

DaySpring

EPISCOPAL CENTER

February 2019 Update

God's Word, Your Light, Our Legacy

From the Cabinet Chairs

The Bishop's Cabinet was established in April 2016 to determine new paths for working in partnership with congregations to cultivate relationships and increase awareness and involvement in the evolving vision for DaySpring Episcopal Center. And these last several years have strengthened our resolve.

Our five essential purposes – to be a Sacred Space for experiencing Leadership development, renewed Spiritual Strength, Transformation, thereby increasing Congregational Vitality - have prevailed and proven to be even more important in our world.

We hear through the stories of many youth and adults alike how DaySpring has touched their lives in meaningful ways. Some of the stories are in the days following a week at summer camp. Others are 20 years later when parents send their own children to the variety of programs in DaySpring's gleaming new facilities.

Clergy and lay leaders exude thanks and gratitude for the steady stream of leadership development offerings throughout the year as DaySpring becomes a center for those who

seek or teach about congregational vitality in a changing society.

Our conversations have demonstrated that our "hidden treasure" is just that. Many Episcopalians and non-profit organizations, even in our communities of Southwest Florida, are not aware of the world-class facilities and pristine setting of DaySpring.

As 12,000 homes *per year* are built in the vast pasturelands immediately surrounding DaySpring, we are emboldened in our charge to preserve these 97 acres of pristine "Old Florida" oak trees, wildlife and riverfront landscapes. We are stewards of God's Creation and an environmental classroom for youth to better understand the importance of protecting these natural resources.

This year, celebrating the 35th anniversary of DaySpring - we are blessed with our affirming experiences. Opportunities abound! We invite you to join us as we continue to engage God's Word, Your Light, Our Legacy.

Michael Kline
Chair, Bishop's Cabinet

Lana Fitzgerald
Vice Chair, Bishop's Cabinet



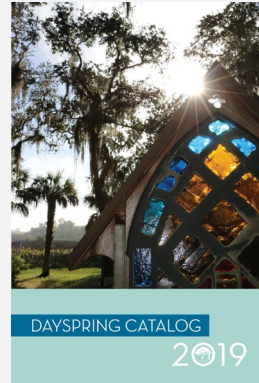
On to Phase 2

DaySpring revenue grew 18% in 2018, as current and prospective guests learned of the highly anticipated new meeting rooms and youth recreation facilities of the Phase 1 project. School and camp groups who utilize the new pool for summer programming booked their reservations for years in advance. New groups, such as rowing teams training at the newly developed rowing training facilities on the Manatee River, discovered the unique hospitality that DaySpring offers for their groups of 100+ collegiate athletes.

Even as we enjoy taking a break from construction activity, the urgency of the Adult Lodges is ever-increasing. Increased demand for the world-class meeting spaces hosting nationally-renowned speakers has stretched the limits of our sleeping spaces. DaySpring currently operates a breakeven operational budget at near full capacity. The Phase 2 Adult Lodges would provide better optimization of rooms to allow for more adult guests enjoying modern facilities.

In the meantime, our plans for 2019 include improved catering capabilities and an outdoor gathering area that includes a display honoring our donors as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of DaySpring.

The 2019 DaySpring Catalog, featuring 3 new program series starting 2019.



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CONCEPT DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE ADULT LODGES at DAYSRING



Donor Spotlight: The Bishop's Cabinet

The families of each of the members of the Bishop's Cabinet for DaySpring Development have made an individual pledge to the campaign. Here are words describing why they were inspired to make a gift:

