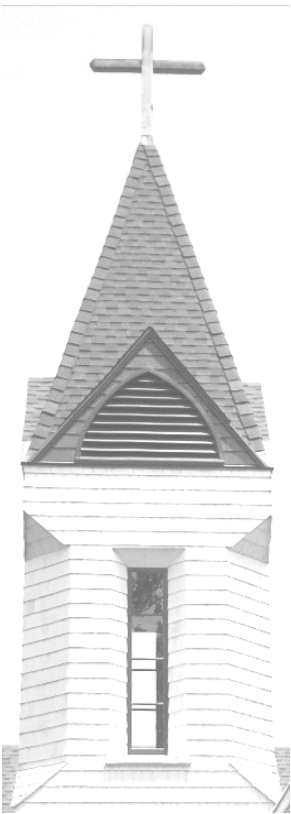


# THE SPIRE

NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND



## A LENS TO OUR VALUES

I want to briefly address the topic of talking about money in church. By the time you read this, we will hopefully have received the majority of financial commitments that help make St. Margaret's the vibrant community it is. For the coming weeks, you will be updated as to our progress at reaching our goal of receiving enough in pledges to balance what we think our expenses for 2012 will be. For some of us, this is a difficult time of year to be in church, because it seems that all we talk about is money, money and money.

I understand. I am the first to turn the radio off when I hear that it's phone-a-thon month. I am inundated with requests for pledges to this annual fund or that alumni fund. My heart breaks at the need I see in the world. We are overwhelmed with 'asks,' and we might think of the church as a respite from all the outstretched non-profit hands that are in need.

I get at least five cable television stations devoted to money, more if you include those which will tell you how to spend it. In healthier families and relationships, money is talked about quite often, perhaps weekly. A budget might be fine-tuned or an expenditure argued. In healthier systems, everything is above board.

Perhaps this is one of the truths Jesus wanted to show us by talking about money so much himself. Money, in and of itself, is not good or bad. It is not a moral agent. What we do with it (spend, share, save, waste) serves as a lens to our own values. If a church community can exist as a non-judgmental, sacred space to unpack all our baggage around our values, including money, then why shouldn't we use our time together to talk about it?

Since we are not all in the same space in regards to our wealth, our lack of wealth, or our generosity, I have two options as rector. I can either ignore money altogether, and allow the stewardship team to do all of the speaking on why we should give to the church. This is what some rectors choose to do, and I haven't met many who serve in healthy churches. My other option is to tread as lightly as I can, understanding that we all carry different thoughts and histories around money. It is to speak openly and honestly about my own struggles with my wealth and what I choose to do with it, how I understand it as a gift from God, and how I feel God would want me to use it. It is to share the responsibility to talk about giving to the church with trusted and faithful lay people, while being able to provide a spiritual and scriptural

basis for why we do what we do.

I don't always succeed. I was once chastised for sermons in which I made too direct a connection between giving and salvation (in other words, if you give, you get into heaven and if you don't, well...). I can understand how listeners could hear that sentiment. That never was and will not be my intention. We are 'saved' by the grace of God, and no matter what we give (or don't give), God will always love us. I now know that when I talk about money in church, it tends to be on the side of 'too much' instead of 'not enough.'

For my unintended over-exuberance, I apologize. I get excited because I see people making commitments to who we are and what we're becoming as a congregation. I get excited that people are connecting with God through our ministries. I'm thrilled that our mid-year appeal in 2011 raised almost \$40,000 in hopes of giving more money away through mission and outreach and maintaining our physical plant. I'm excited that people believe that hiring a third clergy to work specifically on youth formation is going to make us a beacon for teens and their families. I'm excited that it appears we want to be an open, inclusive, welcoming congregation that values excellence in worship and exercises outstanding pastoral care to each other.

We give so much to our community. Fall is the time that we talk about giving money, and that makes us uncomfortable sometimes. I hope we can continue to work together to find ways around that discomfort while at the same time talking openly about it. I also hope that we continue to talk about giving all year long: not just from our income, but from our time, our energy and our gifts and skills. Thank you for being the generous community that God has called us to be.

