

June 2023

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At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



SAYING GOODBYE

Dean Morris will retire at the
end of June

'I have peace with this decision'

* We'll honor the Morrises at
coffee hours June 25

* Familiar faces will guide us
through the transition

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Stephen and Christina in the Cathedral. Photo by JUDY STARK

We'll Say Goodbye to Dean Morris on June 25, After 15 Years and Many Accomplishments

Dean Morris has announced that he will retire as dean and rector of the Cathedral at the end of June. His departure marks the end of 15 years as our spiritual leader, the longest-tenured dean in the Cathedral's history, and nearly 30 years of parish ministry.

"The past few years have been the most difficult of my life," he said in a letter to the congregation May 25. He cited the deaths of his parents, his wife Christina's battle with cancer, and the death by suicide last summer of his son Henry — a series of events that "have left me broken-hearted in a way I never thought imaginable."

He has waited nearly a year since Henry's death to discern the best course for his future. "I know now that the time is right and I have peace with that decision," he said in the letter.

In a statement to the congregation, Senior Warden Lucas Fleming praised Dean Morris's many accomplishments: growing our membership, eliminating huge debt



Dean Stephen B. Morris

from the construction of our campus and building an endowment that has reached \$4-million; making the Cathedral a place of inclusion, welcome, and diversity; our strong music and arts programs; formation for all ages, including offerings for children and youth that attract families who want to bring their children up in a diverse environment; and worship services that are spiritually enriching.

The dean's last Sunday with us will be June 25. We will honor him and Christina with a festive coffee hour after both the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services. You may contribute to a farewell purse for the dean at <https://onrealm.org/spcathedral/give/dean>. Or you may make a check payable to the Cathedral and note "Dean's Purse" in the memo line.

We have this to look forward to as well: On Sundays in June, Stephen tells us he has

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talked to Music Director Dwight Thomas, and we can expect to hear his favorite hymns and anthems!

The Morrises will continue to live in St. Petersburg. As is the standard practice in The Episcopal Church, once he leaves, the dean will not return to perform baptisms, weddings, or funerals, and the Morrises will worship elsewhere.

The Chapter has met with Bishop Douglas Scharf to plan next steps. During the summer our worship will be led by familiar faces: the Rev. Canon Brandon Peete, the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, and the Rev. Canon Richard H. Norman, and by our new curate, the Rev. Michael Alford, who joins us June 12. [Story, page 4.](#)

The bishop's hope is that an interim dean can be with us by October. At some point this fall a search committee will be formed. The search process typically takes six to nine months. The bishop and the senior warden will work with the Chapter to guide the congregation through this time



We sang a hearty "Happy Birthday" to Dean Morris and Canon Thomas Williams on May 7 to celebrate their birthdays on May 4 and 11 respectively. We're happy to report they did not drop the cake. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

of transition.

Our lay staff will remain in place, continuing to oversee the day-to-day operation of the Cathedral. Events will continue as scheduled: Spiritual Pride, Vacation Bible School, Oktoberfest, meetings of guilds and committees, activities for children and youth.

"It's important to me to be with my chil-

dren more," the dean said of his decision to retire now. So is his desire not to simply "phone it in" for another few years before retiring. "That's unfair to God and the spirit of Jesus, and it's unfair to this community and this congregation."

"I have many fond memories of the churches I have served," the dean said in his letter to the congregation. "I love my church back home in Louisiana where I was raised. But this church, our cathedral, is my favorite church in the world. I cherish our diversity and inclusivity. I am deeply moved by our liturgy and music. Nobody does that part better than we do! And our formation and fellowship are fun and life-giving.

"Thank you very much for allowing me to be your priest. It has meant the world to me."

Read Dean Morris's letter to the congregation and the statement from Senior Warden Lucas Fleming, as well as a story from our anniversary history about the dean's accomplishments at the Cathedral, at <http://spcathedral.org/transition>. That is also where we will post the latest information about how we'll say goodbye to the Morrises.

Welcome Our New Curate June 12

Our new curate, the Rev. Michael Alford, will join us June 12. Watch for a special e-mail blast that morning in which we introduce him to the St. Peter's family. We'll bet he's the first member of the clergy you know who has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and trekked to Machu Picchu in Peru. He's a Gator. Any day out on a boat is a good day for him. Please welcome him at his first service with us on June 18.



Pray, Meditate, & Connect Group Is Forming

The Cathedral is forming a new prayer group that will meet regularly on Saturdays. This faith-filled group will gather to share prayer concerns, 20 minutes of silent meditation, and a brief prayer service to conclude. Our aim is to deepen our fellowship through prayer.

