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September 2019

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Special Concert Performances Offer a Wide Range of Musical Treats

Three very different concert events are on the Cathedral Arts schedule for the 2019-2020 program year.

*** The Bay Baroque Ensemble** — The premiere Central Florida group dedicated to the performance of Baroque music on historical instruments presents a program of late Baroque masterpieces. 7 p.m. Friday, November 15; no charge.

The program includes works of Bach, Handel, Quantz, and Telemann, performed on 18th-century instruments such as the two-keyed oboe, recorder, viola da gamba, and an Italian-style harpsichord. Maggie Suttell, our associate for music outreach, will be soprano soloist.

*** Chanticleer** — Founded in San Francisco in 1978, Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for the seamless blend of its 12 male voices ranging from countertenor to bass; and for its original interpretations of vocal literature,

ranging from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venturesome new music. 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 21; tickets \$30/general, \$40/premium, \$10/student with ID.

“Chanticleer actually approached us to sing at St. Peter’s earlier in the year, and they’ve been one of my favorite choral ensembles for decades,” said music director and organist Dwight Thomas. “It’s a tremendous opportunity to host them here. As far as we can tell, they have never performed in the Tampa Bay area, so we expect to attract a big audience.”

*** Forrest: Requiem for**

The New Yorker calls Chanticleer, now in its 41st year, “the world’s reigning male chorus.”
Photo courtesy of Chanticleer.

the Living — A Requiem is a prayer for rest, traditionally for the deceased. The five movements of Dan Forrest’s *Requiem for the Living* (2013), however, form a narrative

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just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as well as the opportunity for light and peace. Presented by the St. Petersburg Festival Chorus and Orchestra; 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22; suggested donation: \$10.

"Requiem for the Living has actually been on my short list to offer for the past three or four years," Dwight said. "I was introduced to Dan Forrest's music through my colleague, Michelle Rego at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace down the street from us, and I've become very interested in his work ever since. He's had a meteoric rise with acclaimed compositions in the past decade, and I find his *Requiem* setting very expressive and deeply moving."

Sunday Evening Compline Service Invites You To Rest at Week's End and Beginning

Our new monthly Sunday evening service of sung Compline, starting at 8 p.m. September 8, offers a candlelit, contemplative way to end one busy week and prepare yourself for the next.

Compline — say COMP-linn — is traditionally the last service of the day. It begins, appropriately, with these words: "The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end." Read the service on Page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer.

It is "the moment of reflection poised between the realms of light and dark," says Maggie Suttell, associate for music outreach, who will be

our soprano soloist.

"It is, at its core, spiritual and not necessarily religious," Maggie says. "It is well suited to persons of all faiths and beliefs, as well as those who don't subscribe to any formal religion. It invites contemplation and reflection, in addition to prayer, creating a sense of peace and calm repose."

The service will be sung by a quartet of the Cathedral staff singers and lasts half an hour.

We'll offer this service on the second Sunday of the month: September 8, October 13, November 10, January 12, February 9, and March 8.

The Cathedral office returns to its standard schedule on Tuesday, September 3: We're open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

The office and Cathedral are closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2. No services, no activities. We'll reopen Tuesday at 9 a.m.



We will offer the sacrament of Holy Baptism on All Saints' Sunday, November 3. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to any of the clergy.

September Choral Evensong Features A Contemporary Composer

A new year of Choral Evensongs begins at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 22, when the Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing the service in B-flat by Howard Helvey.

Born in 1968, Helvey resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is active as a composer, arranger, and pianist, and serves as organist and choirmaster of historic Calvary Episcopal Church. He is also co-founder (2013) and conductor of the Cincinnati Fusion Ensemble, a professional chamber choir. You can listen to Helvey's "Magnificat" and "Nunc dimittis" here: <https://tinyurl.com/yywf29cz>

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

We offer choral evensong on the fourth Sunday of the month, September through May (no evensong in December or March). Other dates are October 27, November 24, January 26, February 23, and April 26.



Clergy Will Share Their Favorite Scriptural Passages

This fall our clergy will take turns sharing their favorite passage from the Bible.

From 9 to 10 a.m. in Harvard Hall, each of our priests will take a Sunday to unpack "My Favorite Piece of Scripture."

"We're asking each of the clergy to take a deep dive into a passage that has been meaningful and formative to them in their priestly career," Dean Morris said. "We'll look at the language, at different translations, at what the original Greek or Hebrew said, where we see similar passages in the Bible, and how this passage has affected each of us, how we've used it in our teaching or preaching or pastoral care or our prayer or how we live our lives."

Dean Morris will lead off on September 15, followed by Canon Katie Churchwell on September 22. Other clergy will present on Sundays in October and November.

Yes, there will be coffee and donuts.



