

St. Margaret's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Spire

Late Fall 2014
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Coming Up:

Oct. 26
Newcomers' Dinner

Nov. 1
Baptism Class

Nov. 1
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Nov. 2
All Saints' Dixieland Mass

Nov. 4
Missions Comm. Mtg.

Nov. 5
Guild Meeting

Nov. 5-7
Day School Book Fair

Nov. 8
Daughters of the King

Nov. 9
Confirmation Sunday &
Youth Forum

Nov. 9
Maryland State Boys Choir
& potluck dinner

Nov. 10-18
Winter Relief

Nov. 11
Brotherhood Meeting

Nov. 16
Youth Laser Tag

Nov. 22
Holiday Bazaar

Proportional Giving

by the Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector

When I consider what I give to the church, I do so proportionally. In other words, what portion of what God gives to me do I give back?

I went through this exercise with parishioners in both Washington and Rhode Island. What do you earn in a year? A month? What are your biggest expenses? Jane Smith (names have been changed to protect both the generous and growing-towards-greater-generosity) brings in \$8000 each month. Her major expenses are her mortgage (\$2400), groceries (\$800), health insurance (\$750), car payment (\$390) and credit card payments (\$300). Other incidentals add up to \$900 more.

• Mortgage	2400
• Groceries	800
• Health insurance	750
• Car payment	390
• Credit card payments	300
• Incidentals	<u>900</u>



5540 (taken from monthly income of \$8000, she is left with \$2560 in discretionary income)

Of that \$2460, she saves some for retirement and travel, gets a latte every so often, and gives to her alumni fund. What should she give to the church?

As I told parishioners everywhere, I can't answer that. The answer lies in your heart and in your relationship with the God who provides. But if she gave 2% of her discretionary income, she would give about \$50 a month, or \$600 a year. But what if she bases her calculation on how God allows her to pay for her mortgage, her car, her food? 2% of \$8000 comes to \$160 per month or \$1920 per year. That would leave her with \$2300 in discretionary spending each month.

The point of all this is to get people not to think of their financial commitment to the church as 'payment' or 'dues' or even 'helping to keep the lights on'. We become cheerful givers when we realize how deeply we are blessed by the God who never leaves us alone. What portion do we give back? That's up to you, but I know that generosity pleases God and it also improves our lives as well.

Winter Relief Coming to St. Margaret's

by the Rev. Jane Milliken Hague
Assistant to the Rector for Mission and Outreach

Are you homeless?

As the weather turns cold and wet, can you imagine not having shelter, a shower and a hot meal?

St. Margaret's, in conjunction with St. Phillip's and the Light House shelter, is once again hosting Winter Relief.

On November 10, we will welcome a group of men and women who otherwise would be sleeping in the woods or the street to use St. Margaret's as their evening home for a week.

How can you help? We need help in all aspects: cooks, hosts, drivers, and overnight watch. If you are one of the 100 volunteers who participated last year, you know how much fun we had. We met people from different pews we see on Sunday and came away with a sense of gratitude for the abundance we have.

Sign up is either through the automated online Sign Up Genius (linked on our homepage of our website), or Judy Hall will be available in the Parish Hall in between the services. Please consider volunteering for one of the tasks that are most needed.



CELEBRATE

The Light House

at this year's



Friday, November 7, 2014

7:00-10:00PM

Loews Annapolis Hotel

Food, Drinks, Dancing | Live and Silent Auctions | Jewelry Wall

Grants Deadline: Dec. 1, 2014

Applications for the 2015 St. Margaret's Grants are due postmarked no later than Monday Dec. 1, 2014.



Applications and guidelines are available online at www.st-margarets.org. Please spread the word to any organization or persons who may be interested. Direct any questions to grants administrator, Izzy Winn, at missions@st-margarets.org

Requests are assessed as to whether they:

1. Fit one or more of our **mission priorities** which are to
 - Endow the poor and hungry with the means to feed, shelter and clothe themselves,
 - Restore the ill to health and heal the broken,
 - Promote, preserve and sustain environmental health and good practices, and
 - Improve access to educational opportunities;
2. Demonstrate need;
3. Support a new project, an expansion of or addition to an existing project, or exhibit an exceptional, short-term need for assistance with general operating expenses;
4. Clearly define project goals and objectives: detail schedules, budgets and personnel required; and
5. Emphasize sustainability and empowerment.