The first meeting will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Future meeting dates include July 15 and August 5 and 19. Save the dates and join us as you're able.

All are welcome, whether you have experience with silent meditation or are just curious. The group is co-led by Karen Payne-Taylor and Jannie Hume, who have years of experience with silent meditation groups. You're in good hands! For more information or to register your interest, please contact Karen Payne-Taylor at kpaynetaylor@outlook.com or visit spcathedral.org/meditate.

Pilgrimage Will Visit Training Site Of the Legendary Tuskegee Airmen

The Cathedral's Becoming Beloved Community committee invites you to participate in a four-day pilgrimage, April 11-14, 2024, to significant racial and social-justice sites in Montgomery, Selma, and Tuskegee, AL.

Among our stops is the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site.

In the early 1940s, key leaders within the United States Army Air Corps (Army Air Forces) refused to acknowledge that African-Americans had the physical or intellectual capacity to become successful military pilots. But pressure from civil-rights groups and African-American leaders persuaded the Army to train a small number of Afri-



can-American pilot cadets under special conditions.

They chose Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) in Alabama, in the heart of the Jim Crow South, to operate a primary flight school. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-Americans to complete their training and enter the Army Air Corps. Almost 1,000 aviators and some 10,000 support personnel were produced at Tuskegee.

The Airmen were fighting for victory on two fronts: victory in war abroad, and victory against racism in America.

The Airmen were not just pilots. They were technicians, radio operators, medical

personnel, quartermasters, parachute riggers, mechanics, bombardiers, navigators, meteorologists, control tower operators, dispatchers, cooks, and others. Also included were Caucasian officers, Native Americans, Caribbean islanders, Latinos, and people of mixed racial heritage. And they were women, as well as men, who worked in those same capacities and more.

The outstanding performance of the Airmen in battle and the leadership of Alfred "Chief" Anderson, the "father of Black aviation"; Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who went on to become the first brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force; and Daniel "Chappie" James, the first four-star general, helped pave the way for desegregation of the military.

These accomplishments helped set the stage for civil-rights advocates to continue the struggle to end racial discrimination

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during the civil-rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. The story of the Tuskegee Airmen constitutes a powerful and seminal metaphor for the struggle of African American freedom in America.

For more Information: <https://www.nps.gov/tuai/index.htm>

Photos from Wikipedia



The Stearman Kaydet, a training vehicle used by the Tuskegee Airmen.

How to Join the Pilgrimage

All are invited to join the pilgrimage to Alabama, April 11-14, 2024, both those well versed in justice issues and those just beginning the journey. Here are some ways to learn more about the pilgrimage:

* **Watch a video** made especially for St. Peter's showing what we'll see on the pilgrimage at <https://youtu.be/d4WyaiHaKwo>

* For more information **contact Betsy Adams** (betsygadams@icloud.com).

* **Visit our Beloved Community website**, spcathedral.org/beloved-community, and click on "Pilgrimage dates and details" for a brochure.

* At that same website you'll find specifics on **how to reserve your spot**. We need at least 20 pilgrims to sign up for the trip by July 31.



St. Bartholomew's Church

Bishop Will Lead 'Ministry in the City' Potluck

Bishop Scharf will lead a discussion, "Ministry in the City," at a potluck supper for parishioners in the St. Petersburg Deanery, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 13 at St. Bartholomew's Church, 3747 34th St. S, St. Petersburg. All welcome!

The main entree will be provided; participants are asked to bring a dish to share.

Please RSVP to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by June 9.

Besides St. Bart's and the Cathedral, the St. Petersburg Deanery includes St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; St. Augustine's and St. Bede's, both in St. Petersburg; St. Giles', Pinellas Park; and St. Matthew's, St. Thomas', and St. Vincent's, all in St. Petersburg.

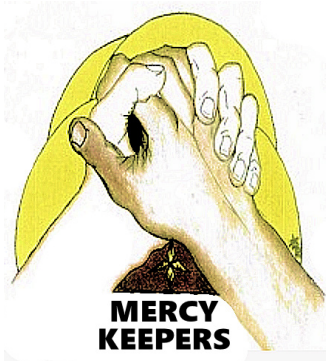
We're Seeking Food and Drink Donations To Support the Mercy Keepers Pantry

This month we're collecting food for Mercy Keepers, one of the recipients of our microgrants.

Their food pantry, at 2021 Ninth Ave. S, serves about 500 households per month who are living at or below the federal poverty line. "We are here to offer kindness and help to people who are in difficult economic situations," the group says.

