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Announcements for Sunday, January 15, 2017



If you are a newcomer to St. Margaret's, please ask an usher or greeter for a Newcomers bag to take home with more information on St. Margaret's programs and events. And please fill out a newcomer's card located in the pews. You can put it in the collection plate or give to clergy.

This Week's Prayer List

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: Amanda Freeland, Carol Ferguson, Debbie Remeikas, Nancy, Caroline, Joyce Hall, Ben Szoko, Marilyn Szoko, Patricia Booze.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Judith Conover, Anya LaMar, Mary Ellen Norris Babbitt, William Ridout (Bill) Norris.

FOR LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Pam Hill, Thomas Pederson, Katy Baker, Michelle Macbes, Joanne Booth, Lanny Ridout, Brian, Haley, Millie Stafford, Nancy Holmes, Dana Likko, Lisa Holly Robbins, Olivia, Diane Rohm, Richard Gragg, Michael Brogan, Jon Beard, Mary Greene, Win Smith, Carol Saunders, Oakie O'Neale, Beth Crossman, Audrey Stover.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Dave, Shelby, Staci, Christiaan, Josh, Evan, Jon, Tom, Richard, Keith, Sarah, Chris, Jay, James, Ross, Margaret, Philip, Jacob, Pete, Michael, Tim, Ryan, Glen, Shaanel, Matthew, Steven, Daniel, Heidi, Garrett, Joel, Justin, Joshua, Zachary, Conrad, Jake, Kevin, Michael, Victoria, Amelia, Ben, David, Paul and their families.

Prayer Requests — Please note:
To add a name to the prayer list, please use our new prayer request forms (purple) in the pews (to put in the collection plate or give to clergy) or make a request on our website using the "Prayer Request" button on the bottom of the homepage.

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date!
Sunday, Jan. 29
in the Parish Hall
12:15 p.m.—
Potluck
12:45 p.m.—
Meeting

For Potluck Lunch—
Last Names A-F Bring Entrees
Last Names G-P Bring Sides
Last Names Q-Z Bring Desserts

Childcare provided.

TODAY AT ST. MARGARET'S

WELCOME BISHOP SUTTON
Today we welcome the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton who will be confirming a number of parishioners at the 9 a.m. service and who will be providing the sermon at all three services. (A bio on Bishop Sutton is located in our bulletins this morning.) He will be visiting Sunday School classrooms during formation hour and visit with parishioners in the parish hall after 10:40 a.m. Please note: The loose plate offering today will be given to the Bishop's discretionary fund.

WINTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER TABLE
Parishioner Lynne Killam will have a signup table set up right outside the parish hall during coffeeshour to allow parishioners to volunteer for our upcoming winter relief efforts in February. There are a variety of ways you can support this effort, such as cooking and serving meals, driving the van in the morning & afternoons, or simply welcoming and visiting with our guests. We are also in need of donations for toiletries bags. If you miss Lynne today, there is an automated signup link on the church website or you can email Judy Hall at judy.hall0404@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE
Our Children's Chapel program for ages three to six years takes place during the 9 a.m. service. The children leave the nave during the sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle. They go into the downstairs annex classroom where they will hear a bible story and enjoy music together before rejoining their parents at the Peace.

NURSERY AVAILABLE
Children are very special to us here at St. Margaret's, and we have a lovely, newly refurbished nursery in our annex building that adjoins our sanctuary (down a short flight of stairs). We have experienced, loving professionals ready to welcome our little guests from infants to age 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance MLK Day.

Vestry 2017

Note — We will be electing four new vestry members at the parish's annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29. The vestry is the governing body of St. Margaret's Church. Adults and youth 16 or older who are present at the meeting and who have attended the parish over for at least three months will be voting by ballot. Voting will be done at the same time, during the meeting — no early voting is permitted. Vestry members are elected for three-year terms, with four rotating off each year.

Here are the candidates for this year's election. We will have a Candidates' Forum next Sunday at 10:20 a.m.

Over the past 20 years, I may have served St. Margaret's in every capacity except as a member of the Vestry. (I did that at my previous parish.) Specifically: I have been a delegate to the Diocesan Convention, a member of Search, Long Range Planning, Formation Building, Arts, and Welcome Statement Committees. I sing in the Chancel Choir and am part of the group that knits prayer shawls. For the Diocese, I spent ten years as the Bishop's Deputy for Public Policy, and was an Alternate Lay Delegate from our Diocese to the General Convention. I'm a widow with children and grandchildren, a retired Professor of English Literature, and a sometime tutor of English as a Second Language. I also dance Argentine Tango.



