



# CROSSTOWN

August 2023

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



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*Family Beach Day at Pass-a-Grille: The kids piled atop this giant paddleboard and had a blast riding the waves.  
Photo by HILLARY PEETE.*

# We'll Start Off the Fall with Annual Oktoberfest Party

Ray McColgan

It's almost that time of year! Oktoberfest returns Friday, September 29, with our annual festive dinner in Harvard Hall to celebrate the bounty of this year and mark the



start of our 2024 Faith Filled Commitment Campaign.

You can look forward to brats in pretzel rolls, German potato salad, sauerkraut, apple strudel, and beer, wine, apple cider, and soft drinks. We'll also have a children's menu, and child care will be provided upon request.

There's no charge for Oktoberfest, but we do need an accurate count, so **YOU MUST REGISTER** at [spcathedral.org/oktoberfest](https://spcathedral.org/oktoberfest), or register in person in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service on September 10, 17, or 24. No tickets will be available at the door.

We'll have our annual trivia contest (winner gets a Cathedral tote bag), so start

brushing up on your knowledge of Episcopal history. Oktoberfest is a fun night to get together as the Cathedral family, begin the busy fall program year, and celebrate all that we have accomplished together.

The Faith Filled Commitment Campaign is the time each fall when we invite everyone to make a financial commitment to the Cathedral for the coming year. Our theme this year is "Rooted in God's Abundance,"

reminding us that we have been blessed by God with all the gifts of Creation and our lives and our response to that generosity are rooted in abundance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



## Sing the Hymns, Learn the Stories Behind Them

Come sing some of your favorite hymns and listen to the stories behind them at a Hymn Festival, “Let the People Praise You: Our Faith in Song,” at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 17.

Choir and congregation will sing, and we’ll hear the history behind the songs — the composers, the texts, the context.

The offering will be given to Florida Resurrection House to support its work breaking the generational cycle of poverty as it works with single mothers and their children.

But wait, there’s more! The singing will be followed by a festive reception. There will be raffles for prizes, again benefiting Resurrection House. Music Director Dwight Thomas will conduct an auction where you can bid to have your favorite hymn sung on the day of your choice, or to ban a not-so-favorite hymn for a year.



## How Resurrection House Provides Lifesaving Emergency Help

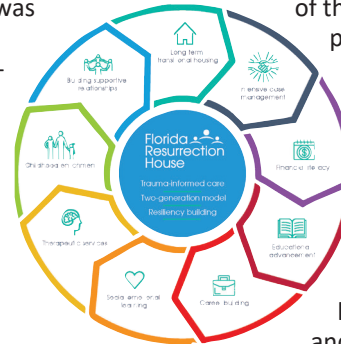
Have you ever been in a situation where an unexpected expense could derail your entire career?

That’s the situation Jane was in, a single mother who was on the verge of losing everything due to an unexpected expense. Jane was working hard towards getting her GED. Attendance at classes relied on dependable child care. But she had to pay a \$35 child-care enrollment fee that she could not afford, which meant she would lose her spot in the GED program.

Florida Resurrection House stepped in and paid the child-care fees, which allowed her to continue in the GED program.

We believe that everyone deserves a chance to succeed, and our emergency

fund is designed to help families like Jane’s overcome unexpected hurdles. By donating to our emergency fund, you support families when they need it most.



Florida Resurrection House is one of the Cathedral’s community partners. We provide regular support, both financial and in-kind, including our

Christmas Giving Tree, our annual spring party for residents, holiday food baskets, and the Hymn Festival on September 17.

Together, we can help lift families out of poverty and provide them with the support

they need to succeed. Please consider donating to our emergency fund today! Click on this link to give:

<https://floridaresurrectionhouse.org/make-a-one-time-gift/>

## A Word of Thanks from Stephen

Dear Cathedral Family,

Thank you all so much for my retirement party, generous purse, and all the wonderful cards and letters. Christina and I were very heartened by the coffee-hour celebrations after each service on June 25. The laughter and tears were equally touching to us. Honoring Christina and her lifelong association with the Cathedral was especially nice. So again, thank you.

I am rehabbing my new knee these days, having had it replaced three weeks ago.

Remember in my retirement letter I said I looked forward to seeing you around town. Well, that has started happening, and it really makes me smile.

