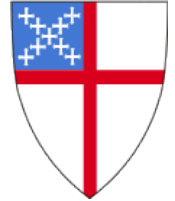
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