The food pantry is supported solely by in-kind donations and is staffed by volunteers. Learn more at <http://www.mercykeepersinc.com/>

Our microgrant of \$700, awarded last month by the Outreach Committee, will help Mercy Keepers buy a refrigerator for perishable foods.



Specific needs:

- small bottled waters
- Gatorade
- shelf-stable milk
- canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, Vienna sausages, ravioli), preferably with a pull top

Please bring your donations to the front desk on Sundays or during weekday office hours.



The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, June 19, for **JUNETEENTH**, and will reopen Tuesday, June 20.

We will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, for the **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**.

We'll reopen at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. Reminder: We're on summer office hours through August: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Outreach Report

We Thanked Campbell Park Teachers ...

Using a grant from Thrivent Financial — and volunteer shoppers and gift-bag assemblers — we provided 11 gift bags to be raffled off to Campbell Park Elementary teachers during Teachers' Appreciation Week, May 1-5.

... We Delivered Supplies ...

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, during April we collected and delivered a very substantial amount of adult-incontinence supplies to the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas.

... Now We'll Help Get Ready for Back to School

School is barely out, but Campbell Park Elementary is already planning for the 2023-24 school year. On Wednesday, June 21, we will inventory the supplies in the school Resource

Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can volunteer for an hour or two, you'll be helping with important work to prepare the school for the new year. Contact Penny Roen (pennyroen@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.



Lots of diapers! Photo by PENNY ROEN

Donuts and Drinks Help Support Florida Resurrection House

One of our ministry partners, Florida Resurrection House, has announced its Summer of Fun series: events and activities that benefit Res House this summer. Have fun and do good at the same time!

*** Krispy Kreme Digital Donuts** — Through June 22, every time you order a dozen donuts online, the families at Resurrection House benefit, and so do you. How? When you order online, you'll receive a digital coupon good for use in any Krispy Kreme store. Treat yourself, or pass your coupon on to a friend or someone far away. And half the cost of your donuts goes directly to Resurrection House. Here's the link to order: spcathedral.org/community

*** Brew for Change:** Social and fun event, 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at Grand Central Brewhouse, 2340 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Tickets (\$25 at spcathedral.org/community) include a drink ticket, light bites, and an opportunity-prize ticket. Enjoy the photo booth and the chance to win more prizes. Proceeds support their program to break the cycle of poverty for families.



Come Have Some Tie-Dye Fun (and Tacos!) As We Prepare for Pride Family Day

We have hundreds of bandanas, scrunchies, and headbands to tie-dye that we'll hand out during Pride Family Day on June 10 at Straub Park. These were a huge hit last year and people were really grateful

to receive something fun (for free!). You're also welcome to bring something of your own that you want to tie-dye.

We'll do it again from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the garden. It'll be a fun

afternoon with folks of all ages — with a taco bar for lunch. Please RSVP to Hillary (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by June 1 so we can plan for enough tacos.



Last year's tie-dye fun: Far left, Katherine Knippen holds up a finished product; bandanas dry on the grass; and right, Cathy Rome wears a tie-dye T-shirt at our booth at Family Pride. Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Join Us at Straub Park for LGBTQ+ Family Pride Day

**Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(includes setup and breakdown)**

The Cathedral will have a booth at Straub Park and fun swag to hand out — all those tie-dye items we'll be making on June 4! We want to let others know that the Cathedral is a safe and welcoming space for those looking for a church home.

You can volunteer to welcome people at our booth on the day. Or we invite you to donate water and other snacks in advance. All ages are welcome! **Visit spcathedral.org/family-pride to sign up to volunteer or make a donation.**

Given the current political climate in the state of Florida, we strongly believe that there is no better time to show up and support LGBTQ+ families. We continue to stand behind our Diversity/Equity/Inclusion statement:

We seek to be a church that loves as Jesus loves, loves our neighbors as ourselves, welcomes and celebrates all, and respects the dignity of every human being.

We believe that there is profound strength in diversity, and we stand firmly against hatred, bigotry, racism, and discrimination of any kind.

The Cathedral affirms that all people are created in the image of God, including queer and transgender people, and have sacred worth.

Join us during Pride Family Day and share the Good News that God is Love!



*The Rev.
Andy Oliver*

Last Call for Spiritual Pride Tickets

June 1 is the last opportunity to buy tickets for our Spiritual Pride dinner on Saturday, June 10.

The dinner, sponsored by the Friends of St. Aelred, celebrates the importance of a supportive faith community to the LGBTQ+ community. Tickets, priced at \$35, are available at spcathedral.org/pride. Because alcohol will be served, the event is open only to those 21 and older.