The Cathedral family will forever hold the most special of places within our hearts. Thank you all for making sure that would be the case over these past 15 years.

Forever,

*Stephen & Christina*



## Meeting with Bishop Will Take Up Interim, Search Committee

The Chapter is scheduled to meet August 2 with Bishop Douglas Scharf to discuss the next steps in calling an interim dean and in forming a search committee and starting the process of seeking a new dean.

In other news:

- \* Curate Mike Alford has moved into his new office, the former accounting office at the southeast corner of Harvard Hall.

- \* The photocopier has moved to the office formerly occupied by Canon Ethan Cole, and the copier room is now a chair storage room.

- \* We continue to gather information and prioritize some major repairs, including a new roof over the nave and the repair of the bell tower.

- \* You've seen our bright new sign at Fourth Street and Second Avenue N under the cross. Watch for other improved signage.

- \* Director of Christian Formation Hillary Peete is overseeing a refreshing of the nursery, youth room, and children's chapel, with new furnishings and equipment.

- \* We have installed a stoup — a container for holy water — on the right as you enter the nave. We know many of you like to dip your fingers into holy water and cross yourselves as you come to worship. The repositioning of the font in the new baptistry made that impossible, hence the installation of the stoup on the pillar to your right to accommodate this devotional practice.

# FAST House Meetings Get the Ball Rolling On Social-Justice Priorities

Three small-group meetings will be held in coming weeks as members of FAST — Faith and Action for Strength Together — start the annual process of identifying the

top social-justice issues that need action in Pinellas County.

St. Peter's is one of 50 faith communities that work together to prioritize the issues and develop solutions that will be presented to elected officials in the spring to win their support and improve the lives of Pinellas residents.

Last spring FAST succeeded in gaining government support for pre-arrest diversion for non-dangerous driving offenses, improved water quality, and increased affordable housing.

Starting this month, a series of house meetings around the county will bring together groups of 8 to 10 to talk about a new set of priorities. Issues that have sur-

faced in the past include early childhood care, juvenile criminal justice, senior transportation, and mental-health access. Three meetings are scheduled for St. Peter's members and friends (see the box for dates and locations).

The ideas generated at the house meetings are then prioritized by FAST members countywide, who spend months in research and

analysis and in developing proposed actions that will be presented to elected officials at a public gathering in the spring.

Want to know more? Please speak with enthusiastic FAST members Betsy Adams, Kathy Coughlan, Cynthia Garrels, Fay Mackey, or Hillary Peete. They'll be glad to share

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## FAST House Meetings

\* **Sunday, August 20**, at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapter Room. Lunch provided for \$5.

\* **Sunday, August 27**, at 4 p.m. at the home of Anita Pernell-Arnold.

\* **Sunday, September 10**, at 4 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Lyons.

Please e-mail Hillary Peete if you plan to attend ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)), or sign up at [spcathedral.org/fast](http://spcathedral.org/fast), where you can also find much more information about FAST. We'll schedule additional gatherings if there is interest.



## FAST for Justice

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their satisfying experiences of learning how working together makes a difference, especially at a time when we often feel as if there's nothing we can do to change the world.

### 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. FAST is a congregation-based 501(c)3 non-profit whose purpose is to train community residents from diverse congregations to work together to identify root causes of community problems and take action on these problems. Learn more at [fast-pinellas.org](http://fast-pinellas.org).

## Outreach Seeks a New Name Reflective of Its Ministry

The Outreach Committee is changing its name to better reflect the mission we've been given and the work we do. We'd like your suggestions for our new name.

The mission of the Committee is two-fold:

First, to provide practical ways for members of the Cathedral to serve as the healing presence of God's love in our community and the world through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives. We do this through our monthly collections and various service projects.

Second, to recommend to the Chapter how to distribute the roughly \$32,000 each year from the Ethel Harkness Grace

Perpetual Memorial Trust Fund to groups and organizations serving the community. It should be noted that this is only a small part of the Cathedral's annual outreach spending.

We are soliciting suggestions for a better, more informative name. So far, we've received the following suggestions: Com-

munity Engagement Committee, Community Service Committee, Community Partnerships.