*If you received giving envelopes in 2011, you will continue to receive them for 2012. If you would like to arrange to give online, please call the church office.*

*Peter*

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church**



*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*  
II Corinthians 9:7-8

By Stewart Lucas, Associate Rector

One of the projects that Peter has asked me to spearhead is the new St. Margaret's All Saints' Legacy Society. A legacy society is comprised of a group of individuals who have remembered the church as one of the primary beneficiaries in their will, or who have made some form of permanent gift to their church. Everyone who joins will also become a member of the All Saints' Legacy Society of the Diocese of Maryland.

I am excited about this new venture that will expand our endowment. Currently more than half of our endowment (now over \$4 million) is given in grants by the Mission Commission to groups around the world. The other money may be used for capital expenses at the vestry's discretion. I am now gathering a working group together to set up the parameters of our legacy society. If you are interested in helping or if you have already remembered the church in your will, let me know so that you may be a founding member of this society and attend a special event in early 2012.



## DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Did you know that Peter, Sarah and I have these separate checking accounts? We use them solely for charitable purposes, and are not to be used to reimburse expenses. These funds are included in our annual audit, giving proper respect to matters of confidentiality. Church Canon requires that the loose or open offering from one Sunday per month be set aside for the Fund. To make that process easier for accounting purposes, each year, as part of our outreach budget, the rector's account receives \$1000, and the associates' accounts each receive \$500.

We field calls daily from people in our community who are in need. Because of the volume of calls and our limited resources, we set up a guideline in 2008 that we will send a check directly to BGE for \$25 or send a Giant gift card for \$25 to the individual. Right now, we are only able to help an individual once every six months for a total of three disbursements. Since 2008 we have given out over 85 grocery cards and helped with over 250 BGE bills.

If you would like to make a donation, simply make it out to St. Margaret's Church and make a note in the memo to the "Rector or Associate Rector's Discretionary Fund."

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

By Sarah Lamming, Associate Rector for Youth Formation

The proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" has had a resurgence in the past decade. At the time of my growing up, I did not always appreciate and fully value what my parents and family were doing to support and encourage my growth into the person you see today. I certainly did not acknowledge the village and community that also helped.



In periods of transition, whether going off to college, changing jobs, moving, or the death of a loved one, I have found I spend time reflecting on who and what I have done and been, as well as who I want to be. In returning to youth work, after two years hiatus, I have noticed the energy and sparkle back in my life. My Girl Guide leaders, my teachers, the band leaders, my priests and many others have all done their part in encouraging me to accept my gifts and to use them. I wish that they could see me now and know I truly thank them for all they did for me.

It can be the simple acts, like showing someone how to paint a fence, carry the cross in worship, make chocolate brownies, or the act of just sitting down with a young person and asking them how they are doing, that can have a huge impact on a young person. In time, mostly years later, it is amazing how they remember those acts and realized how important those people were in their lives.

One of the hardest things about working with young people is, for the most part, you will never fully know what impact you had on their lives. We live in a village/community and together we bring up all the children. I encourage you to spend a few moments to reflect on who helped you be the person you are today and then think about the simple acts of kindness or skills you could pass along to the next generations. And thank you for your past and future acts which have and are making the next generation into children of God, who can accept and celebrate the gifts God has given to them.

### CALLING ALL 20'S AND 30'S

**Stewart and Sarah will be trying to get some events organized aimed especially for this age group. If you have any ideas or would like to be on a mailing list, please contact Stewart or Sarah.**



## MUSIC NOTES

By James R. Fitzpatrick,  
Director of Music

"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices..." There's a bountiful harvest of music at St. Margaret's to be thankful for this November.



First, on Sunday, November 6 at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, the annual All Saints' Sunday Dixieland Mass returns with members of the Peabody Ragtime Ensemble playing jazz accompaniments to our hymns and service music. This joyful celebration of life both here and in the hereafter features our combined choirs, soloists, and is one of our best attended services every year. Do not miss it!