Our guest speaker is the Rev. Andy Oliver, pastor of Allendale United Methodist Church, a longtime supporter of the LGBTQ+ community.

An
**OVEREATERS
ANONYMOUS**
group meets
at 10 a.m.
Fridays in the
Chapter Room
All welcome!
Please speak
to our Faith
Community
Nurse, Rita
Sewell, if you
have questions,
or e-mail her
at rita195382@gmail.com.

Put Your Concerns into Action At 'Not My Child' Rally

Wondering what you can do to make our community safer for all of us, and specifically for our children and youth? How can you act when thoughts and prayers aren't enough?

Mark your calendar for Friday, July 14, at 6 p.m. We will join with the Not My Child rally, St. Peters-



Elaine New stands with police officers and volunteers in July 2021. Photo by JUDY STARK

burg's anti-violence awareness campaign. We'll spend an hour at the street intersections around Williams Park, waving signs and wearing T-shirts to show our support for our community. Similar rallies will be held around the city on Friday evenings all through the summer.

Some of you have participated in the past when this was known as the Not My Son rally, supporting African-American young men. Now it has been expanded to support all children in St. Petersburg.

It's fun! It's easy. Signs and shirts will be provided, and parishioners from other churches around the city and police officers will join us. It's great to stand at the intersections around us and hear motorists honk their horns in support.

If you'd like to participate, please speak to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com). We'll have details next month.



Summer Choir Welcomes Your Voice

May 28 was the last Sunday for our Cathedral Choir until September. While they're resting their voices, our worship music during the summer will be led by the Summer Choir, starting June 4 and running through August 27. All welcome: Just come to the front of the Cathedral at 9 a.m. Sundays for a short rehearsal before the 10:15 a.m. service. Sing for one Sunday or all. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to try out the choir, along with current choir members who want to keep singing through the summer. Questions? Please speak to Dwight Thomas: dthomas@spcathedral.com.

Summer of Fun and Faith for our Children and Youth: VBS and More

Vacation Bible School

(Age 4 through 5th Grade)

5:30-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday,
July 20-21

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 22

Musical performance at the 10:15 a.m.
service, Sunday, July 23

Registration will go live June 1 at [http://
spcathedral.org/vbs](http://spcathedral.org/vbs)

At this year's Vacation Bible School, "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs," participants will explore what all living things need to live — shelter, food, water, air, and community — and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in our local ecosystems. Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, reciprocity, and kinship, participants will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God's creation.

Using Psalm 104 as our grounding text, along with additional supporting scrip-



ture, participants will closely examine the interconnectedness of the whole earth — humans alongside the more-than-human world.

EYSeedlings Pizza and Pops (3rd-5th Grade)

5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21

We'll meet at the Cathedral and go to Angelo's for a pizza dinner and then walk

to Hyppo Popsicles for a treat. Please bring \$10. Friends are invited, too! Drop-off and pick-up at the Cathedral.

Senior EYC Lock-Out!

(Rising 9th-12th Grade)

8 p.m. Friday, June 2, to
8 a.m. Saturday, June 3

We'll meet up at the church then head out for a picture scavenger hunt, go skating at Astro Skate, and then have breakfast at midnight before heading back to the church for movies ... and maybe a little bit of sleep. Please bring \$20 and RSVP ASAP to Hillary (hpeete@spcathedral.com) so we can provide transportation..

Pizza + Pops (6th-12th Grade)

5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28

We'll meet at the Cathedral, go to Angelo's for a pizza dinner, and then walk to Hyppo Popsicles for a treat. Please bring \$10. Friends are invited, too!

Historian Analyzes the Tumultuous Florida History We've Been Living Through

In this month's selection for the St. Peter's Book Club, a leading Florida historian explores one of the state's most consequential eras that many of us have lived through: 2000-2010.

The GoodReads reviewer shares this description of the book:

"It was a time of stunning episodes of boom and bust, an era of extremes, a decade of historic changes that point to Florida's future. In *Dreams in the New Century: Instant Cities, Shattered Hopes, and Florida's Turning Point*, Gary R. Mormino illuminates

early 21st-century Florida and its connections to some of the most significant events in contemporary American history.

"It was a tumultuous period that included the Bush v. Gore presidential election, 9/11, the housing bubble and Great Recession, and the election of Barack Obama.

