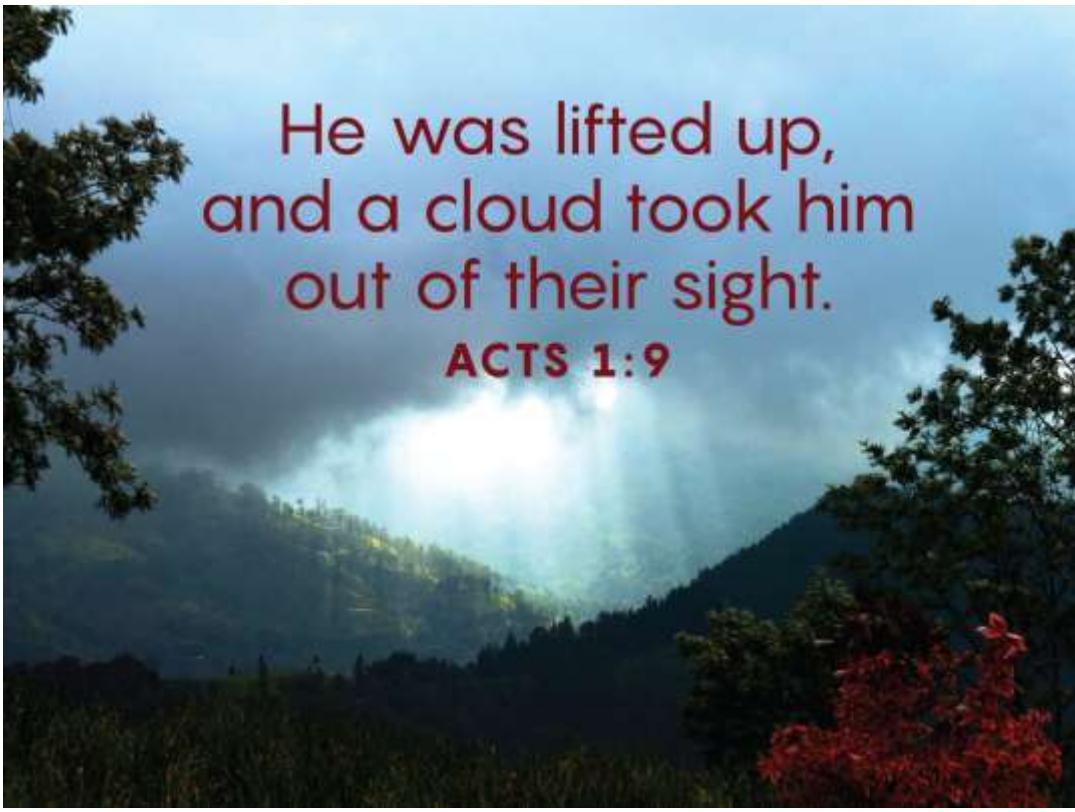


Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him
out of their sight.
ACTS 1:9

May 28, 2017 - 8 a.m.
Ascension Sunday

LOVE *at the* CORE.

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.

St. John's Cathedral has always stood on this very spot, Billy Goat Hill, the highest geographical point in Jacksonville. When the population began moving out of the downtown area in the 1960's, this congregation felt strongly that God was calling us to stay here in the heart of the city. Since that time, the Cathedral has birthed all kinds of ministries, caring for the homeless, for children and the elderly, and working to promote the arts, education and healthcare. We are now striving to create a vibrant neighborhood around Billy Goat Hill, a place where diverse peoples of many income levels can live and grow together. We believe that by worshipping and serving God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I hope that you feel God's love this morning.

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,
Dean

OUTREACH AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

St. John's Cathedral has a long and joyful history of outreach in Jacksonville. At the present moment, our outreach ministries are carrying on a tradition of engaging hands and hearts in downtown Jacksonville.

A catalog of the many ministries and agencies that we serve with can be found at www.jaxcathedral.org/outreach. Click on the Outreach Brochure there, which describes how you can get involved in projects that help our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. You can deepen your connection with St. John's and join our community of saints serving each other.