Next, mezzo-soprano Maria Dolan Barnes and pianist Robert Muckenfuss offer a recital of music by American composers, just in time for Thanksgiving. Kick off your holiday season with an afternoon of beautiful singing and lush piano playing on Sunday, November 24 at 4 p.m. in the church.

And coming up on December 4 at 5 p.m. is our service of Advent Lessons and Carols, one of the emotional high points of our church year: amazingly beautiful music with scripture readings woven into a moving service of darkness overcome by light.



## THIRD SUNDAY BAND NEWS

### "CHANGE THE WORLD"

The Third Sunday Band is pleased to announce the release of its 4th CD in November. "Change the World" will feature a collection of 15 songs featuring new original compositions and some of the Band's favorite selections. If you would like to preorder a copy of this CD, please see James Fitzpatrick in the Church office or contact a band member. Cost is \$15.

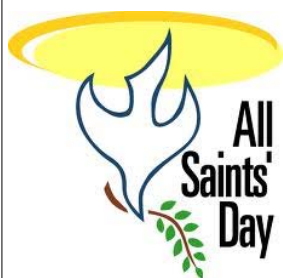


## All Saints' Dixieland Mass

Sunday, Nov. 6

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Featuring music from the Peabody Ragtime Ensemble



## American Composers

### Concert

Sunday, Nov. 24

4 p.m.

featuring the talents of

*Mezzo-Soprano*

*Maria Dolan Barnes*

and

*pianist Robert Muckenfuss*



## WITH THANKS FROM JAMES...

On Monday, Oct. 24, one hundred and fifty parishioners and guests gathered to extend hospitality to the Dagilelis Boychoir from Lithuania and enjoy their brilliant concert.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make this a memorable event at St. Margaret's, especially Vivian Wubbenhorst, Carolyn Surrick, Anne Sessions, Matt Munsey, and George Breeden (plus a host of contributors of food) for arranging a great meal for our guests and families of Acolytes and Spirit Singers. Thanks also to Sarah Lamming and Arvilla Wubbenhorst for arranging for a fun recreation time for the boys. James Hanrahan, Sue Vision, and Dibble Hammar also made significant contributions of hospitality from St. Margaret's, as did all those who helped to clean up and assist in other ways.

## WHY THE POMEGRANATE?



By Pat Hall, *Parish Nurse*

A recent visitor to St. Margaret's asked about the symbolism of the pomegranate in the stained glass window behind the altar. I knew a little about it, but was inspired to investigate further. Pomegranates grow wild throughout the Middle East and are now cultivated in California.

The name pomegranate is derived from the Latin, *pomum granatum*, meaning "seeded apple." For centuries, the pomegranate has been cherished for color, beauty, flavor, and health benefits. They have been considered the "royalty" amongst fruit.

Pomegranates are mentioned in several places in the Bible. Some scholars believe it might have been the original forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Carved figures of the pomegranate adorned the pillars of Solomon's temple as well the garments of High Priests. The pomegranates at the bottom of the High Priest's robe were interspersed with bells. Some believe the ringing bells mixed with the pomegranates signified the fertility of life.

The Hebrew word for pomegranate is *Raman* which means "to rise up" or "to be mounted up." In Song of Solomon 4:3, Solomon describes his bride's "temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks." Solomon uses the pomegranate theme for her temples to show fertility of the mind. The pomegranate fruit, in relation to our temples, signifies that the fruit of the Spirit controls our lives, rather than the lust of the flesh.

Possible health benefits either by eating the fruit or drinking the juice include:

- \*High levels of antioxidants
- \*Improved blood flow (by reducing hardening of the arteries and increasing clotting time.)
- \*Reduction of arthritis pain
- \*Inhibition of certain cancer cells
- \*Reduction of dental plaque
- \*Reduction of cholesterol

Check with your physician before regularly drinking pomegranate juice. There is a potential for interaction with some prescription medications.



## DAY SCHOOL NEWS

By Tricia Hallberg McVeigh, *Director*

November is a month full of fun here at the Day School.