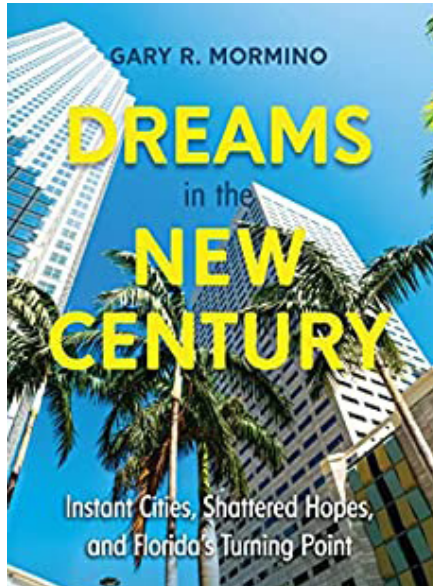
"During these years Tim Tebow rose to football fame and Donald Trump became a Florida celebrity. From hurricanes to Ponzi schemes, red tides, climate change, the 'Stand-Your-Ground' gun law, demographic

diversity, and more, Florida offered nonstop news fodder....

"As Mormino shows, Florida is a place of deep conflicts — North and South, liberal and conservative, newcomer and local, growth and conservation — with histories that can be traced back centuries. In 2000–2010, Mormino argues, these tensions collided to produce a 'Big Bang' that will continue to resonate in years to come.

"Mormino assesses this crucible of change and explains the social, cultural, and political intricacies of a state the world struggles to understand. *Dreams in the New Century* unravels Florida's complicated recent history in a gripping, informative, and fascinating narrative."

Nina Berkheiser will be the presenter at 6:30 p.m. June 27 in the Chapter Room/Library. Visit spcathedral.org/book-club for details of our Zoom option if you can't attend in person.



FAST Continues Pressure for Affordable Housing in St. Petersburg

About 100 members of FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together), including parishioners from St. Peter's, gathered on the steps of City Hall on May 18 to press their demands for more affordable housing in St. Petersburg.

FAST wants the city to create 5,000 housing units for families making 80 percent of the area median income or less, which is around \$65,000 for a family of four, by the end of Mayor Ken Welch's first term in 2026.

In April, Welch pledged 3,200 units of affordable housing citywide over the next decade. The faith leaders said it wasn't clear what incomes families would need to qualify for that housing.

No one from the Welch administration

was present at the demonstration. In a statement, the mayor said his goals align with the group's mission. He said his new plan increased the projected number of affordable and workforce units preserved, created or supported annually from 675 units to 780 units, an increase of 15.5 percent from the previous target.

The demonstration followed FAST's annual gathering in April, at which they vowed to flood Mayor Welch's office with postcards telling personal stories about the inability to find affordable housing.

FAST is a justice-ministry organization of 50 religious congregations throughout Pinellas County. Each year they set priorities and press public officials to support initia-

tives to improve the lives of Pinellas County residents. Learn more at fast-pinellas.org. For current information and regular updates, visit spcathedral.org/fast.

Information from the Tampa Bay Times was used in this report.



Phyllis Young, who attends Bethel Community Baptist Church, talks with reporters at the May 18 FAST news conference.

Moving-Up Sunday: Watching Our Children Grow in the Knowledge and Love of Christ

On Moving-Up Sunday we celebrated the continued faith formation of our children and youth. We offer age-appropriate opportunities for our children to gather with their peers and grow in friendship and relationship with God. We also offer families resources they can use at home.

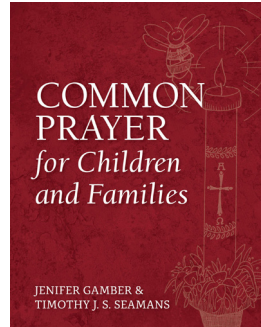
At our service on May 21, children and youth offered prayers welcoming those who were moving up to the next age level. The prayers were written by the children and youth themselves (with perhaps a little parental assistance for some).

We gave *Common Prayer for Children and Families* to those moving up from the nursery into Children's Chapel; *The Very Best Day: The Way of Love for Children* to those moving up to EYSeedlings; and *Call on Me* to those moving up into EYC from EYSeedlings.

Please keep all of our children, youth, and families in your prayers!

A Blessing for Children Moving Up from the Nursery To Children's Chapel Alex Underwood

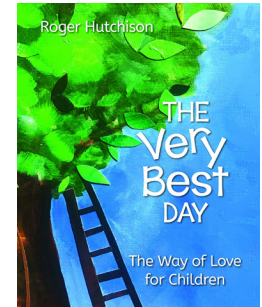
Loving God, we pray that all of the new kids coming to Children's Chapel will know how much you love us. Help us to have fun as we learn about Jesus and help us to love others like Jesus. We are thankful for all the friends we have at church and we pray that we will also make new friends. Give us a lot of laughter and hugs and messy fun when we come together and grow closer to you. Amen.