Please send your suggestions to Penny Roen ([penny-roen@gmail.com](mailto:penny-roen@gmail.com)) before

August 8, so we can choose our new name at our monthly Zoom meeting that evening!





# Are You Ready to Join the Pilgrimage To Alabama Civil-Rights Sites?

**Betsy Adams**

It's time to make a commitment and register for our pilgrimage to the civil-rights sites in Alabama.

The Cathedral's Becoming Beloved Community 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.

All are welcome: those well-versed in justice issues and those just beginning the journey.

As we continue to grow toward Becoming Beloved Community, it is important to remember the people and events of

our history. Visiting historical places and engaging with the stories can be transformative. We cannot move forward towards racial healing without learning a more complete history and acknowledging how some have benefitted from systems at the expense of others.

This pilgrimage is

one step in a journey towards reconciliation. We begin to physically experience the stories we may have only heard. We will walk in the footsteps of those courageous resilient folks who walked there before us.

On this Pilgrimage, you'll visit historic sites and meet unsung heroes and foot soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement. As a spiritual pilgrimage, we reflect on what we experience together so when we each return home, we can apply what we have learned to make a difference in today's world.

In Montgomery, we will experience the powerful Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. We will see historical sites including the Rosa Parks Museum, the Freedom Rides Museum, the Civil Rights



*The Legacy Museum is on the site of what was one of the most active slave markets in the United States. Photo courtesy of LEGACY MUSEUM*

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Memorial, and the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and the parsonage where the King family lived that was bombed several times during the civil-rights era.

Traveling to Tuskegee, we will learn about hundreds of African-American men and women who trained and prepared to fight in World War II for a country that did not respect their dignity and ability. We will learn of the inhumane human medical experiments on Black men who suffered from syphilis.

On our final day, in Selma, we will worship with a local congregation. Then we will join in solidarity with the thousands who have walked across the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge, acknowledging the bravery of those who faced hatred and brutality on

Bloody Sunday in 1965, in search of a sacred American right: the right to vote.

Finally, we will visit National Voting Rights Museum and Institute, reminding ourselves of the right that we so often take for granted.

We cannot change the past, but we can fully explore it, confront it and learn from it. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke often of beloved community as a way of transforming people and relationships: creating communities grounded in racial healing, friendship, and human dignity. The beloved community was not meant to be a vision of heaven in the clouds, but a practical possibility humanity could create on earth: the Kingdom of God.

Come see, learn, sing, and make a new way in the struggle for justice. The time is now!



## 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 [spcathedral.org/beloved-community](https://spcathedral.org/beloved-community); click on "peace and justice memorial center."

\* For more information **contact Betsy Adams** ([betsygadams@icloud.com](mailto:betsygadams@icloud.com)).

\* **Visit our Beloved Community website**, [spcathedral.org/beloved-community](https://spcathedral.org/beloved-community), and click on "Pilgrimage dates and details" for a brochure.

\* **To register for the pilgrimage**, visit <https://portal.myfaithjourneys.com>. Group number: 24030.



# Sacred Ground Series Returns to the Cathedral

**Betsy Adams**

Sacred Ground, a program to foster racial healing and reconciliation, will return to the Cathedral in October.

This film-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, is an initiative of the wider Episcopal Church, part of a commitment to justice in our personal lives, ministries, and society. It involves two in-person meetings and eight biweekly Zoom sessions from October through March.

This series is open to all, and is especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. It draws on powerful documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European-American histories, and invites participants to unpack their own histories and experiences in a safe space.

Sacred Ground is an attempt to respond

to the profound challenges in our society around race and racism, as well as the difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue we need to have with each other about them. It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way.

During 2020 and 2021 we hosted three Sacred Ground circles in which more than 30 individuals came together to explore the history and resulting consequences of race for our times and communities.

Another Sacred Ground circle will open with an in-person meeting on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then the group will meet biweekly via Zoom on Wednesdays, time to be arranged, with a three-week break in December and resuming January 3. The final session is an

in-person meeting on March 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge.

All are welcome, whether you are well-versed in these issues or are just beginning the journey. Please be in touch with Betsy Adams ([betsyadams@icloud.com](mailto:betsyadams@icloud.com)) for more information. You can learn more and register at [spcathedral.org/sacred-ground](http://spcathedral.org/sacred-ground). There is more information at the Episcopal Church site, [episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground](http://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground).