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How Do We Pray?

St Margaret's has a powerful tradition of prayer, and one of our greatest strengths is our intercessory prayer chain. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we have three ways to surround that person in prayer.



The first prayer list is through the church. We recently started an online prayer request method now on our website. You can also use the old fashioned way and call the church. If you don't see your prayer right away, please alert one of the clergy. The church prayer lists are listed in the service bulletins: the first names on the short-term list are usually spoken during Prayers of the People during the services. We try to limit the number of names mentioned and so the names are rotated off the short term onto the long term. This list, from time to time, is culled by our clergy; we will contact you before we remove anyone's name. Many, many people take home the bulletins and pray for the people on the short-term list, long-term list and for those serving in the military.

The second prayer chain is our Intercessory Prayer Group. This is a group of dedicated women and men who have committed to pray continually for those listed on the Intercessory Prayer List. This list includes the 'parish prayer lists' as well as other names. The Intercessory Prayer Group answer to immediate appeals. From time to time people wish for prayer but do not want the name published in the bulletins. The Intercessory Prayer Group have pledged confidentiality and discretion. If you wish to contact this group, please send an email to Judi Tanner missjudit@aol.com or call her at 410-279-5978. Like God, prayer has no limits or boundaries. You and those on the prayer lists do not need to be a parishioner of St Margaret's. If you feel called to this vital ministry and wish to join the Intercessory Prayer Group, please contact Judi.

The third way St Margaret's offers prayer is the Healing Ministry. Every second Sunday (and the Saturday service preceding it) healing ministers are available. At communion there are teams of healing ministers stationed at entrance area of the church, called the narthex. They are available to offer prayers and the laying on of hands if you wish.

The St Margaret's community is committed to praying for each other. Please take advantage of this ministry or listen to the Spirit to see if you are called to participate. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact a member of the clergy.



St. Margaret's will once again be participating in a holiday meal donation program for local disadvantaged families and is seeking parishioner assistance.

We ask that parishioners consider signing up to purchase a pre-determined list of non-perishable meal items for a Thanksgiving dinner. The church's Missions Commission will provide the turkeys. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving Day.

Parishioners can sign up to both purchase the items and deliver them to assigned families (from the county's department of social services) or deliver the items to the church for pickup.

If you can help with this effort, please contact coordinator Barbara Marder at scubaesc@aol.com.

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Nov. 23
5 p.m.
@ St. Margaret's



followed by a reception in the parish hall

Please consider helping us reach our goal of 250 pledgers giving \$800,000 to our mission of transforming lives in Christ.

Transforming lives through Christ

Stewardship 2015



How to Pledge:

*Look for extra pledge cards and envelopes in the narthex.

*Place the pledge card in the collection plate, mail it back to the church, or stop by the church office and give to Ruth.

*Pledge online on our website (look for the link on our homepage or our Stewardship page).

What is stewardship?

Stewardship is an expression of gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings of life that come from God. It is love shared and love returned. A life lived in gratitude is a life lived in love.

Is my stewardship defined only by the money I give to the church?

Absolutely not. Time and service given to others is a critical component of stewardship. Our church can't function without these gifts of time and service.

Why is making a pledge important?

Two reasons. First, pledging yourself to any spiritual practice increases the likelihood you will actually do it. In the fall each year we ask you to commit to the practice of giving. We're most concerned with your commitment to this practice, and less concerned with how much you give. Second, your vestry does its best to operate the church on a sound financial basis, and having a good handle on the income the church can expect enhances the vestry's ability to plan responsibly.

What percent of the church's annual budget is supported by pledges?

About 85%, and we wish it was higher to give us more planning certainty. The rest of the operating budget is supported by cash offerings, donations, some income from the use of our buildings by others, and income from our endowment.

Why don't we use the endowment to fund our operations?

We do. The vast bulk of what we give to others through our mission/grants program comes from endowment income. We also use the endowment to pay for the church's capital repairs and major maintenance items that can't be anticipated in the annual budgeting process.

What percent of households fulfill their annual pledge each year?