From Children's Chapel to EYSeedlings (3rd-5th Grades)

Sarah Lewis

God of new beginnings, today we celebrate and say congratulations to everyone who finished second grade! May God give you patience as you sit through the entire church service. Strength if you decide to become an acolyte – those torches are heavy! And courage when you join EYSeedlings. We may look like a room full of strangers, but really we're just friends you haven't met yet. Amen.



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Moving-Up Sunday

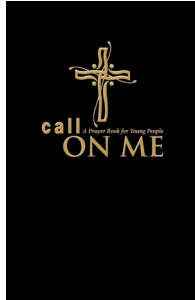
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From EYSeedlings

To EYC (6th-12th Grades)

Carter Curtis

Lord, bless these youth as they enter EYC and come into their own. May their faith grow in leaps and bounds and expand deeper and deeper as they age. We pray that they may find solace and comfort in the community here, as I have and all of those before us. Bless the friendships that are made, strengthen the old, and help us make new friends. We ask that they feel your presence as you guide them on their journey, that their lives reflect your love, their faith grow stronger, and they find your joy in all they do.



High School Graduates

Chas Wain-Nye

To our high school graduates, especially Carter, Mia, and Olivia:

As you begin this next journey in college, know that God continues to walk with you. May you feel God's support raising you up through whatever joys and challenges you encounter, especially the piles of homework and late nights, early mornings, and the coffee that might become your best friend. Trust that God will guide you and be present with you in all things, big and small. But also know that we are here for you. This church community that has seen you grow into the wonderful people you are will continue to pray for you and celebrate you as you step boldly into the places God is calling you. Amen.

See [page 22](#) for more about St. Peter's high-school graduates. We're very proud of all our young people who are moving up!



HURRICANE SEASON
BEGINS JUNE 1. The Cathedral does not provide hurricane shelter. Start to plan now where you will go if you are told to evacuate. Find hurricane evacuation routes and other emergency information at <https://pinellas.gov/emergency-information>

Trivia and Fun for 20s-40s

Trivia Night

6:30-ish p.m. Wednesday, May 31

Join us for trivia at Pinellas Ale Works! Trivia starts at 7 p.m., but arrive early to help save a table. There's a food truck where you can purchase fries, tacos, nachos, etc., and of course beer, cider and non-alcoholic beverages. Email or text Hillary (hpeete@spcathedral.com) if you plan to attend so we know how many seats we need.



Game Night

6 p.m. Saturday, June 24

Jonathan and Rebecca Miller have offered to host a game night at their house. Bring your favorite card or board game (Taboo! Qwirkle!) or just come hang out. We'll order pizza for dinner and you can bring an appetizer to share if you'd like.

Please RSVP to Hillary (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by June 22 and we'll send you the address.



Say Hello to Our New Hospitality Associate

Please welcome **Tallia Corbett**, our new hospitality associate, the friendly face you'll be seeing at the front desk on Sunday mornings.

Tallia and her husband, Justin, have come to the Cathedral through their connection with Hillary and Brandon Peete. Tallia (it's her grandmother's maiden name) and Hillary were college friends. This fall Tallia will become a teacher of seventh- and eighth-grade history at Berkeley Preparatory School, where Brandon (the Rev. Canon Brandon Peete) is the chaplain.

The Corbetts' daughter, Maggie, 5, is a regular participant in Messy Church, our family-friendly monthly gathering that provides dinner, music, Bible lessons, and crafts.

Tallia's background is in teaching, including a one-year stint at a K-through-8 school in Seoul, Korea. Most recently she has been an administrator at Florida Virtual Schools, which offers online courses for students K through 12th grade.

Tallia describes herself as "a runner, a volunteer at my daughter's school, and a traveler." The family spent last Christmas in Paris. Political unrest has scratched their plans for a trip to Peru this summer. Instead they look forward to a trip to the Keys and to visit family in Georgia and New York.



Tallia Corbett

Donation of Appreciated Assets Can Benefit You and the Cathedral

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

Part 3

We conclude our series of articles dealing with methods of giving to the Cathedral that may have tax advantages for you. This month we will provide information on the donation of appreciated assets, such as stocks and bonds. If you missed our prior articles on Donor Advised Funds or IRA RMDs, you can find those articles at spcathedral.org/give.

Gifts of appreciated assets have long been an important way for donors to make tax-advantaged contributions to the Cathedral. To avoid capital gains taxes, gifts of appreciated assets must have been held by the donor for a least one year and must be given directly to the Cathedral.