Or speak to your St. Peter's friends and family who have participated in Sacred Ground circles and hear their stories of how their lives and thinking have been changed by their involvement:

Michael and Betsy Adams, Karen Amundrud, Kathy Coughlin, Susan Darrow, Cynthia Garrels, Barry and Mary Howe, Misty Landers, Rebecca Lyons, Fay Mackey, Hillary Peete, Anita Pernel-Arnold, Michael Ricciardi, Cathy and Rich Rome, Scott Strader, Ken Taber, Sam Tallman, and Karen Torrisi.



## August Collection: Diapers and Wipes for Babycycle

This month we're collecting diapers for Babycycle, a community-based diaper bank that distributes diapers to partner agencies serving low-income families, including the St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Daystar Life Center, CASA, and Florida Resurrection House.

An average six-month-old baby uses five to six diapers every day. That amounts to 150 to 180 a month!

Our goal is to collect 1,800 diapers — enough for 10 children for one month. We're seeking diapers of all sizes and baby wipes.

St. Peter's has been an enthusiastic supporter of Babycycle for several years. Read our past *Crosstown* stories about the excellent and much-needed work of Babycycle at [spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog](http://spcathedral.org/crosstown-blog). Or visit their website at [babycyclefl.org](http://babycyclefl.org).

Please bring your contributions to the church on Sundays or during weekday office hours.

## Help Assemble Emergency Bags for Peterborough

Join other helpers on Sunday, August 6, during Coffee Hour in Harvard Hall as we assemble emergency bags for residents of the Peterborough Apartments who, because of illness or some other reason, are unable to go to the store. These bags are among the most appreciated items we pro-

vide to any of our community partners. Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, has obtained a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant of \$250, which will be supplemented by Outreach Committee funds to obtain the personal, hygiene, and food supplies to fill the bags.



## Great Start to a New Year

Parishioners signed cards of encouragement for students at Campbell Park Elementary. Our goal was 700 cards, one for each student as the new school year opens this month. Photo by PENNY ROEN.

**Save the Date:**

# Parents' Discussion Group

## *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers* by Dr. Lisa Damour

<https://drlisadamour.com/books/the-emotional-lives-of-teenagers/>

**Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28 at 8 p.m. on Zoom**

**Sunday, October 8 at noon | in-person discussion with Dr. Scott Strader**

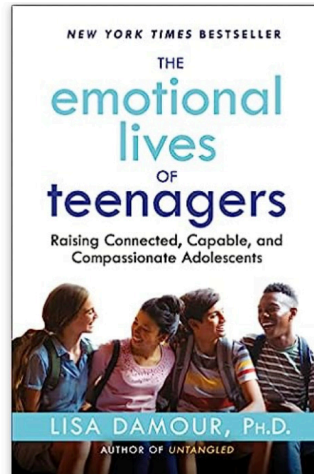
Parents and guardians of tweens and teens are encouraged to come together to learn and build a community of support. The Zoom registration link and a reading guide will be shared at [spcathedral.org/youth](http://spcathedral.org/youth). Join us for all four sessions or as many as you can. You can purchase the book locally at Tombolo Books or wherever you buy your books.

“In teenagers, powerful emotions come with the territory,” the author says. “And with so many of today’s teens contending with academic pressure, social media stress, worries about the future, and concerns about their own mental health, it’s easy for them —and their parents — to feel

anxious and overwhelmed. But it doesn’t have to be that way.”

Parents who read this book will learn:

- what to expect in the normal course of adolescent emotional develop-



- ment and when it’s time to worry
- why teens (and adults) need to understand that mental health isn’t about “feeling good” but about having feelings that fit the moment, even if those feelings are unwanted or painful
- strategies for supporting teens who feel at the mercy of their emotions so they can become psychologically aware and skilled at managing their feelings
- how to approach common challenges that come with adolescence, such as friction at home, spiking anxiety, risky behavior, navigating friendships and romances, the pull of social media, and many more
- the best ways to stay connected to their teens and how to provide the kind of relationship that adolescents need and want

## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

EYC celebrated Christmas in July with a fun game of white elephant, an emoji Christmas song game, frozen hot chocolate, and special guests and entertainers Sam and Caroline Albert. Thanks to the Albert family for hosting and for the delicious pulled pork and the best cheesy potatoes!