Bring On the Brats and Beer: It's Oktoberfest Time Again

Friday, October 4 ... 6 p.m. ... Harvard Hall ... BE THERE!

Oktoberfest is here again! A fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, music, and information.

Expect bratwurst, sauerkraut, and potato salad ... pretzels ... apple strudel for dessert ... craft beer supplied by Mastry's Brewing Co. ... iced tea and apple cider.

You might want to study up on church history, as this year's quiz (with prizes) will concern our fast-approaching 130th year as a worshipping community and our 50th anniversary as a Cathedral.

It's also the start of our annual pledge campaign. "Each fall we invite you to consider your financial commitment to the Cathedral and make a pledge for the upcoming year," said stewardship chair Ray McColgan.

"You'll be hearing more about this in October, as members of our community talk about what St. Peter's means to them," Ray said. "At Oktoberfest

we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community, we enjoy food and fun together, we acknowledge our ministries and committees, we celebrate the bountiful stewardship (time and talent as well as treasure) of the past year and look forward to an even more bountiful future."

Watch for signup tables in Harvard Hall and online beginning September 1 at spcathedral.org.

There's no charge for Oktoberfest, but we need an accurate head count so we have enough food and drink for all.

Child care will be provided for children up to age 11. When you register, please indicate whether you require child care, for how many children, and their ages.

A PowerPoint will celebrate all our ministries, and we'll announce the total of talents contributed to the piggy bank.

Since alcoholic beverages are being served, this event is open only to those 21 and older.



HURRICANE SEASON runs through November 30, and September is the most hurricane-likely month. Per diocesan guidelines, when winds blow in excess of 40 mph, all activities and services are canceled. The building is secured and the staff leaves. We do not provide hurricane shelter at the Cathedral. Please think now about where you will go if you are told to evacuate.

Get Ready to Try Out Some Sample Revised Liturgies

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams

"What exactly is happening with Prayer Book revision?"

This question came up at dinner one evening at a clergy conference I attended in June. The fact that a priest felt the need to ask this — and that hardly any of the priests at the table knew how to answer — says a lot about the mysteries of our current discussion of a new Book of Common Prayer.

Full-scale revision is years away, but last year's General Convention (the church's legislative body) did authorize some modest revisions for trial use: an expansive-language version of the Holy Eucharist, Rite Two.

We are going to try out these revised liturgies at the Cathedral on Sundays at 10:15 a.m., begin-

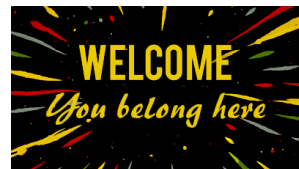
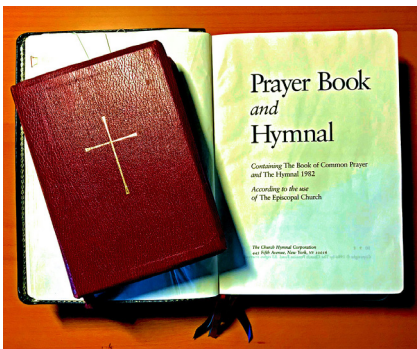
ning on October 13 and continuing through November 24.

Before we begin, on October 6 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Harvard Hall, I will do a presentation on the revisions, explaining the concerns that prompted them and discussing the details of the changes.

After we have experienced the liturgies for a few weeks, I will seek your feedback. Is the more expansive language a help? An obstacle? Do the revised liturgies change the way you experience God in worship?

This discussion is meant to be part of the larger discussion of our liturgical life that General

Convention 2018 encouraged, and as a Cathedral parish we have a particular responsibility to provide leadership in conversations like these.



Welcome Tip Of the Month

Use your Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal! This does two things: It indicates to those who are unfamiliar with how we worship that they should be using the books. It also makes it easy for you to hand your book to someone who looks lost and help them find their way in the service.

Keep Turning the Pages!

New Season of Book Talks Starts in October

Our ninth season of book talks offers a wide range of reading — fiction and nonfiction, familiar speakers and newcomers.

Cookbooks are more than compilations of recipes. They are influenced by culture,



Janet Keeler

race, history, politics, civil rights, and economics. **On Tuesday, October 8**, food journalist and podcaster Janet Keeler looks at current cookbooks, including *The Immigrant Cookbook: Recipes That Make America*

Great, and talks about how the food we eat reflects both headlines and history.

On **November 12** speaker Ben Montgomery (*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*) will speak on his newest book, *The Man Who Walked Backward*. Plennie Wingo, a Texas restaurateur left penniless by the Great Depression, decided it was time to do



Ben
Montgomery

something extraordinary — something to resurrect the spirit of adventure and optimism he felt he'd lost. He decided to walk around the world — backward.