For the purpose of a tax deduction, the donor receives credit for the value of the stock on the day the transfer is complete. Donations of appreciated stocks and bonds can be made by your financial institution directly to the Cathedral's Merrill Lynch account. For specific account information, please contact Michelle Thomas, Cathedral Administrator (727-822-4173), or Ray Mc-

Colgan (RMcColgan@me.com).

For example, if you purchased 100 shares of a stock at \$25 per share 10 years ago, that stock may now be worth \$100 per share. If you were to sell 50 shares of that stock, you would realize \$5,000 and would have potential capital gains taxes on the \$3,750.00 profit. (Sale price of \$100 minus cost price of \$25 = \$75 profit per share sold.) If you then donated that \$5,000 to the Cathedral as your Faith Filled Financial Commitment, you could take it as a deduction on your income tax if you itemize deductions.

However, if you donated those same 50 shares directly to St. Peter's, you would pay no capital gains tax on the profit and would still be able to

How donating an appreciated security can reduce taxes

Sell stock & donate cash proceeds		Donate stock directly to charity
\$ \$ \$20,000	Value of stock when purchased	\$ \$ \$20,000
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$50,000	Current price	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$50,000
\$ \$ \$7,140	Capital gains and Medicare surtax paid on \$30,000 (23.8%)	\$ \$ \$0
\$ \$ \$42,860	Total contribution to charity (after deducting federal taxes)	\$ \$ \$50,000
\$ \$ \$15,858	Income tax savings by making contribution	\$ \$ \$18,500
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Giving Appreciated Assets

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take the \$5,000 deduction on your income tax if you itemize.

You can also name the Cathedral as the designated beneficiary of one or more of your financial assets to be transferred to St. Peter's at the time of your death. The Cathedral can then liquidate those assets tax-free. When you inform the Cathedral of its designation, you become a member of our Legacy Society.

This method is used by a number of parishioners. It decreases their tax liability and increases the Cathedral's revenue. Another win/win situation!

It could be beneficial for you to check with your financial advisor about giving appreciated assets directly to the Cathedral. If you would like more information, please contact Ray McColgan (RMcColgan@me.com). If enough people are interested, an informational meeting can be planned.

Information from [horizons.net](https://www.horizons.net) and their 2022 Horizons Stewardship articles was used in this report.

Damage to Our Donut Supplier

Fray's Donut House, the longtime source of our coffee-hour donuts, was damaged April 30 when a vehicle plowed into the building, destroying part of the structure as well as a water line. Larry Lee, the owner, tells us the shop, at 16th Street and 54th Avenue N, will be closed for several weeks for repairs. In the interim we're getting our donuts from other vendors,

which is why the assortment may look a little different from week to week.

In other coffee hour news, we've switched to recycled/recyclable paper cups and sugar-cane plates in an effort to lighten our footprint on the earth. We're also providing sleeves to make hot cups easier to hold.

Photo credit: St. Pete Patch



A Challenge Grant and Community Partnerships Help Family Promise Help More Homeless Families

Dennis M. Sousa, Executive Director

There is plenty of good news this month as Family Promise serves more clients, builds relationships with the community, finds new sources of funds and supplies, and creates new ways for supporters to assist homeless families in Pinellas County.

* Our biggest news is that we have been awarded a Challenge Grant from “Help

Us Move In,” a national program that will match all donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000. The money raised provides application fees, deposits, and utility assistance to our guest families as they move into permanent homes. It can also be used to assist those at imminent risk of homelessness by assisting with past-due rents and utility



What Is Family Promise?

Family Promise of Pinellas County is a bridge shelter and day-center program for unhoused children and their families. It offers a range of services — shelter, meals, case management, prevention assistance, transportation, and financial support — to those who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. It provides temporary housing at congregational and community sites or at its own shelter. Families spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services, and permanent housing.

Please contact Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.

bills. Learn how you can donate at www.fppinellas.org.

* We’ve developed food partnerships with Wawa, Pizza Hut, and Chick-fil-A, which brought in 732 pounds of food for our families.

* Progressive Insurance has become an in-kind donor partner for our shelter guests. In May they conducted a drive to

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Family Promise Awarded Challenge Grant

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collect feminine hygiene products.

* Our first “Gimme Promise” road race on April 22 attracted 82 runners. Thanks to the participants and to our volunteers for making it happen.

* This month we’ll introduce our new Progressive Split the Pot Raffle, which raises money for us and gives you the chance to be a monthly winner or to win the jackpot at our end-of-the-year celebration. Find details on our website, fppinellas.org, or on Twitter: @fppinellas.