Some of our outreach involves sharing our beautiful Taliaferro Hall - a kind of "in-reach." Our fellowship hall has a grace and elegance that lifts special events. Olivia's Tea, an event that teaches etiquette, manners, and character to low-income children in Jacksonville, takes place in Taliaferro; hundreds of hospitality trainees have also learned their craft each Friday as they serve lunch during Clara's at the Cathedral. In addition, families live for a week at the Cathedral through Family Promise. We support these temporarily homeless families three times a year, by making dinner, packing lunches, and spending the night with them at the Cathedral.

Many ministries take us outside the Cathedral. Each week, Church Without Walls serves sandwiches after a worship service in a nearby parking lot; we serve dinner to people who are homeless at the Sulzbacher Center, and provide a constant supply of clothes for families and children at the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council, Inc.

This work is crucial to the well-being and health of our city. A recent job fair held in Taliaferro Hall, operated by FlourishNow, served more than 250 job seekers, 14 of whom got a job on the spot. The job fair served people who live around the Cathedral, 20 percent of whom live on public assistance right now. As one FlourishNow partner said, the event was a game-changer for the Cathedral District.

One of Jacksonville's strongest nonprofits got its start at St. John's. For nearly 25 years, the Cathedral Arts Project (CAP), has worked to ensure all local students have access to arts education and creative experiences. CAP is now partly funded through the National Endowment for the Arts, one of 15 partners supporting the Any Given Child movement. One way you can help is for a group of parishioners or a family to adopt a class this coming school year, so that underserved students can fully appreciate their God-given creativity.

Because of our history of impact and success, we have a constant stream of requests from agencies located in Jacksonville, and even from other countries - the needs and opportunities are always there. Your possibilities for giving back are many! The Outreach Council wants to help you define how you and your family will give back this coming year. Your talents and your time are precious resources which the Outreach Council wants to celebrate and see flourish.

Council members are ready to pray with you about service and love! Contact us at outreach@jaxcathedral.org and we will help you start your service and outreach journey.

Laura Lane, Head of the Cathedral Outreach Council



The FlourishNow Job Fair was held earlier this month in Taliaferro Hall.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We'd love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Hymn 214

“Hail the day that sees him rise”

Llanfair

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant and the People say together

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the

mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all

whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Gospeler
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Raja Zabaneh

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing as able.

Father Eternal, we give you thanks for the resurrection of Jesus. May the gift of eternal life inspire us to serve you each and every moment of our lives on earth.
Risen Christ, *Inspire us.*

We ask you to embrace the souls of all who have died. May they see you face to face.
Risen Christ, *Embrace us.*

We beseech you to bring peace to our broken world. Protect the innocent, guide our government and bring harmony among races and peoples.
Risen Christ, *Guide us.*

We pray for all who are lonely, suffering, ill or grieving. Comfort them, and reveal to them the healing power of your Holy Spirit.
Risen Christ, *Comfort us.*

Stand with us, Risen Christ, and help us to become a people of resurrection hope, radical hospitality and radiant love in the core of Jacksonville.
Risen Christ, *Strengthen us.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 380, stanza 3 **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”** *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

The Celebrant and People say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

The Celebrant and People say

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

Please join us at God's table.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Hymn 608

“Eternal Father, strong to save”

Melita

The Dismissal

People Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Douglas McDonald, by Gloria Zittrauer.*

SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

► Get your “holy” headshots!

Volunteer photographers will be taking headshots of all of our parishioners after Sunday services today and next Sunday at the back of the church, in order to update the cathedral’s database profiles of its parishioners. These photos will also be a part of a special project in the fall. So please be sure to give your name to our volunteer photographers and smile for the camera!

► Holy Eucharist

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Cathedral

► Christian Formation for all ages

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Children’s Formation

Pre-K to Kindergarten - Room 5, Basement

1st - 3rd grades - Room 202, 2nd floor

Tweens Formation

4th - 5th grades - Room 302, 3rd floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304, 3rd floor

Adult Formation -

Centering Prayer - Room 306, 3rd floor

This is a time in community to experience centering prayer as well as explore appropriate readings and reflections. All are invited.

Our Children, God’s Children - Taliaferro Hall

This Sunday, Reverend Adam Greene, Headmaster at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, will lead us on a discussion of theology, ethics and the youth of today.