We take a break in December. Then on **January 14** we welcome *Tampa Bay Times* book editor Colette

Bancroft, who will speak on Colson Whitehead's new novel *The Nickel Boys*, based on the abuses and deaths at the notorious Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, FL.

On **February 11** our speaker is Craig Pitman, who has explored Florida's exotic orchid trade (*The Scent of Scandal*) and documented the way the state's quirks influence the rest of the nation (*Oh, Florida!*). His new book is *Cat Tale: The Wild, Weird Battle to Save the Florida Panther*.

On **March 10** Erica Dawson, director of

the MFA in Creative Writing program at the University of Tampa, speaks on Anglo-Caribbean author Chanelle Benz's *The Gone Dead*: A young woman returns to the Mississippi Delta to learn the secrets of her father's mysterious death and unpack her own past. *Publishers Weekly* has called this novel a "beautiful and devastating portrait of the modern South."

Book Talks

What: Book talks, presentations led by authors and critics

When: Second Tuesday of the month (October, November, January, February, March), from noon to 1 p.m. in Harvard Hall. Free and open to the public.

What else: Lunch available (\$5).

Help Beautify St. Bede's on CareFest Saturday

Get out your gardening gloves and loppers on Saturday, September 28, and join volunteers from St. Bede's and St. Peter's to beautify the grounds at St. Bede's, at 2500 16th St. N.

We'll trim shrubbery, cut down low-hanging branches, and do some weeding. All ages welcome!

This event is part of CareFest 2019, a citywide initiative to involve volunteers in repairing, cleaning, and beautifying homes or other spaces. CareFest started in 2002 in Tampa/St. Petersburg as an outgrowth of the "Supper Bowl," a sanctioned event of Super Bowl XXXV. The event has since grown to a nationwide day of caring.

You can sign up to volunteer at spcathedral.org/community.

Volunteers from around the city will meet at 8 a.m. that day at Lake Vista Park, 1400 62nd Ave. S, for registration and a light breakfast. Then they'll go to their project sites and return to the park by 11:30 a.m. for lunch and a recognition celebration.

Our two churches will partner in these other joint ventures this month:

- * Pot-luck and gospel singalong on Saturday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. See story, [Page 14](#).

- * Members of both choirs will sing for the Di-

ocesan Acolyte Festival at St. Peter's at 12:30 p.m. September 7.

* The St. Petersburg Episcopal Church Joint Council held its first meeting August 19. This council comprises Dean Morris and Canon Paige Hanks, priest-in-charge at St. Bede's; Ray McColgan and Linda Rothmann, senior wardens of St. Peter's and St. Bede's, respectively; and chapter member Karen Torrisi from St. Peter's and treasurer Joel Giles from St. Bede's. The council will discern and dream about how we might partner in ministry.



Trim the trees — and the shrubbery — at St. Bede's on September 28.

Please watch the table in Harvard Hall for **TWO NEW BROCHURES**, one enumerating our musical programming for the 2019-20 year, the other with details of our book talks and formation activities. They should be out in early September.

Messy Church Explores Water on September 12

Another season of Messy Church begins Thursday, September 12, when “Messy Church Does Science” by exploring water.

Throughout the Bible we see water. From the beginning of creation through the parting of the Red Sea to the baptism of Jesus, water is full of significance and symbolism for Christians. Join us and have fun with your whole family.

On September 12 we will begin with dinner from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. and from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. we will sing, hear Bible stories, and have messy fun with different water science experiments. Please send Hillary (hpeete@spcathedral.com) an RSVP by Sunday, September 8, so that Messy Marion and our Messy Scientists can plan for the right number of Messy Families.



Helpers Welcome As Acolyte Festival Draws Near

On Saturday, September 7, we will host the biggest diocesan youth event of the year, the fifth diocesan Acolyte Festival.

Between 200 and 400 acolytes and supporters from across the Diocese of Southwest Florida will gather at the Cathedral for a day of learning, fun, worship, and community-building.

There's still time to volunteer for this event. We will need set-up help on Friday, September 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. On Saturday, the volunteer shifts are from 7 to 9:30 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. No need to exhaust yourself or give up an entire day.

Please contact Shar Nudelman at marvshar1@msn.com or (727) 687-7251 if you'd like to help.



*Ready to process:
Cathedral acolytes
and clergy line
up at last year's
Acolyte Festival.*

Youth Events Fill Up the Calendar As a New Year Begins

Alicia Schmid, Youth Minister

Numerous youth events and opportunities are on the calendar to get us back into the swing of the new school year. There's something for everyone, so please join us, and feel free to invite your friends too.