Ninety-eight percent.

What happens if I make a pledge and find I cannot fulfill it?

Nothing. Your pledge is not a contract. It is a spiritual commitment.

What is the average pledge at St Margaret's, what is the median pledge?

In 2014, the average pledge was \$3,207 and the median pledge (meaning the dollar amount where half gave more and half gave less) was \$1,820. In 2014 we received a total of 232 pledges for \$744,000.

What are our financial goals for 2015?

Our goal this year is to receive 250 pledges for a total of \$800,000. This will allow us to fully fund the programs that we have collectively decided are important. This is an average of \$3,200 per pledge. Some will be able to give more, some will give less. Only as one body together will we get there.



Using Facebook to Share our Transforming Stories

Note: As part of our Stewardship Campaign, parishioners are sharing their stories on our Facebook Members Group of how their time here at St. Margaret's has transformed their lives. Here are just some snippets of these amazing posts.



What an impact we have had over the last 16 years in sharing through our Grants program with local, regional and global organizations. St. Margaret's has reached around the globe to help those in need. To me this has been such a transformative experience—to see the extent of our global outreach. --
Barbara Breeden

What I have discovered at St. Margaret's is a community of people who are willing to think for themselves, engage in friendly debate, consider other points of view, and return to a place of love.
-- Amelia Mitchell

St. Margaret's has a tradition of encouraging its people to step out, to take risks, to lead in Christ's service! Yes, we have had great clergy and spiritual leaders, but at its heart, this is a community led by its people.
-- Al Todd

Thank you, Christ Jesus, for helping me hit rock bottom, bringing my family to St. Margarets, and using us just as you made us for your own purposes. --
Julie Svendsen

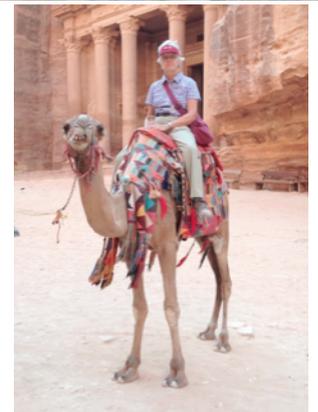
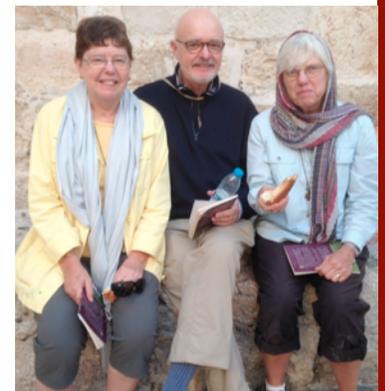
Saying yes when asked to participate, lead or join a ministry has at times transformed me as I have watched others be transformed. Building relationships, sharing, grieving, celebrating and worshiping together has been my rock. --
Wendy Gargano

This is what I do know. On Monday nights (at Pick and Mix), I see god everywhere I turn. --
Carolyn Surrick

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - a mountain top experience for 5 parishioners

by Izzy Winn

Pat and Jim Hall, Francie Boyce, my husband Mike Winn and I recently travelled together on an 11 day Holy Land Pilgrimage with 32 pilgrims. While our bus and guiding was superbly provided by the incomparable Iyad Qumri, Bishop Sutton was our spiritual leader and I was the chief "head counter" for our group that included priests, deacons and laity from across the Diocese of Maryland. This was the third time since 2010 that I was the planner and trip coordinator, as well as participant, for this diocesan offering on behalf of Bishop Sutton. Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a spiritual practice of praying, singing and reflecting while traversing hills and valleys and places significant in the Gospels and the Hebrew Testament. Each pilgrimage has been special with unique highlights. I think if you ask anyone of us from this most recent pilgrimage our top ten experiences would likely include: celebrating Eucharist in a cave dwelling in the ancient land of the Edomite Kingdom; renewing our Baptismal vows at the Jordan River; walking silently across the Mt. of Beatitudes; seeing an empty 1st century tomb with the stone rolled away; feeling the wind as we meditated on the Mt. of Transfiguration; dancing and drumming with middle-schoolers at Christ Church Episcopal School in Nazareth; drinking water from Jacob's Well in Samaria; praying at the Western Wall; worshipping with our Arab brothers and sisters in St. George's Cathedral on their Thanksgiving Day; walking the Way of the Cross along Via Dolorosa; and ending by kneeling and touching the rock of Golgotha.