*Maggie Albert treasures her new disco ball; Lydia McDowall enjoys frosted hot chocolate; and honorary EYC member Caroline Albert loves her leopard-print waffle maker. Photos by HILLARY PEETE.*

## Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, August 6 at 10:15 am**

All students, teachers, and educators are invited to come forward for a blessing and to receive a key chain to remind you of God's presence throughout the year.



## 20s-40s Let's Brunch

**Sunday, August 13, after the 10:15 a.m. service**

Meet on the steps after the service and we'll walk to somewhere close by that has air-conditioned inside seating. Popular options are Oak & Stone, Datz, Lure ... and others. Comment on the 20s-40s Facebook page with your choice or text Hillary ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).

## Back to School Pool Parties!

**Sunday, August 13**

**EYSeedlings (3rd-5th grade) from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**EYC (6th-12th grade) from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Come hang out with friends, swim, and get back into the swing of our regular fall gatherings. Hosted by the Albert family. Please RSVP ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) for the address. Friends are invited, too!

## EYC Faith + Film

**Sundays, August 20 and 27, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

By popular demand, we are going to dive into *Star Wars*! Join us to discuss forces of good and evil, trust, faith, and other parallels between our human experience and the adventures in a galaxy far, far away.





# All of God's Children Need Compassion

Children from age 4 through grade 5 participated in Compassion Camp at the end of July, exploring what all living things need to live: food, air, water, shelter, community.

## Every Living Thing Needs Shelter

When God began creating, God made a shelter for the earth and everything in it. God is also a shelter for us — like a mother hen guarding her chicks beneath her wings.

On the first night of Compassion Camp, each team chose an animal and created their habitat. We had some awesome creations for an arctic fox, red panda, panda bears, wolves, and hippos. We sang *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and starting learning the chimes with the Compassion Prayer.

## Every Living Thing Needs Food

On the second night of Compassion Camp, we talked about good things that grow in dirt, like root vegetables. We examined, drew, and then water-colored some beautiful veggies. And we had dirt cups with gummy worms for dessert!

## Every Living Thing Needs Water!

We talked about how we can be water protectors and make sure animals have clean water too. We learned how rain gar-

dens filter pollution naturally before it runs out to the oceans. And we made watering stations to attract bees and butterflies.

Photo by HILLARY PEETE







## New EfM Class Is Forming

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year, mentored, small-group program of theological reflection for lay people that is grounded in scripture and church history. It is not Bible study, though we do reflect on the Bible. The group at the Cathedral meets in person from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Monday between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

A typical evening consists of a time for participants to share what's happening in their lives, prayer, discussion of the week's readings, and a theological reflection. There are no quizzes, tests, or papers to write. There is a cost involved, and students have the opportunity to commit to only one year at a time.

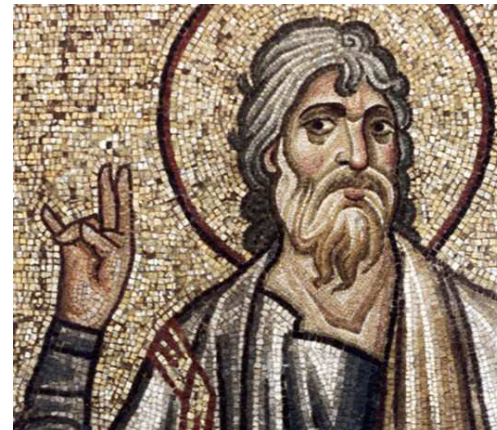
This year, Michelle Thomas and Courtney McBaen will mentor the group, which consists of a minimum of six people. We have space for you! Interested? Contact Michelle Thomas ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)) for more information.

## Adult Formation

**Tuesdays, August 15, 22, 29, and September 5  
6:30-7:30 p.m. on Zoom**

### **Zephaniah: Explore the relationship between God's justice and love**

This short (just three chapters!) book invites us to hold together two aspects of God's character at once — justice and love — and examine how, together, they contain hope for our world. The first week we will put this book in context with the 12 minor prophets. In the following weeks we will discuss each chapter.