Middle and high school students — would you be willing to invite your friends at church to your sporting events or special programs? We want to show you love and support. Please come see Alicia to get your event on the giant youth wall calendar (in the youth room). We want to celebrate accomplishments, talents, and fun times with you anytime you're up to inviting us.

Plan to join us for as many youth events as you can. We grow in life, in relationships, and in faith when we show up. There are also a few parents willing to help with rides and carpooling to and from some of these events. Please contact Alicia (aschmid@spcathedral.com) for more information.

Many thanks go out to all of the wonderful VBS youth and adult volunteers. We

couldn't have made Praise VBS such a wonderful success without you. Your time, love, and talent meant the world to all of us, especially the Cathedral's youngest members. Thank you so much for using your talents to bless VBS 2019.

Don't miss these upcoming opportunities for fellowship, food, fun, and faith:

September 2019

- 7 Acolyte Festival (all Cathedral acolytes are encouraged to attend — this year promises to be better than ever.)
- 14 Happening Team Meeting at the Cathedral
- 28 St. Pete CareFest (the Cathedral youth project is at St. Bede's)

October 2019

- 4-6 New Beginnings Middle School Weekend

More October 2019

- 19 Happening Team Meeting at the Cathedral
- 27 Blessing of the Costumes and trick-or-treat in Harvard Hall during coffee hour. We would love to have youth assist in passing out goodies (and come away with some of their own too).

November 2019

- 1-3 Happening #79 weekend event for high school students
- 10 Cathedral Youth & Families Retreat & Picnic at St. Leo University in San Antonio, FL
- 23-12/1 Thanksgiving holiday week — no school for students

Stay tuned for more information about Canoeucharist 2019: dates and details coming soon.

Exploring the Eucharist with Children and Families

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

Felix, my six-year-old son, is constantly humming and singing. It's usually a song from a movie or something we listen to in the car. But at the playground the other day, from the swings, Felix was belting out "My flesh is food indeed, my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord."

The Episcopalian part of me was proud that Felix knew the Fraction anthem. The mom-on-the-playground part of me was anxiously noticing sideways glances from other parents who didn't have context for these words. And those words can definitely sound concerning out of context!

Faith formation for children takes places in many different ways at the Cathedral. We offer Children's and Middler chapels, where the kids engage with a Bible story and practice praying with and for one another. On the second Sunday of the month, a priest joins us in chapel and we have an instructed Eucharist together. There is balance between time for them to worship with peers

and with the larger church body when they join their families at the Peace and participate in the Eucharist with them.

Part of the beauty of the ritual and rhythm of Episcopal worship is that children absorb and internalize simply through the act of being present and hearing the liturgy over and over.

Felix singing the Fraction anthem is an example of what absorbing the liturgy can look like. While he might know that we sing that song in church, and maybe even during which part of the service, there is still room to teach more about how we lead a sacramental life as Episcopalians.

I see many children at the Cathedral eagerly receiving the Eucharist each week. Our hope is to encourage them and add depth to their experience of God when they raise their hands to receive the elements.

Beginning October 6, we will use our time during Children's and Middler chapels to explore the Eucharist curriculum, created

by the Diocese of Texas. During six sessions, we gather, we hear the Word of God, we respond to the Word, we offer our gifts, we celebrate and we are sent out.

By teaching in this way, we hope to illuminate the Eucharistic celebration with which children are already familiar. They will learn the names of the sacred vessels, the sacred furniture and the meanings and symbolism of these items. Within this context, children are given the opportunity to ask questions, to handle, to move around while being respectful of sacred spaces. This is not intended to be a "First Communion" class — children are always welcome at the Table.

More information will be sent to families in the coming weeks, and you can always visit spcathedral.org/children to see what we have planned. There will be components for kids and grown-ups to do together and activities for faith formation at home. We are excited about embarking on this journey together!

Becoming Beloved Community: Our Baptismal Covenant Revisited

Betsy Adams

As we explore our call to participate in ushering in God's Kingdom through a desire for Becoming Beloved Community, we continue to turn to our baptismal covenant as our guide. The first promise of this cov-

enant with God (and each other) commits us to Christian community: to worshipping together, breaking bread together, praying together, studying scripture together, and serving together.

Our second baptismal promise calls us to resist evil, to recognize when we fall into sin, and to repent and return to the Lord. A response to this promise of the covenant includes self-examination, both individually and as a community. We ask ourselves the questions, "Who are we? What things have we done and left undone regarding racial justice and healing?"

To assist us in finding common ground concerning our historic and present story around race, the BBC Team is offering a "Seeing White"

Join the Beloved Community

From 9 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 29, in Harvard Hall, Canon Paige Hanks and the Beloved Community team will introduce this wide-ranging initiative aimed at racial healing and understanding, part of our adult formation offerings.