We begin the month off by inviting our "grand-friends" into classes for an hour to share fun activities with the school.

November is also the time for our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Hall. We will have a kick off "family night" at the fair with pizza for sale on Wednesday night, Nov. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a PTO-sponsored event, and the fair will be open on Nov. 3 and 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as well. Please feel free to come and bring friends and relatives to support our book fair any time during those two days. The school earns books to replenish the class libraries from this event.

On Friday, Nov. 11, we will have a special Papa John's cooking demonstration for the kids.

On Nov. 16 and 17, we will celebrate Thanksgiving in all of the classrooms. Conferences will be held on Nov. 17 and 18. School will be closed during the week of Nov. 21 through the 25. We will resume classes on Nov. 28.

I hope everyone has a very restful and "thankful" break!



## ADVENT WREATH MAKING



SUNDAY, NOV. 27  
10:15 A.M.  
PARISH HALL

Bring green from your yard and clippers to share.

Thanks to the Nardi family for helping to organize the annual intergenerational event once again.

# Upcoming Programs and Events

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOV. 19

The St. Margaret's J2A Youth are hosting the annual Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 19 in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be local crafters and vendors (including some parishioners-all listed in the box below) to help you complete your holiday shopping. The youth will run the kitchen with morning coffee and goodies followed by lunch. The Women's Guild will have a table selling baked goods and desserts. Door prizes will be donated by each vendor. For more information, contact Barbara Breedon at 410-757-6719 or Bkbreedon@comcast.net.



The St. Margaret's Guild will be meeting on Wed., Nov. 2, at 1pm, in the Parish Hall. This month's guest speaker is one of our own parishioners, Bob Baltz, who is a volunteer naturalist with Scales & Tales, an environmental education program of the MD Park Service. To emphasize promotion of wildlife stewardship, Bob will bring (non-releasable) birds of prey and reptiles. Along with all women (and men, too!) of the church, our day school children are also invited for this educational wildlife program. Delicious refreshments will also be served.

## ALL SOULS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2., 7 P.M.

While All Saints' Day is to remember all the saints, popular piety felt the need to distinguish between outstanding saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends. The day is also referred to as the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. This will be a quiet service with some reflective music, a meditation and a time to remember those who have died especially in the last year. If you have a name you would like to be read at the service or at our All Saints' Sunday service, please email [laura@st-margarets.org](mailto:laura@st-margarets.org).



*Fusion Ltd Crafts for the Cure Precious Plates Bead On*

**St. Margaret's Church  
Holiday Bazaar**

Featuring a variety of  
crafters and vendors  
to benefit the activities of the  
Youth Ministry

*Parish Hall*

1601 Pleasant Plains Rd  
at St. Margaret's Rd.  
Broadneck Peninsula  
Annapolis

**Saturday, November 19th**  
9:30 till 2:00

*Great gift ideas for every age*  
Raffles & Baked Goods Table  
Refreshments & lunch  
Stop by...bring a friend

[www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org) for directions

*Think Pink Girls Nicole's Boutique Fancy Stitches*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

MEET THE BROGAN-HOWELL FAMILY

By Jim Knorr



This month, we welcome newcomers from the Brogan-Howell Family, including Mike, Meagan and children Frances (6) and Gabriel (3). The family made their home way to Annapolis from Lancaster, Pa., after Mike was selected to teach at St John's College. Meagan calls Lancaster her home and considers herself a "Religious Mutt" having a Jewish mother and a Unitarian Universalist Minister father. She loves Lancaster's vibrant community and long-standing commitment to peace and justice – an integral part of the Mennonite tradition.

Meagan attended Swarthmore College, and living in Philadelphia, earned her Masters in Social Work at Bryn Mawr College just a few short weeks before their daughter Frances was born. She worked in a fantastic community health center while Mike cared for Frances and worked on his dissertation. After moving to Annapolis in 2008, she became a stay-at-home mom and eventually started working part-time for Listening Hearts Ministries in Baltimore in addition to writing blogs. One is about motherhood ([homemadetime.blogspot.com](http://homemadetime.blogspot.com)) and the other is What's Up? Kids ([whatsupkids.net](http://whatsupkids.net)). She looks forward to doing more social work after Gabriel is a little older. An avid reader, cook, yoga practitioner and, obviously, writer, is Meagan.

