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Transformed by God's Love

by the Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector



There's a story from the Gospels about Jesus going up onto a mountaintop with James, Peter and John. Something happens there that changes them all forever. Jesus is transfigured before them, and he no longer looks the same to them. He probably sounded different. I've often wondered if it was at that moment of transfiguration that Jesus was made aware of his full humanity and his full divinity. Either way, they were all changed.

As they walked down the mountain, it was a new day filled with promise and wonder. There was much work to be done: to feed the poor, to clothe the naked, to visit the widows and preach the Good News. As much as Peter wanted to, he wasn't able to build any booths on the mountain, he needed to move on. When they got to the bottom of the mountain, the crowd was waiting for them. A boy needed to be healed, people needed to be fed and taught, Jesus' work needed to get done.

I look out my window each day as I have since November to see our formation building being built. It's the hope to which God has called us, this future that is yet unwritten. I can now see the outlines of the classrooms on the bottom floor that our day school will use during the weeks, and our Sunday School students will use on the weekends. What stories will be written there?

How will God call us to use that building? The space on the second floor? Who will we be able to serve? What formation can we offer that we cannot offer now? What spaces will open up in the existing day school, and what stories will we tell from there? Will that be where James and our choir rehearse and attract new members? Will there be a space for your family to grieve at a funeral, or your daughter to prepare for her wedding that doesn't look like a conference room?

I want St. Margaret's to be a church where we can be transformed by God's love, by God's forgiveness, and by God's very presence among us. We have the capacity, through our greatest resource, to change the world. You are our greatest resource. When we are transformed through God's presence at St. Margaret's, we become more Christ-like, more willing to come down off the mountain and get to work. Our resources begin to shine like silver in the sun. Is that you? You don't look the same. You sound different. You have been transformed. Go and tell your story.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has scheduled multiple community meetings to allow parishioners to hear from diocesan leaders about what is known regarding the tragic accident involving Bishop Heather Cook, including police and church disciplinary investigations. These meetings will allow clergy and lay members to express their feelings and ask questions.

Meetings will be:

Thursday, Jan. 15 - Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville, 7-8:30 p.m.;

Saturday, Jan. 17 - St. John's Parish, Hagerstown, 10-11:30 a.m.; and

Wednesday, Jan. 21 - St. James' Parish, Lothian, 7-8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

January 15 & 16
Day School
Open House

January 17
Shenandoah Run
Concert

January 18
Eucharistic Ministers
Meeting

January 18
MLK Legacy Mass

January 23
Day School
Registration Begins

January 24
Chili Cookoff

January 25
Annual Meeting

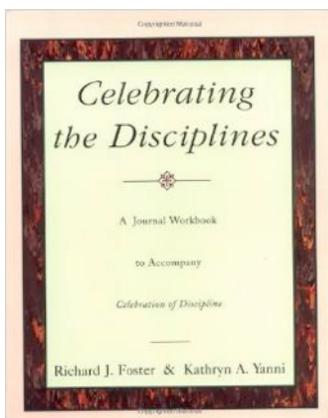
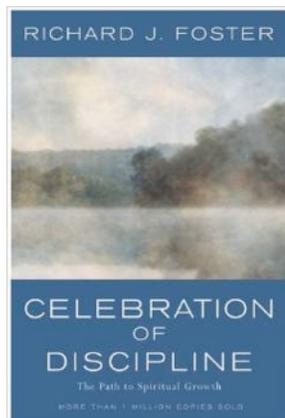
February 7
Prayer Shawl Ministry

February 15
Silent Movie Concert

February 17
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper

February 18
Ash Wednesday

Building Disciples at St. Margaret's February 18 – May 13



As the formation building grows brick by brick, we can't help but think about what it means to grow as 'Disciples of Christ.' Are you being called to deepen your spiritual life and strengthen your commitment to God?

Please join us for a course based on the best-selling book "In Celebration of Disciplines" by Richard Foster. Together we will explore the 12 "classic disciplines" or central spiritual practices of the Christian faith: meditation, prayer, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance, and celebration, and how each contributes to a balanced spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting class and plan, if at all possible, to attend all the classes.

The "Celebrating the Disciplines" workbook will assist our work apart and together. Beginning Ash Wednesday, the course will run from Wednesday, February 18 through Wednesday, May 13 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The two-book set ("In Celebration of Disciplines" and "Celebrating the Disciplines" workbook) is available for approximately \$31 in paperback or \$26 for a combination Kindle (study book) and paper (Workbook) and will be available for purchase from Jane in the church office during the week or between services. For further information, please contact Rev. Jane at jane@st-margarets.org or Kate Caldwell at kateHcaldwell39@comcast.net or 240-755-7014.

If you are interested in participating in the Arnold Relay for Life event at Anne Arundel Community College on May 30-31, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague.