We're planning many events in the months ahead to engage these important conversations and we hope you'll come to listen, learn and plan to participate.



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Becoming Beloved Community

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discussion group (based on the podcasts of the same name) beginning Monday, October 7, at 7 p.m. You can listen to the podcasts here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-gTCeay-6I>

Emerging from our time of self-examination and reflection, we move to our third baptismal promise:

Will you proclaim, by word and example, the Good News of God in Christ?

We ask ourselves some core questions: How can we publicly acknowledge things done and left undone? What does Beloved Community look like? What behaviors and commitments foster healing, reconciliation, and justice? We begin to proclaim the dream of God.

In early August the Cathedral congregation was blessed to witness a word from Dean Morris concerning racism, as well as a confession and a call to examine ourselves to see if we are allowing, perhaps through silence, the power of hate-filled racist language to continue to divide us. The Good

News of God in Christ is that this racism has no place in the Christian community. Dean Morris shared this, not only with our faith community, but also with the community at large in a story in the *Tampa Bay Times*.

As we begin exploring this baptismal promise, we focus on the process of listening and learning. We listen to the lived realities of race and racism in this place. We

listen to the stories of others in love. This act of sharing, listening and learning becomes a sacred act. In the stories we listen for the still, small voice of God, whispering to us of opportunities for innovative and effective ministry.

Questions or comments? Please speak to Betsy Adams, betsyadams@earthlink.net.

‘Sacred Ground’ Presentation At DaySpring in November

Please consider participating in this diocesan-wide event, designed to create space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism.

What: **Sacred Ground**, a film-based dialogue series on race and faith, produced by The Episcopal Church

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, November 16

Where: DaySpring, the diocesan camp and conference center in Parrish, just over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Register: <https://dayspringfla.org/event/race-and-reconciliation-series-2019/>
No charge. Lunch provided.

Details/resources: episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

Sing to Jesus! It's Gospel Sing Night at St. Bede's

If you like to sing good old gospel music, circle this date on your calendar: Saturday, September 21.

Our ministry partners at St. Bede's are hosting a potluck dinner starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. You're invited!

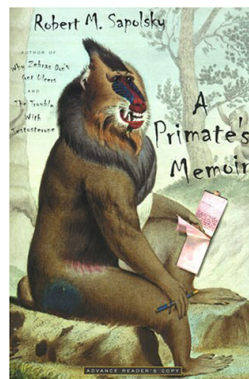
St. Bede's Choir will lead the singing, accompanied by their choir and music director, Jon Peterson (brother of the Cathedral's Eric Lang Peterson), and by St. Peter's music director and organist, Dwight Thomas. If you play an instrument, bring it along and join the fun.

It sounds like a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun. No need to RSVP; just come, prepared to sing loud and long. St. Bede's is at 2500 16th St. N.



Life Among the Baboons: Book Club Choice for September

Roberta Poellein



The St. Peter's Book Club will discuss science writer Robert M. Sapolsky's *A Primate's Memoir* at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, in the Chapter Room. Judy Beck is the presenter.

An exhilarating account of Sapolsky's 21-year study of a troupe of rambunctious baboons in Kenya, *A Primate's Memoir* interweaves serious scientific observations with wry commentary about the challenges and pleasures of living in the wilds of the Serengeti — for man and beast alike. Over two decades, Sapolsky survives culinary atrocities, gunpoint encounters, and a surreal kidnapping, while witnessing the encroachment of the tourist mentality on the farthest vestiges of unspoiled Africa.

Also at this meeting the group will choose the books for discussion in the months ahead.

All welcome, whether you've read the book or not. The lively discussion may encourage you to do so! Roberta Poellein (rp1ln37@gmail.com) is happy to provide details.

Canon Katie's Pop-up Prayer Goes Viral on 'Way of Love' Video

Canon Katie Churchwell's daily Pop-up Prayer, which many of us follow each day on Facebook, is about to be introduced to an even wider audience.

On September 26, a short video, produced by the Church Center in New York City, will focus on Pop-up Prayer as one of the seven aspects of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Way of Love initiative. He is inviting Episcopalians to commit to a Jesus-

centered life through the practices of "turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest." Canon Katie's video, of course, illustrates the practice of prayer.

"Pop-up Prayer started in September 2017 when Hurricane Irma was headed toward Tampa Bay," Canon Katie recalled. "The Cathedral was closed as everyone prepared for the storm."

At that highly anxious time, she started offering prayer on Facebook twice a day for the Cathedral community -- morning devotions and Compline in the evening. "You

could find worship, you could find prayer, you could find community and you could really find God's presence at a time when everyone is holed up and you are immediately stripped away from anything that brings you comfort."