Mike grew up near Wilmington, Del., and while attending Archmere Academy, became Class President and played baseball (SMC Softballers, take note!). He also attended Swarthmore College where he majored in Religion/Philosophy and was a DJ on the WSRN radio station. He worked in New York City with the Social Science Research Council after college. After marrying Meagan in 2002, they returned to Philly where Mike completed his program at Villanova University where he earned his PhD in Philosophy. Eventually, St John's College came calling. In his spare time, vegetable gardening is a peaceful change.

Frances and Gabriel are very much at home with the Sunday School program. Meagan has taken the Rev. Stewart's LIVING THE QUESTION class and is ready for more of the same. Mike is busy mentoring his students but can be seen in the Parish Hall after 9 a.m. service at all of the Forums. Rumor has it that Meagan and Mike were J2A leaders at their Lancaster church in the past!! (We've all taken note).

## Opportunities to Serve

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SHARING

#### SHARE OUR BOUNTY—

Members of our parish will provide holiday meals to needy families or seniors this Thanksgiving. We will receive names of those to receive our gifts from the A.A. County Dept. of Social Services. The Mission Commission will provide the turkeys: you and your family can provide the fixings for the rest of the meal and deliver the food basket to the recipient a few days BEFORE Thanksgiving Day. No cooking involved. Turkeys and baskets will be available at the church on Sunday, Nov. 20, or by separate arrangement. You will receive the name of your recipient and complete delivery instructions. To participate, call Barbara Marder at 410-518-9978, email [scubaesc@aol.com](mailto:scubaesc@aol.com), or call the church office.



FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

We welcome all knitters and those who wish to learn. We share a sense of service to others through our knitting, providing beautiful prayer shawls for the sick, the bereaved, and the newly baptized. This year, we have added a new project of little mini-pocket shawls. Our shawls are blessed before they are wrapped around recipients, enveloping them with peace and comfort. We meet from 9 to 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month in the conference room. We have yarn and needles so come join us! Questions? Contact Jane Piche at 410-349-0961.



## Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse International Relief will collect millions of boxes and ship them overseas for delivery to children in over 100 countries around the globe so they can receive a gift for Christmas. Please join our fifth and sixth grade classes and help touch a child's heart at Christmas!

**Pick up a label and directions at the church, pack the box, and bring the box to church by November 14th.**

**We will have a "Blessing of the Boxes" during the church services.**



**For further information contact Sandra Goldthwait at [goldthwaits@aol.com](mailto:goldthwaits@aol.com).**

### GIFT IDEAS

#### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoes, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

### OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

#### DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

# Children and Youth



## BAPTISM DATES AND CLASSES

St. Margaret's Church will celebrate Holy Baptism on the following upcoming dates:

- Sunday, November 6, 2011
- Sunday, January 8, 2012
- Sunday, February 19, 2012
- Saturday, April 7, 2012
- Sunday, April 15, 2012
- Sunday, May 27, 2012

We will be providing Baptism Classes for anyone interested in the sacrament on the following dates at 10a.m. in the church.

- Saturday, November 5, 2011 (for Jan. date)
- Saturday, January 7, 2012 (for Feb. & Mar. dates)
- Saturday, March 3, 2012 (for April & May dates).

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS



Youth Group officially started for the year on October 16 with a pumpkin party. There were a number of pumpkins carved with Christian symbols and other amazing creations. The "Educating the Rev. Sarah" was also a popular activity. It was an opportunity for the youth to encourage me to connect with them over their music, tv, literature and sports.

Youth group aims to provide a social, sacred and spiritual place for middle and high school students to come and visit on a Sunday evening. The program is being developed by the youth. For the rest of the term, a lot of the time will be spent listening to the young people to discover what their needs and hopes would be for this year.