Grants Committee Begins Work



The St. Margaret's Grants Committee is already hard at work. We have 52 applicants from every continent! Working closely with the Missions Commission, this year's Grants Committee will be reviewing the applications through the lenses of increasing sustainability and empowerment that fits with our four fold objectives:

1. To Endow the Poor and Hungry with the Means to Feed, Shelter and Clothe Themselves;
2. To Restore to Health the Ill and Heal the Broken;
3. To Promote, Preserve and Sustain Environmental Health and Good Practices; and
4. To Improve Access to Educational Opportunities.

The members of the Grants Committee for 2015 are: Chair Jan Little, Web Chamberlin, Sandra Jones, Janice Roper-Graham, Sam Sloan, Dawn Staniszewski, Ty Stinson, Jim Barnett, Sheryl Ostrye, Bob Sanderson, Kirsten Tolley, and Willie Williamson. Izzy Winn is once again our Grants Administrator. Please hold them in your prayers as they proceed with this daunting and fulfilling discernment.



55 and BETTER Winter Outing

Sunday, March 8
3 p.m.
U.S. Naval Academy

Transportation
by car will be
coordinated later.

Cost: \$18
Checks should be
made out to

"St Margaret's Church"
with "Pirates" in the memo line.
Deadline: Friday, February 13

For more information, contact Tug Knorr at 410-757-4549 or tugknorr@aol.com.

Remember the Music

by James R. Fitzpatrick, Director of Music

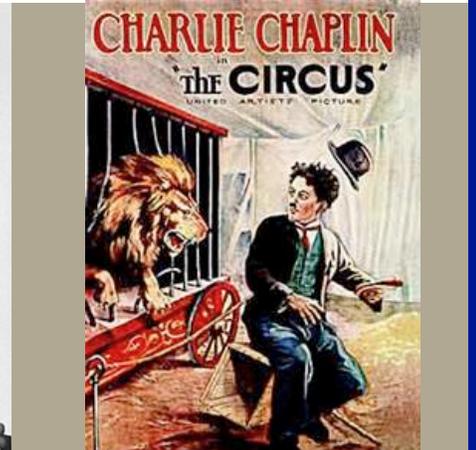


The first song I remember learning in Sunday School went like this: "Praise Him, Praise Him, all you little children. God is Love. God is Love." I remember my grandmother singing to me "Jimmy Crack Corn" and "Alas, and did my Savior bleed" while she made biscuits in the kitchen or churned butter. The first piece I played in a recital was "Rub-a-Dub" which consisted of three notes played over and over in different configurations. The first piece I remember being proud of learning how to play on the piano was "Greensleeves."

I remember my family hosting the African American group, "The Eureka Jubilee Singers", each year and learning one Negro Spiritual after another from these loving and talented black musicians born around the turn of the century. I remember my first piano solo in church was "Abide with Me." I remember singing "Silent Night" and "Away in the Manger" every Christmas. I remember learning to sing Mozart's "Ave Verum" and the Franck "Panis Angelicus" in junior high school.

In high school I learned my first major choral work (the Schubert Mass in E flat which is planned for the choirs to sing in March, a welcome return for me and much overdue). In college, it was learning the Dame Myra Hess version of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana". The memories of music continue on through every period of my life, including these last years at St. Margaret's. They are treasures that mean the world to me.

Hopefully, you have similar memories of songs and musical performances and accomplishments in school and all through your life – from a favorite hymn to "our song" at your wedding to being moved to tears by the talent and efforts of young musicians or brilliant concert artists. At St. Margaret's, we want to provide all of you with many musical memories to carry in your hearts and minds. For some of you, these will come at one of the special musical services we do each year, like the Bluegrass Mass or the Dixieland Mass. For others of you, the music you come to cherish will occur on some Sunday when the sound of the choir or band lifts your heart and brings you into a new understand of faith or beauty.



St. Margaret's Concert Series presents
Shenandoah Run
in Concert
Saturday, Jan. 17
7:30 p.m.
Individual tickets at the door: \$15



Martin Luther King Jr.
Vespers
@ St. Margaret's
Sunday, Jan. 18
5 p.m.

Silent Movie with
Organist Michael Britt
Sunday, Feb. 15
4 p.m.
Popcorn provided!
Free admission!

Individual tickets to concert series events can now be purchased on our website.

Happy New Year from the Day School!

by Tricia McVeigh, Day School Director

December was an exciting month here beginning with Chevy's field trips and ending with our holiday celebrations and Christmas Pageant. Thanks to everybody who helped us collect clothes, accessories and diapers for the Emergency Baby Pantry! This month, we will celebrate the New Year with resolutions, learn about Chinese New Year's, dental hygiene and Martin Luther King as well as study author Jan Brett!

Visit our website at www.stmargaretsdayschool.org and see what exciting things are happening in our classrooms, with our STEM programs, and in our special classes!

