

## **Announcements for September 6, 2020**

### **Welcome!**

If you are new to St. Margaret's, we offer a special welcome. Our parish is very dynamic where service is a priority, where you can question your own faith journey, and where everyone is welcome to receive to communion. If you would like to know more about our church, please contact us by emailing [peter@st-margarets.org](mailto:peter@st-margarets.org).

### **Re-Gathering at St. Margaret's**

We are pleased to once again open our doors for worship since we were shut down by the Covid pandemic. We appreciate you following all of the extra steps we must do for safety. As a reminder, there will be a limited number of parishioners that can safely attend each of our services on Sundays. A sign-up form is posted on our website and in Dragon Tales. We will STILL livestream the 9:00 a.m. service every Sunday.

Please note there is no nursery care or children's chapel while Covid guidelines are in place. **Sunday School for ages 3-18 is now online.** Email [info@st-margarets.org](mailto:info@st-margarets.org) if you wish for your child to participate.

### **Sunday School begins on the 13th**

Teachers will post a lesson each week for you and your children to discuss through Realm.

Once a month, classes will meet in a Zoom format.

Second and third grades will meet on the second Sunday of each month. (You all will begin on September 13th with a Zoom meeting. Your teachers will send you that information.)

Fourth and fifth grades will meet live on the third Sunday of each month. (Your teachers will send you the information on that.)

Sixth – eighth grades will meet on Zoom on the fourth Sunday of each month.

### **Preparing Children for Regathering at Church**

Hannah Graham, chair of the Diocesan Christian Formation Council, has created a four-part video series to help children understand how things will be different when we regather in our worship spaces. The series includes short episodes on wearing masks, social (physical) distancing, toys and snacks in church, and communion and singing. They are designed to help young children be leaders in their congregations by knowing what to do and doing it to keep their communities safe. See it here:

<https://marylandepiscopalian.org/2020/07/20/regathering-forworship-for-kids-a-video-series-for-children/>

### **Adult Formation Study This Fall**

We will continue our adult study on Monday evenings this fall through Zoom, starting Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.. We are excited to announce we will be studying Diana Butler Bass' popular book titled "Grateful." We will discover paths and develop habits that lead us to a more grateful, thankful life. If you would like to participate, simply email her at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org) and let her know so you will get the link to participate. You can order a copy of the book at [biblio.com](http://biblio.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

### **Thursday AM Book Study**

Our Thursday morning book study group continues its work through "Saints and Sinners" by Karen Wright Marsh with Zoom meetings. All are welcome to join! Email the Rev. Patti Sachs at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org) to let her know you wish to be added. The group meets from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

### **Sewing Missions News**

Parishioners are producing much-needed masks, surgical caps and gowns for Anne Arundel Medical Center. You can help in 2 ways - join this fun group and sew these medical supplies or donate to defray the costs of the supplies. To outfit a health care worker with a mask, cap and gown for cost is \$40 or contribute \$5 for a mask, \$10 for a surgical cap or \$25 for a surgical gown. The more that is contributed, the more we help our medical heroes on the front line! To volunteer to sew, contact Beth Kopack at [esolchamp@icloud.com](mailto:esolchamp@icloud.com). To donate by credit card, please go to <https://onrealm.org/smcannapolis/Give>, choose missions, and then notate it is for the sewing mission or you can send a check to St. Margaret's Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Please note Sewing Mission on memo line.

### **Feeding the Flock in Anne Arundel County**

We have multiple ways that St. Margaret's parishioners can get involved with feeding those in need in our own community. The West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry feeds hundreds of families per week with donations of food and volunteers to deliver the donations to families in the area. To help out in either roles, go to the sign up list at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49abad28a20-west3>. Feed Anne Arundel, a program through Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT), welcomes financial donations to pay restaurants (who need the funding) to deliver food to hundreds of families every week in different neighborhoods. To donate, go to [www.facebook.com/feedannearundel](http://www.facebook.com/feedannearundel). And there is a new one located at Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Bay Dale Drive. To participate, go to [https://broadneckep.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/63/responses/new?fbclid=IwAR3yQweLwBnXmAv8jMerQBFwA10Db9zd3jtcvCRGI156EzCOUZ2W3RNa\\_7o](https://broadneckep.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/63/responses/new?fbclid=IwAR3yQweLwBnXmAv8jMerQBFwA10Db9zd3jtcvCRGI156EzCOUZ2W3RNa_7o).

### **Senior Sessions continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays**

As we continue to physically distance ourselves during the pandemic, our clergy are committed to keeping in touch with our senior parishioners. Our "Senior Sessions" are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. If you are 65+ and wish to participate with clergy, discussing the Gospel reading of the week and sharing joys and challenges, contact the Rev. Patti Sachs at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org).