Zoom registration link, video commentaries, and resources are also provided at [spcathedral.org/bible-study](https://spcathedral.org/bible-study).

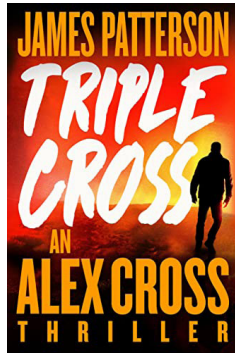
# Mystery, History, Tales from Near and Far: Book Club Announces Latest Selections

St. Peter's Book Club has announced its selections from now through November. Get a head start on reading in these hot days of summer.

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapter Room. We also offer a Zoom option if you can't attend in person; visit [spcathedral.org/book-club](http://spcathedral.org/book-club) for details. Roberta Poellein ([rp1ln37@gmail.com](mailto:rp1ln37@gmail.com)) is happy to tell you more.

Here's the lineup; happy tales to you!

**Tuesday, August 22:**  
***Triple Cross*, by James Patterson.** The latest outing for crime master Patterson's popular detective, Alex Cross. A serial killer who targets only families is coming for Cross's family. The "Family Man" always moves



under cover of darkness, flawlessly triggering no alarms, leaving no physical evidence. Cross is not the only one pursuing him: Also in on this most intriguing case is the world's bestselling true-crime author, Thomas Tull, who sees patterns everyone else misses.

**Presenter: Randy Ramsey.**

**September: *Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia-to-Zion Journey Through Every National Park*, by Conor Knighton.**

From the CBS Sunday Morning correspondent, a behind-the-scenes look at his year traveling to each of America's National Parks, discovering the most beautiful places and most interesting people our country has to offer, the book publisher says.

**Presenter: Judy Beck.**

**October: *Squeeze Me*, by Carl Hiaasen.** A fierce supporter of a presidential candidate disappears from a swank Palm Beach gala and turns up

dead. The candidate immediately blames rampaging immigrant hordes for her death. Meanwhile, his wife has a few too many secrets with a member of the Secret Service, and there is a sudden invasion of pythons. Where else but Florida, in the latest from the longtime Miami Herald columnist, novelist, and humorist. **Presenter: TBA.**

**November: *Bethlehem Boys*, by Jeffrey Briskin.** Just in time for Christmas: Three chests of treasure given by visiting scholars to a newborn boy they believe is the long-awaited Messiah are stolen from a barn housing the infant's family. But when an eyewitness is murdered and similar treasures end up in the possession of another family who claim their newborn son is the real Messiah, Bethlehem's residents form fanatical factions supporting each infant, threatening to turn this sleepy village into a first-century theological battleground. **Presenter: Shar Nudelman.**

## Rays versus Yankees: Time for Baseball with the Bishop

Take yourself out to the ball game with several hundred of your closest friends from the Diocese of Southwest Florida! It's time for Baseball with the Bishop, a popular summer event that raises money for the Episcopal Charities Fund.

The Tampa Bay Rays take on the New York Yankees on Friday, August 25. Gates open at 4:40 p.m. and the game starts at 6:40 p.m.

Lower-corner tickets are \$33.04 (a \$53 value). Michelle Thomas will have a block of tickets, so contact her to get yours. E-mail her at [mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com) or call her at (727) 822-4173.

The Rays allow the group with the largest number of attendees to send someone to the mound to throw out the opening pitch. Bishop Douglas Scharf has been practicing his curve ball, so don't let him down! He'll also participate in the seventh-inning stretch.



## Meet Our New Hospitality Associate

Our new Sunday morning hospitality associate is Nana Paultre, 20, who is about to start her junior year at Eckerd College, majoring in human development and sociology.

Nana will be the friendly face at the front desk, answering questions, offering directions, and providing security.

**Meet Nana:** Native of Knoxville, TN; grew up Lutheran. **Activities:** Involved in the Active Minds Club, a mental-health advocacy group. **Favorite band:** Foreigner. **Favorite movie:** *My Fair Lady*. **Favorite food:** chicken tenders. **Drink of choice:** "I'm from Tennessee, so it's sweet tea!" **Her ride:** a 2014 Nissan Altima. **Pets:** two male cats, Apollo and Odysseus.