Maggy Cullman



Gwen Davis

I grew up attending St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Damascus, Maryland and have been attending St. Margaret's Church since 2005. I live in Arnold with my husband Kevin and kids Sydney and Henry. Over the years at St. Margaret's, I have been active in youth formation in various ways. I started helping with Godly Play in 2008 and after a long time spent mostly as door person (a support role), I've been teaching regularly for the past two years and coordinating the program for almost one (with tons of support from Jenelle and Dalyn Huntley). I have been a member of the SM Day School Board since 2014. I also served on the committee which put together the Parish Profile in 2009 in preparation for our search for Peter. I have worked as an information manager for NatureServe, a non-profit conservation organization for 21 years, part-time and from home for the last 14. I help design, test, and manage a database of the conservation status and locations of the plants, animals, and communities of North America in coordination with a network of data centers across the U.S. and Canada. I spent field time on the Eastern Shore and in the Blue Ridge Mountains and coastal plain of North Carolina. Stewardship of our environment is near and dear to my heart.

I love all the programs at St. Margaret's but have focused most of my time and thought on youth formation and want to support the great programs built over the years and now being expertly managed by Jenelle and Jeff. I have witnessed how the stories and methods of Godly Play reach our youngest parishioners, helping them cope with existential wondering and express and grow their Christian faith. I have seen St. Margaret's children growing into supportive, caring, faithful young adults and the next generation of Christians, seeing them as a strong and welcome ray of hope for our future in what have been some darker days. I hope to help these young people continue to get the support they need from all areas of the church as they grow and venture out, spreading the light they receive from St. Margaret's.

Born at the Naval Academy hospital and raised around the globe, I spent most of my career in New York. There, I was a reporter, writer and magazine editor. One of my major areas of interest has been American religion. From 2001 to 2004, I was a founding editor of the award-winning religious news and opinion website Beliefnet.com. In 2012, I and my wife Alice returned to Maryland to be closer to Alice's family. We live in Severna Park with our son Ray, now at college at St. John's, and our daughter, Aeven. Our elder son, Emerson, lives in Pittsburgh. Finding St. Margaret's has been one of the great good fortunes of the move south. I have been part of winter relief, acted as a grant liaison, and last winter led an adult education forum.



Paul O'Donnell



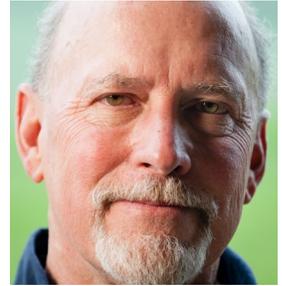
Greg Smith

My family has felt welcomed at Saint Margaret's from the very first day we were introduced to the parish. The warmth and family feel is what made our decision to join Saint Margaret's quite easy. All three of our daughters Gabriella, Audrey, and Emery were baptized here. My wife, Alli, has thoroughly enjoyed her time serving (performing/entertaining) in the Third Sunday Band for the past four years. I was born and raised in York, Pennsylvania where my family worshiped at Yorkshire United Methodist Church. Alli and I were married at Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania.

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I attended Pharmacy School at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After spending the first five years of my career working for CVS/pharmacy in North Carolina and Maryland, I transitioned into hospital pharmacy at Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. Working in a healthcare environment focused on faith based care has taught me great lessons on discernment, the difference between equality and equity, and servant leadership. Given the wonderful opportunity to serve Saint Margaret's as a member of the vestry, I know that I will be able to use these lessons to expand the scope of the warmth that my family has felt since the beginning.

I have been a member of St. Margaret's Church for over 25 years. My wife Teresa and I have raised four boys and watched the children of our many friends in the congregation grow from babies to college graduates. We treasure being part of this strong community of faith. Over the years, I have been involved in many aspects of church life and worked with 5 Rectors. I have served as a Eucharistic Minister, led the youth group, organized concerts, events and fundraisers, taught Sunday School, coordinated our environmental mission, and for nearly 18 years, I have led the Third Sunday Band - a privilege to share in our worship through music.



Al Todd

I have been active as a volunteer with the Diocese as a lay member of the Commission on Ordained Ministry and now as a Member of the Diocesan Worship Committee. In private life, I work as a non-profit Executive Director and serve on the Board of the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, a regional non-profit building faithful stewards to care for creation. I feel active service to God's creation, the community, and one's church is what we are called to do as Jesus's hands and feet, and it is what makes us whole as Christians. I have always been grateful that St. Margaret's is an affirming and inclusive community that welcomes, respects, and empowers lay leaders to take action. That spirit is an essential part of the character that drew me to this place and keeps me here.