Seamless Faith for Families

by the Rev. Sarah Lamming
Associate Rector for Youth Formation

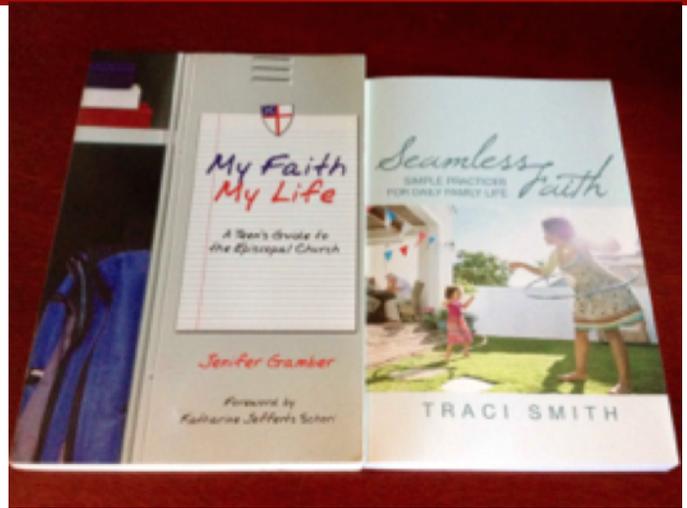
There is a reason that "Seamless Faith" sold out at the Young Clergywomen Project conference this year. This book contains fifty practices that can easily fit into the daily lives of families. And a great response to the frequently asked questions I get asked, like, "What if my child/teenager doesn't want to participate in these activities for family faith?"

Traci Smith, a mother and minister, has crafted the book into three sections. The tradition section provides resources and ideas for the family to encounter God in rituals for daily life. The celebrations section invites families to remember God's presence in the major transitions of life including everything from the birth of a new baby to moving out for college. And the final section about spiritual practices offers ways to implement prayer, almsgiving, hospitality and numerous other practices into family life. Each of the fifty activities gives a little introduction, the age range, the materials needed, the all important time investment, a how to section, notes, and finally suggested variations for your family to make the ritual your own.
<http://traci-smith.com/>

The YAC (Young Adults in Church) group are exploring and preparing to make the decision about getting confirmed at a **confirmation service on November 9** here at St. Margaret's. To help the young adults discern whether they are called to take part in ritual at this time, we are using "My Faith, My Life" by Jenifer Gamber. This is a great resource for teens as they learn about the outward and inward significance of the different sacraments of the church; the history of the Episcopal Church; and the basic beliefs of our faith. We had an interesting lesson, when they looked at the similarities and differences of the structure of the Episcopal Church and the U.S. government, i.e., how the Presiding Bishop is like the President of the USA and a Rector is like a City Major.

Note on Sarah's Leave -

As was announced recently, the Rev. Sarah Lamming will be on short-term disability when she returns from a two-week vacation in England later next month. At this point, her health doesn't allow her to work on campus. I do not know when she will return to us, but I know she appreciates our prayers for her health and well-being. In the meantime, we are exploring options for how we will be able to staff youth formation in the short run. How can you help? Give generously of your time. We need you to give an hour or three to our formation programs each week. This may mean signing up to be a Godly Play storyteller, or perhaps joining a team to teach our Sparks curriculum. We need your passion, energy and commitment.



Thank you to all J2A participants and their families who participate in our recent Sunday luncheon!



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By Tricia McVeigh, Director

October is always a busy and exciting month for our preschoolers and Kindergarteners. Students and their families took a field trip on Friday, October 3 to Larriland Farms for their annual hay ride and pumpkin picking.

SMDS will host our fifth annual food drive for the Light House shelter the week of October 20th. Parishioners are welcome to bring their non-perishable items and put them in our school lobby that week.

Our little pumpkins and goblins will participate in our annual Halloween parties and parades on Friday, October 31 and Thursday, October 30 for the 2 year-olds. We will also hold this semester's Music Together family party on the 31st at both 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Thanks to the PTO for completing several fundraisers already this year! We had so much fun at Spizzico's and The Froyo House!