If you would be interested in helping for specific events or on a rotation of adult helpers, please get in touch with me at [sarah@st-margarets.org](mailto:sarah@st-margarets.org).

## ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME – THE CROP HUNGER WALK

My name is Samuel Enriquez, and I am in the Rite 13 class. I was one of the forty walkers involved in this year's Crop Walk, and we raised \$2,966 that will go to the Christian World Service for the purpose of helping hunger victims. I wish to give a big "thank you" on behalf of all of the Rite 13 kids for all the donations. When I was walking and when I was garnering support and donations, I felt that I was truly making a difference in the world.

For the past couple of weeks, we (the Rite 13 class) had been learning about how hard it is for people in poorer areas of the world to get food and water. Did you know that the world average for how far people have to walk to get water is three and a half miles every day? And in most cultures, it is the women and children who do the carrying. While I imagine that they have friends to talk to that make it less difficult, they are still carrying five gallons of water for a mile and three quarters. I have had a full five-gallon container of water placed on my head during class, and multiplying that by the Crop Walk gave me a good picture of what it is like for those people.

I took away three things from the Crop Walk: a feeling of having made a difference, an understanding of the difficulties people face every day, and a newfound appreciation for my comparatively easy life.



# October Photo Gallery

## CAMP WRIGHT 2011



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2011



## BISHOP'S VISIT 2011



## NEWCOMERS DINNER 2011

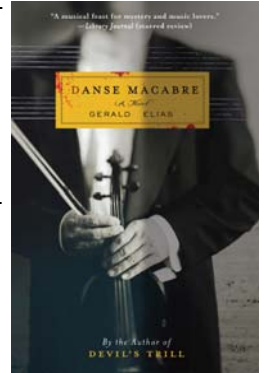




(We hope to offer a monthly look at what the staff of St. Margaret's is reading, listening, or watching!)

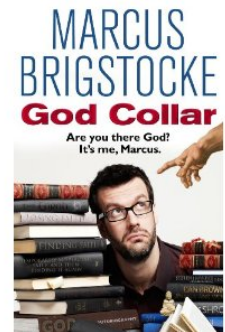
**Currently Reading:** "Danse Macabre," a murder mystery about musicians at Carnegie Hall by conductor, composer, and violinist Gerald Elias. Very good glimpse into the workings of the musical mind.

**Currently Listening:** "Passenger," a brand new album by Irish singer/songwriter Lisa Hannigan. Wonderful arrangements, sharp lyrical imagery, offset by an incredibly sweet voice. Wow.-**James**

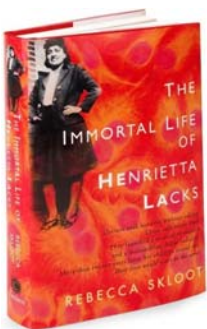


**Currently Reading:** "Pearl Jam 20," a retrospective look at perhaps the greatest American rock band in the history of ever. What amazes me is how they stuck together through so much turmoil just by the sheer force of their collective creative spirit.-**Peter**

**Currently Reading:** "God Collar" by Marcus Brigstocke. A thirty-something-year-old comedian, who is struggling with the death of his best friend. He knows there is a hole in his soul, and if he believed in God that would fill the vacuum that he is feeling. The book comes out of his stand up show from three years ago. British humor, colorful expressions, mixed with the reality that there is a coming generation of de-churched and un-churched people and how do they cope with pain and loss.



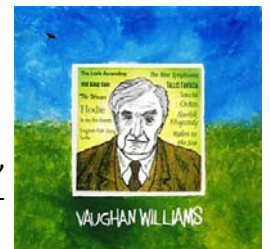
**Currently Listening:** Laura Marling, because my friend from England sent me a link on Facebook.-**Sarah**



**Recently Viewed:** I read "The Help" and also saw the movie. Both were excellent. A good characterization of the early civil rights days in the south. I lived through those times and the movie brings out all the prejudice and violence that actually happened.