In February, we will study about Bill Martin and will celebrate Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. We will have visiting author Jennifer Curtis with us again this year who will be reading her newest books and parishioner Bob Baltz sharing his animal friends.

Open house dates are January 15 and 16 from 9:15am-11:15 a.m. Come and visit us and see what we are up to!

We will begin taking new family registrations for fall 2015 on January 23 starting at 7a.m. Summer 2015 camp registrations are now being accepted. Registration forms are on our website.

SAVE THE DATE: SMDS PTO sponsored Silent Auction will be May 2!

Please remember our snow policy and look for our announcement for closing this year on WJZ and WBAL. When Anne Arundel County closes, we close the first day. For subsequent days, we make our decision based on road conditions and building conditions. If there is a one-hour delay, we cancel before care and open at 9 a.m. If there is a two-hour delay, we cancel before care and open at 9:30 a.m. If Anne Arundel closes at noon, we close at the conclusion of lunch bunch, cancelling PM classes and after care.

Note: Tricia will be attending this year's annual meeting on January 25 to report on the Day School's achievements and vision for the future to parishioners.



Pajama Day



Christmas Pageant



Dads Breakfast

Barcome Wins MLK Award

We congratulate St. Margaret's own Bailey Barcome who will be among those honored at the 34th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast on January 19 at Anne Arundel Community College. Bailey is one of seven civic leaders and educators who have been chosen because they best emulate the spirit and mission of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with this year's theme being "Children Are Our Future."

Bailey, daughter of Kari Barcome and Greg Imhof, and granddaughter of Bill and Mary, is a senior at Severna Park High School and has spent the past two summers doing missionary work in Honduras through the Episcopal Church. This past fall, she traveled to McAllen, Texas, with a St. Margaret's mission team to aid in the care of refugees from Central America. She also plays bass in her school orchestra and in the St. Margaret's Wire Choir and is an acolyte.

Her award comes from the City of Annapolis Human Relations Commission. Bailey hopes to work for the Peace Corps after graduating from college.



St. Margaret's Church

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 25

Parish Hall

Potluck at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting begins 12:45 p.m.

Come hear of the achievements and challenges of 2014 and the vision for 2015 from church leaders & vote for new Vestry members.

Potluck Items-

Names Beginning with

A-G - Desserts

H-N - Main Dishes

O-Z - Salads/Side Dishes

We will need help with set up (from those who attend the 9 a.m. service) and clean up (from those who attend the 11:15 a.m.)!



Saturday, Jan. 24

6 p.m.

Parish Hall

**Tickets \$5
to benefit**

J2A Pilgrimage

**(Children under 5
& competitors for free)**

Categories include:

Traditional

Vegetarian

Hot & Spicy

Other menu items:

Hot dogs,

mac n' cheese,

ice cream for dessert

Reflections of a New Priest

by the Rev. John D. Willard V

In many ways my ordination as priest is the culmination of my life's journey, but also the commencement of a new life. This life's journey began with St. Margaret's Church, the little church on Pleasant Plains. My mother taught Sunday school, and attended services at St. Margaret's when she was pregnant with me, so perhaps I heard music and prayers as my limbs and nerve and sinew were forming. This idea of being formed in such an atmosphere is pleasing to me. I think I could claim to be a "womb" rather than a "cradle" Episcopalian with good argument.



My grandparents owned a boatyard on Mill Creek, a few hundred yards, as the crow flies, from St. Margaret's. I often spent summers and holidays working in the family business. At the age of eight or nine I was several weeks into block sanding the hull of a work boat in the brutal summer heat. In that place where earth and sea and sky merged, as I marveled at the wonder of Creation I had discovered in the rippling grain of the cypress wood I was sanding, I suddenly found myself in the presence of God. Recalling this moment always brings a lump to my throat and a tear to my eye; I feel so grateful that the Divine made God's-self known to me. I am also grateful that this happened in the shadow of the St. Margaret's community.

Over the years, St. Margaret's was a constant in my life. I didn't attend often as a child, but it was the church I associated with my paternal grandparents. It was where I went with my grandmother to set up flowers, or to help cook in the parish hall, or to help run the white elephant sale.

St. Margaret's is also where we came for my grandmother's funeral. She was buried in the cemetery, in the Willard plot, next to her mother. Most of the funeral was all a blur of emotion for me. But I can envision Rev. Farris standing in the snow with his black cape billowing in the wind. I relate the ideas of calm-support and non-anxious-authority to my mental image of his form. After my grandmother's funeral and seeing Rev. Farris at the graveside, black became my favorite color. Events at St. Margaret's were slowly having an effect and influence on me.

As I transitioned from childhood into adulthood, through connections via my years at Mt. St. Joseph's High School in Baltimore, I professed a desire to become a Jesuit priest. I had seen wonderful models in the Xaverian brothers and Jesuit priests at Mt. St. Joseph's and felt the pull of the Divine. After a period of tortuous discernment, I came to understand that I was NOT to become part of the Society of Jesus; rather, I was called to family. I remember my Jesuit spiritual director, Fr. John Brunette SJ, telling me the most important thing I think I have ever heard: "Nothing is more sacred than family; and always remember that you don't need a black cassock to preach the good news!"