# We Support the City's Children and Youth

A group of parishioners turned out July 14 to walk the neighborhood and urge support for Not My Child, a city-sponsored anti-violence, pro-community initiative to benefit children and youth. "It made me realize we need to get out into our neighborhood more,"

said participant Betsy Adams. Susan Darrow reported, "I spoke to a young man who told me, 'Finally, I'm seeing signs I agree with!'"

Photos by JUDY STARK



*Left, Cathedral supporters with police officers Pat McGovern and J. Deary and community activist John Bailey.*



*Right, Michael and Betsy Adams also turned out to support children and youth.*



# Around the Cathedral

## September Lunch with the OWLS

The OWLS are going out to lunch on September 3 after the 10:15 a.m. service. We'll gather and then head for Cava, the Mediterranean restaurant at 1320 Fourth St. N. Please speak to Rita Sewell or Tallulah Taylor if you'd like to participate in this event, the first outing of our newly formed senior ministry.



## Summer Hours

We continue on summer hours through the end of this month: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, closed Friday. We will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day: no services, no activities. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, when we'll return to winter hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Good Health

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](mailto:nurse@spcathedral.com) to make an appointment to meet on Sundays or by phone, Zoom, or in person at your home.



## Overeaters Anonymous

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](mailto:rita195382@gmail.com).



## Prayer and Meditation Group Welcomes You

Our centering prayer group, Pray, Meditate, and Connect, will meet in the Chapter Room from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on August 5 and 19 and September 2.

You are invited to join them to share prayer concerns, 20 minutes of silent meditation, and a brief prayer service as we deepen our fellowship through prayer. Save the dates and participate as you are able.

The group is led by Karen Payne-Taylor and Jannie Hume, who have years of experience with silent meditation groups. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Jannie ([jhume6@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jhume6@tampabay.rr.com)), or visit [spcathedral.org/meditate](http://spcathedral.org/meditate).



# August Transitions

## Birthdays

2	Franci Cross	12	Lisa Fournier	17	Johnny Van Heest
3	Emory Peters	13	Gabriel Cotrino	18	Gary Patterson
4	David Hobbs	14	Bob Churuti	18	Debra Davis
4	KayeLynn Salsman	14	Barbara Wright	18	Emma McBaen
5	Michelle Correll	14	Clark Perry	19	Evelyn Ranuro
6	Abigail Albert	15	Jacqueline Jones-Blacker	19	Lois Ricciardi
6	Laurence Roberts	15	Eve Munkittrick	19	Chloe McBaen
6	Diane Hutter	15	Beth Snyder	20	Vonnie Bennett
7	Molly Goodwill	15	David Lessard	20	Helen Munkittrick
7	Noelle Leroy	15	Mary Jane Schenck	21	Addison Campbell-Correll
9	Jim Stevens	16	Mary Howe	21	Ali Kahle
10	Charlie Rodgers	16	Bruno Adams Jr.	22	Christina Morris
11	Charlotte Foster	17	Matt Dahm	25	Holly Morris
		17	Kathy Coughlan	25	Anna Chandler
				26	Sherie Campbell
				26	Suzanne Hill
				26	Victoria Gault
				26	Matilda McBaen
				27	Colin Rickerby
				28	Pat Williams
				28	Ronan McBaen

30	Karen Amundrud	31	Rich Rome
31	George Billias	31	Dianne Denk

## Anniversaries

1	Jacqueline Jones-Blacker & Michael Blacker	11	Andy & Kate Munkittrick
1	Louise & John Garrigues	12	Ed & Marnie Long
2	Rick & Heather Neefe	16	Ed & Betty Shamas
7	Greg & Gaye Burnsed	20	Ali & Mike Kahle
7	W. Reid & Kerry Carlisle	20	Joseph & Hilary Sosa
8	Jon & Betsy Reynolds	26	Lindsey & Dan Klipsch
		27	John & Carol Ellis
		30	Henry & Lindsey Juarez



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## Those Who Have Died

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## St. Peter's: A Guide

### Our Worship Schedule

**Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon**

**Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II and sermon**

**Wednesday, 12:05 p.m., Holy Eucharist**

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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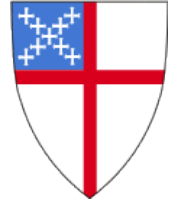
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