**Recently Read:** I also read "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." It depicts the true story of the early days of the use of living human cells for research and the ethical ramifications. It takes place in and around Johns Hopkins Hospital and also includes the story of the woman whose cells were used unbeknownst to her.-**Pat**

**Currently Listening:** "The Best of Ralph Vaughan Williams." He is arguably the greatest composer Britain has seen since the days of Henry Purcell. In a long and extensive career, he composed music notable for its power, nobility and expressiveness, representing, perhaps, the essence of 'Englishness'. -**Stewart**



## GRANT RECIPIENT H.O.P.E. KEEPS ON GIVING

By Izzy Winn

After twelve years of giving grants, the St. Margaret's Grants Committee is still surprised each year by the depth of programs and projects with profound needs that apply to our church for support. This past year an applicant doing extraordinary deeds in our own "backyard" came to the attention of the committee for the first time and was awarded a \$10,000 grant to support expanding operations. The recipient H.O.P.E. (He Opens Paths to Everyone) was guided to St. Margaret's by our sister church, St. Christopher's in Linthicum, that was very familiar with and supportive of H.O.P.E.



Leo Zerhusen provides information on H.O.P.E. to the St. Margaret's Guild at its October meeting.

Twelve years ago, Leo Zerhusen and his wife collected and delivered clothes in the Appalachia area of West Virginia. Six years ago, they turned their focus on northern Anne Arundel County where they both taught school. They formed H.O.P.E., a 501(c)3 charitable organization with a Christian purpose of "giving back." They served six local families that first year; this year, they expect to serve 200 families. All this they do with volunteer help and contributions. This past April they hired their first employee (one of Leo's former students) to coordinate operations. Teams of H.O.P.E. volunteers interview families referred to them by the partnering agencies and determine specific household needs other than food. The families are moving into their own living space after having been in homeless "camps," shelters or transitional circumstances. H.O.P.E. gives each family a Bible and a book of prayers with a "basket of hope" as a move-in gift. H.O.P.E. delivers beds, mattresses, dressers, cribs, lamps, clothing, and does basic household setups.



H.O.P.E. maintains three warehouses in Glen Burnie where volunteers sort donated furniture, clothing and household necessities by specific need for families. H.O.P.E. works with the department of social services in Anne Arundel County and partners with Sarah's House, We Care and Friends, the Light House Shelter, Arundel House of Hope, Anne Arundel County Public Schools and other programs serving Southern Baltimore and Anne Arundel County. Businesses, churches and others support H.O.P.E. however they can. NSA, for instance, gives an annual Christmas party for H.O.P.E. clients.

Because needs are growing and impoverished families are increasing, H.O.P.E. is stretched thin with being able to serve the Annapolis area where the majority of public assistance housing exists. At this time, H.O.P.E. needs teams of volunteers to interview families in our area and they would also welcome anyone who can give a few hours volunteering at the warehouse Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Jeannie at 410-491-7189 or 410-766-0372.

Current needs are: children's clothes (fall/winter), winter coats, blankets, beds, adjustable bed frames, dressers. Drop off at building 146 located in the Azar Complex off of Ritchie Highway behind Bowl America, just south of Bob Bell Ford in Glen Burnie between Ritchie and Crain highways. HOPE can pick up what you cannot drop off. The location is safe and the operation is inspiring and organized!

### **ST. MARGARET'S 2012 GRANTS DEADLINE — NOV. 30**

Remember that word of mouth is our greatest way of contacting potential St. Margaret's grant applicants such as H.O.P.E. Grant applications and guidelines for 2012 grants can be accessed through our St. Margaret's website @ [www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org) under "Outreach" or by contacting Elizabeth (Izzy) Winn, Grants Administrator, at [misions@st-margarets.org](mailto:misions@st-margarets.org) or 410-974-0200x30. Deadline for 2012 grant applications is a "Nov. 30, 2011" postmark.

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## SUNDAYS

7:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:15am Fellowship & Education for all ages  
11:15am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*Our nursery is open from 8:45am—12:30pm.*

## WEDNESDAYS

7:00am Holy Eucharist

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