November starts by celebrating our grandparents with a special visit day at school on the 6th and 7th. The PTO will concurrently be running our Scholastic Book Fair on those days in the parish hall. This is our most important library building fundraiser of the year, so please come out, purchase some books, and support us. There will be a family night on Wednesday, November 5, where everyone can have pizza, cookies and preview or purchase books.

The end of the month will be celebrated with our annual Thanksgiving festivities in the classrooms as well as closing our first academic quarter with parent-teacher conferences on November 21.

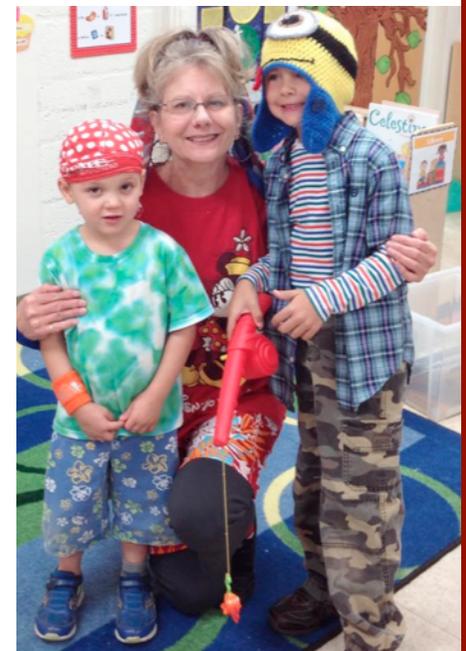
As a reminder, Kindergarten registration for all students is now open.



with a visit from Eco-Adventures



Wacky Dress Up Day



A look at our new school uniforms



Board & Vestry Visitation Day

Fall Newcomers' Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 26
6 p.m.
Parish Hall
Childcare provided

RSVP to:
Jane Piche
star2d2@aol.com

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday

November 9, 2014

with Bishop Mike Creighton

The Rector will host a two-session class for anyone who wishes to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church on November 9. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, October 29 and November 5 in the conference room at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Peter directly (peter@st-margarets.org).



Advent Wreathmaking

Sunday, Nov. 30

10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Parish Hall



Join us...



Advent Bible Study

with the Rev. Jane M. Hague

"Traveling the Spiritual Journey"

Mondays in Advent

from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



St. Margaret's Youth Outing

Laser Tag

Sunday, November 16

Look for details
in upcoming service
bulletins.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

ALL SAINTS' DIXIELAND MASS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**AT THE SUNDAY 9:00 AND 11:15 A.M. SERVICES
FEATURING MEMBERS OF THE
PEABODY RAGTIME ENSEMBLE**

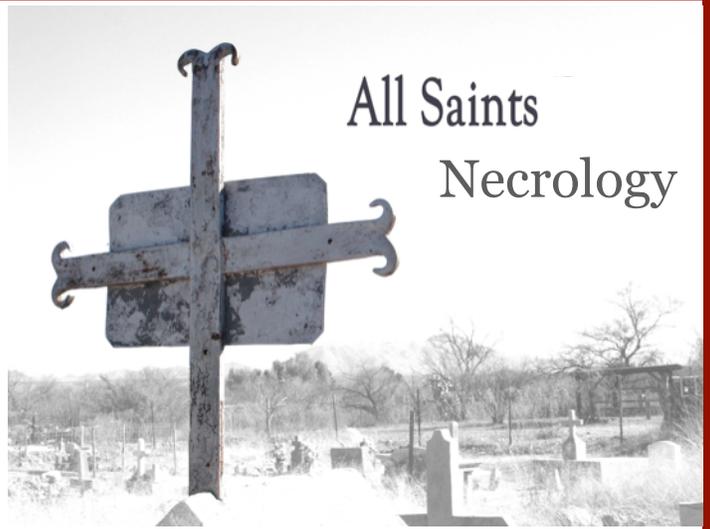


SERVING AS MARYLAND'S
"GOODWILL AMBASSADORS" SINCE 1987

**FREE CONCERT
Sunday, Nov. 9
4 p.m.**

featuring exciting music for young voices
from folk to classical
Perfect for families!

with a potluck dinner following
in the parish hall



All Saints Necrology

We are now gathering names for our Necrology lists (births and deaths) for this past year. These names will be in our All Saints' bulletins. Please provide names to Laura in the office at info@st-margarets.org by Monday, Oct. 27 in order to ensure the name is listed.