Announcements

Gearing Up for Winter Relief at St. Margaret's

We are busy preparing and planning for winter relief at the church that will take place Feb. 13-20. An automated sign up link for volunteers is available on the homepage of our website or you can stop by the signup table in the parish hall on Sunday mornings. You can also email volunteer coordinator Judy Hall at judy.hall0404@gmail.com. We are in need of help with set up and clean up, meal preparation and serving, transport drivers in the mornings and afternoons, overnight chaperones, and guest visitors. To better prepare ourselves for increased understanding of our winter relief guests, we will host three informational sessions on homelessness during Monday evening Faith & Fellowship adult formation time (6:45 p.m.—childcare provided). Guests include:

Jan. 23 - Justin Bieler, Administrator, County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS);

Jan. 30 - Pam Walton, Director of Housing Resources for the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel Co.;

Feb. 6 - Helen Reines, RN, Executive Director of Pathways Treatment Center.

WANTED: Tech Team Members

St. Margaret's is in need of a Tech Team to help out with audio/visual activities on different Sundays and possibly other events as well. Adults and youth would be appreciated! If you can help, contact James Fitzpatrick at james@st-margarets.org or Jeff Conover (youth) at jeff@st-margarets.org.

New Book Study Group Forming

The Rev. Peter Mayer and parishioner Spencer Johnson are forming a new book study group that will now be called "Seekers" that will meet on Sundays in the conference room at 10:20 a.m. starting Feb. 19th. The first book of focus will be "What Did Jesus Ask?" Look for more information next week, but you can go ahead and purchase the book available on amazon.com.

#325to325 — Daily History Post

In preparation for our upcoming 325th anniversary celebration in October, St. Margaret's will be posting a daily historical note featuring a photo or fact from our past three centuries. The post appears on our public Facebook page, on our Twitter account or you can be emailed the post by contacting info@st-margarets.org with a request. If you would like to volunteer for the planning of the anniversary weekend, contact bkbreeden@comcast.net.

Bible Women Study — Monthly Meeting NEXT Sunday

This fall, St. Margaret's has launched a book study using the book "Bible Women: All Their Words & Why They Matter" by Episcopal priest Lindsey Hardin Freeman. We will study every woman who ever spoke a word in the bible and relate their circumstances and challenges with our own experiences and beliefs. Join our Thursday morning class (9:15 a.m.) or our Bible Women Facebook group (link on our website). We also meet the third Sunday of every month. However, due to the Bishop's visit today, we will move the Jan. meeting to next Sunday, Jan. 22 in the conference room.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



Monday Evening Activities

No Faith & Fellowship tomorrow, Jan. 16



Coming Feb. 10-12 in New York City

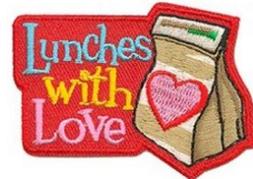
SMC youth are invited to an overnight pilgrimage to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the United States in New York City. The journey includes experiencing NY style pizza, candle lit meditation, history, and seeing God through art and architecture. Saturday includes going to Central Park, St. Mary's, and Times Square! St. Margaret's will pay half of the cost to participate (\$37.50). If youth wish to participate, contact Jeff Conover, Youth Ministry Leader, at jeff@st-margarets.org or call him at the church office.



- *One of few in the area accredited by the Nat. Assn. for the Ed. of Young Children
- *Ages 2 thru Kindergarten
- *Certified as a Maryland Green School



Join us for our annual Open House: January 18th & 19th 9:15am-11:15am



Once again our Sunday School Classes will make bagged lunches for our Winter Relief guests. Because this was a popular activity last year, we have decided to make 100 lunches. Each class will have a donation box outside their classroom on Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5 & 12. Lunches will be made after Sunday School on Feb. 12. Parent helpers will be needed. To volunteer or for more information, contact Jenelle Mejia at jenelle@st-margarets.org.



Tomorrow, youth in grades 6-12 from across the Broadneck Peninsula are joining together for a **Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service**. It will begin at 11 a.m. at Broadneck Baptist Church and end at 3 p.m. at Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church. There will be a prayer walk, packing backpacks for the Backpack Buddies, program, delivering cookies to the Cape St. Claire firehouse, creating banners of hope, and, of course, eating PIZZA together. This is a terrific opportunity for our youth to interact with our neighbors here on the Broadneck Peninsula. Please let Jeff or Jenelle know if you wish to participate.



Moving Forward with Asbury Broadneck

When Pastor T preached at SMC in November, he told us "Sundays are the most segregated day of the year." Our youth group has discussed this point. Many of our students are exposed to diversity in school, sports and some in their neighborhoods but in large part we see very little diversity in our church. **On Sunday, February 26th, we hope to change that even if just for a morning.** Crystal Johnson, the youth coordinator, and Pastor T have invited us to their 4th Sunday Youth service at **10am at Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church**. We are excited to participate in this opportunity and hope it is another piece that continues to strengthen our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. If your you or your youth is interested in attending, please contact Jeff or Jenelle so we can have an accurate count of car riders. We will be leaving the church no later than 9:30am and will need extra chaperone drivers. We have been sitting, waiting and praying for opportunities to move forward in improving race relations—please consider joining us.