In the process of living out my calling to family, I fell away from church and faith community, and found myself immersed in work and profession. I describe this as the time where I created "white-noise" in my life and drowned out the voice of God. The dialogue became a monologue for God, and I couldn't hear his voice. As the years added upon themselves, I found myself disconnected and very unhappy. The several attempts I had made to return the Roman Church left me feeling inauthentic and even disquieted and disturbed. I continued to wallow in the white-noise. I recall the questions in our baptismal covenant: "When you fall into sin, will you repent and return to the Lord?" Not "if" you fall into sin, but "When" you fall into sin; there is an odd comfort in knowing that falling back into sin is inevitable. I always try to remember the response to that question: "I will, with God's help." Sin is inevitable, but so is God's forgiveness.

In the late 1990s, my wife and I purchased some property from my father, and I returned to the Annapolis area, multiplied with my own family. I was still wallowing in my white-noise and disenchantment with the Roman Catholic church. The first couple of weeks after we returned included a visit from my grand, white-haired God-mother, June Hemmick. She asked that I go to St. Margaret's with her the coming Sunday. I reluctantly agreed and went with her.

That first return visit St. Margaret's was in July, during the feast of Mary & Martha. As the procession started, I caught glimpse of the short little priest and then was surprised to realize that the priest was a woman. I had no problems with a woman as priest; I had heard of women priests; I just had never seen one. It was Mary Glasspool. As everyone mounted the altar, I suddenly realized that not only was there a woman priest, but everyone on the altar, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers – everyone – was a woman. It hit me in the face like a brick – this is part of what had been so bothering me about the Roman Church – that this kind of altar was not possible. Half of humanity was excluded. I like to say that I found my church home when I returned to Holy Mother Church – the Episcopal Church.

I remember a small group of amazing men I met that day; they are all in greater glory now, but Cliff Falkenau, Ed Reeves, and Don Pigeon took great care to call me Saturday nights to let me know they were looking for me, or to invite me to Brotherhood meetings, or work parties. I was already hooked, but the extra effort of these good men is a gift I will treasure forever. In no uncertain terms, I felt the Prodigal Son returned to St. Margaret's, lovingly and unconditionally welcomed back.

As my connection to community reinvigorated, I started to feel alive again. The white-noise started to dissipate. I recovered some of my Ignatian spiritual practices from my Jesuit years. After several months of prayer, I had removed most of the white-noise that had drowned out the voice of God for so many years. I sat alone in the back of the St. Margaret's one weekday evening at twilight, in quiet prayer, surrendering myself to God. In that quiet I heard, with absolute clarity, a question: "Who do you serve?" In my mind, I thought to myself, "What is this?" The question came again: "Who do you serve?" The enormity of feeling that rushed this second time I heard the question was the same feeling I had when I was a child sanding the boat, and in the church in Illinois when I learned to walk with Christ. I had no doubt that I was in the midst of a God moment. This was the beginning, nearly fourteen years ago, when I started my current journey towards the ordination this coming Sunday.

This question posed by the Divine led to a discernment to the diaconate, which became a discernment to the priesthood. I remember a discussion with then Associate Dina Van Klaveran during a break in our Education for Ministry Class; I had been resisting the idea of discerning priesthood because I had already decided not to become a Jesuit. Dina finally said: "It's clear you are called to leadership in ordained ministry. You have to realize that the Jesuit priesthood is different than priesthood in the Episcopal Church and you have to discern it separately." She was absolutely right and I had been making my decisions, rather than letting God inform my decisions. As soon as I accepted the possibility of priesthood, I suddenly felt "back on the rails".

Very quickly, through some powerful revelations, the clarity of my calling to priesthood was made manifest by the Divine. While this call was clear to me, it was not clear to the various bodies of the church. The priesthood I was articulating was not the standard parish ministry, and it took time for the organs of the church to come around to understanding.

Through the course of painful discernment, the St. Margaret's community shared the clarity of my call and stood in support of me. Many people held me as I wept; stood beside me as I felt flogged; wrote letters of support when I was rejected; and metaphorically grabbed torches and pitchforks at crucial moments. I am very grateful for the ordained leadership of St. Margaret's including: Stewart Lucas, Dina Van Klaveran, Nancy White, and particularly, Peter Mayer, who all stood up on my behalf and advocated for me, speaking truth to power, when it wasn't easy to do so. Speaking truth to power is an inherently risky and dangerous thing and I remain forever humbled by the love displayed by this advocacy – I will endeavor to live my priestly life with these acts of love in mind.

This is all which brings me to the culmination of the ordination last Sunday. But in the same way that baptism is both the culmination and a beginning, a new life begins. The old will pass away and something new will commence.