Concert Series News

Individual Tickets
are now available
for purchase
by credit card

@

www.st-margarets.org

Click on our

"Concert Series" page



*Advent Lessons & Carols
featuring the choirs of St. Margaret's*

Sunday, Dec. 7

5 p.m.



History & Archives

2014 TRAIL OF SOULS:

A Pilgrimage Toward Truth & Reconciliation

Part 2 from St. Margaret's History & Archives Project



Inspired by the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's Truth and Reconciliation Pilgrimage marking the 150th anniversary of the end of legal chattel slavery in the State of Maryland, St. Margaret's dedicated five hand-crafted historical markers to remember its history during the slave period in Maryland. This second in a three part series describes what is behind the two historical markers placed inside the church. The third article in this series will describe what is behind the three historical makers placed outside the church.

St. Margaret's Historical Marker I - mounted near the bell tower door - recalls colored baptisms, weddings, funerals/burials in the 1800s conducted by its clergy for both enslaved and free persons of African descent. White settlers arriving on the Broade Necke in 1649 found the combination of fertile soil and nearby Chesapeake Bay shipping formed the ideal place to grow tobacco. Tobacco flourished; wheat and corn were successful; the harvest schedule made it possible to use one workforce for multiple crops.

Economic, political, and social developments in England curtailed the flow of indentured servants to the colonies, and the colonists turned to Africa to fill their huge labor force needs. In the 1660s, a series of laws legalized African slavery in the colonies, with Maryland legalizing slavery in 1664. At the end of the seventeenth century, at the time the 1692 Act established what later became St. Margaret's, fewer than 1,000 persons of African descent were enslaved persons in Maryland.

Jump one hundred years and the (first) 1790 United States Census reported that the population of Anne Arundel County had reached 22,598; 10,130 persons of African descent, 45% of the county's population, were enslaved persons in 1790. No records of enslaved persons appear in the histories of St. Margaret's until the mid 1800s though portions of money collected by taxing slaveholders on their enslaved persons went to the church. Each county collected money by taxing whites and blacks. Taxes were used to support the local government and cover county expenses. A portion of these were passed on to the churches. Parish vestries used the tax money to maintain and repair their church buildings. Churches also used the tax money to help provide for poor and orphaned whites. Some clergy made attempts to convert enslaved persons. Slaveholders resisted baptism and enslaved persons spoke many West African dialects unfamiliar to English-speaking clergy.

While Maryland clergy reportedly continued to try to aid enslaved persons, it is evident that the Episcopal Church, formally established in 1789, was not a voice against the institution of slavery.

According to the 1830 census:

- The Rev. Henry Asquith who became St. Margaret's rector in 1827 when the parish completed the first church at its current location and served during periods from 1827-1838, held four enslaved persons.
- The Rev. Dr. Samuel Ridout, who became rector in 1846, held four enslaved persons.

It is not surprising there is no evidence that St. Margaret's was anything but silent regarding the institution of slavery.



The period leading up to 1864 is characterized by a very visible pattern of silence on the part of the church with respect to the institution of slavery despite loud voices that were attempting to call attention to the horrors of the practice of slave trading and the inhumane and brutal conditions under which enslaved persons lived and worked. There are few remaining records; consequently it is nearly impossible to report what may have occurred in Westminster parish before 1827. This parish lost most records in the 1803 fire that destroyed the second church and left St. Margaret's without a church building until 1827.

While the parochial report for 1825 apparently includes five colored baptisms (the first report of the parish reaching out to persons of African descent, including enslaved persons) the accuracy of this report is highly questionable. The parish reported no other baptisms, marriages, and confirmations that year — a year when the parish had no rector and no church building.

Everything changed in 1832. Responding to the Nat Turner Rebellion in 1831, the Maryland legislature passed laws prohibiting free persons of African descent from entering the state. The legislature banned free persons of African descent from owning firearms, alcohol, and gunpowder. The legislature barred all persons of African descent from holding religious meetings unless a white minister was present.