After the storm passed, the daily prayer service -- now posted each evening -- attracted a worldwide following that currently engages 11,200 people each month. Among its followers is Presiding Bishop Curry, who started watching it in the summer of 2018 as he recovered from prostate surgery.

"It's so gratifying to me that it happened because of the Cathedral," Canon Katie said. "Out of a need the Cathedral had, we worked together to make it happen."

Pop-up Prayer came to the attention of Jeremy Tackett, digital evangelist in the communications office at the Episcopal



Chris Sikkema, host of the 'Traveling the Way of Love' series, chats with Canon Katie Churchwell.

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Church headquarters in New York City. He reached out to Canon Katie to see if she would be willing to make a video to be included in the Way of Love series.

The series host, Chris Sikkema, and a producer and two videographers came to St. Petersburg for three days in early April to film at the Cathedral, at North Straub Park, and at the Churchwells' home. (She hosted the crew for lunch at Cassis on Beach Drive.)

"What you'll see on the video is a conversation between me and Chris -- not an interview or a question-and-answer session, but an exchange, in which Chris plays the role of commentator and reflector," Canon Katie said. "It's not just about Pop-up Prayer, but about prayer in general -- the purpose of prayer, why it's important, what it brings to our lives."

Making the video "was a lot of fun! With Pop-up Prayer, I'm live and I can't say CUT! if I want to rephrase something," Canon Katie said. "It was nice on the video to be able to take time to think or to say, 'Let's try

that again, I want to say that differently.' It was laid-back, not stressful."

"I love being able to invite Episcopalians and others around the world into our Cathedral and into the little piece of the world where we do ministry," she said. "It's really special to represent the Cathedral community within the wider church."

Watch the Way of Love video

On September 26, we'll post the video on our website (spca-cathedral.org) and on our Facebook page.

Videos on other aspects of the Way of Love are here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/travel-ing-the-way-of-love>

For more information on the Way of Love, visit www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love



High Holy Days in Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh synagogue that was devastated by a mass shooting last October will hold its Jewish High Holiday services this fall at an Episcopal church down the street.

The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, offered his church as a worship space shortly after neo-Nazi terrorist Robert Bowers opened fire during a Sabbath service at Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha Congregation on Oct. 27, killing 11 people.

The End of a Ministry

Andi Gorton

For more than 21 years, the Cathedral has been involved in outreach to the AIDS/HIV community by offering a monthly ecumenical dinner. It was named LIGHT, an acronym for Living In God's Hands Today, because at its founding, those infected by the disease lived day-to-day.

At the beginning we offered anonymity and Christian hospitality to those who bore the stigma associated with this disease, serving 80 to 120 at each dinner, many of whom unfortunately died. Now there is better public awareness, better drugs, and better quality and length of life, all of which have drastically lowered the number of attendees.

We are sad that the dinners have come to an end but glad that life has improved for so many. Through all those years, faithful volunteers cooked, served, dined with, and shared lives, losses, prayers, and friendship. It truly felt like getting together for a family meal.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who helped over the years, the volunteers, their children, grandchildren, and friends.



"When I speak of dedicated volunteers, family, and friends, this picture from 2011 says it all," says Andi Gorton. LIGHT dinner volunteers (who have not aged at all!) are David Hill, his grandsons Jacob and Calvin Hill, Jeanne Lacombe (friend of Sandy Powers), Andi Gorton, Sandy Powers, Scott Nonken, Susan Regan, and Chris Ramos from Empath Health.

Walking the Mourner's Path

Another season of our bereavement workshop, "Walking the Mourner's Path," begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 2.

This is an eight-week course, led by trained facilitators, that helps those who have experienced a loss find peace and healing.

Subsequent meetings will be on Tuesdays at a time convenient for the group. Please speak to Jerry Buchert (cbuchert@tam-pabay.rr.com, (727) 346-5286) or Anita Pernell-Arnold (arvapba8@aol.com or (727) 865-1388) for more information.



Tacos for Teachers

We catered a home-cooked taco lunch on the first Friday of the new school year for teachers and staff at our adopted school, Campbell Park Elementary. Two teams did the honors. The early setup team got the food there in plenty of time, and they prayed together for the staff and students and our partnership. The later crew set the table and served many hungry and appreciative teachers and staff.

Photos by PAIGE HANKS and CARLOS CHILDS



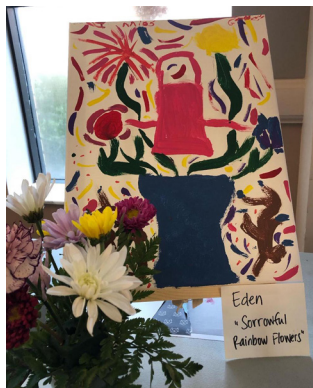
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Come, All You People, Come and Praise Your Maker!