There is joy at the new, but some sadness in the passing of the old. My new life will inherently take me away from St. Margaret's, the community that loves me, which I love in return. Certainly, I will be no complete stranger, but my time in seminary and working in other places has already drawn me from you. Know that St. Margaret's was part of the forming of my bone and flesh and sinew. Your prayers and songs helped create my spirit. Your love has lifted and held me up, supporting me throughout my life. I take all of this forward into my new life as priest; I will spread it as part of the Gospel. I know I will eventually return to St. Margaret's for the long-haul, as some goodly rector of St. Margaret's will stand in black beside my grave, burying me in the soil of my forefathers and foremothers.

Peace and blessings to you all! I love you, will miss you, and will always be proud to say my sending parish is St. Margaret's Church.

TRAIL OF SOULS: A Pilgrimage Toward Truth & Reconciliation Part 4 of 5 Parts from St. Margaret's History & Archives Project

[Editor's note: Since Part Two in this five part series appeared in a 2014 issue of The Spire, new information has been found about religious services conducted by St. Margaret's clergy for persons of African descent — "colored services" — including baptisms, marriages, funeral services, and burial locations — none in St. Margaret's churchyard. St. Margaret's History & Archives Project needs help— particularly keyboarding that can be done at home — to bring this new information to life. Contact Mike Winn at mwinn421@verizon.net.]

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 fourth article in the five-part series describes what is behind one of the three historical makers placed outside the church.

Historical Marker IV located outside, on the north side of the church, after exiting the historic exterior bell tower doors, acknowledges that enslaved persons likely served as unskilled laborers in the construction of three or four church buildings and a chapel of ease erected at four different locations from 1695 though 1851.

Before 1695, few families on the Broadneck Peninsula worshipped in the Anglican tradition. There was no clergy and no church building. Members of the Church of England reportedly used a community meeting house built by Puritans. In 1695, the Maryland Assembly permitted construction of a church for persons residing within the Towne of Westminster, the first church for what later became St. Margaret's (in today's Cape St. Claire, near the intersection of Glenwood Dale and St. Margaret's Drive). The first church would have likely been built without any significant contribution of labor from enslaved persons.

Of the six original vestrymen, at least two — John Bennett and Robert Eagle — were slaveholders who could have provided enslaved persons to assist with the unskilled duties. It is highly unlikely that construction included digging foundations, and primarily required (questionably) skilled white carpenters. (In Maryland and in the other colonies there were indentured white servants who performed carpentry, blacksmithing, masonry, and other skilled functions. St. Margaret's history is silent regarding indentured servants.)

By 1730, the first church was desperately in need of repair and its location was no longer convenient to parishioners. In 1731 the Maryland Assembly authorized the vestry to purchase two acres of land and build the second church on its second site in Winchester Heights (Severn-2 side). The Assembly also approved a tax levy upon all persons within the geographical parish (including enslaved persons) to pay for the new church at the new location. Additionally, by 1731, the number of families in the northern part of the parish had so increased that St. Margaret's obtained use of land on Marley (Curtis) Creek and built Marley Chapel — a chapel of ease that would much later become St. Alban's Church, Glen Burnie.

St. Margaret's Church in Winchester Heights (Severnside) remained in use throughout the American Revolution and was destroyed by fire in 1803. Today the site is at the US Highway 450/MD Route 2 highway overpass. Marley Chapel was abandoned by St. Margaret's in 1861. On June 3, 1824, the vestry acquired one acre of land at the present location (the parish now holds 10 acres at the intersection of St. Margaret's Road and Pleasant Plains Road). A frame church — planned and started in 1825 — burned ca. 1827 before completion.

Work restarted — this time on a 100 seat brick church of plain meeting house design with a gable roof and no steeple. The brick church, the first church on the current site and fourth church of the parish (including Marley Chapel) burned January 30, 1851, and was completely rebuilt within one year (becoming the fifth church, the second on the current site; and the last church built before the 1864 end of slavery in Maryland).



Fires have destroyed nearly all of the records of this parish for the years 1695-1851, with the exception of the parish registry. Records that survive for two Anglican churches in Talbot County (on Maryland's eastern shore) and used for the publication *Free Workers in a Plantation Economy*, Jean B. Russo's 1989 doctoral dissertation, analyzed employment opportunities [Anglican] churches provided for craftsmen. Russo reported that all skilled workers, the craftsmen, hired for these Talbot County churches were white. And while there are references to assistants there is no evidence that craftsmen held enslaved persons. Russo reports that in Talbot County most plantation-enslaved persons were unskilled, except on very large plantations, and that even then they often were auxiliary workers. White craftsmen were hired as the primary contractors for church projects.