Cathedral 101 - Ingram Lounge

Led by Dean Kate, Fr. David and Joe O’Shields, this class is a basic introduction to our cathedral community and to the Episcopal Church.

Parenting Group - Dean Kate’s office

This is a social opportunity for parents of young children to get to know one another and hear guest speakers.

► Holy Eucharist

11 a.m. Cathedral

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JUN. 4 - PENTECOST

► See Sunday service times above. No Christian Formation offerings this Sunday.

► Baptisms will be held during our 9 a.m. service. Confirmations will be held during our 11 a.m. service with Bishop Howard.

► Election of Convention Delegates for 2018
10 - 11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

On Pentecost Sunday, we are voting for our convention delegates for next year’s Diocesan convention at the coffee hour between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Come to Taliaferro Hall, where you will be given a ballot to fill out. A ballot box will be available where you can drop your ballot. You must be a pledging member of the cathedral to vote, and no absentee voting is allowed! Our nominees for convention delegates are Barbara Fiser, Judith Halpin, Jerry Jones, Ellie Smith and Charles Winney. You may only vote for two!

► Verger Meeting

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► Mark Richardson Diaconate Ordination

5 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church
(4171 Hendricks Ave.)

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, MAY 29 - MEMORIAL DAY -
OFFICES CLOSED

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**
5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Boy Scouts**
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 30

▶ **Holy Eucharist**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**
5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **EFM (Education for Ministry)**
7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Girl Scouts**
7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

▶ **Holy Eucharist**
7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**
7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, JUN. 1

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge
The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 1*.
For more information about the Shakespeare
Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at
petermccranie1@gmail.com.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**
5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, JUN. 2

▶ **Lectionary Bible Study**
10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Clara’s at the Cathedral**
11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, May 28
John Nelson, Susan Hatch, Judy Sweeney

Monday, May 29
Thomas Owen, Kimberly French, John Goryl,
Julia Nichols

Tuesday, May 30
Meghan Frisbie, Ben Altman

Wednesday, May 31
Monte Dodson, Cammie Sanders,
Charles Winney, Joel Perry

Thursday, June 1
Helen Lane, Kathy Dozier, Robert Brown,
Amber Adderly

Friday, June 2
Sue Stallings, Peter Kaplan, JD Mason,
Joshua Moriarty, Caroline Posgay

SUMMER PROGRAMMING AT THE CATHEDRAL

► **Showcase your ministry by hosting a summer breakfast!**

Summer breakfasts will begin on Sunday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall. Our service times will also change to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. during the summer months beginning on this date. Gather your ministry group and host a fun themed summer breakfast or coffee hour where you can discuss how your group serves Christ. Hand out information and connect with others looking for ways to serve. What ideas do you have? Contact Carl Worrell (632-9104 x 108 or cworrell@jaxcathedral.org) to sign up or for more information.

► **Summer Breakfasts**

During summer breakfasts, we encourage you to relax and enjoy getting to know one another. A special table in Taliaferro Hall will be designated for those who simply want to talk with others about faith and theology.

► **Church on the Mat**

Beginning June 11, on Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in Cummings Chapel, we will offer a new form of exercise and worship combined. Using the principles of yoga, professional teachers will lead a gentle class integrating body, mind and spirit with the reading of Scripture. Bring your yoga mat!

► **Care for Creation**

Interested in learning about what you can do to care for the environment? Beginning June 11, Care for Creation is an environmental discussion group that will meet in Ingram Lounge at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the summer. The group seeks to promote good environmental practices **in a Christian framework, and will begin discussion by reading Pope Francis' encyclical on climate change.**

► **Faith and Film**

Beginning June 7, join us on Wednesday evenings in June and July at 6 p.m. in Taliaferro Hall as we explore issues of faith in film! Bring your own snacks. Child care will be provided. Discussion after the movie will be led by clergy and lay leaders. We're starting our film series off with a viewing and discussion of *War Room*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JUN. 5

► **Feed the Homeless**

2 p.m. Sulzbacher Center

Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

► **Men's Grill 'n Chill**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

All men of the cathedral are cordially invited to this fellowship dinner on the first Monday of each month. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. A starch, vegetable, salad and bread will be provided. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

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