Historical Marker I is a reminder that St. Margaret's clergy conducted many baptisms, marriages, and funerals/burials for enslaved and free persons of African descent for more than 40 years during the 1800s.

Extending sacraments and pastoral care to persons of African descent (likely mostly enslaved persons) would continue in 1846 when Dr. Ridout became rector (the parish records no clergy in 1845) and continue until the abolishment of slavery in Maryland in 1864. The pattern re-emerges when Dr. Ridout returns in 1870 and continues until 1884, the year before his death in 1885.

Historical Marker II (mounted below Marker 1) recalls Sunday afternoon colored worship services held at St. Margaret's in the mid-1800s. St. Margaret's opened its doors for worship to enslaved and free persons of African descent on alternative Sunday afternoons in good weather during the 1840s, and 1850s, though whether such services continued after the church building was rebuilt following the 1851 fire that destroyed the church cannot be determined. In his 1848 rector's report to the Diocese of Maryland, Dr. Ridout observed, "Attendance and decorum gratifying beyond expectation."

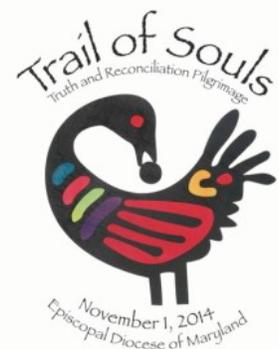


For more information or to read the entire report, go to our "Trail of Souls" webpage under the History & Archives tab. Personal and group pilgrimages and historical tours are welcomed and encouraged. Contacts are Barbara Breeden (bkbreeden@comcast.net) and Mike Winn (mwinn421@verizon.net).

November 1: A Day of Repentance and Reconciliation

The Maryland Diocese has declared November 1 a Day of Repentance and Reconciliation to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Abolition of Chattel Slavery in Maryland.

A pilgrimage will depart from the Diocesan Center/Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore and then proceed to three historic parishes, ending at the Claggett Center. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will attend, along with Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton and Bishop Suffragan Heather Elizabeth Cook, and Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde of the Diocese of Washington.



HOLIDAY Bazaar

**Saturday, Nov. 22
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Parish Hall**

sponsored by St. Margaret's Guild

There will be local crafters and vendors with door prizes provided. Come and shop for gifts including jewelry, baskets, home decorative items, photography, handpainted plates and glassware, handmade knitted items and much more!

The Guild will be selling morning refreshments and lunch. There will also be a baked goods table and items to be raffled. Door prizes and table fees will be donated by each vendor to benefit the YWCA of Anne Arundel County, the oldest social service organization serving women and families in our area.



St. Margaret's Guild will host its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the conference room, at 1 p.m.** Guest presenters will be Mike Winn and Barbara Breeden who will discuss the St. Margaret's official report on the "Trail of Souls Pilgrimage" - the history and legacy of slavery at St. Margaret's. All are welcome to attend.



The Bazaar will feature a White Elephant Sale in the church's conference room. Any one who would like to donate items to be sold may bring them on Friday, Nov. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the conference room. All items should be in good condition, clean and priced as to what you feel is fair. All items not sold or picked back up at 2 p.m. on Saturday will be donated to charity.

For more information, call Lynne Killam 410-757-6033 or Judy Hall 410-757-4137.



sponsored by St. Margaret's Guild

**Wednesday, Dec. 3
Parish Hall
11:30 a.m.**



All are welcome to attend.

Look for ticket information in Sunday bulletins.



St. Margaret's & Wind Power - Sign up Today!

This spring, St. Margaret's signed up 35 members of our congregation to switch over to 100% wind power with the local nonprofit Groundswell. For each person that enrolls through St. Margaret's, the church receives a \$10 donation.

The goal is for 2,000 residents of MD, DC and PA joining in the fall purchasing group **before October 24th**, currently about 600 short. Groundswell is using a network of 100+ leaders -- St. Margaret's joins Interfaith Power & Light, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, the American Wind Energy Association, and Groundswell who are all working together!