At St. Margaret's and at Marley Chapel, in the construction of churches and the chapel of ease, in the years between 1730 and 1852 (and likely in 1695) enslaved labor would have been contributed to the building projects by the wealthier parish slaveholders. Enslaved workers would have been used as laborers supporting the skilled workers by hauling supplies, digging clay for bricks, and carting timber. It is very unlikely that persons of African descent were among skilled laborers involved in the construction.

As Orlando (Lanny) Ridout IV has written in his 2013 book [Building the James Brice House 1767-1774](#), when there was the need for extra labor in the construction of the Brice house in Annapolis and expenses were exceeding available resources, auxiliary labor of unskilled enslaved persons would be brought to the work site from the plantations. Surely when St. Margaret's experienced a similar need for unskilled workers when building the churches and the chapel of ease there would be a similar call to the plantations. The 1790 census shows that among those considering St. Margaret's as their church, the parish rolls included (very conservatively) 11 slaveholders with 145 enslaved persons, including John Ridout holding 33 enslaved persons at Whitehall.

Work on New Formation Building Continues

Progress Report
on the New Building
by the
Educational Facilities
Planning Commission
Sunday, Feb. 15th
10:15 a.m.
Parish Hall



Women's Weekend January 23-25, 2015

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

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

Talks:

"Taste and See: Experimenting with spiritual practices to find the ones that work for you"

"The Sabbath was made for you"

(How do women find rest when the work never seems to be done?)

"Failure as a spiritual practice" (Sometimes we feel guilty that we don't measure up in prayer, Scripture study or good works. Failure is part of spiritual growth. How do we accept God's grace and love when we sometimes don't feel we deserve it?)

Coordinator: Donna Kerner, Claggett

Cost: \$230



2015 Men's Retreat February 6-8, 2015

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

Theme: "The Divine Indwelling"

Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Daniel Webster, Canon for Evangelism, Ministry Development and Environment for the Diocese of Maryland



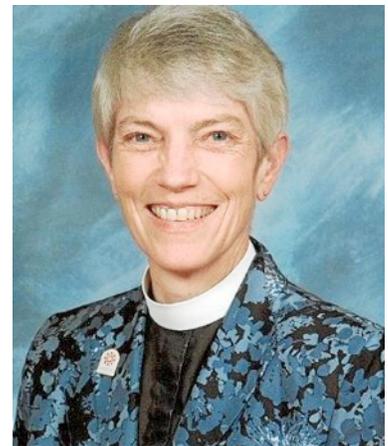
Much of our church architecture points heavenward. Spires, windows, archways all seem to point to God as "up there." There's a long Christian tradition of believing in the presence of God within. It has been practiced by saints of ages past and saints around you today. Let's spend a weekend exploring the implications of living our lives with the sure and certain knowledge that the God of all creation also lives within each of us.

Cost: \$230

Conference on Faith April 13-16, 2015
with the Rt. Rev. Mary Douglas Glasspool -
Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Los Angeles

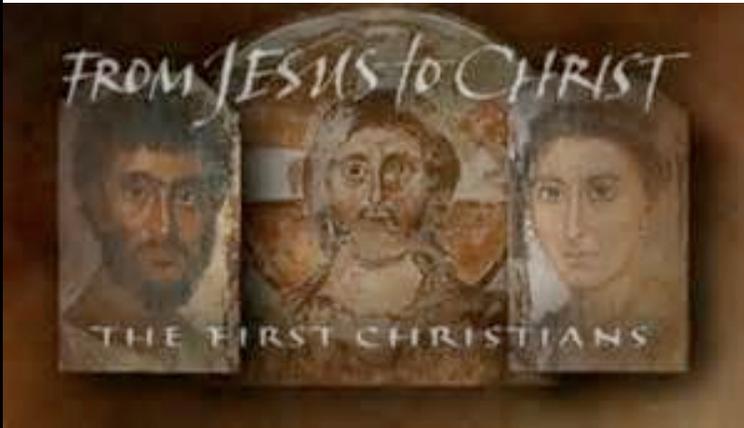
These new conferences for clergy and lay will feature acclaimed speakers with a theme of "Making All Things New" for the first series. Participants will be inspired by listening to keynote addresses, engaging in stimulating group discussions, and being in conversation with the presenters. Each conference will begin on Monday afternoon and end on Thursday after lunch. Others are invited for a unique opportunity to hear the initial keynote address on Monday evening. Lodging in the new INN at Claggett!