Visit spcathedral.org/children to see a slideshow of pictures from **Praise! Fine Arts VBS** and a video of the children's knockout musical performance of "Uyai Mose" during worship.



Triumphant Trivia in the Tropics

Five teams of trivia fans joined in for a fun- and laughter-filled night of friendly competition on July 27. In keeping with the night's tropical theme, the Mellow Yellow winning team display their flamingo trophies. From left: Andrew O'Brien, Bill Roen, Rick MacAulay, Louis Garrigues, Karen Torrisi, BJ Scarborough, and Joanie Andrews. Watch for another trivia night this fall. Photo by SHAR NUDELMAN.



Our neighbor, City Hall, will be undergoing renovation for the next several months. City offices have temporarily relocated to the old police station on First Avenue N at 13th Street. About half of the city-owned parking lot on Second Avenue N has been fenced off as a construction staging area. This affects our parking on weekends. You may want to investigate other places to park, both on-street parking and the Sundial garage on Second Street N.

Off to a Good Start

We helped the students at our adopted school, Campbell Park Elementary, get off to a great start by donating 217 backpacks and many boxes of school supplies. We blessed the backpacks on Sunday, August 4. Two days later volunteers transported the supplies to the school, attached tags with a blessing to the packs, and organized the supplies so parents and kids could "shop" for what they needed before the start of school.

Photos by JUDY STARK



Consider Yourself Part of the Family: Join the Foyer Groups!

Marion Fleming

The foyer in a home is always a place of welcome. Whether you are new to St. Peter's or a longstanding member, one of the best ways to get to know others in our church is through Foyer groups.

Each group consists of eight to 10 people who gather on an informal basis once a month to share a simple meal cooked by Chefs Jack, Marion, and Richard. We meet on the third Thursday of the month, September through May, from 5:45 to 7 p.m. in Harvard Hall. Cost of the meal is \$5.

We invite everyone who would like to participate in Foyer groups for the 2019-2020 year to fill in a form available on the activities table in Harvard Hall. Yes, even if you have been a participant in the past, you must fill in a new form. Please make sure that your e-mail address is clear and legible!

We welcome singles and couples of all generations. You will be randomly grouped with others and will stay in your assigned group for the year. Couples are assigned to different groups. If you

don't drive at night, we can arrange transportation by someone in your group.

The menu for each month's dinner is e-mailed to you in advance so you know what to expect. Or you are welcome to bring your own brown-bag dinner.

Come join us as we form new relationships and reconnect with others. Our first meeting is September 19. Contact me at mimideeda@gmail.com if you have questions.



Coffee with Clergy Welcomes You

Our canon for hospitality, the Rev. Brandon Peete, continues his monthly Coffee with the Clergy gatherings at 9 a.m. Sunday, September 15, in the Chapter Room. Newcomers and others are invited to meet him and other clergy to get acquainted and answer questions about the Cathedral, the Episcopal Church — whatever you'd like to talk about.

Reader's Theatre Takes to the Stage Again

Another season, another show! Our Reader's Theatre group will start its weekly classes and rehearsals on Wednesday, September 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., working up to a performance December 18.

Retired professional director and choreographer Jack Clark teaches this class in speech, movement, and performance. Readers stay "on book" rather than memorizing their parts. For the last several years they've entertained us with winter and spring performances of short skits and sketches and excerpts from longer works.

If there is an actor in you eager to step on the stage, now's your chance. Reach Jack at jackaclark@hotmail.com.

Weekly Bible Studies Continue

Our three weekly Bible studies welcome you:

*** Gospel Reflections** — meets at 8 a.m. Tuesdays in the Chapter Room to unpack the lessons for the coming Sunday.

*** Men's Bible Study** — meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Narthex to study the Gospel of Luke.

*** Reading Through the New Testament** — meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Chapter Room. This group is reading the New Testament from Matthew through Revelation using the critical tools designed for the study of literature to delve into the meaning of each passage and deal with the issues of faith. Notes by leader Bill Roen are posted each week on Reading-New-Testament.blog.

September Collections Will Benefit the Free Clinic

Our September outreach opportunity is food and hygiene items and toiletries for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Food: The Free Clinic specifically requested canned meat and fish — tuna, sardines, salmon, Vienna sausages, chicken, Spam — as well as canned spaghetti and ravioli.

Hygiene items/toiletries: Feminine products (pads and tampons) are always in high demand, as are large-size (4, 5, 6) children's diapers, toothpaste, and deodorant.

Please leave your donations in the Outreach Collection Corner in Harvard Hall.

If you would like to make a financial donation to be used for the Free Clinic, go to our website, <http://www.spcathedral.org>, select "outreach" in the drop-down menu, and type "Free Clinic" in the memo line. Or you can write a check payable to the Cathedral. Note "Outreach — Free Clinic" in the memo line.