In April we assisted 34 families. Five of those were living in our shelter and 28 at-risk families were assisted through our day program. The day center performed 1,258 services and our partner congregation provided 280 bed nights for our families. Our dedicated volunteers performed 804.5 hours of services and gave \$2,483.60 in in-kind food donations for our families, which resulted in 810 meals for our families. We graduated one family in April and three more in May.

Join the OWLS for Friendship, Fun Activities

OWLS is a new senior ministry that strives to create community and fellowship opportunities. The acronym is short for “Older, Wiser, Livelier Servants.”

Join the Parliament! (A “parliament” is a group of owls.) Our first organizational meeting is at coffee hour on Sunday, June 11, in Harvard Hall.

Sign up in Harvard Hall. Questions? Speak to Tallulah Taylor (tallulahst@aol.com) or our faith community nurse, Rita Sewell (nurse@spcathedral.com).

OWLS
Seniors Ministry



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 Bishop’s Parlor; and **CONSULTATIONS** on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues by appointment. E-mail her at nurse@spcathedral.com to make an appointment to meet on Sundays or by phone, Zoom, or in person at your home.



Best Wishes to Our Graduates

Please congratulate our high school seniors as they graduate and move into the next phase of their lives. "May God bless you and keep you and make God's face to shine upon you."

Carter Curtis, **St. Petersburg High School**

Family: Parents Spencer and Jessica, sister Ellie, grandmother Jean Curtis. **Honors:** National Honor Society, French Honor



Society, IB Salutatorian. **What's next:** Will attend Florida Atlantic University to study electrical engineering. **This summer:** work, travel, relax.



Olivia Norman, **Lakewood Ranch High School**

Family: Parents The Rev. Canon Richard H. Norman and Adrienne McKee, brother Hudson Norman. **What's next:** Will attend State College of Florida with plans to transfer to Florida State University. **This summer:** counselor at DaySpring summer camp, as she has done for many years.



Mia Moore, **St. Petersburg High School**

Family: Parents Claudia Botero and Michael Moore; sister Maggie Moore. **What's next:** Will attend Florida State University, majoring in public relations and communications. Looking forward to being involved in campus activities. **This summer:** travel, hang out with friends.

June Transitions

Birthdays

1	Vincent Ranuro	10	Avary Fleming
4	Susan Henry	10	Nancy Brett
		10	Jonathan Miller
5	Adrienne McKee	11	Anne Giles
5	Maggie Corbett	11	Shar Nudelman
6	Haley Clark	12	Jon Reynolds
6	John Cox	13	Spencer Curtis
6	Robert Culpepper	13	Sam Tallman
6	Hudson Norman	13	Herbert Polson
6	Geoff Creaghan	13	Herbert Polson
6	Aidan Moyle	14	Greg Burnsed
7	Ashley Gairing	14	Christopher Gums
8	Michael Saut	14	Isabella Wolfe
9	Cindy Campbell	15	Marie Dahm
9	Michael Condon	15	Mary Kral
9	Shawn Thomas	15	Millie Dvoracsek

16	Barbara McCue
17	Rick MacAulay
18	John Garrigues
18	David Hodgson
19	Eric Lang Peterson
21	Matt Burnsed
21	Gregory Caiazza
23	Scott Gramling
23	Kally Harvard
23	Sydni Shollenberger
23	Betsy Adams
23	David Kramer
25	Roger Pine
25	Kelsey O'Neill
26	Steve Plichta
27	Katherine Clarke
29	Susan Darrow
30	Charles Jaynes
30	Rebecca Lyons

Anniversaries

3	Mike & Kelly Grimshaw	19	Frank & Dianne Casorio
4	Tom & Victoria Gault	20	Dick & Barbara Abbott
6	Cheryl & Jeffrey Saut	20	Tim & Beth Snyder
9	Michael & Betsy Adams	21	David & Lacey Hodgson
9	Peter & Marion Fleming	22	Troy & Joan Craft
9	David & Sarah Hill	22	Cary & Karen Gums
9	Don & Barbara Wright	26	Barry & Mary Howe
10	Justin & Jeanne Wolfe	28	Tony & Rhody Gecan
11	Kristen Herman & Jee Lee	29	Stephen & Christina Morris
16	Joel & Anne Giles		
16	Vincent & Judi Murante		



Those Who Have Died

Lizabeth A. Moody

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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

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.

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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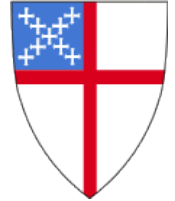
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