Cost: TBD



To register or for more information, go to:
<http://www.claggettcenter.org>

**St. Margaret's Guild Sponsors
Upcoming Wednesday
Video Study**



an intellectual and visual guide to the new and historical evidence which challenges familiar assumptions about the life of Jesus and the epic rise of Christianity

**Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 21
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
in the Conference Room
Video viewing with discussion afterwards
All are welcome!
Bring your own sandwich!**



Mark your Calanders

- Senior High, Grades 9-12
June 21-26
- Youth 1, Grades 2-5
June 28-July 1
- Youth 2, Grades 3-5
July 5-10
- Mid Week, Grades 6-8
July 12-17

**Camp Claggett
2015**



To find out more, visit:
<http://www.claggettcenter.org/camps.php>

Friends of The Light House Present the
**10TH ANNUAL
GUMBOFEST**

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

**LIVE MUSIC
BY LOCAL BAND
THE STRAGGLERS**

**1pm - 4pm.
DoubleTree Hotel
Annapolis, MD**

**\$25.00
Per Person
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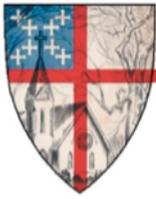
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Vestry Candidates 2015



Jim Barnett

Jim's spiritual journey covers a lot of geography, theology, and time. After circling the world in both directions, the SMC community feels like the right place for him to be. He has studied most of the Judeo Christian faiths and has come to the equivocation that the Episcopal "sect" offers him the most compelling foundation. Studying under Luis Leon at St John's in Washington, Jim found that one of the basic precepts of the Episcopal faith is "benevolent ambivalence." That, coupled with the free spirited flow of the various SMC service formats, has delivered him to St Margaret's Parish and to you.

In his travels through the labyrinth of Christianity, he has found that the best way to optimize his spiritual growth has been through committed giving. Beyond the obvious fiscal aspects of giving, there is the personal investment of time and energy that Jim feels best exposes one to the opportunity for maximum spiritual development. "While I am slow to commit, when I get engaged, I am all in. As I like to say -- all I need is good leadership," he said.

St Margaret's provides many pathways to involvement and Jim has chosen several that have helped him grow and contributed to the growth of our various missions. He has served on the Grants Committee, Newcomers support crew, as an usher and a Golfer for both the Day School and St Margaret's.

He is both honored and humbled to be in consideration for Vestry. He says, "I am an analyst at my core and I find great value in metrics based evaluation. On the Grants Committee (a truly powerful mission with wonderful teammates) I found that a rational approach to engaging debate is not always consistent with the agenda. In the faith based environment in which we worked, and in fact through which Peter leads us with his ministry, there is a place for sensibilities that do not lend themselves to a math based evaluation. In fact, I learned to listen beyond the factoids of analytics and to consider a higher plane based on faith and charity. I hope to bring both my analytic perspective and empathetic evolution to the Vestry to best support our congregation and our Rector. If elected, I am all in. If others are selected, I remain all in."

Justyn Kopack

There are many reasons Justyn is interested in serving on the Vestry, but they all boil down to giving back to a church that has given her so much. Since she first came to St. Margaret's 10 years ago, nine months pregnant with her now 4th grader, she has been continually amazed at the ways this church community has been able to meet her wherever she is on her journey as a Christian.

Justyn helped in several capacities over the years, but serving as a grants liaison, in particular, piqued her interest in the church's operations and decision-making. As one of the younger voices on the Vestry, she would aim to represent the interests of St. Margaret's families with children and ensure that our programs and campus are poised to meet our community's needs for years to come, especially as we assess the functions of the new formation building.



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A little more about Justyn: She grew up on the Broadneck Peninsula, and there's no place she'd rather be raising her two daughters than here in the Annapolis area. She works full-time with a consulting and technology firm based out of Washington, D.C., where she's a senior manager and editor, focusing on health policy. From her professional experience, she brings strong communication, administrative, human resources and project management skills to the table. Her strongest work is usually behind the scenes, "making things happen," and she's known as a reasoned decision-maker and prudent leader. Although she works in the for-profit sector, she has extensive experience with non-profit clients and their operations, which will be useful to the missions of the Vestry.

Outside of work, Justyn enjoys spending time with my daughters and friends, volunteering with her kids' sports teams, baking, and running. In fact, that last hobby is taking her to Arizona for a half marathon next weekend. She thanks you for your consideration, and God's peace

Vicki Maddock

Vicki hails from the south and attended the University of Tennessee. Vicki and her husband Ron have been married for over 32 years and have relocated five times. They have raised two wonderful children and have also been blessed with two beautiful grandchildren.

Vicki has been a member of St. Margaret's for eight years now. She has been involved in church life in many different ways. Most of you probably know her from greeting you at the front door. However, she has also been involved in many other areas including outreach ministries, children's chapel and vacation bible school, to name a few.

Her decision for running comes from her past experiences that she believes are important to our community at this time. At prior churches she has served two different terms on vestry, one as Senior Warden. She also has served on two building committees, one for a new church from the ground up, and one for an educational building.

The strengths Vicki says she can bring to St. Margaret's are her gifts of discernment, prayer and experience that will help lead the parish into our future. She would be honored to serve you as your representative, as she feels the most important responsibility is to be your voice to the parish's governing body.