- *Our commitment to Dayspring emanates from many decades of life changing experiences, spiritual renewal and our devotion to Jesus Christ.* **Mike and Joan Kline, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater**
- *Do you think the Bishop's Cabinet believes in the Dayspring Master Plan? Consider this: \$861,400 is the total pledged to date by the Bishop's Cabinet members. The Cabinet is dedicated to their charge of making the entire Diocese aware of the great things that exist at Dayspring, and are planning more for generations to come.* **Rusty Whitley, St. Hilary, Fort Myers**
- *I remember my first visit to DaySpring many years ago. Driving into the DaySpring property I immediately felt why people of all ages, for a multitude of reasons, gather in this special place. The Holy Spirit works here. Imagine DaySpring in fifty years! Together with many, I continue to volunteer, serve, and financially support the ministries at DaySpring to leave a legacy for the Diocese of Southwest Florida that embraces all people with the love of God.* **Lana Fitzgerald, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Marco Island, FL**
- *Growing up in another Florida diocese where we were the benefactor of diocesan ministries to children and youth, we know firsthand the value of diocesan centers. We are pleased to take part in strengthening the great work of DaySpring.* **The Rev. Michael and Jill Basden, Retired Rector, Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples**
- *As a Bishop's Cabinet member, I've learned the potential for DaySpring to be a tremendous asset for each member parish in our Diocese. A special destination for faith formation, leadership development, and to experience God's presence. DaySpring adds important resources to our congregational ministries.* **Jim Watrous, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater**
- *My children have lifelong friends and memories of their times at DaySpring. I want to be part of DaySpring flourishing as the sacred place it is. Continuing the legacy is important to me.* **The Rev. Ed Henley, Retired Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tampa**
- *We want to ensure that Dayspring will continue to provide a place for youth/adults to gather and spiritually grow.* **Anne & Kyle Jones, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater**
- *DaySpring focuses on the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Love instead of hatred, joy instead of wants, peace instead of disruption, patience instead of dissatisfaction, goodness instead of ill will, kindness instead of rudeness, faithfulness instead of unhappiness, humility instead of bragging, and self control instead of personal attacks. We need DaySpring to help restore our faith and civility so that the world looks to the United States as a source of moral leadership.* **Bruce Birgbauer, St. Andrew's, Boca Grande**
- *I was inspired to make a gift to Dayspring because when I was a young person attending Happening at Dayspring, it was the first time I listened for the still small voice of God. In the holy quiet of Dayspring, I heard it and my life changed. Dayspring is a holy "thin space" where its safe and easy to have these types of transformational experiences. We owe it to everyone to preserve it, strengthen it and share it.* **Mick Moore, Trinity by the Cove, Naples**
- *The Fluharty's have always kept a special place in their hearts and their minds for DaySpring. To us, it represents all that is good in the world. When we visit, a spiritual calmness comes over us. When the Chapel was established, we gave to honor our father and then we gave to honor our mother. My son was married in the Chapel and both my granddaughters were baptized there.* **Steve Fluharty, St. John's, Tampa**
- *Experiencing a spiritual renewal weekend at DaySpring literally changed my life forever. I want others to be able to have life altering moments within the sacred space of DaySpring for many, many years to come!* **Maisie Reddy, St. James House of Prayer, Tampa**
- *Our parish has a long history of involvement at DaySpring and we have benefitted in countless ways. The future is bright for this center of our diocesan life and it is a joy and honor to be a part of providing for that future.* **Fr. Fred and Linda Robinson, Redeemer, Sarasota**



Raising Awareness

Awareness events continue throughout the diocese as the Cabinet engages those with a shared passion for Dayspring's mission: to be a sacred space in the heart of our diocesan community that exists to enrich and empower all people in Christ.



Ascension, Clearwater



South Tampa



Trinity by the Cove, Naples



St. Michael & AA, Sanibel



St. Thomas, St. Petersburg



St. Andrew, Boca Grande

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Lord God, we thank you for giving us the many precious memories of DaySpring, which we know is holy ground. We are mindful that dayspring means the beginning of day. As we venture boldly into this new beginning, we pray that those of us who are blessed will open our hearts and recognize how we can be a blessing for generations to come. As we discern our direction we beseech you to always be in our midst. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

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A Hospitality Discussion Group at Trinity by the Cove, Naples shares expertise and insight with the Bishop and CFO



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