### **Youth Group Meetings for New Program Year**

Our very active Youth Group is gearing up for the fall, and the schedule is being changed a bit. First, on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. we will welcome our new middle school students to our Zoom meetings. (There will be some high school mentors who will also join the group) so that they get a feel for the process. The regular youth group meeting for all middle and high school students will begin 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings on Sept. 21. There will also be separate Zoom meetings for Middle School students and for High School students during the week. To get information on participation, email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader, at [jeff@st-margarets.org](mailto:jeff@st-margarets.org).

### **Suicide Prevention Walk in Annapolis on Sat., Sept. 19**

The Maryland and Delaware Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will host an "Out of the Darkness Walk" at the Navy Stadium in Annapolis on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Hundreds of thousands of people are involved in similar walks that raise awareness and funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). The funding goes to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. AFSP has been able to set a bold goal to reduce the annual suicide rate 20% by 2025. For more information, go to <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=7109>.

### **Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 4**

We will hold our blessing of the animals service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11. All animals are welcomed but should be leashed or contained. The service will be held in the garden area next to the administration building and is WEATHER PERMITTING.

### **Citizenship Classes**

Under the auspices of the Missions Commission, volunteers from St. Margaret's teach applicants to prepare them for the Civics Test portion of their citizenship interview. Offered through the Center for Help, the classes cover everything from the 18-page Application for Citizenship (USCIS N-400) form to U.S. geography, government, history and holidays. With students from Mexico to Pakistan to China our volunteers present 13 units to students covering the 100 potential questions which may be asked. If you are interested in joining our teaching team, please contact Robert Thomas at [thomas.byrom@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.byrom@gmail.com) or 757-408-1225 to be blessed by meeting and helping a group of wonderful potential new U.S. citizens.

## **Stewardship: Connection. Compassion. Community.**

This year's annual Stewardship campaign is kicking off on September 27th and the theme for this year is "Connection. Compassion. Community." (more on that below).

What is Stewardship? It is many things, but first and foremost it is an opportunity to express your thankfulness for God's blessings. This spiritual commitment of pledging provides the resources for St. Margaret's Church to fulfill its mission of "transforming lives in Christ through worship, formation and giving."



When thinking about what this year's Stewardship campaign theme should be, we thought about how Stewardship is the engine that powers so much of the St. Margaret's experience. Although that experience looks and feels different than it has in past years, your continued generosity has allowed us to stay connected in so many ways so that we can continue to serve our community with utmost compassion. So, the theme just fell out "Connection. Compassion. Community."

As we embark on the 2020 Stewardship campaign, St. Margaret's extends a genuine "Thank You!" to everyone who contributed to the outstanding 2019 campaign that raised \$925,000 from 219 pledges. Everyone will receive a pledge card in the mail at the end of September, and for those who pledged last year, your current pledge statement will be included for easy reference. You can make your pledge in three easy ways: 1) mail your pledge card into St. Margaret's; 2) give via text message by simply typing Give SMC to 73256; or 3) go to the "GIVING" tab in the upper right corner of the St. Margaret's website (st-margarets.org) and click on the link at the top of the page.

### **Send us Your Prayers**

Please send your special prayer requests to the Rev. Patti at [patti@st-margarets.org](mailto:patti@st-margarets.org). She leads a live-streaming prayer service on Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m. on our Facebook public page. As a reminder, if you have a pastoral EMERGENCY, you can reach clergy at 443-837-5463.

### **Prayers of the People**

Richard Gragg, Myaumi Gragg, Spencer Johnson, Stacey Sickles Locke, Luna Mei and the Rancourt Family, Dorothy Carter, Peter Hounsell, the Kolb family, Debora Maale, Nick Goldsborough, Thomas Pederson, Amanda Freeland, Suzie Clifton, Fran, Shirley Greene, Morgan, Betsy, Ian, Solomon, Randy, Ruth, Barbara, Joe, Rosemarie, David.

### **Floral Dedication**

Would you like to offer thanks for or remember a loved one through purchasing the altar flowers on a Sunday? Simply email [info@st-margarets.org](mailto:info@st-margarets.org) with the date, the name(s), and whether it is to honor or remember the person. We will give you information on how to purchase either online with a credit card or by mail with a check. Cost is \$50.

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**The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector – The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector  
Emergency Pastoral Number – 443-837-5463**

**View our Sunday Service at 9 a.m. at [www.facebook.com/smcannapolis](https://www.facebook.com/smcannapolis)**