Trish Schilling

Trish and her family have been members of St. Margaret's Church since 2005. She and her husband Brian moved to the Annapolis area in 2001 when she was promoted to the East Coast division of Born Shoe Company. She managed retail accounts for 7 years before resigning upon the realization that juggling family life with a traveling sales position was "too much." Since then she has worked part-time locally in both recruiting and also assisting Brian with his real estate business. Her skill set from a business perspective includes sales, marketing, budgeting and p&l. At SMC, Trish has been most involved with the music program (singing in Motet for 7 years) and the children's programs (Spirit Singers, nursery care, VBS volunteer). She also coordinated a Family Foyers program. Trish's passion lies in these areas, as well as being a part of future growth at St. Margaret's.



Doug Seybert

St. Margaret's has been an integral part of the Seybert family for 10 years. Doug and his wife, Tracy, were married here in 2005; their children, Kate (7), Jack (4) and Charlie (4) were baptized here. Kate graduated from St. Margaret's Day School, and Jack and Charlie currently attend. They believe St. Margaret's has provided them with not only a spiritual foundation, but an educational and personal one as well.

Doug's background is in marketing, and he is a Senior Vice President of Marketing for Discovery Communications, based in Silver Spring, MD. He currently leads all consumer marketing for 5 cable television networks, overseeing all aspects of the strategic planning and creative development to build strong brands that entertain viewers. He enjoys combining the "art" and "science" of marketing to connect and motivate people, and he is eager to use his skills and experience to continue building the community of St. Margaret's.

Originally from Berwyn, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia, Doug graduated from Duke University in 1996. He and his family have lived in the Annapolis area since 2006, now residing in Ulmstead Estates with several other parish families.

Doug believes this is an exciting time at St. Margaret's. "Our family has seen the tremendous growth of the church in the past decade," said Doug. "I share the feeling with all of you that the church is on the cusp of a new horizon, and I would be excited to give back what St. Margaret's has given us."

Valery Weekley

Valery and her husband Jim came to St. Margaret's in 2005. They enjoyed the music and were impressed with the quality of the sermons. "St. Margaret's met what we were looking for in our spiritual life," she says.

Valery, a teacher at Cape St. Claire Elementary, went on a mission to Honduras in 2007 and worked with the teachers at El Hogar in Tegucigalpa on cooperative learning techniques. The dedication and care of the teachers there taught her what dedication to teaching was about.

Also at St. Margaret's, Valery has participated in several book studies, attended several sessions of the Prayer Shawl Group, and is currently a lector. For the past three months, she has served on the vestry to complete the term of Martha Donovan who moved.

Valery has worked with children from many different cultural and religious backgrounds, with one of her teaching goals being to teach children that knowing about others helps us to understand them. By understanding, she hopes they will learn to value diverse opinions and keep their minds open. "I hope that my actions and words show my students that tolerance and understanding are necessary in order for people to work together," she says.

As a vestry member, Valery would focus on opening new opportunities for people of all age groups to become involved in the parish. "In particular, I believe we have a great number of people in my age group – grown children, pre-retirement – who could contribute a great deal to the life and ministry of St. Margaret's given the proper encouragement and opportunity," she says.





Tom Wenz

Tom grew up in St. Margaret's, with his parents becoming members in 1968. He served as an acolyte and was confirmed in the church here as a youth. Tom left St. Margaret's when he joined the military and left the area, although he and his wife Seung Won had their marriage blessed here in 1993.

He and his family moved back to Annapolis in 2007, and after a couple years of haphazard attendance here and at other area churches, they rejoined the St. Margaret's community full time in 2010. Their son Buddy (17) went on the J2A pilgrimage through St. Margaret's and often lends a hand with church events. Their daughter Abigail (13) is an acolyte and member of the Chorale youth choir and volunteers for everything she can.

Tom is currently a member of the Chancel Choir, volunteers as a Sunday School teacher for the Sparks 3rd-4th grade class and is communications lead for the Education Facility Planning Committee. He has worked for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program office since his retirement from the Air Force in 2011. He is also an active member of the Terrapin Club Scholarship Fund, the Broadneck Athletic Booster Club and is the public address announcer for Broadneck football.

New Vestry Members

Four new Vestry members will be elected by voting members at the church's Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25.

Voting Members are those who elect new Vestry members. Voting members are described in our by-laws as: Every person not less than 16 years of age who has been an Ordinary Member of the Church (see definition below) for at least three months preceding the day when the person may wish to vote, and who shall have been, for the period aforesaid, a communicant in good standing in the Episcopal Church and enrolled as such in the records of the Church, shall be a Voting Member thereof, with the right to vote in the election of Vestry members and upon all other matters having to do with the affairs of the Church. A communicant in good standing means a member of the Church over the age of 16 years who has received Holy Communion in the Church at least three times in the preceding year, and who for the preceding year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

Definition of an Ordinary Member of the Church: All persons who have been baptized, whether in the Episcopal Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in the Episcopal Church, and who regard St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish (the "Church") as their regular place of worship, shall be Ordinary Members of the Church.

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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

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