Theater History and Performance: In Words and Video

Starting October 3, we'll offer a five-part lecture series on the history and development of Western theater, from the Fifth Century BCE (ancient Greece) to the modern era. Professional director and choreographer Jack Clark will use videos and scripts to look at relevant developments in the diverse characteristics of theater and its performance.

This free class will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Harvard Hall. No need to register; just come to any or all. Questions? jackaclark@hotmail.com

October 3: The Birth of Tragedy: Ancient Greek Theater: *Oedipus Rex*, by Sophocles; *The Trojan Women*, by Euripides.

October 10: The Development of Comedy: Ancient Greek political comedy — *Lysistrata*, by Aristophanes; Ancient Roman sitcom — *Miles Gloriosus* (The Braggart Soldier), by Plautus; French 17th-century satire — *Tartuffe*, by Moliere.

October 17: 17th-Century Villains: the man — Iago in *Othello*,

by William Shakespeare; the woman — Beatrice-Joanna in *The Changeling*, by Thomas Middleton and William Rowley.

October 24: Female Victims and Feminists in the 19th Century: *Miss Julie*, by August Strindberg; *A Doll's House*, by Henrik Ibsen.

October 31: The American Tragic Hero: *The Glass Menagerie*, by Tennessee Williams; comparing Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* to August Wilson's *Fences*.



St. Bede's Episcopal Church will hold its second annual Gift and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 5. If you're a crafter who would like to sell your wares, tables are \$15. Call Joyce (727-495-1121) or Jackie (920-889-6730) and leave a message. There will also be a food and bake sale.

September Transitions

Birthdays

2 Fred Amundrud
2 Rosalie Lawson
3 Penny Burns
3 Ralph Hancock
3 Karen Raihill
3 Bill Hoyt
4 Susan Chapin
4 Gwennie Sosa
6 Chuck Parsons
6 Glenda Rice
7 Mary K. Wilson
7 Frank Casorio
8 Dottie Choate
8 Troy Craft
8 Janet Bryant
8 Brandon Peete

8 Carlynn Crosby
9 Lois Wilt
10 Alfred Phillips
10 Karen Gums
10 Richard Townsend
10 Julia Barlow
11 Jannie Hume
11 Andi Gorton
11 Holly Haines
11 Amanda Cotrino
11 Jonathan Soots
11 Michael Smelcer
13 Diana Craig
13 Lydia Frederick
14 Tom McGowan
14 Jimmy Putman

15 Rachel Chase
15 Addison Churchwell
16 Bill Clark
16 Gary Johnson
16 Madeline Hasbrouck
17 Sarah Hill
17 Tommy Chase
17 Emory Nevins
18 Ryder Dobiesz
19 Karen Torrisi
20 Kathleen Peters
20 Tim Baker
21 Marion Fleming
21 Jean Beshears
22 Jean Ann Echternach
22 Darlene Limtiaco
23 Starin Shoupe
23 Jack Clark
23 Tammy Ramsey
23 Maggie Suttell
23 Audra Benoit
23 Peter Barlow
24 Charlotte Bacon
24 Carol Butler
25 Cathy Rome

25 Cecilia McManus
26 Judy Hamm
27 Elaine Clark
27 John Dooley
27 Logan Churchwell
27 Benjamin Bryant
28 Marge McCabe
28 Doranne Beck
28 Elizabeth Stevenson

28 Debra Eich
28 Jenny Amundrud
29 Richar Dahm
29 Frank Cramer
29 AJ Maddox-Clarke
30 Jay Marshall
30 Helen MacIntyre
30 Malcolm MacIntyre

Anniversaries

1 Fred & Karen Amundrud
1 Kathleen & Jacob Peters
3 Ed Johnson & Paul Bonneau
6 Mark & Kathy Campbell
7 Marshall & Diana Craig
9 Tom & Nancy Thomas
11 John & Gail McCoy
13 Bud Miller & Jack Westfall
14 Harry & Mary Evertz
16 John & Jean Ann Echternach

19 David & Marilyn Hobbs
19 Will & Patty Hollingsworth
22 Jim Jeffries & Neal Ward
25 Tim & Theresa Holly

Deaths

Hazel Hough
Philip Bowman
Bill Wheatland



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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
A traditional service, no music

10 a.m.: Children's Chapel and
Middlers' Chapel

10:15 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
Rite II and Sermon
Worship music led by choirs

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Eucharist
Rite II and Sermon
A traditional service, no music

Weekday Worship

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Holy Eucharist and Healing:
Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.

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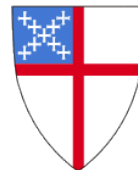
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