It's an easy process: Take 30 seconds to fill out the form at <http://act.groundswell.org/smecresidential> **by October 24th**. Anyone who pays an electricity bill in Maryland (both renters and owners) qualifies! Groundswell will negotiate with energy suppliers on your behalf then YOU decide. Groundswell will contact you with the winning offer and at that time, you can decide to enroll your home or apartment.



Campus Work Day November 8 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Help to keep our new forest growing! Volunteers are needed for planting some new trees and doing maintenance of the existing planted trees. Hoes, shovels, and a few wheelbarrows are also needed.

For more information, contact Al Todd, chair of our Environmental Missions team at hydroman1037@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Animals

2015



Photos by
Chris Edwards.

NEW FORMATION BUILDING



The project trailer is in place, and we expect we'll see the fences go up and heavy equipment start moving in and breaking ground in November. When they do, we are losing the parking spaces at the bottom of the hill between the Parish Hall and the playground. During the week, parking will also be limited behind the admin. building, but most of those spots should be available for service goes on Saturday and Sunday and overflow parking will be available in the field if needed.

There also should be clearly marked pedestrian walkways -- nobody should enter the construction site without prior approval. We do ask that able bodied parishioners, even if you arrive early, please park in those spots furthest away from the church so that others can park closer to the building and not have to navigate around the construction site.

We also expect to lose the stairwell, and bathrooms, in the Parish Hall fairly early in the project. The bathroom at the entrance to the Parish Hall will still be available, as will the bathrooms in the halls of the current Day School classrooms. The exterior stairwell to the Parish Hall is also expected to be modified along with an improved walking path to get to the Sunday school classrooms and the library in the basement.

We plan on providing an update on November 16 on both the progress and additional ways for members to get involved as the project moves forward. If you missed the September 28 groundbreaking ceremony, please go to the church's website and click on the "Giving and Growing" tab and then "New Formation Building" page. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Educational Facilities Planning Committee.



Don't forget to fulfill your pledge to the Formation Building Capital Campaign. If you pay with a check, make sure it has the notation in the memo line "Formation Building Capital Campaign." If you have any questions or need to make any adjustments, please call Ruth McDaniel in the office or contact Anne Sessions at AKSLCTM@earthlink.net.

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Veterans Day: A Service of Prayer

for those serving in the Armed Forces

Tuesday, November 11

11 a.m.

Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore



The Diocese of Maryland is again offering a service to honor all those who serve, or have served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. Everyone in the diocese and family or friends in the military is invited. Service members are encouraged to wear their uniforms. The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton will preside and the Rev. Kerry J. Smith, United States Naval Academy TEAM Coordinator, Bishops' Deputy for Military Chaplaincy, will preach.

Coming soon...



Charting Your Path Ahead: A Weekend of Discernment for Young Adults November 14-16, 2014

Join individuals who are at least juniors in college at Claggett for a weekend of spiritual exploration that combines creative meditation activities, silence, song, and small group sharing. This is an opportunity for you to seek God's guidance in relation to the specific issues of your own life, yet in community with others who are facing similar circumstances. The first evening concludes with a pizza party, the second with an ice cream social and a bonfire. The cost for the weekend is \$195. The retreat will be led by Suzanne Farnham from Listening Hearts - www.ListeningHearts.org

Women's Retreat

January 16-18, 2015

Friday 5 p.m. - Sunday 11 a.m.

Coordinator: Barbara Delorenzo - St. Christopher's Church, Linthicum

Women's Weekend

January 23-25, 2015

Friday 5 p.m. - Sunday 11 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Jana Riess, author of "Flunking Sainthood"

Coordinator: Donna Kerner, Claggett

The Divine Indwelling: Men's Retreat 2015

February 6-8, 2015

The Rev. Canon Daniel Webster, keynote speaker; Rick LaRocca, music leader from St. Mark's Church, Highland.

For more information on and registration for Claggett Programs:
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Sunday Services:
7:30 a.m. - Rite I
9:00 a.m. - Rite II
10:15 a.m. - Formation Hour
11:15 a.m. - Rite II
Nursery Care - 8:45 to 12:30

Wednesday Service:
7:30 a.m. - Rite II

Saturday Service:
5:00 p.m. - Rite II

The church is always open for prayers and meditation.

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